**AUDITION SIDE #13: DAVE monologue**

I think I needed some time to… process, and… grieve. The Governor of this state - a man whose success is my sole responsibility – went on TV an hour ago and named as his Lieutenant Governor a person not only completely unqualified for that job, but completely unqualified for any job I can think of. She was nothing but meaningless. She was making no sense. It is not a skill to speak empty headed phrases when you have an empty head…

But, if we’re gonna fix this, we’ve got to get on it quick, so: I’ve been writing out some different options. Well, we need to start with some kind of retraction, obviously. The public needs to know that, despite what they heard, the woman who interrupted that the television interview is not Ned’s nominee for Lieutenant Governor; she’s a temp who was hired to answer the phones. Which, although we don’t have to mention this, she never actually managed to do… Retraction. There’s a bunch of tacks we could take on the Governor’s statement: There’s “I misunderstood the question,” which makes him sound stupid, but you’ll like that; There’s “My words were misconstrued,” which is completely illogical, but I’m proud of that one; There’s “The announcement was premature,” where Miss Peakes is one of several candidates being considered, the rest of whom can actually do the job; And then there’s “No, no I didn’t say Lieutenant Governor, I said…” but I haven’t gotten far with that one, ‘cause I can’t think of anything that rhymes with “Lieutenant Governor.” Or… you could just shoot me now.