INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

SEASON 1 : EPISODE 12 Let There Be Light

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SCENE 1 - JORDAN'S PLAN BACKFIRES

SFX - OUTSIDE, LAKESIDE, TRUCK IDLING

JORDAN KELLY

That's not capitalism, that's extortion.

BOAT OWNER

Let me see if I have this straight. You wake me up in the middle of the night to...

JORDAN KELLY

It's 11:30.

BOAT OWNER

...to rent my boat. My very expensive boat!

JORDAN KELLY

It's a canoe with a submersible desk fan.

BOAT OWNER

It's called a trolling motor.

JORDAN KELLY

Potato, potato. (potAYto, potAHto)

BOAT OWNER

There's not even a proper marina here.

JORDAN KELLY

Marina?! Do you normally go to a marina? I could throw this in my bathtub!

BOAT OWNER

It would be cheaper to rent if this was going in your bathtub!

JORDAN KELLY

What difference does that make?!

BOAT OWNER

Unlike this lake, I'm guessing your bathtub is not on FIRE!

JORDAN KELLY

You're being dramatic! That's just a tiny bit of diesel burning off the surface of the water. And it's way over there! I won't even go close to it.

BOAT OWNER

I know you reporters, and your need to sensationalize every cotton-pickin' thing I watch on TV all day long.

JORDAN KELLY

I only need to get to the other side. You can even pilot me there if you'd like. Same price.

BOAT OWNER

Extra.

JORDAN KELLY

Extra?! Why? I can do it myself! I just thought you'd feel more comfortable that way.

BOAT OWNER

Extra for my time.

JORDAN KELLY

Time?! It's maybe a five minute trip. Even for your little waterproof desk fan there.

BOAT OWNER

Trolling motor.

JORDAN KELLY

Tomato, tomato. (tomAYto, tomAHto.)

BOAT OWNER

But you're going to want a trip back, right?

JORDAN KELLY

(pause) Fine!

BOAT OWNER

Let's make that 75 more.

JORDAN KELLY

Look, here's...

SFX - COUNTING OUT PAPER MONEY

JORDAN KELLY (CONT'D)

20, 40, 60, 80, 800... 20, 40, 60, 80, 900 dollars. American cash money. (pause) Nine, uh, twenty-one, two, seven, eight, nine... 929 dollars to buy that rusty canoe and upside down desk fan outright and never look at your ugly face again.

BOAT OWNER

(pause) Well, you see, there's certain paperwork involved...

JORDAN KELLY

Tomorrow!

BOAT OWNER

Well, tomorrow I'm supposed to be meeting Margo down at the community center for most of the...

JORDAN KELLY

Anytime! Okay! Take it or leave it!

BOAT OWNER

(long pause) They say the happiest day of a boat owner's life is the day he buys his boat...

JORDAN KELLY

...and the day he sells it. Yes, I know. Congratulations, old man. Today is your day. Now, help me load it into the lake.

BOAT OWNER

Yeah, right. More like, get your stinkin' boat out of the back of my truck before I dump it right here on the side of the road! (laughing)

JORDAN KELLY

(to self)

One half-decent scoop and I am so out of this miserable town.

SFX - UNLOADING BOAT FROM TRUCK, TAIL GATE LATCHES INTO PLACE

Yeah, yeah.

SFX - TRUCK STARTS AND STARTS TO DRIVE AWAY

BOAT OWNER

Pleasure doing business with you!

JORDAN KELLY

Be sure to watch Channel 5 Alive Action News!

BOAT OWNER (O.C.)

(laughing) Sucker!

JORDAN KELLY

Your tail light is out! (pause) I hope you get pulled over...

SFX - DRAGGING BOAT OVER THE GROUND

JORDAN KELLY (CONT'D)

Or, rear ended by a bullet train. Whatever happens, happens. Bob! Grab the stuff, we're leaving.

<u>SFX - BOAT GENTLY SPLASHES INTO LAKE</u>

JORDAN KELLY (CONT'D)
Bob!

STATE POLICEMAN

I'm not Bob.

JORDAN KELLY

Oh, the Police! Perfect! Did you see that extremely rude gentleman that just drove off? He had a busted taillight!

STATE POLICEMAN (pause) And?

JORDAN KELLY

And?! And aren't you going to bust him? I hope you're not the type to be shy about using a Taser. God knows he has it coming.

STATE POLICEMAN

Sir, what is your name, and what are you doing here?

JORDAN KELLY

I'm pretty sure I smelled alcohol on his breath, too. He couldn't have made it that far away.

STATE POLICEMAN

Sir, your name?!

JORDAN KELLY

Jordan Kelly, Channel 5 news. You don't recognize me?

STATE POLICEMAN

I'm here from the capitol on assignment with the governor. I'm going to need to see your registration and boating education license.

JORDAN KELLY

My what?

STATE POLICEMAN

The registration for your boat, and your boating education license.

JORDAN KELLY

You're joking, right? (long pause)

STATE POLICEMAN

Mr. Kelly, the penalty for boating illegally is up to a \$500 fine, and/or 60 days in jail. So, again I ask, where is your registration and boating education license?

JORDAN KELLY

(pause) Oh, that's not my boat.

STATE POLICEMAN

It isn't?

JORDAN KELLY

Oh, no. No, no, no.

STATE POLICEMAN

The one I just witnessed you lower into the lake?

JORDAN KELLY

Correct. Not mine.

STATE POLICEMAN

The one I saw you hand over a fistful of cash for?

JORDAN KELLY

Yes. Simple misunderstanding. I was helping a friend.

STATE POLICEMAN

The rude drunk with the broken tail light?

JORDAN KELLY

(pause) I didn't say he was a good friend.

SFX - TURNING ON FLASHLIGHT

STATE POLICEMAN

Sir, have you been drinking tonight?

JORDAN KELLY

Now, wait just a second! I don't know what you... Bob! Bob! Get over here!

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Well, well. What is this manner of disturbance here this fine evening?

JORDAN KELLY

Governor Wise!

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Jordan Kelly, as I live and breathe! You still with Channel 5?

JORDAN KELLY

Channel 7 is still hot garbage, so yeah.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Well, don't tell Sally I said this, but I'm looking around and don't see them here, so... Maybe you are right. (laughs)

JORDAN KELLY

Governor, I need to get to the other side of this lake and do my job.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Of course you do, Jordan, and I understand that. I really do. But, certainly you also understand that these guys in blue here are not going to let anyone in the media get anywhere near that crime scene.

JORDAN KELLY

You're the governor. You can make it happen.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

You forget I used to be law enforcement. Just because I now wear the expensive suits doesn't mean I feel like I can dump all over their procedures with my whims and desires.

JORDAN KELLY

Governor? I need this.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Look, Jordan. I like you. You remind me a lot of myself.

JORDAN KELLY

I, I do? Really? How?

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

This town isn't big enough for you.

JORDAN KELLY

Uh, I...

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Don't get me wrong, Yorkshire is a wonderful small town, for small people.

JORDAN KELLY

Sir?

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

People like Sally from Channel 7.

SFX - NOTEBOOK PAGES TURNING

JORDAN KELLY

Can I at least get an interview with you? Since you're here?

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

No interview, but I'll make a statement.

JORDAN KELLY

Bob, leave the tripod. No. Shoulder. Come on. Now. Come on, let's move, move. (under breath) Dear, God.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

I hear the ABC affiliate in capitol city is looking for a new political correspondent. I could put in a good word.

JORDAN KELLY

You would do that?

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Of course, I would. I know Jack over there fairly well.

JORDAN KELLY

That would be... tremendous.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Tremendous, indeed.

JORDAN KELLY

Thank you, governor.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Now, son. You seem a little bit young, so I think it is incumbent upon me to be a little bit more forthcoming than I may be with a more, let's say seasoned, reporter.

JORDAN KELLY

Okay. I actually have a full 6 years of experience at...

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Jordan, Jack and I are really good friends. I would not want to jeopardize that relationship by recommending someone not up for the job.

JORDAN KELLY

I understand. I can forward you a highlight reel of my best moments and you can show him and let him make his own decision, that way...

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

(laughs) Son, no. That's not how this works.

JORDAN KELLY

It's not?

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Not at all.

JORDAN KELLY

How does this, um, work?

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

The job is yours.

JORDAN KELLY

What about the 'making sure I am up for it' thing?

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Tomorrow afternoon I'm going to sit down at my mahogany desk and personally review every second of coverage you give me here tonight. Then, and only then, will I make my final determination on what exactly I should tell my good friend Jack over at ABC news... about you.

JORDAN KELLY

And, assuming I am 'up for it,' the job is mine?

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

You could have Channel 5 mail your last check to your new address in the capitol.

JORDAN KELLY

Wow.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Get a place in the Heights. Beautiful there this time of year.

JORDAN KELLY

Yes, sir.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Oh, and one more thing.

JORDAN KELLY

What is it, governor?

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

We're gonna need your boat.

SCENE 2 - LEAVING THE SAFE ROOM

SFX - SAFE ROOM AMBIENCE

DEPUTY DUNDIE

Now that we've reached an understanding, where is she?

CAMILA MASTERS

Ikonya?

DEPUTY DUNDIE

Yes, Ikonya.

CAMILA MASTERS

Javier?

JAVIER MASTERS

It's a big property.

DEPUTY DUNDIE

Did you know someone burned down your bridge? We can pin it on Ikonya. If you stop protecting her.

JAVIER MASTERS

She doesn't need my protection.

DEPUTY DUNDIE

Believe it or not, I actually have other things I need to do. Find her.

CAMILA MASTERS

Far be it from us to keep you from your work, Deputy.

DEPUTY DUNDIE

At the very least, you can make yourself useful by gathering in the same place.

JAVIER MASTERS

Oh, we're trying this again?

DEPUTY DUNDIE

The governor is handling this himself. Won't be long.

JAVIER MASTERS

And after that, we're all just one big happy family again?

DEPUTY DUNDIE

You should just be glad I'm not the governor.

CAMILA MASTERS

We will get everyone we can find to the Billiard room.

DEPUTY DUNDIE

Yeah, well, you better find everyone. No loose ends.

JAVIER MASTERS

We've got it from here.

DEPUTY DUNDIE

Work fast. And, don't touch the bodies.

SFX - WALKING AWAY, SHUTTING DOOR

JAVIER MASTERS

(pause) Now I want to touch the bodies just to spite him.

CAMILA MASTERS

Not bodies! Body. Percy isn't dead!

JAVIER MASTERS

He's not? Why didn't you say so?

CAMILA MASTERS

I'm half convinced if the deputy knew he was alive, he'd see to it that he wasn't.

JAVIER MASTERS

No loose ends.

CAMILA MASTERS

Percy! Are you still with us?

SFX - LIGHT SLAPS ACROSS PERCY'S FACE

PERCY ANDREWS

I'm so sleepy.

JAVIER MASTERS

Don't go to sleep!

PERCY ANDREWS

Weird.

JAVIER MASTERS

Wake up, pal!

CAMILA MASTERS

Javier, how do we get an ambulance here without anyone knowing?

JAVIER MASTERS

We don't. The bridge is destroyed.

CAMILA MASTERS

Our bridge?

JAVIER MASTERS

We need a boat.

CAMILA MASTERS

It's, it's really gone?

JAVIER MASTERS

(pause) Ikonya.

CAMILA MASTERS

I don't even know what to say.

JAVIER MASTERS

Yeah, well. It doesn't seem like she's our problem anymore, anyway. Camila, what are you doing?

SFX - WALKING, PICKS UP PHONE RECEIVER

JAVIER MASTERS (CONT'D)

Who are you calling?

CAMILA MASTERS

I've got a plan.

SCENE 3 - A RESTLESS ESCAPE PARTY

SFX - MUFFLED GUNSHOT, OUTDOOR AMBIENCE

PETER ANSWORTH

Did you hear that?

ORSON LANG III

Another gunshot.

JEB BRYSON

Ah, do you think?

PETER ANSWORTH

I don't know, Jeb.

ORSON LANG III

It is pointless to speculate.

JEB BRYSON

I'm the one who could actually make a difference.

ORSON LANG III

Jeb, if you would have insisted on staying, that deputy most certainly would've arrested you.

PETER ANSWORTH

You didn't have a choice. None of us did.

JEB BRYSON

I hope Mister, uh..

PETER ANSWORTH

Donato.

JEB BRYSON

Right. I hope Mr. Donato is okay. Someone told him where we were headed, right Orson?

ORSON LANG III

The peak overlooking the lake under the flagpole. He knows.

PETER ANSWORTH

I think I'm going to go see for myself what's going on.

ORSON LANG III

Peter! You have no reason to put yourself at risk like that.

JEB BRYSON

Hey, guys. Look, I see someone up on the water.

PETER ANSWORTH

Someone found a boat.

ORSON LANG III

It is undoubtably the police.

PETER ANSWORTH

About time.

ORSON LANG III

Jeb, Peter. I shall greet the landing party down the hill where I suspect they will come ashore.

JEB BRYSON

Why don't we just go with you?

ORSON LANG III

You two need to wait on Mr. Donato. Make yourself comfortable up here. I'll send someone to fetch you when the situation becomes secure.

SFX - WALKING AWAY

PETER ANSWORTH Hey, Orson.

ORSON LANG III

Yes, Peter?

PETER ANSWORTH

Don't trust anybody.

ORSON LANG III

I will take that under advisement.

SFX - WALKING AWAY AGAIN

JEB BRYSON

(long pause) Quite a day, wouldn't you say?

PETER ANSWORTH

It doesn't take two people to wait on Mr. Donato.

JEB BRYSON

Peter, I...

PETER ANSWORTH

You'll be safe here.

JEB BRYSON

So would you. If you'd stay.

PETER ANSWORTH

If Mr. Donato does come back, tell him I had an inkling.

JEB BRYSON

We can go together. Mr. Donato would be fine by himself.

PETER ANSWORTH

I hope you don't take this the wrong way, handyman. But, I'll feel safer not being near you right now.

JEB BRYSON

Oh, yeah. I suppose I understand.

PETER ANSWORTH

Around the property, I mean. You're fine here.

JEB BRYSON

Sure.

PETER ANSWORTH

Don't worry.

JEB BRYSON

Okay. This is me. Not worrying.

SFX - WALKING AWAY

PETER ANSWORTH

Be back soon.

JEB BRYSON

Watch your back.

PETER ANSWORTH

Always.

SCENE 4 - IT'S LIKE VEGAS IN THE DESERT

SFX - FOREST AMBIENCE, WALKING THROUGH WOODS

CHIEF OVERTON

I've been thinking.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE About?

CHIEF OVERTON

We've given a lot of thought to what we're planning to do, but not to what everyone else is planning to do.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

I will control them with my mind.

BRODY ROBERTS

It's not too late to go back to the boat, Chief.

CHIEF OVERTON

You either, Brody. Remember, I have a gun.

BRODY ROBERTS

Oh, I'm not going to miss this train wreck.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

The Snew part of Operation Whappa Snew Snew has accounted for every eventuality.

CHIEF OVERTON

Which Snew, the first or second?

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE I know you're joking.

CHIEF OVERTON

No, I really...

BRODY ROBERTS

I've got to find Miss Lissie.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

(pause) You know, if she would have just told us what happened when I first asked...

BRODY ROBERTS

Hey! Don't you dare put all of this on her! She's the very one who told me you were kidnapped in the first place!

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE She did?

BRODY ROBERTS

If it wasn't for her, you'd be drowning in your own vomit spinning around in a moonshine barrel in Yorkshire Falls!

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

That was her?

BRODY ROBERTS

She risked her job to help you! Maybe even her life.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

I didn't know.

BRODY ROBERTS

Yeah? Well, there's a lot of things you don't know!

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

(long pause) Just because I was going to make one mistaken arrest doesn't mean there's 'a whole lot of things I don't know.'

BRODY ROBERTS

You were going to arrest her?!! Are you kidding me?

CHIEF OVERTON

Don't get your feelings hurt, Brody. He was going to arrest everybody.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Operation sub-section Snew.

CHIEF OVERTON

Except the governor. Can't arrest him.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Yes, the nuns. We know.

BRODY ROBERTS

What I'm saying is, I'll do what we talked about. But then, I'm looking for Lissie and getting her somewhere safe.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

But the other operation sub section Snew depends on you?

CHIEF OVERTON

That's the second one, right?

BRODY ROBERTS

I'll show you how to do it. You don't need me there.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

What kind of journalist would run away from the biggest story of their career?

BRODY ROBERTS

I think it should be obvious to everyone by now. I'm no journalist.

CHIEF OVERTON

Ah, come on, kid. You seem like you're doing all right to me.

BRODY ROBERTS

I can avoid your little mariner mafia. Maybe even take Lissie back out the way we're coming in. You, uh, don't mind, do you chief?

CHIEF OVERTON

If anything happens to the boat of my good friend, the grieving father of Reel E. Biggs, I will personally throw you into my jail and keep you there until you earn enough money breaking rocks to buy him a new one.

BRODY ROBERTS

(pause) I'll take that as an okay.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

If you plan on bailing, you better start telling me everything I need to know.

BRODY ROBERTS

Sure. First thing you need to realize is that all of these microphones are feeding into a virtual server where all of the geotags, voice-to-text, timestamps, and audio recordings are being mined and dumped.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE Of course.

BRODY ROBERTS

I have an emergency Qi standard wireless charger that should suffice for your strategy.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE Plan.

BRODY ROBERTS

You'll also need to allocate the correct receiver channels for real time monitoring.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE Um-hmm.

BRODY ROBERTS

If there's an issue with the cloud, sometimes real time is all you will get reliably.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Umm, ahh. Cloudy. Uh, real time. Umm, got it.

BRODY ROBERTS

Except for speech-to-text. That's usually pretty solid.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Uh, okay.

CHIEF OVERTON

(laughing) You have no idea what that kid is saying, do you Virlo?

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

(pause) Sure. I mean, you know? Um...

CHIEF OVERTON

Brody, if this plan doesn't work out the way we're hoping it does...

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

It will, Chief.

CHIEF OVERTON

I hope so, Virlo. But, if not...

BRODY ROBERTS

Miss Lissie could be in trouble.

CHIEF OVERTON

Unfortunately, that may be right.

BRODY ROBERTS

Client/Worker confidentially and all.

CHIEF OVERTON

There are no guarantees, Brody. But, we have to try.

BRODY ROBERTS

And you have a better chance with me.

CHIEF OVERTON

Don't minimize your talents. You are vital.

BRODY ROBERTS

I'll make it work. For Lissie. But, I still want that gun.

CHIEF OVERTON

I'll think about it.

BRODY ROBERTS

So, how is this going down? Are we sneaking in?

CHIEF OVERTON

Supreme Allied Commanders don't "sneak" in, Brody.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Yeah, he's striding in like he owns the place. Try to keep up.

BRODY ROBERTS

We are sneaking in?

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

No. I'm sneaking in. No one cares about you.

CHIEF OVERTON

Virlo.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

I mean, no one cares if you're here or not. That's all. You're just sneaking around because you're with me.

BRODY ROBERTS

At least that shouldn't be hard to do in total darkness. I wish I wore all black.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

I wear a hat.

BRODY ROBERTS

That's great.

SFX - DISTANT LOUD CLICK, ELECTRICITY COMING BACK ON

CHIEF OVERTON

Uh, guys?

BRODY ROBERTS

It's so bright now.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

(angelic)

BRODY ROBERTS

We were closer than I thought.

CHIEF OVERTON

It's going to be a little tougher to sneak around now.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

(still going)

BRODY ROBERTS

(pause) Will he?

CHIEF OVERTON

He wants you to ask how he's doing that.

BRODY ROBERTS

I'm not going to.

CHIEF OVERTON

Don't blame you. (long pause)

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

(still going)

CHIEF OVERTON

Maybe, Brody? Just the one...

BRODY ROBERTS

Nope.

CHIEF OVERTON

(long pause) But...

BRODY ROBERTS

Nope.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

(still going)

BRODY ROBERTS

(long pause) Inspector?

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Circular breathing! I learned it from a Mongolian throat singer when I was vacationing in...

BRODY ROBERTS

That's not a thing!

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Of course it is. You just heard me. Uhbuhduh!

BRODY ROBERTS Chief?

CHIEF OVERTON

You heard the Inspector. Circular Mongolian throat singing.

BRODY ROBERTS
Ridiculous.

CHIEF OVERTON

Case closed.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

(coughing) It smells like a forest fire around here. Reminds me of camping. And s'mores!

BRODY ROBERTS

Yeah, well. It's much more pleasant from a distance, trust me.

SCENE 5 - THE GOVERNOR ARRIVES

SFX - TROLLING MOTOR, LAKE AMBIENCE

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Good evening, sir! Or is it early morning yet?

ORSON LANG III

Governor Wise?

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

It's always nice to be recognized. Makes me feel right at home.

ORSON LANG III

Sir, I would not advise for you to stay here at this time.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Oh, I am exactly where I need to be. Catch this rope and give us a little tug your way, if you wouldn't mind.

SFX - ROPE THROWN, CAUGHT, 2 PEOPLE DISEMBARKING, MOVING BOAT

ORSON LANG III

Welcome to the Master's Estate, Governor Wise and...

STATE POLICEMAN

Don't worry about me.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

He likes to keep it all business. You know those state police types.

ORSON LANG III

Of course.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

It's nice to finally be able to see what's going on over here.

ORSON LANG III

Yes, governor. The power just came back on. I am not certain how it is back on, but am relieved just the same. Nonetheless, I fear we may still have a murderer on the loose. You should consider returning across the lake until the situation is secure.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Oh, this big ol' guy right here wouldn't let anything happen to me. Would ya', dog? (pause) See? All business.

ORSON LANG III

Yes. Of course.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Do not fret, uh, what is it? I'm guessing butler, right? Am I right?

ORSON LANG III

Yes, sir. Butler is correct. Orson Lang the third, at your service.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Well, Orson. Deputy Dundee has assured me the scene is now secure. So, our crisis is over.

ORSON LANG III

It is? Well, that's fabulous news.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

There is a bit of ugly unfinished business we are going to need to take care of first, though. You understand?

ORSON LANG III

I do not exactly follow, Governor Wise.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

You just worry about getting everyone in one place. We all need to have a little come-to-Jesus meeting.

ORSON LANG III

I will see to it the Masters are aware of your wishes.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

You do that, Orson. And don't miss anyone. Everyone is going to need to hear what I have to say.

ORSON LANG III

I won't miss a soul, sir.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

My associate and I need to meet up with the good deputy. Don't be hard to find.

ORSON LANG III

I suspect we will convene in the Billiard's room on the second floor.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Perfect. Maybe I'll challenge you to a game.

ORSON LANG III

Sir?

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

What do you play, Orson? What's your game? 8 ball? 9 ball?

ORSON LANG III

(pause) Candy crush.

SFX - WALKING AWAY

SCENE 6 - PIRATES OF THE BURNING LAKE

SFX - GARAGE-LIKE AMBIENCE

CONNIE HECT

Now?

IKONYA HOVERDALE

No.

CONNIE HECT

Why not?!

IKONYA HOVERDALE

We have to be more careful now that the lights are back on.

CONNIE HECT

Are you sure they left the key?

IKONYA HOVERDALE

I don't even think there is a key.

CONNIE HECT

Of course there's a key. Why wouldn't there be a key?

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Maybe it doesn't use one?

CONNIE HECT

Do you have a backup plan if there is no key? What do you want to do? Swim for it?

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Emerging from the murky water like some sort of lake monster will do a lot for our credibility, Connie.

CONNIE HECT

Sorry, Ikonya. But, you haven't thought this all the way through.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

You miss too many opportunities like that.

CONNIE HECT

Like what?

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Thinking things all the way through.

CONNIE HECT

You can avoid a lot of mistakes like that, too!

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Seems boring.

CONNIE HECT

Seems rational!

IKONYA HOVERDALE

I think the coast is clear. (laughs) Oh, cool. I'm actually talking about a coast.

CONNIE HECT

(unimpressed)
Yeah. Neat.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

And it's clear!

CONNIE HECT

Maybe you should scout it out and see if there's a key first?

IKONYA HOVERDALE

No way. We need to move fast.

CONNIE HECT

Can I just tell everyone I'm your hostage?

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Whatever it takes to get you to push that boat off from shore.

CONNIE HECT

Me?! Why do I have to do that?

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Look down. What do you see?

CONNIE HECT

The floor? Empty boxes? Our feet? What's your point?

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Your quirky little hipster shoes look like they came from the hobo Goodwill. Mine... did not.

CONNIE HECT

Yeah, well, you probably couldn't muscle it out there, anyway.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

I, what? Of course I can. (pause) Oh, I know what you're doing. You want me to get mad and do it for you.

CONNIE HECT

That's not it at all.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

I live at the gym. I never even skip leg day.

CONNIE HECT

You are indeed quite fit.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

I know! I could get that boat in the water.

CONNIE HECT

Okay.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

By myself.

CONNIE HECT

Sure.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

(long pause) You don't think I can do it? (long pause) You don't think...

CONNIE HECT

This sort of thing isn't about fitness. It's about heft.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Heft?

CONNIE HECT

That's right. Heft.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

(pause) I have heft.

CONNIE HECT

You do not.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

I do!

CONNIE HECT

You have 98 pounds of heft soaking wet.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

I weigh 108! Well, maybe not today. I've been very active recently and skipped a few meals.

CONNIE HECT

We can both maneuver the boat into the water. I'll hold it so you can get in.

(MORE)

CONNIE HECT (CONT'D)

Then, I'll use my superior heft to push it into the lake, and you can use every bit of your 98 pounds...

IKONYA HOVERDALE

108!

CONNIE HECT

... to help me into the boat.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Fine!

CONNIE HECT

I don't know why you're so angry. All I did was agree with your initial plan.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

If we weren't in a hurry, I could do it alone.

CONNIE HECT

You could sell tickets.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Just get ready to move.

CONNIE HECT

I'd pay to watch that.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Shut up. Alright. 3, 2, 1, Go!

SFX - DOOR OPENS, LAKE AMBIENCE, JOGGING

CONNIE HECT

We're going to give it back, right?

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Give what back?

CONNIE HECT

The boat!

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Huh?

CONNIE HECT

The boat we're stealing! We're giving it back, right?

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Well, I wasn't planning on keeping it! Why? Were you planning on selling it on *ConnieList*, or *UYorkshireEbay*?

CONNIE HECT

Of course not! (quietly) UYorkshireTwitFace has a marketplace.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Dot com.

CONNIE HECT

I just feel bad for taking this from some poor sap.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Oh, I wouldn't worry about that.

CONNIE HECT

Why not?

IKONYA HOVERDALE

It's the governor's boat.

CONNIE HECT

Are you unwell?!! You brought me out here to steal the governor's boat?!!

IKONYA HOVERDALE

It's not like it's a luxury yacht, or anything. It's a stupid fishing boat. Pull it together and help me get it in the lake!

SFX - BOAT DRAGGING ON GROUND

CONNIE HECT

I was right all along.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Yes. Heft, I get it. Help me!

CONNIE HECT

No. Nowhere is safe around you.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Feel free to stay on the property with the governor, if you'd like. Be sure to ask him if he's heard about any cool new documentaries coming out.

CONNIE HECT

Wait!

IKONYA HOVERDALE

First, give me a push, though.

CONNIE HECT

We never checked for a key!

SFX - MOTOR SPINS

IKONYA HOVERDALE

It works, stop worrying.

CONNIE HECT

I'm coming with you.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

You better bring some *hops* with that *heft*, girl. I do not want us to both end up in the water.

CONNIE HECT

And mess up all this make up? No way. Hang on.

SFX - CONNIE STRAINS, BOAT PUSHED OUT IN THE WATER

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Come on, you can do this.

SFX - CONNIE LEAPS INTO BOAT

CONNIE HECT

Hops, and heft!

IKONYA HOVERDALE

You're the total package!

CONNIE HECT

Let's get out of here before the governor comes back.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Something tells me he wouldn't be very lenient with pirates.

SFX - TROLLING MOTOR ON, BOAT MOVING

CONNIE HECT

I could use some rum right now.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Oh, no.

CONNIE HECT

Well, it doesn't have to be rum, necessarily. Shoot, I'd even settle for a diet coke.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Not that. Look. Over there. The other side.

CONNIE HECT

Oh, my. There's dozens of them.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

They look like cops.

CONNIE HECT

Do you think those are police boats, Ikonya?

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Do you hear yourself?! This isn't Miami, Connie! How many boats do you think Yorkshire Police have in their armory?

CONNIE HECT

Well...

IKONYA HOVERDALE

They have obviously commandeered a whole slew of local watercraft to reach the estate.

CONNIE HECT

No way. It's too fast.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

It's the governor.

CONNIE HECT

I mean, the bridge is still on fire!

IKONYA HOVERDALE

He can make things happen. Quickly.

CONNIE HECT

Well, now what? We go back? We could keep hiding.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

No. We stick to the plan.

CONNIE HECT

The plan didn't involve a police invasion.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

They'll recognize you.

CONNIE HECT

Me? What on earth for?

IKONYA HOVERDALE

You're famous around here.

CONNIE HECT

I am certainly not.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Everyone is on your stupid website. Aren't you friends with all of them?

CONNIE HECT

I'm not Tom!

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Tom?

CONNIE HECT

Myspace Tom?!

IKONYA HOVERDALE

And Tom is famous?

CONNIE HECT

They won't know me. (pause) Probably.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

I'm your marketing assistant.

CONNIE HECT

I'd never hire you.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

You couldn't afford me.

CONNIE HECT

You're not UYorkshireTwitFace material.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Don't worry. I'll play dumb and fit in.

CONNIE HECT

Maybe you could try laying down and avoid being seen?

IKONYA HOVERDALE

No way. They'll search the boat. Better to hide in plain sight.

CONNIE HECT

I think six or seven more boats just drove up.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

My god. They must be bringing in police from miles away.

CONNIE HECT

We better hope whoever we run into has a UYorkshireTwitFace account, Ikonya.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

(childish voice)

You are so wise, Miss Hect.

CONNIE HECT

(laughs) Getting into character?

IKONYA HOVERDALE

It might be easier to just let Governor Wise shoot me in the face. (pause) Let's try this again.

CONNIE HECT

Okay. Here goes. (pause, then authoritatively) I'm going to need you to gather the February reports from the department heads by the end of the day, Ikon... Uh, I mean...

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Steve.

CONNIE HECT

You're going with the name, 'Steve?'

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Yeah.

CONNIE HECT

Steve? Stevie, maybe? How about Stephanie?

IKONYA HOVERDALE

No. Steve.

CONNIE HECT

Why?

IKONYA HOVERDALE

People will feel sorry for me that I have a man's name and not ask to see ID to prove it.

CONNIE HECT

Oh.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

I mean, who would offer a lie so painful?

CONNIE HECT

Now Ikonya, I'm sure there are many women out there living happy and productive lives with the name Steve.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

May God have mercy on them all.

CONNIE HECT

About those monthly reports?

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Thank you for entrusting me with such an important corporate task. I will have them on your beautiful, organized desk by the end of the day, Miss Hect.

(MORE)

IKONYA HOVERDALE (CONT'D)

If that idiot Stephen will stop playing Call of Duty long enough to do his work!

CONNIE HECT

The name of your fake office nemesis is, 'Stephen?' And your name is...

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Steve.

CONNIE HECT

Because...

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Who would make something like that up?

CONNIE HECT

Right.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Right.

CONNIE HECT

Well, our practicing may be over before it started. The first two boats are...

IKONYA HOVERDALE

... Coming right for us.

CONNIE HECT

(pause) Here we go.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

(long pause) Don't worry, boss. I believe in you.

CONNIE HECT

(laughing) I knew I should have punched you in the jaw when I had a chance.