INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

SEASON 1 : EPISODE 14
The Final Ravelations (Part 1)

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SCENE 1 - WE HAVE THE ATTENTION OF THE WORLD

SFX - LAKESIDE AMBIENCE, HELICOPTER TAKING OFF

JORDAN KELLY

Dramatic scene unfolding at the Yorkshire estate. As you can see, a medic alert chopper is taking off from the rocky precipice overlooking the lake at Congresswoman Master's palatial estate. We have seen one patient being loaded onto the aircraft. We unfortunately have no further details at this time.

CONNIE HECT (O.C.)

Fake News!

IKONYA HOVERDALE (O.C.)

You have tons of further details, you just refuse to report on them!

CONNIE HECT (O.C.)

Jordan Kelly is fake news!

JORDAN KELLY

Will you girls cool it?! You're ruining my audio!

CONNIE HECT

Are you afraid America will hear the truth about your governor?

JORDAN KELLY

Connie, I'm not even live on the air right now. And, America? Hardly. I have the attention of the world right now.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Even more reason to start thinking bigger than the state capital.

JORDAN KELLY

The affiliate satellite truck will be here in 10 minutes. I think Sally is still in bed and channel 7 is still airing infomercials.

CONNIE HECT

She's probably curating her cute squirrel videos.

JORDAN KELLY

She's what?

CONNIE HECT

Oh, nothing. I don't know what she does online every night in her own home. Privately. Sorry.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Ten minutes is plenty of time. Come on, let's go.

JORDAN KELLY

Go? Go where?

CONNIE HECT

Yeah, what really bad idea are you talking about, Ikonya?

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Bob, that camera will transmit across the lake to the satellite truck, right?

JORDAN KELLY

(pause) Bob, no one cares about ancient lead pots right now. What the heck are you talking about?

SFX - JORDAN WALKS AWAY

CONNIE HECT

Do you really need me for this? I can help over here. From home.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Did you see all of those guys that crossed the river?

CONNIE HECT

Yeah.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Whose guys were those?

CONNIE HECT

I'm not...

IKONYA HOVERDALE

All of these cops here that didn't catch the ferry. Who do you think they'll answer to?

CONNIE HECT

I can get scarce.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

After Jordan airs your interview?

SFX - JORDAN RETURNS

JORDAN KELLY

Connie? Ikonya? Are you girls ready? What about you, Bob? Can we go?

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Fighting is more fun than flighting.

CONNIE HECT

Yo, ho, ho, I guess. It's back to the pirate life for me.

JORDAN KELLY

Oh, yeah!

CONNIE HECT

Arrr!

JORDAN KELLY

I can't wait to finally try out my new boat!

IKONYA HOVERDALE

No, no, no. Pump the brakes.

JORDAN KELLY

What is it?

IKONYA HOVERDALE

You want me to secure you safe passage through to the other side of the lake?

JORDAN KELLY

Well, yeah.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

We're going to need your boat. For keepsies.

JORDAN KELLY

You're kidding me.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

You want the story that makes your career?

CONNIE HECT

We're good friends with the Admiral!

SCENE 2 - THE LONG LAST ASSEMBLY

SFX - INTERIOR, BILLIARDS BALLS BEING KNOCKED AROUND

STATE POLICEMAN

I am here to serve as your protector, governor. I am not your errand boy. I apologize for any confusion.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Ah, yes. The butler is going to off me in the billiard room with, what? What would you say, Orson? The pool stick?

PETER ANSWORTH

A pool stick isn't even a weapon in the game.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

See there? There isn't even a weapon here that was in the game!

ORSON LANG III

There is a rope on those curtains.

PETER ANSWORTH

Looks pretty thick, too.

STATE POLICEMAN

If you are unhappy with my services, I will gladly relinquish my post when a qualified, trained replacement is present to relieve me.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Well, where is a qualified, trained replacement when you really need one?

PETER ANSWORTH

I'm sure there's a whole squad of FBI agents on their way down from that helicopter we just heard.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE Unlikely.

ORSON LANG III

Shall I prepare for more guests, governor?

SFX - DOOR OPENING, PEOPLE WALKING

DEPUTY DUNDIE

Oh, yeah! I got a whole mess of guests right here.

ORSON LANG III

Congresswoman.

CAMILA MASTERS

Hello, Orson.

JAVIER MASTERS

Gang is all here, I see.

ORSON LANG III

Sir.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Not everyone, Javier.

MR. DONATO

What would you call me, then? Chopped liver?

DEPUTY DUNDIE (O.C.)

Governor, we have a problem.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE (O.C.)

Not now.

JEB BRYSON

Does anyone here know how the power came back on?

PETER ANSWORTH

You should ask Deputy Dundie, Jeb. I saw him come up out of the basement right after everything lit up!

DEPUTY DUNDIE (O.C.)

That old reporter guy got airlifted out.

CAMILA MASTERS

And he's going to be okay.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

My prayers are certainly with him.

DEPUTY DUNDIE

(laughs)

Right. Me too.

JAVIER MASTERS

Yeah, but we're praying he makes it.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

I will personally see to it officers I know and trust guard his room around the clock. You can now rest easy.

MR. DONATO

(laughs) You know, that doesn't make me feel very easy.

CAMILA MASTERS

Let's just get to why we are being held here.

PETER ANSWORTH

Yeah. What do you want?

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

There's obviously a bit of a misunderstanding here.

MR. DONATO

Yeah? How so?

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

No one is being held here against their will.

JEB BRYSON

The good deputy's gun begs to differ.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

There are people getting shot left and right around here. This is for your own protection, of course.

PETER ANSWORTH

Of course.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Maybe you aren't quite aware of the precarious predicament you all find yourself in here tonight.

MR. DONATO

You can say that again.

JAVIER MASTERS

We are not the only ones here in a predicament, governor.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Javier, I walked past a gentleman floating in your pool on the way up here.

ORSON LANG III

Half floating.

DEPUTY DUNDIE

And it wasn't Governor Wise who did that.

CAMILA MASTERS

And you really think it was one of us who did?

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Let's see. A well-known drug dealer dead on your property. Then I send the best detective in the state to investigate...

DEPUTY DUNDIE

...and he goes missing.

ORSON LANG III

It's hardly fair to blame us for that. I suspect Inspector Lee often, ahem, misplaces himself.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

And, let's not forget the mastermind...

JAVIER MASTERS

(exasperated)
Ikonya.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

On the lam.

CAMILA MASTERS

Your plan is to pin everything on her?

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

My plan is to simply find the truth.

PETER ANSWORTH

Ha!

MR. DONATO

And you needed to come see us all up close and personal-like to see that happens?

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Don't you believe some messages are best delivered in person, Mister Donato?

MR. DONATO

Yeah. I quess so.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

For example, your new little business venture with your cousin. Vito, I believe it is?

MR. DONATO

Hey, now. That's very intricated and complicated...

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Oh, yes. I had a quick look over of your little executive command structure with its binary matrices and what have you.

MR. DONATO

You did what now?

It's a long drive from the capital. I like to entertain myself with some light reading.

MR. DONATO

Uh, uh. Look, your honor. Um, Mr. Governor. Sir.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

As a matter of fact, I have a really good friend who would just love to get to know all about it.

MR. DONATO

(scared)

Ah, Mr. Governor, I'm sure he wouldn't be interested in all that, you see.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Maybe you know the guy? He has a long history looking into businesses like yours. His name is RICO.

MR. DONATO

(pause) No...

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

You DO know him!

MR. DONATO

Yeah. But, this is really just a funding phase. It's not even been rolled out. You, you see?

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

You just can't communicate like we are doing right now unless you are up close and in-person. Face to face. I mean you hear me right now. Right, Mr. Donato?

MR. DONATO

(uncomfortable)

Yeah. I mean, yes sir. I hear you loud and clear.

SFX - OVERTURNED FURNITURE, BREAKING GLASS

DEPUTY DUNDIE

I bet if I searched this house I'd find all kinds of drugs.

JAVIER MASTERS

That's a lie.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Is it?

CAMILA MASTERS

You know it is.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

From what I hear, every hallucinogenic sold in this county comes from right off this property.

JAVIER MASTERS

We told the Feds everything we knew. This isn't news.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

But here's the thing.

DEPUTY DUNDIE

(mocking)

Did you really?

JAVIER MASTERS

(exasperated)

Ikonya.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

She's betrayed you both.

JEB BRYSON

You shouldn't listen to this man. He's up to something, I just know it!

SFX - GRABBING SHIRT, LIGHT STRUGGLE

DEPUTY DUNDIE

Hey! That man is your governor! Show a little respect.

ORSON LANG III

Officer! You're hurting him.

SFX - PUNCH

DEPUTY DUNDIE

Don't touch me!

SFX - ORSON FALLS TO FLOOR

CAMILA MASTERS

Orson!

DEPUTY DUNDIE

I should charge you with assaulting a police officer!

CAMILA MASTERS

You hit him!

PETER ANSWORTH

He barely touched your shoulder! Chill out, bro!

CAMILA MASTERS

Orson! Are you all right?

ORSON LANG III

I am perfectly fine, Mrs. Masters. I did a little boxing back in my day.

MR. DONATO

Hey, you're bleeding too, deputy.

JEB BRYSON

He didn't even hit ya.

DEPUTY DUNDIE

Pre-existing injury. I guess I touched it wrong.

JAVIER MASTERS

And why are you just standing there? What kind of state policeman are you?!!

STATE POLICEMAN

I'm here to guard the governor, not mediate your little family quarrel.

PETER ANSWORTH

(sarcastically) Great.

STATE POLICEMAN

Someone takes a swing at the governor, you'll get to know me real quick. Otherwise, I'm not even here.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Peter is correct. This is great. Maybe we can just get down to business now instead of minding our manners for the sake of my state-appointed escort here.

CAMILA MASTERS

We've already agreed to your terms, governor. Surely, Deputy Dundie has already told you.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

You say you agree, however...

DEPUTY DUNDIE

Where's Ikonya?

JAVIER MASTERS

She's out past curfew.

You also agreed to gather everyone together.

DEPUTY DUNDIE

But I had to do that.

ORSON LANG III

Officer, I would be happy to retrieve the first aid kit we maintain in the kitchen.

DEPUTY DUNDIE

Just stay on the floor, gramps.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

I get the feeling we are overstaying our welcome here. Is it safe to say I am correct?

JAVIER MASTERS

There's a first time for everything.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Brass tax. I want you to criminally press charges on Ikonya for destroying your bridge.

CAMILA MASTERS

That's ridiculous.

JAVIER MASTERS

She did burn it down.

CAMILA MASTERS

She'll have the best attorney money can buy. You can't threaten her.

JAVIER MASTERS

I liked that bridge.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Camila, it's hardly going to ruin her life.

DEPUTY DUNDIE

She'll end up pleading to maybe a year in prison. Nothing, really.

CAMILA MASTERS

It will end her career.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

All good things, as they say.

DEPUTY DUNDIE

I can do that drug sweep at any time, governor. Just say the word.

Oh, I don't believe any of that is going to be necessary. Is it, Mr. Masters?

JAVIER MASTERS

No.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

See? We are making progress! Deputy, quit being petty and help Orson there off of the ground so he can get us a round of drinks to celebrate.

MR. DONATO

Hey y'all, that cut ain't lookin' too good.

DEPUTY DUNDIE

It's fine. I just need another rag.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Camila, your poor taste in, well, food ironically, has made finding someone to blame for Mr. Biggs' murder nice and tidy.

CAMILA MASTERS

You've left something important out, governor.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Oh, I'm sorry. Was Javier insistent on taking credit for that one? I assumed that was another of Ikonya's whimsical ideas.

CAMILA MASTERS

What is my pound of flesh?

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

I'm assuming I don't need to keep a watch on your employees. You'll keep their toes to the line, I trust.

CAMILA MASTERS

My employees, my responsibility.

JAVIER MASTERS

You leave them alone.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

I have no desire to collect severed toes, Javier.

DEPUTY DUNDIE

Hey, Peter isn't an employee, boss. What are we doing with him?

Oh, yes. Peter Answorth. How could I look past such a handsome fellow?

CAMILA MASTERS

Governor Wise?

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

I will get to you, Congresswoman. Don't you worry.

PETER ANSWORTH

I've not done anything wrong.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Quite the opposite! You've done a whole lot of things right!

PETER ANSWORTH

I have?

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Well, I'm certainly not talking about your investments choices with your parent's money. But, I suppose you already know that.

PETER ANSWORTH

I'm, uh, still waiting to hear back about that emu farm.

JEB BRYSON

The bird? The flightless Australian bird?

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

I'm sure you are, Peter. But, I'm talking about grander things.

JEB BRYSON

You eat them?

MR. DONATO

Hey, uh. You eat the chickens, don't you handyman?

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

You are friends with every person of means in this town under the age of 30 who knows how to have a good time.

MR. DONATO

They don't go flyin', either.

PETER ANSWORTH

I don't follow.

JEB BRYSON

I'm pretty sure chickens can fly, Mr. Donato.

DEPUTY DUNDIE

WHO CARES IF CHICKENS CAN FLY! They hatch, we eat them! The end!

ORSON LANG III

Sir, your elevated blood pressure is causing your bleeding to increase.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Some people would look at you, Peter, and see a spoiled kid wasting his life away on women and fast cars.

DEPUTY DUNDIE

Give me your hankie!

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE Ignore them.

ORSON LANG III

My hankie, sir?

PETER ANSWORTH

And what do you see, governor?

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

I see opportunity.

DEPUTY DUNDIE

He always sees opportunity. Yeah, butlers always keep a hankie in their inner coat pocket. I want it.

PETER ANSWORTH

Opportunity?

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

As much for you, as for me, Peter. I've seen your bank account.

PETER ANSWORTH

You have?

DEPUTY DUNDIE

He has. I told you you had a hankie!

PETER ANSWORTH

I don't know, governor, I...

You will, young man. But right now I really need to talk to Camila. Please, excuse me.

JAVIER MASTERS

Here we go.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Congresswoman Camila Masters. What a day.

CAMILA MASTERS

Still not over.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

I wouldn't suppose you've ever done any farming, have you?

CAMILA MASTERS

(sarcastically)

Oh, good. Here comes another story.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

You'd love it! How about you Javier? No? You both should clear an acre or two out here and plant something.

CAMILA MASTERS

My manicurist will hate me.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Win her over with fresh produce.

CAMILA MASTERS

Let's just get on with the point of this.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Say a farmer buys a strong mule.

MR. DONATO

Oh, snap. This might get good.

JAVIER MASTERS

Governor. Watch yourself.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Mules are notoriously stubborn. That's the part I'm not sure you would know if you hadn't be immersed in a bit of farm life.

MR. DONATO

Savage.

So, the first time the mule doesn't do what the farmer asks, what do you suppose the farmer does? (pause) No one? (pause) How about you, Mr. Donato? What would you do with a stubborn mule?

MR. DONATO

I'm guessing he gets fitted with concrete horseshoes and he's taking a very short fishing trip.

JEB BRYSON

No. That's not what happens at all. Is it, Governor Wise?

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

I'm glad at least one of you here has a bit of background in agriculture.

JAVIER MASTERS

Metaphors are usually my thing, but I'm not exactly following you here. Could just spell it out for all of us city folk?

CAMILA MASTERS

You don't break the legs of your work mule to make a point.

JEB BRYSON

Because you own it.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

And to think there are people in my office every week deriding the rural education system in this state.

JAVIER MASTERS

You think you own us?

CAMILA MASTERS

Javier.

JAVIER MASTERS

You think we're your puppets?!!

CAMILA MASTERS

Javier! Cool it!

MR. DONATO (O.C.)

And I thought when Governor Wise started he was going to call Mrs. Masters a mule.

PETER ANSWORTH (O.C.)

He did call her a mule. Sorta.

MR. DONATO (O.C.)
Oh, snap!

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Someday soon, it's going to do me a lot of good to have such a young, loyal, and powerful friend in D.C. from my very hometown, no less.

JAVIER MASTERS

So, everyone just walks away from this?

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

And you two will have me.

CAMILA MASTERS

And all of us decide to be okay with the fact Reel E. Biggs' killer will escape justice?

DEPUTY DUNDIE

Hey, pack mule!

JAVIER MASTERS

HEY!

DEPUTY DUNDIE

Were you there when it happened?

SFX - SCUFFLING, FIGHTING, WRESTLING

CAMILA MASTERS

Javier, stop!

DEPUTY DUNDIE

Call him off, Congresswoman, or I'll hurt him!

CAMILA MASTERS

No more!

SFX - DULL THUD

DEPUTY DUNDIE

Oww!

CAMILA MASTERS

Stop this now!

DEPUTY DUNDIE

I just got it to stop bleeding so much!

JAVIER MASTERS

I hope you bleed out!

DEPUTY DUNDIE

It's your furniture.

Apologize to the Congresswoman, Deputy.

DEPUTY DUNDIE

(pause) Are you being serious? You're the one who called her the...

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Are you the Governor? (pause) Are you?!!

DEPUTY DUNDIE

(pause) No.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

(long pause) Deputy.

DEPUTY DUNDIE

I'm sorry. (pause) Congresswoman.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Now, ask your original question again. Politely, this time.

DEPUTY DUNDIE

I, uh. I was just asking, uh, ma'am. If you were there when Biggs was shot?

MR. DONATO

Hey, how about you, Deputy? Were you there?

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

For all any of us know, it very well could have been the cook who killed that boy.

DEPUTY DUNDIE

Orson, do you have another hankie?

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

But, if any of you insist on a long, thorough, microscopic investigation into each and every one of your personal lives, I assure you, I can make that happen and you can watch it play out every night for months on Channel 5 news.

MR. DONATO

(pause) You know, maybe it was The Sizzles? What do you think there, Peter?

PETER ANSWORTH

Something was very wrong with that guy.

Everything we've agreed to here is contingent on the arrest and prosecution of Ikonya Hoverdale and the cooperation of Connie Hect. Nevertheless, I feel it is important to put everyone on the record.

MR. DONATO

On the records, Governor?

PETER ANSWORTH

What do you mean by that?

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

I mean, who killed Reel E Biggs?

JEB BRYSON

No one knows. I think.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Deputy Dundie, write this down somewhere. Quotes, if possible.

MR. DONATO

It was that crazy chef guy. The Sizzle.

PETER ANSWORTH

Yeah.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

What was that, Peter?

PETER ANSWORTH

(pause) The Sizzle probably killed Reel E Biggs.

MR. DONATO

It was definitely him. I saw it with my own two eyes!

JEB BRYSON

You can see through smoke now, can you?

JAVIER MASTERS

It was Sizzle.

CAMILA MASTERS

Javier, are you sure?

JAVIER MASTERS

Deputy, The Sizzle confessed to me he killed Reel E Biggs before you were able to shoot him.

DEPUTY DUNDIE

Oh, yes. Governor, I can corroborate that confession. But, he shot himself, remember?

CAMILA MASTERS

We are all in a state of shock.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

What about you two? Do you plan on causing your employers any problems?

CAMILA MASTERS

Governor. I'll handle this.

ORSON LANG III

My service and loyalty to you and Javier is unquestioned. If you say The Sizzle killed Reel E. Biggs, then it is so.

CAMILA MASTERS

(pause) Jeb?

JEB BRYSON

Camila, I...

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Please. Let me.

JAVIER MASTERS

Governor.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Just, hear me out. Jeb, there's a deadline that just ran out a few minutes ago at midnight accepting bids for the commercial cleaning of every state executive building in the state capital.

JEB BRYSON

(pause) You can save your breath, governor. I'll do whatever Camila asks of me.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

And that is what makes you a loyal employee. But I don't just want loyal employees in my organization. Do you, Camila?

CAMILA MASTERS

Uh, no?

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

No! That's right. I want friends and family.

JEB BRYSON

Uh, okay.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

What if a little birdy let it slip what the low bid was for that contract?

JEB BRYSON

(pause) My son.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

That's right.

JEB BRYSON

He lives in the capitol. With his family.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

What a coincidence! Next, you're going to tell me he operates a modestly-successful cleaning company with his wife.

JEB BRYSON

Uh, that's right.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

The low bid is 7 figures.

JEB BRYSON

But, the deadline?

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

I'm optimistic I'm going to be able to get back to the governor's mansion tonight, after all.

JEB BRYSON

And, if so?

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

I'm the first one in the office. I could drop their bid right on top of the pile.

JEB BRYSON

You would do that?

DEPUTY DUNDIE

He would.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

I just love it when a plan comes together!

MR. DONATO

Hey, this could have been worse.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Everyone bring it in.

JAVIER MASTERS

Excuse me?

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Center of the room. Make a circle.

PETER ANSWORTH

A circle?

DEPUTY DUNDIE

Yeah, dummy! Looks like a zero.

MR. DONATO

And apparently, it looks like your bank statements too, Peter!

DEPUTY DUNDIE

(laughs)

Ha! Good one, Mr. D!

PETER ANSWORTH

You all are mighty chummy all of a sudden.

MR. DONATO

Yeah, I'm just following the other rats off this Titantic.

PETER ANSWORTH

All of those rats still ended up drowning, Mr. Donato.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Get in tight. We're family now. Link arms!

CAMILA MASTERS

I've almost thrown up twice tonight, this may trigger number three.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Sharing germs just make us all stronger, wouldn't you say?

JAVIER MASTERS

What are we doing here, Matthew? Are you going to say a prayer, or something?

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Oh, God no.

MR. DONATO

I was starting to wondering myself.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

I'm going to lead a little team-building chant.

PETER ANSWORTH

A chant?

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

A mantra, if you will.

CAMILA MASTERS

What is it?

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

The Sizzle killed Reel E. Biggs.

JAVIER MASTERS

(pause) That's it?

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

The Sizzle killed Reel E. Biggs.

JEB BRYSON

Uh, are we supposed to...

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

The Sizzle killed Reel E. Biggs.

ORSON LANG III

Okay. This is...uh, something.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE (AND ALL OTHERS START JOINING IN)

The Sizzle killed Reel E. Biggs.

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The Sizzle killed Reel E. Biggs.

The Sizzle killed Reel E. Biggs!

SFX - DOOR SLAM OPEN, MANY PEOPLE RUSH INSIDE, RANDOM YELLING

CHIEF OVERTON

NO HE DID NOT!!! EVERYONE HERE IS UNDER ARREST!!

STATE POLICEMAN

Identify yourselves!

CHIEF OVERTON

Except you, Governor.

STATE POLICEMAN

Identify yourself!

CHIEF OVERTON

Oh, not you either, officer.

STATE POLICEMAN

Who are you?!

CHIEF OVERTON

State police, is it?

DEPUTY DUNDIE

Chief, the governor has this situation well in hand.

CHIEF OVERTON

ARREST DEPUTY DUNDIE!

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Chief! Stand down! No one arrest anyone!

DEPUTY DUNDIE

What is wrong with you?!!

REVEREND CHASE MCCLOUD

You're one to talk!

CHIEF OVERTON

You have your orders!

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

I'm the governor! I'm pretty sure I outrank you, Mister Podunk police chief! Stand down.

ADMIRAL CROSSWAY

Oh, governor. You have it all wrong.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Oh, Lord. Tell me you're joking, Crossway.

REVEREND CHASE MCCLOUD

That's Admiral Crossway to you, governor.

ADMIRAL CROSSWAY

You're not talking to the Yorkshire Police Chief right now.

REVEREND CHASE MCCLOUD

That's right!

ADMIRAL CROSSWAY

Reverend? Do you mind?

REVEREND CHASE MCCLOUD

Oh. Sorry. I really like it when parishioners do this while I preach.

ADMIRAL CROSSWAY

Oh, okay. Umm, go ahead.

REVEREND CHASE MCCLOUD AMEN!

ADMIRAL CROSSWAY

As I was saying.

REVEREND CHASE MCCLOUD
He was SAYING!

ADMIRAL CROSSWAY

That's not the Yorkshire Police Chief.

REVEREND CHASE MCCLOUD Oh, NO IT IS NOT!

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

I'm not even dignifying this with a response.

ADMIRAL CROSSWAY

I COMMAND thee to KNEEL...

REVEREND CHASE MCCLOUD

KNEEL, sinner! Wait, what?

CHIEF OVERTON

...or, stand. That's cool, too...

ADMIRAL CROSSWAY

...in the presence of Supreme Allied Commander, Chief Overton!

REVEREND CHASE MCCLOUD

Uh... HALLELUJAH!!

SCENE 3 - WAITING BACKSTAGE

SFX - INTERIOR, HALLWAY OUTSIDE BILLIARD ROOM

BRODY ROBERTS

What are we waiting for, Inspector?

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

The right time, of course.

MISS LISSIE

How do you go 'bout figurin' out when that is?

BRODY ROBERTS

The right time is right now! How long do you think the chief will...

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Supreme Allied Commander.

BRODY ROBERTS

Of a stupid boat club!

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Brody! The Yorkshire Navy has a long and storied history.

BRODY ROBERTS

They fish together on the weekends.

MISS LISSIE

And ski.

BRODY ROBERTS

And ski. Wait, Lissie, how do you know that?

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

You can't just waltz in without the proper introduction.

MISS LISSIE

You can't?

SFX - BRODY CRACKS DOOR, OVERHEARS END OF SCENE 2

BRODY ROBERTS

The governor isn't sitting on his thumbs in there.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Chief knows I need to be properly introduced.

SFX - DOOR CRACKED OPEN AGAIN

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE (CONT'D)
 Don't worry. It'll happen.

MISS LISSIE

(worried)

Brody is right! His hands are in his lap!

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

And it will be glorious!

BRODY ROBERTS

Probably twirping all over UYorkshireTwitFace about how he's being held against his will by Chief Overton.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Supreme Allied Commander Overton.

BRODY ROBERTS

Look, I'm glad your Whappa plan actually worked, but there's no way it is going to continue to work forever.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

So, it's a plan now, huh?

BRODY ROBERTS

(pause) Whatever.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

My highly-trained detective skills detect a faint trace of optimism, Brody!

BRODY ROBERTS

We've maybe got five minutes before this blows up in our faces.

MISS LISSIE

I can go and make acquaintances for you, real quick, Inspector Lee. Give you a first rate glow up!

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

No thank you, Lissie. We stick to the plan.

BRODY ROBERTS

This part is still a strategy.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

What?! You already called it a plan!

BRODY ROBERTS

That was Whappa. This is Snew.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE
 What's the difference?!!

MISS LISSIE

Inspector, you don't know your own plan?!!

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Of course I know my plan! I made the plan! It's a good plan!

BRODY ROBERTS

Whappa worked. Snew isn't looking so good.

MISS LISSIE

The second one?

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE
Of course, the second one!

BRODY ROBERTS

Hey! You may want to be a little nicer to the person you're counting on to save us all!

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE
Yes. Of course. Ma'am, I apologize.

MISS LISSIE

Aww, that's all right, Inspector Lee. My daddy would get all red-in-the-face just like that whenever my sister and I didn't clean up after Wilbercephus.

BRODY ROBERTS

Wilbercephus?

MISS LISSIE

Our pet pig. God rest his soul.

BRODY ROBERTS

(gasps) You didn't?

MISS LISSIE

(pause, then laughter) Oh, no! We didn't eat him, Brody!

BRODY ROBERTS

Oh, thank God.

MISS LISSIE

He got ran over by a train.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE Wait!

MISS LISSIE

Wasn't nothin' left.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

I think I'm about to go on!

BRODY ROBERTS

You're joking.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

You all know what to do, right?

BRODY ROBERTS

I'm shooketh.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Brody! The plan.

BRODY ROBERTS

Strategy, right! Hide in the upstairs closet, surveil audio and prep for broadcast.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Lissie?

MISS LISSIE

Locate Ikonya or Connie. Or, at the very least, find a way to contact them. Got it.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Nope.

BRODY ROBERTS

Nope what? We're supposed to do something else?

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Nope, Chief didn't lead me in correctly.

BRODY ROBERTS

Supreme Allied...

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

... Commander. I know.

BRODY ROBERTS

Just be consistent.

MISS LISSIE

That's all he's saying.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Hey, how do I look?

BRODY ROBERTS

You're talking about the trench coat?

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

I've not been right without it.

BRODY ROBERTS

You're the one who jumped in the pool with it on.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Stupid Orson.

MISS LISSIE

Don't be mean to Mr. Orson.

BRODY ROBERTS

He did get it dried for you.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

I quess so.

BRODY ROBERTS

And we did all make a completely unnecessary and dangerous trip to the laundry room to get it for you.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Whappa. Subsection Whappa.

BRODY ROBERTS

Yeah. You're welcome.

MISS LISSIE

And now you look like a real detective!

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Who is going to need to make his own entrance. Brody, open that fire extinguisher box.

BRODY ROBERTS

You're going to?

SFX - OPEN METAL BOX

BRODY ROBERTS (CONT'D)

No, you're not going to. The box is empty.

SFX - CLOSE METAL BOX

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Empty? Really? That's very unsafe.

MISS LISSIE

You should tell the police.

BRODY ROBERTS

Or the Supreme Allied Commander.

SFX - INSPECTOR LEE OPENS DRAWER LOOKING FOR AN IDEA

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Too bad the storm is over.

SFX - DRAWER IS CLOSED

BRODY ROBERTS

Thunderclap?

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Exactly. (heroic musical notes, then an explosion noise)

MISS LISSIE

I think I know what to do.

BRODY ROBERTS, INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE You do?

SFX - MISS LISSIE WALKS TOWARD THE BILLIARD ROOM DOOR

BRODY ROBERTS

I mean, of course she does. That's Miss Lissie we're talking about.

MISS LISSIE

When you get the sign, push.

BRODY ROBERTS

Push?

MISS LISSIE

You are one smart liddle country boy!

BRODY ROBERTS

I am?

MISS LISSIE

Cute, too.

SFX - DOOR QUIETLY SWINGS OPEN

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

(whispered)

Wait! Where is she going?

BRODY ROBERTS

She thinks I'm cute?

SFX - LIGHTS CUT OFF

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE (gasp)

SFX - TRANSISTION TO BILLIARD ROOM AMBIENCE, CROWD GASP

CHIEF OVERTON

Hey! Who turned off the lights?!

SFX - DOORS SLAM OPEN, BODY FALLS TO GROUND, LIGHTS TURN ON

MISS LISSIE (O.C.)

Taa Daa!!!

CHIEF OVERTON

Ha! I should have known!

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

I, I know you're all frightened...

DEPUTY DUNDIE

It can't be!

CAMILA MASTERS

This isn't good.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

But there is nothing to fear!

GOVERNOR MATTHEW WISE

Oh, no.

CHIEF OVERTON

Couldn't stand to wait for a proper introduction, could you, Inspector Virlo Morton Lee?

SFX - LIGHT THUNDER CLAP

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Oh! Did you hear that?!! DID YOU HEAR THAT?

REVEREND CHASE MCCLOUD

Nice one, King Jesus!

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

That was AWESOME! Now, let's catch our KILLER! WHAPPA! SNEW! SNEW!

CHIEF OVERTON

Whappa snew snew, indeed.