

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

SEASON 1 : EPISODE 3
Click, Poof, Bam!

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SCENE 1 - The Unlikely Suspect (Pt 2)

SFX - GYM DOOR OPENS AND CLOSES

CAMILA MASTERS

Pick your jaw off the floor, Inspector. Haven't you ever seen a Congresswoman before?

JAVIER MASTERS

My love. I was just getting Detective Lee up to speed with what has been going on around here.

CAMILA MASTERS

The Governor.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

The Governor?

JAVIER MASTERS

The Governor.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Governor Wise? Matthew Wise? My former partner, Governor Matthew Wise?

CAMILA MASTERS

Oh, are you two still friends? I was told...

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Oh, no. You can never befriend a snake, Madam Congresswoman. Sure, you can feed it, talk to it, share your hopes and dreams. But, sooner or later, it's going to see something of yours it wants and it's going to STRIKE! And then he takes everything you've worked for.

CAMILA MASTERS

I hope you don't mind if I catch some cardio while we are in here. I have to capitalize on every opportunity I can.

SFX - SHOES HIT FLOOR, TREADMILL MACHINE STARTS RUNNING

JAVIER MASTERS

Are you sure that's a good idea, honey? Earlier...

CAMILA MASTERS

I know about earlier, Javier.

JAVIER MASTERS

She exercises when she gets stressed. Dreadful habit.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE
I play the bassoon.

JAVIER MASTERS
We all have our vices.

CAMILA MASTERS
You knew Governor Wise pretty well. Do you believe
he would be capable of committing this crime?

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE
He would shoot his own grandmother in the back for
a bologna sandwich.

CAMILA MASTERS
Wow.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE
But first he would patiently wait. Watch her work
and toil because he lacks the self-discipline and
cognitive processing ability needed to make his own
stupid sandwich. Wait until she had prepared the
sandwich just right. Toasted the bread, fried the
meat, added tasteful seasonings, the appropriate
amount of condiments, placed the meal on a
beautiful plate. Maybe she grabbed a refreshing
glass of lemonade? I'm just talking out loud here,
go ahead and visualize some of these details for
yourself. Perhaps she put on some light bebop jazz
like all the old geezers like?

JAVIER MASTERS
Hey, I like jazz.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE
Classy. (nervous laughter) And then, right when she
sits down ready to enjoy the fruit of her labor?

CAMILA MASTERS
(long pause) Is there a point?

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE
The snake STRIKES! Whappa!! SNEW! SNEW!

JAVIER MASTERS
For someone who doesn't like metaphors...

CAMILA MASTERS
Well, that, um, colorful illustration makes what
I... what we... are about to ask you a whole lot
easier.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Oh, I don't have time to hang out here now,
Congresswoman. I need to catch a ride to the
capitol and confront Matty Matt face-to-face, one-
on-one, mayo-e-mayo.

JAVIER MASTERS

(correcting)
That's not...

CAMILA MASTERS

(interrupting)
That's not going to be necessary.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Wait, you never told me how he killed Biggs when he
has presumably been meeting with the state science
fair winners from 3:30 to 5 today at the capitol
convention center.

JAVIER MASTERS

You memorize his daily itinerary?

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Is that weird?

JAVIER MASTERS

Uhhh...

CAMILA MASTERS

Of course not. We need more civically-engaged
individuals such as yourself.

JAVIER MASTERS

Yeah, like I said, he has an air-tight alibi. The
science fair thing.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

The Governor couldn't spell science fair unless you
spotted him a vowel or three. So tell me, how could
that doofus pull off a murder when he wasn't here?

CAMILA MASTERS

We believe the Governor was working with an
accomplice.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Of course!

JAVIER MASTERS

Someone here today.

CAMILA MASTERS

One of our guests.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE
Didit!

JAVIER MASTERS
(slowly)
Yes? Someone did... it.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE
I'm going to need to see your butler, Orson. Right away. He's obviously neck deep up in all of this. Could you fetch him so I can give him the patented Virlo Morton Lee verbal beat down until he cracks like the sissy he truly is?

CAMILA MASTERS
A *guest* did it! Not one of our employees! Probably that shrew, Connie Hect.

JAVIER MASTERS
She is a miserable woman with a catchy theme song.

CAMILA MASTERS
But, there's no time for any of that.

JAVIER MASTERS
And there is a better way.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE
A better way than watching a fancy grown man break down and cry while admitting his dastardly crimes? I think not. Besides, he took my jacket.

CAMILA MASTERS
This **MUST** remain a secret for reasons you'll soon understand. We, we...

JAVIER MASTERS
We have the whole thing on video.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE
Go on...

SFX - SCENE FADES OUT WITH JAVIER EXPLAINING

JAVIER MASTERS
You see, the whole thing started about a month ago when, on a whim, I decided to go jogging out in the woods behind our house. Next thing you know, I have truckloads of homeland security agents in here.

SCENE 2 - Click, Poof, Bam!

SFX - BRODY CLICKS RECORDING EQUIPMENT, BEEPING

BRODY ROBERTS

Click, Poof, Bam?

JEB BRYSON

That's right. Click. Poof. Bam!

BRODY ROBERTS

What does that all mean? Like, what was the click?

JEB BRYSON

The click was the power; it was going out.

BRODY ROBERTS

Ohh! I always freak out, stumbling around in the dark trying to find the flashlight app on my phone. Which, hopefully is charged. I always forget to charge the thing. Do you forget to charge your phone? No. Probably not. I, on the other hand... I'm probably at 10 percent right now!

JEB BRYSON

Well, it was daytime, so...

BRODY ROBERTS

Still.

JEB BRYSON

And, uhh, I was outside.

BRODY ROBERTS

Oh. And the poof?

SFX - PERCY WALKS INTO SCENE

PERCY ANDREWS

Brody, when I said we needed to get interviews with any and everyone, I didn't mean the janitor.

BRODY ROBERTS

He's not just a janitor. He's a handyman. He's THE handyman around here. Been here forever.

JEB BRYSON

Twenty-two years. Uh, way before the Masters.

BRODY ROBERTS

See?

JEB BRYSON

Even before the Neilsons.

BRODY ROBERTS

He knows things. And it's not like either of us have been able to locate Connie Hect. Wait, you don't think she is...

JEB BRYSON

Uh, if we're done here, I, really need to get back to work.

BRODY ROBERTS

Oh, no, Mister... Uhh, what did you say your name was again?

JEB BRYSON

Jeb Bryson, I'm a handyman.

BRODY ROBERTS

Jeb Bryson, handyman. Got it. A very handyman name. Jeb, that is.

JEB BRYSON

Well, handyman is what I call myself. And, what everybody else called me up until, till recently. My official title though, according to Orson is - and I know how ridiculous this sounds - Facilities Manager.

PERCY ANDREWS

Do you think you could *manage* finding Connie Hect in these *facilities*, Jeb?

JEB BRYSON

I may know a few corners to look into.

BRODY ROBERTS

Mr. Andrews, you're being a bit...

PERCY ANDREWS

Percy.

BRODY ROBERTS

Mr. Percy...

PERCY ANDREWS

Just Percy.

BRODY ROBERTS

Percy, Jeb here is telling us the story of what he experienced during the murder. Don't you think that is at least somewhat important?

PERCY ANDREWS

Are you even monitoring that other... important thing... that is important?

BRODY ROBERTS

Started getting interference. Lost contact.

PERCY ANDREWS

Blimy! We really need to be privy to what was...
um, important thing... that is important.

BRODY ROBERTS

Just ask Inspector Lee. He doesn't strike me as the
type of guy to keep a secret. He'll probably just
tell you.

PERCY ANDREWS

My boy, that's actually brilliant.

JEB BRYSON

Uh, gentlemen? If you don't need me any longer, I
really must be going.

BRODY ROBERTS

Sorry, Jeb. I got distracted. The "poof" you
mentioned. What was that?

JEB BRYSON

Sounded like a soft explosion. Like a few confetti
cannons, uh, I once saw at Yorkshire College during
a basketball game.

BRODY ROBERTS

Go, Axe People!

JEB BRYSON

Chop, chop, chop. A few seconds later, everywhere
was filled with a thick fog.

BRODY ROBERTS

What was it?

JEB BRYSON

I'm not sure. I guess it was, uh, maybe a 4-inch
diameter steel pipe mounted on a tank of compressed
air with a trigger valve.

PERCY ANDREWS

(condescending)
Not the confetti cannon, you rube! The fog. What
caused the fog?

BRODY ROBERTS

Mr. Andrews!

PERCY ANDREWS

Percy.

BRODY ROBERTS
Mr. Percy!

PERCY ANDREWS
Just Percy.

JEB BRYSON
Uh, we found a lot of dry ice in the pool. With
the, ya' know, the body. But, not enough for all
that fog.

BRODY ROBERTS
Was it hard to breathe?

JEB BRYSON
No.

BRODY ROBERTS
Did it have a smell?

JEB BRYSON
Uh, my son came into town last night with his wife.
Oh, they brought the grandkids in. Sweet little
babies. Getting so big! I won't get to see them for
Easter, well ya' know, with their jobs and all.

BRODY ROBERTS
Your grandkids have jobs?

JEB BRYSON
What? No.

PERCY ANDREWS
(disgusted)
Brody, dear God.

BRODY ROBERTS
Yeah, maybe we should go with *Mr.* Brody?

PERCY ANDREWS
Not a chance.

JEB BRYSON
My son and his wife, they're in the business of...
Well, it doesn't really matter. My point is, all of
us dyed Easter eggs last night.

BRODY ROBERTS
How nice! I made this really cool Easter egg once.
It was sorta based on Superman, but it really
wasn't Superman. I mean, I didn't make like a
little red cape for it or anything. But, could you
imagine?! It was kinda an idea like, what if
Superman was an egg farmer, and what if he...

PERCY ANDREWS

(perturbed)

Are you saying the fog smelled like vinegar,
janitor man?

JEB BRYSON

And eggs. But yeah, mostly vinegar.

SFX - ELECTRICAL CRACKING (BROWNOUT)

BRODY ROBERTS

Whoa. What was that?

SFX - POWER RETURNS

JEB BRYSON

Twelve hours and a gnats behind. I need to
Eastbound and down.

PERCY ANDREWS

You Americans speak a foreign language sometimes.

JEB BRYSON

I am still trying to track down the source of all
this power outages. I have been ever since. Well,
you know, since the click part of the click, poof,
bam.

BRODY ROBERTS

I don't understand. All the lights have been on the
whole time we've been here. And, they're still on.
Maybe a little dimmer now that I look around, but
they're still burning.

JEB BRYSON

Oh, emergency power. Some suited up folks from
Washington came in and installed the whole system a
few weeks ago. National security, or something and
other.

PERCY ANDREWS

Haven't you called the power company?

JEB BRYSON

Already did. Oh! And boy, did they get here quick.
But, they said the power is flowing all the way to
the property. Problem is on-site.

PERCY ANDREWS

So? Can't they send help anyway?

JEB BRYSON

Orson shut that down. He said I could fix it.

BRODY ROBERTS

Can you? Fix it, I mean?

JEB BRYSON

I thought I could.

BRODY ROBERTS

I really need to charge my phone.

JEB BRYSON

Eh, I think I can. Uh, but the new system, it has me confused a bit.

SFX - MORE ELECTRICAL CRACKLING

JEB BRYSON (CONT'D)

Ah, I've got to go. The Masters wouldn't take kindly to being put in the dark.

PERCY ANDREWS

Mr. Ummm...

JEB BRYSON

If I see Connie Hect, I'll point her in your direction. And it's Jeb Bryson, handyman.

BRODY ROBERTS

Facilities Manager.

JEB BRYSON

Right. Facilities Manager. Maybe that doesn't sound so bad, after all. Did you get everything you needed, Brody?

BRODY ROBERTS

I sure did, Jeb. Click, poof, bam. I think we all know what the bam part was.

SCENE 3 - A Walk Through the Woods

SFX - DISTANT THUNDER, AMBIENT WOODS, WALKING THROUGH BRUSH

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

When you said we were going to need to hike through the woods, I assumed you meant, like, on a path.

JAVIER MASTERS

Just a little farther, Inspector.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

I have an almost supernatural ability to know when someone is lying to me, Mr. Masters.

JAVIER MASTERS

I'll keep that in mind, Inspector. (pause) Are there other inspectors in the Yorkshire police force, Virlo? I've always thought of that little title as being something vaguely British.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Maybe you don't recall a certain Inspector Harry Callahan of the San Francisco Police Department?

JAVIER MASTERS

I have absolutely no idea who that is.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Dirty Harry? You've never heard of Dirty Harry?

JAVIER MASTERS

The path starts right after that big tree ahead.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Clint Eastwood. Ring a bell?

JAVIER MASTERS

(Clint Eastwood impersonation)
Get off my lawn.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

(unimpressed)
Yes. But a movie made, about, I don't know, two generations before that.

JAVIER MASTERS

Finally! The path.

SFX - FOOTSTEPS NOW ON A HARDER TERRAIN

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

So, when we get there, are we going to upload the incriminating video to a thumb drive you've brought with you? What's our plan?

JAVIER MASTERS

I figured you could record the screen with your phone, or something simple like that.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Newsflash! My phone is chillin' with a side of rice in your minifridge, homeslice.

JAVIER MASTERS

(Temporary pronounced Spanish accent)
Homeslice? Really? Look, no hay problema. Ikonya will figure something out.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Ikonya? Ikonya is already at radio shack?

JAVIER MASTERS

It's a recording shack, not an electronics store at the mall. And no, she's...

IKONYA HOVERDALE

She's right here.

SFX - THUNDER CLAPS, DISTANT, BUT CLOSER

JAVIER MASTERS

(frightened)
Whoa!

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

If my underwear wasn't already wet...

IKONYA HOVERDALE

To think we were once considered the fairer sex. Let's get moving, officer, I'd rather not ruin these heels.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

You're in heels? Out here?

IKONYA HOVERDALE

When I took this meeting, I wasn't expecting the whole "Welcome to the Jungle" experience.

JAVIER MASTERS

You know the way?

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

(old meme reference)

Do you know de wae? (keeps repeating this saying in the background)

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Second star on the right and straight on 'til morning?

JAVIER MASTERS

Could you be serious for a second? A lot..

IKONYA HOVERDALE

A lot is riding on this. It's either him or her, and if one of them isn't off the board by 11 o'clock, they both are.

JAVIER MASTERS

(resigned)

I know.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

(Continuing old meme, repeats again)

Den I spit on you.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Oh, boy. (pause) Time to move that bacon, piggy. Let's move out.

JAVIER MASTERS

I envy you, Ikonya.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

I don't.

JAVIER MASTERS

Give it time.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Wait. Javier? You aren't coming with us?

JAVIER MASTERS

I'm needed elsewhere. There are no more capable hands than Ikonya.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

The governor will be here in an hour. I'm not optimistic about our chances, Javier.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

WHAT? Governor Wise is coming here? Talk about burying the lead! When did you plan on mentioning that to me, Mr. Masters?

JAVIER MASTERS

I needed you to remain on task. Ikonya, really?

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

On task? On task?! My task is to find out who murdered Reel E. Biggs in your swimming pool, Mr. Masters. Or have you forgotten?

JAVIER MASTERS

You are literally walking towards a trailer housing a video of said murder, Inspector Lee.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

(pause) Oh. Yeah. I suppose that is true.

JAVIER MASTERS

First, ID the murderer. Then, we'll figure out how they tie to the governor.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Knowledge is power.

JAVIER MASTERS

Godspeed.

SFX - FOOTSTEPS AWAY

IKONYA HOVERDALE

This way. Watch your step.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Yeah, yeah.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

(pause) So, I'm told you're a bit of a local celebrity around here. Is that so?

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

I've had a few good moments.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

I'm just trying to get a handle on why you, specifically, got pulled into this little game.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Little game? What are you talking about? I'm here to solve a murder.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

That was just a desperate move in the same little game.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

I know you never met Mr. Biggs, the victim. But he didn't deserve to be a pawn in whatever game this is you are referring to.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Deserve? No. But, he did knowingly place himself on the chess board.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

What do you mean? Biggs liked drinking free beer at Ravelations. Making music videos with his friends. He never talked about politics.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Never?

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Well, he would join me in making fun of Matthew Stupid-Face every month. Honestly, come to think of it, I think he just did that for me, not out of any personal malice.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

By Matthew Stupid-Face, you mean Matthew Wise? At Ravelations? On open mic nights?

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Yes. But, how would you know about that?

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Did he ever ask you to go into your past with the Governor? Like, on camera?

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Not on camera, no. Well, he did shoot some video with his cell phone once when he asked me a few questions about the Daniels case.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

The serial killer?

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

The same.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

I don't suppose you remember Bigg's first film, do you?

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Oh, you mean the documentary that got Lardboogers shut down?

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Yes. Lardboogers.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Obviously, the restaurant was called *Lardburgers*. The film was called Lardboogers. Didn't frequent that eatery very often, thank God, but I thought back then that it was okay. Not great. You know, just okay.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Mm-Hmm. You think boogers are only okay. I got it.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Ha ha ha, Hilarious. Anyway, Bigg ate there once and got deathly sick.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

I'm not shocked.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Missed a bunch of gigs. He went back the next week to confront the owner about it and got thrown out. Police were called.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Sounds serious.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

In small town parlance, it was a *real to-do*. That's just one step down from a *major kerfuffle*!

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Oh, my.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

So, in retaliation, Biggs decided to go undercover at the restaurant and make a film about what he saw. Let's just say he found some really gross things.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

How gross?

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Let's say NC-17 level gross.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Lardboogers was nominated for best documentary short subject.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Big news for a small town.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Indeed. And do you know what camera he used to shoot the entire picture?

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

(realizing)
His cell phone.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

You are a detective.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Biggs was researching the Governor for a new documentary. That's how I got past the bouncers at Ravelations so easily...

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Two for two. And, let's face it. You're probably right about the bouncer thing, as well.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

I legitimately thought it was for my sick dance moves.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

I do love a guy unafraid to dance.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

If you know, that means the Masters know too, and that's why they are so sure the governor was involved in his death. He had motive. At least he did if he knew about it.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

That's worth partial credit. Hardly the whole story.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

I suppose you know the whole story?

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Of course not. I just have a unique viewpoint.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Unique is right. You are probably the only person on the planet right now wearing dress shoes hiking through the woods in the dark trying to find a recording trailer mysteriously delivered a month ago by homeland security in an attempt to find proof a sitting governor murdered a documentary film-making rapper.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Wrong on homeland security. Hit-or-miss about the rest. Hurry up, we're almost there. I can hear the river.

SFX - RIVER GROWS IN VOLUME, PASSAGE OF TIME

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Ikonya, what is someone like you doing here?

IKONYA HOVERDALE

I know where the trailer is.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Beyond that. And, for that matter, how do you know where the trailer is?

IKONYA HOVERDALE

You could say I have a dog in the hunt.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Camila?

IKONYA HOVERDALE

That's right.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

President?

IKONYA HOVERDALE

It's complicated.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

I don't see how that question is complicated.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Want to hear an open secret?

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Story time is my favorite time.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

The process of choosing nominees is hardly organic. I suppose everyone knows that by now. As you might also expect if you followed politics at all, I was to sit out this cycle after, well, since after...

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

There have been about a hundred things go viral since your pup-pup-pup-globalist-puppets video. You've got to let that go.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

The powers-that-be in the party decided there would be three major candidates this cycle to challenge the President.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

I could see how Camila would make an intriguing nominee. But, she isn't even 35-years-old yet! I do remember a thing or two from Civics class. Presidents must be at least 35-years-old.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

She turns 35 the week before inauguration.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

So, she *is* running?

IKONYA HOVERDALE

The youngest President in history has a nice ring to it.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

And the womanliest one, too!

IKONYA HOVERDALE

But, the three candidates the party have tapped are: Casper Klein, the senior senator from Oregon.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Drawing a blank.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Old guard. Volunteered for the Mondale campaign. He has the banks behind him. Smart. Formidable.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Camila would slaughter him.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Number two is Claudia Dratch, mayor of Los Angeles.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

I may have seen her once on TV during the flash flooding. Dodger baseball cap, turned backwards.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Oh, yes. I saw the focus group testing data about that hat the week before the flood. Off the charts.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

I don't watch baseball. Wait, you said the week before?

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Sometimes I forget I'm talking to normies. Sorry. Claudia is likable, has the support of Silicon Valley, but will get skewered in the general due to her many, many far-left statements.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

She's a true Californian then, you're saying.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Her college thesis was on the benefits of communism in emerging economies.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

I still like Camila.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Me too. But the third, and despite how many people you may see on the stage during the first few debates, for all practical purpose, the final candidate is... (long pause)

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

You want a drum roll, Seacrest?

IKONYA HOVERDALE

(game show host impersonation)
You know him as America's favorite serial-killer catching governor, it's.....!

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

(mortified)
No.

SFX - THUNDER STRIKE

IKONYA HOVERDALE

(Still game show host)
That's right. Start your Silkwood Shower now. It's Governor Matthew Wise! Let me hear you scream!

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

No! Anyone but *him*. What about Camila?

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Camila was supposed to ease into Matthew's newly-vacated Governor's mansion. Everyone gets a promotion.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

But, but, but, but...

IKONYA HOVERDALE

It would give me an easy win. In D.C., you're only as good as your last race. One victory and I'm hot property again. It was all supposed to be very boring. But in this boring, predictable way, every one wins.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Everyone can't win now, can they?

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Not with a dead rapper floating in Camila's swimming pool.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Half-floating.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

This is a political kill shot. I don't know how it all escalated. Camila is in real danger. It may be too late.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

I've seen politicians survive worse.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

No, you've seen seasoned politicians with a lifetime worth of favors owed and granted survive worse. Camila's career is in its infancy. This would strangle her in her crib.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

The facts would eventually clear her. What's the rush to 11 o'clock?

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Oh, come on. You can put this together yourself. What if there was no rush? No deadline. Give it a shot.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

(figuring it out as he goes)
Okay, why not? (breathes in) Reel E. Biggs is dead at Camila's house.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Right.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Even if she ultimately isn't implicated, the scandal could scare off big donor financial support she would need right now to be a viable candidate.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

You sound ready to take my job, Inspector. Go on.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Okay! This, this is actually fun.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Isn't it?

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Ok, so a few months from now, Camila is a political has-been, but.... Eventually words of Biggs documentary gets leaked to TMZ and Governor Wise becomes the prime suspect in a murder investigation. All of this probably happening right during the peak of primary season.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Opposition research is quite relentless. And profitable.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

So, they're both politically dead?

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Unless...

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

One of them is in cuffs by 11 o'clock. Catching the killer means the story is over.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Now you see why this must happen quickly.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

I hate to break it to you, but the wheels of justice turn more like an hour hand on a rusty grandfather clock than on a Nascar.

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Not tonight.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Are you suggesting someone in law enforcement is corrupted?

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Not at all.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Well, who then? A judge? The mayor?

IKONYA HOVERDALE
(laughing)
Everyone.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE
That isn't true. Chief Overton isn't corrupt. I
know a lot of good people on the force.

IKONYA HOVERDALE
My mother told me there are 3 kinds of people,
Inspector. Those who have been bought, those who
haven't been offered the right thing yet, and those
not important enough to bother buying.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE
(pause) She sounds lovely. I know I always call my
mom when I need advice on how to blackmail.

IKONYA HOVERDALE
Whoa, there. Step over this wire unless you want to
hear a 110 decibel alarm for the next 5 minutes.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE
Wow. I would have never noticed that.

IKONYA HOVERDALE
Much easier to see in the daylight. But, yes.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE
So, this hunk of rust is what we have been looking
for?

IKONYA HOVERDALE
This is a state-of-the-art mobile FBI surveillance
unit.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE
It looks like a meth lab.

IKONYA HOVERDALE
It's only disguised to look like a meth lab.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE
Really? Is that smart? Meth addicts aren't known
for their self-restraint and religious aversion to
burglary.

IKONYA HOVERDALE
Just go inside and catch our killer already. Pretty
please?

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE
Do you really think the FBI just left this door
wide...

SFX - CAMPER DOOR OPENS

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE (CONT'D)

Oh. Yes. I suppose they did. Thank you.

SFX- INDOOR ATMOSPHERE, CAMPER DOOR CLOSES HARD, LOCK LATCHES

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE (CONT'D)

Ikonya?

IKONYA HOVERDALE (O.C.)

I'm sorry, Inspector.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

IKONYA! Let me out of here! Ikonya! Ikonya!

SFX - THUNDER, CONTINUOUS BANGING ON CAMPER DOOR AND WALLS

IKONYA HOVERDALE (O.C.)

We are all one of three people, Inspector.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Ikonya!

IKONYA HOVERDALE

Which one are you?

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

I'm none of those people! Your mother must have been a jaded old hag! Open this door!

IKONYA HOVERDALE (O.C.)

Wrong answer. She's actually still a jaded old hag.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

I'll be sure to extend my apologies at your next family reunion. Let me out!

IKONYA HOVERDALE (O.C.)

I've got to get going. I'd like to make it back to the residence before it starts to rain and I ruin these shoes that cost more than your house.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Now you're the one who is wrong. I rent!

IKONYA HOVERDALE (O.C.)

Really? You should really consider home ownership to build equity.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

A house? Are you crazy? I can't even afford a boat! And I really, really want a boat!

IKONYA HOVERDALE (O.C.)

Really? Why?

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

So I can join the... Is that really important right now?!!!

IKONYA HOVERDALE (O.C.)

So, just buy a boat. Surely, there's financing available.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

My credit isn't exactly what you might call, stellar.

IKONYA HOVERDALE (O.C.)

How bad are we talking?

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

Why do you care? Are you going to co-sign on a loan for me after you LET ME OUT OF HERE?!!

IKONYA HOVERDALE (O.C.)

Just relax. Someone will back in the morning to let you out.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

In the morning?!! For your own good, you better be on a plane out of the country by then.

IKONYA HOVERDALE (O.C.)

The governor moved heaven and earth to get you on my chessboard tonight. I can't allow you to be the pesky little pawn that makes it all the way across the board.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

I've seen what you do to pawns.

IKONYA HOVERDALE (O.C.)

That wasn't me. Look, just hang tight and let the big boys play their little game of thrones while you stay safely locked away in this cozy camper in the woods. Things may get a lot worse before they get better.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE

I will take my chances.

IKONYA HOVERDALE (O.C.)

Don't be so cavalier, Inspector. It's starting to look real bad out here. The wind is really starting to pick up.

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE
Last chance, Ikonya!

IKONYA HOVERDALE (O.C.)
There's one heck of a storm coming. Do you really
want to get stuck outside in this weather without
having any idea on who you can really trust?

INSPECTOR VIRLO MORTON LEE
Ikonya!

IKONYA HOVERDALE
I sure wouldn't. Good luck, Inspector!

SFX - LOUD THUNDER