

12 Angry Floridians

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OPTIONAL PRE CURTAIN SETUP WITH AUDIENCE:

There is a precurtain loop video and title card file in the shared folder. This file can be played on loop for the 30 minutes prior to curtain while the audience is settling in. It includes some clips that prime the audience for the MAGA mentality toward government and the judicial system.

Similar to the Ivo Van Hove & Brian Cranston performance of Network one possibility is to fill the 6 other juror roles is to invite members of the audience to play the additional jurors. This also bring to mind Augusto Boal's "Theatre of the Oppressed". Make the audience participants. The Judge can be played by the director if additional actors are not available.

THE JUDGE

Good evening and welcome to the
<theater company> production of 12
Angry Floridians. Our jury pool is
a little short so we're looking for
a few volunteers to join our jury
onstage. You'll have the best seat
in the house to watch the
performances, and you'll get a
special surprise at the end of the
show. Just raise your hand if you'd
like to be a Juror. We need
<however many you need >
volunteers.

Number of volunteers will depend on how you edit this script and make it your own based on your available cast etc. You may want to cast supporting characters and give them some lines. Be careful during the selection process. Given political nature of the play there will likely be disruptors eager to get on stage. Favor friends or guests of the performers and select demographics that match the supporting cast profiles as closely as possible. Once volunteers are selected and brought on stage administer them an oath.

THE JUDGE

OK thank you all.
You, as jurors, are the judges of
the facts. You have no right to
disregard or give special attention
to any one instruction, or to
question the wisdom or correctness
of any rule I may state to you. You
must not substitute or follow your
own notion or opinion as to what
the law is or ought to be.

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THE JUDGE (CONT'D)

It is your duty to apply the law as I explain it to you, regardless of the consequences. However, you should not read into these instructions, or anything else I may have said or done, any suggestion as to what your verdict should be. That is entirely up to you.

It is also your duty to base your verdict solely upon the evidence, without prejudice or sympathy. That was the promise you made and the oath you will take

If you'd all raise your hand I'll swear you in. Do you and each of you solemnly swear that you will well and truly try, and a true deliverance make, between the United States and Donald Trump, the defendant at the bar, and a true verdict render according to the evidence, so help you God?

If you are using a full cast or dummies or cut outs for the supporting jurors the section above can be skipped. However giving the audience a reminder of the solemn oath the juror take is nice way to begin the play.

Audience participants are ushered to their seats on stage.

Curtain opens on:

JURY DELIBERATION ROOM - DAY

Alto Lee Adams, Sr. U.S. Courthouse (Fort Pierce) jury deliberation room in South Florida. A simple deliberation room; Lage table with 12 chairs, 40" TV for viewing exhibits on the table is photos taken by FBI agent of classified documents and banker boxers strewn around Mar A Lago. A smaller table with coffee and a bowl of snacks sits in the back corner. There is also a large whiteboard on a wall facing the audience. On one of the wings of the stage a divider a sink and mirror denote a restroom. Stage size permitting the opposite wing is similarly fitted with a divider, sink and mirror denoting another restroom. Atticus Robinson (68 Black Male) takes the stage. A spot light follows his movement keeping the majority of the stage in darkness.

ATTICUS

I guess it's up to me to mark this time for y'all. I go by A.R.

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ATTICUS (CONT'D)

Media loves using my full name
Atticus Robinson. My mom loved to
read and so it happened that To
Kill a Mockingbird was on her night
stand the day I was born. I guess
they see some kinda poetry in that.
But I'm not the hero in this story.
I'm not the idealist who fights for
the truth.... No I'm the realist...
And lets get real, y'all didn't
come here for a five hour play...
So lets pare this thing down to the
six jurors that made the
difference, and separate the wheat
from the chaff.

optional Atticus crosses to corner of the room where either
dummies or cardboard cutouts are stacked. One for each of
the six minor characters. If audience is used then he will
cross to each audience member.

ATTICUS (CONT'D)

Vivian Stone. She spent more time
at the coffee station than at the
deliberation table. Fifty two
rolled up in Subaru with
environmental stickers. Her big
contribution was suggesting we
break into "healthy dialogue
circles"... aint nobody got time
for that. (placing Vivian cutout
near snack table before retrieving
another) Brock Meyer 45 Crypto
Bro. He was also a consistent
Guilty vote. Would constantly
derail discussions by telling us
"this why you gotta get off that
fiat currency man and get into
crypto" claimed her was actually
enjoying the digital-detox being
sequestered by the judge provided.
White boys... (SMH vibe)

Atticus grabs another cutout/dummy.

ATTICUS (CONT'D)

Tomas Alonzo. This mother fucker!
51 EMS worker. I thought I seen
some shit in my day. He seen
everything. He was a guilty vote
from go. He seen through the
bullshit.

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ATTICUS (CONT'D)

He shared a story about retrieving Python from a jet ski accident and Vivian asked "who brings a python jet skiing?" Without missing beat he was like "how long you been in Florida lady?" Funny mother fucker, but if I'm honest he didn't add much to the question at hand.

Another cutout.

ATTICUS (CONT'D)

Pèilíng Lu she was an insurance adjuster for 30 years. As you can imagine she was dead inside. Dealing with liars for 30 years really hones that bullshit detector. She was guilty vote from minute one.

Another Cutout

ATTICUS (CONT'D)

Tony Morinatti Carpenters local 138. He kind of surprised me. Figured white dude in his 30s, tradesman... he'd surely be Trumper. But he was consistent Guilty vote. He didn't engage much in the debate. Wore a cross around his neck. I think that's why Trumps team wanted him on the jury, but he was actually quietly competent and caring. Mostly just observed the debates.

ATTICUS (CONT'D)

That brings us to Jasmine Davis. Hurts my heart not to explore the contributions of this queen. She oozed confidence and capability. Kept copious color-coded notes and corrected anyone who misrepresented testimony. She was calm cool and collected. Put her head down and went to work. But aint this the story of the black woman in America the quiet competence that gets things done, often overlooked. But y'all didn't come here for a story of quiet competence you came for loud conflict.

NOTE: The six actors roles in this pared-down version of the script are thus; Atticus (65 Black Male) Mercedes (55 Cuban Female) Julius (28 Black Male - Manosphere influenced machismo) Roy (55 White Male - Racist) Ashley (27 White Female - Oblivious social media addict) and Murielle (60 White Female- Fox news sacred of the world "karen")

Spotlight swings of 2nd light comes up on the bathroom area on the wing. Julius and Roy are at each others throats.

JULIUS

Listen you racist piece of shit! I ain't like you I ain't for sale motherfucker!

The actors freeze.

ATTICUS

Wait.(light swings back to Atticus allowing Roy and Julius to sneak to their marks for entering the deliberation room.) I'm getting ahead of myself. We gotta start from the start. As Yogi Berra would say.... Did he say that?

The lights go out as Atticus disappears. The TV turns on to a newscaster. (Media files provided in shared directory FinishedNewsINtroWithLegalCrawl.mp4 This file is a royalty free AI generated clip) You can record your own Newscasters the raw lower-third overlays are in the shared folder as well.

BLUE TEXT Below is the contents of the Media Clip Provided.

NEWS CASTER

We are told Jack Smiths team has finished their closing arguments and the judge has issued his final jury instructions before deliberation begins. The fate of Donald Trump and the maybe the nation now lies with 12 jurors. Judy what is he looking at here?

ANALYST JUDY

Should he be found guilty of all of the 40 counts the maximum combined jail time is 300 years. Although it is clear that Biden will likely pardon Trump should he be found guilty to avoid keeping a former president in prison.

NEWS CASTER

And would that pardon bar him from running for president?

ANALYST JUDY

Great question. No unbelievably it would not automatically bar him. One novel theory would be making his pardon conditional on renouncing his citizenship. He could then apply for citizenship again but he would be a "naturalized" not "natural born" citizen status in the eyes of the law.

NEWS CASTER

Wow that would be something huh "immigrant Trump". Thank you Judy. Well with Iowa Caucuses beginning in just seven weeks the pressure is on for Trump and these jurors.

On the Screen the Words:

"Twelve Angry Floridians"

The Screen goes off as the six main characters enter the stage. Lead by Roy.. Then Mercedes .. Then Julius ... Then Ashley Then Murielle and finally Atticus. They all carry notebooks and pens. On the table is box of evidence and extra notebooks pens and post-it notes. Murielle pushes the screen from center stage to a position off to either side. There is also a white board in the room. Murielle has a small bible she keeps with her notebook.

ROY

Well let's get on with it.

MURIELLE

OK as forewoman I guess I should lead the deliberation here. Once everyone settles in I think we should level set with a quick vote on where we stand.

MERCEDES

On which count?

MURIELLE

Good question well I guess we start with the most serious and work our way down?

JULIUS

They're all pretty serious.

MERCEDES

Well the main crimes were the retention of classified documents. 32 counts. And I think if we find him guilty of one of not sure how we'd find him not guilty on the others.

MURIELLE

Agreed. Those charges are a good start. Does anyone object?.... Anyone?

ROY

Come on get on with it. Let's vote.

Roy cross the room to the thermostat.

ATTICUS

Easy man it's been a long 3 months sequestered with you all, and I'm just as punchy as you are, but let's be cool.

MERCEDES

Let's start with Charge 14 the TS SCI Iran Attack Plans Document.

Murielle has moved to the white board and wrote in big letters. "Charge 14 - IRAN ATTACK PLANS DOC" underneath she writes "Guilty" and "Not Guilty" .

MURIELLE

I guess we should do a secret ballot first. Everyone write your vote, guilty or not guilty, on a post-it. Julius will you collect the votes?

ROY

Figures! 80 degrees. How can I be cool it's 80 degrees?

Roy leans out the door and yells to the bailiff

ROY (CONT'D)

Hey Bailiff can we get the AC looked at in here? We're boiling.

Julius dumps snacks from bowl and uses it to collect the votes. He steps over to Ashley with the bowl she is zoning out.

JULIUS

Hey you in dopamine withdrawal of something? Get with it.

ASHLEY

Ugghhh. This is like my prime content creating month ahead of the holiday shopping season.

She reluctantly grabs a post-it and a pen.

ASHLEY (CONT'D)

None of you even know how hard 'no phone or internet use' has been for me.

MERCEDES

Poor baby.

Everyone has tossed their vote into the bowl. Julius goes to Murielle at the whiteboard.

MURIELLE

Read them I'll tally

JULIUS

Guilty

Murielle puts a mark under the word Guilty or Not guilty as Julius calls the votes.

JULIUS (CONT'D)

Guilty..... Guilty Guilty
 Guilty... Guilty
 Not Guilty....

Mercedes shakes her head and clenches her fist.

JULIUS (CONT'D)

Guilty..... Not Guilty
 Guilty Guilty Not
 Guilty.

MURIELLE

That's Nine Guilty to three Not guilty.

MERCEDES

Well it aint hard to figure out who the not guilty votes are.

ROY

What's that supposed to mean?

MERCEDES

It means I can spot racist crackers that will do anything to protect their own.

ATTICUS

Easy now Mercedes. Let's keep this civil.

MERCEDES

Screw that Atticus... Roy here I knew was in cult from the moment I saw him during jury selection. Got that boaters tan probably riding his Sea Ray up the intercoastal with his stupid Trump flag.

ROY

It's a Bayliner.

MERCEDES

... but you two....Ashley.... Murielle...I had no idea you'd fall for the bullshit.

ASHLEY

Why are you coming at me. I totally voted guilty. It's like obvious.

MURIELLE

The ballots were secret for a reason this is not what deliberation is supposed to look like Mercedes.

MERCEDES

Well how are we supposed to know who needs convincing if we don't know how people voted?

ROY

Trump Derangement Syndrome.

MERCEDES

Fuck you Roy.

ATTICUS

Let's all just take a step back.
Roy why don't you tell everyone why
you don't think Trump should be
found guilty on this charge.

ROY

The burden of proof is on the
government. I just don't think they
proved he had that document or that
it wasn't declassified.

MERCEDES

My god this is the biggest slam
dunk of them all! He's on fucking
tape confessing every element of
the crime! Ogghgg... (exasperated)
Let's pull up the Bedminster
recording again and go through it.

ROY

I don't need to listen to that
shit!

MURIELLE

Jasmine can you find that exhibit.

MERCEDES

You swore the oath Roy when you
agreed to be a juror. You solemnly
swore that you will well and truly
try the case, and render a verdict
according to the law and evidence,
THE LAW AND THE EVIDENCE! Without
prejudgment. We are gonna hold
you to that Roy. You **are** gonna
engage in honest debate or I am
gonna sent a message to the judge
that we a have a juror who lied on
his questionnaire about his ability
to be impartial!

ROY

You aint doing shit! I got a right
to my beliefs.

MERCEDES

You can believe whatever you want
Roy but in this room there is such
a thing as objective reality.. and
facts. And there is something
called the law which is also
objective.

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MERCEDES (CONT'D)

So your job right now is to shut up and listen and argue your counterpoints with intellectual honesty.

MURIELLE

Lets take the temperature down a bit here. It's hot we're all looking forward to seeing our families. Jasmine play that recording.

MERCEDES

Let me remind everyone about the context of this Bedminster meeting: Six days prior The New Yorker published a story that detailed how General Mark Milley, was concerned Trump might attack Iran in the final days of his presidency. Netanyahu has been pressuring every US president to attack Iran for decades, and in final weeks of-

ROY

More Trump derangement... he would never attack Iran.

JULIUS

I wouldn't put it past him. Start some shit on his way out the door.

On the big TV screen the transcript and audio of Trumps Bedminster meeting with Mark Meadows biographers.

TRUMP: Well, with Millie -uh, let me see that, I'll show you an example. He said that I wanted to attack Iran. Isn't it amazing? I have a big pile of papers, this thing just came up. Look. This was him. They presented me this--this is off the record, but they presented me this. This was him. This was the Defense Department and him.

Wow.

We looked at some. This was him. This wasn't done by me, this was him. All sorts of stuff--pages long, look.

STAFFER: Mm.

TRUMP: Wait a minute, let's see here.

MERCEDES

Pause for a second.

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MERCEDES (CONT'D)

By the way do you believe these documents just happen to be on his desk? ... when journalists are coming to interview him.... just days after that New Yorker Article that hinted me might be a Netanyahu stooge ready to attack Iran in his final days of office? ... Keep playing

STAFFER: [Laughter] Yeah.

TRUMP: I just found, isn't that amazing? This totally wins my case, you know.

STAFFER: Mm-hm

TRUMP: Except it is like, highly confidential.

STAFFER: YEAH [Laughter]

TRUMP: Secret. This is secret information. Look, look at this. You attack, and...-

TRUMP: By the way. Isn't that incredible?

STAFFER: Yeah.

MERCEDES (CONT'D)

Pause again "this is secret information"... "This was Millie" And you hear the papers rustling. Does that sound like he's talking about News paper articles? Because that's the defense he goes on Fox News to Spout. We'll play that clip next but lets finish up here.

TRUMP: I was just thinking, because we were talking about it. And you know, he said, "he wanted to attack Iran, and what . . ."

STAFFER: You did.

TRUMP: This was done by the military and given to me. Uh, I think we can probably, right?

STAFFER: I don't know, we'll, we'll have to see. Yeah, we'll have to try to-

TRUMP: Declassify it.

STAFFER: -figure out a-yeah.

TRUMP: See as president I could have declassified it.

MERCEDES (CONT'D)

Pause again.. Do you have to declassify news paper articles? And he's admitting right there "I could have declassified them, but now I can't." He's admitting he's knows they are super secret and classified and he has no right to declassify them as an ex-president.

STAFFER: Yeah. [Laughter]

TRUMP: Now I can't, you know, but this is still a secret.

STAFFER: Yeah. [Laughter] Now we have a problem.

TRUMP: Isn't that interesting?

MERCEDES (CONT'D)

"Now we have a problem!" Ya Think?

ROY

This is-

MERCEDES

Shut up Roy I'm not done.... play the Fox news interview.

FOX Interview Transcript:

Baier: But according to the indictment, you were here at Bedminster on July 21, 2021, after you're no longer president, and you were recorded saying that you had a document detailing a plan of attack on another country that was prepared by the U.S. military for you when you were president. The Iran attack plan. You remember that?

Trump: Ready?

Baier: You were recorded.

Trump: It wasn't a document.

Baier: OK.

Trump: I had lots of paper. I had copies of newspaper articles. I had copies of magazines. I had copies of everything.

MERCEDES (CONT'D)

Think about the recording you just heard. This son of a bitch is gonna look you in the face and tell you he was just holding up news paper clippings.

Baier: I know it. This is specifically a quote. You're quoted on the recording saying, the document was secret, adding that you could have declassified it while you were president, but quote, "Now I can't, you know, this is still secret. Highly confidential."

And the indictment says, the recording and the testimony from people in the room saying you showed it to people there that day. So, you say on this on tape.

Trump: I didn't show it. It says just the opposite. ... Bret, there was no document. That was a massive amount of papers and everything else, talking about Iran and other things. And it may have been held up or may not, but that was not a document. I didn't have a document, per se. There was nothing to declassify. These were newspaper stories, magazine stories, and articles.

Baier: I'm just saying what the indictment says.

MERCEDES (CONT'D)

You heard the testimony of-

All the actors freeze and The Judge Emerges to address the audience breaking the forth wall.

JUDGE

Now.. This is where we're flying blind as they say. We never got a chance to see Mark Millie or Mark Meadows' biographers testify. They were deposed by Jack Smith, and would have undoubtedly been on the witness list to verify what documents Trump was waving around in Bedminster that day. Their testimony would also undoubtedly have been included in Jack Smiths report to congress, but Judge Cannon has barred that reports release and demanded it be kept under seal. So we are not allowed to know...

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JUDGE (CONT'D)

For the purposes of this hypothetical world, where I'm the Judge and where legal precedent is followed and the case moved ahead, we'll assume that Mark Millie recalled the Top Secret "Iran war plans" he presented the president, and that any detailed multi-page Department of Defense attack plans for ANY nation would be classified as Top Secret and Secure Compartmentalized Information.

The Judge pulls a 20 page report with a bright yellow TS SCI Document coversheet from the evidence banker box on the table.

ATTICUS

We'll also assume that Mark Meadows biographers had good enough memories to remember some identifying details about the report they were shown. In a trial run by a judge interested in finding the truth, and protecting the public good, the biographers would have been processed and cleared for limited viewing in a SCIF of any Department of Defense Iran Attack plans Millie remembered showing the president. If these Biographers could recall even piece one classified data from the report Trump would likely be sunk. So the the two assumptions we make here are 1) Millie through his own memory and contemporaneous notes knows the Iran battle plans he presented the president. Which is extremely likely and 2) that Mark Meadows Biographers remembered what they were shown. Again highly likely. We now rejoin your Spicy Cuban rant already in progress.

Actors unfreeze.

MERCEDES

You hear the testimony of Mark Meadows' biographers identifying the Top Secret Report that Millie remembered handing the president. This is not fucking hard!

ROY

Millie can't be trusted. He's deep state.

ASHLEY

I trusted him.. he had Big Dick Energy. (filling nails)

JULIUS

Yo! I'm with you though. How you gonna trust a dude raw dogging porn stars over that dude. When prosecution asked him proudest moment during introductions and he shared that mine field story! Damn.

ASHLEY

I missed that.

JULIUS

How did you miss that? He literally ran through an active mine field to signal a tank to stop moving and not get blown up.

ASHLEY

I don't get it.

Julius gets up and pantomimes the action of Millie that earned him a Army Commendation Medal with a "V" device for valor.

JULIUS

A tank was rolling toward a mine field... He ran out **into** the mine field where he could have triggered one and blown himself up, to wave it down and stop it. Like "yo stop". (jumping and waving)

ASHLEY

Ok this is thing I guess.. in war?

JULIUS

(exasperated) yeah it's a thing.

Julius wanders back to the table and explores a banker box of evidence on the table.

MERCEDES

Remind me again what commendations Trump earned?

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MERCEDES (CONT'D)
Oh that's right the "I avoided
herpes at Studio 54 certificate of
achievement"

Julius pulls a small digital audio recorder out of the
evidence box.

JULIUS
This the recorder they used?

ATTICUS
Sample .. Same make and model.

Julius is playing with it.

MURIELLE
There's no batteries. If illegal
to record jury deliberations.

ROY
Don't be stealing the electronics
Julius.

JULIUS
Man, Roy you can't help yourself
can you? (glaring)

MURIELLE
OK everyone, that was a very
impassioned presentation by
Mercedes. I have to say I think
I've changed my own vote on this
count. Maybe we should take
another vote and see if anybody
else maybe is having a change of
heart. Ashley stay focused why
don't you collect this round of
votes.

Ashley gets up reluctantly and gets the bowl to collect
votes.

JULIUS
Here's my vote I gotta use the
restroom.

Julius puts folded post-it in bowl and walks off the wing.

MURIELLE
If there's still 3 votes for not
guilty we'll move on to the next
charge Roy. Agreed?

Mercedes and Atticus and Ashley all nod yes.

ROY

One votes enough anyway.

MURIELLE

Ok bring the votes.....

ASHLEY

Guilty..... Guilty..... Guilty
Guilty ... Not Guilty... (leers at
Roy) Guilty Guilt...
Guilty.... Guilty.... Not Guilty.

MERCEDES

Damn it!

ASHLEY

Guilty..... Not Guilty.

ROY

AHHH HAH Haha

MURIELLE

That's 9 Guilty and 3 Not Guilty.

MERCEDES

Murielle I thought you said you
were changing your vote!?

MURIELLE

I did.

MERCEDES

Ashley?

ASHLEY

I'm just trying to get this over
with. We have like 40 counts to
get through.

MERCEDES

Fuck! We are doomed.... Who was
the third not guilty? (scolding
look) Who was it?... Don't have the
guts to defend your position?

ASHLEY

Julius is still in the bathroom.

MERCEDES

That little shit. This isn't over
Roy when he gets back I'm gonna put
his vote to the test. Make sure he
didn't accidently write 'not'.

Atticus gets up and paces a bit.

ROY

What's done is done. Move on
senorita.

MERCEDES

Fucking Julius.

ATTICUS

Easy on the youngblood Mercedes it
wasn't him.... It was me.

The actors freeze once more. Atticus turns to break the 4th
wall again. Spotlight hits him.

ATTICUS (CONT'D)

Now I told you I wasn't the hero.

BLACK

TV Screen plays the Intermission countdown video

10 of 5 Minute Intermission.

ACT II

Stage spot light comes up on Atticus at the front of the
stage. He will walk toward a frozen Roy first.

ATTICUS

I feel you all judging me. But I
knew the moment I laid eyes on this
jury how all this was going to end.
A rich white man on trial.. A
former fuck'n president... You
think This Cracker (looks over Roy)
was ever gonna convict? Not even
on the least of the charges....
And then what!? We got a hung jury
.... You think they're gonna bring
the charges again? Do all this
over again? (steps to Mercedes) I
feel for Mercedes though she still
believes there's justice.

Actors spring to life.

MERCEDES

I can't believe you Atticus. What
would your mother think?

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MERCEDES (CONT'D)

She named you after Atticus Finch,
and you're gonna ignore the law and
let guilty man escape
accountability.

ATTICUS

Listen Mercedes you're never
getting this clown to convict. Best
we can hope for hung jury. Let's
get there as soon as possible. I'm
too old for this shit. I'll be
with the guilty votes in the end.

Light dop on main stage and lights on the wing that represent
the bathroom come up. Roy enters as Julius washes his
hands.

ROY

You missed the tally kid.

JULIUS

How'd it go.

ROY

9 to 3 we're moving on.

JULIUS

Shit.

ROY

You know when this is over Trump is
gonna be really interested in who
helped him out.

JULIUS

What are you trying to say?

ROY

I'm saying if the jury is hung this
case won't be resolved before the
election. Win or lose Trump is
gonna be very generous to his
friends.... And should he win...
and I think he will, he's gonna be
very vengeful to his enemies.

JULIUS

Hahaha He's not gonna win. You
think he's gonna win? With evidence
everyone saw?

ROY

There's no camera's Julius. All the
news has is transcripts.

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ROY (CONT'D)

You think people read anymore?
News Max, Fox News OAN... I'm sure
are barely covering it. This
sequestration bubble that we're in,
it's not unique. Most of the Trump
voters know nothing about what's
happening in this courtroom.. and
you got Joe Biden waddling around
shitting his pants...

Murielle has approached the door to knock on it. She
hesitates as she hears the talking inside. She puts her ear
to the door.

ROY (CONT'D)

..as the price of bacon soars and
drag queens are readding woke
bullshit to our kids. He's gonna
win. Why don't you get on the
winning side. The side that could
make you wealthy my brother.

JULIUS

I'm not your brother...Roy... and
what the fuck you mean make me
wealthy?

ROY

I'm just saying voting Trump could
be better for your wallet.. What
do you all say?? "Get your money
right"..... but why don't you go
talk it over with Atticus... He
switched to Not Guilty.

Julius looks confused not believing. He begins to push the
door. Murielle scurries away as Julius pauses throwing one
last barb.

JULIUS

You're full of shit Roy.

ROY

(hollering after him) Join the
winners Julius!

Lights come up on main stage bathroom lights fade. Julius
goes over to Atticus.

JULIUS

Roy tried to tell me you voted not
guilty. Some shit right?

Atticus turns away toward the coffee table.

JULIUS (CONT'D)
He was shitting me right?

Atticus turns to face Julius.

ATTICUS
Listen youngblood, I'm 68 years old. I've seen how justice works in America. Madoff, Epstein, even brothers like Cosby, and OJ, If your rich you aint getting convicted. Mother fuckers crime'n for decades.... I'm just trying to get this shit over with so I can sit out on my lanai watch my Falcons and enjoy my retirement... oh and not get audited if this piece of shit gets back in.

JULIUS
Come on Atticus you can't believe that man. We gotta stand on the truth man.

ATTICUS
Standing on the truth is luxury these days kid.

JULIUS
Nah man it can't be like this.

MURIELLE
5 Minutes and we'll start discussing the next count.

Murielle cross to the bathroom area. Actors or stage hands hand slightly adjusted the bathroom area to now be the ladies room. Lights go down on the main stage as they come up in the bathroom. Ashley and Mercedes are inside already as Murielle enters.

MERCEDES
Please Ashley take this duty seriously. We have so much at stake getting this right.

ASHLEY
I'm just not political like that. If I was into political stuff I'd lose like half my following.

MERCEDES

This is not about politics Ashley
its about the truth! The truth
that this man is dangerous.

ASHLEY

I didn't really feel it his first
term Mercedes.

MERCEDES

Are you reading what his old aides
now in Heritage Foundation are
writing with this Project 2025?
They want to get rid of Roe Vs Wade
purge most of the government, cut
back on aid to starving third world
countries.

ASHLEY

That's not gonna happen.

MERCEDES

Ashley they want to get rid of
birthright citizenship.

ASHLEY

I'm sure it will be fine.

MERCEDES

Listen to me Ashley I was born
here... but to illegal immigrants.
My parents had no papers when they
came here.

ASHLEY

So what is that supposed to mean?

MERCEDES

That means they could go after
me... Send me to Cuba... a country
where I have no one and nothing.

ASHLEY

They are not gonna do that.

MURIELLE

I'm starting to believe they might.
Mercedes is right. This MAGA thing
sounded good but it's going to a
really dark place. How I could
have been a part of it.. I don't
know.

MERCEDES

Murielle don't beat yourself up over it. I was a republican... like many Cubans I bought the Democrats want communism, slippery slope bullshit. I voted for that asshole too.

MURIELLE

You?

MERCEDES

Yes.

Ashley seems to be getting more interested.

ASHLEY

It's just.. well.. I'm not sure of anything anymore. I get so much conflicting information.

MERCEDES

Listen to me Ashley, just ask questions, and use your critical thinking skills. Examine the source of the information your getting. That last count was a slam dunk. You heard the tape he admits everything. Even Murielle over here switched to guilty. Promise me you'll focus on the facts and law on this next count?

ASHLEY

OK

MURIELLE

There's something else.... I was going to tell Julius and Roy that we wanted to be back in in five minutes and when I went to the door I overheard them talking.... Roy told Julius that voting Trump would be better for his wallet...

MERCEDES

What? You think he was trying to bribe him?

MURIELLE

I mean he could have been talking about voting in the upcoming election.

MERCEDES

Fucker! That Piece of shit is compromised. What did Julius say?

MURIELLE

He told him to fuck off basically.

ASHLEY

What do we do take it to the judge?

MERCEDES

We should.

MURIELLE

I don't think we have enough to accuse him of being bribed.

MERCEDES

What did he say exactly?

MURIELLE

That was exactly it He said "you know voting Trump could be a lot better for your wallet" and "don't you wan to get your money right?" or something like that, and then Julius stormed out.

MERCEDES

Shit... that's not enough.... Lets keep that in our back pocket. Maybe we see how Julius interpreted it then go to the judge if he wants to.

MURIELLE

OK lets get back at it.

The three start to exit the bathroom Ashley leaves first.

Murielle grabs Mercedes arm to share a thought

MURIELLE (CONT'D)

Mercedes, you're doing a great job leading the discussion.

MERCEDES

Thank you Murielle.

MURIELLE

My husband was a cop... He was 34 and I was 18 when we got married...

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MURIELLE (CONT'D)

He was a big Trump fan back in 2016. Rallies and everything.... He died during the pandemic.

MERCEDES

I'm sorry Murielle.... You miss him.

MURIELLE

...I say I do... but in my heart I know he had so much anger.... I'd be lying if I said I wasn't a bit relieved when the time came.

MERCEDES

That's OK Murielle. I get it.

MURIELLE

That's kind of how I feel about Trump. I just want it to be over I want the anger to go away.

MERCEDES

I get it Murielle.. If you need someone to hang out with when this is over let me know OK?.... Lets get back to work..

The main stage lights come back up. Murielle and Mercedes enter the deliberation room. Everyone congregates around the table once more.

MURIELLE

OK everyone Mercedes is gonna lead the next charge to discuss.

MERCEDES

If we can't get some people to see the Top Secret Iran Attack Plans as a problem I'll stipulate that the other 39 charges are the same or less evidence. So let's move on to the obstruction of justice charges.

In Cuba, powerful men always made rules that were different for them. That is what scares me here.

Not the documents. The belief that once you have power, the rules become optional. If the boxes were packed by mistake? Fine.

But mistakes stop being mistakes after subpoenas..... After lawyers.

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MERCEDES (CONT'D)

After investigators..... After warnings... With every wanna-be dictator at some point, keeping secrets becomes the point.

ROY

Blah blah blah.. More Trump Derangement Syndrome. He wants to be a dictator... Pphfff

MURIELLE

OK lets get back to the fact of the case.

MERCEDES

Roy wants us to believe this is normal. Okay.
Let's walk through normal.
Not Fox News. Not MSNBC.
Just the timeline.
(beat)
A former president leaves office Jan 2021. Boxes get packed fast. Staffers screw up. Government records get mixed with souvenirs and newspapers and golf shirts. Normal so far.

Mercedes Builds a timeline on the Whiteboard.

JULIUS

Shit I'm not sure I'd call Trumps White House exit "normal"

MERCEDES

Plausibly normal we'll give the benefit of the doubt.
By that May 2021 he National Archives has noticed things are missing and begins trying to recover documents from Trump. .
Also normal. Happens all the time. They call. Lawyers talk. Still normal. But, here's where we diverge from normal. Every other president or Vice President who's found or who is informed they might have sensitive documents returns them within days. Trump delays and tries to "negotiate" for their return for eight months. Why is he holding on to them? Play the exhibit titled "Trump Hannity Comments on Nixon Payment"

TV plays the Hannity interview from March 2023.

Trump: "I have the right to take stuff. Do you know they ended up paying Richard Nixon almost 18 Million dollars for what he had. They did the Presidential Records Act. I had the right to take stuff."

MERCEDES (CONT'D)

Are you telling me Trump didn't believed he was entitled to money in return for the documents he was holding? He seems to have known about Richard Nixon being paid off. In my opinion its clear he was thinking "ghee if Nixon got 18 Million maybe I can get a hundred times that!"

ROY

You are out of your mind what is that... 1.8 Billion dollars. You think Trump is gonna extort his own government for 1.8 Billion dollars? You've lost your mind.

ATTICUS

I wouldn't put it past him.

MERCEDES

The Presidential Records Act wasn't setup to provide payout to ex-presidents. It was enacted in the weeks after Nixon's forced resignation to explicitly spell out what PERSONAL documents the President could retain upon leaving the White House. Agency Records are not personal records.

ASHLEY

OK Sorry.. but what is the difference again?

MURIELLE

No need to apologize glad you're engaging Ashley.

Production note: In the evidence box you should setup dummy document samples. 3x- bound or clipped 30-page documents each with a TS-SCI yellow cover sheet to represent "Agency Records" 5x- single page documents to represent Letters and emails. 4x- three-page documents with Blue "confidential" cover sheets. 1x- Notebook 1x- tape recording device

MERCEDES

Great point Ashley lets go back over what the classification experts told us. The Presidents personal records would be anything created by the President or his staff in the White House. Memos (holds up loose pages of memos) his personal journals and recordings (pulls out notebook and tape recorder) Occasionally documents created for the president end up in his folio or in his desk that gets packed up. Like a Presidential Daily Brief. (holds up the thin three-page Blue Cover sheet docs). These are all the types of things that other presidents have taken from the White House. And there are mountains of these documents over the 4 or 8 years of a presidency. Now, 'Agency Records' are documents created at the Department of Defense or the CIA or NSA, or any agency. And when they are really sensitive national secrets they will have a TOP SECRET SCI 'Secure Compartmentalized Information' designation Like A DoD War Plan should we decide to attack Iran

She pulls out first 30-page doc with TS SCI cover page shows the audience and fellow jurors the bright unmistakable cover page, and drops it onto the table with a loud thud.

MERCEDES (CONT'D)

Like a voluminous report on the specifications capabilities of the Chinese nuclear submarines (pulls out and smacks down 2nd large report showing audience) Like a report on our own nuclear submarine capabilities (smacks third report down) These are some of our nations most highly guarded secrets. They can include maps, schematics, and satellite images. They can identify spies working for us and the methods we use to spy on our adversaries. Millions of our tax dollars go into compiling and creating these documents. They are most certainly NOT the personal property of the president.

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MERCEDES (CONT'D)

And no prior president has ever take anything like these documents with him as he left the White House.

ROY

What about...

MERCEDES

Say Hillary's emails and I might have to hit you Roy.

ROY

Well what about her emails.

JULIUS

Let me handle this one Mercedes. Hillary Clinton wasn't in government when she had her email server. She was coming back in as Obama's Secretary of State. She was emailing with George Bush's State Department folks during the transition, when they sent HER some sensitive information. GW's people claim it was stuff that never should have been classified in the first place. Comey did a whole investigation and found nothing serious of even chargeable. She didn't have anything like the Agency Records Trump had. It ain't even close. But regardless bro weren't y'all chanting "lock her up" for that?

ROY

Maybe she had way worse.

ASHLEY

My mother told me once that men will believe the worst rumor about a woman before they believe the worst fact about a man... I think I see it now.

MERCEDES

Back to the timeline; 8 months from requesting them in January 2022 the National Archives people finally get 15 boxes. And what do they find? Not handwritten notes. Not "Dear Kim Jong Un" letters.

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MERCEDES (CONT'D)

They find documents with Top Secret markings. Intelligence and DoD material. One Hundred and eighty four classified documents. That's the moment the National Archives realizes this is not paperwork dispute over personal records, this is a national security issue under the Espionage Act. Now, the Archives has to notify the Justice Department..... Why? Because archivists don't investigate espionage crimes.

On the White board "Criminal Referral February 2022"

MERCEDES (CONT'D)

So the government says:
 "Please, pretty please with sugar on top please return any remaining national secrets you might be hoarding" Note that any other citizen of the United States that was reported to have these types of documents in their possession would have had their house raided within hours of the Archives reporting it. Trump is being treated with kid gloves this entire time. It is not until THREE MONTHS later that the DOJ finally tires of Trumps stalling and issues a subpoena to return ALL classified he may have in his possession.

On the White board "DOJ Subpoena May 11 2022"

MERCEDES (CONT'D)

Now everybody in this story knows the stakes. Lawyers know. Staff knows.... Trump knows. The United States government is officially demanding every remaining classified document. This is the fork in the road. This is where the story could've ended. He could've returned everything. No FBI. No raid. No indictment. No trial. But according to the evidence... that's not what happened.

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MERCEDES (CONT'D)

Boxes start moving.
 Not metaphorically.
 Physically.
 Security footage later shows boxes
 being taken out before the lawyer
 searching for classified documents
 comes in. Then fewer boxes come
 back.

On the White Board "DOJ Visit June 3, 2022 - Christina Bobb
 Certifies all docs returned."

MERCEDES (CONT'D)

DOJ visits Mar A Lago un invitation
 and the Trump team turns over 38
 more classified documents during
 this visit. Christina Bobb - his
 OWN lawyer - signs paperwork saying
 everything responsive to the
 subpoena was returned.
 But it wasn't. Seeing the video
 surveillance system in the
 documents area DOJ gets a Subpoena
 for the security footage for those
 cameras at Mar a Lago.

On the White Board "DOJ Subpoenas Video footage June 11,
 2022"

MERCEDES (CONT'D)

Carlos De Oliveira and Yuscil
 Taveras testify that they were
 asked to participate in the
 destruction of the surveillance
 footage.

On the White Board "FBI Search of Mar A lago August, 2022"

MERCEDES (CONT'D)

TWO MONTHS later the FBI shows up
 with a warrant and finds more
 classified documents anyway.
 In a ballroom storage room. In a
 bathroom. In other parts of the
 club. Show the exhibit marked "FBI
 Search Photos"

On the TV shows a slide show of the dramatic pictures of the
 boxes of documents spread around Mar a Lago.

MERCEDES (CONT'D)

Over a hundred MORE classified
 documents. TS SCI cover sheets
 detached from their documents.

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MERCEDES (CONT'D)

Tell me something honestly.
 If this was all innocent...
 Why did every step make things
 worse?
 Why didn't the problem get smaller
 every time the government asked for
 cooperation?
 Why did it keep growing?
 (softly)
 That's what convinced me.
 Not that he had documents.
 That every chance to end this
 peacefully turned into another act
 of concealment.

Actors Freeze and the Judge appears once more.

JUDGE

Now this is where a jury would be
 looking at the Surveillance footage
 showing the boxes of documents
 being moved and the obstruction
 attempts that Jack Smith laid out
 in his charging document. I wish we
 had it to show you but Judge Cannon
 has blocked the release of all that
 evidence. But here is something to
 think about; Trump has been in
 office for over a year and a half
 (as of this writing edit to current
 duration). If all these key
 witnesses that Jack Smith built his
 case on- His employees Brian
 Butler, Carlos De Oliveira and
 Yuscil Taveras, His own Attorney
 Evan Cochran, Mark Meadows
 Biographers, and all the other
 witnesses with no motive to lie- If
 they lied and perjured themselves
 where are the indictments? Trump
 elevated his personal attorney to
 acting AG. He indicting everyone
 who crossed him. He's indicted Jim
 Comey for posting a picture of
 seashells that spelled 8647.. So
 all these witnesses lie about
 Trump's obstruction efforts. They
 are all "deep state" Trump haters
 making up stuff. Trump gets back
 into office and he doesn't indict
 them? Or indict Jack Smith for
 that matter? The answer is simple.

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JUDGE (CONT'D)

Were Trump indict any of these people for perjury they would be entitled to discovery. They would be entitled to air and present the evidence that they are accused of lying about. Cannon seal on all the evidence and the blocking of Jack Smith's report on the documents case would essentially be broken. The evidence is so damning against Trump he has to keep it buried. But the fact never stay hidden forever. November is coming.... and a Democratically run House or Senate would have standing to subpoena all the evidence Jack Smith uncovered.

Judge walks off and actors unfreeze.

MURIELLE

From January 2021 to August of 2022, that's a year an 8 months all of these Top Secret docs are floating around Mar a Lago and Bedminster. Come on Roy. Imagine if Obama had even ONE of these types of documents in his house in Chicago. He'd have been raided the next day after a credible report surfaced, and you'd be calling for him to be hung for treason.

ROY

Are you all done? Now let me you how I see it Trump is stubborn son of bitch I'll give you that. He had the Presidential Records Act. He decalred the documents personal as he had the right to do you heard the defence witness from the Judicial Review vs National Archives case. Ol'bubba Billy Boy Clinton declared his sock drawer tapes 'personal' and that set the precedent that Trump or any other president has broad discretion in what they feel is personal. Now these weaponize DOJ thugs want to tell him he doesn't have that right?

ATTICUS

Cone on Roy I listened to that closely.

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ATTICUS (CONT'D)

Clinton sat with a historian at the tail end of presidency and afterward and they made recording for his biography. He **personally** made the tapes... **personally** and declared them "**personal**" That is not even in the same universe as these.

Atticus hold up one of the thick TS SCI reports. Then he picks up the tape recorder.

ATTICUS (CONT'D)

This (holding the recorder) is not equal to this (holding up thick report. Trump did not personally make any of this. It aint hard bro they are throwing out red herrings.

ROY

That is debatable Atticus. Regardless if he misinterpreted the Presidential Records Act, or not, you don't raid a former presidents home.

MERCEDES

So you admit Roy that the National archives had a case that these... again national secrets... were not personal?

ROY

Yes.

MERCEDES

They were in dispute?

ROY

Yes.

MERCEDES

This gets to the core of this obstruction charge Roy. When there's a dispute and you get a subpoena, a legal court order to turn over materials, property, or whatever it, you don't get to just say "no". I believe I'm right so "no" You follow the courts order and you turn over everything then you make your case to get back what you feel is yours.

ASHLEY

I can think of an example (raising her hand like she's in school)

MURIELLE

You don't have to raise your hand Ashley. When my parents got divorced both the cars were registered in my dad's name. One was a minivan that my dad hated anyway... like why do you want it, and the judge said to hand over the ahhh..

JULIUS

Title?

ASHLEY

Yeah that's it. The title to the minivan and allow my mother to use it until ownership was decided... So like what Trump did was like my dad just saying "no" the minivan's mine, and then the judge like telling him again hand over the title and the car and him being like "no" I think its mine and then the Judge finally just send someone to seize the car.

JULIUS

Holy Shit Ashley that's actually a good analogy.

ASHLEY

Yay!

MERCEDES

Exactly right. No one is above the law Ashley.. In this case your dad would have also had to get his attorney to falsify a document stating he had turned over the car when he hadn't but good job.

ROY

Presidential Records Act. I hang my hat on it. I say we take the first vote on this charge.

MURIELLE

Fair enough... Ashley can you collect the votes.

Ashley moves around the room collecting post-it note votes. Mercedes seems completely dejected. She seem to have given up fighting.

MURIELLE (CONT'D)

Read them out.

ASHLEY

Guilty, Guilty, Not Guitly, Guilty,
Guilty, Guilty, Guilty, Guilty,
Guilty, Guilty, Guilty, Not Gulty.

MERCEDES

God Damn it.

MURIELLE

Mercedes, let not blaspheme in
here. That 10 Guilty to 2 Not
Guilty.

MERCEDES

Who here still needs convincing
huh?

ROY

You all really want to be guilty
votes when he wins?

MERCEDES

Win's what Roy? Are you
threatening us? Like he's gonna
come after us if president?

ROY

Look at you foaming at the mouth,
deranged again. Trump is gonna be
too busy fighting inflation to care
about you Mercedes. I was just
talking about him winning the case.
Don't you want to be on the winning
side?

MERCEDES

Who wants to admit they joined Roy
here? Who was the 2nd vote?

After a moment Julius raises his hand.

MERCEDES (CONT'D)

Julius? What happened to you?

ROY

He doesn't have to explain himself.
Stop bullying the poor boy.

JULIUS

I'm not a "boy" I'm a grown ass man.

ASHLEY

OH look I found a remote for the AC. I think it was just off.

She clicks a button and the AC comes on.

ROY

Ahhhh Thank you Ashley.

ATTICUS

Lets take a break let the room cool down. Come get a coffee with me youngblood.

Atticus and Julius step to the coffee area facing the audience.

ATTICUS (CONT'D)

What are you drinking son?

JULIUS

Nah I'm good Atti... Hey man I thought you were voting not guilty?

ATTICUS

Jules, you ever heard of type-A?

JULIUS

Yeah like hyper organized clean freak type people?

ATTICUS

Yeah, like that... It's born out of a need to control... Well when you combine type-A with a inability to admit your wrong you end with what call type-Asshole.... Like our boy Roy over there.... Well... I can admit when I'm wrong.. I done you wrong kid. Set a bad example for you.

JULIUS

What are you talking about Atti?

ATTICUS

I'm old and jaded as fuck but Staring across at Murielle holding her bible.... It made me realize..

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ATTICUS (CONT'D)
a courtroom is a just church with
fluorescent lights and bad coffee.
You know your bible son?

JULIUS
Sure do. Moms made me do Sunday
school.

ATTICUS
What spoken in darkness shall be
revealed in the light.

JULIUS
Luke?

ATTICUS
Mathew... The truth matters
Julius. We have to keep this place
sacred. This place is what hold
society together. Out there
there's no consequence for lies.
We're bombarded with "alternative
facts" and endless propaganda "war
is peace.. up is down." In hear
we sit face to face as citizens
with the promise to each other to
objectively examine the facts, and
come to determination of truth. We
can't lose that. Your generation
is gonna have to look up from their
phones and fight for the truth
again.

JULIUS
Atti, I got a fiancée and we're
talking houses and kids. It's like
you said this mother fucker is
gonna walk... He is gonna walk!...
and I got to get mine for the
family I want to build. I don't
believe he can win again after this
and it's like Roy says, he's not
gonna do all the bad things people
say. Rounding up brown folks,
pardoning his J6 rioters, acting
like a king... and what do you
think we're gonna have a ex-
president sitting in jail?

ATTICUS
Your oath was to defer to the Judge
on matters of sentencing. We are
not to consider the potential
sentence in our deliberations.

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ATTICUS (CONT'D)

Our role as citizens is to examine the Facts and the Law.. That's it. You swore that oath to god and country Jules.... "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

JULIUS

John

ATTICUS

8:32

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Intermission Video 2 Plays 5 or 10 minute versions available in shared folder.

Production Note About Intermissions: These intermissions allow the audience to talk with each other and discuss the evidence against Trump and connect socially. Consider having exhibits and excerpts from Jack Smith's Charging documents in the areas audience members might congregate. Also consider pointing audience members to better governance and anti-partisanship organizations like FairVote.org BraverAngels.org and <https://UniteAmerica.org/>

ACT III

Murielle enters the stage first holding her bible, Ashley joins her still eating her lunch.

MURIELLE

Republicans are big on putting the ten commandments in courts. (She opens her bible) It's a little down the list but it's there "Thou shall not bear false witness" I was MAGA I admit.. but witness after witness, good honorable people with no motive to lie, told me exactly who this man was. He so clearly lies like his breaths. I remember him holding up this book like this (hold up bible the way trump did at St. John's Episcopal Church). We saw it together on TV when my husband was alive. He immediately said "If that was "Obumma" he'd be holding up a Koran" When I look back at I see the pattern now.

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MURIELLE (CONT'D)

Every clearly damning thing the man did we'd minimize by telling ourselves the "Demonrats" were worse.

ASHLEY

I think his defense team wanted me on this jury. They think I'm dumb Murielle.

MURIELLE

You're not dumb Ashley... A little unfocused... Remind me to connect you with my daughter when this is over. My daughter has been preaching to me about getting rid of the party system using Open Primaries where the top five vote getter regardless of party go to the general and then they use a Instant Runoff system in the general.

ASHLEY

Instant Runoff?

MURIELLE

Yeah she calls it Ranked Choice too. The lowest vote-getter of the five that advance gets eliminated and their voters 2nd choice gets counted. If still no one has over 50% the 4th lowest gets eliminated and their voters 2nd choice gets counted. It's a runoff puts more options on the ballot but that doesn't require dragging everyone back to the polls multiple times to get to someone with majority support. I dismissed it for long time.. but being on this jury, and seeing how intractable our dive is.... and praying on it... I believe this is the way.

ASHLEY

Well I've got 300,000 follower I can pimp it for. Set up my Ranked Choice Thirst Traps.

MURIELLE

300,000 wow you make a lot of money with that?

ASHLEY

Honestly I'm broke. I get tons of free cosmetics though... I'm a little afraid my hair's gonna start falling out though. You want a coffee?

They get up and move toward the coffee station. As they walk:

MURIELLE

I'm scared for what we've left the next generation. In debt... divided... distrustful of the only institution's left that can bind us to a shared reality.... a shared purpose.... I feel like I have left is my church, and most of you kids don't have that.

ASHLEY

It's kind of been nice to get off my phone for bit Murielle. I'm having all kind of creative thoughts, and I've been sleeping better. Meeting all you guys.. being sequestered.. It's good..

As Ashley and Murielle clear attention now find Julius again as he looks though the evidence on the table. He picks up the audio recorder and examines it... A beat..he see the TV remote .. A beat... He looks around the room nervously no one is watching him. He pulls the batteries out of the remote and puts them in the recorder. He turn the device on and a bright red LED glows from the top. He looks around again... then slides it into his waistband, covering with his shirt. Julius walks toward the bathroom door. Lights go down on main stage and come up on the men's room. Roy stands at the sink as Julius enters.

ROY

Jules my man.

JULIUS

Hey Roy. You're feeling good I see.

ROY

I'm glad you've joined the winners.....

JULIUS

What were you saying before about being taken care of?

ROY

Dude there's all kind of money to be made in conservative media. You're gonna be a hero bro.

JULIUS

I'm not your brother man.

ROY

Your tunes gonna change in few months just you watch. Sleeping Joe is tanking. He's going back to the White House and he's gonna remember who got him there.

JULIUS

You think he's loyal? You saw 15 people on that stand that used to work for him telling you who he really is and you still think he's gonna look out for you?

ROY

He will. The problem with all those folks is they forgot to stay loyal.

JULIUS

They would tell you they stayed loyal to the office.... To the constitution.

ROY

We'll Julius there's a lot more money in my kind of loyalty.

JULIUS

To a man... over your country.

ROY

We lost our country a long time ago son. Wetbacks pouring across the border taking jobs from Americans.... Americans like you Jules.

JULIUS

Admit it for me Roy you just told them anything they wanted to hear to get on this jury didn't you?

ROY

Come on Jules you all built this country ain't you pissed these immigrants are taking good black jobs?

JULIUS

What's a '*black job*' Roy?

ROY

Any job I wouldn't do I guess... It's decision time son. You gonna cast your lot with the wetbacks or get rich with me?

Julius steps up to Roy he's fuming now.

JULIUS

My fiancée is one of those "wetbacks"...

ROY

My condolences then.

Julius grabs his throat. (matched to beginning scene)

JULIUS

Listen you racist piece of shit! I ain't like you I ain't for sale motherfucker!

Just then Atticus enters. He breaks up the fight.

Roy storms off into the deliberation room.

ATTICUS

Julius, what are you doing son?

JULIUS

I got that piece of shit Atticus.

He pulls out the audio recorder.

JULIUS (CONT'D)

He talking about getting paid for protecting Trump. We gotta get this mother fucker kicked off.

ATTICUS

Julius, what are you doing son? You get him kicked off like this it still a nullified jury. Except they got charges against you for recording jury deliberations.

JULIUS

Did you just tell me the truth had to matter? We have to expose the truth Atticus.

ATTICUS

We start breaking the law we're no better than them Julius.

JULIUS

We're just gonna let Roy fly these deliberations into the ground?

ATTICUS

We're gonna do our duty under the rules. We are gonna argue the fact and law and hope that eventually he comes around. That's all we can do.

JULIUS

He's never gonna budge Atticus.

ATTICUS

If it takes a month then we argue for a month... There's a reason deliberations are protected from recording and private. People need to be able to talk freely in this space.

JULIUS

Damn it Atticus... We gotta take the gloves off... Fight fire with fire..

ATTICUS

Fight corruption with corruption?

JULIUS

Corruption?

ATTICUS

When you violate the sanctity of this space you corrupt these proceedings.

JULIUS

What space? We're in the bathroom.

ATTICUS

It will be considered all part of the deliberations. Besides Florida is a two-party consent state.

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ATTICUS (CONT'D)
You can't record someone without
consent.

JULIUS
Fuck!

ATTICUS
I know you want action.. you want
to do something. Just give it
time Jules. Give me the recorder
I'll put it back.

Atticus and Julius return to the main room as everyone seem
to be settling back in from lunch.

MURIELLE
OK everyone we are back in.
Mercedes Do you want to lead the
next charge discussion.

Mercedes looks dejected and exhausted.

MERCEDES
I don't think I can...

MURIELLE
Are you sure? Does anyone
else want to lead the discuss on
the next charge?

ROY
Where are you all hiding? I know
there's more Trump supporters in
this room. Nobody wants try and
defend the man? Just gonna stay
the silent majority huh? Can't all
be libtards in the room -

MURIELLE
Roy as foreperson I can't tolerate
berating fellow jurors.

ROY
All you all have done is berate me!
Judge me... Everyone high and
mighty like there's not people in
this room that were gonna vote
guilty no matter what the facts and
evidence. I'm old enough to
remember the OJ trial. All the
forensics.. all the witnesses...
his pretending to struggle getting
that glove on....

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ROY (CONT'D)

and it all got erased cause one cop dropped some racial slurs once. You all cheered when a black man got acquitted for murdering white woman.

ATTICUS

It was more complicated than that Roy.

MURIELLE

We are here to talk about one defendant and one case only. Now Does anyone want to start discussion on a particular charge?

Everyone looks to Mercedes she shill dejected. Julius steps up.

JULIUS

Yeah... Lets talk about Retention charge 23 and 24 The nuclear submarine documents. The key witnesses here Brian Butler, who was employee number five in charging docs, and Anthony Pratt. Brian Butler was the transportation director at Mar a Lago. A loyal employee to trump who if there was any financial incentive to lie it would be to protect Trump. Mar a Lago was his livelihood. Anthony Pratt was an Australian businessman with a membership at Mar A Lago. Do we have the transcript of Butlers testimony?

ATTICUS

The defense brought in that interview he did on MSNBC to try and poke holes with the little discrepancies but I think he was pretty consistent. You got that? Might be quicker than reading all that testimony.

JULIUS

Thank yo Atticus, can we play (refers to his notes) that exhibit labeled "Brian Butler CNN Interview section 15"

Kaitlan : How important is it for you here to tell the truth now?

Brian Butler: I mean, that's all we can do. I haven't tried to skirt anything with investigators or anything. I just, I feel it's the right thing to do. The right thing for the country. I mean, this is so much bigger than me. It's bigger than Carlos. You know, this is a nation that needs to decide who's going to be the the next president.

Kaitlan : Were there ever any instances when you were still working there that you witnessed where Trump was, in your view, carelessly throwing around national security information?

Brian Butler: You know, it's really, you know, stood out to me. But in, I believe it was April of 2021. There was a member, Anthony Pratt, who he was coming. He flew in the night before. He's an Australian billionaire. He finishes his meeting with the former president, gets in the car, and his chief of staff says. How did the meeting go? Pratt, without saying, just says he told me. And it would be, you know, us military, you know, classified information of what he told them about Russian submarines and US submarines. And that's really all I remember hearing. And I went, what? You know, I'm thinking this. I'm in the car. I'm like that. I just hear that. So it wasn't like, oh, the meeting went well. We talked about it was he went straight to the point. He told me that the U.S. subs and with the Russian subs and, you know, something that would more than likely, in my mind, be classified.

Kaitlan : So it was clear to you that he was basically seeking access to-

Brian Butler: Oh, absolutely.

JULIUS (CONT'D)

That's all I wanted to play you can stop it. So this is US and Russian nuclear submarine capability secrets that none of us, nor Brian Butler, nor Anthony Pratt should have had access to.

ROY

Blah Blah blah. Did they find these nuclear submarine reports?

The actors freeze again, and the Judge take the stage.

JUDGE

Here we are again in the realm of wildly important information that Judge Cannon has ruled you're not allowed to know. We don't know if top secret nuclear submarine reports were ever recovered. We know that Anthony Pratt was a mentioned in the charging documents. We do not know what is in his deposition or what he would have eventually testified to. Again all this is being hidden under Cannon's ruling to seal the case. What we know about Anthony Pratt comes to us from Brian Butler. Neither Pratt nor his chief of staff went to the press with their stories. But ask yourself this; If Butler was lying about Pratts recounting the nuclear sub secrets why **wouldn't** Pratt come forward and defend his friend Trump? Or his Chief of staff for that matter? They have every reason to come to their friend Trumps defense and yet they are silent. Even a simple press release stating "Brian Butler's claim that I was shown or told about classified nuclear submarine secrets is false."..... Here is the Problem with Trump. Often he can get one person to lie for him. Like a Michael Cohen in the past or a Walt Nauta but when he starts to need biographers, and Drivers, and his Mar A Lago members, and their chiefs of staffs, and security employees, when he needs 3, 4 or 5 people to all perjure themselves his lies fall apart. For the purposes of this this fictional drama based on our best guess from available data, we are gonna assume Pratt testified he was shown a classified report on US and Russian Submarines but that Report was never recovered.

Judge steps off and the actors unfreeze.

JULIUS

The fact they never found the report is even worse Roy.

ASHLEY

I remember that same guy Brian talked about security. It could have walked Roy.

ROY

Mar a Lago is secure. Probably more secure than the White House.

JULIUS

Play (referring to notes) exhibit 1337

ROY

You're all wasting my time.

CNN interview with Brian Butler plays.

Kaitlan: You know the property really well. And one thing that we wrote about in the indictment that the prosecutor said was that essentially there were thousands of guests that had come through Mar-A-Lago in the period that the documents were there. Correct? We know there were kept in all kinds of public places. I mean, how secure would you say Mar-A-Lago is?

Brian: Well, I mean, there's been some very public instances of people sneaking on property. Look, I think it's secure, but there were definitely a lot of gaps where people could get in very easily.

Kaitlan; Did who had access to the rooms where the documents were kept?

Brian: I, you know, I don't know if a master key, but I mean, like, I could have went and got a master key to all the rooms, you know, for check ins. You know, I oversaw all the check ins with the valets, all of that. So, I mean, feasibly at night, anybody could.

JULIUS

For a year and a half any bad actor that could pay their way into Mar A Lago, and with enough stealth to swipe one of the many master keys floating around Mar A Lago, could have gotten access to some or all of these documents. These Documents Roy.

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JULIUS (CONT'D)

(holds up thick report with TS coversheet) Not little notes with classified tidbits about foreign dignitaries. (hold up single sheet of paper) These (holds the thick report to his face) And your the only one in this room that doesn't care Roy.

ROY

I'm not alone in here? I'm not. I'm just the only one still willing to say it out loud. There's a silent majority in this country that sees exactly what this is. People in this room scared to say it because people like you destroy anybody who steps out of line. Call them racist, stupid, traitors, conspiracy nuts. But they're here. And you can wave all the binders you want - we don't trust the people bringing the charges. Not anymore. Come one you cowards stand with me.

Nobody moves

ROY (CONT'D)

This room isn't America? A couple college liberals, some cable-news junkies, quoting scripture like you're the last guardians of democracy?

My father worked thirty years at Ford in Flint. Thirty years. Never missed a shift. Then one morning they tell him the plant's cutting jobs while politicians stand on TV talking about free trade like it's some kind of religion. Democrats used to talk like they gave a damn about workers. Then they started talking about global markets and 'economic transitions' while guys like my father drank themselves to death in dark living rooms. You know what unemployment does to marriages?... to children?...

He points toward the evidence boxes.

ROY (CONT'D)

That stuff means something to you. To people like you. You trust agencies. You trust experts. You trust the same institutions that sold out every working stiff in this country and then called us stupid when we noticed. And now I'm supposed to trust these people? The FBI? The intelligence agencies? The same government that lied about wars, lied about surveillance, lied about what NAFTA would do to towns like my hometown? You sit here acting like this case is sacred because it has fancy folders and government stamps on it. I see the same machine that's been crushing working people for five decades.

Roy's voice cracks now – quieter, more dangerous.

ROY (CONT'D)

You know what scares you people? It's not Trump. It's that tens of millions of Americans looked at your institutions and stopped believing them. That's what this is really about. You think if you can convict him, everything goes back to normal. But normal was my dad staring at severance papers at forty-eight while politicians in both parties got rich." "You keep saying 'truth.' Your truth came from universities, newspapers, federal agencies, people with credentials hanging on walls. But there's another America out there – people who learned the hard way that the powerful protect each other and ordinary people get lectures.

Mercedes lifts her head and stands up.

MERCEDES

Roy is right.. This case is not about the facts the laws. It's about us.

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MERCEDES (CONT'D)

No matter what solemn oath we take to pursuit the truth, that oath is only as good as the bond of mutual respect we have for one another. We had a good run... 250 years.. but we no longer care for or trust one another enough to pursuit truth. We'd rather distract ourselves and pretend we're ok than rebuild the damage we've done. So let them burn it all down. Let them put the conman back in office and watch him loot the treasury while he gives his supporters bread and circus. With all the media distractions they can drum up it will be a long while before anyone realizes we've hit rock bottom. Roy deludes himself with a fantasy of a "silent majority" but here's how it really breaks down

She steps to white board and draws pie chart.

MERCEDES (CONT'D)

35% of people that could vote just stay home completely checked-out. Of the remaining 65% a bout a third are Independent a third are Republican and a third are Democrats.

She cuts the already small wedge that is republicans in half.

MERCEDES (CONT'D)

Half of republicans don't like Trump they know he's a conman but they like tax cuts. The other half is full-on MAGA people like Roy. But in our broken two party system with plurality rules voting and the electoral college this little wedge is all Trump needs to get what he wants.

ATTICUS

We can't just give up on justice Mercedes. The truth has to mean something.

MERCEDES

We've lost our institutions because of hyper partisanship, We have hyper partisanship because we have devolved into a two-party system, we have two parties because there's a spoiler effect whenever a third party tries to enter the conversation. We have the spoiler effect because we use plurality rules voting instead of requiring runoffs that lead to a true majority. We aren't gonna begin to fix the country until we fix our democracy. Have an open primary that pares it down to five candidates and have some form of runoff until someone has majority support. No parties just issues and character. But this is gonna take decades before the party power is broken and better government works its way up. We've run out of time.

MURIELLE

Where does that leave us with this case Mercedes.

MERCEDES

We tell the judge what Roy just said. A juror who refuses to look at evidence because he distrusts the government is grounds for jury nullification. It will be a mistrial. There won't be enough time to retry the case before the election. So the prosecution will not refile. Then we hope that the voters have been paying attention. That we don't put him back in a position of power.

MURIELLE

It used to be we didn't need a guilty verdict to deny someone the privilege of being our president. When it was clear Nixon was at a minimum ethically challenged senators from both parties told him he had to resign.

ATTICUS

They made that senator from SNL..
the Minnesota guy.. resign for an
inappropriate joke.

MURIELLE

Ill write the note Ashley get the
bailiff?

Murielle writes a note telling the judge they are hung.

ROY

What are you writing?

MURIELLE

That we are hung by a juror that
should be nullified.

ROY

Nullified.... There's no
nullifying us.. We're here to stay
Murielle. Whether you all like it
or not.

Ashley takes the note to the door and hands to Bailiff.

MURIELLE

I hope the judge doesn't let us
give up on you Roy.

The room waits quietly for a response from the judge. Ashley
looks at the stack of Top Secret reports.

ASHLEY

This has to mean something right?

ATTICUS

We're about to find out kid.

The Bailiff returns

BAILIFF

The judge has reconvened the court
I'll bring you in now.

Everyone begins filing out.

ATTICUS

I just hope I'm not looking at gold
statues of the man and his face on
our money in two years.

ROY

That will never happen.

The stage clears and the spotlight falls on the stack of
Classified document on the table. Before

Black.