

**FRESHMEN**

“The First Week”

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TEASER

INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

A THREE BEDROOM ROW HOUSE JUST A FEW BLOCKS FROM THE CAPITOL BUILDING IN WASHINGTON DC. THERE IS A LIVING AREA, COUCHES, A FEW CHAIRS, TV, A KITCHEN, A HALLWAY AND STAIRS TO THE SECOND FLOOR.

CAMERON GRAHAM, (30'S AND GOOD LOOKING IN A CUTE, "YOU ROOT FOR HIM" KIND OF WAY) LOUNGES ON THE COUCH IN A TUX SHIRT AND PANTS, DRINKING A BEER.

JANE KEATHLY (30'S, LOOKS BOTH BEAUTIFUL AND SMART, NOT UNLIKE HELEN HUNT IN "MAD ABOUT YOU) SITS IN A CHAIR, WEARING SLEEP PANTS AND A SWEATSHIRT, DRINKING WINE, WITH HER FEET TUCKED UNDER HER.

VINCE RAPP (30'S CLASSICALLY GOOD LOOKING, IN A "FRAT PRESIDENT" KIND OF WAY, WORKS OUT, PERFECT HAIR, ETC.) SITS IN MATCHING SILK PAJAMAS WITH HIS FEET ON THE COFFEE TABLE, DRINKING SCOTCH.

JANE

Okay. Let's hear some more secrets.

Craziest place you've ever had sex.

Mine was high school, the very back of my parents station wagon. I know it doesn't sound that crazy, but they were driving and had no idea we were there.

CAMERON

College. The zoo. She really wanted to. Said animals watching turned her on. (BEAT) I dumped her right after.

VINCE

I'd have to say right after high school, my mom's best friend's bedroom.

CAMERON

Weird. Was she there or --  
(REALIZING) It was with your mom's best friend wasn't it?

VINCE

She made me cookies after.

THEY LAUGH AND DRINK. AFTER A BEAT...

JANE

Well, it's the end of the first week. I have to say, it did not turn out the way I thought it would.

CAMERON

Not for me either.

VINCE

It's exactly how I though it'd be.

THERE'S BEAT THEN CAMERON LOOKS AT VINCE.

CAMERON

(STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT) Your mom's best friend's bedroom. Really?

VINCE

I was going to say the couch you're sitting on but I thought it would upset you.

CAMERON JUMPS OFF THE COUCH.

INT. RADISSON BALLROOM - EVENING

CHYRON: *THREE MONTHS EARLIER...*

IT'S CAMERON'S ELECTION VICTORY PARTY. HE SPEAKS TO A CROWD, UNDER A BANNER OF HIS CAMPAIGN LOGO:, "ILLINOIS NEEDS CAMERON GRAHAM. GRAHAM FOR CONGRESS, 2010."

CAMERON

...together we will change the world!  
And we will do it not with empty  
promises but with hard work! Because  
if there're three things I hate it's --

INT. HYATT BALLROOM - EVENING

JANE STANDS ON A RISER UNDER HER CAMPAIGN BANNER, "WE NEED A FIGHTER. JANE KEATHLY FOR CONGRESS"

JANE

-- honesty, good values and America.  
I was innovative in my business life  
and when I bring that spirit of  
innovation to Washington, I vow to  
always be completely --

INT. SPORTS BAR - EVENING

VINCE STANDS ON A TABLE. BEHIND HIM IS HIS BANNER "REAL CHANGE, REAL IDEAS, REAL AWESOME - RAPP FOR CONGRESS"

VINCE

-- naked... partisanship that has  
consumed Congress. I couldn't be more  
pumped to get to D.C. and --

INT. RADISSON BALLROOM - EVENING

CAMERON

-- defend you.

INT. HYATT BALLROOM - EVENING

JANE

-- fight for you.

INT. SPORTS BAR - EVENING

VINCE

-- kick some ass.

AC/DC'S "BACK IN BLACK" PLAYS AS VINCE STEPS BACK AND STANDS WITH HIS STAFF AND FRIENDS.

FRIEND

You're now a United States  
Congressman! (BEAT) Man, you're  
gonna get so laid out there!

INT. RADISSON BALLROOM - CONTINUOUS

CAMERON STEPS DOWN. HIS WIFE, CRYSTAL RUNS TOWARDS HIM.

CRYSTAL

(EXCITED) We did it! We did it!

CAMERON

Thank you. Crystal, I couldn't --

SHE RUNS RIGHT PAST HIM AND HUGS HER VERY SERIOUS  
LOOKING FATHER, MALCOLM. CAMERON SHAKES HIS HEAD.

INT. HYATT BALLROOM

JANE STEPS DOWN AND EXITS THROUGH A CURTAIN, WHERE HER  
HUSBAND, GLEN IS WAITING. THEY SHARE A SHORT HUG.

GLEN

I am so proud of you. (BEAT) So can  
we get divorced now? Gideon and I  
want to go to Vermont.

GIDEON, STANDING OFF TO THE SIDE GIVES A LITTLE WAVE.

FADE OUT.

ACT ONETRANSITION DEVICE:

WE WANT TO USE A WEBSITE AS A DEVICE IN THE SERIES. MUCH LIKE HOW "JUST SHOOT ME" USED THEIR MAGAZINE COVERS. OUR WEBSITE IS FOOLSONTHEHILL.COM. IT WILL BE MODELED AFTER THE TERRIBLY SUCCESSFUL, BEAUTIFULLY PUT TOGETHER AND JUST ALL AROUND GENIUS SITE, "THE HUFFINGTON POST." BRIGHT, COLORFUL, EVEN SOPHISTICATED. WITH REAL NEWS, WASHINGTON GOSSIP, OPINIONS, COLUMNS WRITTEN BY OUR CHARACTERS, ETC.

THIS FIRST TIME WE SEE IT, THE CAMERA SCANS THE SITE, LANDING ON A PHOTO OF A MAN IN A SUIT, SPRAWLED OUT ON THE CAPITOL STEPS AFTER SLIPPING ON SOME ICE. HIS BRIEFCASE HAS POPPED OPEN AND THERE ARE PAPERS EVERYWHERE.

OVER THE PHOTO IS THE HEADLINE "*FRESHMEN CONGRESS MEMBERS STRUGGLE TO ADJUST TO FIRST WEEK*"

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. JANE'S CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE - EVENING

IT'S BUSY. PEOPLE CROSSING THROUGH, PHONES RINGING, ETC. ADAM HARRIS SITS AT HIS DESK OUTSIDE JANE'S OFFICE AND ANSWERS THE PHONE.

ADAM

Representative Keathly's office.

She's not in at the moment may I --

JANE ENTERS FROM THE HALL AND PROPS THE DOOR OPEN.

ADAM (cont'd)

Oh, wait, she --

JANE EXITS AND COMES BACK IN LUGGING A FOLDED UP ROLL-A-WAY BED.

ADAM (cont'd)

No. I'm afraid she's not here. Of course. (HANGS UP, THEN TO Jane)

Good afternoon, Congresswoman. May I help you with your... bed? (LOOKS CLOSER) Your used bed?

JANE

I am not staying at that hotel another night. The walls are so thin, I haven't slept in days. Is it the only place in town where people have sex? Last night it was going on under me, on top of me, then I got it from behind. I might be pregnant.

ADAM

I can book you a new hotel.

JANE

No. I spent so much on my campaign, I can't keep paying for a hotel room. Representative Wilton had this cot in his office and he said I could use it. I'll sleep here. Lots of members do it. I'll be back home in my district half the time anyway.

SHE EXITS INTO HER OFFICE AND COMES RIGHT BACK OUT.

JANE (cont'd)

Where are my framed pictures of the President playing basketball?

ADAM

I took them down.

JANE

Why?

ADAM

I thought people might find it odd that you had so many pictures in your private office of the President sweating.

JANE

Putting up photos of our commander in chief is not odd, it's patriotic.

ADAM

There was one in your bathroom.

JANE

Can you at least put up one of him in a suit?

ADAM

Yes.

JANE

Bathing suit?

ADAM

No.

FOOLSONTHEHILL.COM: CAMERA FOCUSES ON AN ARTICLE IN THE BOTTOM LEFT:

*"A DREAM FINALLY REALIZED" BY REPRESENTATIVE CAMERON GRAHAM.*

*"As long as I can remember I have longed to work in the capitol, solving the significant problems that affect the entire country..."*

INT. CAMERON'S CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE - DAY

CAMERON IS ON THE PHONE.



CAMERON

I don't know where the remote is,  
Crystal. Well, I can't find it over  
the phone. I have the Energy  
Secretary on the other line I --  
Please stop screaming at me. Hold on.  
(CLICKS TO OTHER LINE) Mr. Secretary,  
I'm going to have to call you back,  
sir. There's an emergency in my  
district. (CLICKS BACK) Okay,  
Crystal, listen. Did you have any  
snacks? Okay, check in the popcorn  
bowl. See? Problem solved. Now, I  
have to go -- (LYING) Of course, I'd  
love to hear what bills your father  
thinks I should vote for. But I don't  
have to vote how he -- (DEFEATED) Yes,  
I want to get re-elected. The house I  
found is fine, I have a roommate,  
Vince, another freshman from Arizona.  
He's a bit of a cretin, but -- What?  
You just had it in your hand! Is it  
in the bowl again? There you go.  
Good bye, Crystal.

CAMERON HANGS UP, FRUSTRATED. HE MOVES AROUND THE ROOM,  
CURSING WITHOUT ACTUALLY CURSING, NOISES, HALF WORDS,  
ETC. BUT THEN HE STOPS, TAKES A DEEP BREATH, PUTS HIS  
PALMS TOGETHER AND HOLDS THEM IN FRONT OF HIS FACE.

CAMERON HAS A VERY STRANGE WAY OF CALMING HIMSELF WHEN  
HE'S WORKED UP AND WE'RE ABOUT TO SEE IT.

IT CAN ONLY BE DESCRIBED AS SOME KIND OF DANCE-KARATE. QUICK PUNCHES AND KICKS, COUPLED WITH SLOWER MORE FLUID "DANCE" MOVES. IF DONE RIGHT, IT WILL BE VERY FUNNY. AS HE PERFORMS HIS CALMING EXERCISE, HIS CHIEF OF STAFF,

LANCE (40, A BIG GUY, AND VERY DRY - HE'S BEEN DOING THIS FOR YEARS AND SEEN IT ALL) ENTERS WITH SOME PAPERS AND A PLASTIC BAG FILLED WITH COLORED BRACELETS.

CAMERON (cont'd)

Ah!

LANCE

Sorry. I'll get you a sign that says "Being weird." You can hang it on your door.

CAMERON

It's a calming exercise. To reduce stress. My doctor said -- What do you need, Lance?

LANCE

(HANDING HIM A PAPER) I have your wristband schedule for the day.

(PULLS ONE OUT) Green: Support the troops. Wear it to the breakfast meeting with General Coles. Blue and yellow stripes, Animal rights, for your lunch with Senator Douglas. She's a vegetarian.

CAMERON

Got it. Thank you.

LANCE

Grey, Canadian Awareness month. White with pink spots, Anti-rape.

CAMERON

Anti rape? Who isn't anti-rape?

LANCE

You, if you don't wear it. Brown with white spots, Save the Bears, blue and silver, The Israeli Defense Fund, red and black, Free Palestine. Don't mix those up...

CAMERON

This is how I spend my first week in Congress? It's ridiculous. Do I really have to wear all these?

LANCE

Nobody said sitting on this side of the aisle would be easy. You should switch. On the other side all you have to wear is a flag pin.

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CAMERA FINDS A PHOTO OF VINCE OVER THE HEADLINE:

*HOTTEST ON THE HILL #3 - REP. VINCE RAPP*

*"Single Congressman Vince Rapp is sure to take the hill by storm as one of Congress's most eligible bachelors..."*

INT. VINCE'S OFFICE - DAY

VINCE IS IN HIS OFFICE SITTING AREA WITH AN OLDER GENTLEMAN, MR. HIBBERT. VINCE WEARS A FLAG PIN.

MR. HIBBERT

Thank you for meeting with me.

VINCE

I understand your organization has a cause you believe I can help you with?

MR. HIBBERT

We want to ban rainbows from schools.

VINCE

Rainbows?

MR. HIBBERT

The gays have stolen rainbows from the good people of this country and made it their symbol. It no longer means "the rains are over let us bask in Gods glory." It now means, "Power to gays and lesbians, stand up, put on outrageous get-ups and have a parade."

VINCE

I'm going to be straight with you, sir. Banning rainbows would be very difficult to do.

MR. HIBBERT

I understand it'd be controversial.

VINCE

It's not that, with my re-election just two years away, I just don't know if I'd have the time.

MR. HIBBERT

Of course. (BEAT) Apropos of nothing, my organization would like to donate fifteen thousand dollars to your re-election.

VINCE

Twenty thousand dollars, you say? Maybe I can find time to talk to my colleagues about your proposal.

MR. HIBBERT

Wonderful.

VINCE

Oh, one other thing. I will need your organization to rent me a limo for two weeks. You know, so even when I'm sitting in traffic I can work on the banning of the rainbows.

MR. HIBBERT

Of course.

VINCE

Now you understand there's nothing I can do about actual rainbows, right? The ones caused by nature?

MR. HIBBERT

Unfortunately, yes.

INT. JANE'S OFFICE - NIGHT

JANE IS SLEEPING ON THE COT. SHE LOOKS PEACEFUL AND HAPPY. SUDDENLY...

LOUD SEX NOISES. GRUNTING, HEADBOARD BANGING, "OH MY GOD'S," THE WORKS. JANE STIRS...

JANE

What? (REALIZING) No. No! (FULLY AWAKE) Really? Come on!

INT. HALLWAY - NIGHT

IN SWEATS AND A T-SHIRT, JANE MARCHES TO THE OFFICE NEXT DOOR AND BANGS ON IT. IT OPENS REVEALING VINCE WEARING A BATHROBE WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL SEAL ON IT.

JANE

If you don't get dressed and get out of... (LOOKS AT NAME ON DOOR) representative Rapp's office I will call him at home and have you fired.

VINCE

I am representative Rapp.

JANE

What? You are?

VINCE

Look, I'm sorry we were loud. Don't worry about emptying the garbage cans, you can do it tomorrow.

JANE

I'm not the cleaning lady! I am Representative Keathly. And I'm trying to sleep next door. Why is everyone having sex!? And doesn't anyone do it at their house anymore?

VINCE

Apparently you didn't.

JANE

What?

VINCE

You're the gay husband lady, right?

JANE

Great. I made VP at a billion dollar company when I was twenty eight. I won my district with the largest margin of any candidate since 1977 and I was a starting guard on the NIT champion Washington Husky basketball team. But, yeah, I guess I'm just the "gay husband lady."

VINCE

And now you're also the "sleeps in her office like a homeless person" lady. You're a member of the United States Congress. You should hold yourself to a higher standard, don't you think?

JANE

You're having sex with some floozy in your Congressional office at two in the morning!

FLOOZY (O.S.)

Hey!

JANE

(CALLING) Sorry. (TO VINCE) Just keep it down, okay.

VINCE

Do you need a place to live? I'm living in a three bedroom on C Street, just two doors from Seventh and there's a room open. My roommate's kind of dork, Cameron Graham from Illinois, but it's cheap...

JANE

Live with you? I don't think so.

VINCE

Not like that. It's very common for Congress members to live together, it's cheaper than buying a place and better than sleeping in your office.

JANE

No. Thanks. (STARTS TO GO, THEN) And do me a favor. Tell your friend that you're not going to stop. That way she can stop reminding you over and over and over again.

INT. LIVING ROOM - EVENING

CAMERON AND VINCE ENTER WITH LAUNDRY BASKETS.

CAMERON

The guy wanted you to ban rainbows?  
You really going to introduce that?



VINCE

I'll bring it up in committee, it'll get shot down and I'll drive away in my limo with another 20 G's in the campaign kitty.

AS THEY SIT ON THE COUCH AND FOLD LAUNDRY...

CAMERON

Why would you want a limo?

VINCE

(UPSET) Why would I-- Are you -- Limos are the ultimate sign of status. Being in a limousine tells the world that you are a success. That you're better than everyone else.

CAMERON

Or it says you just graduated high school or you got a coupon in the mail for half off a limo ride.

VINCE

You'll change your mind when you ride in it. You have to come out tonight. My friend Jase is a third termmer. He can get us into the "Americans for Freedom and Values" party tonight.

CAMERON

What is that?

VINCE

A non-profit started by the NRA and some drug companies.

CAMERON

I don't think so. I'm on the Energy Committee and we're holding hearings on a policy bill at the end of the week. I have to read it. It's 1200 pages long and I'm only on page 200.

VINCE

Rule number 21 of being in Congress, never read the bills. Just vote with your party. Saves a lot of time.

CAMERON

That's not why I came here, Vince. I'm not like you, I actually want to accomplish something. If I nail this hearing, there's a chance I could get on the Foreign Affairs committee where I could really make a difference.

VINCE

You ready for rule number 3? You should only do two things your first year in Congress. Raise money for your re-election and get as much publicity as humanly possible.

VINCE (cont'd)

Get your picture in the paper, get on TV, schmooze people. Don't waste time reading, studying and knowing stuff.

CAMERON

Where are you getting all these rules?

VINCE

My friend Jase. Three termer.

CAMERON

What's rule number one?

VINCE

You'll learn them as we go.

VINCE REACHES INTO CAMERON'S BASKET, TAKES OUT A PAIR OF BOXER SHORTS AND SNIFFS THEM.

CAMERON

Please don't do that.

VINCE

Did you use my fabric softener?

CAMERON

Yes.

VINCE

I don't like people using my stuff.

CAMERON

I'm sorry. I'll pay you twenty-five cents for what I used.

VINCE

That would be great.

CAMERON

I was kidding.

VINCE

You must come out tonight. There's going to be lots of young talent, Rainbow Guy got me a stretch, we take them back to our offices...

CAMERON

I'm married, Vince. You know that.

VINCE

Rule number 83. No one's married when Congress is in session. Your wife is going to keep living back in your district right?

CAMERON

Yes.

VINCE

So you're going to cheat on her sooner or later. Why not start tonight?

CAMERON

I'm not going to cheat on her.

VINCE

You're a member of Congress now. One of the most powerful people in the entire world. You're not going to use that to get a little strange on the side? Talk about kicking yourself on your death bed...

CAMERON

Not only am I married but my father-in-law paid for my entire campaign. Do you have any idea how long I've tried to get here? I was voted Most Likely to Become President in high school. After Harvard, I came home and ran for the state assembly. I lost. I ran for this house seat three times and lost. Then I ran for Mayor and lost. Even though I had no idea what it was, I ran for State Comptroller and lost that, too. I ran a 10K, lost and broke my leg.

VINCE

Wait. Are you saying you married someone just so her father could get you elected?

CAMERON

No, of course not. I love Crystal and I'm not risking everything by going out with you and hitting on "young talent." Believe me, there is not a woman in DC that would make me cheat on my wife.

INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

IT'S THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT. THERE'S A LOUD AND CONTINUOUS KNOCKING ON THE DOOR. THE LIGHTS COME ON AND VINCE, IN SILK PAJAMAS, OPENS THE DOOR. IT'S JANE.

JANE

They start mowing the lawn at four am.

Where's my room? I'm about to die.

VINCE POINTS TO THE STAIRS AS CAMERON COMES OUT, WEARING ONLY HIS BRIEFS.

CAMERON

Who is it?

CAMERON FREEZES AS HE NOTICES JANE. EVEN THOUGH SHE HAS NO MAKE UP ON, HER HAIR IS A MESS AND SHE CAN BARELY STAND, TO CAMERON, SHE LOOKS BEAUTIFUL.

VINCE

Our new roommate.

SNAPPING BACK TO REALITY, CAMERON QUICKLY GRABS A DISH TOWEL AND COVERS HIMSELF.

FADE OUT.

ACT TWO

INT. LIVING ROOM - MORNING

CAMERON, VINCE AND JANE EAT BREAKFAST AND DRINK COFFEE.

JANE

I can't believe I finally slept. I  
feel human again.

VINCE

What made you change your mind about  
moving in?

JANE

You don't know? It's been all over  
the internet since yesterday.

FOOLSONTHEHILL.COM:

UNDER A PHOTO OF JANE STANDING WITH SOME MEN WITH HER  
EYES CLOSED, IS THE HEADLINE:

FRESHMAN FAIL

IT'S A VIDEO LINK AND AS IT PLAYS WE GO INTO IT...

INT. SMALL CONFERENCE ROOM - DAY

JANE'S CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE IS HAVING A PRESS  
CONFERENCE. THE HEAD OF THE COMMITTEE SPEAKS AT A  
MICROPHONE AS THE OTHER MEMBERS STAND BEHIND HIM.

COMMITTEE HEAD

(FLAT MONOTONE) As the world's demand  
for technology and innovation  
continues to grow...

JANE'S EYES START TO CLOSE BUT SHE CATCHES HERSELF AND  
OPENS THEM WIDE, TRYING TO STAY AWAKE. THEY START TO  
CLOSE AGAIN, BUT SHE QUICKLY JERKS AWAKE, BANGING HER  
HEAD ON THE WALL BEHIND HER. WE CAN TELL IT HURT.

SHE STAYS ALERT FOR A FEW MORE SECONDS BEFORE HER EYES  
START TO CLOSE AGAIN. SHE'S ASLEEP.

COMMITTEE HEAD (cont'd)

...with significant contributions from  
newest member, Representative Jane  
Keathly from Washington...

THE MAN NEXT TO HER NOTICES SHE'S ASLEEP AND TRIES TO  
NUDGE HER AWAKE. IT DOESN'T WORK. INSTEAD SHE PUTS HER  
HEAD ON HIS SHOULDER, NUZZLING IN. SHE LOOKS HAPPY.  
WHEN HE STEPS SIDeways IN AN ATTEMPT TO GET HER OFF HIM,  
JANE GOES DOWN, COLLAPSING OUT OF FRAME. SHE  
IMMEDIATELY POPS BACK UP, FULLY AWAKE AND TRIES TO PLAY  
IT OFF LIKE NOTHING HAPPENED.

INT. KITCHEN - MORNING

CAMERON

Well... (TRYING TO BE HELPFUL) your  
hair looked good.

JANE

Thanks. I got a new conditioner.  
(THEN) So, members of Congress have  
always lived together?

VINCE

Oh, yeah. This whole street is  
Congress. Senators Durbin and Schumer  
live two doors down. They've been  
roommates for years.

CAMERON

Is that who was cranking "Knights in  
White Satin" at one a.m. the other  
night?

JANE

Well, it was much better than --



CAMERON

(REALIZING) You're the Gay Husband  
Lady!

JANE

Yes, my husband was gay. And since he  
and his boyfriend Gideon moved to  
Vermont and started a small jam making  
company called "Two Fruits Fruit  
Preserves," I think it's safe to  
assume he still is.

VINCE

So what happened there? You just  
agreed to stay together until after  
the election?

JANE

If I wanted to win, I had no choice.  
Like my breast reduction --

VINCE

You got a breast reduction?

JANE

No female with big boobs has ever won  
an election. Look it up. It's true.  
And my husband was never really that  
into them, anyway. (BEAT) Of course  
that makes more sense now.

VINCE

That is so selfish. Did you ever stop and think about how that would affect anyone else? What about all the men who might want to stare at them as you walk by? Bury their face in their safe embrace when there's a thunder storm? Or even just inspire other women to get bigger ones?

JANE

I did what I had to do to win. And I will again. That's why I have to get married before the next election.

CAMERON

What? Why?

JANE

So I can lose the "Gay Husband Lady" stigma.

VINCE

If you need to find a man, tonight's the perfect time to start looking. We have the freshmen class photo today and afterwards everyone is going to Connelly's, a bar in Georgetown. There'll be a lot of single guys there, professors, lobbyists, lawyers. Even Congress members. And less than half of them are secretly gay.

INT. JANE'S OFFICE

ADAM IS AT HIS DESK AS JANE ENTERS FROM HER OFFICE  
LOOKING BEAUTIFUL BUT ALSO BUSINESS-LIKE.

ADAM

You look nice.

JANE

Thank you.

ADAM

When do you get your period?

JANE

I'm sorry?

ADAM

I just want to put it in the calendar.

JANE

You know there's a difference between  
"personal assistant" and "way-too-  
personal assistant."

ADAM

Taking care of your life is my job and  
I take it very seriously. I took the  
liberty of filling the right drawer in  
your bathroom with tampons.

JANE

Oh, god...

ADAM

All sizes because I didn't know how  
heavy --

JANE

Stop talking. Stop talking right now.

CAMERON ENTERS AND IS CLEARLY TAKEN WITH HOW GREAT JANE LOOKS.

CAMERON

You look... nice.

JANE

Thank you. I am queen of the pantsuit.

CAMERON

(SHOWING WRISTS) And I am queen of the colored bracelets. (QUICKLY) King. King of the bracelets. Queen? What? King. I'm the king.

JANE

Well, we better get walking King or we'll be stuck riding in --

VINCE ENTERS.

VINCE

Limo is ready and waiting. And guess what? It's gold. You know what people are going to think when they see us drive by in a sweet gold limo?

CAMERON

That we just won a bowling tournament?

JANE

That we're on our way to our Bar Mitzvah?

VINCE

Fine. Walk then. I don't care. I will bask in awesomeness of the purple lighted interior all by myself.

JANE

I just have to be careful tonight, I have a history of picking the wrong men.

CAMERON

You mean it wasn't just the jam-maker? You've done it before?

JANE

I'm almost savant-ish in my professional life, my career at Onixware, even running my campaign. But romantically... Gay husband and the two guys before that, one ended up in prison, the other one ended up having to be cut out of his bedroom by Richard Simmons.

FOOLSONTHEHILL.COM:

IT'S THE FRESHMAN CLASS PICTURE. EVERYONE IS LOOKING FORWARD EXCEPT CAMERON WHO IS CAUGHT LOOKING AT JANE.

INT. BAR - NIGHT

CAMERON, JANE AND VINCE ARE IN A BOOTH LOOKING AROUND THE BAR.

VINCE

What about three-piece suit guy? He'd look good standing next to you on your campaign poster.

JANE

Kind of fat isn't he? I don't need to be in a couple where two people have had breast reductions.

JANE (cont'd)

(TO CAM) You see anyone who'd be good for me?

CAMERON

(BEAT) Yes. But he's married.

VINCE LOOKS TO CAM AND WE SEE HIM REALIZE CAM WAS TALKING ABOUT HIMSELF. A MAN IN A SUIT ENTERS.

JANE

Oooh, check out the good-looking lawyer-type who just walked in.

VINCE

He looks good. Has all his hair and his socks don't match so you know he's straight. Go talk to him.

JANE

(DETERMINED) Okay.

SHE WALKS POINTEDLY TO THE LAWYER GUY. AFTER A FEW STEPS, SHE TURNS BACK.

JANE (cont'd)

What should I say?

VINCE

What?

JANE

I've been with Glen since high school. I'm out of practice. The last time I tried to get a guy to like me, I showed up at his soccer game in a too-tight Spice Girls t-shirt.

CAMERON

I don't know, tell him... you like his big muscles.

JANE

That's terrible. We're not starring in a 50's beach movie.

CAMERON

Well, I don't know how to pick up men. Call your ex-husband, he's probably great at it.

JANE

(TO HERSELF) I was a VP at a billion dollar company. This is nothing.

SHE CROSSES OFF.

VINCE

(NOTICING) Look, Senator Dobson. Lets go get a picture with him.

CAMERON

No thanks. Some of the members of the energy committee are meeting in the Russell building to go over the bill. I'm going head over there and --

VINCE

Listen to me. Rule number 19. Always get pictures. Photo-ops with people like Dobson, having drinks with the big players, that's what's going to get you on the Foreign Affairs committee, not going to meetings and studying bills. You know I'm never going to stop bugging you until you try it my way.

CAMERON

Fine. I'll stay.

VINCE

Great. Come on.

THEY WALK TO SENATOR DOBSON.

VINCE (cont'd)

Senator, hello. Representative Rapp. Arizona. 18th district. And this is Representative Graham from Illinois. What an honor to meet you. We should get a picture. (CALLING) Gloria! (TO CAM) Rule number 33. Know every photographer by name.



VINCE AND CAMERON STAND ON EITHER SIDE OF THE SENATOR.  
GLORIA, THE PHOTOGRAPHER, TAKES THE PICTURE.

SENATOR DOBSON

Rapp, Graben, nice to meet you.

CAMERON

My name is actually --

THE SENATOR'S GONE. CAM AND VINCE SEE JANE WITH THE  
LAWYER. SHE SQUEEZES HIS BICEP AND GIVES HIM A THUMBS  
UP. HE SMILES.

CAMERON (cont'd)

Hey, my "big muscles" line worked.

VINCE

That is so wrong. You tell a guy you  
like his big muscles, it's fine, no  
problem. You tell a woman you like  
her big rack, you get slapped.

CAMERON

(SARCASTIC) I know. This country is  
so sexist.

INT. LIVING ROOM - MORNING

VINCE IS MAKING A PROTEIN SHAKE IN THE KITCHEN AS  
CAMERON READS HIS LEGISLATION AND SIPS COFFEE.

VINCE

Hey, did you leave me that money for  
the fabric softener?

CAMERON

The twenty-five cents?

VINCE

Yeah.

CAMERON

No. Can I write you a check?

VINCE

Sure. Just do it soon. I don't want things to get weird between us.

CAM'S SHOCKED THAT HE'S BOTH SERIOUS AND THIS CHEAP.  
JANE COMES DOWN THE STAIRS. SHE LOOKS TERRIFIED.

CAMERON

What's wrong?

JANE

I told you I was bad at picking guys.

CAMERON

What happened?

ADAM, HER ASSISTANT, COMES DOWN, DRESSED FOR WORK.

ADAM

Good morning, gentlemen. (TO JANE)

See you at the office.

ADAM EXITS. THE GUYS ARE SPEECHLESS. AFTER A BEAT...

VINCE

(TO CAMERON) That's rule number one.

JANE

(SHEEPISHLY) At least he's straight.

I mean, like, really, really straight.

FADE OUT.

ACT THREE

INT. LIVING ROOM - MORNING

THEY ARE AS THEY WERE.

CAMERON

You slept with your assistant?

VINCE

What happened? You were doing great  
with the lawyer.

JANE

It started out great. But I have this  
problem. I hate small-talk pauses.  
They make me really uncomfortable.

INT. BAR - NIGHT - FLASHBACK

JANE IS TALKING TO THE LAWYER, MICHAEL, AT THE BAR.

JANE

Yep. From Seattle. Born and raised.

MICHAEL

I've never been up there.

JANE

Oh. It's nice.

THERE'S A PAUSE.

INT. LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

JANE

They make me crazy. I start sweating  
and freaking out so I try to fill  
them...

INT. CONNELLY'S - NIGHT

JANE

So what are your hobbies or whatever?

MICHAEL

I play in a lacrosse league. Do you know anything about lacrosse?

JANE

Yes! It's like jousting.

MICHAEL

It's nothing like jousting.

JANE

Oh, then no.

ANOTHER PAUSE. JANE IS GETTING UNCOMFORTABLE. SHE SQUIRMS AROUND ON HER STOOL.

MICHAEL

Are you okay?

JANE

What? Of course. Fine. Just trying to get comfortable.

ANOTHER LONG PAUSE...

JANE (cont'd)

I had friend who could never get comfortable because she had really bad hemorrhoids.

MICHAEL

Did you just say hemorrhoids?

JANE

Yes, I'm sorry. I don't know why I said that.

JANE (cont'd)

I couldn't get comfortable and it made me think of her hemorrhoids.

MICHAEL

Do you have them?

JANE

Hemorrhoids? No!

INT. LIVING ROOM - MORNING

CAMERON

How many times did you say hemorrhoids?

INT. CONNELLY'S - NIGHT

JANE

I have bunion issues but that's it. I may be getting a hammer toe but... Do you, um, have any medical conditions?

INT. LIVING ROOM - MORNING

JANE

So the hot lawyer left, I talked to some other guys, but they just don't seem as interested as they did when I had the boobs. Then Adam came in. We had a few drinks, he wanted to make sure where I was living was "acceptable" then "Knights in White Satin" started playing in the distance and it was on.

CAMERON

Sleeping with your assistant. You realize that if that got out, you'd be crucified. It happened to a senator a few years ago. I can find the story...

CAM OPENS HIS LAPTOP, LOOKING FOR THE STORY...

CAMERON (cont'd)

I got cropped out!

VINCE

What?

CAMERON

Of the picture with Senator Dobson.

CAM TURNS HIS SCREEN TO THEM. IT'S FOOLSONTHEHILL.COM AND THE PICTURE IS JUST OF SENATOR DOBSON AND VINCE.

VINCE

You didn't put your arm around him. Rule number 47. When taking pictures with someone more important than you, always put your arm on the person's far shoulder. That way you can't get cropped out.

JANE

Smart.

VINCE STARTS TYPING ON CAM'S COMPUTER.

CAMERON

It's not smart. It's shallow. I tried it your way and look what happened. You know that meeting I blew off? The co-chair of Foreign Affairs showed up! I never should've listened to you. Photo-ops are not going to get me re-elected. Working hard for the people of my district and reading the energy legislation will.

HE EXITS.

VINCE

Wow. I feel terrible.

JANE

You should apologize.

VINCE

Not for him. For your breasts. I found a picture of you before the reduction.

ON THE LAPTOP IS A PICTURE OF JANE SPEAKING AT AN EVENT. HER BREASTS ARE COMICALLY LARGE.

VINCE (cont'd)

You get those back, I'll marry you.

INT. JANE'S OFFICE

JANE ENTERS HER OFFICE. ADAM FOLLOWS.

JANE

Sit down. We need to talk about last night.

JANE (cont'd)

I should have never let that happen.  
I just wanted to let you know I'm  
sorry and it will never happen again.

ADAM

Okay.

JANE

Okay. Then good.

ADAM

No one's ever going to know about it  
if that's what you're worried about.  
There was nothing illegal about what  
we did and as far I'm concerned, I was  
just doing my job.

JANE

Your job?

ADAM

It is my responsibility to make sure  
you are free from distractions, so you  
can concentrate on your job. One of  
the most important jobs in the whole  
world, by the way. It's my job to  
take care of your needs. That's what  
I did last night.

JANE

Yes, you did that. At least twice.

ADAM

Would like me to put another session  
in the calendar?



JANE

No! No. We're done doing that. And even if we weren't, you can't write it down! And don't call it a "session." It makes it sound like I paid you for it.

ADAM

Well, I work for you, so technically --  
(OFF HER LOOK) I'll be at my desk.

INT. LIVING ROOM - EVENING

CAM IS READING HIS BILL ON THE KITCHEN TABLE. VINCE ENTERS.

VINCE

What are you doing? Didn't you get my message?

CAMERON

I turned off my phone so I could finish reading this.

VINCE

Jase scammed us tickets for the state dinner at the White House tonight. It's the party of the year! It's the Italian Prime Minister so the food's going to be nuts. Lots of press, important people, big lobbyists, tons of re-election money. We are going to crush this party.

CAMERON

I told you before, I am not here to party or raise money or get laid. I'm here to work. And I am not going to the party just because your friend "scammed" me a ticket. I will be invited to the White House when I've earned it. Plus Crystal wants to have a video chat to show me the new dog she just bought for (AS CRYSTAL) "only eleven thousand dollars!"

JANE ENTERS IN A KILLER STRAPLESS BLACK DRESS LOOKING FANTASTIC. CAM TAKES ONE LOOK AT HER AND...

CAMERON (cont'd)

Just give me two minutes to put on my tux.

JANE FIDGETS WITH THE FRONT OF HER DRESS.

VINCE

Old boobs held it up much better didn't they?

JANE

It's the only time I miss them.

INT. WHITE HOUSE EAST ROOM - NIGHT

THE EAST ROOM IS FULL OF IMPORTANT LOOKING PEOPLE, DRESSED UP AND LOOKING VERY CLASSY. CHAMPAGNE AND FOOD ARE BEING PASSED AROUND WHILE PUCCINI PLAYS IN THE BACKGROUND. CAMERON, JANE AND VINCE LOOK OVER THE ROOM.

JANE

I don't see him.

CAMERON

Who?

JANE

The President. If I go up to him he has to talk to me, right? I mean I'm not some weirdo. I'm a member of Congress.

CAMERON

I don't think it's an either or.

VINCE

(LOOKING ACROSS THE ROOM) Oh, I know that woman. I was hitting her up last night. Maybe tonight I close the deal. You guys may not get to ride home in the limo.

CAMERON

Oh, shoot.

VINCE CROSSES AWAY, LEAVING CAM AND JANE ALONE. SHE LOOKS AROUND THE ROOM.

CAMERON (cont'd)

Still on your "find a man before the election" quest?

JANE

Yep. What about that guy in the fancy looking tux? He seems viable. Hot, important looking...

CAMERON

He's a waiter.

JANE

Of course he is.

VINCE IS TALKING WITH LINDA. (40ISH AND HOT)

VINCE

Now, Linda, where did you run off to last night? (SLIPPING HIS ARM AROUND HER) I thought you wanted to see my Congressional office.

LINDA

I've seen them before.

VINCE

Have you ever seen a gold stretch limo with a disco ball inside?

LINDA

No, I've managed to avoid that so far.

CAM IS STANDING ALONE. JANE APPROACHES.

CAMERON

How did it go with "dashing long-haired" guy?

JANE

Good except he was a woman. Okay --

CAMERON

Don't do it.

JANE

What?

CAMERON

Don't get married just to win an election.

CAMERON (cont'd)

(ALMOST TO HIMSELF) It's not worth it. (THEN) You're a good person, smart, beautiful. You deserve better.

JANE

Cam, that's really sweet and I appreciate it, but I'm not going to marry someone I don't love. That's why I'm starting so early. I'll find him, eventual-- (GETTING AN IDEA) Or you will.

CAMERON

What?

JANE

You pick the guys I date. You can't do worse than I've done.

CAMERON

I'm not sure that's a good idea...

JANE

Please, Cam? Just find me someone like you.

THIS PAINS CAM A LITTLE BIT.

VINCE AND LINDA:

VINCE

I guess the important thing to ask yourself is how often do you get the chance to sleep with a member of Congress?

LINDA

Every night.

VINCE

What?

A WELL DRESSED MAN IN HIS SIXTIES APPROACHES AND GLARES AT VINCE'S HAND AROUND LINDA'S WAIST.

WELL DRESSED MAN

Just what in the hell do you think  
you're doing to my wife?

JANE AND CAM:

JANE

What do you say? You must know  
someone who'd be good for me.

CAMERON THINKS ABOUT IT FOR A LONG TIME. HE'S SO TEMPTED TO JUST SAY "ME." BUT AFTER A BEAT...

CAMERON

(POINTING) Representative O'Neil.  
He's on my committee. From Florida.  
He's a good guy, smart, all the things  
you want. I'd pick him.

JANE

Oh, he's cute. (KISSING HIS CHEEK)  
Thanks, Cam, you can have both beef  
and fish at the wedding. (NOTICING)  
Hey, why is the Senate Majority Leader  
yelling at Vince?

CAM LOOKS OVER AND HIS FACE GOES WHITE.

CAMERON

Uh oh.

CAM STARTS TO HEAD OVER AS JANE MOVES TOWARDS THE PRESIDENT.

JANE

Good luck.

CAMERON

You too.

VINCE, LINDA AND THE MAJORITY LEADER, SENATOR BISCOW:

VINCE

I'm sorry, senator, I had no idea she was married.

SENATOR BISCOW

(LOOKING AT VINCE'S LAPEL) A Congressional pin? Are you a member of Congress? I will destroy you! Your career is over young man! What's your name? You won't be able to --

CAMERON APPEARS.

CAMERON

Senator Biscow? (OFFERING HAND) Representative Cameron Graham. I'm a big fan, sir. I'm on the House committee considering the energy bill you wrote. I want to say it was an amazing read. It felt like a master class in writing legislation.

SENATOR BISCOW TURNS ALL HIS ATTENTION TO CAMERON.

SENATOR BISCOW

You actually read my bill?

CAMERON GIVES VINCE A HEAD TILT, "GET OUT OF HERE!"  
VINCE TAKES OFF. LINDA QUICKLY DOES THE SAME.

CAMERON

Page 580, when you speak about the  
future without immediate changes in  
our current policy... I almost wept.

SENATOR BISCOW

What was your name again?

CAMERON

Cameron Graham. From Illinois.

SENATOR BISCOW

Pleasure to meet you, son. You might  
be perfect for a commission I'm  
putting together. Are you on the  
Foreign Affairs committee?

CAMERON

Not yet.

SENATOR BISCOW

I'll talk with Congressman Benton  
about that...

A PHOTOGRAPHER APPROACHES.

PHOTOGRAPHER

Can I get a picture?

NOT WANTING TO GET CROPPED OUT, CAM PUTS HIS ARM ON THE  
SENATOR'S SHOULDER, BUT ALSO PUTS HIS OTHER ARM ACROSS  
HIS BELLY. HE LOOKS LIKE A KOALA BEAR HUGGING A TREE.

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PHOTO: CAMERON IS SMILING HUGE. SENATOR BISCOW LOOKS  
DISTURBED.

FADE OUT.



ACT FOURINT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

JANE AND VINCE ARE THERE WHEN CAMERON ENTERS, ALL COCKY.

CAMERON

Sorry, I'm late, I spent the evening having thirty-year old scotch with the senate majority leader.

VINCE

Look, Cam, thank you. That man would have crushed me.

CAMERON

Lucky I read that "stupid" bill that "Nobody cares about," huh?

VINCE

Yes. You were right. I won't ever question you again. And as a thank you for what you did, you can forget the money you owe me for the fabric softener.

CAMERON

(TO Jane) How did it go with O'Neil?

JANE

Pretty good. He took my number. But I still have to work on my small-talk pause problem.

INT. WHITE HOUSE EAST ROOM - EVENING - FLASHBACK

JANE IS WITH THE REPRESENTATIVE O'NEIL, A GOOD LOOKING MAN OF ABOUT FORTY. AFTER A LONG AWKWARD PAUSE...

JANE

So, Florida, huh? I once had sex with my gay husband on a beach there. I didn't know he was gay at the time of course. Don't know why I said that. I guess I thought maybe you had done it, too. (QUICKLY) Not have sex with a gay man on a beach. I'm sure you've never done that. But then again, I was sure my husband had never done it before either.

INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT - CONTINUOUS

VINCE

The number he gave you didn't start with 555 did it?

CAMERON

Hey, what happened with Adam? Is he going to keep your little affair quiet?

JANE

Yes. Which means if you guys keep it a secret too, no one will ever know.

CAMERON/VINCE

Of course. Won't say a word.

VINCE

And neither of you can tell the Majority leader it was me who was hitting on his wife.

CAMERON / JANE

No problem. My lips are sealed.

VINCE

Hey, we should always do this.

CAMERON

What?

VINCE

Keep each other's secrets. That way we'll always have someone to talk about our problems with and not worry about any political fallout.

JANE

I like it.

CAMERON

It's a great idea actually.

VINCE

We'll call it our "House of Secrets."

CAMERON

Well, I don't know if we need to call it anything...

VINCE

(SPREADING ARMS TO THE HEAVENS) House of Secrets!

JANE

Cam, you know our secrets. Tell us one of yours.

CAMERON

I don't have any.

VINCE

I can think of one.

HE LOOKS AT JANE FOR A BEAT.

CAMERON

Um... I don't know how to swim.

VINCE

That's not the one I was thinking of.

JANE

No one taught you? That's so sad.

VINCE

I have another secret. But I need you  
to swear it doesn't leave this room.  
Seriously. This is big. Only three  
people in the world know it.

CAMERON / JANE

Okay, we agree. What is it? Come on.

VINCE REACHES BEHIND HIS HEAD AND PULLS OFF HIS HAIR.  
ITS A WIG. HE'S COMPLETELY BALD ON TOP.

JANE

Ahh!

VINCE

Whew! That feels good!

CAMERON

Whoa.

VINCE

If I had to wear that thing even when  
I was at home, I'd have gone crazy.

CAMERON

Can you put on a baseball hat or  
something. It's too weird.

VINCE GRABS A NEARBY CAP AND PUTS IT ON.

VINCE

I know. It takes getting used to.

JANE

Okay. Let's hear some more secrets.  
Craziest place you've ever had sex.  
Mine was high school, the very back of  
my parents station wagon...

AS THEY GO INTO THE FIRST SCENE WE SAW IN SHOW...

FADE OUT.

END OF SHOW