

**JANE, MIKE, and SHRUBB**

**SCENE TWO**

*Lights up on news broadcast: we see news anchors **Mike** and **Jane**.*

MIKE

Good evening, folks. And welcome to the Wolfhound TV News Network. You're watching the most popular network on the planet!

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JANE

And there's good reason why tonight, Mike. War is on the national agenda, and the president of the United States, Morton Wendell Shrubbs, is gracing us with an exclusive interview.

MIKE

Let's go to him, now, Jane: live over satellite feed.

*Lights up on **Shrubbs**.*

MIKE

Good evening, President Shrubbs. Thank you so much for gracing us with a few moments of your time. We know you're very busy.

PRESIDENT SHRUBBS

Never too busy to talk to my friends in the media, Mack, 'cause you know there ain't too many! There's what we call in politics a liberal media bias. Now what's on the plate you folks got?

MIKE

The question on America's mind, the probing question, Sir: What about the Dutch situation?

PRESIDENT SHRUBBS

Well, I'm not at liberty to discuss the situation with the Dutch, Dickey, but it is believed to be volatile. It's about them renewables we know about.

JANE

The renewables we exposed in an investigative report last year on the Wolfhound TV News Network?

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PRESIDENT SHRUBB

That's right, Libby, you did. The Dutch they been hidin' these renewables for hundreds of years. Now they won't let anyone look at 'em to see what they are. For all we know, they could be weaponized in New York minute.

JANE

Indeed, many in the scientific community have noted that a dyke-break in Holland releasing these renewables could be disastrous.

PRESIDENT SHRUBB

That's right, Jennifer. Disastrous. We got to act on that assumption that we don't know what's goin' on. And when you don't know what's goin' on, well you got to be prepared for war to protect the peace.

MIKE

We understand that, Mr. President. But in his response to the war question, openly gay Senate Minority Leader Walker Keentz expressed some doubt about your Dutch strategy today. Let's look at the feed.

*Senator Keentz speaks:*

SENATOR KEENTZ

I am openly gay and I oppose all wars everywhere. I am leading a promising and concerted effort in the Senate to put an end to the President's ill-advised plans for war.

*Back to Jane and Mike:*

JANE

Mr. President, what do you think of the Senator's words of warning?

PRESIDENT SHRUBB

Well, as one my favorite conservative intellectuals once said, I think he's a fag, and that's really all I have to say on that subject.

MIKE

We appreciate your candor, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHRUBB

I hope the American people do, too. Now I'm concerned on the renewables question. I'm goin' to consult with key figures in the industry soonish about their dangers and potentialities.

JANE

Who are you consulting with, Mr. President?

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PRESIDENT SHRUBB

Well, the consultant list is a top state secret, Jennifer. But Professor Doctor Schmock, the CEO of Renewables International, is a wise feller. He's got brilliant mathematical mental faculty and he knows all 'bout all sorts of genetics type stuff, and the universe, the way it's all set up, up there, and I'd be wise to consult him on a variety of our international interactivities. If I were myself, I'd talk to him real soon.

MIKE

And we hope you'd have a great conversation with this Professor Doctor Schmock, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHRUBB

Oh, if I do I will, Sally. God bless you!

JANE

And God bless you too, Mr. President.

MIKE

God bless all of you, America. Just for being you.

*Lights down.*

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