

LONG SHOT  
CHARLOTTE & FRED

INT: CHARLOTTE'S OFFICE

CHARLOTTE

Fred. Yeah.  
Hey, nice to see you again.

CHARLOTTE

Hi, you too.

CHARLOTTE

Come on in. Take a seat. Good to see  
you were not injured from that fall.

FRED

Oh, yeah, you know what? I actually  
think the brim of my hat kind of  
protected my face ultimately. So, thank  
God I was underdressed in the end,  
right?

CHARLOTTE

Well, as long as you're good.

FRED

I'm okay.

CHARLOTTE

Yeah. Great.

FRED

Uh...Why am I here?

CHARLOTTE

What I'm about to share with you is,  
obviously, highly confidential.

FRED

Oh, yeah.

CHARLOTTE

Keep it on the down low.  
President Chambers will not be seeking  
reelection.

Babcock Studios  
scene used for educational purposes.

FRED

Really?

CHARLOTTE

Yes.

FRED

That's fucking sick! That's awesome. Are you telling each American individually the good news? I mean, but seriously. Did he just realize he sucks at it and decide not to do it anymore?

CHARLOTTE

He just wants to move into film and make movies.

FRED

Really?

CHARLOTTE

Yeah.

FRED

That's cool. That's a tough transition to make. Not many actors have made the leap from TV to film. You got George Clooney, you got Woody Harrelson...

MAGGIE

Jennifer Aniston.

FRED

Mmm, did she though?

MAGGIE

You don't think Jennifer Aniston's a movie star?

FRED

Just 'cause you star in movies doesn't mean you're a movie star.

CHARLOTTE

The point is... He's going to endorse me for president in 2020.

FRED

Wow.

CHARLOTTE

I know.

FRED

Mazel tov.

CHARLOTTE

So. We're headed to an environmental summit hosted by King Gustav and the Swedish Royal Family. At the summit, I'll be announcing that the world's three largest polluters have signed on to the most comprehensive and exciting environmental deal ever.

FRED

You know, after I have some dairy, I'm one of the world's three largest polluters.

MAGGIE

Excuse me?

CHARLOTTE

We'll address rising sea levels, combat deforestation and protect the world's pollinators. I'm calling it the Global Rehabilitation Initiative.

MAGGIE

Internally, we're referring to it as "Bees, Trees and the Seas."

CHARLOTTE

Soon after that, I hope to announce that 100 countries have signed on.

FRED

Wow.

CHARLOTTE

At which point...I will resign as secretary of state. Using this initiative as a springboard, I will announce my presidential run in 2020.

FRED

Cool.

CHARLOTTE

So...I need some writers to punch up my speeches. I read your work and I really like it.

FRED

That's... Wow.

CHARLOTTE

You mentioned you were between jobs. So it's a really good fit.

FRED

It's so nice of you to think of me at all, honestly, with everything going on in your head.

CHARLOTTE

I look forward to working with you.

FRED

Thank you.  
Um... So, uh, when do you need to know by?

CHARLOTTE

What? I don't understand.

FRED

When do you need to know if I'm going to take your, uh, your punch-up job?

CHARLOTTE

Right now.

FRED

Oh. Uh...Then I guess, maybe... Maybe,  
uh, no? Maybe no, I don't know.  
I don't know!

MAGGIE

You know what, Madam Secretary, he's  
not interested. We tried, it didn't  
work out. So I can give you  
some writing samples...

CHARLOTTE

What don't you know?

FRED

This whole Seas, Bees and Trees thing.  
Is it actually going to do something?  
Or is it going to be one of those  
things that maybe only sounds like it's  
gonna do something, but doesn't  
actually do something? I only wanna  
come work for you if it's actually  
gonna do something.

CHARLOTTE

It will do something. This is a perfect  
document.

FRED

They all start out that way and then  
they get watered down.

CHARLOTTE

Fred. Not only does this initiative  
sound good, it's going to do good. It's  
gonna save the fucking planet. Not to  
mention, pay your rent.  
So, are you in? Or do you have  
something more important to do?

FRED

Than save the planet with you?  
No, I don't. I'm in.

CHARLOTTE

Phew!  
Let's save the planet.

FRED

That was...  
What just happened?  
She's good.