

ALL THE PRESIDENT'S MEN

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INT. LORNE WILLIAMS, CHIEF OF STAFF'S OFFICE

Lorne Williams, the President's Chief Of Staff, is at his desk, on the phone.

WILLIAMS
It's gone?!

Pause for small audience laughter.

WILLIAMS
You want me to march into the oval office, and tell the President that we lost China?!

Pause for huge audience laughter. As it's subsiding:

WILLIAMS
Find it! You have until 1500!

He hangs up the phone, and presses his intercom.

WILLIAMS
Margaret?
MARGARET (O.S.)
Yes, sir?

WILLIAMS
People are idiots!

Pause for laughter.

MARGARET (O.S.)
Yes, sir.

Pause for more laughter.

WILLIAMS
Send in the Commander in Chief.

Fitzroy, the Commander in Chief, enters his office, looking handsome and impressive. Pause for audience applause.

FITZROY

You wanted to see me, sir?

WILLIAMS

Commander Fitzroy, tell me what I need to know about this tornado twister hurricane thingy-ma-bob.

Pause for small audience laughter.

FITZROY

Sir, you're a busy man. You know how sometimes you're working on something really important, and even though you know that you haven't been to the bathroom in 14 hours, you still hold it in anyway?

Pause for more audience laughter.

WILLIAMS

This had better be going somewhere, Commander!

Pause for even more laughter.

FITZROY

Sir, you have a Category Seven hurricane one a one-way trip to the Oval Office making stops in Alabama, Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Virginia.

Pause for huge audience laughter.

FITZROY

Now, my point is that you can put up flood defences, wind tunnels, and storm cellars, you can bring in the army, the navy and the Jehovah's Witnesses, you can do everything humanly possible to stop this mamma, but, at the end of the day, man was not meant to control nature, and, sooner or later, you're going to piss your pants.

Pause for huge audience laughter and applause.

WILLIAMS

And tell me, *Commander* - exactly how much of that technical jargon should I expect the President to understand?!

Pause for more small laughter.

WILLIAMS

Get out!

There is more laughter and applause as Fitzroy gets up and leaves the office.