
Good To The Very Last Droplet

A comedy in ten minutes

FIRST SCENE – SAMPLE

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SCENE ONE

LIGHTS UP ON THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE.

A large Canadian flag is on the UC wall.

D.R. is a desk and chair facing the audience. A red phone is on the desk.

D.L. is a smaller desk and chair facing the audience. A red phone and an iPad like device are on the desk. The desks are two to three feet apart.

PRIME MINISTER SYLVIA JACOBS (50-75) (speaks with an east coast accent) sits at the D.R. desk.

Sylvia is serious as she reads and jots on a book on her desk.

ALFRED (20), her sub prime minister, reads from a folder at the D.L. desk.

SYLVIA You know Alfred, a hundred years ago producing oil was considered detrimental, but now, in 2124, we can't get it out of the sand fast enough. Because we have the last oil on the planet, China and the U.S., and the whole world, are desperate for Canadian oil.

ALFRED It's a good thing.

SYLVIA To the average mind (smirks to Alfred) that could look like a blessing but it's not. As the prime minister of the country, it's up to me to see this Country through these perilous times.

They stand and walk in front of their desks, possibly sit on the desks.

ALFRED Because it was easier to pump oil out of wells than strain it from sand, it's logical Canadian oil would be the last to go.

SYLVIA Oil's at the heart of my current predicament.

ALFRED If you abide by the International Democratic Imperative Oil Treaty all nations signed, things will move along fine.

SYLVIA The International Democratic Imperative Oil Treaty, better known by its acronym, IDIOT.

ALFRED IDIOT allows all nations a way to share the last of the world's oil fairly. I like IDIOT.

SYLVIA Takes one to know one.

Sylvia snickers as Alfred reacts.

Sylvia turns serious.

IDIOT has saddled me the responsibility of seeing that oil is parceled out fairly, and I intend to do it. Alfred, you think I'm doing okay though, right?

ALFRED Better than okay! Prime Minister, you're an over achiever. You will always think you haven't done enough. Let's review your record since you were elected.

SYLVIA That's a pretty good idea.

ALFRED You've enacted numerous historic policies to benefit Canadians. Moving the nation's capital to Flin Flon was a good idea.

SYLVIA Being located pretty much at the centre of the country, Flin Flon, Manitoba made the perfect location for the capital. Keeps everybody pulling together.

ALFRED Parliament hill, with the spectacular view of the river, was a good location for a condo development. Condos for the homeless was a stroke of genius.

SYLVIA Gives them something to do.

A questioning look from Alfred.

They can look at the river.

ALFRED As you recall, it was one of my recommen . . .

SYLVIA *(interrupting)* Anoder of my successes.

ALFRED Giving Canadians the "no work option" policy if they combined it with mandatory exercise put you way out in front of the other parties when it comes to the popularity poll.

SYLVIA Then I coupled it with the weekly subsidy of five thousand dollars for each citizen taking the option.

ALFRED The country needed a labor force to fill the jobs vacated by Canadians taking the "no work option" and you came through again.

SYLVIA I did?

ALFRED Replacement workers! Importing workers from all over Europe was a stroke of genius.

SYLVIA You're right, Alfred. I am pretty smart.

ALFRED You won a record 99 percent voting approval in the last election.

SYLVIA Just 99 per cent?

ALFRED The unions. We've initiated classes aimed at bringing them up to speed on current Canadian cultural standards.

SYLVIA Alfred, you're right! I'm getting smarter and smarter.

Alfred reacts.

I've enacted more socially responsible policies than any previous government, but it's created a huge problem for me.

ALFRED How so?

SYLVIA I'm the leader of the Conservative Party!

ALFRED Whoops.

SYLVIA Some in the Party are saying I got socialist leanings. If I'm going to retain a shred of credibility with the Party I'm going to have to find some capitalist leanings. Any new ideas?

LIGHTS OUT

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