

Side # 8: Rachel / Louise

RACHEL. But let's turn now to Miss Lulu Peakes—

LOUISE. Hey there! Hi!—

RACHEL. Who is a candidate for Lieutenant Governor—

LOUISE. That's right, I am!—

RACHEL. And who is officially launching her campaign today. —

LOUISE. Isn't it exciting?!

RACHEL. Well, it's certainly impressive how the Governor's office here has been decorated for the occasion, including—if A. C. can get that in the shot—a large poster declaring: "Lulu: she's just like us." A reference, perhaps, to the fact that you have never been involved in politics before, Miss Peakes.

LOUISE. I sure haven't!

RACHEL. Could you tell us, then, why you've decided to run for office now?

LOUISE. Well, I'll tell you.

*(LOUISE looks at ARTHUR who, smiling a knowing smile, nods at her, like a catcher to the pitcher, and then holds up the purple card.)*

LOUISE. This is a rough time.

*(Purple card.)*

People have it tough.

*(Purple card.)*

Folks are hurting.

*(Purple card.)*

They're down in the dumps.

*(Purple card.)*

It's a sad day.

*(Yellow card.)*

But I've got a happy feeling about this.

*(Yellow card.)*

Something great is just around the corner.

*(Blue card.)*

The people of this country, they're the best.

*(Blue card.)*

And that's why I believe in America.

RACHEL. Okay. Um... Let me... let me try to... pin you down on a few specifics. Could you give us maybe one or two things you hope to accomplish as Lieutenant Governor?

LOUISE. (ARTHUR holds up the purple card.) The skies are filled with dark clouds.

RACHEL. ("I don't know what that means, but...") Okay.

LOUISE. (ARTHUR holds up the purple card.) I think it might rain soon.

RACHEL. Um...

(More and more baffled by LOUISE's phrases, she can find no further words to react to them.)

LOUISE. (ARTHUR holds up the red card.) I'm not a meteorologist.

(Yellow card.)

But I know the sun is going to shine.

(Yellow card.)

Anything is possible!

(Green card.)

You could win the lottery!

(Blue card.)

This is a land of freedom.

(Blue card.)

And I'm proud to call it home.

RACHEL. Well, thank you... Miss Peakes, for those... words. (Holding a finger to her earpiece:) Oh, and a voice in the studio is reminding me to ask you about your first campaign rally, being held on Saturday, is that right?

LOUISE. Oh! That sounds fun.