

STORM ON THE EMPIRE

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ACT ONE

FADE IN:

INT. VICE PRESIDENT'S BUNKER BRIEFING ROOM -- NIGHT

CHENEY SITS WITH TREMBLING HAND AT HEAD OF CONFERENCE TABLE. GRAND JURY TESTIMONY IN PILES.

STANDING AROUND CHENEY -- VICTORIA TOENSING, DAVID ADDINGTON, BRITT HUME, BILL KRISTOL, MICHEAL LEDEEN AND VICTOR DAVIS HANSON.

DAN BARTLETT IS SUMMARIZING KEN MEHLMAN'S POLITICAL REPORT.

BARTLETT

Herr Vice President, the Policy Front is too weak. It will collapse like a house of cards. The Realists have rested from their last offensive and are posed to strike. Democrat and Mainstream Media saboteurs are staging strikes across our Congressional Front salient. Frist is beaten. Our Ditto Head reserves are exhausted. On top of that, the **FITZPATRICK OFFENSIVE** can be expected to erupt again any day. Herr Vice President ! We must withdraw our forces to more defensible lines! Or the entire Policy Front will face overwhelming media firepower and certain annihilation.

CUT TO:

CLOSE SHOT OF CHENEY

CHENEY

NONSENSE!

(Pounding Table)

The **FITZPATRICK OFFENSIVE** is the
greatest bluff since Genghis Khan!

The Realists and Democrats are on their
last reserves! Who is responsible for
all this nonsense???!!

CHENEY CLUTCHES AT UPPER LEFT CHEST, GRIMACES

CUT TO:

CLOSE SHOT OF ADDINGTON

ADDINGTON

So true, Herr Vice President. Ken
Mehlman is a Defeatist! Andy Card is
worn out and should be arrested. The
Realists and Democrats will think twice
about attacking us on now. Our recent
retreats and setbacks actually help
us! All Republicans' backs are now
against the wall. Republicans must
fight for us now or perish, too. And
our lines of communications are now
shorter. The Front will hold! Mehlman
and Andy Card have worked against us
for years Herr Vice President!

CUT TO:

FULL SHOT BUNKER BRIEFING ROOM

CHENEY

Ken Mehlman is a lunatic. He should
be locked up in an insane asylum!

BARTLETT

Mehlman is correct! The Front can not
hold. Mehlman has accurate information --
we are outgunned 4-1 in Talking Heads,
3-1 in Bloggers, and 5-1 in Lawyers!
If you arrest Mehlman, you should have
me arrested too!

CUT TO:

CLOSE SHOT OF CHENEY

CHENEY

I forbid further talk of retreat! I
forbid it! We just need time for the
unnatural coalition against us to fall
apart. The Realists, the Rational
Community and Democrats are all
exhausted. They will drown in a sea
of blood. Alito will break through
and relieve the situation. You'll
see!

DISSOLVE TO:

WIDE SHOT OF ASSEMBLED BUNKER STAFF LOOKING AT EACH
OTHER FURTIVELY.

END OF ACT ONE

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CUT TO:

FULL SHOT VICE PRESIDENT'S RESIDENCE TV ROOM -
HOURS LATER

P.O.V. CHENEY LOOKING AT CABLE TV REPORTS

CHENEY

The Realist-Democrat-Rationalists are
on their last legs! Alito is already
turning the day. He will drive through
them and relieve pressure on us. Just
like the Time of Struggle in 2002 during
the Run Up!

LEDEEN

Herr Vice President, the American people
will stand for Freedom or be wiped
out!

TOENSING

Command us Herr Vice President!!

CHENEY

If only all Republicans had your will.
All would be well. But we have been
betrayed. It is clear. I was too
lenient. Nature is unforgiving.
Sentimentality is for the weak.

IN WALKS FRESHLY SCRUBBED BLONDE MALE ASSISTANT
WITH A TELEX FOR ADDINGTON. ADDINGTON READS IT IN
SILENCE AND HANDS IT TO CHENEY. CHENEY DROPS IT TO
FLOOR.

TOENSING WIPES SPITTLE FROM CAKED ON LIPSTICK.

HUME (O.S.)

What is it? DAVID, what happened?

What are our talking points?

KRISTOL (GRABBING TELEX FROM
FLOOR AND READING IT)

DailyKos reports that Scooter, Hannah
and Wurmser entered negotiations with
Fitzpatrick! They are discussing
immunity in return for cooperation!

LEDEEN

Herr Vice President! You can not let
them get away with this! This is
treason! You must do something. They
must be shot!

CHENEY

How could he enter into negotiations
with Fitzpatrick? I will never promote
anyone else to Field Marshal during
this War! So much heroism of so many
is destroyed by a single spineless
weakling. You have to imagine it! He
comes to the Special Counsel's office
and just imagine the "rat cage" there!
He'll sign anything there! He will
sign confessions and make appeals!
You'll see!

TOENSING

Maybe Herr Vice President, this is all
DailyKos disinformation!

CLOSE SHOT OF CHENEY

CHENEY

(ignoring Toensing)

What does it mean, 'Life'? Everyone
has to pass on. How can Scooter fear
this moment? Scooter, Wurmser and
Hannah will be on with Keith Olbermann
and "Countdown" soon -- just you see!
They will lock them in rat cellars and
two days later they will be broken. A
beautiful woman -- and she was a real
beauty -- is insulted by a single word,
leaves, writes farewell letters and
shoots herself! A worm who surrenders
to Fitzpatrick besmirches the heroism
of the fallen! He doesn't have the
character to do what a weak woman has
done!

ANGLE ON

LEDEEN

(Edging towards the door,
looking for an early exit)

They all betrayed Freedom!

ANGLE ON

HUME

(sending email via Blackberry
to BARNES, KRAUTHAMMER and
MORTONNNN about Olbermann
ratings threat)

BACK TO SCENE

CHENEY

And now we see how the American people
have failed me. So many have sacrificed
their reputations and all the good
ones are now gone. The Think Tanks on
Dupont Circle have proven to be the
stronger. If not for the Plutocratic
Realist treason, I would have built
the new Empire . . .