

Prologue

The sound of something being turned on.

A great electric symphony ready to bow and blow.

The cast is standing around the playing space, facing out.

Eli is in the center. They move around and seemingly through him as they hum:

LEO

Listen up you kings-

JESSIE

And queens-

LEO

- of wisdom.

SOPHIE

Have we got a deal for you listeners tonight.

Asher

Have we got a deal for you listeners tonight.

JESSIE

Have we got a deal for you listeners tonight.

LEO

Have we got a deal for you listeners tonight.

OBIE

By that little voice...

SOPHIE

That tiny voice...

ASHER

That negligible...

LEO

Squashable...

JESSIE

Murderous.

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So, so tiny... SOPHIE

Fucking small... OBIE

Voice. ALL

For the low, low price- JESSIE

Don't touch that dial- LEO

Of a choice. OBIE

Coursing over the airwaves... SOPHIE

In the space between... ASHER

Stillness, OBIE

Dissonance, JESSIE

Static. LEO

The greatest hits from ALL

Yesterday- OBIE

Today- SOPHIE

And tomorrow. ASHER

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Like the wind-	OBIE
Chaff in the wind-	SOPHIE
Driven by the wind.	LEO
Keeping the music on all day and all night.	JESSIE
Just keep listening folks.	JESSIE
Like a tree...	SOPHIE
Planted by streams of water...	ASHER
Bringing-	JESSIE
You-	ALL
Fruit in its season...	OBIE
Which shall never perish...	LEO
But prosper.	SOPHIE
Flooding your bed	JESSIE
Drenching your couch...	OBIE

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And let you be the judge- LEO

You queens- SOPHIE

And kings- ASHER

Of- ALL

The sound of static.

Thunder

Then darkness. Then, a human breath. Like that of an animal in danger. Eli fingers a small, round stone. Rapidly.

Eli is in a vast office, on the 23rd floor of the Gilead Corp. building. Jessie takes notes on a notepad. A radio softly plays old gospel music.

LEO

And just who are you again? I don't mean to be brisk, I just have trouble keeping track of all the people I meet

ELI

E...Eli, sir. Eli Conway.

JESSIE

Research and Development.

LEO

I see.

LEO

And what are you doing here, Eli?

ELI

I've always been a zealot for this company. It's given me everything I have-

LEO

Get to it.

ELI

It's just- I'm afraid we need to change course. We made a mistake and it's...potentially deadly.

LEO

You know this is a big day for Gilead right? That this company is having a very good day and nothing- come wind, earthquake, or fire can ruin that. You are not going to ruin-

His phone rings.

Hello-

JESSIE

LEO

We now own Clearcast.

95% of the radio stations in the United States.

The board approved the buyout last night...thank you.

ELI

That's...
That's wonderful.

JESSIE

Not NPR of course but...who listens to NPR?

ELI

I actually do.
That's interesting...why radio-

JESSIE

Why not broadband you mean? Because it's a perpetually renewable asset.

ELI

Air-

JESSIE

Hmm.

LEO

Yeah. Let's go with the corn sugar ads and build backwards to the candidates. Congress first...

This is a very big days for us.

LEO

Anonymously.

JESSIE

The value to the customer is enormous.

LEO

The value to the customer is enormous.

ELI

That's...

LEO

Wonderful! Send them up when you're finished. Two o'clock-

Jessie shoots Leo a look.

Oh wait- I've got meditation and social networking at two o'clock. Come up at three.

Leo throws the ball at Eli. Eli turns his back, letting it hit him and drop to the ground.

ELI

Sir, I-

LEO

No football? That makes me very sad. What's your game then Eddie?

ELI

Eli.

LEO

I don't know that game.

ELI

My name...my name is Eli. Not Eddie.

LEO

Eli. Sounds like a golfer. I don't think we have time for eighteen.

ELI

I'm-

LEO

Tennis? Jessie, get the rackets.

ELI

No-

JESSIE

No.

A tension filled moment between Leo and Jessie.

JESSIE

You know what time it is Leo.

LEO

With him around? I'd be a little embarrassed-

JESSIE

On your knees.

Leo reluctantly goes to his knees. He begins a pushup drill. Jessie counts out his reps like a coach.

	JESSIE	ELI
One...two...three...		
Four...		Sir, I really need to-
Get lower! That was only four and a half.		
		Talk to you.
		LEO
Well...		
	JESSIE	
Five...		
		LEO
Talk.		
	JESSIE	
Six...get down there!		
		LEO
I'm a very...		
	JESSIE	
Seven...		
		LEO
Busy man.		
	JESSIE	
Eight...		
		ELI
I feel like...this might need your full attention.		
	JESSIE	
You can do better than that!		
		LEO
I need to focus.		

JESSIE

I'm going to start counting backwards.

LEO

Come on...

JESSIE

We'll call that ten for now.

ELI

It's the Apex line sir.

JESSIE

Eleven.

LEO

Damn...

ELI

I know...It's, this is big. It's the reason I've been trying to get to you for so long.

LEO

It's...time...

JESSIE

You're not finished.

LEO

I am...I am.

JESSIE

Fine. You have a few more minutes in your schedule then.

LEO

Then...

JESSIE

Alright.

She hands Leo a toothbrush and starts massaging his shoulders. It's toothbrush massage time. He speaks while brushing.