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The Last Term

“*Breaking News!* The people have elected presidential candidate Elijah Eronico as the 47th president of the United States, alongside his running mate Rachel Rue. With Emery Eronico as the First Lady.”

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Just a year after President Eronico had been elected, Oscar Osanata, Rachel’s right-hand man, runs into her office with his phone in hand. His eyes flashing, and his mouth moving rapidly, “Rachel! Have you seen the polls on IRIS? People are saying that they are preferring you over President Eronico! There are millions, it is totally insane!”

“What? Give me that Oscar. I need to see it for myself.” She snatches the phone, leaving Oscar elated as he watches her scroll. She finds that Oscar was telling the truth, *Rachel Rue vs. Elijah Eronico* is trending all over the country. She is stirred with emotions, not knowing how to handle them.

Oscar seems to help by adding, “Rachel, I believe something should be done about this, because I agree with everyone on IRIS. You are the one we need for this country, and you shouldn’t have to wait until it is your turn to take that position.”

“You know what, you’re right. I am the one this country needs,” she replies.

“Yes! Come with me, I have something to show you,” he says as he leads her outside of the office.

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“Breaking News! Today, Elijah Eronico was found dead in his bedroom just after breakfast. Poison was found in his blood via an autopsy, as told by the coroner. A dark time for America, as we have not seen something like this since our 35th president John F. Kennedy was assassinated. With that, there are no suspects at the moment. We will be focusing on the investigation behind the scenes in respect of his family. We send our condolences to the First Lady, Emery Eronico. Vice President Rachel Rue is being sworn in as the 48th president, making her the first female president in the history of the United States. She will address the nation shortly.”

Rachel walks to the podium with her husband, Romeo Rue by her side to address the nation. People rally around chanting her name “Rue, Rue, Rue!”

“Good evening, my fellow citizens. I am speaking to you with a heavy heart in regards to the passing of Elijah Eronico. My condolences to the former First Lady, and the rest of his family. I know that this is a difficult time for them, as well as many others in this country. But, tomorrow is a new day. We will have a woman in charge. I will be officially leading this country out of the stone ages and into the new America!”

“Breaking News! President Rue has announced Oscar Osanata as the vice president of the United States. Stay tuned for announcements in the near future.”

Later that week, Oscar and Rachel enter the oval office to discuss contingencies.

“Let’s look at IRIS to see what people are saying on the polls,” says Oscar.

Rachel asks, “Why? What is that going to do?”

Oscar exclaims, “We need to understand what the people want! In order to be liked by the people, we have to pay attention to IRIS!”

Rachel adds on, “I got it. Since people are using IRIS to create polls so much, why don’t we just use it as a way for people to vote on laws for the country? That way I will be liked by the people, and everyone will be happy.”

“It’s a win-win! Great idea Rachel.”

“Yeah, let’s announce this right away.”

Rachel takes herself to the podium, and Oscar follows her lead.

“Hello everyone! I know you want your voices to be heard! So, what I will be announcing will be very exciting. Please open up your devices to a poll I have posted myself on IRIS. I would like to know if voting on laws is something you all would want to happen in the near future.”

“This will bring so much to our country, though this is just the beginning. Thank you all so much for your support, and please stay tuned, as always. I cannot wait to see what you all do for this country while I’m still able to stand here at this podium. Thank you again, have a good night America!” Rachel walks away fulfilled. Oscar follows closely as the crowd continues on with their cheering, which fades as she walks back into the White House.

President Rue, Vice President Osanata, Mallory Muse, the Speaker of The House, and Romeo all sit in the Oval Office.

Oscar announces to the group, “The results are in! The people have chosen to vote on laws through IRIS with a whopping 90% in favor.”

“Wow! This is amazing,” Rachel exclaims, “we need to capitalize off of this momentum-”

“In what world is it okay to let people have the opportunity to do something like this? Think about it, our founding fathers are probably rolling over in their graves right now!” Mallory says sternly.

“Yeah, and that’s why they’re there and I’m here!” Mallory and Romeo stare in utter disbelief, while Oscar nods in agreement. “Actually, you know what? The people have spoken. I don’t think it is necessary for us to have a Speaker of The House anymore. How about you get sent down as gatekeeper, huh? Does that sound good?”

“Perfect comeback,” whispers Oscar as Mallory storms her way out of the Oval Office.

“Rachel. What is up with you? None of this is okay, and it upsets me that you don’t see that,” Romeo finally speaks out before he walks away following Mallory's footsteps.

Rachel turns to Oscar, “Hm, whatever. Listen, I have another idea.”

Oscar eagerly looks up when Rachel continues, “How about we create a microchip called ‘The Implant’? It will help us decrease the crime rate through track and trace, boost the economy by keeping money just in these microchips, and get rid of identity theft by keeping all personal info in them as well.”

“Yes, yes, yes!” Oscar replies with pure excitement running through his body. “Let’s announce this, and create a poll. Stat!”

The crowd cheers once again as Rachel makes her way to the podium, ready to make her announcement.

“Hello my citizens! I want you all to consider my idea of ‘The Implant’. A microchip, and a way for us to finally live differently. It will be implanted into the flagina. The microchip will be used to lower the crime rate, boost the economy, and get rid of identity theft!” The crowd is boisterous. “So come on everyone! Go to IRIS and answer that poll! I am gonna stand here with you all and watch as these votes come in live.”

Rachel looks around her, watching people frantically open up their phones to IRIS until they all signal to her, causing her to look back at the poll.

“Okay! Everyone please listen as I announce the results of the poll. 51 percent are in favor, while 49 percent are not. In that case, we will be enforcing The Implant! All of you should have it within the next three days. Thank you!”

Rachel makes her way back into the Oval Office where she meets Oscar who seems concerned.

“Rachel, have you looked back at IRIS? The people who are not in favor of The Implant are continuing to give out their opinions, and it’s not looking good. None of them plan on falling in line. They want to go to war, and nothing will change their minds.”

“Simple. They won’t be able to buy, trade, or sell, and if worse comes to worse we’ll pull their weapons. How about that?” Rachel replies.

“Okay, I’ll put that out.”

“Breaking News! People are fighting back against the government and officials with riots all over the country. No one wants to accept the microchip.”

Rachel stands in front of the crowd once again. “America. I am very disappointed in you. I will put together one last poll that will determine where things will stand. Now, should weapons be taken away or should they be left alone?”

Immediately, the vote becomes unanimous with people all in favor of weapons being left alone. Rachel walks away without saying a word, meeting Oscar back in the Oval Office.

“Oscar.”

“Yes, President?”

“I’m doing it. I’m going to be enforcing martial law. I’m done with these people not listening to me!”

What has gotten into her?

“Breaking News! President Rue has just announced that martial law will be enforced in the United States of America.”

After hearing the announcement, Romeo gets a call from Emery Eronico, who wants to discuss the situation that Rachel has put everyone under. Just as he drives up to the gates of the White House, Mallory overhears.

She asks, “Can both of you meet me in the East Garden Room? It’s secluded, and we can all talk there.”

“Of course,” Romeo and Emery say simultaneously.

Mallory, Emery, and Romeo finally enter the East Garden Room.

Romeo starts off the discussion, “What are we going to do? Things are seriously-”

Suddenly, a voice comes from the entrance, “I have an idea for you three. Come with me.”

They all follow hoping to discuss further.

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“*Breaking News!* President Rue was found dead in the Oval Office this evening after dinner. Which as told by the coroner, was caused by poison. Making Oscar Osanata the active president of the United States. He will give a speech at the White House.”

“Hello everyone, I know that you are all aware of the loss that has brought me here. President Rue will be missed, though she did cause us all some trouble. Because of that, please consider Romeo Rue as your president and vote through IRIS while we watch live.”

Romeo, with 70 percent in favor, becomes the president of the United States, and he finally takes the podium.

“Thank you everyone! I want to truly restore this country. First, by giving Mallory Muse her position of Speaker of The House and getting rid of voting through IRIS. IRIS will be shut down for three days out of the week so that we can all bond as people, and “The Implant” is out of the question, along with martial law. We will make our way to a better America!”

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“*Breaking News!* Investigations on the deaths of President Eronico, and President Rue are being held!”

