

ROLE: LEGAL GUY

NOTES: This is an "Man on the Street" news interview. PLAY IT: Fast talking New Yorker. Animated and expressive about each point he's making.

SCRIPT:

From a legal standpoint, we're on grey area as to what the legal rights of these Zombies are. Are they alive? Are they dead? What are the rights of a dead person? I mean, is a dead person still a legal citizen of the United States? Their passport is no longer valid, so I think they're more like an immigrant, don't you?

ROLE: GUY WITH A GUN

NOTES: This is an "Man on the Street" news interview. PLAY IT: Big guy who loves his guns. Gruff. Would go for a southern accent except this needs to take place in New York. But can border on it.

SCRIPT:

I say we just go in there and take those Zombies out. I don't know what our government is waiting for. - Mr. President: - Take action now!

ROLE: SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

THE S.O.C. enters the Oval Office where the President is sitting.

PRESIDENT: Who the hell are you?

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE: I'm your new secretary of defense.

PRESIDENT: How long have YOU been on the job?

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE: uh.. about 16 hours sir.

PRESIDENT: Well, you've been doing a pretty crappy job so far. You're fired!

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE: Um. Uh... Yes sir (he hesitates, then sort of double-takes and meekly turns and walks out. Go for comedy here.)

ROLE: POLITICAL PUNDIT

NEWS HOST: What caused the president's flip flop on the Zombies? Didn't he say it was fake news?

PUNDIT: (Fake disdain) No! He NEVER said that. He was only joking. The problem you liberals have is that you have no sense of humor - you just can't take a joke.

SCENE 2: SEVERAL DAYS LATER:

NEWS ANCHOR: There are reports that a navy ship was attacked by zombies.

PUNDIT: No, that's not true. There was an incident on one of the ships but it's been contained.

NEWS ANCHOR: There were conservative reporters on the boats that said they were attacked by zombies.

PUNDIT: Not true, not true - those reporters are fascist liberals with an agenda against the president and are spreading fake news. I have a tweet from the president right here: "We have contained New York and everything is under control." See. It can't be any clearer than that. And it's in writing, so you know it's the truth.

ROLE: EDMUND BASS

A reporter is holding a mic out to a long-haired man. His lower-third title says "Edmund Bass, Marijuana Growers of America".

EDMUND BASS: The thing about Marijuana, Carla, is that it's actually very safe. People have been growing it for over 5000 years. It was only in the last century that there was any problem with it.

NEWSCASTER/CARLA: But there are many people, including many politicians, who feel the drug is dangerous and makes people wild and uncontrolled.

EDMUND BASS: Everything's dangerous Carla. Water will kill you if you're not careful. But the important part to remember is that nobody goes on a killing rampage from smoking pot. It just mellows you out too much.

NEWSCASTER/CARLA: And there you have it, Edmund bass from the Marijuana Growers of America...

ROLES: SENATOR HELMSLEY & STOCK BROKER

STUDIO ANCHOR BOB: We're discussing Trump's wall here today with experts on both sides, excuse the pun. Senator Helmsley, your take on this?

SENATOR HELMSLEY: What I want to know is, is this even legal? Is he allowed to just 'fence people in' like this?

STOCK BROKER: And where's the money coming from? Who's paying for this wall?

STUDIO ANCHOR BOB: I guess that would be coming from you fellas on 'Wall' street. Hahaha...

STOCK BROKER: I don't think that's funny. We have to be fiscally responsible on this outlandish expenditure...

STUDIO ANCHOR BOB: No, really. Let's role this clip from just 15 minutes ago as the

President was getting on Air Force One.

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ROLE: NEWS ANCHOR: (Direct to camera)

As fears of a Zombie Pandemic in New York City mount, the President has been absent from the discussion, with only a statement from the White House that it is the Governor's Problem to handle the situation. TV5 has the people's reaction...

[Cut to "Man on the Street" inserts]

And that's not the only problem the President has today as the debate over Marijuana heats up.

STUDIO INTERVIEW SCENE/TALKSHOW (talking to guest):

What caused trumps flip flop on the Zombies? Didn't he say it was, "fake news"?

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ROLES: Sally, Danny, Jim, Mary, Dougherty

INT. NEWS CONFERENCE ROOM - NIGHT

DANNY: I'm telling ya, something's going on here. It might be a conspiracy.

SALLY (Exasperated, but tired. She's lived this for 20 more years than these younger writers. She's now an executive who is over it): EVERYTHING's a conspiracy with you Daniel.

MR. DOUGHERTY (Chief Editor, pacing the room): I don't care. We have good video on it. Run the story and we'll see what develops. Next!

JIM (Journalist): I still think Trump firing the Secretary of State is important news.

DANNY (Journalist): Who's gonna care? Isn't this like the tenth time?

MR. DOUGHERTY: Danny's right. It's not gonna get us any subscribers. Give it 400 words and we'll place it somewhere.

JIM: Only 400!? That's ridiculous.

MR. DOUGHERTY: What else we got?

MARY (Matter of fact, writer, likes gossip): I'm still wondering about the White House and the Marijuana situation.

JIM: Sure, everyone wants to talk about Marijuana!

SALLY: They do Jim. They really do.

DANNY: Screw the Marijuana, what about the Vietnam story?

[He clicks a remote and a picture of Trump in military gear pops up on the big screen.]

DANNY: (continued) On the internet, one side says that Trump has a sketchy 1A status that got him out of the Vietnam war - and another part has a conspiracy theory that he was drafted into special ops. (referring to the picture) That's obviously fake! - Isn't it?

SALLY: Is it? I don't know. AGAIN with your conspiracies. Why are you always digging so deep?

DANNY: It used to be called 'Journalism'!

SALLY: (tossing her pen to the table, rolling her eyes) Oh, please..!

MR. DOUGHERTY: Hey! I don't care what type of news it is. Run both stories for all I care. Actually, yes! Run both stories! People will find whichever story they agree with, and we'll get clicks from both sides.