

TED FOR PRESIDENT

"One Drunken Night"

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INT. THE DRUNK MONKEY BAR - NIGHT

The camera pans across the seedy bar, showing patrons who are either passed out or barely holding on to their drinks. The air is thick with the smell of stale beer and desperation.

TED, a slightly over-weight man in his mid-30s, is sitting at the bar with his friends, DAVE, BEN, and Ben's wife SARAH. They're all drinking heavily and laughing loudly.

TED

(slurring words)

I'm telling you, guys, I'd make a great president! I'd make sure everyone has free beer and pizza!

DAVE

(laughing)

Yeah, and you'd also make sure that speed limit is 100 miles per hour on the highway!

TED

People drive too damn slow! Why is the speed limit 65 everywhere, they act like we're in Florida with all the retirees.

BEN

(chiming in)

Like you pay attention to the speed limit anyways!

TED

I view the speed limit more like a guideline. It's a suggestion on a sign pole.

SARAH

It's a law TED, a law, not a guideline.

All of TED's friends laugh.

As they continue to joke around, the bartender, a gruff-looking man with a thick beard, named BILL, looks over at them and raises an eyebrow.

BARTENDER BILL

You guys don't really think he'd make a good president do you?

DAVE

He'd make a better one than the one we have now. He's about as moral as a politician too.

TED

That's right, I would make a better president than ol' sleepy BO.

The Bartender shrugs his shoulders in slight agreement.

BARTENDER BILL

Yeah, that's true, but then again, anyone would. How can he run a country if he's never awake?

DAVE

It's just my opinion but, I think he's a vampire, guys. Because he sure looks dead enough, and he's always sleeping during the day.

DAVE takes a sip of his pint of beer.

SARAH

Wouldn't he burst into flames if he was a vampire? He spends all his time golfing in Florida with that other person running this year.

DAVE

Yeah, I guess. Well, anyways. TED you've got all the qualifications to make a great president.

TED

Exactly! I'm lazy, stupid, my parents paid my way through school, I like golf sometimes too.

BEN

Yep - I would say that makes you at least as qualified as the other two nitwits. But, what would be your slogan?

TED

My slogan would be something like "I'm not just a politician, I'm a listener. I'll actually listen to your problems... on social media."

The group cheers TED on to encourage him.

DAVE

Well, you do like social media and you are a good listener.

The group erupts in laughter, and TED, feeling emboldened, climbs up onto one of the tables and starts giving a mock presidential speech.

TED

My fellow Americans! I promise you, if I'm elected president, I'll make sure that everyone has free beer and pizza! And I'll make sure that all the TVs in the country are showing nothing but cat videos.

As TED continues to speak, the camera pans out to show the rest of the bar, where patrons are starting to take notice of the commotion. A few whistle and cheer.

BARTENDER BILL

(seeing people notice
Ted's confidence)

You know, I think you guys might be onto something. Why don't you actually nominate TED for president?

DAVE

Yeah, why not? It's not like he's going to win or anything!

The group laughs and cheers, and the rest of the bar joins in to cheer TED on. TED, feeling like he's on top of the world, raises his arms in triumph.

TED

Cause my name is Fr--I mean TED, and I approve this message!

As the camera cuts to black, the sound of laughter and cheering can be heard in the background.