TWENTY-FIVE

Scene 4 – 25th Amendment

*#2 & 5 are in their “spot”. The word “Amendment” is attached at bottom of 2 & 5. Sign says “Quiz Today:”*

# 2 *(holding sign and reading it)* I’m in trouble now.

# 5 – Why? What did you do?

#2 – Nothing. That’s the problem. I never read the book for my American Government class.

#5 – *(confused)* So….. you’re wishing you were a better student…...why?

#2 – *(puts sign up)* Because there’s a test today on the 25th Amendment!

#5 – *(sighs)* We are not taking the test! We are just the classroom bulletin board.

#2 – Thank goodness! I was about to break out in hives. *(Sign Up)*

**Nerd:** *(looking at watch)* Ms. Thompson is late. We’re not going to have enough time for our test if she doesn’t get here soon! *(Goes back to studying)*

**Athlete:** Horrors! Your essay might end up being just 2 pages – instead of 10!

*(****SFX*** *-basketball bouncing on floor)*

*(Cheerleaders laugh. Rebels snicker At same time Nilsa puts feet up on back of chair of cheerleader – Maggie jumps up and turns around)*

**Cheerleader 1:** *(Maggie – pushes feet off chair)* Girl! Keep your feet to yourself!

*(****SFX*** *– Nilsa’s two feet landing on floor)*

**Rebel 1:** *(Nilsa – holding up fist)* Maybe you’d rather have my fist!

*(****SFX*** *- Door shuts)*

*(Substitute rushes/panting/talking as enters. Puts bag on table & is looking though bag for papers.*

**Substitute:** *(talking fast)* So sorry to be late! There was an accident on the expressway and it was backed up for miles. Even without accidents it’s always packed with traffic. They really should rename it the snail-way! *(chuckles at her own joke)*

*(****SFX*** *– papers rustling)*

**Substitute:** Here we are! *(pulling out papers)* I knew I printed up the test your teacher sent me. *(Looking at class)* Oh, I should introduce myself. I’m your substitute teacher – Miss Twitch.

*(During athlete’s lines the Rebels take out straws and mime making spit balls which they start shooting at teacher & nerd).*

**Athlete:** Did you sayMiss Twitch!? *(to the Cheerleaders)* Oh this is going to be fun! *(stands up and starts twitching while talking)* Miss Twitch. I’m sure you are a very understanding person so I’m wondering *(twitching gets worse)* if you’d consider doing a review before giving us the test. I have to get a B on this test in order to play in the Championship game, but it’s hard to write when I’m nervous because of my twitch.

**Cheerleader:** Yeah – m-me too! *(laughing)*

**Substitute:** I don’t appreciate your sense of humor!

*(****SFX*** *-spitball/finger flick )*

**Substitute:** Ouch! Who threw that?

**Nerd:** I can’t study when they’re shooting spitballs.

**Rebel 2 –**Bridget: *(sarcastic)* Aaaaaw! Are you gonna get grounded if you don’t get an A++ on this test?

**Substitute:** Young lady, go sit down! If you don’t have something nice to say, don’t say it!

**Cheerleader 1:** *(turning, haughty)* That’s right. You need to mind your manners!

**Rebel 2:** How ‘bout if I “politely” fix your hair for you? *(pulls hair of Cheerleader)*

**Cheerleader 1:** Owwww! Let go of my hair! Teacher!

**Substitute:** Stop that right now!

*(****SFX*** *-footsteps, ideally high heels)*

**Resource Teacher:** Oh good you’re here. I’m the resource teacher. I just read your text about traffic.

**Substitute:** Actually I WAS here. I don’t teach hoodlums! *(storms out)* Bye!

**Rebel 2:** That’s a record! We got rid of that sub in less than a minute!

*(Everyone but nerd cheers or high-fives: Whoo hoo! Way to go! Alright!)*

**Resource Teacher:** That is nothing to be proud of!

**Nerd:** *(raising hand)* Excuse me! Excuse me! We *really* need to get started on our test on the 25th Amendment or we won’t have enough time to finish.

**Resource Teacher:**  Well, your test walked out with your substitute.

**Rebel Student 1:** *(sarcastic)* How disappointing!

**Rebel 2:** (*gesturing to nerd as if in solidarity*) And we studied so hard! Didn’t we?

**Athlete:** *(stands up)* No point in wasting this time. Anyone up for some hoops?

*(****SFX*** *-basketball bouncing on floor during lines then on once on head)* Swoosh!

NERD: Ouch! That’s my head!

**Cheerleaders:** *(Jump up & bounce as chanting)* Two points!

**Resource Teacher:** Everyone sit down!

*(****SFX*** *-basketball bouncing on a person)*

**Resource Teacher:** Ow!

*(****SFX*** *-basketball being caught in two hands)*

**Nerd:** Got it!*(jumped up to catch wayward ball)* Are you ok?

**Athlete:***(to nerd)* Hey, nerd!Not bad on the reflexes. Maybe you should try out for the team.

**Cheerleader:**Him? Too funny! Good one!

**Resource Teacher:** That’s it! I’m getting the Principal. *(Storms out DSR)*

*(****SFX*** *-footsteps, ideally high heels)*

**Athlete:** A double record! *(everyone except nerd cheers, jumping up and down)*

**Nerd:** You guys are going to get us into trouble!

**Rebel 2:** We can’t get in trouble if we aren’t here. Let’s exit guys.

*(****SFX*** *-footsteps approaching, boots or dress shoes)*

*(Principal walks in)*

**Principal:** Where do you think you’re going? This anarchy is ending right now! Go sit down & someone tell me what you are supposed to be studying.

**Nerd:** Actually, we are studying how to avoid anarchy in our government if the President is assassinated.

**Principal:** So you are studying the 25th Amendment. Who can tell me what that amendment says about the line of succession?

**Announcer:** *(James Hiltz?) “Pardon the announcement. Principal Williams please come to the office immediately for an urgent phone call.”*

**Janitor:** ‘Morning Mr. Williams. Can I get the trash?

**Principal:** Yes! AndI need you to keep these rebellious students in order until I return.

**Janitor:** I’m the janitor.

**Principal:** Right. *(to students)* There will be consequences if there is any more anarchy!

*(****SFX*** *-footsteps, boots or dress shoes)*

**Rebel 1:** We can’t commit anarchy when we don’t even know what it means.

**Janitor:** Ya’ might not realize it but you guys are some of the best anarchists I seen come through this school.

**Athlete:** What you do you know about anarchists?

**Janitor:** I seen plenty o’ students like you – just tryin’ to be agitatas & creatin’ chaos in the classroom so you don’t have to actually learn (loin) anything. Howeva, your anarchy today serves (soives) as a great example of how the line of succession works (woiks). Your teacha was sick, so the substitute was supposed to take ova the class. When she walked out, the Resource Teacha took ova until she gave up and the Principal came. Your rebellion wasn’t successful because leadership (leada-ship)passed from one person (poissen) to the next. That’s exactly what the 25th Amendment does for our country.

*(****SFX*** *-School Bell rings.)*

**Janitor:** Class dismissed!

*BLACK OUT*