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V.O. (Director) Deep within the walls of the cavernous TC-BAPA Headquarters, a meeting is taking place.

[SFX Large and echoey room. There are many people speaking in mutters amongst themselves.]

BUREAUCRAT1 We are called here to settle the matter of Leslie Hugo, Haven Hollow City Manager. Mr. Hugo -- do you understand why you are here?

CM I understand

BUREAUCRAT 2 Mr. Hugo. You have broken the number one rule of Civil Service.

BUREAUCRAT 3 Every bureaucrat worth their travel allowance knows that you **only** gossip, er, SHARE YOUR TRUE FEELINGS with one or two confidants and NEVER in front of a crowd -- ESPECIALLY NOT ON TELEVISION.

A choir of 'mm-hmm' and 'hear-hear' and 'that's right!' and "you can't do that on television!" can be heard throughout the murmuring crowd.

BUREAUCRAT 1 **(clears throat)** ORDER! **[SFX: gavel slams -- the murmuring ends]** ORDER IN THE VERY LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM 39A!

BUREAUCRAT 1 Leslie Hugo -- We will now take a vote. Will all 127 county officials please cast their votes at this time? Press 1 to Remove Mr. Hugo from his position. Press 2 to Allow Mr. Hugo to stay.

[SFX: blipping sounds as everyone is casting their votes.... after many moments]

BUREAUCRAT 1 In a vote of 126 to 1, the board has decided that you are **(pause)** NOT to return to your post as City Manager of Haven Hollow. **[SFX: crowd murmurs]** Leave your parking permit, your lanyard, and the mug I gave you last Christmas that says #1 City Manager with my administrative assistant by the end of the week.

LESLIE **(in background)** No! Not my mug! Give me another chance!

Guards! You may remove Mr. Hugo from the room. We have matters to discuss. Important, bureaucrat-only matters.

[SFX Door slams shut]

(muttering resumes)

BUREAUCRAT 2 Now that Mr. Hugo is out of the way, we will need to pay very close attention to Haven Hollow.

BUREAUCRAT 3 Yes, it's strange how little progress the city has made since...

BUREAUCRAT 2 Yes, yes. Since IT happened. **(pause)** I suggest we think outside the box Possibly someone who has worked with the townfolk and knows the lay of the land. Haven Hollow has suffered much in the wake of this...well, this thing... and, I don't think placing some dime-a-dozen Masters of Public Administration civil servant there will help to cure what ails it.

BUREAUCRAT 4 What's wrong with a dime-a-dozen MPA? Just put Matt in there. He'll be fine.

(SFX papers shuffling)

BUREAUCRAT 2 Uh... let's see... he's already CM of East of Edom

BUREAUCRAT 4 Fine, fine. Give it to ... who's the Assistant CM in Sticky Thicket? Gary? Give it to Gary. It's his turn.

BUREAUCRAT 2 Actually, I had in mind a young woman...

(objections from the crowd: You can't be serious! Boo! Boooooo!)

BUREAUCRAT 3 A... a what? (roars) A WHAT?!

BUREAUCRAT 2 **(small voice)** I mean... Gary? Gary would be good? Yes, it's his turn, right?

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Lara voiced Bureaucrat 1, Chriss Bureaucrat 2, Aleya Stone voiced Bureaucrats 3 and 4. Opening narration by Lara. Music composed and performed by Jarren Chaney.

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