

Opening Message: Hello and welcome to the final prologue episode for Season 2. We appreciate every one of you for visiting us here in Haven Hollow, Texas. We are really excited about the upcoming season, which will premiere this December.

In this episode we have a little fun with some people who have been kind enough to join us on Patreon, or buy us a coffee on Ko-Fi. Every little bit helps us to defray the costs of our little show and we are grateful.

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V.O: Under the veil of night, the staff of the OWCL gathers with transgressive patrons summoned to the quarterly Patron Banning Ceremony.

[SFX; night sounds -- crickets chirping. Fire blazing]

BENJAMIN Is this makeup absolutely necessary? It is so incredibly itchy. I might be breaking out in hives.

CONST I don't know, why don't you ask your new girlfriend, the Secretary?

BENJAMIN Seriously? Are you still on about that? **(scratching sounds of him scratching his face)** Don't you think it would be me at the beach instead of Marjorie if Hazel and I were an item?

KAREN Both of you PLEASE stop. We do this every quarter, and every quarter I have to hear the same complaints.

BENJAMIN I was in the middle of an important letter! And I had to leave for this!

KAREN You think every letter you write is important.

BENJAMIN Well this one is! It's ... personal. Anyway... **(sneezes)** oh boy. Are the new robes wool? They know i'm allergic to wool!

CONST **(whines)** This robe is soooo hahhhhhht!

KAREN augh! **(mutters)** I'm going to poke the fire

[SFX: stomps off robotically]

[SFX: smoke bomb whoosh]

DIRECTOR **(from afar)** Silence. This is a sacred ritual and I will not have you two ruining it with your endless whining!

BENJAMIN DIRECTOR! I have been wanting to speak to you for so long.

DIRECTOR We shall not speak today, Dr. Brittle. I will stay here, in the shadows, until the ceremony is complete. Now put up your hoods.

BENJAMIN **(low, irritated)** Why did I have to put on all this makeup if I'm covering my head?

DIRECTOR **(booming echo)** Silence!

(silence falls, fire crackles)

DIRECTOR Bring forth the Transgressors!

CONST Come on, come on - over by the fire, that's right. **(frightened whining in background)** Look, it says right on the card that this is what happens when you break the rules!

DIRECTOR Patron number 90125! Bill!

BILL y-y-yes?

DIRECTOR For trying to use non-load-bearing books to shore up your home, you have been BANNED from the library. Please place your card in the fire.

[SFX: fwoosh sizzle]

DIRECTOR Patron number 45255! Brista! You bought coffee for everyone in the Library! **(low tut-tutting)** In cups with no lids! Please place your card in the fire. **(woman crying softly in background)**

[SFX: fwoosh sizzle]

Patron number 4743354! Steven! You also brought coffee! And gifts of **(gags)** metal cups for the staff! So disgusting! Place your card in the fire.

[SFX: fwoosh sizzle sound]

Director Finally, patron number 3! Jammer! **(aside)** Jammer? Is that a name?
Constance, I said write down their NAMES!

Constance **(hissing whisper)** I did! His name is Jammer!

Director Very well. Jammer! You placed your donations in the bookdrop instead of the clearly marked Donation box! Please place your card in the fire.

(background - no!)

Director This concludes the quarterly Patron Banning Ceremony. Thank you all for coming. Never come back again. There is punch and cookies in the lobby if you wish to join us for a brief Dismissal Reception.

[SFX: Smoke bomb whoosh]

Brittle Ugh **(cough cough)** I can't get used to that exit. Where do they go when that happens?

Constance **(verbal shrug)**

[SFX: A group of people murmuring and shuffling off in the grass]

KAREN **(quietly in background as patrons and staff are moving to the reception)**
Hey! Hey there! Over here! I printed up some new cards for you before the ceremony. I just can't bear to see anyone lose their library privileges. Just don't let the Director see you, ok? Oh, and behave from now on, ok?

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Aleya Stone voiced Dr. Benjamin Brittle, Rebecca Hale voiced Constance the Temp, Erin O'Quinn voiced Karen Lovemore, and Lara voiced the Director.

And remember, use your local library! But follow the rules, ok? I hate banning patrons and those robes really are haaaaahhht.