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White House-Disney Buyout

Quick sketch that is a tribute to as well as heavily influenced by a clip from one of my favorite shows: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b4m_ajuNmSA&t=45s

Setting the scene: After a few lighthearted sketches, one of the actors comes on stage alone with a very serious attitude and a sheet of paper to read the news from (or maybe a cell-phone would be better). This is not a sketch to the actor (at least not yet).

Actor as himself/herself: This is a comedy show, but sometimes there are certain events or moments as my esteemed colleagues would call them that come before the show. There is strange news from Washington that says that the White House is close to finalizing its ongoing negotiations with Disney over rights to the Executive Branch of the government. We are now going to bring you live outside of the White House where we have the highly recognizable Office of Management and Budget Director Hugh Lauschen making an official statement. Here you go...

Scene changes to an informal press conference outside the White House. Lauschen in suit and tie (would be great to have him wearing a Mickey Mouse tie or cufflinks, something of the like). He is kind of a used car salesman type character. He is selling this absurd idea as the right decision and he sticks to the script/campaign slogans so to speak. He is surrounded by members of the press that are particularly urgent to get answers from him, which clearly annoys him, but it is also evident that he is comfortable and experienced in making these types of speeches and in bullying members of the press.

Lauschen *(being heckled by the press with questions):* Would you let me speak! Thank you. This is of course is a great day for the White House and a great day to be an American. *(chatter from the press, he glares and waits for them to be quiet again).* Disney, one of America's great companies, has offered a great deal of money to buy the Executive Branch. We had competing bids from Netflix, Amazon and the company that makes Flex Seal, but in the end Disney made us an irrefutable offer.

Press member: What does this do to the government?

Lauschen: Well, as part of the deal, we had to agree to get rid of the other two branches of our government, for those who do not know, those are of course the Judicial Branch and the other one. Those are gone, and I can only say that it is about time. Our government and our country are stronger than and as stable as ever before. Disney has confirmed what we all already know, that

our nation is worth investing in. I think the taxpayers will be ecstatic with the way our government will operate under the multimedia mega-super company that is Disney.

Press: Will there be any major changes made under Disney?

Lauschen: I have been personally assured that there will be no major changes made to our great country because of this transfer of power. Of course, during negotiations we have granted them permission to use the entire state of Montana as the site for the newest and largest amusement park in human history. And of course, because of the sheer size of this park, we will have to transform North Dakota into a parking lot, if it is not one already.

Press: Will taxes be raised?

Lauschen: OH, WHO CARES! We're trying to improve our country, and you people are always going on about how taxes are too high or how you've lost your job. Yes, taxes will be raised, and you'll probably lose your jobs too. Tough. We have gotten one step closer to the America that our Founding Fathers envisioned, and you want to talk about taxation.

Press: Is this even legal? Won't the House, Senate, and Supreme Court shoot this deal down?

Lauschen: I can assure you that this deal is perfectly within the bounds of law as outlined in the Geneva Convention and confirmed by the Nuremberg Trials. I will leave you with this contractually obligated statement: Change is good. G-O-O-D, good. Change is good and with this deal our country will be taken to infinity and beyond. Hakuna Matata and God Bless America.

Back to Actor: Well I hope that didn't scare you too much as I can confirm that was in fact not real, rather it was a fiction, a comedic sketch if you will, inspired by the chaotic political climate we live in today. Obviously, a world in which Disney buys out our government is a silly and hopefully for the purposes of this show laughable idea produced by the cynical and dare I say skeptical mind of a college student with little to no comedic talents. Or is it?