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**Dramatis personæ**

It fortuitously turns out that you can set up a one-to-one correspondence between funny military ranks (including commander-in-chief) and conspirators/Caesar. At the end of Scene II, refer back to this dramatis personæ to see which conspirator is referred to by the funny military names.

Private Parts, played by Gaius Julius Caesar  
Corporal Punishment, conspirator played by Casca  
Sergeant At-Arms, conspirator played by Cassius  
Lou Tenant, conspirator played by Cinna  
Captain Courageous, conspirator played by Metellus Cimber  
Colonel Corn, conspirator played by Decius Brutus  
Major Pain-In-The-Ass, conspirator played by Caius Ligarius  
General Nuisance, conspirator played by Trebonius  
Donald Trump, conspirator played by Marcus Brutus  
Melania Trump, played by Portia  
Flavius, played by himself  
Marullus, played by himself

**ACT I**

**SCENE I. Rome. A street.**

All of Scene I is copied literally from the original play, the idea

being to set the stage for the types of puns that are used thereafter.

[excerpt from *Julius Caesar*]

*Enter FLAVIUS, MARULLUS, and certain Commoners*

**MARULLUS**

You, sir, what trade are you?

**Second Commoner**

Truly, sir, in respect of a fine workman, I am but, as you would say, a cobbler.

**MARULLUS**

But what trade art thou? answer me directly.

**Second Commoner**

A trade, sir, that, I hope, I may use with a safe conscience; which is, indeed, sir, a mender of bad soles.

**MARULLUS**

What trade, thou knave? thou naughty knave, what trade?

**Second Commoner**

Nay, I beseech you, sir, be not out with me: yet, if you be out, sir, I can mend you.

**MARULLUS**

What meanest thou by that? mend me, thou saucy fellow!

**Second Commoner**

Why, sir, cobble you.

**FLAVIUS**

Thou art a cobbler, art thou?

**Second Commoner**

Truly, sir, all that I live by is with the awl: I meddle with no tradesman's matters, nor women's matters, but with awl. I am, indeed, sir, a surgeon

to old shoes; when they are in great danger, I recover them. As proper men as ever trod upon neat's leather have gone upon my handiwork.

## **SCENE II. Rome. A street.**

*Enter conspirators*

Citizens: Let us hear the sweet strains of the lute.

General Nuisance: Donald Trump is about to speak, let us hear the lyre.

*Enter Trump dressed in toga*

Donald Trump: (inaudible) Let us huddle, let us feign we are talking of national security.

Citizens: The will, the will! we will hear Caesar's will.

My father told a joke about a US congressman visiting an African tribe. After every statement in his speech, the tribe showed its enthusiasm by repeatedly shouting "Ugunda! Ugunda!" The congressman was elated by this response. On the path back to the village, the chief pulled at the congressman, and said "careful, don't step in the ugunda."

Donald Trump: Ixnay on the apcray. Fero ferre tuli latus, your mother has disgusting flatus.

Trump portrays the conspirator Marcus Brutus, and he

frequently spouts out schoolboy Latin jokes, other nonsense, or outright lies that he/spokesman actually says in real life.

Citizens: The will, the will! we will hear Caesar's will.

Donald Trump: "Nobody respects women more than Donald Trump, I'll tell you."

Citizens: The will, the will! we will hear Caesar's will.

Donald Trump: "I made a speech. I looked out. The field was — it looked like a million, a million and a half people."

Citizens: The will, the will! we will hear Caesar's will.

Donald Trump: "And massive tax cuts, by the way, for middle-class workers, massive."

Citizens: The will, the will! we will hear Caesar's will.

Donald Trump: "The only one that cares about my tax returns are the reporters."

Citizens: The will, the will! we will hear Caesar's will.

Donald Trump: "It is time to drain the swamp. This is why I'm proposing a package of ethics reforms to make our government honest once again."

Citizens: The will, the will! we will hear Caesar's will.

Donald Trump Spokesman: "You know, you had someone as despicable as Hitler who didn't even sink to using chemical weapons."

Citizens: The will, the will! we will hear Caesar's will.

*Enter Private Parts*

Private Parts: Private parts reporting for duty, sir.

Colonel Corn: Don't try to butter me, son.

Private parts: I don't mean to be a nuisance.

General Nuisance: That's General Nuisance, son.

Sergeant At-Arms: Don't stand so close to me, son.

Private Parts: Sorry, I will stand at arms length.

Sergeant At-Arms: That's Sergeant At-Arms, son.

Corporal Punishment: You need to be more careful with your behavior, son.

Private Parts: Will I receive punishment?

Corporal Punishment: That's Corporal Punishment, son.

Private Parts: I wish I was courageous.

Captain Courageous: That's Captain Courageous, son.

Private Parts: I'm sick of the barracks, I feel like a tenant.

Lou Tenant: I am Lou Tenant, son.

Private Parts: The army is a major pain in the ass.

Major Pain-In-The-Ass: I'll say it is.

Donald Trump: Private Parts "is bringing drugs. He's bringing crime. He's a rapist."

Donald Trump: Who's on first.

Lucky that Lou Tenant and Lou Costello are both named "Lou."

Lou: No, Corporal Punishment's on first.

Corporal Punishment: Speak, hands for me!

*Corporal Punishment first, then the other Conspirators and Donald Trump stab Private Parts*

Private Parts: Et tu, Brute! Then fall, Caesar.

*Dies*

Donald Trump: De minimis non curat mickimus.

Citizens: The will, the will! we will hear Caesar's will.



Donald Trump: Semper ubi sub ubi.

Citizens: The will, the will! we will hear Caesar's will.

*Exeunt*

### **SCENE III. Republican National Convention**

*Enter unruly mob*

First Commoner: For God's sake, let us sit upon the ground and tell sad stories of alternative facts.

*Enter Melania*

#### **Melania's word-for-word plagiarism of Michelle Obama**

Melania: that you work hard for what you want in life, that your word is your bond and you do what you say and keep your promise, that you treat people with respect. And we need to pass those lessons on to the many generations to follow. Because we want our children in this nation to know that the only limit to your achievements is the strength of your dreams and your willingness to work for them.

Citizens: The will, the will! we will hear Caesar's will.

**ALTERNATIVE ENDING 1 was the original ending, but I prefer ALTERNATIVE ENDING 3.**

**ALTERNATIVE ENDING 1**

Not plagiarized, but the ghostwriters missed all aspects of Melania's communication style, including vocabulary, diction, rhythm, tone, cadence as well as personal values, empathy, and quality of thought. Hard to imagine less appropriate ghostwriting. Although not a plagiarism, this does sound more like something that Michelle, but certainly not Melania, would say.

Melania: By our own example, we must teach children to be good stewards of the world they will inherit. We need to remember that they are always watching and listening. It is our responsibility to take the lead in teaching children the values of empathy and communication that are at the core of kindness, mindfulness, integrity and leadership.

Citizens: The will, the will! we will hear Caesar's will.

*Enter Donald Trump*

Donald Trump: And when you're a star, they let you do it, you can do anything... grab them by the pussy.

Citizens: The will, the will! we will hear Caesar's will.

*Exeunt*

## ALTERNATIVE ENDING 2

Melania: By our own example, we must teach children to be good stewards of the world they will inherit. We need to

remember that they are always watching and listening. It is our responsibility to take the lead in teaching children the values of empathy and communication that are at the core of kindness, mindfulness, integrity and leadership.

Donald Trump: And when you're a star, they let you do it, you can do anything... grab them by the pussy.

Citizens: The will, the will! we will hear Caesar's will.

*Exeunt*

### ALTERNATIVE ENDING 3

Melania: "By our own example, we must teach children to be good stewards of the world they will inherit."

Donald Trump: "And when you're a star, they let you do it, you can do anything... grab them by the pussy."

Melania: "We need to remember that they are always watching and listening."

Donald Trump: "And when you're a star, they let you do it, you can do anything... grab them by the pussy."

Melania: "It is our responsibility to take the lead in teaching children the values of empathy and communication that are at the core of kindness, mindfulness, integrity and leadership."

Donald Trump: "And when you're a star, they let you do it, you

can do anything... grab them by the pussy."

Citizens: The will, the will! we will hear Caesar's will.

*Exeunt*