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FDR

I just had to find out what all the fuss is about. I had to meet the man that will apparently become the first democratic governor of this century for the mighty republican California!

SINCLAIR

Oh...I was told I wasn't supposed to talk about-

FDR

Eleanor here is your biggest fan.
Isn't that right?

ELEANOR

Guilty! I've read everything
you've ever written.

SINCLAIR

I'm flattered, Mrs. Roosevelt.

ELEANOR

Eleanor. Please.

SINCLAIR

Of course. Eleanor.

ELEANOR

You're really quite a genius.

SINCLAIR

I'm not so sure about that. But I
thank you none-the-less.

FDR

That's enough about Upton Sinclair
the author. I'm interested in
Upton Sinclair the politician.

SINCLAIR

What would you like to know?

FDR

I read your plan. I may not have
read all of your novels, but I
have read that.

SINCLAIR

That's great. Wow.

FDR

It's a very ambitious little
agenda.

SINCLAIR

I wouldn't call it little, sir.

FDR

Of course not. It's epic, right.
EPIC?

SINCLAIR

That's right.

ELEANOR

I love that name. Very clever.

SINCLAIR

Thank you. Some folks think it is silly.

FDR

Yes, I could see that. So, you're wanting to create a California Authority for Land, a California Authority for Production, and the California Authority for Money.

SINCLAIR

That's right.

FDR

That's a lot of authority for one state.

SINCLAIR

Yes, it is. But, I-

FDR

Some would say too much authority for one little state.

ELEANOR

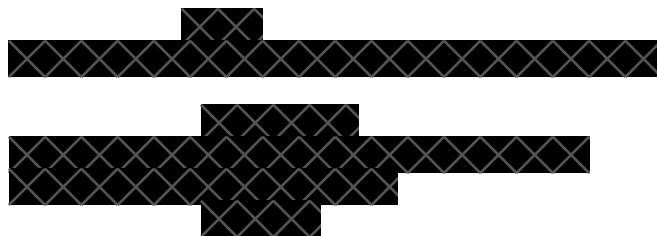
What do all those "authorities" do, Upton?

SINCLAIR

I don't want to bore you with those details.

ELEANOR

On the contrary, I find this all very interesting. You can't be the First Lady of United States without having some sort of interest in politics.



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There's a pause as FDR finishes his tea.

FDR
This has been just lovely, Upton.

SINCLAIR
Thank you, sir. I agree.

ELEANOR
It took us too long to have this meeting. I knew you two would hit it off. We are just so thrilled to be endorsing you in this campaign, Upton. Aren't we, Franklin?

FDR
Of course we are. We democrats must support each other. That's rule number one. Now, if you'll excuse me. All this tea has gotten the better of me.

SINCLAIR
Of course, Mr. President.

FDR
I can't thank you enough for making the trip. It has been a delight.

SINCLAIR
The pleasure has been all mine, sir.

They shake hands.

FDR
We'll talk soon, my new friend.

SINCLAIR
I look forward to it.

FDR gives SINCLAIR a beaming smile. He nods and exits.

ELEANOR

I'd say that went rather well.

SINCLAIR

Yes, I think so. Mrs. Roosevelt.

ELEANOR

You're going to have to get used to calling me Eleanor. I have a feeling we are going to be seeing a lot of each other.

SINCLAIR

I hope so, Eleanor.

ELEANOR

I think you two are onto something big. This could do wonders for the party. The President of the United States and America's greatest living author joining forces? The people won't even know what hit them.

Lights out as we move to: