

Veep***“Catherine”*****Story by Sean Gray, Armando Iannucci and Tony Roche**

INT. OLD EXECUTIVE HALLWAY

On the way to work, an upset Veep flanked by Gary and Amy complains the morning papers are focusing on the fashion feud between the First Lady and Selina. Gary shows his boss photos of "canine-didates" to be her official dog. Selina believes a dog will mark a fresh start with her college-aged daughter Catherine, but she will not tolerate a "ball of yappy hair, shitting its body-weight every 30 minutes" diva-dog.

INT. OUTER OFFICE

Fruit baskets, flowers and wrapped presents await the Veep, who's celebrating her 20th year in Washington with a party that night at her residence. Seeking advice, Selina asks about Mike's dog. Mike tries to demure but Dan goads him into showing a photo of the pet. Mike reluctantly produces a wallet photo of "Simon," whispering to Dan, "leave my fake dog alone."

Jonah blusters in, assuring Selina that the President's absence from the evening's festivities has nothing to do with her rift with the First Lady. Selina decides to neutralize the FLOTUS cat-fight story by un-diva-ing her party: "Lose those huge photos of me."

Mike is dragging his feet with the announcement about putting ex-oil guy Chuck Furnham on the Clean Jobs Task Force. Amy orders him to do it at the reception for Sen. Reeves' Memorial Recreation Center.

INT. MOTORCADE LIMO - EN ROUTE

There's a hurricane named "Selina" on the official list of names for next year's storms. Amy assures a horrified Veep that the people won't equate her with a natural disaster, but he'll work on getting the name changed.

INT. SEN. REEVE'S REC CENTER

At the rec center pool, jokes fly about the late Sen. "Rape-y" Reeves' sexual proclivities as the Veep consoles his widow Edna, who's more interested in gossip about Selina's alleged feud with the First Lady.

Meanwhile, a betrayed Sen. Doyle goes "Black Swan" over the pick of Chuck Furnham for the Clean Jobs Task Force. Across the room, Selina confides to her nominee that the announcement may happen today, while Sen. Hallows complains to Dan that Chuck isn't oily enough. When oil lobbyist Sidney Purcell vociferously confirms his disapproval of the choice to Amy, they all huddle and decide they have to delay the announcement to buy time and Selina orders Mike to put a lid on the announcement. Mike finds Chuck in the men's room talking on his cell phone. Mike tries to keep Chuck from going public about the pending announcement. But it's too late; Chuck has already leaked the news.

With Sen. Doyle prowling for the Veep, and Purcell and Hallowes closing in too, Dan suggests that the Veep makes a "widow-walk" escape with Mrs. Reeves. During the widow-walk, the gossipy Mrs. Reeves asks if the First Lady really calls Selina "Creepy Veepy."

INT. SELINA'S OUTER OFFICE

Waiting for her mom, Catherine is patiently waiting for her mom as Sue works. During some awkward small talk, Catherine learns from Sue about the Veep dog search.

INT. LIMO - LATER

Selina is driving back from the rec center dedication in a panic about the Furnham debacle, when she is reminded that her daughter is waiting for their lunch appointment. Selina orders: "Tell her I'm canceling the lunch that was supposed to prove there is nothing more important than Catherine, because something more important than Catherine has come up."

INT. SELINA'S OUTER OFFICE

Hours later, Selina finally shows up, but the Furnham fires are yet to be put out and she is too distracted to focus on her daughter and pawns her off on Amy instead.

INT. AMY'S OFFICE

Amy is doing work while Catherine peruses photos of dogs. She picks one. Amy looks at it and tries to hide her disapproval.

INT. SELINA'S OFFICE

Selina is talking privately to Amy about Catherine, asking her Chief of Staff how her daughter is doing. Amy: "You know. She's Catherine." When the staff reconvenes, Selina loves Dan's idea to announce the Veep dog as a way to buy time to figure out the clean jobs fiasco - but hates Catherine's choice - a mangy terrier.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

INT. LIMO

On the limo ride to the party, Sen. Doyle chastises Selina's lack of balls. The Veep stands up for herself as Catherine listens in.

INT. VEEP'S HOUSE - NIGHT

Selina greets her party guests with the help of Gary's whispered prompts: "Wife not daughter!" At the party, word comes that the President, bowing to oil pressure, wants to put Sidney Purcell on the Clean Jobs Task Force instead of Chuck Furnham – thus threatening to shred the Veep's credibility. But master manipulator Dan steps into action, offering Purcell an unofficial "back channel" to the Veep – which will give him more access and power than the task force job – then

Dan congratulates Sen. Doyle for pushing Furnham out and getting the much “oilier” Purcell in the bargain. Doyle is flummoxed.

At the party, Catherine learns all sorts of things about her mom’s staff – that Mike has a fake dog that everyone except her mom knows is fake, that Jonah will hit on anything, and that Amy is trying to get Selina’s name off the list of future hurricane names. When Catherine hears that her mom is trying to change the name of a hurricane, the First Daughter finally loses it over her controlling mother’s attempt to control even the weather. Selina tries to contain the embarrassing outburst by pulling Catherine into...

INT. CLOSET

Once inside, Catherine complains to her mom about why everything always has to be about her. Selina, surrounded by the giant poster blow-ups of her, insists to her daughter that “I know not everything is about ME.” After Catherine says her piece and they make up with a brief heart-to-heart, Selina promises Hurricane Selina will go unchanged.

INT. PARTY

Later, Sen. Doyle eats crow to get Chuck Furnham back on the task force, agreeing to sponsor the Veep’s filibuster reform bill.

Jonah puts the kibosh on the Veep’s dog choice because the First Lady wants a dog, too. Jonah: “We simply can’t allow the possibility that your dog could overshadow F-DOTUS.” Now stuck with a dog she doesn’t really want, Selina forces the “rat-faced terrier” on Mike after she learns the truth about Mike’s “bullshitsu” - and, in the process, offends Catherine again.

As the party winds down, Jonah hits on a soused Sue who tells him “there’s not enough alcohol in the world.” After privately making sure that Amy does intend to kill the name Hurricane Selina – and a double white wine – the Veep mingles, with “Gary-oke” in her ear.