

"AL BOSTWICK"

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SHORE

Even so,--

CRANE

Or in different rooms, then. You'd
love my girl, not a moral bone in
her body. And sounds like Andrea
would like me.

Shore just stares back at him.

CRANE (CONT'D)

C'mon, Alan. Once before we go.
Let's swing.

OFF Shore. we:

CUT TO:

13 INT. JUDGE BROWN'S COURTROOM - DAY

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All parties present. Rice has AL BOSTWICK on direct.

BOSTWICK

A nuclear power plant is actually
very simple. We boil water to create
steam to turn a turbine to make
electricity. But instead of burning
fuel to generate heat, we use nuclear
fission.

RICE

What about greenhouse gases?

BOSTWICK

None.

RICE

Acid rain?

BOSTWICK

None.

RICE

Urban smog?

BOSTWICK

None. The environmental impact of
the entire nuclear fuel cycle, from
uranium mining to the management of
used fuel, is among the lowest of
all electricity sources.

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BOSTWICK (CONT'D)

It's comparable to renewables such as hydropower and wind, it's one of the greenest ways we can go.

RICE

Is it safe? We all remember Chernobyl.

BOSTWICK

The Chernobyl accident was a result of design flaws and unsafe procedures, none of which are present in the United States. Our nuclear power plants have multiple layers of security and a high level of operational performance.

TIME CUT TO:

14 INT. JUDGE BROWN'S COURTROOM - LATER

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Shore is now up.

SHORE

Boy, I'm sure glad you showed up, you seem to have all the answers, I love people who have all the answers, don't you, Judge?

JUDGE BROWN

I actually do, but--

Realizing Shore's just up to his usual nonsense, he whacks his gavel.

SHORE

~~Of course, I have all the answers before.~~ In 1925, the International Commission on Radiological Protection set the radiation exposure limit at one hundred rem per year, anything under was safe. We now know they were wrong.

BOSTWICK

Yes.

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SHORE

And in 1936 the National Council on Radiation Protection set the standard at thirty-six rem per year, positive that was safe. And we now know that's also way too high, in fact, the acceptable level of radiation keeps getting reduced the more and more we learn, good thing, I guess, we now know everything, wouldn't you agree?

BOSTWICK

Nuclear power plants are safe, I know that.

SHORE

Yes, unless there's a design flaw, or a human error, or unsafe procedures, or a terrorist attack.--

BOSTWICK

I try to deal with probabilities, not--

SHORE

Really, I lean toward certainty, when being a tiny bit off could wipe out hundreds of thousands of people.

BOSTWICK

You want a certainty: global warming is killing us, unless we explore new ways--

SHORE

What about solar power or--

BOSTWICK

That's good, but not enough.

JUDGE BROWN

(banging his gavel)

Alright. I'd like to hear from Ms. Michele, please.

ANDREA

Your Honor. Um. Would it be possible for me to testify from here?

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