

FOOTBALL FOOTBALL FOOTBALL FOOTBALL
(or I LOVE LAVE DASH)

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CHARACTERS

LAVE DASH
MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

FOUR ENSEMBLE MEMBERS (RECOMMENDED TRACKS):

1: SCOUT
TMZIMA
OTHER VERY EXCITED PLAYER
MILT N.E.L.
VAGUELY REPUBLICAN
BROOP BROP
MANKEL JORKSON
YURPY YOO-YOO
HERBIE
MIKE JOHNSON

2: GM
FOOTBALL FRANZ
TALK TALK MAN
FOOTBALL FROOEY
OTHER VERY EXCITED PLAYER
KINDA DEMOCRAT
DISEMBODIED VOICE
GEORGIE KOOLKISS
TREE MAN
CAR FASTMAN
CHIEF OF STAFF

3: MARKETING GUY
COMMISSIONER
TMZOOMER
BARKY TACKLEBONE
MR. POSTGAME SHOW
OTHER VERY EXCITED PLAYER
A LAWYER
WORDS MEAN NOTHING NOW
FOOKS FRANKLIN
ALEXANDER HAMILTON
CHERBERIN BLANDO
COLOR MOUTH
ENERGY OF SECRETARY

KANYE WEST
STAFF CHEF

4: COACH
STEPHEN J. SMITH
DINO GOALPOSTS
OLD GUY QUARTERBACK
VERY EXCITED ABOUT MEDIA
ED HOCHULI'S BICEPS
JON BOIS
KERBSTREIT BURKERBURG
TOOTS SMITH
VIN DIESEL
A GOAT
CHAFF O'STEEF

NOTE

All roles may be cast with performers of any gender, though my suggestion is casting Lave and Mervin with women, and the ensemble with men.

But I don't know. Do what you want.

NOTE

This play is very important and very serious.

NOTE

Drive fast. Take risks.

I LOVE LAVE DASH

I.

Some Football Team's Draft War Room.

GM, MARKETING GUY, COACH, and SCOUT.

SCOUT

Lave Dash.

MARKETING GUY

That's his name.

COACH

I know.

SCOUT

Lave Dash.

GM

Jesus.

MARKETING GUY

Movie star name.

GM

Movie *character* name.

MARKETING GUY

First overall pick on that name alone.

COACH

Name can't shoot the weakside B gap to blow up a well-designed counter.

SCOUT

Good parents.

MARKETING GUY

I'll say.

GM

Great parents.

COACH

Parents can't set the edge from the nine tech and stuff the lead block.

SCOUT

Mixed race.

GM

Ooh, like The Rock.

MARKETING GUY

I wish The Rock played football.

SCOUT

He did.

MARKETING GUY

College.

COACH

Fuck college.

SCOUT

I know, right?

GM

Fellas, Lave Dash.

SCOUT

Lave Dash.

MARKETING GUY

Lave Dash. You're right.

SCOUT

Mixed race.

MARKETING GUY

He's more mixed race than The Rock.

COACH

How do you be *more mixed race*?

GM

How do you be more mixed race than The Rock?

SCOUT

No, guys: his *parents* are already mixed race.

GM

Ooh, double mixies!

MARKETING GUY

He's the kid of two The Rocks!

SCOUT

I mean, he's not.

GM

But yeah, he kind of is.

SCOUT

Father is Brazilian and Ethiopian.

GM

Christ.

SCOUT

Mother is --

MARKETING GUY

I don't even believe this.

SCOUT

-- Japanese and New Zealand...ish.

GM

Sweet fuck.

MARKETING GUY

I've seen her. She's hot.

COACH

Why do we have to go through this?

MARKETING GUY

Why do we *get* to go through this?

SCOUT

Due diligence.

COACH
Going through the motions.

GM
Yeah, maybe.

SCOUT
So Brazilian Ethiopian Japanese New Zealandish.

GM
He's like some perfect future person.

MARKETING GUY
I hear he's got eleven and a half inches of pigskin power below the belt.

Beat.

SCOUT
Our numbers can't confirm that.

MARKETING GUY
You know what I mean, right?

COACH
Yes.

MARKETING GUY
Pigskin power.

COACH
Yes.

MARKETING GUY
Below the belt.

GM
Yes.

MARKETING GUY
In his pants.

Beat.

SCOUT

Is the size of pigskin power in his pants relevant?

MARKETING GUY

Speaks to confidence.

GM

Yeah, okay. Seems relevant.

COACH

So he gets laid. Every football player gets laid.

MARKETING GUY

He gets high quality laid.

SCOUT

High quality *and* high quantity. I heard he had three supermodels and a pop star last year.

MARKETING GUY

I heard he had four supermodels and a TV star last *night*.

SCOUT

Where was he last night?

COACH

Heard he likes a guy in the mix sometimes.

GM

Not a problem.

MARKETING GUY

Good publicity, this day and age.

GM

Net positive.

MARKETING GUY

This guy is like my dream.

GM

Even the name.

SCOUT

Lave Dash.

GM

I think I did dream of that name.

MARKETING GUY

Like you dreamed it twenty years ago and you breathed him into existence.

GM

His perfect mixed race parents breathed him into existence.

MARKETING GUY

God, can you even imagine them *breathing*?

SCOUT

Four years at college.

COACH

I get it. Perfect GPA.

SCOUT

No, not perfect.

MARKETING GUY

Perfect would be a red flag.

GM

Like someone was taking his tests.

SCOUT

Just finished a summer internship on The Street.

GM

Like drugs?

MARKETING GUY

Like Wall.

SCOUT

Wall Street.

GM

So still drugs, but the “okay, it’s cool” kind.

SCOUT

They want him,

MARKETING GUY
They're grooming him.

GM
Executive leadership.

COACH
Is that an issue? I wouldn't bother with football if I had that as an option.

SCOUT
Oh no, not an issue.

MARKETING GUY
Kid loves to hit.

GM
Lives to hit.

MARKETING GUY
Big hits.

GM
Huge hits.

MARKETING GUY
Huge hits are bullshit to the way this kid hits.

SCOUT
Good form.

MARKETING GUY
Leads with the shoulder.

GM
Never gets juked.

SCOUT
Ended four careers in college.

COACH
Jesus.

GM
I've got tears in my eye.

COACH
Okay, I'm sold. Let's draft Lave Dash.

SCOUT
Okay, so option two.

COACH
Option two?

SCOUT
Option two.

COACH
Why would we bother?

MARKETING GUY
Why *would* we bother?

GM
There's another kid.

COACH
There are hundreds of other kids.

MARKETING GUY
Do we have to do this for all the kids?

GM
No.

COACH
Fuck no.

MARKETING GUY
Draft Lave Dash.

GM
There's one other kid.

COACH
Is there another Nigerian Columbian Barumbian Fuckfundrian kid?

SCOUT
He's white.

GM
The other kid, he's a white kid.

MARKETING GUY
Fuck out of here.

SCOUT
Comes from money.

COACH
Wait a second.

SCOUT
Parents are professors.

MARKETING GUY
Wait a second.

COACH
We're talking about a *professor's* kid?

GM
Two professors' kid.

COACH
Over Lave Dash, you're pitching this kid.

GM
Due diligence.

MARKETING GUY
I don't draft brains.

SCOUT
I wouldn't say he's got *brains*.

MARKETING GUY
I don't draft preparation and cool heads, not in the top spot.

GM
Oh, he's not coolheaded.

COACH
I want an animal in that top spot.

SCOUT

Oh yeah, no, we know.

GM

That's why we're pitching this kid.

COACH

The professor's kid?

GM

Yeah.

COACH

You're saying he's an animal.

GM

He's a fucking animal.

SCOUT

Wait.

Why didn't you watch any of these guys in college? I mean, if you watched this kid play ten snaps you would know he's a filthy fucking heartless animal beast out there.

I'm just saying: it's weird you don't scout college.

COACH

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FUCK YOU SCOUT COLLEGE. Scout college is your fucking job, you fuck. Get the fuck out of here. Go scout college, you scout college scout fuck.

Scout leaves.

COACH, MARKETING GUY, GM

...

COACH

Get him the fuck back in here to tell me about this savage animal fuck.

Scout returns.

SCOUT

Yeah, hey. I'm back.

What's the kid's name?
 GM

Mervin Gufflinson the First.
 SCOUT

...
 COACH, MARKETING GUY, GM

Get the fuck out of here that's what you want me to draft.
 MARKETING GUY

Due diligence.
 GM

I want Lave Dash.
 MARKETING GUY

Guys, I'm not gonna lie. Lave Dash is number one.
 GM

Even I've come around on him.
 COACH

Jersey sales, marketing.
 MARKETING GUY

Lave Dash is number one.
 GM

Loves to hit. Ends careers.
 COACH

Lave Dash is number one.
 GM

Diversity bullshit.
 MARKETING GUY

Lave Dash is number one.
 GM

So why am I still here?
 COACH

SCOUT

Gufflinson's motor is unreal. Unmeasurable.

MARKETING GUY

You can't measure anyone's motor, scout fuck.

GM

Can't measure his heart.

SCOUT

Killer's heart.

GM

Like a psychotic person.

COACH

This is the professor's son we're talking about?

SCOUT

Two professors. Yes.

COACH

So the professor's are insane people.

GM

The professors are the most normal.

SCOUT

Apple pie. Pot lucks. Happy home.

COACH

So why the fuck does he play *football*?

SCOUT

He's just, well --

GM

He's just fucked up.

SCOUT

He's just a crazy person.

GM

Violent tendencies.

Huh. COACH

Likes to hit. GM

Likes to fight. SCOUT

So he's a killer. MARKETING GUY

No. I mean, he found football. SCOUT

So he's a killer. COACH

Yeah. SCOUT

And my god, he hits *everybody*. GM

Lays them out, four or five on a play, sideline to sideline. SCOUT

Motor you can't measure. GM

Heart you can't measure. SCOUT

Huh. COACH

Well, what do you think? GM

Lave Dash. MARKETING GUY

Lave Dash. COACH

GM

Yeah, Lave Dash. But this kid, he's a fucking psychopath. And Lave Dash, he's kind of nice.

COACH

Huh.

GM

So Dash is our guy.

MARKETING GUY

Dash is our guy.

GM

But we at least meet them both.

COACH

We meet them both. And if this -- what's his name? The animal kid?

SCOUT

Mervin. Mervin Gufflinson. The First.

COACH

Well, if this Mervin Fucklinson fuck is as savage and out of control as you say, then we'll have a decision to make.

II (A)

Lave Dash. COACH

That's me, sir. LAVE DASH

Where the hell did that name come from? GM

My mama. LAVE DASH

All names do. COACH

Came to her in a dream, sir. LAVE DASH

God damn it. COACH

Every minute it gets better. GM

I can tell you about the dream, sir. LAVE DASH

Thought it was your mama's dream. COACH

She's told me about it many times. LAVE DASH

Pre-Screens say she just made it up. GM

I don't usually tell people the dream, sir, but if you're going to draft me, maybe you'd like to hear it. LAVE DASH

I don't need to hear the fucking dream. COACH

GM

But we don't have any questions to ask, so go ahead.

LAVE DASH

So in the dream my mom gets fucked by a lion. Majestic and powerful and terrifying but she's not scared. And a cobra's there watching, and he joins in.

ASSISTANT GM

Spit roasting her.

COACH

A cobra can't spit roast her.

LAVE DASH

No sir, not in the dream. Then this whole line of majestic animals, they come and they're scary but my mom's not scared, and they're tender with her and they give her great pleasure and they love her. They show my mom so much care that she knows that they love her. And then my dad comes, in the dream, and he holds her, after the animals have gone, like dream logic, they're just not there anymore, just my dad, and he holds her and she feels mighty and manly and virile and pregnant. And she knows. She knows I'm on my way. Said she'd been having that dream since she was a teenager, with my dad even in it, because I guess she's known him all my life. And I thought that was really pretty, sir. The love they have, they had even before I was conceived.

Silence.

ASSISTANT GM

So where does Lave Dash come in?

LAVE DASH

Just came to her. In the dream. After the animals. When she woke up after the first time she had the dream -- I mean, she had it thirty or forty times she said -- when she woke up the first time, she could hear it in her head and she just said it when she woke up. She said "I love Lave Dash." She had no idea what it meant, but she kind of always knew it was going to be me.

Silence.

GM

Yeah, maybe we keep not telling that story.

II (B)

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

I hate masturbating, I hate it, but I do it all the time, I do it all the time because I hate it and it makes me angry, and it cuts off the blood to my brain and I can't think so good and I get a headache and then I'm just fucking ornery, and I like to hit people hard when I'm ornery, so I try not to hydrate either, you know, I just stay kind of sick and hurt and ready to vomit kind of all the time, especially on the field, I mean, if I fucking vomit on the other guy, I've already won the mind battle, that's the way I look at it.

Silence.

ASSISTANT GM

We didn't really ask about masturbation.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

No, and I fuck a lot too.

SCOUT

Yeah, not what we asked exactly either, but good to know, helps the evaluation.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Can I just punch you in the fucking throat?

COACH

See? He knows which one of us to punch.

GM

College fuck!

ASSISTANT GM

Scout fuck!

SCOUT

Yeah, go ahead.

COACH

No, don't punch him in the throat.

Mervin punches Scout in the throat.

ASSISTANT GM

Jesus, Gufflinson, what the hell?

Mervin punches Assistant GM in the throat.

GM

We're the ones who decide if you get drafted --

Mervin tackles GM, pounce style.

COACH

This is going to be a tough decision.

II (C)

LAVE DASH

I shoot guns all the time, sir.

GM

Whirred you get them?

ASSISTANT GM

We can't ask him to recommend a gun dealer.

LAVE DASH

Oh, they're legal, sir, if that's what you're asking.

GM

It is what I'm asking.

ASSISTANT GM

Of course that's what you were asking.

LAVE DASH

And I bought them myself too, no boosters, no impropriety.

COACH

See, he knows what we need to hear.

GM

And you shoot them every day.

LAVE DASH

Every morning, sir.

COACH

Part of your routine.

LAVE DASH

Pat of my workout routine, yes.

SCOUT

Shooting guns is part of your workout routine?

LAVE DASH

Yes, sir.

ASSISTANT GM

Don't ever fucking call him sir.

GM

Don't ever fucking listen to him.

LAVE DASH

Shooting guns is part of my morning workout. It's a system I made up myself. Kind of like biathlon, only first I shoot the guns, then there's running, burpees, transcendental meditation, some sex, I climb up a wall, speed read old naval strategy guides, shoot again, run again.

ASSISTANT GM

So Crossfit.

LAVE DASH

Yeah, kind of. I've got it down to a tight thirty-two minute cycle.

SCOUT

Which naval guides?

GM

Who hired you?

COACH

Don't understand the guns. You want to be a barehanded killing machine.

LAVE DASH

Oh, no, you're right, sir. I do. And I like to think I am.

GM

Kid's amazing, I told you.

COACH

So why the guns?

LAVE DASH

Part of my workout, like I said, sir. See, I grab two guns, like this --

ASSISTANT GM

Two guns?

LAVE DASH

Two guns. Heavy guns. Good for wrist strength.

COACH

You like the kick.

LAVE DASH

Kick's what makes it worth my while! I shoot 'em out wide, switching up my grips, nothing better for throwing lineman out of my way. And it's great for my peripherals, my field of vision is just huge. I see everything that's happening out there. The shooting, the being really good at shooting, just a bonus.

GM

Everyday life bonus.

ASSISTANT GM

Ready for the apocalypse.

LAVE DASH

I mean, I'm ready with or without the guns, but. I'm not going to say that the CIA hasn't asked me to do some work for them. I'm not going to say I'm not already doing work for them. I'd say maybe we don't talk about this a whole lot more.

GM

For the best.

LAVE DASH

Excuse me, sir? It's time for me to eat.

ASSISTANT GM

You need to eat right now?

Twelve meals a day. Plus nineteen snacks. 92% percent protein.

Lave Dash pulls out some huge fucking meal.

COACH

I fucking love this kid.

II (D)

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

I've had concussions, sir.

GM

Oh yeah, I'm sure.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

I never really followed the protocol.

COACH

Protocol's fucking stupid.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

I'm old school.

COACH

Old school is good.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

I can give myself a concussion, watch. Oh no, you don't want to see? It's good, it's one of the ways I get my dick hard. I don't know. Everything's just better when it's hazy.

II (E)

Lave's meal is finished

SCOUT

I've never seen anyone eat like that.

LAVE DASH

Gotta feed the monster, you know?

GM

I've think we've seen everything we need to see.

COACH

Can we talk to your parents?

ASSISTANT GM

Yeah, I'd love to see your mom. Meet your mom. Talk to your mom. Your parents. Both parents. Your dad. Not just your mom.

LAVE DASH

Oh, they're having sex.

ASSISTANT GM

Fuck me.

LAVE DASH

They're very good-looking people.

GM

Oh, they are?

LAVE DASH

Which reminds me. I need to go have some sex.

COACH

Stick to your schedule

II (F)

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

My parents, they never understood me, and I don't think I'm that hard to understand, really. I hate people. I hate almost all the people. And when you hate people, you want to kill them. And oh, we can't kill people anymore, oh, politically correct -- and I mean I grew up in the research fucking triangle, so politically correct, I know politically correct -- oh, the white man's not allowed to kill people anymore, might hurt people's feelings. Fuck that, that's what we do. How hard is it to understand that since I was a kid I never liked any person I saw, wanted to kill Elmo, wanted to kill Mickey Mouse. I mean, the first time I watched full metal jacket, I wanted all those motherfuckers dead, I made detailed plans for how I'd rip the throat out of the drill sergeant if I ever had a drill sergeant talk to me like that, how I'd kill the soldiers, the Vietnamese, I was ready to kill everyone. I was six. I don't think it's all that hard to understand. I told them that at the army recruiter thing. They didn't want me. I didn't tell any of my college coaches. They wanted me. Oh, maybe I shouldn't have told you guys.

Silence.

COACH

It's a goddamn shame we can't draft you both.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

I'm going to fucking murder someone someday. Maybe it'll be for you.

IV

I think we can trade for Mervin. ASSISTANT GM

Trade for Mervin? COACH

Draft Lave first. SCOUT

And trade for Mervin. ASSISTANT GM

This might be a stroke of genius. GM

Dash and Gufflinson. ASSISTANT GM

Lave and Mervin. SCOUT

I can see the posters now. GM

Move over Gastineau and Klecko! SCOUT

How the fuck old are you? ASSISTANT GM

They'll never work together. COACH

Maybe you're right. Gufflinson's got no code. GM

No respect for authority. ASSISTANT GM

No respect for respect. SCOUT

He'll be out of the league in a year. ASSISTANT GM

Dash is too buttoned up. SCOUT

Too perfect. ASSISTANT GM

He's never had adversity. GM

Kids like him, they crumble when something goes wrong. COACH

No grit. GM

And he's too in his head. SCOUT

Too full of himself. ASSISTANT GM

He's been dating supermodels since he was thirteen. SCOUT

Thirteen. ASSISTANT GM

No one even questions it. GM

But Christ, thirteen. ASSISTANT GM

I don't ever want a guy who's never had to beg for pussy on my team. COACH

He'll have to beg at some point. We all do. ASSISTANT GM

You think Gufflinson begs. COACH

I think Gufflinson doesn't know what begging means. GM

COACH

I'm not saying Gufflinson is a guy who just takes pussy.

GM

No.

ASSISTANT GM

No.

SCOUT

No.

ASSISTANT GM

No .

GM

No.

COACH

Of course not.

GM

We don't want a guy like that.

ASSISTANT GM

No.

SCOUT

No.

ASSISTANT GM

No.

GM

No.

COACH

No.

GM

Let's move on.

ASSISTANT GM

They'll never coexist.

They'll kill each other. GM

Mervin will kill Lave. COACH

Oh yeah. GM

That's for sure. ASSISTANT GM

If they got into it, my money's on Mervin. COACH

So why do you want to draft Lave? SCOUT

Because Lave's a functional human being. GM

But not too functional. COACH

Yeah, functional but violent. ASSISTANT GM

Functionally violent. GM

That's what you want in a number one draft pick on the defensive side. ASSISTANT GM

That's what you want in a number one draft pick. COACH

That's what you want in life. GM

That seems odd to me. SCOUT

Shut the fuck up, you dumb college fuck. ASSISTANT GM

COACH

We can play them both, put them on opposite outside ends.

GM

We'll never get them both.

ASSISTANT GM

They're going one and two on every draft board.

SCOUT

Mervin won't be there when we pick at twenty-one.

ASSISTANT GM

He won't be there when we pick at seven either.

COACH

What if we don't pick at twenty-one and seven?

GM

I don't think that seven and twenty-one gets us the second pick.

COACH

Trade Bolt.

GM

Trade Bolt?

ASSISTANT GM

Trade our QB Bolt?

SCOUT

Bolt Breckerdinger, the best QB in our division?

ASSISTANT GM

Trade him for nothing?

COACH

Trade him and the seven and the twenty-one for the number two pick.

ASSISTANT GM

To pick Mervin?

GM

His name is MERVIN, for fuck's sake.

COACH

I've always dreamed of having these weapons. Literally dreamed.

SCOUT

Like Lave's dream.

GM

Please don't tell us a dream like that.

COACH

And I woke up and I drew up a scheme, control on the weak side, savage disregard from the strong, nightmares for quarterbacks, murder on running backs, unsolvable and impossible to scheme against, the darkest nightmare of gridiron engagement.

MUSICAL NUMBER: "GRIDIRON ENGAGEMENT."

Coach's dream of a defense.

In a catchy tune.

Which prominently features Scout.

GM

Maybe you ain't so bad after all, you dumb college fuck.

COACH

Make the trade. Whatever it takes. I want to draft Lave Dash first and Mervin Gufflinson The First second.

V

*DRAFT NIGHT.**A whole big introduction sequence with videos and explosions and unnecessarily ornate graphics.*

WEIRD VOICES

DRAFT NIGHT!
 DRAFT NIGHT!
 DRAFT NIGHT!
 LET'S DRAFT.

Reveal STEPHEN J. SMITH and FOOTBALL FRANZ.

STEPHEN J. SMITH

It's Draft Night!

FOOTBALL FRANZ

Yahoo!

STEPHEN J. SMITH

I'm Stephen J. Smith.

FOOTBALL FRANZ

And I'm Football Franz!

STEPHEN J. SMITH

Let's go down to the commissioner for our first pick.

Commissioner appears right next to them.

COMMISSIONER

With the first pick in The Football Draft, This Football Team selects... Lave Dash,
 Defensive End for College!

FOOTBALL FRANZ

No surprises here as Lave Dash --

STEPHEN J. SMITH

Lave Dash!

FOOTBALL FRANZ

Lave Dash goes first in the draft.

He's perfect.
STEPHEN J. SMITH

Perfect name.
FOOTBALL FRANZ

Perfect pretty much everything.
STEPHEN J. SMITH

FOOTBALL FRANZ
But no one's perfect! Everyone's got pros and cons! Let's take a look at Lave Dash's
PROS AND CONS!

PROS AND CONS seMarketing Guyent title sequence.

It is so loud and obnoxious and stupid.

FOOTBALL FRANZ
Pros and Cons brought to you by Big Fat Fucking Sandwich Company. Start eating,
America!

Pros and Cons.
STEPHEN J. SMITH

Pros and Cons for Lave Dash.
FOOTBALL FRANZ

Starting out with the PROS!
STEPHEN J. SMITH

Violence!
FOOTBALL FRANZ

Big violence! Humongous hits! Destruction in his wake!
STEPHEN J. SMITH

Cool name!
FOOTBALL FRANZ

Goes without saying!
STEPHEN J. SMITH

Great motor!
FOOTBALL FRANZ

Vroom!	STEPHEN J. SMITH
Laterality!	FOOTBALL FRANZ
What does that mean?	STEPHEN J. SMITH
Triskadekaphobia!	FOOTBALL FRANZ
Not sure why that's a pro!	STEPHEN J. SMITH
Caboose!	FOOTBALL FRANZ
Choo-choo!	STEPHEN J. SMITH
Ladies love him!	FOOTBALL FRANZ
So do the guys!	STEPHEN J. SMITH
Football!	FOOTBALL FRANZ
Can play!	STEPHEN J. SMITH
Balls!	FOOTBALL FRANZ
Big ones! By all accounts!	STEPHEN J. SMITH
Cabeza olmeca!	FOOTBALL FRANZ
Freedom fries!	STEPHEN J. SMITH

Pig in the city!
FOOTBALL FRANZ

Conjunctivitis!
STEPHEN J. SMITH

And a solid time in the forty!
FOOTBALL FRANZ

Let's take a look at the cons!
STEPHEN J. SMITH

Cons!
FOOTBALL FRANZ

Cons brought to you again by the Big Fat Fucking Sandwich Company!
STEPHEN J. SMITH

I'm fucking that sandwich!
FOOTBALL FRANZ

CONS!
STEPHEN J. SMITH

He's Lave Dash, stupid. No Cons!
FOOTBALL FRANZ

Let's go back to the commissioner for the second pick.
STEPHEN J. SMITH

We have a trade.
COMMISSIONER

What no wait what!
STEPHEN J. SMITH

A trade of the second pick!
FOOTBALL FRANZ

This might be the most momentous moment in the history of our sport!
STEPHEN J. SMITH

COMMISSIONER

That Football Team has traded quarterback Bolt Breckerdinger, running back Jocko Anagolio, wide receiver France Francenstein, tight end Toots Smith, left tackle Olen Bollen, right tackle Toots Smith, and punter Toots Smith, along with the nineteenth and twenty-first picks in this year's draft, to Another Football Team for the 2nd pick in this year's draft.

FOOTBALL FRANZ

BACK TO BACK PICKS FOR THAT FOOTBALL TEAM!

STEPHEN J. SMITH

Ce n'est pas possible!

FOOTBALL FRANZ

Who will they pick? WHO WILL THEY PICK?

COMMISSIONER

With the second pick in the draft, That Football Team selects...
...Mervin Gufflinson, the first!

STEPHEN J. SMITH

...

Wait

FOOTBALL FRANZ

I

STEPHEN J. SMITH

Hey

FOOTBALL FRANZ

How

STEPHEN J. SMITH

Dash *and* Gufflinson?

FOOTBALL FRANZ

Gufflinson *and* Dash?

STEPHEN J. SMITH

How can this be?!?

FOOTBALL FRANZ

THIS MATTERS SO MUCH!

STEPHEN J. SMITH
NOTHING HAS EVER MATTERED SO MUCH AS THIS!

FOOTBALL FRANZ
NOTHING!

STEPHEN J. SMITH
IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD!

FOOTBALL FRANZ
OBVS!

STEPHEN J. SMITH
TOTES OBVS!

COMMISSIONER
Um, guys? We're ready for the next pick.

FOOTBALL FRANZ
No one cares about your next pick.

COMMISSIONER
Sorry, sorry. We'll wait until after you do your Pros and Cons.

STEPHEN J. SMITH
Pros and Cons?

FOOTBALL FRANZ
Why would we bother with Pros and Cons?

COMMISSIONER
I don't know.

FOOTBALL FRANZ
Sorry, Big Fat Fucking Sandwich Company. There are no Cons here.

STEPHEN J. SMITH
We're not going to waste our time or your time talking about Pros. The Pros are obvious.

FOOTBALL FRANZ
All Pros, all the time.

STEPHEN J. SMITH
I don't even want to talk anymore.

FOOTBALL FRANZ

I just want to sit and think quietly about this moment.

COMMISSIONER

Okay. With the third pick in The Football Draft --

FOOTBALL FRANZ

Stop trying to make the third pick a thing.

STEPHEN J. SMITH

Lave Dash.

FOOTBALL FRANZ

Mervin Gufflinson The First.

STEPHEN J. SMITH

Together.

FOOTBALL FRANZ

On the same team.

STEPHEN J. SMITH

There is no way this will not work.

FOOTBALL FRANZ

There is no way this will not work.

VI

The Practice Field.

SCOUT

I'm not so sure this is going to work.

LAVE DASH

My job is to hit the quarterback.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

My job is to hit the quarterback.

SCOUT

It's only the first day of practice, but --

LAVE DASH

No matter what else happens on the field, I hit the quarterback.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

No matter what else happens on the field, *I* hit the quarterback.

SCOUT

-- it's not going great.

LAVE DASH

Someone, not me, will handle the run.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Someone, not *me*, will handle --

COACH

Relax, college.

LAVE DASH

What the fuck?

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

What the fuck, what the fuck?

LAVE DASH

What the fuck, what the fuck, what the fuck?

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

What the --

COACH

So yeah, okay. Maybe there's going to be an issue here.

Stupid dumb little intro: TMZSPN.

The intersection of sports and whatever the hell TMZ is.

TMZIMA and TMZOOMER.

TMZIMA

It's TMZSPN! I'm TMZima...

TMZOOMER

...and I'm TMZzoomer.

TMZIMA

Tensions today at This Football Team's training camp!

TMZOOMER

Day one of practice and Dash and Gufflinson are at each other's throats already.

TMZIMA

And as if that's not enough, I'm hearing rumors of drug abuse and adultery!

TMZOOMER

And they're not even married!

Back to the field.

LAVE DASH

What the!

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

What the!

LAVE DASH

I hit the quarterback.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Not if I hit him first.

LAVE DASH

I'm the number one draft pick.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

I'm on the cover of *Juggalo Murder Death Monthly*.

LAVE DASH

I have a thirteen-inch-cock.

SCOUT

Not true. We have numbers on that now.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

I've got a micropenis and therefore something to prove!

SCOUT

That's confirmed.

Back to TMZSPN.

TMZOOMER

The tensions continue!

TMZIMA

And penis size is in the mix!

TMZOOMER

It's twenty minutes later, and I hear they're *still* fighting!

TMZIMA

I know! They've made it to a whole second news cycle!

TMZOOMER

Word on the street is Merv's making a mixtape *full* of diss tracks, and it is hot fiyah.

TMZIMA

Watch out, Lave Dash!

Back to the field.

LAVE DASH

I hit the quarterback!

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

I hit the quarterback!

COACH

Guys, guys. Fellas.
You *both* hit the quarterback.

Every play.
No matter what else happens.
You both hit that quarterback.
Nothing ever would make me more proud.

LAVE DASH

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

...

...

LAVE DASH

We can do that.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Yeah. Thanks, Dad.

VII

Football game intro.

BARKY TACKLEBONE, the football-playing dog, dances aggressively. His moves vaguely resemble football plays on occasion. DINO GOALPOSTS, America's favorite football-playing dinosaur/country singer, sings the theme song.

DINO GOALPOSTS

(singing)

FOOTBALL
 WE FINALLY GET TO PLAY IT
 EVERY SINGLE DAY IT'S
 ALL WE WANT TO DO
 I GOT A FOOTBALL SHOE
 AND A FOOTBALL FACE
 THERE'S THIS FOOTBALL DOG
 IN MY FOOTBALL PLACE
 SO LET'S
 HIT 'EM HIT 'EM HIT 'EM HIT 'EM
 HURT 'EM HURT 'EM HURT 'EM HURT 'EM
 PICK 'EM UP AND POWERBOMB 'EM
 AND WE WIN THE GAME
 BECAUSE IT'S FOOTBALL FOOTBALL
 A BALL AND A FOOT
 IS ALL YOU NEED
 ALL YOU NEED
 ALL YOU NEED
 GO

The announcers (TALK TALK MAN and COLOR MOUTH) do play-by-play.

TALK TALK MAN

First game of the preseason for This Football Team --

COLOR MOUTH

We've already missed the kick-off because that theme song went on too long --

TALK TALK MAN

So here's our first look at Lave Dash and Mervin Gufflinson the First as they take the field together.

First play from scrimmage. COLOR MOUTH

Dash on the strong side. TALK TALK MAN

Merv on the weak. COLOR MOUTH

Here's the snap. TALK TALK MAN

And at this point, no one is sure this is going to work. COLOR MOUTH

But boom! TALK TALK MAN

Lave Dash blows up the line! COLOR MOUTH

It's going to work. LAVE DASH

How did he get through so fast? TALK TALK MAN

I'm telling you, it's going to work. LAVE DASH

Sack. COLOR MOUTH

Like instant sack. TALK TALK MAN

Gufflinson just a step or two behind him. COLOR MOUTH

Step your game up, Mervy. LAVE DASH

Lave Dash.

Mervin Gufflinson The First.

That's not my name. MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

TALK TALK MAN
This rookie, Lave Dash, has sacked the quarterback on his very first play.

LAVE DASH
First of many.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST
We'll see.

COLOR MOUTH
Second down.

TALK TALK MAN
Second snap.

COLOR MOUTH
And whoa.

TALK TALK MAN
Oh.

COLOR MOUTH
Wowwwwww.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST
Boom.

TALK TALK MAN
This time it's Mervin Gufflinson.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST
The First.

TALK TALK MAN
With the shocking speed sack.

COLOR MOUTH
It appears that the offensive linesman is clutching his -- is he holding his armpit?

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST
Lung. He'll be dead in 37 months.

There you go, Mervy!
LAVE DASH

Not my name.
MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

And it's hard to believe, but Dash was right there too.
TALK TALK MAN

Too slow.
MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

By a step.
LAVE DASH

I think the quarterback was trying to hand that one off.
COLOR MOUTH

Is that possible?
TALK TALK MAN

Short drop.
COLOR MOUTH

But somehow he was already surrounded.
TALK TALK MAN

They were there so fast.
COLOR MOUTH

What are we watching?
TALK TALK MAN

The future.
LAVE DASH

Third down coming up.
COLOR MOUTH

Third and eleven.
TALK TALK MAN

And the quarterback appears to be crying.
COLOR MOUTH

LAVE DASH

He's old.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Should be out of the league by now anyway.

LAVE DASH

Crying just proves it.

Scout.

SCOUT

There's no crying in baseball!

Scout's gone.

TALK TALK MAN

Third down.

COLOR MOUTH

Lave Dash --

LAVE DASH

-- that's me --

COLOR MOUTH

-- on one side of the line.

TALK TALK MAN

Mervin Gufflinson --

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

-- The First --

TALK TALK MAN

-- on the other.

COLOR MOUTH

Old Guy Quarterback appears to be urinating in his pants.

TALK TALK MAN

Audibles to a run.

LAVE DASH

I don't know why they would call a pass in the first place.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

But he audibles to a run.

COLOR MOUTH

He audibles like this.

OLD GUY QUARTERBACK.

OLD GUY QUARTERBACK

RUN RUN RUN!!!

TALK TALK MAN

The snap.

COLOR MOUTH

And there is instant terror between the hashmarks.

TALK TALK MAN

The running back blocks someone who is nether Lave nor Merv.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

The running block is not supposed to be blocking anyone.

LAVE DASH

But he's trying to block someone.

COLOR MOUTH

Someone who is neither Lave nor Merv.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Someone who is neither him nor me.

LAVE DASH

Someone who does not need to be blocked, all things considered.

TALK TALK MAN

And these two rookie monsters are there.

COLOR MOUTH

These two rookie monsters have gotten to Old Guy Quarterback in an instant.

TALK TALK MAN

And Old Guy Quarterback is no longer crying.

COLOR MOUTH

Because these two rookie monsters have converged on Old Guy Quarterback.

LAVE DASH

We have converged on the quarterback.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

We hit him at exactly the same time.

TALK TALK MAN

And it appears they have severed his spine.

VIII

*POST-GAME ANALYSIS.**MR. POSTGAME SHOW and FOOTBALL FROOEY.*

MR. POSTGAME SHOW

And now we turn to postgame analysis. I'm Mr. Postgame Show --

FOOTBALL FROOEY

-- and I'm Football Frooey. Football Franz is on assignment.

MR. POSTGAME SHOW

Lots to talk about today. Let's get right to it.

FOOTBALL FROOEY

This Football Team beat That Football Team by a score of -- I don't know. What exactly was the score?

MR. POSTGAME SHOW

Referees and league officials still down on the field arguing about that, but here are the numbers we know.

FOOTBALL FROOEY

And as always The Numbers We Know seMarketing Guyent brought to you by the Big Fat Fucking Sandwich Company: In Your Butt!

MR. POSTGAME SHOW

The Numbers We Know!

FOOTBALL FROOEY

Three!

MR. POSTGAME SHOW

Three is the number of quarterbacks That Football Team went through at the hands of Dash and Gufflinson.

FOOTBALL FROOEY

But you need to look *inside* the numbers to really see what happened here. One severed spine. One decapitation. And one quarterback who got on the field, saw the rookies, saw the body parts and the blood everywhere and just collapsed, as far as we know dead.

MR. POSTGAME SHOW

So a big performance by the defense. Another Number We Know:

FOOTBALL FROOEY

Fourteen!

MR. POSTGAME SHOW

Fourteen fumbles caused by the Dash/Gufflinson combo, although even that number, a little hard to say for sure.

FOOTBALL FROOEY

When you cut someone in half, pick up their upper body and run it into the end zone, is that a fumble? A touchdown? Maybe a safety?

MR. POSTGAME SHOW

And I'd imagine maybe some kind of personal foul, but (a) no one knows exactly where in the rulebook to even find those kinds of personal fouls.

FOOTBALL FROOEY

And (b) no line judge is going to step up to those killing machines and make that call. And the final number:

MR. POSTGAME SHOW

INFINITY!

FOOTBALL FROOEY

Technically this game is still going on.

MR. POSTGAME SHOW

The clock never ran down.

FOOTBALL FROOEY

That Football Team just ran out of players.

MR. POSTGAME SHOW

Ran out of quarterbacks.

FOOTBALL FROOEY

Ran out of linemen.

MR. POSTGAME SHOW

Ran out of functioning human persons.

FOOTBALL FROOEY

So the game ended I guess in a forfeit. What does that mean for next week, Mr. Postgame?

MR. POSTGAME SHOW

I'd suggest, you know, some better blocking.

FOOTBALL FROOEY

Yeah. These coaches are going to have to find some new ways to scheme.

MR. POSTGAME SHOW

Although ultimately, it's not about Xs and Os. It's about Johns and Joes.

FOOTBALL FROOEY

And today, it was about Laves and Mervs.

The most self-satisfied of high-fives.

IX

*The Football Team's practice field.**Coach, Lave Dash, Mervin Gufflinson The First, and
OTHER VERY EXCITED PLAYERS.*

COACH

All right, guys, good game this week. Bring it in.

OTHER VERY EXCITED PLAYERS

Yeah!

COACH

This is the time when we separate the men from the boys.

OTHER VERY EXCITED PLAYERS

Men!

COACH

This is the time when we don't rest on our laurels.

OTHER VERY EXCITED PLAYERS

Laurels!

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

No, laurels are bad, he's saying.

COACH

And yes. We're off to a decent start this season. And yes, Lave and Merv have already broken all the rules off physics and sciences and mathematics and humanity and decency, but there's always room for improvement.

OTHER VERY EXCITED PLAYERS

Improv!

COACH

This game is ninety-nine percent mental, and ninety-nine other percent preparation. I expect every one of you to show up on time and spend a hundred and sixty-nine hours a week working and getting better.

OTHER VERY EXCITED PLAYERS

Sixty-nine!

COACH

And that includes you, Dash and Gufflinson. We can all get better. We've got to find a way to get our offense on the field. Like literally on the field at anytime during the game. We've got to find a way to play more than five minutes of actual football the whole season. Football is your life and it's my job to make your life completely miserable.

OTHER VERY EXCITED PLAYERS

MISERY!

LAVE DASH

This is boring.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

At least it's football, man. All we've got to do is keep our heads down and hit things and not worry about any extracurricular --

Buzzfeed Video Intro.

MILT N.E.L. and VERY EXCITED ABOUT MEDIA.

MILT N.E.L.

Welcome to BuzzFeed Video! I'm Milt N.E.L.

VERY EXCITED ABOUT MEDIA

And I'm Very Excited About Media! And all the news that matters in the world today is about Lave Dash and Mervin Gufflinson The First.

MILT N.E.L.

So without further ado, here are the Top Three Numbered Lists of The Day Today!

VERY EXCITED ABOUT MEDIA

Number One!

MILT N.E.L.

Thirteen Times Lave Dash Did a Thing!

VERY EXCITED ABOUT MEDIA

Exciting! Number Two!

MILT N.E.L.

Nineteen Times Mervy Guff Guff Solved The Art of Algebra on a Football Field!

VERY EXCITED ABOUT MEDIA

Provocative! Number Three!

MILT N.E.L.

Four Hundred and Eighty-Five Cats That Look Like Lave Dash or Mervin Gufflinson
The First or Lave Dash *and* Mervin Gufflinson The First or Are Actually Sculptures
Made of Mashed Potatoes!

VERY EXCITED ABOUT MEDIA

We love football now!

Back to the practice field.

LAVE DASH

Can't escape the extracurriculars.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

What the hell are we doing with our lives?

LAVE DASH

I just want to play football.

X

Football Game Intro.

Barky Tacklebone, the football-playing dog, dances aggressively. His moves vaguely resemble football plays on occasion. Dino Goalposts, America's favorite football-playing dinosaur/country singer, sings the theme song.

DINO GOALPOSTS

(singing)

FOOTBALL
 THE BEST GAME PEOPLE PLAY
 CHESS IS STUPID
 UNO'S STUPID
 BASEBALL'S EVEN STUPID TOO
 I STILL GOT A FOOTBALL SHOE
 I STILL GOT A FOOTBALL FACE
 I STILL GOT THIS FOOTBALL DOG
 IN MY FOOTBALL PLACE
 SO LET'S
 HIT 'EM HIT 'EM HIT 'EM HIT 'EM

BARKY TACKLEBONE

HIT 'EM HIT 'EM HIT 'EM HIT 'EM

DINO GOALPOSTS

HURT 'EM HURT 'EM HURT 'EM HURT 'EM

BARKY TACKLEBONE

HURT 'EM HURT 'EM HURT 'EM HURT 'EM

DINO GOALPOSTS

THIS DOG EVEN KNOWS THAT'S

BARKY TACKLEBONE

HOW WE WIN THE GAME

DINO GOALPOSTS

BECAUSE IT'S FOOTBALL FOOTBALL
 A BALL AND A FOOT

BARKY TACKLEBONE

I CAN'T PLAY BECAUSE I ONLY HAVE PAWS

DINO GOALPOSTS

I SAID A BALL AND A FOOT
 IS ALL YOU NEED
 ALL YOU NEED
 ALL YOU NEED
 GO

The announcers (TALK TALK MAN and COLOR MOUTH) do play-by-play.

TALK TALK MAN

Second game of the season --

COLOR MOUTH

Already very much underway. That theme song just keeps getting longer.

TALK TALK MAN

This Football Team received the opening kick and quickly went three and out.

COLOR MOUTH

Their offense, to be frank, is terrible.

TALK TALK MAN

They traded pretty much everyone, remember?

COLOR MOUTH

Forced to punt.

TALK TALK MAN

Awful punt.

COLOR MOUTH

They traded Toots Smith, remember?

COLOR MOUTH

But who cares?

TALK TALK MAN

Now everyone gets to see what everyone came to see.

COLOR MOUTH

Lave Dash on one side of the line.

TALK TALK MAN
Mervin Gufflinson the First on the other.

COLOR MOUTH
Here's the snap --

TALK TALK MAN
-- and whoa!

COLOR MOUTH
Before I even said *snap*!

TALK TALK MAN
Kind of right when you said *the*!

COLOR MOUTH
Dash and Gufflinson somehow hit the *center*.

TALK TALK MAN
They're both on the *edges*.

COLOR MOUTH
Yet somehow, in a second --

TALK TALK MAN
-- less than a second --

COLOR MOUTH
-- in some kind of *nanosecond* --

TALK TALK MAN
-- oh, fancy *nano* words --

COLOR MOUTH
-- they converge on the center.

TALK TALK MAN
And they lift the center, driving him back into the quarterback --

COLOR MOUTH
-- I'd say almost through the quarterback --

TALK TALK MAN
-- which is not possible, but I think it's what I just saw.

COLOR MOUTH

And on impact --

TALK TALK MAN

-- on center impacting quarterback's sternum and anal cavity simultaneously --

COLOR MOUTH

-- the quarterback explodes.

TALK TALK MAN

Quite literally.

COLOR MOUTH

There was a boom.

TALK TALK MAN

There was a cloud.

COLOR MOUTH

There was a moment when everyone in the stadium lost -- I don't know if it was exactly *consciousness* we lost -- but we lost a few moments.

TALK TALK MAN

And when we all blinked it off, shook away the cobwebs --

COLOR MOUTH

-- they were beautifully crafted cobwebs, by the way --

TALK TALK MAN

-- when our eyes readjusted, the scoreboard said eighty-three to zero.

COLOR MOUTH

And the game clock had zoomed all the way to the end.

TALK TALK MAN

And Referee Ed Hochuli got on his microphone --

COLOR MOUTH

-- his biceps somehow looked even bigger than usual --

TALK TALK MAN

And his biceps, they said:

ED HOCHULI'S BICEPS appears.

ED HOCHULI'S BICEPS

It appears numbers ninety-five and ninety-six have caused a rift in the space/time continuum. That's the game.

Lave Dash and Mervin Gufflinson The First.

Talk Talk Man and Color Mouth are gone.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

They always want to focus on the least important part of the moment.

LAVE DASH

Stupid journalists.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

But maybe we can't blame them, because they weren't, well, us.

LAVE DASH

And that don't know that what happened right then was, well, everything.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Everything happened.

LAVE DASH

Because, and let's take you back to the moment to talk you through this, because what happens is we run through this guy, basically.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Through the center and we run *him* through the quarterback.

LAVE DASH

And we collide.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Me and Lave, we collide.

LAVE DASH

Boom.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Watch, I'll slam my fists together and show you. Boom.

GM, MARKETING GUY, Coach, and Scout appear.

GM

Which, terrifying. Lots of money invested in those two.

LAVE DASH

Oh hey, guys.

COACH

And they are so big and so strong and so savage and so my dream, that them colliding appears to be an extinction level event.

SCOUT

Not necessarily for them, but for the surrounding area.

MARKETING GUY

Because what area could survive this horrific beauty of impact?

COACH

This perfect storm of violence and collision.

GM

Beautiful.

MARKETING GUY

Beautiful.

COACH

Beautiful.

SCOUT

Beautiful.

GM

It's the most beautiful thing I've ever seen.

COACH

I fucking love football.

MARKETING GUY

God bless America.

SCOUT

It's like that moment when the planes hit the towers.

...

I mean, that was awful and unpatriotic.

COACH, GM, MARKETING GUY

...

SCOUT

But you've seen those pictures, right?
They're beautiful.
The blue sky and the orange fire and I mean the conviction of someone who fought so hard for something they believed --

Lave and Merv simultaneously punch Scout in the throat.

Music and lights and something.

It all gets poetic and almost beautiful.

LAVE DASH

We blew up the quarterback with the center and our heads smashed together and I swear, it was like our brains connected.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

His brain against his skull against his helmet against my helmet against my skull against my brain.

LAVE DASH

And it went silent for a minute.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Completely silent.

LAVE DASH

And I watched from above.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Yeah, me too.

LAVE DASH

And it's not like we switched brains.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

That would be a dumb Disney movie.

LAVE DASH

Although they are after us for the option.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

It's just --

I don't know --

LAVE DASH

It's kinda --

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Kind of like --

LAVE DASH

We could see each other's thoughts.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

We connected.

LAVE DASH

Like the thing where you tap two phones together and pass music from one to the other.
Do phones still do that?

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

We connected.

LAVE DASH

And we could see in the moment a couple of things.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

We could see the same two things, not we each saw one different thing.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

First: we saw football immortality.

LAVE DASH

We could see that we had this game beat.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Him on one edge and me on the other.

LAVE DASH

And the power and the aggression and the brains.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

And I mean look, I think we thought we killed this guy.

LAVE DASH

And I mean look, we did, we did kill this guy.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

No, literally, we literally killed him.

LAVE DASH

And at least three or four other guys the week before.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

And I mean look, with the two of us together, killing a guy or five or forty was inevitable.

LAVE DASH

And we knew it would just keep happening.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

And we knew that the game of football was solvable.

LAVE DASH

And we knew that we had just solved it. So that was the first thing we saw.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

And then because we could see the first thing --

LAVE DASH

-- which was that we had solved football --

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

-- we were then able to see the second thing --

LAVE DASH

-- which was that there was no longer any reason to play football.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

So we left.

XI

This Football Team's War Room.

GM

Where did they go?

SCOUT

Seems like they left, sir.

COACH

We can't just let them leave.

GM

We're not letting them leave. They're under contract. We still own them. Sue them.

SCOUT

BUT THEY ARE KILLERS, SIR.

COACH

THAT IS WHY I NEED THEM BACK ON THE FIELD.

GM

No one walks out on football. Sue them. Sue their asses off. Call our lawyers.

MARKETING GUY

Our lawyers are afraid, sir.

COACH

Lawyers are never afraid.

GM

Not when there is money to be made.

SCOUT

(singing)

LAWYERS ARE NEVER AFRAID
WHEN THERE IS MONEY TO BE M-A-A-ADE.

(beat, then speaking)

All evidence seems to point to the lawyers being afraid.

A LAWYER enters.

A LAWYER

Hi. Excuse me. I am a lawyer. And I am afraid.
I, like many of my colleagues, am afraid because I have seen the alleged defendants
explode people.

COACH

Pussies.

SCOUT

Law school. Am I right?

A LAWYER

Also we are afraid because we have been having them followed.

GM

Best legal team money can buy.

A LAWYER

We have been having them followed and we have begin to hear rumors that they are
currently active in the takeover of a small town.

Lave and Merv, alone.

LAVE DASH

A very small town.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Seven or eight hundred thousand residents. No standing army. No fortified wall.

LAVE DASH

Yes, they have institutions. Libraries and schools and swimming pools and governments --
you know, nothing worth defending.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

And definitely nothing to defend them.

LAVE DASH

They've got police.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

But police love football.

LAVE DASH

The police are on our side.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

So we go there --

LAVE DASH

We did it already. Totally boring. No reason to show you.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

We only had to kill like a fifth of the population. People who didn't believe.

LAVE DASH

Violence, bloodshed, the pulverization of the heads of those who resisted -- the usual.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Super boring. Nothing worth seeing.

LAVE DASH

And now the town is ours.

Back to the war room.

A LAWYER

They've been taking over towns and other things -- bodies of water, graveyards -- through brute strength and intimidation. So, you know, just wanted to be real clear about this: I'm not going to be suing them.

Lawyer exits.

GM

This is precisely why we need to sue them!

COACH

Brute strength and intimidation are exactly why we need them back!

MARKETING GUY

Football!

COACH

They're perfect for football.

MARKETING GUY

They're perfect for us.

GM

Us meaning this country!

COACH

What else could we meaning this county possibly want those two doing?

SCOUT

Funny you should ask that.
I was watching CNN today.

MARKETING GUY

God damn it, why are you still here?

SCOUT

And they had an interesting panel discussing presidential politics.

CNN PANEL DISCUSSION.

*VAGUELY REPUBLICAN, KINDA DEMOCRAT,
WORDS MEAN NOTHING NOW, and JON BOIS.*

VAGUELY REPUBLICAN

There's chaos everywhere you look.

KINDA DEMOCRAT

The chaos is undeniable.

JON BOIS

I don't exactly see widespread chaos.

WORDS MEAN NOTHING NOW

We've got citizens taking out institutions and taking over towns!

JON BOIS

That's just two people doing that.

WORDS MEAN NOTHING NOW

We need respect!

KINDA DEMOCRAT

And justice!

VAGUELY REPUBLICAN

And law!

KINDA DEMOCRAT, VAGUELY
REPUBLICAN, WORDS MEAN
NOTHING NOW

And order!

JON BOIS

It's actually kind of thrilling to see this kind of bipartisan agreement for once. Maybe we can put our heads together and come up with a plan to contain --

VAGUELY REPUBLICAN

We need Lave Dash!

KINDA DEMOCRAT

We need Mervin Gufflinson The First!

WORDS MEAN NOTHING NOW

We need them in charge.

JON BOIS

...

But they're the chaos.

KINDA DEMOCRAT

They're strong! They're ferocious!

VAGUELY REPUBLICAN

They are everything we need!

JON BOIS

Okay, sure. But if the problem is people taking over towns, the solution doesn't seem to be the two people taking over the towns.

WORDS MEAN NOTHING NOW

They are blah blah blah blah blah!

KINDA DEMOCRAT

Excellent point!

VAGUELY REPUBLICAN

Dash and Gufflinson are the ones to lead us out of this chaos!

JON BOIS

...

Yeah, okay, but they're still actually the chaos itself.

KINDA DEMOCRAT

I can't see why Lave Dash shouldn't lead our nation.

VAGUELY REPUBLICAN

He's clearly what we need in times like this.

WORDS MEAN NOTHING NOW

The world is more dangerous than it has ever been.

JON BOIS

I think the world has always been dangerous.

KINDA DEMOCRAT

Wrong!

VAGUELY REPUBLICAN

What about dinosaurs?

WORDS MEAN NOTHING NOW

Yeah!

VAGUELY REPUBLICAN

What about when dinosaurs and man roamed the earth at the same time?

JON BOIS

Shut up.
Lave Dash can't be president.

KINDA DEMOCRAT

Are you a birther?

WORDS MEAN NOTHING NOW

He was born here.

VAGUELY REPUBLICAN

Or maybe he wasn't .

JON BOIS

He's 20 years old.

WORDS MEAN NOTHING NOW

We can make an amendment.

KINDA DEMOCRAT

We need Lave Dash.

VAGUELY REPUBLICAN

But it's not Lave Dash alone.

KINDA DEMOCRAT

We need Mervin Gufflinson The First.

WORDS MEAN NOTHING NOW

We need savagery with our finesse.

VAGUELY REPUBLICAN

Lave is savage.

KINDA DEMOCRAT

That's racist.

WORDS MEAN NOTHING NOW

He's savage, not *a* savage.

KINDA DEMOCRAT

Mervin is finesse.

VAGUELY REPUBLICAN

That's not true.

WORDS MEAN NOTHING NOW

He's gritty.

VAGUELY REPUBLICAN

That's racist.

JON BOIS

He's 19.

WORDS MEAN NOTHING NOW

What if we could smoosh them together?

VAGUELY REPUBLICAN

God yes they'd be perfect.

KINDA DEMOCRAT

And together they're 39.

WORDS MEAN NOTHING NOW

39 what you stupid son of a bitch?

XII

The Small Town.

Lave and Merv.

LAVE DASH

I can't say I didn't expect that call.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

We're leaders of men.

LAVE DASH

Because we are men.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

We are the definition of men.

LAVE DASH

We are big.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

We are strong.

LAVE DASH

We are fearless.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

We do not cry.

LAVE DASH

We do not ask for help.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

We do not ask for directions, am I right?

LAVE DASH

We hit things.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

We destroy things.

LAVE DASH

We eat thirty times a day.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

We fuck when it's time to fuck.

LAVE DASH

Up to as many as thirty times a day!

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

But we only fuck those who want to be fucked.

LAVE DASH

That's part of being a man.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

We are friends to animals and beasts.

LAVE DASH

We don't spend time with old people and children..

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Though we fight for their honor So yes.

LAVE DASH

We should be in charge.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Of course we should be in charge.

LAVE DASH

Goes without saying.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

But.

LAVE DASH

But.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Butt.

LAVE DASH

You're funny, Mervy.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Not my name.
Thing is.

LAVE DASH

Being in charge is kind of boring.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Taking control of things? That's fun.

LAVE DASH

The conquering is super cool.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

But actually leading? Ugh. Boring.

LAVE DASH

And we've heard people talk about one of us being president.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

You haven't heard it. But we have.

LAVE DASH

We have excellent hearing.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

And yes, of course the two of us should be in charge of this whole country.

LAVE DASH

Although I'm sure it would be super boring once we get there.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

And besides, becoming president is not a conquering thing.

LAVE DASH

Becoming president is an election thing.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Which ugh. Boring.

LAVE DASH

And besides: we're both way too young.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

We'd be too young even if we were smooshed together, which isn't possible, guys.

(Merv and Lave look at each other, think.)

Nah, it's not possible.

LAVE DASH

And anyway: we ain't running for a goddamn thing.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

And so. We understand your motivations. They're smart.

LAVE DASH

They're smart. You should want us running absolutely everything.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

But this election conversation is already making me incredibly bored.

LAVE DASH

So, respectfully, we decline.

XIII

Some small campaign stop somewhere.

BROOP BROP.

BROOP BROP

Hello.

My name is Broop Broop.

I would like to announce my candidacy for President of the United States.

I know you do not know me.

And I know I don't look like a presidential candidate.

I would not make a very good president.

I am small and quiet and I think often of compromise.

But I have a plan.

Maybe because I am small and quiet and I think often of compromise.

I have a plan.

The world is dangerous.

And full of problems.

And I fear it is time for action.

I, personally, am not very good at action.

But I am decent at ideas.

And I think I have come up with a good idea.

One of my best.

And my idea is this:

Vote for me.

Broop Broop.

For President of The United States.

My platform is simple.

I will install Lave Dash and Mervin Gufflinson The First into my cabinet.

One as Secretary of Defense.

And one as Secretary of Homeland Security.

Because it is foolish to think they can both hold a single position.

But vote for me!

Broop Broop.

And our heroes will save the day.

XIV

*The White House. A celebration.**Broop Broop.*

DISEMBODIED VOICE

Ladies and gentlemen, the President of the United States!

BROOP BROP

Hello, I am Broop Broop, President of the United--

*Lave Dash and Mervin Gufflinson the First kill President
Broop Bop.**FOOKS FRANKLIN arrives.*

FOOKS FRANKLIN

Oh.

Well.

I'm Vice President Fooks Franklin.

And according to the lines of succession, I guess I am now President --

*Lave Dash and Mervin Gufflinson the First kill President
Fooks Franklin.**KERBSTREIT BURKERBERG arrives.*

KERBSTREIT BURKERBERG

Oh.

Well.

I'm Speaker of the House Kerbstreit Burkerberg.

And according to the lines of succession, I guess I am now --

*Lave Dash and Mervin Gufflinson the First kill President
Kerbstreit Burkerberg.**MANKEL JORKSON arrives.*

MANKEL JORKSON

Oh.

Well.

I'm President pro tempore of the Senate Mankel Jorkson.

And according to the lines of succession, I guess I am --

Lave Dash and Mervin Gufflinson the First kill President Mankel Jorkson.

GEORGIE KOOLKISS arrives.

GEORGIE KOOLKISS

Oh.

Well.

I'm Secretary of State Georgie Koolkiss.

And according to the lines of succession, I guess I --

Lave Dash and Mervin Gufflinson the First kill President Georgie Koolkiss.

ALEXANDER HAMILTON arrives.

ALEXANDER HAMILTON

Oh.

Well.

I'm Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton. Alexander Hamilton.

And according to the lines of succession, I guess --

Lave Dash and Mervin Gufflinson the First kill President Alexander Hamilton.

LAVE DASH

Oh.

Well.

I'm Secretary of Defense Lave Dash.

And according to the lines of succession, I guess I am now President of the United States.

TOOTS SMITH arrives.

TOOTS SMITH

Mr. President. I am Attorney General Toots Smith. And according to the lines of succession, I am now Vice President of the United --

Lave Dash and Mervin Gufflinson the First kill Vice President Toots Smith.

YURPY YOO YOO enters.

YURPY YOO YOO

I am Secretary of the Interior Yurpy Yoo Yooo, and according --

*Lave Dash and Mervin Gufflinson the First kill Vice
President Yurpy Yoo Yoo.*

TREE MAN arrives.

TREE MAN

I am Secretary of Agriculture Tree Man, and --

*Lave Dash and Mervin Gufflinson the First kill Vice
President Tree Man.*

CHERBERIN BLANDO arrives.

CHERBERIN BLANDO

I am Secretary of Labor Cherberin Blando --

*Lave Dash and Mervin Gufflinson the First kill Vice
President Cherberin Blando.*

VIN DIESEL arrives.

VIN DIESEL

Secretary of Health and Human Services Vin Diesel --

*Lave Dash and Mervin Gufflinson the First kill Vice
President Vin Diesel.*

LAVE DASH

That one hurts.

HERBIE arrives.

HERBIEE

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development --

*Lave Dash and Mervin Gufflinson the First kill Vice
President Yurpy Yoo-Yoo.*

CAR FASTMAN arrives.

CAR FASTMAN

I'm Secretary of Transportation Car Fastman --

*Lave Dash and Mervin Gufflinson the First kill Vice
President Car Fastman.*

ENERGY OF SECRETARY arrives.

ENERGY OF SECRETARY

I'm Secretary of Energy Energy of Secretary --

*Lave Dash and Mervin Gufflinson the First kill Vice
President Yurpy Yoo-Yoo.*

A GOAT arrives.

A GOAT

Secretary of Education A Goat!

*Lave Dash and Mervin Gufflinson the First kill Vice
President A Goat.*

*SECRETARY OF VETERAN AFFAIRS MIKE JOHNSON
arrives.*

MIKE JOHNSON

...

LAVE DASH

...

MIKE JOHNSON

...

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

...

MIKE JOHNSON

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MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

...

MIKE JOHNSON

...

LAVE DASH

...

MIKE JOHNSON

...

I'm not introducing myself --

Lave Dash and Mervin Gufflinson the First kill Vice President Mike Johnson.

Mervin Gufflinson the First arrives.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Hi.

I'm Secretary of Homeland Security Mervin Gufflinson the First.

And according to the lines of succession, I am now the Vice-President of the United States.

LAVE DASH

The constitution made that process as easy as pie.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

You're the president!

LAVE DASH

Yeah!

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

And I'm the vice-president!

LAVE DASH

Yeah!

An elaborate high-five/handshake.

KANYE WEST.

LAVE DASH

Oh hey, Kanye West.

KANYE WEST

Hi, I'm Kanye West. And I'm great. Redundant.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

We're president now. Both of us.

KANYE WEST

That makes sense. I've always said that the only world leaders that can lead worlds better than me are probably Lave Dash and Mervy Guff Guff.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

I like that name.

LAVE DASH

Name worthy of a vice-president.

KANYE WEST

So I wrote you guys this song.

The song happens.

It is Kanye-like

Maybe get him to actually write it.

Make it whatever dumb thing it needs to be.

For as long as it needs to be dumb.

But also probably hopefully a truly beautiful song.

With dancers and opulence and stupidity and all of it.

XV

*The White House.**Lave and Merv.**Everything is a little weird now.**A little frenetic.**A little coked-up.*

I'm energized!	LAVE DASH
Yes!	MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST
<i>We are energized!</i>	LAVE DASH
So yes!	MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST
This is way better than football!	LAVE DASH
What even is football?	MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST
Let's president this thing!	LAVE DASH
Bring on the problems!	MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST
	<i>CHIEF OF STAFF, STAFF CHEF, CHAFF O'STEEF, and SCOUT.</i>
Mr. President!	CHIEF OF STAFF
Mr. Vice-President!	STAFF CHEF

CHAFF O'STEEF

Misters Presidents and Vice-Presidents!

....

I feel like it's some kind of collective team thing. I don't know.

CHIEF OF STAFF

I'm your Chief of Staff.

STAFF CHEF

I'm your Staff Chef.

CHAFF O'STEEF

And I'm Chaff O'Steef. That's just my name.

LAVE DASH

Your names don't matter.

CHAFF O'STEEF

Our names do not matter!

SCOUT

Oh, and hey. I'm the scout. Just working in government now.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Bring on the problems.

CHIEF OF STAFF

Boy, do we have problems.

LAVE DASH

Well boy, are you in luck!

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

You've also got us.

LAVE DASH

We are the nation's new problem solvers!

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

We know how to solve pretty much all problems.

LAVE DASH

We know how to smash into things.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

We know how to smash into things *strategically*.

LAVE DASH

And now we've been elected --

SCOUT

Not actually elected.

LAVE DASH

To solve the problems of the world.

CHIEF OF STAFF

Question: how exactly are you going to do that?

LAVE DASH

Ball.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Ball.

STAFF CHEF, CHIEF OF STAFF,
CHAFF O'STEEF, SCOUT

...

STAFF CHEF

Oh.

LAVE DASH

Football, specifically.

CHIEF OF STAFF

Oh. Of course.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

We are going to football the nation's troubles into submission.

LAVE DASH

We're going to football them to death.

CHAFF O'STEEF

...

We might have made a huge mistake here.

LAVE DASH

Time to hang out our shingle.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Let the presidenting --

LAVE DASH

-- and vice-presidenting --

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST
 -- begin! What's the biggest problem that needs to be solved first?

CHIEF OF STAFF
 Infrastructure!

CHAFF O'STEEF
 Automation!

SCOUT
 Health care!

STAFF CHEF
 Opioids!

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST
 Opioids! That sounds like fun!

LAVE DASH
 Sounds hard to spell!

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST
 Sounds easy to solve.

LAVE DASH
 Yeah. Let's solve that first.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST
 So what are opioids?

CHAFF O'STEEF
 Oh boy.

SCOUT
 Opioids are a class of drugs that include pain relievers available legally by prescriptions such as oxycodone, hydrocodone, codeine, and morphine, as well as synthetic opioids such as fentanyl, and the illegal drug heroin.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST
 You're so smart.

SCOUT
 It's not worth much these days.

LAVE DASH

This one's easy to solve! Who do I hit?

CHIEF OF STAFF

What's that?

LAVE DASH

Who do I hit? Let's solve the problem. Do I hit the drug dealers? Do I hit the drug users? Do I hit the drugs?

STAFF CHEF

Mr. President, I think this requires a more nuanced approach to thinking about this –

LAVE DASH

Hmm, if only I had a tactician!

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Did someone say tactistics!

SCOUT

No!

LAVE DASH

Vice-President Mervin Gufflinson the First!

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Yes, President Lave Dash!

LAVE DASH

We need nuance!

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

I come bearing infinite nuance! I'm a tackletician.

CHAFF O'STEEF

That I get. It's football at least.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Here's what I think. I think we need to get inside to the heart of this, put all the options on the table. Where is the heroin?

CHIEF OF STAFF

It's not just heroin, it's all those things we said before. And it's complicated, it's not just the drugs themselves, it's far-reaching –

SCOUT

But the heroin itself, to answer that question, is in every part of the city, every part of the states, every part of the country.

LAVE DASH

Maybe we need to spread out.

SCOUT

I'll go over here.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Where's the heroin? I told you to put the heroin on the table.

STAFF CHEF

Oh, like literally on this table?

CHAFF O'STEEF

There's a lot of heroin in the world, and it's not just heroin –

SCOUT

Here's the heroin.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

I always liked this guy.

LAVE DASH

I'll just hit it. I'll hit all of it. And make sure it doesn't get out into the community.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

No wait! As the head tic tac toe –

CHIEF OF STAFF

Tactician!

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

I have a better plan. We can't just hit everything.

LAVE DASH

But what else can I do? I don't know how to do many more things than hit something.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

I think we should eat it.

LAVE DASH

Eat the heroin!

STAFF CHEF

I don't know about eating the heroin. I'm the fucking Staff Chef.

Meanwhile, Lave and Merv have eaten the heroin.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Heroin has been eaten. Problem solved.

LAVE DASH

Next!

CHAFF O'STEEF

Automation!

CHIEF OF STAFF

Artificial intelligence!

SCOUT

The robots are taking our jobs.

STAFF CHEF

You just ate heroin.

LAVE DASH

Robots do sound fun.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Let's fuck up some robots!

CHAFF O'STEEF

That's not exactly what we're saying.

Scout appears with ROBOTS.

SCOUT

Here are some robots!

LAVE DASH

Blitz the robots!

ROBOT

Beep boop.

(Lave and Merv smash the robots, who fall
apart into hunks of steel.)

Sad beep. Deathly boop.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Automation solved. Next!

CHIEF OF STAFF

Infrastructure.

LAVE DASH

Yes! What is infrastructure?

CHIEF OF STAFF

Our buildings and bridges are collapsing.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Let's build new bridges.

LAVE DASH

Here are some hunks of steel.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Let's just take these hunks of steel and crush them together.

SCOUT

Hunks crushing hunks! Of steel!

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

We can make a bridge.

CHAFF O'STEEF

Do you know how to make a bridge?

LAVE DASH

Let's make a bridge!

*They smash the hunks of steel into each other. It kind of
looks vaguely like a bridge.*

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Bridge.

Doesn't look very sturdy.	SCOUT
It's sturdy.	LAVE DASH
We built it.	MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST
We are sturdy.	LAVE DASH
The sturdiest.	MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST
Problem solved. Nest!	LAVE DASH
Did you say nest?	STAFF CHEF
Next!	LAVE DASH
It sounded like nest.	STAFF CHEF
Health care!	SCOUT
Ooh, this is important.	MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST
A lot of people get hurt when we're around. Not sure why.	LAVE DASH
Our health care system is a wreck.	CHIEF OF STAFF
People saw you eat the heroin.	CHAFF O'STEEF
And now they're eating the heroin.	STAFF CHEF

And other drugs. CHIEF OF STAFF

Overdoses all over the country. CHAFF O'STEEF

Our hospitals are overtaxed. STAFF CHEF

We don't have enough doctors. CHIEF OF STAFF

Nurse practitioners could solve this problem single-handedly. I heard a grea episode of *Freakonomics* on this very topic. SCOUT

It's a very complicated process to sort out. Lots of existing policy, tons of powerful constituencies on each side of the issue. CHAFF O'STEEF

Say no more. LAVE DASH

Where are the hospitals? MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

I don't like where this is going. CHAFF O'STEEF

Hit the hospitals! MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Destroy the hospitals! LAVE DASH

No no, we need hospitals. STAFF CHEF

Scout brings out an ambulance, which is basically a hospital on wheels.

Here's a hospital. SCOUT

STAFF CHEF

Why would you give them a hospital?

SCOUT

It's an ambulance, really

LAVE DASH

Hospital on wheels.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Time to roast those tires!

Merv tackles the ambulance. It explodes.

Band-aids fly everywhere.

LAVE DASH

Boom!

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Health care for all!

LAVE DASH

Take a band-aid!

CHIEF OF STAFF

Sir, your huge form tackle on that ambulance has left the bridge you built kind of, I don't know, swaying.

CHAFF O'STEEF

It's structurally unsound.

LAVE DASH

Unsound? This is a sound!

Lave makes a sound.

CHAFF O'STEEF

That is a sound, yes.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Who needs bridges?

LAVE DASH

Yeah, look at all the problems this bridge has caused us.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Hit the bridge!

They tackle the bridge. It falls.

Other things start falling too. Maybe like pieces of set.

STAFF CHEF

Uh, sirs? We've got news. Not great news. There's a run on the banks.

LAVE DASH

We're the best in the game at shutting down the run.

STAFF CHEF

Folks see the condition our nation is in and they want to pull their money out of the banks.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Good! Let's give them their money.

LAVE DASH

Where are the banks?

STAFF CHEF

God damn it.

Scout brings on a bank.

SCOUT

Here you go.

They tackle the bank. It explodes. Money flies everywhere.

CHAFF O'STEEF

This would make a great entrance for like a wrestler or something.

CHIEF OF STAFF

Education! We're having problems with education.

SCOUT

It seems folks have given up on educating their kids because why bother?

Good! LAVE DASH

Let's hit some schools! MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

I'm going to fuck this book up! LAVE DASH

*Scout brings on a school or a library or a school of fish.
Who fucking knows at this point? They hit it. It explodes.
Books and fish everywhere.*

Our national parks! CHAFF O'STEEF

Boom! MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Scout brings on Mt. Rushmore. They destroy it.

Immigration! STAFF CHEF

Time to hit the wall! LAVE DASH

Scout brings on a wall. They destroy it.

An oil pipeline just burst! CHIEF OF STAFF

Not without me hitting it, it didn't! MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

*Scout brings on an oil pipeline. They destroy it.
Oil gushes everywhere. People slip and fall and scream.
Scout bathes in the oil.
And the oil, for someone reason, is maybe not black.
It keeps changing colors. Weird.
Also: it's not liquid. Also weird.*

This is chaos.

SCOUT

You know, a lot of this is just like dirt.

...

It's just messy. What if we swept it up?

...

I have a broom, I think.

(Scout brings out a broom, sweeps.)

Yep. Good old broom.

Scout sweeps up the mess.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Are you cleaning up our mess right now?

SCOUT

Yeah. I mean, yeah. You could say that.

LAVE DASH

I don't feel good about this.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

I mean, you went to college.

LAVE DASH

And not for like football.

SCOUT

No, I know. And you're right: I don't mean to be critical because, you know, you're the president and vice-president and I also don't want you to hit me, but every time you solve a problem, more problems seem to pop up. I just want to, you know, clean up after you.

LAVE DASH

You're right.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

You're right.

LAVE DASH

I hear you.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

We hear you.

This place is a mess.
 LAVE DASH
 So first we're going to hit you.
 MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST
 Punish you for questioning us.
 LAVE DASH
 Expect nothing less.
 SCOUT
 But then we're going to think about this.
 LAVE DASH
 Maybe we're the problem.
 MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST
They tackle Scout and destroy him.
 LAVE DASH
 It's so weird to think, but maybe yeah.
 MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST
 We're the solution. Obviously. But maybe we're also the problem.
 LAVE DASH
 But we're also the solution.
 MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST
 Right and also we are the problem.
 LAVE DASH
 Huh.
 MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST
 Huh.
 LAVE DASH
 Huh.
 MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST
 So what do we --

-- huh.

LAVE DASH

-- do?

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Huh.

LAVE DASH

I can only think of one thing.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Me too. Steak. I haven't eaten in a long time.

LAVE DASH

Other than the heroin.

STAFF CHEF

True.

LAVE DASH

You fucking ate heroin.

STAFF CHEF

I can only think of one solution.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Oh right. A solution.

LAVE DASH

What if we hit each other?

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Funny you say that. I've got this complex idea. I know I'm not the tactissue, but hear me out. Remember that time --

LAVE DASH

Oh, I remember that time.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Remember that time we hit the QB --

LAVE DASH

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

-- and smashed our brains together --

LAVE DASH

-- and we could see inside each other's brains?

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Yeah, I almost thought we were going to become the same person.

LAVE DASH

Me too. Maybe we just didn't do it hard enough.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Oh.

LAVE DASH

Maybe if we do it again and we do it hard enough, maybe we'll become the same person.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Obviously, when people who are as big as you and I smash together, we'll get bigger.

LAVE DASH

Maybe we'll grow exponentially.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Exponentially. And you say you're not a complex enough thinker.

LAVE DASH

We'll smash together, we'll be huge and then when we're huge we can do everything.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Maybe we can tackle the sun.

CHAFF O'STEEF

(near death, like everyone and everything
else)

You can't tackle the sun. What is wrong with you?

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Or maybe not tackle, maybe we'll be strong enough to just throw things at the sun.

LAVE DASH

Throw our problems at the sun!

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

And if there are too many things on the ground, on the earth, like too much garbage, too much intellectualism, too much regulatory oversight, we can just throw it up into the sky.

LAVE DASH

We can throw things up at the sun.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Throw them high enough --

LAVE DASH

-- throw them hard enough --

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Get them right into the sun.

LAVE DASH

I mean, we're no Bolt Breckerdingers.

LAVE DASH

Hahahaha.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Hahahaha.

CHIEF OF STAFF

Bolt was elite in his day.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

No but we can take all these computers, just throw them up there.

LAVE DASH

We can smash them together, create bigger heavier chunkier garbage, throw it up there.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

It'll hit the sun. It'll disintegrate. It'll explode.

LAVE DASH

Burn off all the bad stuff, give us the good stuff!

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Fuck, we'll throw people up there too. What difference does it make?

LAVE DASH

This is so crazy, it just might be a fox.

STAFF CHEF

That is not a saying! And this will not work!

CHIEF OF STAFF
This is dumb.

CHAFF O'STEEF
This is nuts.

SCOUT
I don't know. Sounds kind of worth a shot.

LAVE DASH
It's our only choice.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST
It's all we have left.

LAVE DASH
What else do we know how to do?

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST
This is what we were elected to do.

SCOUT
Not elected.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST
This is what we're going to do.

LAVE DASH
And it all starts with one simple action. Hit me dude.

*They run at each other from some distance, smash into
each other with violent intent.*

They fall to the ground.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST LAVE DASH
Did we do it? Did we do it?

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST
Whoa, we said that at the same time.

LAVE DASH
We did it!

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST
We are one!

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST
USA! USA!

LAVE DASH
I have to eat.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

...
I'm not hungry.

LAVE DASH

Hmm. Maybe it didn't work.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Let's try again.

*They run at each other from some distance, smash into
each other with violent intent.*

They fall to the ground.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

I feel like it's sort of starting to happen.

LAVE DASH

Maybe we just need to try it again.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

There is no try.

LAVE DASH

Brilliant!

*They run at each other from some distance, smash into
each other with violent intent.*

They fall to the ground.

LAVE DASH

Again!

*They run at each other from some distance, smash into
each other with violent intent.*

They fall to the ground.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Again!

They run at each other from some distance, smash into each other with violent intent.

They fall to the ground.

LAVE DASH

Did it work?

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Say the first thing that comes to your mind on three.

LAVE DASH

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Hut

Hut

Hut

Hut

HUT

HUT

(adlib)

(adlib)

They run at each other from some distance, smash into each other with violent intent.

They fall to the ground.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Do you think it's ever going to work?

LAVE DASH

I do not.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Maybe we need, I don't know?

LAVE DASH

Like bells and whistles?

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Yeah!

LAVE DASH

It's working!

They run at each other from some distance, smash into each other with violent intent.

They fall to the ground.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

I think we need like a halftime show!

LAVE DASH

YES YES YES YES YES!

And they do a huge halftime show.

Starring Lave Dash and Mervin Gufflinson The First.

Cheerleaders.

Light show.

Variety acts.

Dino Goalposts and Barky Tacklebone.

People run in and lift them up, help them slam into each other. Over and over.

The lights are weird and wobbly.

The sound makes no sense.

It continues and continues and evolves.

Scout comes back from the dead and dances and he's sick.

And they actually play a song.

And it's amazing.

Kanye comes back.

Electric guitar for Lave.

Drum solo for Mervin.

And then they switch.

They play a whole song.

And maybe the crowd is chanting Lave Lave Lave.

And Mervin Mervin Mervin.

Lave and Mervin Lave and Mervin.

And they just keep smashing into each other.

Those are the words to the song.

Like "Work" by Rhianna:

"Lave Lave Lave Lave Lave

Mervin Gufflinson The First First First First First

Lave Dash Dash Dash Dash

Mervin Gufflinson The Merv Merv Merv Merv Merv"

On and on.

And then it melts away.

Fades.

Chaos.

Lights going crazy and noise and hits.

The biggest spectacle humanly possible.

The sounds of a brain actually breaking.

And we're on a football field.

Lave is down.

Mervin is down too.

Other players are over them.

CORNERBACK

Dash!

LINEBACKER

Gufflinson!

SAFETY

Come on, rookies. You guys okay?

CORNERBACK

You gotta get off the field.

TACKLE

They're going to have to send you through concussion protocol.

LAVE DASH

Concussion protocol?

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

Fuck no.

LAVE DASH

Fuck no. No way.

MERVIN GUFFLINSON THE FIRST

I feel good.

LAVE DASH

Let's go find someone to hit.

And they try to high five each other.

And they miss and fall and collapse.

END OF THIS STUPID PLAY.