

4. Draining the Swamp

Yes, He Can

Trump knew that Washington was a cesspit. It was the dirty asshole of America. It was a place where, before being elected President he had never lived and even after his election he understandably had chosen to spend as little time in as possible, preferring Mar-a-Lago (the Winter Whitehouse) instead. Staying there rather than at the Whitehouse was one of Trump's many gifts to the American people. Yes, Washington was America's asshole, but Trump was just passing through.

Trump alone could fix Washington. He alone, knew how to clean it up and he would do it without papering over the cracks. He knew that Washington had been 'gamed' and, as one of the people who had 'gamed' it the most, knew best how to solve the problem. Yes, Trump was a man with a can-do attitude – he hated can'ts, in fact the word “can't” was not in Trump's dictionary because as Trump himself put it – everything was going to be really easy because he was an American not an American't.

So, solving immigration, repealing and replacing Obamacare (with something much better), building a 90-foot-high wall along the border with Mexico (and getting Mexican chilli bean farmers to pay for it), would all be very easy. It would all happen within hours of taking office. Yes Trump was a 'can do' person – and he liked to surround himself with like-minded 'can-do' people (or his 'yes' men as they were sometimes referred to).

Start Wreck: The Final Frontier Episode 2 - The Wrath of Khant

HuKaBee: Captain, the Try-Lie-To-Them crystals are losing more power we won't be able to warp reality for much longer.

Captain Trump: I have no time for that now. An important visitor is due to beam aboard. Get me engineering.

HuKaBee: But I am engineering.

Captain Trump: I don't mean social engineering, I mean engineering. What sort of a fool would put you in charge of engineering?

HuKaBee (changing the subject): Erm, well anyway I have prepared the transporter to receive our guest. Who is it?

Trump: It's Commissioner Bannon. He has some important orders to pass on.

later ...

Bannon: We can't afford to slow down.... Full speed behind.... Turn to the right... No not that right... the alternative right... Conway, hail all frequencies... man the life rafts... we have to get to Ala-Bama to show the Federation's support for Roymoor. Are the Cling-Ons following us?

Communications Officer Conway: You mean Crooz and Romnee? They used to be humans once didn't they - what happened?

Bannon: Well it was Trump that did it. He only meant to stun them, but his phaser was left on Kuk mode. Now Crooz and Romnee are Cling-Ons.

Quite a few other RePublik Pawnz got caught in his gun's rays too. Pol Ry Yawn, Benk Arson and Krisk Risky (but he wasn't really human to start with). It's a pity what Trump did to Krisk - he had promise that one, there was a deep well of darkness within him.

Anyway, Crooz and Romnee have served their purpose and now they must die.

Conway (swooning): why Commissioner Bannon you are so ruthless.

Bannon: Forget it Conway, that's all in the past. You were mine once, but you gave your heart to Trump.

Conway: I would have given my heart to you; God knows you need one.

To be continued ...

Jeff Sessions – Recuser and Loser

One thing that Trump knew though, was that although it was going to be easy to drain the Washington swamp, there was an awful lot of it. Fortunately for Trump, there was help at hand. Both the House of Reprehensibles and the Zen-It were held by the Republicans. And the Zen-It was ready to step in and lend a hand draining the swamp – starting with the questioning that disloyal Jeff Sessions (who never should have recused himself) ...

Jefferson No Regard Sessions (aka Selective Memory)

Jefferson Beauregard Sessions

Wishes to give the impression

Of being decent and lawful

While being deceitful and awful

At answering difficult questions

You can see Old Jeff Sessions ire

At being found out as a liar

But it's a disgrace

That even from space

It's clear that his pants are on fire

Watch him wriggle and squirm

Like a dishonest worm

The more he dissembles

The more he resembles

A jelly not yet quite firm

His apparent memory loss

Is making everyone cross

And his lack of recalling

Is really appalling

And, it seems, was inspired by his boss

Sessions' grilling by the Senate did not cause him to resign yet, but Trump knew it was only a matter of time before he would be rid of Sessions (the worst Attorney General in the history of the United States). Trump, as usual was loathed to criticise in public, so he kept quiet on the matter – for a month or so. But by mid-July the situation was becoming unbearable. Why, didn't Sessions resign?

Gently, diplomatically and courteously, Trump tweeted a few of his thoughts about Sessions. He even gave a full-length interview with the New York Times – just to help Sessions do the right thing.

Trying gently to ‘nudge’ Sessions, Trump had said “Jeff took the job, then he recused himself, self-recusing, not nice, and frankly my damn I don’t dare a give ... well it’s very unfair to the President, whoever he is and if he, I mean I, had known he would recuse himself over this ‘Rusher’ fake news thing I never would have let him come to those meetings ... what I mean is that I never would have made him the Sheriff”.

Jeff was now holding onto the swamp by his flippers. But he had one Hail Mary still to throw, in an effort to regain some credibility with Trump...

Jeff's Still got his Uses (aka Please Listen to an Excusal for my Recusal)

Jefferson Beauregard Sessions

Wanted all of Flynn's confessions

To be given to Trey

Instead of Comey

To avoid awkward follow up questions

So though Jeff from Russian probes was recused

This chance, he thought, it could not be refused

With Trump he'd briefly conspire

The FBI chief to fire -

Offices: AG and POTUS abused

But strangely the oddest part of this moral tale

Was that because of badly miscounted email

An appalling selection

Was made at an election

Providing the pretext with which Comey they'd nail

Trump had to admit that Sessions had a point. He might be the worst Attorney General in the history of the U.S.A. but, by helping to nail Comey, he had shown that he was the best Attorney General in the history of the U.S.A. Not only that, but after a lifetime of being involved with the law, one way or another, Jeff Sessions' keen legal mind could come in handy in hearings and legal proceedings. His feats of memory and recall were legendary.

Jeff could certainly be trusted to remember just the right amount about those meetings that Trump and his campaign team had held with the Russians - nothing at all. Certainly, Sessions could recall no bad happenings, nor could he recall whether he or anyone else had attended the meetings with the Russians. With a mind as sharp as that of Sessions and with him being a man of such high standing (he was the Attorney General after all) he was certainly one of the most trustworthy Attorney Generals in the history of the U.S.A. ... apart from that time when he recused himself. Why did he do it? He really was the worst Attorney General in the history of the U.S.A. and Trump should know, after all, he only appointed the best people and Sessions was one of the very best - having been the first Senator to support Trump.

Trump felt strangely conflicted and momentarily uncertain, which was very unusual for Trump (despite his enormously compassionate and tortured soul, wracked as it was with self-doubt - due to the sheer weight of his humanity). Having such a fierce intellect he was generally able to dismiss any thoughts of doubt immediately and take instantaneous business-like decisions. Often, Trump was so decisive that he did not even have to check facts or consult with anyone. His intellect was so razor sharp that the weighing of evidence was, for him, an entirely superfluous activity. He could simply and effectively intuit the right answer to any problem innately. It was by harnessing this immense mental apparatus that Trump found himself able, after a mere six or seven hours of continuously 'hate tweeting' about Sessions, to recall one of his earlier successes in draining the swamp - the firing of Sally Yates. It was true that Jeff Sessions was bad, the worst Attorney General of the U.S. ever, but

there was still room in the swamp for him, for now at least. The thought comforted Trump and he decided that Sessions had been hate tweeted enough – for the time being at least.

Incidentally, it is worth noting that Trump liked to refer to his tweets as ‘hate tweeting’ because tweeting was the one Presidential duty that he really hated. However, Trump being the most diligent President in history understood his Presidential contract with his people. It was vital for the happiness of the nation that Trump made his feelings, on every conceivable subject, available to the voting public ... at every possible moment ... of every day. He even had his staff do research into current celebrity news and give him briefings, not because he cared about such trivia, but rather, because he liked to show his common touch to the ordinary person in the street. He felt it necessary to tweet out on the various activities of celebrities and the ratings of various television programs, even though he never paid attention to such matters himself (he was too busy making America great). He made this sacrifice simply to comfort the huddled masses who looked to their President for guidance on just about all matters. Being ‘Presidential’ all the time was very hard work.

Past Glories and Future Mores

Then, just as Trump remembered his earlier swamp draining success (the firing of Sally Yates), suddenly there she was ~~on the television~~ on Trump’s transcript of her trial by the Zen-It committee. According to Hannity’s analysis, she had been found guilty of all charges and was facing a sentence (or several) from various guests of Mr. Sean Hannity. One of his guests had been particularly good. A Mr. Donald Trump, originally from New York but now residing mainly in Florida (and occasionally in Washington) had made some excellent points. This, thought Trump, was a man after his own heart; someone he would like to meet one day. He made a mental note to ask Hannity where he could find this thoughtful and intelligent gentleman.

Another fellow who had impressed Trump at that point was his old friend Ted Cruz (who had previously been a fellow candidate for the G.O.P.s nomination for President). The two men had got on famously well and had enjoyed one another’s company in what was regarded as one of the best friendships in the history of politics. Many commentators had remarked at the time that this non-confrontational style could potentially herald a brave new world of open, honest and decent politics. A kinder politics fit for the 21st century. Cruz, good old loyal Cruz. He wasn’t one to be cowed by anyone though and he bravely stood up to Sally Yates as he questioned her mercilessly (just as she deserved) ...

Ted Cruz's Ode to Sally Yates

Senator Cruz
Tries to abuse
But as he prates
At Sally Yates
He can only lose

“Good old Cruz” thought Trump, and he was very fond of Cruz’s wife Heidi too. A marvellous woman thought Trump to himself, she was at least an 8 - possibly even a 9.

Old News Ted Cruz (aka Lyin' with Trump)

To write verse about Senator Cruz
Is too easy, his name rhymes with "lose"
Trump makes him skip and hop
As his wife pleads "please stop"
But he's tough and he says "I refuse"

Ted Cruz - The Haiku

Ted Cruz in springtime
A wife cruelly insulted
Honour lost in shame

But getting rid of Sally Yates was a past Glory. Sure, he had got rid of Flynn, and Comey too, but that was only a small start to the draining of the Swamp. Yes, there had also been all those attorneys and then the environment agency and all those unfilled government positions (that would be left unfilled) but there was still the rest of the swamp to deal with. He had to get rid of Reince Priebus for leaking and he had to push Spicer out of the door too. Spicer had shown such disloyalty by being mocked in the ‘fake news media’ and for hiding behind the Bushes (both Georges - Senior and Junior).

So, with a heavy heart, Trump loyally decided to fire them both. Trump hated firing people, and he wanted to stay true to his principles, so he decided that he had to find nice way to do it – which was the reason why Trump hired one of the best political consultants ever to come out of New York. Anthony Scaramucci was a softly spoken and unassuming man with impeccable manners. Trump knew that he was the right man for the job and so he was hired as the new White House Communications Director.

As soon as Scaramucci was in place Sean Spicer resigned in protest – thus saving Scaramucci the trouble of firing him. It was a Trumpian masterstroke, the most humane of sackings, and the swamp was drained just a little bit more.

It was farewell to Sean. He had been one of the very best people and, although he was now a ‘nobody’ and a ‘loser’, he was still tremendously loyal, even if he had demonstrated his disloyalty by being caught out by not being smart enough to properly explain all of Trump’s brilliant policies to Jim Acosta and the fake news media.

So, Trump tweeted Spicer a loving farewell and with that Sean was on his way. The President had wished him luck and, with his credibility forever enhanced by his association with President Trump, it was certain that he would go on to future career success. Perhaps one day he might even return and become Trump’s residential caddy in Mar a Lago ... well he could apply...

My Way (by Sean Spicer)

And so the end has come
And so I face the final curtain
I've stated Trump's case
Of which he's certain
The crowd was large
So very large
To large to mention.
Do not disparage
It was so large
It was not just big, so biggly huge,
Who gives a damn - about the truth.

And bad mistakes ... I've had a few,
Like standing there – while my nose grew ...
Dum dum de dum...
Dee dum diddy
Erm,
Da da da da,
Of which I'm burping ...
No that's not it ... hold on ...
Ah yes that's it ... Period!
Oh wait, no, there's more...

Ambiguities, non-sequiturs... I've had a few
Quips, contradictions and statements untrue
I've travelled each and every lie way
But more, much more than this
... Kellyanne Conway!!

Reince Priebus, who by now been identified as a leaker to the fake news media, left more disrespectfully and poor Scaramucci, who also hated confrontation, was compelled to use an arm lock (as a purely defensive measure) as Priebus was frog marched out of the White House. His disloyalty had been a disgrace.

The Mooch, as Scaramucci became affectionately known during his tenure, which already seemed a long time (a week is a long time in politics), was sure to have one of the longest in the history of the White House. He had such resolve and discipline. He was real stalwart who was destined to become one of Chief of Staff John Kelly's favourites.

The Swamp was well and truly beginning to drain. Trump mused to himself that there was just one thing that he couldn't do and that was to stop winning. Yes, in that sense he was the biggest American't ever.