

RUNDOWN

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OVERVIEW:

The President enlists the CIA to stop China from taking over the economy of the United States.

MAIN CHARACTERS:

THE THIEF: Theo Von

SUPPORTING CHARACTERS:

THE PRESIDENT (Barack Obama): Hannibal Buress

THE CIA DIRECTOR (John O'Brennan): Louis CK

THE ANGEL INVESTOR: Tim Dillon

THE UNION LEADER: Bert Kreisher

MINOR CHARACTERS:

THE ENFORCERS: Brendan Schaub & Chris Distefano

THE GIRLFRIEND: Whitney Cummings

THE SUBORDINATE UNION LEADERS:

- THE GROCERY UNION EXECUTIVE: Bill Burr
- THE RETAIL UNION EXECUTIVE: Shane Gillis
- THE FACTORY UNION EXECUTIVE: Bryan Callen

THE MOBSTER: Bobby Lee

THE MOBSTER'S BROTHER: Steve Lee

THE OLD BOSS: Joey Diaz

THE JANITOR: Jimmy Dore

THE NEWS VENDOR: Rob Schneider

STORY:

Hannibal Buress plays THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. He gives a speech about how China is bad and is taking over the country. He says his goal is to help Americans take the country back from the Orient and finishes the speech.

THE PRESIDENT is sitting in the Oval Office doing paperwork as THE CIA DIRECTOR walks in. The President thanks him for coming to help on such short notice to make a plan to stop the Chinese. The President says that the US is the indispensable nation and must be seen as the sole world superpower. He says the nation's legitimacy would never recover if China takes over global trade. He tells the CIA

Director to put his best and brightest on the job of quelling Chinese business in America. The CIA Director says its a tough job but shouldn't be anything out of the ordinary.

The CIA Director calls THE ANGEL INVESTOR and THE UNION LEADER to enlist the private sector. They have a meeting to tackle the rise of Chinese business because they are running out of time on the global stage. The CIA Director says they need to focus on diminishing the assets of Chinese dual citizens. The Angel Investor and the Union Leader are told they need to make it happen and have complete freedom to pursue this goal.

THE THIEF is in an overgrown, undeveloped plot of land in LA watching for his target. A rat crawls through the grass and gets caught in a trap, caging it. The Thief picks up the now caged rat and puts it on a cart with many other caged rats with price tags on them. Two kids come up to the cart and ask if they are for sale and the Thief says yes. One of the boys sticks his finger in a cage and gets bit and the Thief unhelpfully tells the kids to be careful because they bite. The Thief's phone rings and its a call from the Angel Investor who tells him he has another plan to make some money. The Thief says he is and the Angel Investor tells him he needs to steal containers from the Port of Los Angeles. The containers are full of Target and Walmart products owned by the Chinese mob who need to be removed from power. The Thief doesn't know if he can do it because hes "busy with shit" and it sounds hard. The Angel Investor is insistent and says the Chinese are taking over America and they need to be stopped. The Thief finally agrees once The Angel Investor offers him a big cut of the earnings before hanging up a payphone on the street.

The Union Leader calls THE ENFORCERS and all of THE SUBORDINATE UNION LEADERS to discuss the China problem. The Union Leader wants reports on all Chinese people who work in labor positions around the country. The Subordinate Union Leaders tell him the current statistics on Chinese employment in America and express their lack of concern The Union Leader insists that the problem is real and tells them to do their job better or it will be forced. He says they must fix the problem or the Enforcers will deal with anyone that goes against the plan to remove them from power.

The Thief goes back to his shitty apartment with his fellow junkie GIRLFRIEND. They get high and the Thief comes up with a plan to break into the Port of Los Angeles and steal a triple trailer. The Thief tells his Girlfriend and she gets mad because he doesn't have a real job and they start arguing about his lack of a career. The Thief leaves the apartment and heads to the Angel Investor's penthouse to go over the plan to steal the shipping containers. The Angel Investor says that triple trailers aren't allowed in California so the plan doesn't make any sense. The Angel Investor says he can get him some money for the job but most of the money will come from selling the loot. He reiterates that the job needs to happen within the week and he can't tell anyone about it or else they're screwed. The Thief agrees but the Angel

Investor reminds him of the last job that went wrong and how bad things can get.

The Thief goes out to buy a suit for the scam and meets THE MOBSTER with THE MOBSTER'S BROTHER. The Thief asks what the Mobster is doing there and the Mobster just stares for awhile. The Thief goes on saying the Mobster and his Brother are up to no good. The Mobster threatens the Thief but his lines are all lip synced terribly in an exaggerated asian accent. The Mobster's Brother asks if the Thief is still working for "that fatass" the Angel Investor. The Thief blows it off and says they should keep an eye on their Walmarts and storms away. The Mobster's Brother asks the Mobster what that was about and the Mobster tells him they need to have a meeting.

The Mobster and the Mobster's Brother meet with the Chinese business group at the Port of Los Angeles and they discuss logistics. The Mobster is no longer lip synced and asks about the next Walmart shipment. The Chinese business group says a big one is coming in later that week with 3 containers full. The Mobster says he would like a special force keeping an eye on it with him managing it personally. He explains the situation with the Thief and the past deal that went bad where the Thief ruined all of their frozen chicken shipment. The business group agrees on the one time change of affairs and tell him no more funny business. They tell him he will be the one to pay for any more issues from the Thief. The Mobster agrees and they all close the meeting.

THE GROCERY UNION EXECUTIVE tries to tell his subordinates to hire less Chinese people. It doesn't go well and he gets accused of racism and he apologizes for the misunderstanding. He calls THE FACTORY UNION EXECUTIVE and tells him he doesn't think he can do anything about the Chinese problem. The Grocery Union Executive says everyone is calling him racist and he is worried he might lose his credibility. The Factory Union Executive tells him its part of the job and he knew what he was getting into when he took on the role. He tells the Grocery Union Executive that it might be best to try to work it into some kind of inconspicuous program. The Grocery Union Executive says he will see what he can do and hangs up the phone. He then calls THE RETAIL UNION EXECUTIVE and asks him what he has been doing to counter the China problem. The Retail Union Executive is lazily sitting at a desk eating chips and watching TV and has forgotten what the China problem is. The Grocery Union Executive reminds him and he remembers and says he hasn't done anything about it. The Grocery Union Executive is somewhat frustrated and asks him what he is going to tell the boss. The Retail Union Executive says "nothing, I don't know" and says he thinks it will work itself out. He tells the Grocery Union Executive to just get someone else to deal with it. The Grocery Union Executive is talking on the phone when his subordinate that accused him of racism knocks on his open door. He hangs up the phone and she convinces him to do a DEI program because it will help "give back". He agrees to do it, feigning embarrassment and says he will get something going because its a great idea. He makes a public announcement to the

union about diversity, equity, and inclusion and they all cheer.

The Thief gets the triple trailer semi truck to pick up the shipping containers and drives into the Port of Los Angeles wearing a suit and fake mustache. The Mobster is watching him enter from a distance and calls the Angel Investor on his personal cell phone. The Angel Investor doesn't know who it is but recognizes The Mobster's voice and realizes he is screwed. The Mobster tells him he knows about the plan with the Thief and how stupid and fat he is and hangs up the phone. The Angel Investor figures out the Thief screwed him over and gets very stressed out and doesn't know what to do. He angrily calls the Thief in a panic and tells him the Mobster knows about the plan and that he's fucked and there's nothing he can do to help. The Thief doesn't understand and says hes already at the port in a disguise and there are guards everywhere so it looks safe. The Angel Investor tells him he is an idiot and to get out of there but the Thief gets stopped by the guards. The guards look at a list of faces with his face on it and tell him to stay put because they need to check the vehicle. The Thief tells them they are supposed to check "the other truck" while still on the line with the Angel Investor. The Angel Investor is muted but can hear the Thief saying stupid things and starts flipping out. The Thief manages to distract the guards for a second to escape and abandon the truck. The Angel Investor gets very angry and throws the phone at the wall.

The President calls the CIA Director asking how the China problem is going because he still sees Chinese people every day. The CIA Director says he will call his sources about it and then calls the Angel Investor immediately afterward. The Angel Investor says hes not sure its going to work out because there is a lot of risk involved. The CIA Director tells him it is an issue of national security and they argue but ultimately hang up the phone. The Angel Investor gets really stressed out and obnoxiously throws things around the house in anger. He begins angrily eating fast food uncontrollably in rage and desperation.

The CIA Director calls the Union Leader and asks him how things are looking at the labor unions. The Union Leader is not sure its working out because there are accusations of racism and nobody appears to be scheming. The CIA Director tells him its not about uprooting schemes and that its really about setting a precedent. He tells the Union Leader they need to stop promoting Chinese people and start promoting "others". The Union Leader asks if he's talking about black people and the CIA Director tells him to figure it out and take care of it. The Union Leader asks him if he means take care of the promotions or the racism accusations. The CIA Director says both.

The Enforcers meet the Grocery Union Executive at his house and ask him if hes racist He thinks its a joke and says he's not racist and asks what they want. They say they are pretty sure he is racist but the Grocery Union Executive keeps denying it. They start beating him calling him a racist and

he doesn't know how to respond. Eventually he says he is a racist and they stop and say "good" because that's what they wanted to know. They tell him to keep it that way and leave him on his floor.

The Angel Investor is sitting at his desk in a depressive daze with piles of trash and fast food littered everywhere. The Mobster and the Mobster's Brother break into the door and tell him the jig is up and aim their machine guns at him. He tries to plead with them by saying it was all a misunderstanding and that the Thief doesn't work for him anymore. They don't believe it and shoot him with automatic fire and trash and food stuff flies everywhere.

The Thief is at his apartment when the Mobster calls and tells him it's all over because they're coming for him. The Thief asks "who is this?" but the phone hangs up. The Thief is at his apartment with his Girlfriend and she asks him who was on the phone. He says he doesn't know but he thinks he might be in trouble because a job went bad. The Thief's Girlfriend is worried about his safety but he dismisses her and says he needs to check on something without telling her anything. He leaves to catch a bus to the Angel Investor's penthouse and sees an ambulance with cops everywhere. There is a covered stretcher wheeled onto the ambulance and the Thief turns around to leave. He gets back to his apartment and tells his Girlfriend he has to go away for awhile while he buys a bus ticket online. She is confused and gets into an argument with him and tells him he can't just leave. He tells her he already bought the ticket and they continue to argue about how he is being difficult to live with.

The Union Executives and Enforcers are gathered together in a room chatting with the Grocery Union Executive beat up in bandages. The Retail Union Executive is talking about his fantasy football team as the Grocery Union Executive is looking nervous. The CIA Director abruptly enters to meet them and looks at the Grocery Union Executive and asks him why he is such a mess. The Grocery Union Executive sees the Enforcers both staring at him with serious faces and he nervously says that he was in a car crash. The CIA Director asks when it happened because he didn't see anything about it in his latest report yesterday. The Grocery Union Executive says it was this morning and the CIA Director asks if it was on the way from the airport. The Grocery Union Executive says yes dismissively and the CIA Director is skeptical and keeps prodding about details. The Grocery Union Executive starts panicking and rambles about how there's risk in any job and sometimes things don't go the way we want. The CIA Director loses interest and moves onto asking about the status of how everyone has been dealing with their "little China problem". The Factory Union Executive says things don't move fast in manufacturing but most factory workers in America are Latino, Korean, and Vietnamese anyway. He goes on saying he's introduced a program to increase black manufacturing employment by 35% in the next two years to displace the limited Chinese influence. The Retail Union Executive says everything has been great and states baselessly they were able to reduce Chinese workplace influence by 65%. The CIA

Director commends them on their effort and stares at the Grocery Union Executive, who looks like he might start sweating. The Grocery Union Executive hesitates for awhile before spitting out how it was a tough job but sacrifices were made in order to set a precedent. The CIA Director says that is good but chastises the Grocery Union Executive on his lack of presentable metrics to qualify the solution. The Union Leader closes the argument by congratulating everyone on their success and lets the CIA Director know that they are all on the job. The CIA Director thanks everyone and stands up and gives one more hard stare at the Grocery Union Executive before leaving the room.

The President is sitting in the Oval Office staring at the ceiling and the CIA Director walks in and knocks on the open door. The President acts like he's been waiting on him too long and starts asking him what he's doing about China. The CIA Director says that things take time to start working but they've already made good progress. He repeats the reports from the Union Leaders and goes onto state that American corporate interest is already ideologically focused on countering China. He continues saying that the projections indicate the divorce from Chinese business might take years but American manufacturing is about hitting the mark just in time. The President asks him what he should say to the public in the case that anyone asks about their relationship with China. The CIA Director says its all about setting the right scene and reading the right lines because everything else can be fixed in the editing room. He adds that the President has nothing to worry about on the matter because they have everything under control. The President is satisfied enough with that answer and sarcastically asks what he would do without the CIA Director. The CIA Director laughs and says that he would do anything in his power to make sure nobody would let him do anything otherwise. The President doesn't know how to respond to this but he kindly dismisses him before pondering on the conversation.

The Thief and his Girlfriend are still discussing him leaving but it has since settled down. She is saying he is a criminal and needs to be more trustworthy and hold himself accountable. He says he is going anyway and there is nothing she can do to stop it because he has decided to leave, possibly forever. She asks him when the bus leaves and he says 3pm and she says its already 4:30. He gets frustrated for missing the bus and she says he could still buy another ticket and he says he doesn't have any more money. She laughs and says its a sign that he should stay but he decides to leave anyway and "figure it out himself". She gets mad at him and he leaves while she is still yelling at him for being a scumbag. The Thief stows away on freight trains across the country to go visit his OLD BOSS in New Jersey.

The Thief arrives at the Old Boss' place across the country and the Old Boss wonders what he is doing there. The Thief tells the Old Boss a job went wrong and he thinks he's in deep shit but doesn't know what to do. The Thief says China is taking over everything and he doesn't know if any place is safe anymore. The Old Boss doesn't know what he is talking

about and and asks him if he came across the country just for that. The Thief says he did and rambles about Chinese business men in the Port of Los Angeles. The Old Boss tells him he is retarded because there is no China problem and it doesn't matter. The Old Boss tells the Thief to get his life together because nothing he is saying makes any sense. The Thief agrees with the conclusion and decides to go back to California and pretend like all is well. The Thief decides to get his life together and gets a job at a janitor at a Los Angeles public middle school. He tries to call his Girlfriend while he is at work and she ignores the call.

Days go by and the Thief is working his janitor shift and checking his phone. There are text messages he has sent to his girlfriend with no replies. Another JANITOR calls out to him from the break room saying he is heading out for the day left the keys with the mop wringer. The Thief approaches him at his table and asks if he's got a second while he sits down. The Janitor says sure and the Thief asks him if he thinks its possible to win back trust in someone he's betrayed. The Janitor says anything is possible but it depends on the severity and asks if he's talking about a girlfriend. The Thief says yes and tells the story of how he had something really good with his ex girlfriend but let it all go to waste. He talks about how he got caught in a deal gone wrong and left his girlfriend over it even though she begged him not to. He tells the Janitor that she won't respond to anything he sends her and is depressed because he thought there was still a chance. The Janitor chuckles at his optimism and says that its good to have hope. He says he used to talk a lot about everything he said he wanted to do but ended up wasting a lot of time without realizing it. He goes on to tell the Thief about how he screwed up his first marriage going out and drinking with his friends all the time. He says that he would come back home having completely ignored her and she eventually got tired of it and left. He continues saying that he became an alcoholic and all his drinking buddies disappeared over the following 12 years. He says that once he lost his last job at the factory he ended up going to jail for stealing from a liquor store. He goes on saying it took cleaning himself up and meeting his second wife for him to ever move on from the mistakes he made. He says now he cleans up for everyone else because that was what he figured out how to do to save himself. He says in the end everyone has to come back to reality at some point. The Thief nods without saying anything and the Janitor leaves and says he'll see him tomorrow.

At some point in the future the Thief gets a call from an unknown number and it turns out to be the Angel Investor. The Thief is surprised he is alive and the Angel Investor doesn't understand why. The Thief says he saw his body getting taken away and the Angel Investor says that not every fat person who dies in LA is him. The Angel Investor tells him to meet at his mansion so he can come clean about what's been going on. The Thief gets there and the Angel Investor is wearing a neck brace and bandages and looks beat up. The Angel Investor says China doesn't know anything about the problems of American business and doesn't care either. He continues

saying that the government is trying to keep China from having too much influence over the public. The Angel Investor tells the Thief that the truth of the matter is that there never was any China problem and the whole thing was a scam. He says banks wanted to sell their mortgages for homes in Asian American communities as sub prime in an attempt to crash the market. He says they needed to inflate the prices of the houses but the market in those communities is too stable. He says the plan was to inflate the housing prices through their mortgages and then sell all the subprime mortgages to the Chinese mortgage companies that deal in Asian American housing. After that they would disturb the commerce in the communities by taking out the Target and Walmart products and then crash the system. He says the scam was killing two birds with one stone by helping Amazon take out Target and Walmart but it all went wrong. The Thief says it all makes sense now but says he has to quit his job working for the mob. The Angel Investor is confused and tells him this isn't a career because that's not how organized crime works. The Angel Investor tells the Thief that he has been unemployed this whole time because everything has been under the table. The Thief asks him what that means for him and the Angel Investor tells him it doesn't mean anything and that he could've stopped doing it at any point.

They depart and the Thief goes to a news stand in Skid Row with a bunch of people standing around it looking at the crazy news headline. He sees the newspaper say that Donald trump won the presidency and the newspaper date says 2016. The Thief sees the NEWS VENDOR is wearing a MAGA hat and asks him what he thinks made people vote for Trump. The News Vendor looks at him and sarcastically says that he guesses they wanted more god damned freedom. The Thief ponders on the concept of freedom and walks towards the sunset with homeless people everywhere along the sidewalk. As the credits role the President makes a speech about how people in America get to vote and people shouldn't be to worried. He says under his administration he saved America from China because American business has taken the country over again.