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**SYNOPSIS** -- A trip to the Chester A. Arthur presidential library/yogurt stand in a shopping mall leads to a seance and maybe romance.

### **CHARACTERS**

LIZ -- 20's/30's, perky, cute  
ALAN -- 20's/30's nice looking

### **SETTING**

A presidential library, but with minimal furnishings.

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INT. CAFE -- DAY

A counter on one side of the stage and a small round table with two chairs in the center. Maybe a prominent photo or poster of former president, Chester A. Arthur. LIZ (20's/30's, perky) is cleaning the counter. ALAN (20's/30's)(ENTERS.

LIZ

Hi there. Welcome.

ALAN

I'm a little confused. This is the Chester A. Arthur Presidential Library?

LIZ

Yes, and so much more.

ALAN

I would hope so.

LIZ

It's also a frozen yogurt stand.

ALAN

What?

LIZ

Twenty-one flavors since he was the twenty-first president.

ALAN

But... we're in a shopping mall.

LIZ

So?

ALAN

The Chester A. Arthur presidential library is between Kay Jewelers and a Footlocker?

LIZ

Oh, this is just temporary.

ALAN

Until you get your own building?

LIZ

No. Until the Sunglass Hut moves out of level three.

ALAN

I can't believe this is the best you can do.

LIZ

No one even knows he was president.

ALAN

1881 to 1885.

LIZ

"I love the 80's."

ALAN

(looking around) So where are all the books?

LIZ

There are not many unfortunately.

ALAN

He didn't read?

LIZ

Of course he did. What president doesn't read?

ALAN

The current one. His presidential library will be menus from Taco Bell and Wendy's.

LIZ

Well, President Arthur was a voracious reader I'm happy to say. It's just that he read mostly library books so he returned them all.

ALAN

Still, you must have some?

LIZ

We do but we sent them out to be washed.

ALAN

Okay... what about correspondence? Presidential memorabilia?

LIZ

You mean like kidney stones?

ALAN

You have Chester A. Arthur's kidney stones?

LIZ

We had one but it fell into the rainbow sprinkles bin. If you order that be very careful.