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TITLE:	DAVE
AUTHOR:	Gary Ross
TYPE/PP:	Original, 109 pg.
GENRE:	Comedy
SETTING:	Washington D.C, US/Present
BUDGET:	28\$M

LOGLINE: An ordinary citizen saves the lives of many people in need and makes a change by taking place of the president because of his physical resemblance.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Premise		X		
Storyline		X		
Characterizations			X	
Dialogue			X	
Plot/Structure		X		
Production Values		X		

SYNOPSIS – “DAVE”

BILL MITCHELL, current president of the United States, starts to lose sight of his ambitions and his goals. The only things he starts to lose sight of aren't his ambitions but also his marriage to ELLEN MITCHELL. Their marriage is alive only to save the appearance. Bill Mitchell doesn't even care about the polling data anymore as ALAN REED, the White House Media Advisor underlines how their voting rates are falling down. He wants to kill the campaign that will help the homeless shelters and many other people and BOB ALEXANDER, the White House Chief of Staff is one of the biggest supporters of it. DAVE KOVIC is a Temp Agency operator who also impersonates the president, Bill Mitchell. He really enjoys helping people by getting them jobs as the Kovic Temps where he works with his ex-wife, ALICE. Right after one of his appearances as the President, he gets hired by the Federal Government to be the double for the president, for security purposes.

DUANE STAVENSEN from the United States Secret Service introduces him to Bob Alexander and Alan Reed, the people who will give more details to him about his new job. Dave looks too much like the President that even Bill, who is used to read his speeches from a prompter and make his decisions under the effect of others gets shocked by the resemblance when they first run into each other before Dave's first appearance as the President. Bill gets a major stroke during his affair at a hotel with one of the secretaries, RANDI, after briefly meeting Dave, who is too naïve and enthusiastic to just do what he's been told to do. This creates a chaotic environment because the President can't wake up from the stroke, but also creates the perfect setting for Bob and Alan to bring their own plans to the real life. Bob wants to become the Vice President and then take over the Oval office eventually. He strongly believes that it is his right to become since he already has a huge impact and control on Bill. He doesn't let Alan to call the Vice President immediately and builds up his plan. He will first make a public announcement about how the President had a 'mild' stroke but he is fine now, replacing him with Dave instead for a while, he will find a way for getting rid of the Vice President and make the fake president nominate him as the future Vice President and give the fake president another stroke to finally get rid of him as well and become the president. The only problem they might have is the First Lady but they tell her about the 'incident' at the hotel, which makes her hate the President even more. Alan and Reed convince Dave into this plan by making him believe how it is very important to keep the stability and peace of the country and offering him good money after lying him about mental state of the Vice President, GARY NANCE. It is breaking the rules, but only because of the extraordinary circumstances.

Dave gets to the White House as the President who just got a mild stroke but is in even a better shape now. Naïve and clueless Dave, with good intentions only, has no one other than Alan and Reed now, in this new world he gets forced in to after telling her ex-wife he is in love now and leaving. Alan and Bob turn Dave, the new president of the United States who is very much into the First Lady, into their own puppet with the 'training program' they've put together. Duane is the only person he has close to being friends. Bob and Reed get 'creative' after sending the Vice President away to Africa for a

program when they can't find any dirt while Dave makes a pretty good impersonation of the President that not only convinces everyone, but also make them more excited about the President especially at the moments when he doesn't exactly listen Reed and Bob's directions but just acts like his real self like his behaviors at his meeting at the GM or his meeting with the Japanese Prime Minister. The only person he can't really win is the First Lady, Ellen, until they take a visit to the homeless shelter. Dave can't hide his feelings for Ellen on their way to the Helping Hand Shelter where he manages to shock her with his little magic tricks and nice ways with the kids. He again, acts as himself. However, Ellen gets furious to Dave after their visit when she finds out the funding for the campaign has been vetoed.

This is when Dave starts to become the President instead of just impersonating him. He calls up his old friend from the Temp Agency, MURRAY, to the White House to find a solution to find the three hundred fifty million dollars that is needed for the funding after snapping on Reed and Bob. He tells Murray about the whole situation and they come up with a budgeting plan overnight. In the mean time, Reed and Alan link the Vice President with a First Liberty Scandal. Dave surprises them at the hundredth cabinet meeting when he completely goes out of their control and announces the budget plan he came up with Murray to save the funding. Dave stands up for himself this much solid for the first time and even dares Bob at some point. This is also the first time Reed differs from Bob and threatens him, their unity starts to crack. Ellen figures out that Dave is a fake. She freaks out when Dave confesses and shows the real president's situation to her with the help of Duane who is now loyal to him and wants to run away from the White House. They come up with a plan together but end up bonding with each other and teaming up together instead as they turn back to the White House to help the people. Dave discards Bob by teaming up with Ellen and daring him to tell everything to the press if he wants to fire Dave. He explains his future plans about the country and the unemployment issues as he announces the resignation of Bob Alexander. Dave, Ellen, Reed and everyone start to work for their new employment program to provide people jobs. Dave and Ellen start to get closer but things aren't still that normal for Ellen yet.

Mr. Nance arrives in a defensive manner that pushes Dave to confront Reed who confesses how they made up the Fidelity Savings and Loans fraud scandal for Mr. Nance together with Bob when they couldn't find any dirt on him. Bob starts to claim that Nance's allegations are not just limited to him but the President was also aware. He expands the accusations and creates a bigger scandal by revealing every real illegal action Bill Mitchell has done in the past. After learning that they're all real, as oppose to Bob's candidacy to be the president, Dave decides to accept Mitchell's actions and fake another stroke that will give him a way out from everything. Ellen and Dave get closer and they both think Nance is a good person. Dave accepts everything as the president and fakes a stroke, right after he justifies the innocence of the Vice President. They rush him to the hospital and he manages to escape with the help of Duane, leaving Ellen behind. Time passes and the winter comes, Bob Alexander and others gets arrested from their illegal actions. David has started a campaign to become the alderman and everyone keeps working for him including Murray. Ellen comes back to him after Bill's death and Nance's presidency keeps Dave's employment program. Dave and Ellen end up together.

COMMENTS

The double works better than the original and one can actually change things if they have a good heart. With his kind heart and naïve spirit, Dave Kovic, win's everyone's hearts as 'the president of the people' including the First Lady. Dave, tells the story of the inevitable victory of being a good person with good intentions and a good heart.

Dave is a lovely character with no bad characteristics. He is very easy to root for and relatable as well. However, this makes him a very flat character and moves him away from being a real person therefore, damages the realness of the story. Dave, is a light story that gets warm our hearts but doesn't really go any further than that. Bill, the real president who is supposed to be the crooked one is being briefly introduced in the first act, but, he gets cut before creating a solid impression. It is clear that he is not a good president at all, yet he still needs more time to get clearly established for the story. Dave is being shown as the complete opposite of Bill, although he looks just like him physically with his completely good actions with no flaws at all. The story has two villains, Bob Alexander and Alan Reed opposing the good guy Dave. Even though Bob is clearly a villain, Reed's position never gets to be clarified by the story. He stays as a fluid character, since he not only helps Bob, but also ends up helping Dave. Although having a fluid character is a good thing for a story that has very clear characters with almost no arcs and no angles like Dave, Alan stays as a mystery and a question mark in a strange way. Reed isn't the only question mark at the end of the story Alice the ex-wife also stays as a strange detail, since her presence doesn't serve anything for the wellness of the story. The relationship between Ellen and Dave is one of the heart warming components of the story in addition to it's perspective on humanity and satisfying happy ending. However, the story gets more predictable than it should be with it's flat characters, plans with no complications and stakes that aren't critical enough. Even Bob isn't bad enough to get things more complicated and exciting.

Despite the fact that it is a story about the future of a country and there are so many hidden agendas going on, the story never gets too breathtaking because the happy ending predictable and the possible threats are never that serious. Also, everything always goes according to the plan. Everything turns out so smooth and repetitive that Dave might as well just done everything he did during the whole story at the first ten minutes. He ends up as the huge difference for the country that will never get noticed. The story also keeps repeating itself to point out the similarity of Dave's real job and real self with the life he lives as an impersonator with components such as underlining him as the runner of a temp agency and him as the founder of the employment plan that'll provide jobs for lots of people. Usage of the components of his real life works to mirror Bill and the similarities between the two characters but starts tell what's going to happen next instead and makes the storyline too flat after a point. On the other hand, Dave is a very relatable character so the story has it's own level of thrill from time to time since rooting for him is inevitable also, it is easy to say Dave's out of the sea goofy moments when he first enters to the White House successfully supports the comedic purposes of the story by the absurdity they create.

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It feeds the phantasy that anyone can save the world if they ever get an opportunity but still ends up as a light comedy with no real stakes and the smoothest way to break in to the White House and change the destiny of a country. Dave is a funny and heartwarming story that'll easily win everyone's hearts when the political and criminal aspects are ignored.