

Twilight Zone 'The Voice of Reason' Spec Script

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TEASER

FADE IN

EXT. SKY - NIGHT

Shot of the sky... the various nebulae and planet bodies stand out in sharp, sparkling relief. As the CAMERA begins a SLOW PAN across the Heavens --

NARRATOR (V.O.)

There is a fifth dimension beyond that which is known to man. It is a dimension as vast as space and timeless as infinity. It is the middle ground between light and shadow -- between science and superstition, and it lies between the pit of man's fears and the summit of his knowledge. This is the dimension of. It is an area which we call The Twilight Zone.

FADE IN

EXT. CITY SKYLINE - NIGHT

The CAMERA begins to PAN DOWN from the night sky. We see the twinkling lights of the city and the neon call sign of radio station WK66 Talk Radio, "The Voice of the People". The CAMERA continues to PAN DOWN past the call sign and PUSHES in through the window of the radio station. We hover through the station's hallways while listening to the clipped rhetoric of Radio host CAIN HARPER.

INT. STATION HALLWAYS - NIGHT

CAIN HARPER (V.O.)

...Listen, you folks know me, I don't claim to have all the answers, but I will tell you one thing. This is not the America I was raised in. This is not the country our brave soldiers died defending and this is not the America that our founding fathers had in mind when they signed that piece of paper, you know the one that says "Declaration of Independence".

CAIN HARPER (V.O.)

This nation was founded on the principals of faith, family and community and we need to get back to what made this country great.

After hovering through corridors the CAMERA moves behind CAIN. We see his desk console. On the console is Cain's book: "Truth Justice and Cain Harper Way", A Copy of "Common Sense" by Thomas Paine, The Holy Bible, A stack of alimony papers and an American flag coffee cup. the CAMERA moves to CAIN's profile. Cain Harper is a man in his mid 40s, with neatly coifed salt and pepper hair. He is slightly overweight, which could lead one to believe that he was once a robust man who might have been an athlete, but now he looks like an upscale used car salesman who may have had one too many cheeseburgers, one too many cocktails and one too many one night stands

INT. CAIN HARPER'S RADIO BOOTH - NIGHT

CAIN HARPER

And I'm willing to bet that I'm not the only one that feels this way. If you're an angry American, speak up, the number is 555-Speech.

NARRATOR

This is Mr. Cain Harper. Mr. Harper hosts a popular radio program, where he extols the virtues of America's past and bemoans the current state of his country. He considers himself the lone voice of reason in an otherwise unreasonable era. Cain Harper is a man of strong ideals and he's about to have those ideals put to the test, in the Twilight Zone.

CALLER 1

Hello, Cain?

CAIN HARPER

You're on, chief. What's up? Is this the the America you want to live in?

CALLER 1

Cain, I'm with you man. I love this country, but it's getting a little hard to get up in the morning and face a world where our country is going to hell in a hand basket and no one seems to care. People don't want to work hard anymore, they want to take God out of the pledge of allegiance and that's the kind of stuff that rots a country from the inside out.

CAIN HARPER

You're right about that. And you know what? If I was in charge, we'd round up every shifty Muslim, every 'anti-prayer' school teacher, every illegal alien taking money out of the pockets of hard working Americans, and we'd burn 'em at the stake.

CALLER 1

Amen, brother.

CAIN HARPER

Next caller. You're on with Cain.

CALLER 2

You disgust me, you ignorant, loud mouthed-

CAIN pushes button, cancelling call

CAIN HARPER

-Woah! Did my ex-wife get this number! Listen folks, I know there are a lot of people out there who would love to shut me up, because they're blind to what it means to be an American. This country has a rich history and I just want us to go back to our original principles of faith, family and hard work. Those ideals should be something we can all get behind. What do you think caller?

CALLER 3

Mr. Harper?