

MITCHIGANDER JONES: RESEARCHERS OF THE TRUTH

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SYNOPSIS

Archeological professors, Mitchigander Jones and Carolina Jones are trying to solve the mystery of stolen Biblical artifacts around the globe. Along with their students, Sam, Nathan, Judy, Sara, and Lisa, and some assistance from Dean Hollander, they attempt to thwart the maniacal plans of the evil Dr. Dubious and his sidekick, Frank, while reviewing for an exam on the four types of evidence summed up by the acronym, M.A.P.S. (Manuscript reliability, Archeological, Prophetical, Statistical) used to support the validity of the Scriptures we use today.

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Choir enters stage area

CHOIR:

*We're researchers of the truth.
We are seeking evidence and clues.
to affirm what we believe.
giving the glory and honor and praise to our God.*

*Bible pages, from days of yore.
Unearthing findings that validate our core.
Tracking chances of prophetic proofs
giving the glory and honor and praise to our God.
We're giving the glory and honor and praise to our God.2x*

**2 FIRST NEWS BULLETIN (VIDEO - ON SCREEN)[[MARKER]]
[[ORANGE]]**

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[[Track 4 - News Bumper]] [[marker blue]]

News bumper music with news logo and branding plays. Then announcer voice showing scenes of the crime like picture of Cylinder of Cyrus, British Museum, etc..

NEWS VOICE-OVER

And now, from your most trusted source of news, we cut through the fluff to give you the stuff, live with your host, it's Willie Staup, on NEWSFAX.

WILLIE STAUP (NEWS ANCHOR)
How right you are and here ain't no denying it. I'm Willie Staup and I'll never gonna stop bringing you the facts on News Fax. The only spin you'll get here will be your own head spinning when you hear the next story. (Beat) With no pun intended, we have break-in news. That's right, breaking news about a break in late yesterday at the British Museum of Natural History in London. The cylinder of Cyrus was stolen. I repeat, stolen. The news of the theft has rocked the archeological world. Let's go live to Deidre Campbelloni on the local University campus for comment from the experts in the field. Deirdre?

Dean Hollander nervously seen smiling widely next to the reporter.

DEIRDRE CAMPBELLONI (REPORTER)
 Thanks, Willie. We had hoped to
 acquire comment from renowned
 archeological professors, Professor
 Jones and his sister (beat)
 Professor Jones...however, they are
 unavailable right now for comment.
 Standing with me here is the new
 sitting Dean of the University,
 Dean Halliper. Dean?

DEAN
 Yes. (somewhat whispering)
 And it's Holl-ander with a "D" in
 there actually....if you see it
 there...see "der"
 (trails off, pointing at the
 reporter's script)

DEIRDRE CAMPBELLONI (REPORTER)
 Sir, the camera.

DEAN
 Right.
 (clears his throat, nervous
 but trying to do his best,
 he reads the following
 statement)
 As we discover the joy of learning,
 we are heart-broken at the loss of
 this highly significant historical
 artifact. I'm sure that professors
 withigande Jones and Carolina
 (swallows) Jones would like to be
 here but, for now suffice it to
 say (trails off), they...
 are ...apparently elsewhere...or
 else.. they would definitely be
 here...

VOICE OF CAMERA OPERATOR
 There's Dr. Dubious!

Camera quickly swings over to Dubious and Frank walking by on a
 sidewalk.

DEIRDRE CAMPBELLONI (REPORTER)
 (thrown off a little, calls
 to Dubious)
 Oh yes, Dr. Dubious, esteemed math
 and physics professor at the
 university, do you have, (beat) can
 you shed any light on the alleged
 robbery?

Camera shot catches up with Dubious. Frank then is out of the shot.

DUBIOUS

(notably nervous while taking off his gloves.)

Yes, we are all shocked by the news of this thievery. The Cylinder of Cyrus is an ancient clay artifact with a cuneiform inscription from the Persian King Cyrus the Great from the 6th century B.C.

(indicating heartburn)

Frank hands Dubious a glass of milk from off-camera but Dubious waves it away while trying to listen to reporter.

DEIRDRE CAMPBELLONI (REPORTER)

Wow, I'm impressed that you know so much about that, given your other areas of expertise.

DUBIOUS

Well, (chuckles) I've been known to dabble here and there. Not with the cylinder itself. I mean, who knows where it could be? Perhaps some overly zealous Christian took it (irritated by heart burn)

because it supposedly has some scripture on it, so they think it's "so important... of course, I did that to all the poppycock... (indicating he has heart burn by putting his hand to his chest)

FRANK (off camera)

It's "Poppycock", sir...

Dubious angrily snatches and smacks Frank with his glove and then quickly miles back at camera

DUBIOUS

(regaining composure)

But, nevertheless, if my calculations are correct, the cylinder will turn up somewhere,

(more heartburn)

eventually...I'm sure the authorities are doing everything they can. (more heartburn)

Frank tries to hand Dubious same glass of milk from off camera but Dubious pushes it away irritably.

DUBIOUS (CONT'D)
(under his breath)
Not now, Frank.

DEIRDRE CAMPBELLONI (REPORTER)
Thank you Dr. Dubious. Now, back to
you, Willie.

WILLIE STAUP (NEWS ANCHOR)
Thanks, Deirdre. I am sure the
authorities will put a "stop" ...
(winks to camera)
to all of this and have this well
in hand and, most assuredly, they
will prosecute whoever is
responsible to the fullest (beat)
extent (beat) of the law-----

On the word "law" -long echo.

[[Track 5 - Map & Arrow with Researcher's March Underscore]]
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3 MAP & ARROW (FROM EGYPT TO ANYWHERE-US) - (VIDEO ON SCREEN) [[ORANGE]] 3

Green-travel-arrow appears and streaks across a map on screen with orchestral travel music.

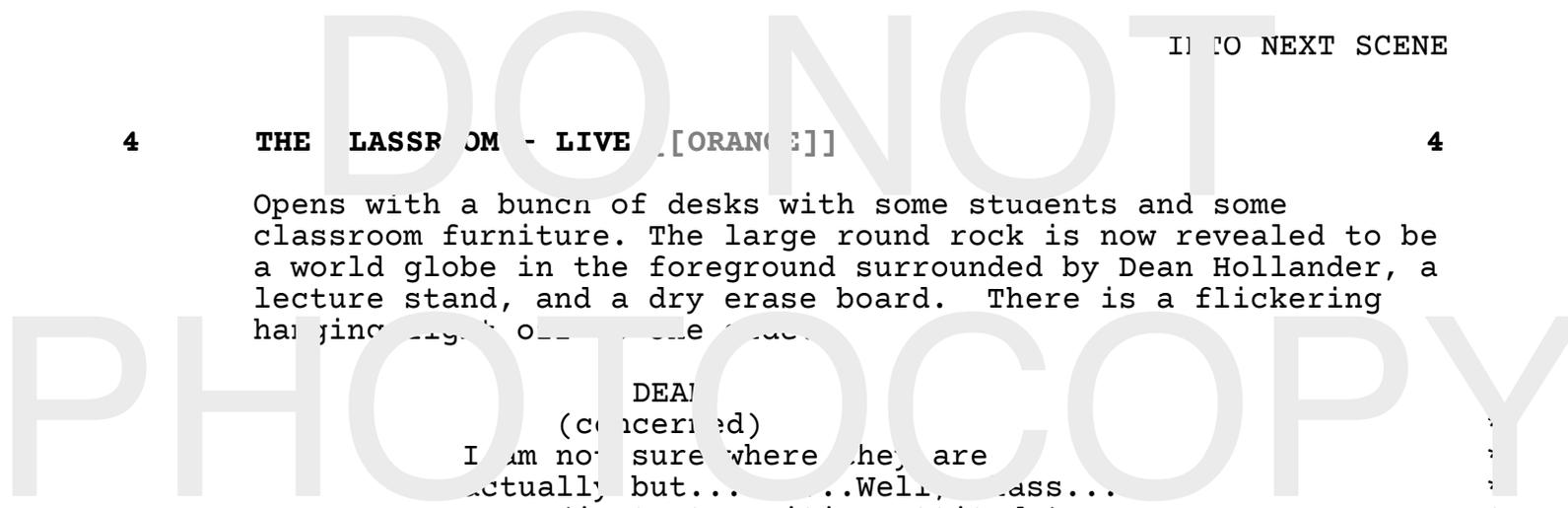
TO NEXT SCENE

4 THE LASSR OM - LIVE [[ORANGE]] 4

Opens with a bunch of desks with some students and some classroom furniture. The large round rock is now revealed to be a world globe in the foreground surrounded by Dean Hollander, a lecture stand, and a dry erase board. There is a flickering hanging light over the scene.

DEAN
(concerned)
I am not sure where they are
actually but... ..Well, lass...
(instant positive attitude)
let's "Achieve Excellence
Together".
(Chuckle but interrupts
himself)
Starting with that broken light. We
need to fix that.
(trailing off)
Let me fill out an EPG report on
that...here....
(MORE)

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DEAN (CONT'D)
 (trails off while filling out
 a form on his clipboard)

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JUDY
 (Worried)
 It's okay, Dean. I'll handle it.

DEAN
 But you see, Judy, it's "Hollan-
 der"! with the "D". See...

JUDY
 (Genuinely)
 I'm sorry.

DEAN
 Class, I realize I have only been
 Dean of the school for a few days
 now but...

NATHAN
 (Reading his tablet)
 Oh, wow. It says here that a famous
 artifact was stolen from the
 British Museum in London the other
 day.

SAM
 We ARE supposed to have class
 today.

DEAN
 (Trying to reassure the kids)
 Well, perseverance brings
 assurance. (polite chuckle)

NATHAN
 (Still reading his tablet)
 ...with the ... we're having ...
 today.

LISA
 We're suppose to have class,
 Nathan.

SARA
 That's what MY notes said, Lisa.

SAM
 And you would know that, Nathan, if
 you weren't staring at your tablet
 reading news stories all day.

JUDY
 (Freaking out a little)
 That's right, Sam. And we were
 supposed to review for the big
 test!

DEAN
 Love that fastidious note-taking,
 Sara. To fail to plan is to plan to
 (beat) falter.

Dubious enters room.

SARA
 Do you want to borrow my notes,
 Judy?

JUDY
 Thanks, Sara.

DUBIOUS
 And what are you studying now...Oh
 don't tell me, I know it.
 (humored)
 Dusty old things. I jest, of
 course.

DEAN
 Oh, hello Dr. Dubious.

STUDENT:
 Hello, sir (addressing)

DUBIOUS
 (staring the room)
 Your professors are not here yet, I
 see. How odd. That's odd, isn't it?
 I find it odd.

Dubious notices a stack of paper on Sam's desk. Picking up,
 straightens them and then stuffs the top 4 sheets into his
 jacket pocket

DEAN
 I'm sure they will be here
 lickity-split.

DUBIOUS
 (wanders to the door)
 Oh well, I don't need to observe
 anymore truancy in this class.
 (MORE)

DUBIOUS (CONT'D)

I shall shove off and teach my own,
with content that is more
invigorating, more intellectually
stimulating, than any other subject
I have ever seen-

(under his breath)

Calculus...

LISA

(Disgusted to Judy)

Bleck!

DUBIOUS

...And whats more, I shall arrive
at my classroom...professionally
(beat)early. Cheers.

Dubious exits, triumphantly.

DEAN

(cheery)

Well, to be on time is to be late.
To be early is to be ...right on
the money.

(Bright chuckle)

JUDY

(visibly stressed)

Are the professors EVER going to
show up?

NATHAN

DK

JUDY

DK? What is "DK"?

NATHAN

(looking at Sam from across
the table)

It stands for "Don't know".

SAM

(rolls his eyes at Nathan)

Have you not heard of that before?

JUDY

(sheepishly at Sam)

Is THAT on the test?

NATHAN AND SAM

(Humored, looking at each
other)

DK.