

# SHERRI LEMKO

## OUTLAW

"IN RE: TONY MEJIA"

## ACT ONE

1 EXT. WHITE HOUSE - BASKETBALL COURT - DAY 1

Drenched in sweat, GARZA is being schooled by White House Counsel SHERRI LEMKO, 30s, super competitive.

START →

GARZA

I know the President loves Chicago but --

LEMKO

I told you, I can't talk about this.

(makes a shot, the score:)  
Five-two.

GARZA

Come on, Sean Ryan? Okay, maybe a judge on "America's Got Talent", but the Supreme Court?

LEMKO

Hey, it's a step up from the guy he's replacing.

GARZA

So you are considering him.

LEMKO

Yeah, he's on the list. Not super high, but the President likes a justice who can go to his left.

GARZA

This isn't about Ryan's politics.

LEMKO

I was talking about his basketball.

Garza takes the ball. Holds it.

GARZA

I'm serious, Sherri --

LEMKO

I see that, and I know this is difficult for you, but you did give up your seat.

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GARZA

This isn't about me. This is about the court. I mean, doesn't anybody vet anybody in this White House? I was a prosecutor in Cook County when he was a judge there. Everybody knew he was on the take.

-- Lemko stops, watches Garza make a shot as:

LEMKO

What? The guy's a federal judge. He's been confirmed by the Senate.

GARZA

-- who missed the fact that back in the day his decisions were for sale.

LEMKO

And you have proof of that?

GARZA

No. But a guy named Theo Chervin does. I suggest you talk to him before this goes all Harriet Meyers on you.

LEMKO

Look, I'll check it out, but you have to do me a favor.

GARZA

I thought I just did.

LEMKO

Another one.

GARZA

Sorry, I'm busy Saturday night.  
(re: game)  
Five all by the way.

LEMKO

Mexico's refusing to extradite some guy who murdered a kindergarten teacher in L.A. Woman's dad is making the rounds on the Hill, drumming up outrage --

GARZA

Good for him.

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LEMKO

We want you to go there and convince them to send this sicko back.

GARZA

Watch it. Just cuz my resignation gave you the court doesn't mean I'm the house Latino.

LEMKO

You've been involved in judicial reform in Mexico. You know the players.

(drains a three-pointer)

I believe that's game.

**END**

2 INT. GARZA'S HOUSE - KITCHEN - DAY

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Garza, still in b-ball clothes, pulls a GATORADE from the 'fridge, shuts the door to REVEAL EDDIE and LUCINDA.

GARZA

The victim's name was Lisa Mejia. Lucinda, I want the case file. Killer's name is Julio Trujillo. Eddie, I want to see the motions filed by the U.S. Government and the Mexican response.

EDDIE

I don't understand. We have an extradition treaty with Mexico. They're legally obligated to send Trujillo back.

GARZA

Exactly. So why aren't they?

Said as he exits upstairs, passing MERETA on the phone. She quickly turns into the dining room, looking for privacy.

MERETA

I can't believe you're calling me here...! No, I don't know what to do... yes Tim, we'll talk about it, but not while I'm at work.

She hangs up, turns, sees Eddie and Lucinda. They've heard.

LUCINDA

O-oh, sounds like somebody's cheating on the boss.

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