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INT. HOUSE CHAMBER - DAY

Pence and a small envoy enter the Congressional Chamber. Pence is stopped by TED CRUZ (50).

PENCE
(To an aide)
Oh, not this guy.

CRUZ
Mike. You know this isn't right.

PENCE
Aren't you supposed to be in Cancun
or something?

CRUZ
Don't certify the election, Mike.

PENCE
Sorry. Busy day, gotta go.

Pence tries to shimmy around Cruz, but Cruz blocks him.

CRUZ
You know it's a sham, a big sham.
Where's your loyalty?

PENCE
I left it at the podium. Go! Shoo!

Pence pushes past. Cruz turns.

CRUZ
Gosar and I are contending the
Arizona votes.

Pence's shoulders droop. He turns to Cruz.

PENCE
(Whiny)
Whyyyy?

CRUZ
If you have to ask why, you aren't
a patriot.

PENCE
Can't we just lock in the votes and
go home? Did you see the size of
that crowd outside?

CRUZ
Mike. It's decided.

Pence groans. He seems about to say something, turns his back to Cruz. Suddenly he turns back around, flashes Cruz two big thumbs-down. He flips back around, takes the podium.

EXT. GARFIELD MONUMENT - DAY

Louisa stands in front of the camera - operated by Teddy - reporting. Protesters flow around her.

LOUISA

(To the camera)

Jerry, I'm beside the Capitol on the National Mall where it appears a group of protesters have breached police-installed barricades. Many of them seem to be approaching the entrance to the Capitol, wherein both houses of Congress are meeting to certify the election results.

JERRY (O.S.)

(Over Louisa's earpiece)

Wow, Louisa. Truly remarkable what we're seeing here. Stay safe.

LOUISA

Thank you, Jerry.

JERRY (O.S.)

(Over Louisa's earpiece)

Do you think you could actually get to talk to any of the protesters?

Louisa's smile stiffens.

LOUISA

(Strained)

I would love to.

Louisa turns towards a protester. It's AARON! Beanbag and Carson are behind him.

LOUISA (CONT'D)

Excuse me, sir, excuse me.

AARON

Well hello brown sugar!

Louisa turns away.

LOUISA

Alright, back to you in the studio?

Aaron forces himself into the shot.

AARON

Hey, are we on TV? Yo, what's up?
Proud Boys in the House! Well, near
the House. Soon to be in the House!

LOUISA

Where are you gentlemen from?

AARON

Yo, I'm Aaron, this is Carson and
that's Beanbag! We're the Proud
Boys of Wolfeboro up in the Granite
State! Live Free or Die, boy!

CARSON

Yeah, we're patriots! Patriots in
this country have been having it
too bad for too long! Let's go
patriots! Let's go Patriots!

A random supporter walking by stops, approaches angrily.

RANDOM SUPPORTER #6

Yo, what'd you say? Fuck you! This
is the year for the Ravens,
motherfucker! Ravens flock!

CARSON

No, I mean, like, we--

LOUISA

(To the camera)
Are we even still rolling?

AARON

Are you Candace Owens?

EXT. INAUGURATION SCAFFOLDING - DAY

Not far from the Capitol Steps is scaffolding that has been constructed for the upcoming inauguration ceremony. A small group of Capitol Police stand between the scaffolding and a crowd of protesters. The protesters push, the police hold them back tensely. Rayn and Trent are among them. Many of the protesters wave flags.

RANDOM SUPPORTER #7

(To the police officers)
You took an oath! Does that not
mean a damn thing to you, does it?

RAYN

Dad, what's up with all the flags?

TRENT

Oh, that reminds me!

Trent reaches into his backpack, retrieves a plastic bag.

TRENT (CONT'D)

Here's ours! Open it up, kiddo!
It's to show that we're true,
supportive, patriotic Americans!

Rayn looks at the packaging, which reads MADE IN CHINA. He tears the bag open, pulls out a Confederate Flag. **NOT** the battle flag we're familiar with, but the literal **official flag of the Confederacy**.

RAYN

What's this?

TRENT

Sick semper fi! It's the flag of
the Confederacy! The rebels!

At this, a man beside Trent butts in.

RANDOM SUPPORTER BESIDE TRENT #1

Bull! I don't know what the hell
that is. *This* is the 'feds flag!

The man wears a shirt bearing the **Confederate battle flag**.

TRENT

Actually, that's the Battle Flag of
the Army of Northern Virginia --

RANDOM SUPPORTER BESIDE TRENT #1

No it ain't 'cause I'm from Iowa.

TRENT

Look, they're both anti-tyranny.

RANDOM SUPPORTER BESIDE TRENT #1

Well I seen some flags here I don't
know where the hell they come from.
Like, the fuck's that?

The man points to a protester waiving a South Korean flag.

SOUTH KOREAN FLAG PROTESTER

I found it on Etsy. It's, like,
some rebel country.

RAYN

I learned that in school, it's the
flag of South Korea.

RANDOM SUPPORTER BESIDE TRENT #1

Hell yeah! The south will rise
again! Let's go!

SOUTH KOREAN FLAG PROTESTER

South will rise again!

FOCUS - LINE OF OFFICERS

The riot gear officers take their place beside the regular
Capitol Police. They are jeered at by protesters.

OFFICER #4

(To a cop in riot gear)

Where are your shields?

RIOT GEAR OFFICER #1

The storage area where we keep them
was locked.