

## Occupy the Corporations: Stop the Impostors!

Street theatre skit

**Constance TooShun:** Reports of a suspicious looking person have been called in all over the country. Apparently the same “person” has been appearing simultaneously around the country, attempting to buy elections and elected officials by spending enormous sums to get their way?

**Sherlock DeLiberty:** Constance TooShun, I have never heard of such a person. Are you sure they are from America?

**Constance TooShun:** We’re not sure where he’s from Sherlock, but whatever he’s doing, it stinks! People everywhere are complaining they don’t have a voice in their government anymore since this guy and a few hundred like him started dropping cash in local elections.

**Sherlock DeLiberty:** Since we can’t figure out where he’s from why not call him Mr. Bank Of – B.O. for short?

**Constance TooShun:** Something doesn’t smell right about this B.O... Where was he last spotted?

**Sherlock:** Right near the town hall, most people only see those that work for him, who claim to know little or nothing about him.

**Constance TooShun:** Let’s investigate.

*Enter Officer Amen DeMent*

**Constance TooShun:** Office Amen DeMent – Great to see you! We were about to investigate an alleged suspicious person downtown. Why don’t you join us?

**Officer Amen DeMent:** Why I’d love to join you Constance Tution! Lead the way!

**Sherlock DeLiberty aside** (as they are walking): Oh man, he must be the 28<sup>th</sup> officer to run after Constance. Hope this one works out! She’ll never forget her first love, Bill of Lights. Seemed like 2 centuries they were together before that Patriot Act came along and things got goofed up.

**Office Amen DeMent:** Suspect sighted on the right!

**Constance TooShun** (approaches B.O. trying to act smooth): Mr. B.O. we’d like to have a word with you!

*ATM: Flashes an advertisement.*

**Constance TooShun:** Ahem. We’ve heard you’ve been popping up all over the country spending fast cash in elections and keeping it on the down low. People see what you’re doing and they don’t like it.

*Looks puzzled at no response, pauses and looks at others.*

**Officer Amen DeMent:** Is he taking the Fifth?

**Constance TooShun:** People are saying you’re not really human. But some other corporate types are saying you’ve got the right to speak your mind. Do you have anything to say to that?

*ATM: flashes another advertisement. Confusion.*

Sherlock do you want to take a try?

**Office Amen DeMent:** I'll try him. Hey! You! B.O.! Are you awake here buddy? (Pokes him.)

ATM: BEEP

**Office Amen DeMent:** He talks...Whaddya know?

**Sherlock:** Now now now. I got the birth certificate right here says born and raised in the state of Delaware. No mother or father listed. Is this immaculate conception or something? I don't believe this!

**Constance Tooshun:** I've got a list of human characteristics right here. Let's figure this out once and for all. (Unfurls large size check list – characteristics of a human)

Reads off each question and Officer DeMent tries to make the ATM respond comically, by pushing buttons etc.; and intermittently shaking head and saying "no" to checklist questions.

**Random person** comes up: Can I please use the ATM?

**Officer Amen DeMent:** How do you know Mr. B.O.?

**Person:** What are you talking about? I am just here to get some money!

**Sherlock:** Wait a minute. While you fools have been poking that poor machine, I've been reading this so-called birth certificate. It says here that this corporation is the creation of the state of Delaware...and that it can be revoked at the discretion of the state of Delaware. This piece of paper is the closest thing we'll get to finding a Mr. B.O. He's not a person, he's a creation of the state!

**Officer Amen DeMent:** So you're telling me that a piece of paper is buying our elections, and the piece of paper is from the government itself?

**Sherlock:** So far as I can see, yeah! I mean, people work in this state creation, but they aren't personally responsible for its actions; they are just responsible for making a profit according to what's written here by an agreement with the gov't!

**Constance Tooshun:** This is ridiculous! If the government created this monster, then they can get rid of it! Why are a piece of paper and a machine deciding what should happen in our elections?

**Officer Amen DeMent:** Let's march to city hall and ask our elected officials to take action before it's too late. And maybe while we're there you'll consider a short trip to the clerk's office. Constance TooShun, I may be the 28<sup>th</sup> Amen DeMent to propose to you, but this is too important to wait. Will you marry me?

**Constance Tooshun:** I'd like to, but you know we're a big, democratic family... I think by the time you talk to the Washington DC side of my family in the Senate and the House, I'll have had time to talk to at least ¾ of the States.

**Sherlock:** We'll that's no reason to wait on calling on our own elected officials here and now!

**Constance and DeMent:** Let's go!