"Tales From The Citadel"

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ACT ONE

EXT. MORTY'S HOME - DAY - ESTABLISHING

INT. MORTY'S HOME - GARAGE - DAY

Rick finishes loading a spear into spear gun. Morty is wearing flippers, a scuba tank, and mask.

RICK	1
Alright Morty, you ready for our adventure to the Lost City of Atlantis?	

MORTY (muffled) Ready as I'll ever be, Rick.

A portal opens and ANOTHER RICK and MORTY come through.

		RICK	(CONT'D)	3A
Oh,	for	fuck's	sake!	

OTHER RICK	3B
Hello, I'm Rick K-22, this is my	3F
Morty, we're going from reality to	
reality asking Ricks to contribute	
to the Citadel of Ricks	
Redevelopment Fund.	

RICK	3G
What are you, stupid - we're done	31
with the Citadel of Ricks, I was	
(BURP) never on board with it in	
the first place, that's why I	
murdered everyone in charge and	
left it to rot.	

OTHER RICK	3J
(consulting clipboard)	
Oh, that was you.	

MORTY 3K They tried to murder him first.

OTHER MORTY	ЗL
Aw, geez, well, you'll be happy to	
know, that council's gone now -	

		MORTY				3	βM
Yeah,	he	knows.	He	murdered	them.		

OTHER RICK 3N (to Rick) You want to reign in your Morty? RICK 30 Every day. OTHER MORTY 3P (back into pitch) The Citadel of Ricks Redevelopment Fund donates -OTHER RICK 30 - Morty, he's not going to (BURP) donate. You're pitching the Policeman's Ball to a black teenager here. Other Rick shoots a portal. OTHER RICK (CONT'D) 3S Let's qo. Other Rick ushers Other Morty through the portal. RICK 3Т You don't have to be a dick. 3U OTHER RICK (as he leaves) I think you know that's not true. He leaves. Portal closes. Morty raises his scuba mask thoughtfully. MORTY 8 Geez, I didn't know there were still Ricks and Mortys living on the Citadel. I wonder what their day to day lives are like. RICK 9 Well, you keep wondering that while we go on a fun, fresh, self contained adventure to Atlantis -Rick shoots a portal. RICK 9A - anyone continuing to explore the Citadel is either stupid or one of the unfortunate millions held hostage by their terrible ideas.

MORTY (lowering mask, excited) Man, I'm glad I'm not one of them!

Rick and Morty charge gleefully through it as we cut to:

EXT. SPACE - CITADEL OF RICKS

The CITADEL OF RICKS. We push in on it. Joe Walsh's "In The City" begins to play.

TITLE: "Rick and Morty: Tales From The Citadel."

EXT. CITADEL OF RICKS - DAY

We take in the complex majesty of the Citadel of Ricks.

EXT. CITY SIDEWALK - DAY

Thousands of Ricks walk the bustling sidewalk on their way to work.

EXT. CONSTRUCTION ZONE - DAY

A construction zone rebuilding a city skyscraper. A large metal beam is lowered as Rick construction workers mill about.

INT. CITADEL DINER - MORNING

CAMPAIGN MANAGER MORTY, a world weary Morty wearing a button up shirt and tie with rolled up shirt sleeves, reads the paper. He throws some money on the counter, and walks out the door.

EXT. CITADEL DINER - MORNING

Campaign Manager Morty tries to hail a passing Rick hovertaxi. It blows past him and picks up a BUSINESS MAN RICK.

INT. SHOOTING RANGE - MORNING

A Rick in the uniform of a police lieutenant walks behind a line of RICK COP CADETS in a firing range, each shooting freeze rays, each wearing a "CRPD" sweatshirt. The lieutenant arrives at a focused cadet who's faster than the others. In front of them on the firing range, nozzled vats of goo slide forward and backward in each lane on a ceiling mounted track, depositing wads of goo that instantly grow into armed Gromflomites, each of which charges forward before getting taken out by the freeze ray.

Randomly, one of the wads grows into a Gromflomite with 14A crutches. The focused cop cadet pauses, then blasts the Gromflomite. The impressed lieutenant checks the box on a Rickpad, which displays "Accuracy: 100%". The lieutenant salutes the cadet, who just became a RICK COP.

INT. THE RICK SCHOOL FOR MORTYS - MORNING

A picture of Jessica is taped to the inside door of a locker. The bell rings. A Morty student gathers books and closes it, revealing rows of other MORTY STUDENTS at their lockers with similar pictures of Jessica. They rush off to their classes around a vigilant, judgmental RICK TEACHER.

EXT./INT. CITADEL TRAIN - DAY

A commuter train filled with blue collar Ricks, who all simultaneously sip from their flasks. A WORKING CLASS RICK looks out the window at a FANCIER RICK commuting in a sweet looking hover car, eating sardines and drinking champagne.

Working Class Rick sighs.

EXT. CITADEL OF RICKS - DAY

The train they're on speeds by on its way to the Factory District. We stay behind on one of the Citadel's many Times-Square-style billboard media panels which is showing the title graphics for Citadel Morning News.

"In The City" fades out as the news titles begin to play. The video from the billboard goes full screen...

INT. CITADEL NEWS STUDIO - DAY

Titles and music for:

ANNOUNCER RICK (V.O.) Citadel Morning News. News about the Citadel in the morning, pretty self explanatory.

A RICK NEWS CO-ANCHOR greets the audience. He has a horrible scar down one side of his face.

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RICK NEWS CO-ANCHOR Good morning, I'm Rick D-716B. The RICK NEWS ANCHOR is identical but without the scar. RICK NEWS ANCHOR And I'm Rick D-716. RICK NEWS CO-ANCHOR

RICK NEWS CO-ANCHOR 28 (under breath) Must be nice.

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A holographic "mortise" over his shoulder shows Ricks and Mortys floating around in Sanchez Heights.

> RICK NEWS ANCHOR 29 Coming up: Gravity outages in the East Sanchez Heights...

We then see a holographic image of an arm with a "uranium powered subdermal cellular matrix".

RICK NEWS CO-ANCHOR 30 And, is your uranium powered subdermal cellular matrix making you sick? The answer may... not surprise you because it's yes.

RICK NEWS ANCHOR 30A Those stories and more, after this break.

INT. EARTH GARAGE - DAY - (COMMERCIAL)

A RICK in a short sleeve button shirt and no lab coat is making something at a work bench. SAM ELLIOT does a voice over befitting a serious domestic beer commercial.

> SAM ELLIOT (V.O.) 17 Sixty iterations off the central finite curve, there's a Rick that works more with wood than polarity plating.

Reveal this Rick is finishing making a shitty jewelry box. As Sam Elliot continues, Rick gift wraps the jewelry box.

> SAM ELLIOT (V.O.) 18 His name is Simple Rick but he's no dummy.

INT. EARTH DINING ROOM - DAY - (COMMERCIAL)

Rick looks through a camcorder as THREE YEAR OLD BETH 18A blows out candles on a cake.

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SAM ELLIOT (V.O.) He realized long ago that the greatest thing he'd ever create was his daughter.

THREE YEAR OLD BETH 20 I love daddy!

Rick lowers the camera, a tear forming in his eye.

SAM ELLIOT (V.O.) 21 We captured that moment -

We pull out from that memory and are looking at the tear stained face of a catatonic Rick (aka SIMPLE RICK), strapped to a platform with a cyberhelmet on his head.

> SAM ELLIOT (V.O.) 22 We run it on a loop through Simple Rick's mind -

We pull out further, revealing that Simple Rick's platform is part of a complex machine that involves a thin hose coming from the back of his head.

> SAM ELLIOT (V.O.) 23 And the chemical it makes his brain secrete goes into every Simple Rick Simple Wafers Wafer Cookie.

GLAMOUR SHOT

Tight close ups of a wafer cookie being assembled - chocolate descending onto a wafer, etc.

SAM ELLIOT (V.O.) 24 Come home to the impossible flavor of your own emotional completion. Come home to Simple Ricks.

INT. CITADEL NEWS STUDIO - DAY

Back in the news studio.

RICK NEWS ANCHOR Just one day remains before our newly democratic Citadel elects its first President, it's anyone's race among the Rick candidates...

A GRAPHIC of Five Rick Candidates with poll numbers split -Retired General Rick, Private Sector Rick, Juggling Rick, Rick Guilt Rick and Reverse Rick Outrage Rick.

> RICK NEWS CO-ANCHOR But a certain *other* candidate should be getting at least *one* vote for most *adorable*.

HOLO-CLIP: a CANDIDATE MORTY visits with injured Mortys in a hospital. He shakes hands with an elephant trunk Morty, then takes pictures with a Morty trapped in a crystal.

> RICK NEWS CO-ANCHOR That's right, the *Morty* Party candidate still in the race and you just gotta love him for that.

RICK NEWS ANCHOR 34 Here you see him in his little Morty suit, waving -

HOLO-CLIP: Candidate Morty waves in front of a campaign van.

RICK NEWS CO-ANCHOR 35 - Aww, I want one of those for my Morty.

HOLO-CLIP: Candidate Morty gives a speech next to a newlyunveiled statue of a Morty being pulled through a portal.

> RICK NEWS ANCHOR 35A (re: news clip) Uh yeah, I think we actually have the audio for this speech here: (bad Morty impression) Aw man, I'm gonna lose this election and stuff.

The anchors laugh together.

INT. CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS - DAY

Campaign Manager Morty and a room of MORTY STAFFERS 39A watch the coverage on a monitor. Morty staffers boo and heckle.

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CAMPAIGN MANAGER MORTY Yes, people, the game is rigged. But what if I told you this campaign wasn't about winning?

CANDIDATE MORTY (O.S.) I'd say that sounds like a losing strategy.

The incredibly charismatic CANDIDATE MORTY has entered the room. The Morty Staffers rush back to work, covering their defeatism. Campaign Manager Morty is equally embarrassed and takes it out on the staff as Candidate Morty approaches.

CAMPAIGN MANAGER MORTY	44
Alright, back to work!	
(to Candidate Morty)	
I- I was ramping up to something	
inspirational.	
(then)	
About tonight's debate. I think we	
should skip it.	
CANDIDATE MORTY	45

You're just full of ways to give up today.

CAMPAIGN MANAGER MORTY 46 Sir, someone has to say it. You can't win. What you can do at this debate is be ridiculed on camera by five Ricks and become part of the reason Mortys lose their faith in -

47 CANDIDATE MORTY (gentle, smiling) - sounds like you've already lost faith, young man.

He turns and walks off. Campaign Morty watches him go.

CAMPAIGN MANAGER MORTY	48R
You pay me to be practical, sir.	
Also, we're both fourteen.	

EXT. CITADEL STREET - DAY

A MORTY PRIDE PARADE marches down the street. Mortys hold up "Vote Morty" signs. Some have their faces painted. The Rick Cop (from the cadet scene earlier) watches from across the street as he takes a sip of coffee.

A squad hover-car zooms around the corner, Mortys jump out of the way to avoid being hit. The car pulls up in front of the Rick Cop. The window rolls down revealing a paunchy, jaded MORTY COP.

RICK COP 4 Oh. Sorry, I- I was expecting -	19
MORTY COP 5 - a Rick partner? Lesson one, rookie, expect the unexpected. Now get in.	50
Rick climbs in and buckles up. Morty Cop flashes his lights honking and nudging Mortys out the way. A MORTY VOTER jumps in front of the car.	
MORTY VOTER 5 Mortys are human!	51
MORTY COP 5 (rage) Get the fuck off the car, you Rickless fucking animal!	52
Morty Cop pushes a button on the dash and the Morty 52 Voter is hit with a zap of electricity.	A?
MORTY COP 5 The election's got these yellow shirts more riled than a picture day Jessica. Turns out you don't fix a zoo by opening the cages, you just make a jungle.	53
RICK COP 5 That's pretty harsh, sir.	54
MORTY COP 5 So report me, nobody gives a fuck.	55
RICK COP 5 Look, I'm just saying, makes me a little sad to hear a Morty cop calling Mortys animals.	56
MORTY COP 5 Well, it makes me sad to hear another Rick Cop buying into his sensitivity training.	57
RICK COP 5 Well I'm glad to know there's more like me.	58

MORTY COP There was one, why do you think that seat was empty? A call comes over the radio. 60 RICK DISPATCH (V.O.) Robbery at Fifth and (belch) Avenue. RICK COP 61 (concerned) Fifth and (belch) That's Morty Town. MORTY COP 62 (into radio) Unit seven responding. (to Rick Cop) Welcome to the jungle.

The siren roars to life as Morty Cop aggressively zaps a 62A Morty pedestrian and turns down a road.

EXT. WAFER COOKIE FACTORY - DAY - ESTABLISHING

INT. WAFER COOKIE FACTORY - DAY

FACTORY WORKER RICKS work at various stations along a wafer cookie production line. We follow a wafer down the line, watching it get assembled, until it reaches WORKING CLASS RICK. He uses a machine to stamp a Simple Rick's logo on the wafers as they roll past him.

A SUPERVISOR RICK strolls onto the floor with a clipboard.

SUPERVISOR RICK Alright, listen up fuck nuts, the Ricks upstairs tell me if we hit our quota this week, we can expect a little something extra in our stockings. So I wanna see asses in gear today. That means you B-44, you lazy Gold Ricker.

Some chuckles from the floor.

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WORKING CLASS RICK 63B Excuse me, sir.

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	SUPERVISOR RICK You hear what I just said, J-22?	63C
	WORKING CLASS RICK Yeah, about that sir. Well I've been on the line for awhile now and I was wondering (steels himself) I want a promotion.	63D
Supervisor	Rick can't believe it.	
	WORKING CLASS RICK (CONT'D) Surely you must know that my skills can be put to better use. I mean, after all, I'm a -	63F
	SUPERVISOR RICK A genius? (to the room) Hey, we got any other geniuses here?	63G
The Factor	ry Worker Ricks all laugh.	63GG
	WORKING CLASS RICK But I was told when I arrived at the Citadel that I would eventually-	63L
	SUPERVISOR RICK Look. Pal. If you're not happy here, you're free to go back to whatever podunk reality you came from.	63M
	(then) My advice: Use that genius IQ of yours to figure out a way to be happy making cookies.	63N
Working Cl	lass Rick lowers his head in shame.	

EXT. THE RICK SCHOOL FOR MORTYS - DAY - ESTABLISHING

INT. THE RICK SCHOOL FOR MORTYS - CLASSROOM - CONTINUOUS

A stern-looking Rick Teacher (from the earlier hallway scene) lectures a classroom of Mortys.

RICK TEACHER When meeting your new Rick, you'll greet him in a manner befitting an Academy Morty. "Hello, Rick." The class repeats "Hello, Rick." 66A

RICK TEACHER 67 "...I'm Morty."

SLICK, a cool Morty, sits in the back with his friends: SCALES, a cynical, lizard Morty, TUBS, a chubby Morty with a speech impediment, and SPECS, a sensitive, thoughtful Morty.

The class repeats "I'm Morty."	67A
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		SLICK		
	(along	with	class)	
′ m	Farty.			

The classroom titters.

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RICK TEACHER	69
Something you'd like to share with	
the rest of the class, E-34B?	

SLICK		70
I was just saying how	you're a true	
inspiration to Mortys	everywhere.	

More titters.

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RICK TEACHER	71
Very amusing, Mr. Smith. Almost as	
amusing as when your first Rick was	
decapitated on Zorpantheon Nine.	

A hush falls over the class room.

RICK TEACHER	72
Or was that your third Rick? How	
many Ricks have you had?	

SLICK 73 (embarrassed) Five.

RICK TEACHER	74
I see. So you <i>are</i> top of the class	
in something.	

Some of the other students giggle. This stings Slick. 74A

RICK TEACHER 75

(to class)
Tomorrow you'll be transferred to
your new Ricks. Hopefully they will
be your last.
 (to someone else)
 (MORE)

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He puts his hand in center.

Me too.

One by one the rest of them join their hands.

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SCALES
    (calling his bluff)
Okay, when do we go?
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SLICK

Now.

They all smile at each other.

EXT. MORTY TOWN - STREETS / INT. COP CAR - DAY

The cop car rolls through Morty Town. SKETCHY MORTYS with urban affectations (like Tupac style rags and cigarettes behind ears) regard them with suspicion and challenging glares as bass-laden music adds to the tension of simmering class warfare. Rick Cop tries to keep a poker face.

> MORTY COP No Ricks, no families, high off their asses and running amuck. Mortys are raised to be sidekicks. Without a side to kick, they just start kicking.

EXT. MORTY TOWN - LIQUOR STORE - LATER

Rick Cop questions a MORTY STORE OWNER outside his shop.

MORTY STORE OWNER They were- they were about my height, around fourteen years old... oh, their- their shirts were yellow.

Morty Cop smirks as Rick Cop writes it all down.

93 MORTY COP Yeah, make sure you get that down.

RICK COP Any mutations, augmentations? Uh-Three eyes? A tail? Maybe a buzzcut?

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MORTY STORE OWNER 95 No. Just four normal Mortys. A PURPLE MORTY with a mouth on a stalk sweeps nearby. 96 PURPLE MORTY (seething) Normal. MORTY STORE OWNER 97 Put it in your blog. MORTY COP 97A (noticing Street Punks) Let me turn over a few rocks. Morty Cop approaches a pair of STREET PUNK MORTYS spray painting an "M" over a Citadel "R" down the street. 98 MORTY COP (to punks) Aw geez hey what's goin' on fellas? STREET PUNK MORTY #1 99 Aw geez man, nothing man, we're just hanging out and stuff. MORTY COP 100 I hear that aw geez. I guess I'm supposed to be figurin' out who robbed the store across the street, but aw geez, I don't know. STREET PUNK MORTY #1 101 Aw geez man, that sucks that your Rick's making you do that. Morty Cop's expression changes. 102 MORTY COP He's not my Rick. He's my partner. (adding, dry) Aw geez. STREET PUNK MORTY #1 103 Aw geez, well, maybe the uniform makes a big difference, who am I to say, to me you just look like a sidekick -Morty Cop throws Street Punk #1 against the wall and 103A shoves his sci-fi qun in his mouth. Rick Cop watches concerned.

MORTY COP	103B
Call me a sidekick one more time!	
Call me a sidekick!!	

- STREET PUNK MORTY #2 104 Hey man! Come on! Aw geez!
- MORTY COP 105 You want to see how I paint a wall?
- STREET PUNK MORTY #2 106 It was the Morty Town Locos man! The- the Morty Town Locos!

Morty Cop removes the gun from the thug's mouth. The street punks run off. Morty Cop walks back over to Rick Cop.

> RICK COP 107 Do you realize how many codes you just violated?

> MORTY COP 108 Aw geez Rick, what do I know about knowin' stuff. Get in the fucking car.

INT. AMPHITHEATRE - STAGE - CONTINUOUS

Five CANDIDATE RICKS stand at a row of podiums. The Morty Candidate is among them.

	RETIRED	GENERAL	RICK	1	09
More	lasers.				

MODERATOR RICK 110 You can take more time to answer the question if you like. (off his silence) Okay, Juggling Rick, how would you solve the Citadel's financial crisis?

JUGGLING RICK, an otherwise regular Rick in a suit, gives a nod from his podium.

JUGGLING RICK 111 First off, can I just say that I believe this Citadel is the greatest in the entire multi-verse. Now, I believe the answer to your question has three parts. (he pulls out three balls) (MORE) RAM 307 "TALES FROM THE CITADEL" NETWORK ROUGH CUT (12/2/16) 17.

JUGGLING RICK (CONT'D) First, education spending must get muuuuch higher...

INT. AMPHITHEATRE - BACKSTAGE - CONTINUOUS

Campaign Manager Morty is watching the debate on a monitor.

JUGGLING RICK (O.S.) 113 But it has to be balanced with defense... (juggling) Whoa whoaaa! Haha Yeah!

Juggling Rick pulls out a chainsaw, throws that into the mix.

CAMPAIGN MANAGER MORTY 112R (to staffer) Can we fact check this please? (then, realizing) Nevermind. Who am I kidding, this race is over.

INT. AMPHITHEATRE - STAGE - CONTINUOUS

Juggling Rick finishes juggling, takes a bow.

JUGGLING RICK 115 And that's how you run a Citadel!

Polite applause.

MODERATOR RICK 116R Candidate Morty. The number of displaced Mortys is soaring, while Rick satisfaction levels are plummeting, and the divide between the two groups has never been wider. (smiling) Solve that one real quick.

CANDIDATE MORTY 116A I don't see a divide between Ricks and Mortys -

RETIRED GENERAL RICK 116B Shocker.

Retired General Rick farts. The audience laughs.

PRIVATE SECTOR RICK 118 I'd like to offer a re-buttal. He farts a really long, sustained fart.

RICK GUILT RICK 120 Gentlemen, gentlemen, I think we can all agree on one thing: (he farts, twice) Well, it came out as *two* things but you get the idea.

After a bit more laughter, Candidate Morty continues.

CANDIDATE MORTY 121A The division I see is between the Ricks and Mortys that like the citadel divided... and the rest of us.

A RICH RICK in the audience shifts in his seat.

CANDIDATE MORTY (CONT'D) 124A I see it everywhere I go...

EXT. RICK SCHOOL FOR MORTYS - DAY

Slick, Specs, Scales and Tubs sneak out of school, climbing down a rope hanging out the window.

CANDIDATE MORTY (V.O.) 124C I see it in our schools where they teach Mortys we're all the same, because they're threatened by what makes us unique.

INT. MORTY COP CAR

Rick and Morty Cop watch as a Morty Loco enters a building across the street.

CANDIDATE MORTY (V.O.) 124G I see it on our streets where they give guns to teenagers, so we're too busy fighting each other to fight real injustice.

Morty Cop cocks his gun and smirks. Rick Cop adjusts his flack jacket with a look of trepidation.

INT. WAFER FACTORY - FACTORY FLOOR - SAME

Working Class Rick watches wafers come down the assembly line and loses it, angrily ripping the wafer stamp gun off the factory line.

CANDIDATE MORTY (V.O.) 124D I see it in our factories where Ricks work for a fraction of their boss' salary even though they're identical and have the same IQ.

INT. WAFER FACTORY - SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE - CONTINUOUS

The Supervisor is watching the debates on a TV. 124DD/EE Working Class Rick enters and screams as he blasts his Supervisor with the wafer stamping gun. He fires repeatedly, embedding a wafer cookie logo deep into his Supervisor's forehead and body.

> CANDIDATE MORTY (V.O.) 125E The citadel's problem isn't homeless Mortys or outraged Ricks.

Working Class Rick looks out the office window onto the assembly line below, realizing everyone just saw him murder his boss.

WORKING CLASS RICK 130C Holy shit.

He hurries out of the office.

INT. WAFER FACTORY - CATWALK - CONTINUOUS

Working Class Rick speeds across a catwalk as RICK SECURITY closes in.

RICK SECURITY OFFICER (O.S.) 130D He's headed for the flavor core!

INT. WAFER FACTORY - FLAVOR CORE ENTRANCE - CONTINUOUS

Working Class Rick punches a few keys on the door's key pad. It opens. He runs inside as the door shuts behind him and Security Ricks close in.

INT. WAFER FACTORY - FLAVOR CORE - CONTINUOUS

Working Class Rick runs to a panel and punches buttons that lower blast shields in the chamber.

Simple Rick is hooked up to a machine in the center of the room. His memory plays on a screen above, causing him to twitch and discharging fluid from his brain into a tube that runs into a complex series of tubes.

CANDIDATE MORTY (V.O.) 131A The Citadel's problem is the Ricks and Mortys feeding on the citadel's death...

Working Class Rick slumps to the floor as Security Ricks bang on the blast shields outside.

INT. AMPHITHEATRE - STAGE - CONTINUOUS

The audience is captivated as Candidate Morty continues.

CANDIDATE MORTY 131B But I've got a message for them, from the Ricks and Mortys keeping it alive. You're outnumbered.

The entire amphitheater bursts into **applause and** 131C cheering.

INT. AMPHITHEATER - BACKSTAGE

Campaign Manager Morty watches the ovation on the monitor, amazed. On screen, his Candidate waves, leaving the stage.

CAMPAIGN MANAGER MORTY 130A Holy shit.

Candidate Morty makes his way toward Campaign Manager Morty.

CAMPAIGN MANAGER MORTY 138 I don't believe it. I- I can't believe it.

CANDIDATE MORTY 139 I know. (then) That's why you're fired.

He pats his Campaign Manager on the shoulder and walks away.

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Campaign Manager Morty stands there, dumbfounded. Juggling Rick approaches him somewhat bashfully.

> JUGGLING RICK Sounds like you're looking for work. I can offer you a very enticing compensation package. (pulls out juggling pins) First, let's talk benefits...

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

INT. WAFER FACTORY - FLAVOR CHAMBER - DAY

Working Class Rick sweats and paces like a caged tiger. Simple Rick, whose brain is being milked for love juice, murmurs to himself as he twitches.

> STMPLE RICK 141 (twitch) Daddy loves you. (twitch) That's Daddy's good girl. WORKING CLASS RICK 142 (to Simple Rick) Your life is a lie, man. (to cops) All your lives are lies! Don't you get it? They told us we were special because we were Ricks, but they stripped us of everything that made us unique!

NEGOTIATOR COPS are outside a glass panelled room, trying to coax Working Class Rick out of the Flavor Chamber. The lead one talks into a megaphone.

NEGOTIATOR RICK 143 (through megaphone) We know how you feel. We're working stiff Ricks just like you but our assembly line is justice.

WORKING CLASS RICK 146 I-I-I want a portal gun. Unregistered, untraceable, with enough fluid to take me off of this GOD DAMN PRISON!

The lead Negotiator Rick is approached by NEGOTIATOR RICK #2.

NEGOTIATOR RICK #2 146A The media's outside.

NEGOTIATOR RICK 146B Well keep 'em there.

EXT. WAFER FACTORY - DAY

RICK CORRESPONDENT, a Rick with two scars and severe facial burns wraps up.

RICK CORRESPONDENT 147 Anyway, so yeah, the suspect says the Citadel is a lie, built on lies, and some other shit.

We now see the Correspondent in a three-way split screen with the two Rick News Anchors.

RICK CORRESPONDENT I say appreciate the life you have, because it can always be worse. Back to you Ricks.	147
RICK NEWS ANCHOR Thank you Rick 716-C	148

Thank you Rick 716-C	
(to Co-Anchor)	
That fucking guy.	149

RICK NEWS CO-ANCHOR 150 Tell me about it.

INT. CITADEL NEWS STUDIO - CONTINUOUS

The news goes full screen as the Rick Anchor continues. An image of Candidate Morty is over his shoulder.

RICK NEWS ANCHOR	151
(clears throat)	
Meanwhile, in election news, an	
unexpected turn of events as Morty	
from the Morty Party soars to the	
top of the polls.	

INT. PRESS CONFERENCE - DAY

Candidate Morty is giving a press conference. RICK 151A REPORTERS shove their microphones at him. We hear a cacophony of "Morty! Morty! Morty!"

CANDIDATE MORTY	152	
(points to a Rick)		
Yes.		

RICK REPORTER 153 Morty, what's your original reality and where's your Rick?

CANDIDATE MORTY 154 Gosh, we moved around so much it's hard to remember. I see every Rick as my Rick, I hope they see me as their Morty. The reporters laugh, completely taken in by his charms. 154A

INT. MORTY BAR - CONTINUOUS

Campaign Manager Morty is drinking at a bar, watching Candidate Morty on TV.

CAMPAIGN MANAGER MORTY 155 (to Morty bartender) Another? Please? With less water?

The Morty Bartender gives him a drink.

MORTY BARTENDER	156
Hey, cheer up pal, a Morty's gonna	
be president. Who would have	
believed that?	

CAMPAIGN MANAGER MORTY 157 Not me.

DEEP THROAT RICK (O.S.) 158 Oh I'd believe that Morty is capable of just about anything.

Campaign Manager Morty looks up to see DEEP THROAT RICK, a disheveled Rick wearing a dirty trench coat drinking next to him.

CAMPAIGN MANAGER MORTY	159
Well, if enough Ricks feel the way	
you do, he just might win.	

DEEP THROAT RICK 160 That's what I'm afraid of.

He slides over a manila folder.

DEEP THROAT RICK 162 The truth.

Deep Throat Rick downs his drink, exits. Campaign Manager Morty opens the folder. Pages through contents. We can't see them. His eyes widen.

> RICK REPORTER (O.S.) 163 (on TV) Having taken aim at the system, are you afraid at all for your safety?

CANDIDATE MORTY (on TV) I'd rather live in hope than fear. If I had to fear anything, I'd fear other people being afraid. Of fear. Itself. But. No, I'm not afraid.

Campaign Manager Morty, jaw dropped, looks up at the tv.

INT. MORTY TOWN LOCO'S HIDE OUT - CONTINUOUS

The MORTY TOWN LOCOS, four gangster Mortys (shirts off, covered in tats), are in a dirty living room with blacked out windows. They're watching Candidate Morty on the tv.

MORTY TOWN LOCO #1 165 Hey Rick, man, when there's a Morty president, you gonna lick my balls or what?

They laugh, including A SKETCHY RICK with long stringy 165A hair, who "cooks" a green liquid with complex lab equipment.

SKETCHY RICK 166 Sheeeet, grandson, you keep me peeling skrabquams and slappin' nib nibs, I'll lick whatever ain't nailed down.

They all laugh and high five. Work doesn't have to be 166A all work.

The door is kicked open. Rick and Morty Cop storm in, guns drawn.

		RI	CK COP	167
Hands	in	the	air!	

MORTY TOWN LOCO #1 168 What the hell man?! What the hellin' hell?!

- MORTY COP 169 You guys doing a little chemistry homework with grandpa?
- RICK COP 170 (examining liquid) Is this what I think it is?

MORTY COP	171
Bootleg portal fluid.	

Sketchy Rick pushes over the equipment and shoots a 171A portal. It looks like a regular portal for a beat but as the Rick walks into it, it peels apart and lands on top of him. His flesh disintegrates as if he's going into a portal molecule by molecule.

SKETCHY	RICK	172
Aaaaaaahhh !!!		

MORTY COP 173 Guess his math was off. (to Rick Cop) Search the place.

Rick Cop goes into a hallway.

INT. MORTY TOWN LOCO'S HIDE OUT - HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

Rick Cop hears a sound from a bedroom. He draws his gun and inches toward the open door.

INT. MORTY TOWN LOCO'S HIDE OUT - CHILD'S BEDROOM - SAME

Rick Cop expertly rolls into the room, gun raised.

Reveal a SCARED MORTY in the middle of this dirty 174A child's bedroom, crying.

SCARED MORTY 175 (sniffling) Are- are you... my new... R-Rick?

Rick Cop is touched. He lowers his gun.

RICK COP 176 It's okay, Morty.

Rick Cop extends a hand. Rick scoops Scared Morty up with his free arm like a toddler.

Scared Morty stabs Rick Cop in the shoulder blade with 176A a knife. Rick Cop screams in anguish and instinctively blasts Scared Morty with his gun while flinging him across the room.

Scared Morty, already dead, hits a nursery mobile, which plays a haunted lullaby as the boy's body drapes like a dishrag over the edge of a crib beneath.

Morty Cop enters, gun drawn, sees Rick Cop on the ground, holding his shoulder.

MORTY COP 177A Jesus. RICK COP 177B He stabbed me. He got me bad, Morty. Morty Cop holsters his gun and kneels down to attend to Rick. MORTY COP 177C Shh. It's okay. You're okay. RICK COP 177D You were right. (coughs) Everything I learned at the academy was – MORTY COP 177E It doesn't matter. Nothing wrong with putting your faith in a Morty-Morty Cop slowly lifts Rick Cop to his feet. 177F MORTY COP (CONT'D) 177G - you just gotta pick the right one. Rick Cop smiles. As Morty Cop helps Rick Cop out of the room, Rick Cop realizes something. RICK COP 177H Why is there a crib in here? MORTY COP 177I Something they do. To make you feel bad. INT. MORTY TOWN LOCO'S HIDE OUT - LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS They walk past the cuffed Morty Town Locos.

		RI	CK C	OP		177J
Man,	look	at	all	this	paperwork.	

MORTY COP 177K Go to the car and grab a medi-pack. Let me worry about this.

Rick Cop walks out. Morty cop walks to the portal fluid vat, pops a cartridge from his sidearm and drops it into the liquid, then cranks a dial on the vat up to maximum.

EXT. MORTY TOWN LOCO'S HIDE OUT - MOMENTS LATER

Rick tends to his wound, leaning against the squad car. Morty walks out. Behind him, explosions rock the house as the entire thing disintegrates.

	Μ	ORTY COP	178A
See?	No more	e paperwork.	

RICK COP 178B What happened?

MORTY COP 178C Same old story: Mortys killing Mortys.

EXT. MEGA SEED ORCHARD - DAY

Scales reaches for a megafruit, hanging from megafruit tree. He stands on Specs' shoulders who's on Slick's shoulders.

SCALES					188A	
Almost	qot	it.	Almost	qot	it	

A laser shot rings out. The Mortys tumble to the ground. 188B They look up to see a FARMER RICK with his dog creature. He fires a laser shotgun at the ground near them.

FARMER RICK	194
Hey! Ya'll get the hell away from	
my damn mega fruit!	

The Mortys freak out and make a run for it. Slick 194A stands his ground.

SLICK 194B

Come on!

FARMER RICK 194C Looks like we got ourselves a Tough Guy Morty. (whistles) Sic 'em, boy.

The creature tears after Slick. Specs grabs Slick by 194D/E the arm, shaking him out of his trance. The four Mortys yell and run as they're chased by Farmer Rick and his dog creature. They tumble down a hill into the river below.

FARMER RICK (CONT'D) 194F Come back here! I don't wear this dag nab hat and commit to this rural character so you can eat for free while you come of age!

The Mortys are carried downstream by the river.

EXT. CAMPFIRE - LATER

The Four Mortyteers sit around a camp fire. Slick is mid story.

	SLICK Meanwhile, Rick's over in the corner with an armful of eggs yelling "Run, Morty, run!" (leans in) "Run? Motherfucker, we're on a web."	195A
The other	Mortys laugh.	195B
	SPECS I'd spend all day with a googa if it meant I never had to hand a Rick another screwdriver.	195G
	SCALES That dude loves screw drivers. Hello, there's other tools you know? It's like, you sure you don't want a hammer this time? Some pliers?	195H
	TUBS I'd love to hand Rick some pliers just once. It would be like a vacation to hand him some pliers.	195J
	SPECS We bitch and moan, but we love going on adventures as much as they do. And what would we be without a Rick, anyway?	195K
The others	s murmur in agreement.	195L
	SLICK Free.	195M

The other kids fall silent for a moment, then:

SPECS Aw, come on, Slick, I bet your next Rick -	195N
SLICK It's not gonna make a difference. I could have a thousand Ricks and nothing would ever change. I'm not	1950

like the rest of you.

	TUBS		195P
We know,	your sleeves	are rolled up-	

SLICK 195Q No. I'm a vat Morty.

Slick stands, lifts up his shirt to reveal he has no 195S belly button and a bar code tattooed on his body. The other three gasp.

SLICK (CONT'D)	195T
I was designed in a lab by Ricks to	
be the perfect Morty, and yet again	
and again, I watch as my Ricks keep	
dyin'. And it's all my fault. I'm a	
bad luck Morty and science can't	
fix bad luck.	

Specs squares off with him.

SPECS 195U Hey. I don't want to hear that kinda talk. You're the best Morty I know and if science can't fix bad luck, then maybe wishes can.

The two hug.

EXT. RICK RESTAURANT - DAY

Candidate Morty shakes hands with working class Ricks. SECURITY FORCE RICKS in black uniforms scan the perimeter for suspicious looking Ricks.

CANDIDATE MORTY Hey there. How you doing? Great to meet you.	216
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PLUMBER RICK I'm a plumber sir, I'm a Rick and I'm a plumber.	217

CANDIDATE MORTY	218
That doesn't sound like Rick work.	
You didn't come to the Citadel to	
be a plumber, did you?	

PLUMBER RICK 219 Ha ha! I sure didn't, sir!

A CLONE MAKING RICK holds out a Rick Baby.

CLONE MAKING RICK 220 Mr. Morty! Mr. Morty! I cloned myself so you could kiss me as a baby!

Candidate Morty kisses the baby then thrusts it into the air.

CANDIDATE MORTY 221 This is just like a Morty baby!

The crowd cheers. Everyone is taking pictures. 221A

Candidate Morty goes to a FACE PAINT MORTY and extends his hand. Face Paint Morty shakes it.

CANDIDATE MORTY 222 How can I change your Citadel, Morty?

Face Paint Morty pulls a laser pistol and shoots 223A-C Candidate Morty through the shoulder. Security Ricks taze and tackle him. The crowd screams as he's dragged away.

Ricks and Mortys gather around Candidate Morty as he clutches his wound laying on the sidewalk.

CANDIDATE MORTY 224 I'm okay....I'm okay... I'm...oh... ugh....

INT. MORTY TOWN - THE CREEPY MORTY - DAY

Morty Cop and Rick Cop enter The Creepy Morty, a weird go go club where Mortys dance for other Mortys.

MORTY DANCER 225 (to Rick Cop) You look like you could use a good time. One dance for ten, two for twenty five. RAM 307 "TALES FROM THE CITADEL" NETWORK ROUGH CUT (12/2/16) 32.

RICK COP 226 No thank you. And bad math.

They move past some BUSINESS MAN MORTYS having a good 226A time as **a MORTY DANCER dances**.

BUSINESS MAN MORTY 227 Ha ha! Yeah! This is a good time!

RICK COP 228 What is this place?

229

MORTY COP The Creepy Morty. As a wise man once said: "Don't think about it."

They walk over to a booth with a tough looking Morty (BIG MORTY) eating food with his fingers. He's flanked by two MORTY GOONS wearing sunglasses and black turtle necks under blazers.

MORTY COP (CONT'D)	230A
Come on. There's someone important	
I want you to meet.	

BIG MORTY 230B

Bubbala!

Big Morty gives Morty Cop a big welcome, shakes Rick's hand. They take a seat at the booth.

> BIG MORTY (CONT'D) 230C Thank you for taking care of those Morty Town Loco scum bags. Those were bad Mortys. Bad, bad Mortys.

Big Morty snaps his fingers. A Morty Goon pulls out an envelope of cash and hands it to Morty Cop.

MORTY COP 230D The Citadel was supposed to be a sanctuary from the systems that control the universe, but it ended up just being corrupt. In Morty Town, the rules are simple: Big Morty keeps the peace...

Morty Cop slides the stack of bills to Rick Cop.

MORTY COP (CONT'D) 230E And he takes care of those who help him do it. Rick Cop looks down at the stack, counting the bills, considering this opportunity.

	RICK COP You're right. Ricks are inherently selfish. Narcissists and nihilists who sold out our dream.	230F
	BIG MORTY I'll drink to that!	230G
Rick Cop 1	looks up from the money.	
	RICK COP So what's your excuse?	230H
The Morty	s are taken aback.	
	RICK COP (CONT'D) You've been telling me all day this is a jungle you can only survive by thinking like a predator, but it looks to me like you're just a bunch of scavengers feeding off the rot.	2301
	the money back. Big Morty and the goons go tries to defuse.	et frosty.
	MORTY COP Alright, haha, okay, he's just messing with us. (through gritted teeth) Come on, man, take the money. Don't be another shmuck who gave up everything for a place that never gave you anything back.	230J
	RICK COP They gave me one thing (burp) A badge.	230K
Morty Cop	clocks the Goons going for their guns.	
	MORTY COP	230L

MORTY COP (shakes his head) Smartest man in the universe.

Morty Cop punches the goons. Rick and Morty Cop run for cover as the goons open fire. Everyone else in the bar hides and takes cover. Rick and Morty flip a table, firing back at the goons. A Morty dressed as a cowboy hides behind a pole.

Other Morty Dancers flee in the chaos as the fire fight 243A takes out the remaining Morty Goons.

When the firing stops, Morty Cop is on top of Big Morty.

- MORTY COP 244A Not so big now, are you?
- BIG MORTY 244B I never was! It was figurative!

He's about to kill Big Morty when -

	RICK	COP	244C
That's	enough.		

Rick Cop trains his gun on his partner.

Rick Cop takes a step closer. He cocks his gun.

Cowboy Morty Dancer gathers his stuff.

COWBOY MORTY	244F
One thing's for sure, y'all don't	
have to worry about Cowboy Morty	
talkin'. He's just gonna moooosey	
on out of here.	

Rick Cop keeps his gun trained at Morty Cop. Morty Cop eventually puts his hands up, drops his gun.

MORTY COP 244G Ricks should have never brought Mortys onto the Citadel man. It's a messed up place. I just wanna go home and go to school and play video games. Will you take me home Grandpa Rick?

BIG MORTY 244H Yeah Grandpa Rick, please take us home. I don't wanna be a crime lord any more. Guns scare me. Both Mortys start crying and begging him to take them $244\mathrm{I}$ home.

RICK COP 244J Shut the hell up! I'm not taking you home and I'm not turning you in. There's no justice on the Citadel. But this is Morty Town. And in Morty Town...

Rick Cop slides the gun to Big Morty.

RICK COP (CONT'D) 244K Big Morty keeps the peace.

He walks out. Big Morty looks at the gun in his hand. A sinister smile creeps across his face.

EXT. THE CREEPY MORTY - DAY

Rick Cop walks outside as backup arrives. He gets on his knees with his hands in the air.

BACKUP RICK 255 What the hell happened in there?

RICK COP 256 Mortys killing Mortys.

INT. WAFER FACTORY - WAFER CORE - DAY

Negotiator Rick holds up a portal gun on the outside of the flavor core blast shields.

NEGOTIATOR RICK 259 Okay man, okay, we got you your portal gun.

260

Working Class Rick momentarily deactivates the blast shields. A tiny portal opens up in the room and a Rick hand comes through with a portal gun and lays it on the ground, the hand retracts and the portal closes. Working Class Rick picks up the gun and inspects it.

After he's satisfied, he holsters it and walks over to Simple Rick. He starts hitting buttons and pulls the hose out from the back of his head. Alarms start going.

NEGOTIATOR RICK What the hell's he doing?

Working Class Rick wakes Simple Rick up.

SIMPLE RICK Where- where am I?			
WORKING CLASS RICK A bad place. But you're going to a better one soon.	262		
Simple Rick stands up. Working Class Rick shoots a porta	ıl.		
NEGOTIATOR RICK No, no, no, no	263		
Working Class Rick pushes Simple Rick through. We hear screams as blood mists out of the portal.	263A		
The cops all wince.			
NEGOTIATOR RICK God DAMN IT!	264		

WORKING CLASS RICK	265
You tried to kill me with a fake	
portal?? I'm a Rick! I'm more Rick	
than any of you!	

NEGOTIATOR RICK	266
Then you should know you just	
killed your only leverage!	

WORKING CLASS RICK 267 Then come and get me mother fuckers!!

The RICK SWAT TEAM uses a laser to cut a hole in the door to the flavor core. They're about to charge in when:

STOP!

Everyone stops. TYCOON RICK, a Rick with a lab coat over a suit and a tall white hat, walking with a cane topped by a wafer cookie, walks toward the front of the crisis.

TYCOON RICK 269 I'm Rick D. Sanchez the Third, owner of this here wafer establishment and I say that Rick in there is right. He's more Rick than any of you.

NEGOTIATOR RICK 270 He's a terrorist!

TYCOON RICK What Rick isn't?! This Citadel was founded by Ricks for Ricks to be free!	271
(to Working Class Rick) What's your name, young man?	
WORKING CLASS RICK Rick. And I'm -	272
TYCOON RICK - The same age as me, I know. How long have you worked here?	273
WORKING CLASS RICK Fifteen years.	274
TYCOON RICK What the hell have we become? Whatever time you were going to make him serve, he's served it. It ends now. Come with me, friend.	275
WORKING CLASS RICK Where are we going?	276
TYCOON RICK To your new life. Which starts with	277

INT. WAFER FACTORY - MOMENTS LATER

Working Class Rick walks with Tycoon Rick down the assembly line past Working Class' former coworkers.

walking the fuck out of here.

	FACTORY F	RICK #1	278
Yo J-22,	give 'em h	ell!	

This inspires the rest of the factory Ricks to whoop 278A and holler and applaud and whistle. Working Class Rick looks around at it all, waving back, taking it in.

SAM ELLIOT (V.O.)	279
There's a Rick that held a factory	
hostage after murdering his boss	
and several coworkers. The factory	
made cookies, flavored them with	
lies.	

EXT. WAFER FACTORY - MOMENTS LATER

Press and public applaud as Tycoon Rick and Working 279A Class Rick head to an awesome looking car waiting outside for them. Tycoon Rick smiles and unlocks it with a key fob, then hands it to Working Class Rick. The door opens, beckoning to Working Class Rick.

> SAM ELLIOT (V.O.) He made us all take a look at what we were doing, and in the bargain, he got a taste of real freedom, not some simulated bullshit in a can.

280

As Working Class Rick heads for the car, Tycoon Rick stays behind him, raises a gun and fires. The gun makes a silencertype sound. Working Class Rick gets a stupid, stunned grin on his face.

We pull out of his grinning face as we dissolve to -

INT. WAFER FACTORY - FLAVOR CORE - CONTINUOUS

He's still grinning, eyes closed, twitching, as the memory of walking through the factory and to his new car replays on a loop on a monitor attached to his helmet. He's strapped onto the same chair that Simple Rick was in earlier. Fluid is being milked from the back of his head.

> SAM ELLIOT (V.O.) 281 We captured that taste, and we keep giving it to him so he can give it right back to you, in every bite of new Simple Rick Freedom Wafer Selects.

GLAMOUR SHOT

Tight close ups of a wafer cookie being assembled - chocolate descending onto a wafer, etc.

SAM ELLIOT (V.O.) 282 Come home to the unique joy that comes with shattering the grand illusion. Come home to Simple Rick.

EXT. ABANDONED PORTAL DUMP - DAY

The Four Mortyteers arrive at a barbed wire fence surrounding a giant swirling portal.

284B

Slick walks up to the fence and **bashes the lock open.** 283A The gate swings open.

After you.

The boys exchange nervous looks and walk in. They approach the rim of the portal.

		SPEC	S			2	284A
There	it	is	the	Wishing	Portal.		

TUBS They say for your wish to come true, you have to give up something important. For me, that's my panini maker.

He grabs a panini maker from his backpack, steps to the edge.

TUBS	
I wish for a million sandwiches!	284C
(throws it in, then)	
And yes, I see the irony.	

Scales walks up.

SCALES	290
I wish that my next Rick has some	
kind of degenerative bone disease	
and that when he dies he leaves me	
a treasure.	

He takes off a "fang" necklace and throws it in. Specs walks up, takes out a harmonica, throws it in.

			SPEC	S				288
Ι	wish	to	meet	а	Jessica	some	day.	

Slick walks up to the portal and stares into it.

SLICK	291A
None of those things are gonna happen, you know. Morty's wishes never come true. Not on the Citadel.	
CILADEL.	

		SC.	ALES					291B
Then	why	did	you	bring	us	here?		

291C SLICK Because I wish that would change. I wish anything about this life would change.

(MORE)

SLICK (CONT'D) I wish we could stop being reassigned to Ricks. I wish we could all be free.

SPECS 291D Well I hope you're putting something pretty god damn important in there. 291E Me too.

(looks down) I doubt it.

Slick leaps into the portal. 295A

SPECS 296 N00000000!

SCALES 297 SLIIIICK!

They all stand on the edge of the portal, look down into it.

SPECS 298 (crying) M-maybe... maybe it went somewhere nice.

AUTOMATED RICK (V.O.) 299 Garbage dump. Stand (BURP) back.

A bunch of garbage released from above pours into the portal.

INT. CITADEL SECURITY - AIR LOCK - DAY

Security Force Ricks toss a limp Face Paint Morty onto the floor of the air lock bay. They stare down at him as he comes to.

FACE PAINT MORTY 300 (groggy) He had to be stopped. He- he cou-ccouldn't be allowed to win...

SECURITY FORCE RICK #1 301 Then you should have (BURP) worked on your aim, bro.

FACE PAINT MORTY 302R He's alive? No. You gotta listen to me. (reveals badge) (MORE) RAM 307 "TALES FROM THE CITADEL" NETWORK ROUGH CUT (12/2/16) 41. FACE PAINT MORTY (CONT'D)

I worked for him. I was his campaign manager.

He shows them his credentials.

SECURITY FORCE RICK #1 304R Yeah, well, no Morty seems like a president.

SECURITY FORCE RICK #1 306 Yeah.

A glass door closes between them. Face Paint Morty bangs on the door and produces the manila folder he received in the bar from his satchel. He's yelling, but we can't hear him.

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SECURITY FORCE RICK #1 307
It was a blow out.
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Face Paint Morty is ejected into space.

SECURITY FORCE RICK #1 309 Jesus. What are you joke security now too?

INT. CITADEL POLICE STATION - DAY

Rick Cop sits in the interrogation room, hands cuffed on the table.

Two Security Force Ricks enter. One stands by the door while the other heads for Rick Cop.

RICK COP 315 Why am I still here, I already confessed to everything.

SECURITY FORCE RICK #3 316 Your case has been reviewed. You're free to go.

Rick Cop's cuffs are undone by the other Security Force Rick.

RICK COP	317
But I violated at least a dozen	
departmental codes.	

SECURITY FORCE RICK #3 318 New department. New codes.

SECURITY FORCE RICK #4 319 New Citadel.

The Security Force Ricks exit. Rick Cop seems a bit unnerved by this new status quo.

EXT. THE RICK SCHOOL FOR MORTYS - DAY

Scales, Specs and Tubs arrive back at the school. The front doors are being locked by Rick Teacher.

SCALES	310
Did we miss graduation? Where are	
the new Ricks?	

RICK TEACHER	311
No graduation. No new Ricks. The	
school's curriculum is changing.	

To what?

RICK TEACHER 313 I don't know and I don't have to know, I've been fired. G(BURP)ood luck, turds.

He walks away drinking from his flask. A smile creeps over all the kids faces.

SCALES 314 Holy crap. Slick's wish came true.

INT. PRESIDENT'S CHAMBERS - DAY

Tycoon Rick enters and sits at the head of a large oval table. Several WEALTHY BUSINESSMEN RICKS surround it as well.

TYCOON RICK 320 Sorry I'm late "Mr. President." Had a little crisis at work.

He kicks his feet up on the table and lights a cigar.

NEW MEDIA RICK (eats wafer) Worth it! PRESIDENT MORTY (formerly Candidate Morty) is in the middle of having his hair styled by a HAIR STYLIST RICK. PRESIDENT MORTY 322 It's quite all right. Hope you don't mind, I'm getting a Presidential haircut. (to stylist) Let's j-just take a little more off the top, please. (to businessmen) So how can I help you fellas? ENERGY RICK 323R You can help us by understanding, "President" Morty, it's business that built this citadel, it's business that ran things from behind the council, and it's business that will continue to run it. And as long as you play nice, you'll be very happy. PRESIDENT MORTY 324 (holding mirror) Does he really speak for everyone here? Murmurs of mostly affirmative. 324A

> PRESIDENT MORTY Well, I think it's important to be clear, raise your hand if he speaks for you.

The Business Ricks, with varying degrees of confidence, shoot up hands. Two Business Ricks do not but the rest finally settle into holding their hands up.

President Morty observes in his hair-cutting mirror, 325A then snaps. Security Ricks enter and taze everyone with their hands up. They slump onto the table. The two Ricks that didn't raise their hands are frozen with fear.

The Hair Stylist Rick is also frozen, unsure of what to do.

326 HAIR STYLIST RICK Is...that enough off the top?

325

PRESIDENT MORTY 327 I don't know. (to the table) Is it?

The two Business Ricks that didn't raise their hands nervously blurt answers.

President Morty gets up while Security starts dragging the unconscious tycoons out of the room. He walks to a bar and starts pouring himself a drink.

> PRESIDENT MORTY 331 This would be a great time for a speech, wouldn't it?

EXT. CAPITAL BUILDING - CONTINUOUS

The new symbol of the Citadel: an R entwined with an M unfurls on a giant banner over the original Citadel R symbol.

PRESIDENT MORTY (V.O.) 332 A speech about politics...

INT. SECURITY FORCE HQ - LOCKER ROOM - DAY

Rick Cop is finishing putting on his Security Force uniform. He looks at the new Citadel symbol looming on the wall above him and regards it with uncertainty.

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PRESIDENT MORTY (V.O.) 333
About order...
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EXT. MEGA SEED ORCHARD - DAY

The three remaining Mortyteers now in new "Morty Brigade" uniforms load mega fruit into wheel barrows and roll them past the helpless Rick Farmer who is flanked by Rick Security Forces. The Mortyteers look like they're having a great time.

INT. AIR LOCK CHAMBER - CONTINUOUS

Tycoon Rick's unconscious body is tossed into the air lock. Security Ricks pick up the next Business Rick and toss him in too.

INT. PRESIDENT'S CHAMBERS - DAY

The President walks with his drink to a large window looking out into space.

PRESIDENT MORTY 336 But speeches are for campaigning.

EXT. CITADEL OF RICKS - SPACE - NIGHT

The President looks into his drink.

We pull back from the President's window...

A hiss sound is heard as the Business Ricks are ejected into space and **struggle with their last breath** as they drift into frame. Blonde Redhead's "For the Damaged Coda" begins playing.

As the camera continues to pull back, we pass the Morty Cop, Deep Throat Rick, the Rick Teacher, Juggling Rick with three balls floating around him, and dozens of others until we land on Campaign Manager Morty (aka Face Paint Morty). A folder floats out of his hand. As the folder opens up, several documents drift out, including a surveillance photo of someone shot through a telescopic lens. It's EVIL MORTY.

Evil Morty now controls the Citadel of Ricks.

END OF ACT TWO

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INT. MORTY'S HOME - GARAGE - DOOR OPEN - DAY

A portal opens, Rick and Morty come back into the garage, soaking wet.

	RICK Woo. Haha. Yeah! Atlantis baby!	338
	MORTY That was amazing.	339
	RICK You got some of that mermaid puss.	340
	MORTY I'm really hoping it wasn't a one off thing and I can see her again. By the way, hey um- you're still not curious about what might have happened at that crazy Citadel place?	341
	RICK Pssh. Not at all, Morty. That place will never have any bearing over our lives ever again. Unlike that mermaid puss! Yeah!!	342
This gets	Morty pretty pumped up.	
	RICK We're going back for seconds! We're gonna do that shit every week, man! That was Atlantis!	342
	MORTY Oh shit!	342A

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