

Scene 1: Admiral's Study (August)

Story

With the Navy's installations in Hampton Roads badly damaged following Hurricane Helen, Admiral Reid has driven down from DC to assess the damage directly (avoiding helicopter usage given the presence of search-and-rescue operators still in the air even two weeks after the storm made landfall). The situation is grim, with the car unable to reach the shipyard due to heavy debris on local access roads. The Admiral has set up a small office in one of the Navy's few undamaged equipment warehouses.

In this first scene, Admiral Reid must decide what recommendation to make to Congress for the next carrier contract. They must also apportion blame for the catastrophe. As in every scene, GBI CEO Brewer will need to determine the company's target workforce, and Substacker Carmichael will need to assess the future stock price of the company.

Scene Decision 1-1 (Admiral)

Designate an intended number of carrier contracts for the shipyard. Can be between zero (0) and three (3).

Scene Decision 1-2 (Admiral)

Select the causes of the catastrophe at the shipyard. Can be any combination of:

- **SELF BLAME:** "As Chief of Naval Operations, I take personal and professional responsibility for the catastrophe that Helen has wrought on the military installations in Hampton Roads."
- **NAVY:** "The Navy recognizes that as a service, it has ignored repeated warnings from climate scientists and others about the long-term risks of climate change. Those risks have now become realized, and the service must accept the consequences of its planning mistakes."
- **CONGRESS:** "While the Navy has long intended to buttress its climate resilience at critical facilities, such efforts have failed to gain attention as high priorities in the country's appropriations process."
- **LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** "While the Navy has remained committed to a climate resilience plan for more than a decade, local concerns have regularly thwarted the efforts of the service from building toward long-term climate resilience."
- **GRIFFITH BARRETT INDUSTRIES:** "The Navy as an institution has long been committed to climate preparedness, but recognizes that many of its private-sector counterparts do not desire the increased capital contributions required for long-term strategic resilience."

- **ACT OF GOD:** "Unforeseen calamities are a regular part of any complex organization, and while eventualities are regularly and properly assessed, the Navy concludes that Hurricane Helen was an exceptional storm with an exceptional trajectory that caused exceptional consequences."

Recurring Decision (Substacker)

Analyze the information from the discussion and assess what GBI's next stock price will be.

Recurring Decision (CEO)

Determine the number of intended employees at GBI given the information from the scene.

Scene 2: City Hall (September)

Story

At the invitation of the Newport News City Council, Admiral Reid stays in town to hear and respond to questions about the future of the shipyard. The City Council, led by Mayor Wallace, must determine how to apportion the city's emergency budget given the circumstances following Hurricane Helen. The city has \$100 million in its reserves, and the city council has already voted to authorize spending the entire budget on the city's priorities.

Meanwhile, election season is heating up, and there is growing demand from the Local 9999 union membership and the Virginia Stripes Substack readership to understand who to campaign for or against. Finally, Representative Chase will offer an exclusive interview from the City Council hearings to a publication.

Scene Decision 2-1 (Mayor)

Determine how to spend Norfolk News's emergency city budget of \$100 million. Spending can be apportioned across (in million dollar increments):

- PUBLIC WORKS
- POLICE
- INCOME
- HOUSING
- SHIPYARD
- UNION EMPLOYMENT FUND
- DC LOBBYING
- PRESS RELATIONS

Scene Decision 2-2 (Union President)

- Determine whether to endorse the **Mayor** for reelection, stay neutral, or oppose reelection.
- Determine whether to endorse the **Representative** for reelection, stay neutral, or oppose reelection.

Scene Decision 2-3 (Substacker)

- Determine whether to endorse the **Mayor** for reelection, stay neutral, or oppose reelection.
- Determine whether to endorse the **Representative** for reelection, stay neutral, or oppose reelection.

Scene Decision 2-4 (Representative)

Your press secretary wants to offer an exclusive interview live from City Hall. Determine which media outlet you want to talk to:

- **Joe Rogan (The Joe Rogan Experience Podcast):** A wide-ranging podcast interview that is popular among right-wing, young and male listeners.
- **Eric Bolling The Balance (Newsmax):** A harder-right cable show interview focused on culture war politics.
- **Hannity (Fox News):** A right-wing cable show interview focused on national security.
- **All In with Chris Hayes (MSNBC):** A left-wing cable show interview focused on climate change and progressivism.
- **Wall Street Journal Editorial Board:** A sit-down interview with the business newspaper focused on the challenges of economic recovery.
- **David Sanger (NYT):** A sit-down interview with the paper of record focused on national security.
- **Our Unequal Earth (The Guardian):** A sit-down interview with the left-wing UK paper on climate change and progressivism.

Recurring Decision (Substacker)

Recurring Decision (CEO)

Scene 3: Capitol Hill (October)

Story

As Newport News and the broader Hampton Roads community moves on from the worst of Hurricane Helen's immediate aftermath, attention turns to Capitol Hill and how Congress should respond to the disaster. As chairman, Representative Chase has control over the next 10 days of the Seapower and Projection Forces subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee — what should be scheduled?

The heightened national media attention from the hearings has led to rumors that Mayor Wallace and Union President McKinley will seize the spotlight and protest what's happening in Hampton Roads.

Meanwhile, Admiral Reid has been gathering further information on the future of the shipyard and what the consequences are for Newport News. Reid will revise their request to Congress on the number of carrier contracts.

Scene Decision 3-1 (Representative)

Determine how to schedule 10 "working days" of the subcommittee. Each day can be focused on:

- Positive or Negative hearings focused on any character (including yourself)
- Positive or Negative hearings on the shipyard
- Leaving the committee to fundraise for the American Defense Project's Super PAC, which will offer more Super PAC resources in the fourth and final scene

Scene Decision 3-2 (Mayor & Union President)

The Mayor and the Union President independently determine whether to organize a protest in front of Capitol Hill about the situation in Hampton Roads.

Scene Decision 3-3 (Admiral)

Designate an intended number of carrier contracts for the shipyard. Can be between zero (0) and three (3). The number can be the same or different from your plan in August (Scene 1) in the Admiral's Study.

Recurring Decision (Substacker)

Recurring Decision (CEO)

Scene 4: Twitter (X) Space (November)

Story

The election is now a week away, and regardless of outcome, Congress is expected to vote on the carrier contract during the “lame duck” session after the election before new representatives are sworn into office in January. The growing readership of the Virginia Stripes Substack has given it local influence, and Substacker Carmichael has decided to host a live Twitter (X) Space to discuss the issues affecting Hampton Roads. All characters are invited to discuss their topics of interest, and Carmichael will offer commentary.

Meanwhile, Admiral Reid must submit a last-and-final request for the number of carrier contracts to Congress.

Scene Decision 4-1 (All Except Substacker)

Each player has time to offer 3 comments to Substacker Carmichael during the livestream. Those arguments can be positive or negative on any individual character, or promotion of the shipyard.

Scene Decision 4-2 (Substacker)

Offer a positive, neutral or negative bias to your commentary on every character except yourself.

Scene Decision 4-3 (Admiral)

Designate an intended number of carrier contracts for the shipyard. Can be between zero (0) and three (3). The number can be the same or different from your plan in August (Scene 1) in the Admiral’s Study as well as your plan in October (Scene 3) on Capitol Hill. *This is the final carrier contract request that will be put to a vote during the lame duck session of Congress and cannot be changed.*

Recurring Decision (Substacker)

Recurring Decision (CEO)

Determine the number of intended employees at GBI given the information from the scene. *This is the final commitment for the workforce before the carrier contract is determined by Congress.*