

Morgan scoots over to make space and Carys sits next to him. HER GREY SOCKS ARE VISIBLE AS SHE TAKES A SEAT. Carys opens her bag, takes out her lunchbox and a page from her sketch book, setting them on the table in front of her.

ARIANNA (CONT'D)

What you got there 'en?

Carys pushes the sketch book page forward, revealing the completed blue whale sketch that she was working on at her hospital appointment. It has been beautifully finished.

MORGAN

Did you do draw this Carys?

Carys nods.

ARIANNA

Oh my god, that's incredible. You've got unreal talent babe.

CARYS

It's for Morgan.

Carys slides the drawing over to Morgan who holds it up admiringly.

MORGAN

For real? Nice one Carys, thanks!

ARIANNA

Can I get your autograph, for when you're a famous artist?

Carys nervously smiles and shrugs shyly.

34 **INT. MAGISTRATES' COURT, LONDON - DAY**

Jerome is sat in a large, dimly lit courtroom for his hearing. He wears a suit and is accompanied by his solicitor, Adele and Abena. The trial is overseen by three magistrates including the presiding justice. JEROME'S BRIGHT YELLOW SOCKS SHOW FROM UNDER HIS SUIT AS HE TAKES A STAND.

PRESIDING JUSTICE

I acknowledge the positive character references that have been provided on your behalf, as well as the fact that you regularly volunteer your time to support young people in your community. But you are 33 years old

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PRESIDING JUSTICE (CONT'D)  
and currently unemployed. You should concentrate on setting a better example to those who look up to you.

I have taken into consideration that you have been diagnosed with ADHD which poses challenges for you with regards to impulsivity and sensible decision making. However that is not a justifiable excuse to assault a police officer in the line of their duty.

This isn't the first time you have appeared before this court, and that is an aggravating factor. I am therefore imposing a custodial sentence of 6 months and 15 days.

Adele and Abena react with shocked gasps. Jerome buries his head into his hands.

JEROME

No, no, no...

**35 INT. PRISONER TRANSPORT VEHICLE - CONTINUOUS**

Jerome sits dejected in the back of the prison van, fists clenched. He is in the presence of three other prisoners. HIS BRIGHT YELLOW SOCKS ARE VISIBLE. ONE OF HIS FELLOW PRISONERS WEARS BRIGHT PINK SOCKS.

**36 INT. BBC NEWSDESK - DAY**

Lewis Vaughan Jones (now 61) is presenting the BBC 12 O'Clock News. He is joined by Simeon, Steven Coyle and Miriam Cheung. SIMEON'S RIGHT LEG BOUNCES NERVOUSLY UNDER THE NEWSDESK REVEALING HIS BRIGHT GREEN SOCKS.

LEWIS VAUGHAN JONES

With official statistics estimating that up to half of the UK's prison population could be neurodivergent; today the justice department have announced controversial proposals to offer medical treatment for disorders like autism and ADHD as part of an early release scheme.

Joining me in the studio are Deputy Justice Secretary: Steven Coyle,

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LEWIS VAUGHAN JONES (CONT'D)  
Campaigner for Prison Reform: Miriam  
Cheung, and Nobel Prize winner: Simeon  
Johnson of XMed.

Steven Coyle what are these proposals  
and what do you hope to achieve?

STEVEN COYLE  
Well this government is committed to  
fixing the mess of prison overcrowding  
left to us by the previous government.  
Our target is to reduce prisoner  
numbers by 20% over the next four  
years...

And we're confident that recent  
breakthroughs in science and medicine  
will help us to achieve that.

LEWIS VAUGHAN JONES  
You're referring of course to the  
recently approved gene therapy  
Xtralin?

STEVEN COYLE  
Yes that's right, the data shows that  
neurodivergent people are vastly over  
represented within the prison  
population. We've worked closely with  
XMed and we've seen evidence that  
treatment can significantly reduce the  
most problematic traits in those  
prisoners.

LEWIS VAUGHAN JONES  
Miriam Cheung, what do you make of  
these plans?

MIRIAM CHEUNG  
These proposals represent a chilling  
creep towards eugenics. If the  
government were as progressive as they  
claim, they should be focussed on  
addressing the inequalities that have  
led to so many people with ADHD, with  
autism and other neurodevelopmental  
disorders being imprisoned in the  
first place.

STEVEN COYLE

(interrupting)

I'm sorry but that's extreme language  
and it's an unrealistic view.

MIRIAM CHEUNG

Your proposals are extreme.

LEWIS VAUGHAN JONES

Simeon Johnson, your company XMed  
developed this drug. How would you  
respond to Miriam Cheung's  
accusations?

SIMEON

Sorry, which accusations exactly?

LEWIS VAUGHAN JONES

The comparison to eugenics.

SIMEON

(nervously)

Well Xtralin has been designed to help  
people lead normal lives and many  
patients are already benefitting from  
it. I'm autistic myself, so I  
certainly wouldn't promote anything  
that causes harm to neurodivergent  
people.

LEWIS VAUGHAN JONES

And have you undergone treatment?  
Would you take Xtralin?

SIMEON

I, I... I'm not... I don't want to  
make this about myself. But I can  
assure you that it's incredibly safe.

LEWIS VAUGHAN JONES

Do you support the government's plans?

SIMEON

(awkwardly)

I, uh. I have worked closely with  
Steven here and I'm confident that  
Xmed can help.

STEVEN COYLE

(interjects)

What's important is that this program  
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