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***MUD, MYSTICS AND MOLASSES. . .
LINCOLN AND DOUGLAS
COME TO QUINCY***

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*A Narrative Play Written for the Sesquicentennial
of the Lincoln-Douglas Debate in Washington Square,
Quincy, Illinois, on Wednesday, October 13, 1858*

MIKE: (*singing*) Way down upon the Wabash

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Such land was never known;

If Adam had passed over it

The soil he'd surely own;

He'd think it was the garden

He'd played in when a boy,

And straight pronounce it Eden,

In the State of El-a-noy.

So move your family westward, Good health you will
enjoy.

And cross the Shawnee Ferry to the state of Illinois

To the state of Illinois...

She's bounded by the Wabash,

The Ohio and the Lakes,

She's crawfish in the swampy lands,

The milksick and the shakes;

But these are slight diversions

And take not from the joy

Of living in this garden land,

The State of El-a-noy.

So move your family westward, Good health you
will enjoy.

And cross the Shawnee Ferry to the state of Illinois

To the state of Illinois...

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KEITH: Between Mr. Douglas and Mr. Lincoln, few southerners can be long in making a choice. The one is democrat, though an erring one...while the other is a rank, rampant, poison-mouthed, tearing raving and raging Abolitionist!

LINDA: – *The Dallas Weekly Herald*.

SYLVIA: I have never seen any other two public men appearing on the same platform so unlike in stature.

BOB: Lincoln was crooked-legged, stoop-shouldered, and anything but handsome in the face. – Henry Villard

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LINDA: According to an observer in Alton...

MIKE: Douglas spoke in a very blustering manner, and so to speak, frothed at the mouth when he became excited.

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BOB: Harriet Beecher Stowe on Douglas....

SYLVIA: He charged onto the Senate floor horse and foot! He had a quick, jerky fiery way and would shake his head and seem to dart forward like the spring of a panther.

KEITH: William L. Gross, a telegrapher who listened to Lincoln in Mt. Sterling in October of 1858....

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LINDA: As far as Lincoln is concerned I am prepared to testify that his phiz is truly awful.

MIKE: His pronunciation is bad, his manners uncouth and his general appearance anything but prepossessing.

KEITH: Seymour Thompson, upon watching Lincoln's Freeport speech:

BOB: His mouth was weak and his eyes seemed wholly dead, snake-like.

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SYLVIA: Douglas has a large head, surmounted by an abundant mane of brown hair, which gave him the appearance of a lion prepared to roar or crush his prey and the short, thick-set of a bulldog.

LINDA: He is a perfect steam engine in britches!

KEITH: His voice was deep and strong, melodious and sympathetic

BOB: When in court Douglas would go 'round among the listeners and spectators, sit upon their knees and chat and laugh and joke with them ...

MIKE:even while the other counsel were arguing with the jury.

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KEITH: Lincoln's gestures were awfully awkward but, at the same time, weighty. If I recall rightly, he wore one of those old-fashioned satin stocks or chokers, and it was warm and evidently impeded full use of his organs of speech, for he pulled it off and threw it down. A few moments later, with nervous impatience he pulled off this shirt collar, tearing loose the buttons and throwing it to the winds, and continued his speech minus both necktie and collar, and the old farmers cheered and howled.

LINDA: – George Beatty, Ottawa.

{Music, then...}

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BOB: 1858! August 21st..... Ottawa!

DOUGLAS: Ladies and gentlemen: I appear before you to-day for the purpose of discussing the leading political topics which now agitate the public mind. By an arrangement between Mr. Lincoln and myself, we are present here to-day for the purpose of having a joint discussion...

LINCOLN:When a man hears himself somewhat misrepresented, it provokes him-at least, I find it so with myself; but when misrepresentation becomes very gross and palpable, it is more apt to amuse him.

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TRAVIS: So I come up with this plan ... a nickel a push.

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(10) **BOB:** Freeport! August 27th!

LINCOLN: On Saturday last, Judge Douglas and myself first met in public discussion. He spoke one hour, I an hour and a half, and he replied for half an hour. The order is now reversed.

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I do him no injustice in saying that he occupied at least half of his reply in dealing with me as though I had refused to answer his interrogatories. I now propose that I will answer any of the interrogatories...whether he answers mine or not; [*applause*]

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DOUGLAS: I am glad that at last I have brought Mr. Lincoln to the conclusion that he had better define his position on certain political questions to which I called his attention at Ottawa. He there showed no disposition, no inclination, to answer them.

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TRAVIS: Heck, anybody'd pay a nickel to get pushed out of the mud.

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BOB: Jonesboro! September 15th!

DOUGLAS: Mr. Lincoln ... had his speech, accepting that nomination, all written and committed to memory, ready to be delivered the moment the nomination was announced.

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LINCOLN: "A house divided against itself cannot stand.' I believe this Government cannot endure permanently half slave and half free. I do not expect the Union to be dissolved. I do not expect the house to fall, but I do expect it will cease to be divided. It will become all one thing or all the

other. Either the opponents of slavery will arrest the spread of it, and place it where the public mind shall rest in the belief that it is in the course of ultimate extinction, or its advocates will push it forward until it shall become alike lawful in all the States, North as well as South."

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TRAVIS: I made a killin'! Sixteen days! Sixteen straight days of rain in Quincy before Mr. Lincoln and Senator Douglas come to town.

MIKE: The town square was more than mud, it was a swamp!

TRAVIS: So me and the boys figured we'd make us some change and we charged a nickel a push to get your buggy unstuck. I looked at my pocketful of nickels and figured...Heck, I like politics!
The newspapers all over the nation was stokin' the fire!

SYLVIA: Illinois is all ablaze just now. Lincoln and Douglas, candidates for the United States Senate, are canvassing the State." – William Lloyd Garrison's *Liberator*

LINDA: The canvass now going on in Illinois is probably the most exciting and earnest that ever preceded a State election in the Union. – *The Indianan*

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BOB: Charleston! September 18th!

LINCOLN: It will be very difficult for an audience so large as this to hear distinctly what a speaker says, and consequently it is important that as profound silence be preserved as possible.

KEITH: The eyes of the whole country are fixed on Lincoln and Douglas.

MIKE: ---Henry Villard, the *New Yorker Staats Zeitung*

LINCOLN: While I was at the hotel to-day, an elderly gentleman called upon me to know whether I was really in favor of producing a perfect equality between the negroes and white people. [*Great Laughter.*]

DOUGLAS: I am glad that I have at last succeeded in getting an answer out of him upon this question of Negro citizenship and eligibility to office, for I have been trying to bring him to the point on it ever since this canvass commenced.

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TRAVIS: It was me and four other fellas. Of course we could of used dad's mare and done the job in half the time, but when them rich folks seen five muddy, shirt-tailed scallywags pushin' and tuggin' on the back end of their wagon, they'd like as not toss in an extra nickel. It was easy work, but I told the boys to moan and sweat a lot so's we'd make it look like our guts was about to bust.

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BOB: Galesburg! October 7th!

DOUGLAS: Four years ago I appeared before the people of Knox County for the purpose of defending my political action upon the Compromise measures of 1850 and the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska bill.

LINCOLN:The Judge has alluded to the Declaration of Independence, and insisted that negroes are not included in that Declaration; and that it is a slander upon the framers of that instrument, to suppose that negroes were meant therein; and he asks you: Is it possible to believe that Mr. Jefferson, who penned the immortal paper, could have supposed himself applying the language of that instrument to the negro race, and yet held a portion of that race in slavery?

TRAVIS: Folks had lots of different opinions of the two fellas headed toward Quincy!

KEITH: He's one of the most conscientious men I have ever known, but I've never been able to persuade myself that Lincoln was big enough for his position."

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MIKE: Orville Hickman Browning, Quincy, Illinois

BOB: Douglas's legs are too short, sir! That part of his body, sir, which men wish to kick, is too near the ground!

MIKE: – Missouri Senator Thomas Hart Benton

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DOUGLAS: ...Each State and each Territory of this Union have the right, and ought to be permitted to exercise the right, of regulating their own domestic concerns in their own way... I then call upon the people of Illinois to decide whether that principle of self-government was right or wrong.

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LINCOLN: And I will remind Judge Douglas and this audience, that while Mr. Jefferson was the owner of slaves, as undoubtedly he was, in speaking upon this very subject, he used the strong language that "he trembled for his country when he remembered that God was just;" and I will offer the highest premium in my power to Judge Douglas if he will show that he, in all his life, ever uttered a sentiment at all akin to that of Jefferson.

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TRAVIS: By the time the Quincy debate commenced we was rich! Two dollars apiece jinglin' in our pants pockets! I say God bless Mr. Douglas and God bless Mr. Lincoln and God bless the mud! And the two men themselves? They knew each other pretty good....

LINCOLN: Of all men I have ever seen, Douglas has the most audacity in maintaining an untenable position.

DOUGLAS: The whole country knows me, while Lincoln, as regards myself, is comparatively unknown. But if Lincoln gets the best of this debate I shall lose everything. No, I do not want to go into a debate with Lincoln!

LINCOLN: Douglas has gotten to be a great man and bestrode the earth. Time was when I was in his way some, but he has outgrown me and bestrides the world and such small men as I am, can hardly be considered worthy of his notice; and I may have to dodge and get between his legs.

DOUGLAS: I shall have my hands full. He is the strong man of his party, full of wit, facts, dates, and the best stump speaker with his droll ways and dry jokes, in the West. He is as honest as he is shrewd; and if I beat him my victory will be hardly won.

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TRAVIS: And here they come!

BOB: Quincy, Illinois! October 13, 1858! (Music)

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MIKE: Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord

He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of
wrath are stored.

He hath loosed the faithful lightning of his terrible swift
sword.

His truth is marching on!

ALL: Glory, glory Halleluiah! Glory, glory Halleluiah!

Glory, glory Halleluiah! His truth is marching on!

{Martial Music continues under}

KEITH: From the Quincy Herald, Oct 12, 1858! Welcome Douglas!

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LINDA: On Wednesday morning 13th October, at 9 ½ o'clock a procession will be formed at the court house in this city ...

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MIKE:in which every person who prefers the election of S.A. Douglas to Hon A. Lincoln to the U.S. Senate is invited to participate.

BOB: The procession will leave the courthouse and proceed to Broadway, up Broadway to 12th St. throwing the right of procession on 12th and fronting south,

SYLVIA: where the delegation from the northern part of the county will be attached, thence to Maine, throwing the right of procession on Maine

BOB:and attach all the delegations from the east and south of the county, thence proceed down Maine to 3rd, up 3rd to the Virginia House, where the river delegations will be assembled.

SYLVIA: Brainard's celebrated lithographs of senator Douglas will be on sale today on the public square. Large size 75 cents, the smaller size 20 cents. – *The Herald* Oct 12

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TRAVIS: My favorite was the hoo-doo lady who set up shop at the Quincy House!

KEITH: The Great Natural Clairvoyant and Seeress has arrived! {Music under}

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SYLVIA: Madam Caprell respectively informs the citizens of Quincy and vicinity that after practicing in various towns and cities in the Union....

TRAVIS: She'd been to Peoria!

SYLVIA:....where she has given perfect satisfaction to all who have consulted her in relation to the Past, Present, and Future, she has been induced by many to visit this place for which purpose she has taken room number 13, Quincy House

TRAVIS: We tried to get a peek at her when she went out for supper. Figure maybe we'd see ghosts or somethin' hoverin' around her. All we seen was a sort of dumpy woman

SYLVIA: She will answer any questions related to sickness, marriage or absent friends, and will describe future partners as well as if she had been acquainted with them during her lifetime. ...

TRAVIS:who looked liked maybe she'd been into the whiskey all day.

BOB: She was born with this wonderful gift for revealing the destinies of man and has revealed mysteries that no mortal knew.

TRAVIS: She may have known the future, but she wasn't too sure about where to put her next step.

TRAVIS: Madame Caprell charged a dollar to have your fortune read but my mud cash was too dear. I figured I could get by without a future. [Switch to martial music.]

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BOB: On Wednesday at 9 a.m. precisely, the Republican procession will be formed for the purpose of proceeding to the Railroad Depot to receive Hon. A. Lincoln.

MIKE: The line of procession will be formed on Broadway, the right resting on Sixth Street.

KEITH: The Republican clubs and citizens on foot will assemble and form in order in Washington Square and form the head of the procession. Clubs, and citizens in carriages and wagons will form immediately in the rear of those on foot. The order will be as follows:

SYLVIA:Marshall and Aids, Steig's Brass Band, Quincy Republicans on foot,

LINDA:Carriages with Mr. Lincoln and Committee of Reception, and distinguished strangers.

BOB:..... Private carriages with ladies, delegations in carriages and wagons, citizens on horseback. Speaking will commence at the stand on the stand in Washington Square at 2 o'clock p.m.

TRAVIS: And there was still mud on the streets! Oh, God bless politics!

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SYLVIA: The Broadway Hotel is now open for the reception of guests.

LINDA: The numerous rooms are large, well-ventilated, lighted, and situated in the immediate vicinity of the railroad depot, Steamboat and Ferry Landing, and will combine economy with comfort. One dollar per day.

TRAVIS: It takes more than a little plannin' to host a politician the likes of Abraham Lincoln to a frontier river community. And the man in charge...well, he'd known Lincoln for a long time. [**Music out.**]

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LINCOLN: To Abraham Jonas. You are one of my most trusted friends.

TRAVIS: And that friendship began soon after Mr. Jonas had settled in Quincy in 1838. He and Lincoln had served together in the state legislature, and Jonas was one of the first to see something mighty special in his long-legged fellow Kentuckian.

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LINDA: December, 1858. Horace Greeley came to town and met with a group of prominent Republicans. They began discussing who might make the best Republican candidate for President.

KEITH: Mr. Greeley asked who I meant. I said, "Gentlemen I mean Abraham Lincoln of Illinois." I am sorry to say that my suggestion fell flat, it was not even discussed, none of them seemed for Lincoln ... Some one said Lincoln might do for Vice - President-at this point Mr. Jonas ... said: "Gentlemen there may be more to Asbury's suggestion than any of us now think."

SYLVIA: Henry Asbury, Jonas's law partner.

TRAVIS: When Lincoln would come to Quincy, like as not he'd be spending some of his time with Jonas. If Lincoln had a supporter in this town, it was Jonas. In fact, he'd keep Lincoln pretty well informed as to what folks were thinkin'.

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MIKE: Dear Mr. Lincoln. I have just been creditably informed that Isaac N. Morris is engaged in obtaining affidavits and certificates of certain Irishmen that they saw you in Quincy come out of a Know Nothing Lodge.

TRAVIS: The Know-Nothings. That's what they were supposed to say when asked about their secret meeting.

SYLVIA, BOB & LINDA: "I know nothing!"

TRAVIS: They were a radical group who didn't much care for Irish or Catholics or any sort of immigrant.

SYLVIA: You know it's the Pope's plan to take over America!

TRAVIS: Mr. Jonas knew Lincoln was bein' accused of attendin' their meetings.

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LINCOLN: Yours of the 20th received. I suppose as good, or even better men than I may have been in Know-Nothing lodges; but in point of fact, I never was in one, at Quincy or elsewhere. I was never in Quincy but one day and two nights while Know-Nothing lodges were in existence, and you were with me that day and both those nights. It was in 1854 when I spoke in some hall there, and after the speaking, you with others took me to an oyster saloon, passed an hour there, and you walked with me, and parted with me at the Quincy House, quite late at night.... Yours Truly, A. Lincoln

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TRAVIS: This Abraham Jonas. Interesting fella.

KEITH: Past Grand Master Mason of Kentucky, and elected as the first Grand Master of Illinois.

LINDA: An ironworker who studied law and went into politics.

TRAVIS: And strangest of all in those days....a Jew. Quincy's first one. After Lincoln's death, they found this letter...marked "Private."

BOB: The purport of this communication must be my apology for troubling you-and my great anxiety in regard to your personal safety.

TRAVIS: Jonas felt that Lincoln's life was in danger.

BOB: ... "Things are daily becoming worse here, God help us, what will be the result, it is dreadful to imagine." ...Large numbers of desperate characters, many of them from this city, will be in Washington on the 4th of March and it is their determination, to prevent the inauguration, and if by no other means, by using violence on the person of Lincoln.

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TRAVIS: A plot to kill Lincoln.

BOB: Men, engaged in this measure are known to be of the most violent character, capable of doing any act necessary to carry out their vile measures.

TRAVIS: Of course all the newspapers were full of such plots, but this one...to Abraham Jonas, this one seemed too real.

BOB: Permit me to suggest — ought not your friends generally adopt at once some precautionary measure----no protection can be expected from the damned old traitor at the head of the Government or his subordinates. With great esteem and devotion I am truly yours — A. Jonas

MIKE: (*singing*) In Dixieland where I was born, early on a

frosty morning, look away...

Look away...look away...Dixieland.

TRAVIS: Somewhere out there in Valley of Peace Cemetery you'll find the gravestone of a remarkable man, Abraham Jonas. At least five . . . maybe six sons fought in the Civil War . . . for both the North and the South. In 1864 President Lincoln gave one final act of friendship ...

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MIKE: I wish I was in Dixie...away...away...in Dixieland

I'll take my stand

To live and die in Dixie...Away . . . Away . . . Away down south in Dixie...

(Dixie continues under)

BOB: I hereby order a three-week parole to Charles Jonas, oldest son of Abraham Jonas, and a Confederate POW, to attend to his dying father.

TRAVIS: So here Lincoln was in Quincy, and Jonas was making the arrangements. Maybe the hardest arrangement of all was getting Lincoln back into politics.

LINDA: Beaten in his first run at the Illinois legislature.

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SYLVIA: He turned to storekeeping, then postmaster at New Salem, then the law caught his fancy and he spent four terms in the state legislature where he became friends with a good many Quincy politicians.

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BOB: Just two years as a Congressman in Washington then denied nomination.

LINDA: His stand on the Mexican War did him in.

TRAVIS: Lincoln had challenged President Polk's claim that the Mexicans had attacked us on American soil. Lincoln's opponents convinced folks this meant Lincoln wasn't supportin' our troops. Can you imagine such a thing?

MIKE: And he was done with politics.

KEITH: Or so he said...

BOB: Or so he thought....

TRAVIS: So what'd cause a man to give up a successful law practice and jump back into the mess of politics again? It started with the Missouri Compromise! (...*Shouts of anger...* "No! You can't do that! Vote it down! Vote it down!")

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And Senator Douglas had a plan!

DOUGLAS: The Kansas-Nebraska Act! (*More shouts of "Yes! Yes! Never! It'll never work! Vote it down! Vote it down!"*) I said The Kansas-Nebraska Act must be adopted! Popular Sovereignty! Popular Sovereignty!

TRAVIS: Douglas didn't get all the credit, but...

DOUGLAS: I did as much as any living man in the enactment of that bill, thus establishing the doctrine in the public policy of the country!

TRAVIS: He was the loudest!

DOUGLAS: I gave the pledge that I, so far as the power should be in my hands, would vindicate the principle of the right of the people to form their own institutions, to establish Free States or Slave States as they chose, and that that principle should never be violated either by fraud, by violence, by circumvention, or by any other means, if it was in my power to prevent it.

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TRAVIS: I take it he was in favor of it. You see, the Missouri Compromise had outlawed slavery in some new areas, but Douglas proposed his own compromise . . . Two territories . . . Kansas and Nebraska . . . each free to vote slavery up or down as the liked. The abolitionists were mad! The South had a fit! The whole country was shakin' and pretty soon out shook...

LINCOLN: My fellow Republicans!

LINDA: The newly born Republican party.

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LINCOLN: I have always hated slavery, I think as much as any Abolitionist . . . I have always hated it, but I have always been quiet about it until this new era of the introduction of the Nebraska Bill began. I always believed that everybody was against it, and that it was in course of ultimate extinction...and that such was the belief of the framers of the constitution itself.

TRAVIS: Fact is, one of the chief rabble rousers for states rights came from right here in Quincy. Seems like we were gettin' known for 'em. You want my opinion, it's because so many of these prominent Quincy hell-raisers came from Kentucky. This one just happened to be the Chairman of the House Committee on New Territories.

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BOB: Ladies and gentleman of New Jersey, I would like to welcome to the podium tonight, William A. Richardson, Senator from Quincy, Illinois!

TRAVIS: A Democrat, he'd defeated Orville Browning.

KEITH: The people of the Territories themselves should legislate upon all matters which are not prohibited by the constitution! (*applause*) Congress in adoption of these measures planted itself upon the great doctrine of non-intervention (*cheers*) and referred the whole question in regard to slavery from Congress to the people of the territories! (*cheers*)

TRAVIS: Born in Kentucky, two terms as an Illinois congressman, then elected state senator, then speaker of the House...

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KEITH: The Congress has declared that it will dispose upon the people themselves to decide these issues! (*cheers*) There we intend to stand and fight off all opponents, I care not by what name they may call themselves! (*cheers*)

TRAVIS: A major in the Mexican-American War, then he moved to Quincy. Filled Stephen Douglas's seat in the U.S. Senate.

KEITH: Mr. Lincoln says "We will intervene to prohibit slavery in the territories!" The Democratic Party, standing by its time-honored doctrines, says, "Stand off! Non-intervention by Congress with slavery in the territories!" (*cheers*)

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TRAVIS: Elected four more times to the House, then resigned to run for governor of Illinois!

KEITH: For what did you fight your revolution? Was it not for the right to regulate your domestic affairs yourselves? (*cheers.. "Yes! Yes!" as the others stand*)

TRAVIS: Became governor of the Nebraska Territory!

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KEITH: Six years of my life I had the pleasure ...or was it the misfortune.. I don't know which it was (*laughter*) .. of serving in the state legislature with Mr. Lincoln. During that period what measure did he advocate that looked to the interests of the state? Why, he once got a law passed providing for building a toll bridge across the Salt River. (*laughter*) And I hope he will find it necessary to get a steam boat with which to run up the Salt River. But what prominent place has he occupied? He and I took seats in Congress together in 1847, but what was his position there? What great measure did he advocate? He voted to declare the war with Mexico unconstitutional! After these votes Mr. Lincoln went home and his district excused him from serving further in Congress. (*laughter*)

There were some other propositions he made while in Congress and I shall discuss them all. Do not be alarmed. It will not take me long because his record is very short. (*laughter*)

TRAVIS: Then he took Judge Douglas's old seat in the senate, beating fellow Quincyan Orville Browning. No ally of Lincoln's, although they were known to joke in private...maybe about the old days in Quincy.

KEITH: I have exhibited to you the career and the principles of Mr. Lincoln. Do you propose to commit this great government with all its proud memories, with all its bright hopes, into hands such as his? Oh, do not commit this government, the only perfect one on earth, into such dangerous hands! ..Hands that are not able to manage the ship of state!

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TRAVIS: He now rests in Quincy. Woodland Cemetery to be specific.
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You can go a hundred and fifty miles up and down the Mississippi, and Quincy is the only place where the bluff runs right out to the river and the channel is always deep enough for steamboats. And on the day of the debate the boats was makin' regular runs from Hannibal and Keokuk with folks wantin' to see Mr. Lincoln and Mr. Douglas. I was hopin' to see a fight 'cause Missouri's a slave state, you know. And them Iowans...well hell, they'll fight just about anybody. And I shouldn't say it, but there was liquor to be had . . .

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MIKE: To Physicians and invalids! We respectfully beg leave to inform you in our late importations from France we now have pure Cognac Brandy, 38 years old! 12 dollars a gallon. 116 Hampshire Street.

SYLVIA: The Adams house respectfully informs citizens that it has rooms available from 3 to 5 dollars per week.

BOB: Kiss Me Sweetly? Who has not heard of that fine handkerchief extract? A fresh supply received at number 159 Maine Street. W.M. Metz.

LINDA: Balm of a Thousand Flowers gives a delicate perfume to the breath and thoroughly cleanses the teeth, eradicates pimples and freckles and imparts a rosy bloom to the complexion, makes soft and beautiful lather for shaving, removes dandruff and gives a fine gloss to the hair. A bottle costs only fifty cents. D.H. Rice.

BOB: We have on hand, French Brandies, pure Holland gin for medicinal purposes, Jamaica rums, Scotch, Irish, Monongahela, and Rye Whiskeys..

KEITH:Perfect Love Cordials, Stomach bitters, Chateau Lafete wine, and 100,000 imported Havana cigars...

MIKE: ...all of which we will sell by the bottle, gallon, cask or package. E. Fougec and Company

SYLVIA: Wanted: 3000 pounds of Bee's Wax, for which the highest price will be paid. H. H. Hoffman, north side of the square

TRAVIS: Meanwhile, this was gonna be the sixth time the two had tangled and things was gettin' hotter and hotter.

LINDA: *The Monmouth Review*, Democratic..

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BOB: "Lincoln's speech was a personal attack on Douglas and the Democrats! Lincoln dodged the issues before the people! He was coldly received by the small crowd present."

SYLVIA: *The Chicago Press and Tribune*, Republican...

MIKE: "Mr. Lincoln's remarks were elaborate, full, and perfect. The audience was perfectly rapt in their attention!"

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TRAVIS: Mr. Lincoln's friends thought he wasn't lookin' too hopeful . . . said he'd been too soft on Douglas. John Mathers, a brickmaker from Jacksonville who'd never met Lincoln in his life, wrote him a letter tellin'

him to step things up...put some heat on the judge.

KEITH: If Douglass can only succeed in keeping you *defending* yourself all the time he will have accomplished his object. Would it not be better . . . to *cease* and *defend* and occupy the side of the assailant and keep this position unto the close of the fight?"

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TRAVIS: In fact, several of Lincoln's friends urged him to climb onto the podium and attack Douglas. His friend Joseph Mill wrote him...

BOB: "Don't act upon the defensive at all...be bold, defiant, and dogmatic!. In other words, give him hell!"

LINCOLN: John Mathers, Esq.

My dear Sir:

Your kind and interesting letter of the 19th. was duly received. Your suggestions as to placing one's self on the offensive, rather than the defensive, are certainly correct. That is a point which I shall not disregard. I spoke here on Saturday-night . . . and I hope you will perceive in it, that I am already improving. I thank you for your letter; and shall be pleased to hear from you again. Yours very truly A. Lincoln

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DOUGLAS: I have never yet been able to make Mr. Lincoln understand, or can I make any man who is determined to support him, right or wrong, understand how it is that under the Dred Scott decision the people of a Territory, as well as a State, can have slavery or not, just as they please. I believe that I can explain that proposition to all Constitution-loving, law-abiding men in a way that they cannot fail to understand it.

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TRAVIS: It was gettin' nasty and most folks agreed that the Quincy debate was the make-or-break it for Lincoln with only Alton left to go.

LINDA: There'd been reports of violence.

MIKE: In Sullivan a band of noisy musicians were said to have been hired by Mr. Lincoln to drown out Mr. Douglas. A few persons with badges inscribed “A. Lincoln” tried to force their way through the Douglas crowd, and a street brawl broke out.”

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SYLVIA: As they neared Quincy, Douglas was accused of dirty tricks.

BOB: Dear Mr. Lincoln: Within three weeks of the Charleston an embarrassingly rewritten copy of your speech was distributed . . . some ten thousand copies.

KEITH: At Galesburg the students of Lombard College made up a white silk banner with a hand-embroidered wreath and the motto

MIKE: “Presented to Stephen A. Douglas by the students of Lombard University.”

KEITH: A number of young ladies had embroidered on their dresses,

SYLVIA & LINDA: “White Menor None.”

BOB: The campaign was taking its toll on both men. In Galesburg Douglas began to slow down . . . his speech lacked the speed and power of earlier debates. After he finished he wrapped himself in an overcoat and put on a white, wide-brimmed hat and sat down to smoke a cigar.

MIKE: Lincoln rose, took of a light-colored duster covering his black coat. As he passed Douglas, the senator quoted Psalm 13 muttering...

DOUGLAS: “How long, oh Lord, how long?”

BOB: Lincoln answered from Proverbs...

LINCOLN: “The days and years of the wicked are short.”

TRAVIS: But it all came down to slavery . . . Lincoln thought slavery had to be treated as a wrong, otherwise it’d just keep on growin’.

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LINCOLN: That is the real issue. That is the issue that will continue in this country when these poor tongues of Judge Douglas and myself shall be silent. It is the eternal struggle between these two principles – right and wrong – throughout the world. They are the two principles that have stood face to face from the beginning of time; and will ever continue to struggle. The one is the common right of humanity and the other the divine right of kings.

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TRAVIS: ‘Course the two had known each other for a long time...even courted the same girl, Mary Todd. The debate in Quincy was just a drawn-out version of the tussles they used to have over a pot-bellied stove in Springfield. [Music Under]

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LINCOLN: Twenty-two years ago Judge Douglas and I first became acquainted. We were both young then; he a trifle younger than I. Even then, we were both ambitious; I, perhaps, quite as much so as he. With me, the race of ambition has been a failure---a flat failure; with him it has been one of splendid success. His name fills the nation; and is not unknown, even, in foreign lands. I affect no contempt for the high eminence he has reached.

TRAVIS: And Judge Douglas, well he’d done pretty good by himself. [Martial Music under]

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KEITH: 1835, kicked out Hardin to become Morgan County States Attorney...

MIKE: 1836, elected to Illinois House of Representatives...

BOB: 1837, appointed by President Van Buren register of Land Office in Springfield...

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LINDA: 1840, appointed by Governor Carlin of Quincy as Secretary of State...

SYLVIA: 1841, elected by Legislature to Supreme Court, Fifth District, Quincy...

MIKE: 1843, elected to House of Representatives ...

KEITH: 1846, elected by Illinois General Assembly U.S. Senator...

LINDA: 1852, Democratic Presidential candidate, deferred to Franklin Pierce...

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BOB: 1856, Presidential candidate, deferred to James Buchanan...

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TRAVIS: I guess you could say there was some difference between 'em. But on the streets of Quincy, we had plenty else on our minds... **[Music under]**

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BOB: There will be a grand ascension of balloons on the public square on the 13th of October in honor of the day provided the citizens of all parties will subscribe sufficiently to pay for the inflation of the balloons of Dr. Samuel Wilson.

KEITH: Miss Wilson will ascend in one balloon and Dr. Wilson in the other. Subscriptions may be purchased at the *Whig and Republican* and *Herald* office . . .also at the various bookstores and hotels of the city.

SYLVIA: The hour at which the ascension will take place will be duly announced.

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LINDA: There are thousands in the world who would not wear their distempers if they knew they could be cured for 25 cents. Try Ayers pills and you will know it. Purify the blood and the disease will be starved out!

MIKE: Take this best of all purgative for indigestion, weakness, headache, backache, side ache, jaundice, rheumatism, derangements of the liver, kidneys and bowels, and all diseases which a purgative can reach and they will fly before them like darkness before the sun!

SYLVIA: Social Dances. [**Waltz Music under**] Mr. Lars would respectfully give notice that he will give his first practicing party on Friday evening at 7 o'clock in Lomolina's Hall. Tickets admitting a gentleman and two ladies, 1 dollar. Good music will be in attendance.

BOB: Madame Clifton, the World Renowned Fortune Teller! . . . has arrived in this city after practicing in various towns and cities in the United States where she has given satisfaction to all who have consulted her about the Past, Present, and Future!

TRAVIS: Well, I was up to my neck in mud and nickels...truth be known, I didn't care if the debate day ever come, long as I was gettin' rich pushin' buggies out of the muck...I was headed home I heard the cannon go off! Boom! I turned to Stubby, I says, "Dear Lord, we're at war!" and then Boom! The cannon fired again! And Boom! We run fast as our muddy feet would take us down to the train depot to see where the war was startin' and . . . there he was!

[Martial music under]

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SYLVIA: Douglas! (*Much commotion*)

MIKE: Hail Douglas!

BOB: Three cheers for the senator from Illinois! **[Music under]**

ALL: Hip-hip! Hurrah! Hip-hip! Hurray! Hip-Hip Hurrah!

TRAVIS: He had a six-inch cannon mounted on the back of his private train, announcin' his return to Quincy! Douglas had lived here for six years and today he was comin' back in a shout of glory and a cloud of cannon smoke!

DOUGLAS: Citizens of Quincy!

TRAVIS: The Little Giant had come home!

DOUGLAS: Citizens of Quincy.....!

BOB: Give him hell, Judge!

LINDA: He's just like I remembered!

DOUGLAS: My dear Quincy friends!

TRAVIS: But before he could give any speech they swept him up off the train and the parade headed up the hill! **[Music under]** The light from their torches bounced their shadows off the buildings around the square!

BOB: Give him hell, Judge!

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TRAVIS: Around and around the square they marched with Judge Douglas leadin' the way! Seemed like every live body in town was up that night and it was midnight before they delivered him to the Quincy House hotel.

KEITH: Where's Lincoln?

BOB: Turned tail, like as not!

SYLVIA: Could I just talk to the judge?

MIKE: He's had a long day. You just wait . . . tomorrow you'll hear a-

plenty!

TRAVIS: I stayed up all night waitin' for the rest of the show. Mr. Lincoln didn't have his own train like Douglas and didn't come 'til the next day. Douglas had leased "the Palace Car," and it was full of his company...

SYLVIA: . . . two stenographers...

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LINDA: . . . Leonard Volk, a Chicago sculptor who was working on a bust of the Little Giant...

BOB: . . . his two loyal editors, James Sheahan of the *Chicago Times* and Charles Lanphier of the Illinois State Register

TRAVIS: . . . and strung along the side of the baggage car was a banner . . .

KEITH: "S.A. Douglas! The Champion of Popular Sovereignty!"

TRAVIS: . . . and attached to Douglas's car was a flatbed with a baby brass howitzer . . .

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MIKE: . . . nicknamed "Little Doug!"

SYLVIA: : . . . plus two gunners in red militia shirts and wearing cavalry sabers. By the time he'd reached Urbana he'd added four extra cars and another car for his cannon!

TRAVIS: Most of this was courtesy of George McClelland, president of the Illinois Central. And Mr. Lincoln? Well, he had to take the train with us common folks. Heck, he couldn't even get a seat on the train to Charleston. Some say McClelland was in on that, too. Sometimes Lincoln had to stand the whole way. He wasn't near as perky when the train pulled in the next morning.

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LINDA: Lincoln rode in on the train with Carl Schurz. It was the first time he'd met Lincoln:

KEITH: “Although measuring a little over six feet myself, I had, standing quite near him, to throw my head backward in order to look into his face. His melancholy eyes and his freedom from any pretension or superiority made me feel as if I had known him all my life.”

TRAVIS: And so Mr. Lincoln pulled into the Quincy depot.

LINDA: There he is!

BOB: Mr. Lincoln!

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MIKE Hurrah for the choice of the nation,

Our chieftain so brave and so true,

We'll go for the great reformation,

For Lincoln and Liberty, too!

We'll go for the son of Kentucky,

The hero of Hoosierdom through,

The pride of the “Suckers” so lucky,

For Lincoln and Liberty, too!

They'll find what by felling and mauling,

Our railmaker statesman can do;

For the people are everywhere calling

For Lincoln and Liberty, too.

Then up with the banner so glorious,

The star-spangled red, white, and blue,

We'll fight till our banner's victorious,

For Lincoln and Liberty, too.

TRAVIS: The Republican Ladies struck up their chorus!

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TRAVIS: All Mr. Lincoln wanted to do was sit a spell and rest at the home of his friends, Orville and Eliza Browning, but his friends had other plans. Abraham Jonas paraded Lincoln through all the main streets before he had a chance to get his breath. It wasn't near as noisy as the Douglas party, but the mud was the same and I could hardly walk for the nickels in my pockets.

KEITH: From the *Quincy Whig*!

BOB: Douglas arrived Tuesday night and the Douglasites got up sort of a torch light procession to receive him. The thing was a most miserable fizzle. About fifty boys carried torches and the crowd itself did not number more than 200, many of whom were Republicans.

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LINDA: They went to the depot, got Douglas, and brought him up to the Quincy House. Then they assembled at the public square. Douglas was called for but didn't make his appearance.

MIKE: Dr. Bayne addressed the people in attendance but it is generally conceded by the Democrats that he didn't do much for himself or the cause in which he is engaged. So ended the Douglas demonstration.

SYLVIA: The Republican convention formed on Broadway for the purpose of receiving Mr. Lincoln. The streets were thronged with people. Mr. Lincoln was received at the depot and greeted by enthusiastic cheers.

LINDA: The procession then proceeded through the major streets of the city to the residence of Hon. O.H. Browning where a beautiful and elegant banquet was presented by John Tillson, candidate for state senator, on behalf of the Republican ladies of Quincy...

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ALL: O, Columbia! the gem of the ocean,
The home of the brave and the free,
The shrine of each patriot's devotion,
A world offers homage to thee.
Thy mandates make heroes assemble
When Liberty's form stands in view;
Thy banners make tyranny tremble

When borne by the Red, White and Blue!
When borne by the Red, White and Blue!
When borne by the Red, White and Blue!
Thy banners make tyranny tremble
When borne by the Red, White and Blue!

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TRAVIS: (*shouting*) Here they come!

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TRAVIS: Tell you the truth, I never much cared for political talk until there was money to be made by it . . . Lots of folks felt the same way.

KEITH: Mr. A.F.. Boyd who is stopping a day or two at the Quincy House calls the attention of the public to a highly valuable invention which excludes the atmosphere from all liquor on tap.

BOB: Nixon, the fruit man, has just received a large lot of fresh oysters brought by express drive from Baltimore.

SYLVIA: Mr. Solomons, the celebrated Optician from Bond Street, London, has had a series of achievements restoring impaired vision. East side of the

public square, Quincy Illinois, over Maxwell's boot store.

LINDA: The latest novelty from Germany is a musical bed, which receives the weary body and immediately lapses into the song Elysium. (tinkling music)

MIKE: At the head is a clock, the hands of which are placed at the hour the sleeper wishes to arise. When the time arrives, the bed plays a march of Spontani with drums and cymbals and in short, with noise enough to arouse the sleepers. (march music)

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KEITH: Badges of blue ribbon, with "Stephen A. Douglas and Popular Sovereignty" printed on them, may be had of Laage and Barnum, north side of the square, and of W.G. Howard, on Maine Street, west of the Post office.

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BOB: Notice is given that the tax on dogs is due and payable. The authorized killing of all dogs at large will be strictly carried out.

KEITH: Look out for a Swindler! Notice is hereby given to all persons that there is a person who is engaged in the sale of receipts for gold and silver who has swindled me out of \$100. He gives his name as W.C. Jones and claims to reside in Chicago. He is over six feet tall and has sandy hair and whiskers. Anyone who can tell me where he is or where he can be found will grant me a great kindness. E. Wilhelm, Ursa

SYLVIA: I will pay the highest market price for 50 head of well-broke mules between four and seven years old, delivered at my stable in Quincy. J. B. Bennett

TRAVIS: And the same old fights went on in the papers...

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BOB: Women may talk of their inherent rights as much as they please, but they can't overcome nature. They may preach about the equality of the sexes, but they can't overcome facts. Men and oaks were made to be twined,

and women and ivy were made to twine about them.

MIKE: . . . So long as men cling to the vessel, the women will cling to the men! Reformers may prate as they may about equal rights, but can't alter the regulations of God! It is as impossible for women to cut themselves loose from men as it is for steel dust to free itself from its attachment to a magnet.

LINDA: It was announced in the English papers that Queen Victoria has granted a free pardon to a young man named William Craft who was sentenced to six years' imprisonment at hard labor for an assault in kissing a young lady against her will.

TRAVIS: Tell you the truth, I couldn't have gone home that night if I'd of wanted to. Lots of folks in town

KEITH: Crowds of 12,000 expected!

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LINDA: . . . *The Quincy Whig!*

BOB: 20,000 expected in Quincy tomorrow!

SYLVIA: . . . *The Herald.*

TRAVIS: The real count...like the truth with our newspapers . . . was somewhere in the middle. But lots of Quincy folks stayed up all night because . . . Well . . . our mamas had rented out our rooms!

LINDA: Mrs. R. Witter respectfully informs the public that she is prepared to entertain ten boarders with good board one block from the square.

MIKE: Visitors to Quincy will find a pleasant resort at The Albion, East Quincy, where meals can be obtained of superior quality. Porter House Steaks, chops, fresh eggs and chicken are available at any hour.

TRAVIS: And the hoop-la kept up all night!

KEITH: This evening, at 8 o'clock, there will be a grand procession with transparencies, torchlights, music, and live Democrats

MIKE: . . . Live Democrats! . . .

KEITH: . . . formed under the direction of Dr. Wilson, Chief Marshall. Let every Democrat in this city be on hand at the hour.

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TRAVIS: This all started out a lot simpler. Back in July Mr. Lincoln sent a letter to Douglas.

KEITH: Chicago, Illinois., July 24 . . .

LINCOLN: Hon. S. A. DOUGLAS: My dear Sir,—Will it be agreeable to you to make an arrangement for you and myself to divide time, and address the same audiences the present canvass? Your obedient servant, A. LINCOLN.

TRAVIS: It all sounded pretty simple.

BOB: CHICAGO, July 24, 1858.

TRAVIS: But it wasn't.

DOUGLAS: Hon. A. LINCOLN: Dear Sir,—Your note of this date was handed me by Mr. Judd. Recent events have interposed difficulties in the way of such an arrangement. I went to Springfield last week for the purpose of conferring with the Democratic State Central Committee upon the mode of conducting the canvass, and with them, and under their advice, made a list of appointments covering the entire period until late in October. Those appointments have all been made for Democratic meetings.

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TRAVIS: Seems as though Judge Douglas had plans of his own and didn't want Lincoln hornin' in. If the truth be known, Lincoln had spent several months just followin' Douglas around the state and poppin' up to give a

speech the day after the Judge had left town. Heck, Douglas had already paid for the platform to be built . . . Lincoln just hopped up on it for free!

DOUGLAS: It is evident, therefore, that these various candidates, in connection with myself, will occupy the whole time of the day and evening, and leave no opportunity for other speeches.

TRAVIS: He must have thought he was winnin' without the debates... And besides, this campaignin' was an expensive business.

LINDA: Owed by Stephen A. Douglas at every campaign stop for banners, posters, rental, and accommodations

DOUGLAS: Four hundred dollars a stop!

TRAVIS: He had to mortgage his Chicago real estate for \$80,000.

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DOUGLAS: I will, in order to accommodate you as far as it is in my power to do so, take the responsibility of making an arrangement with you . . . to-wit: Freeport, Ottawa, Galesburg, Quincy, Alton, Jonesboro and Charleston. I will confer with you at the earliest convenient opportunity in regard to the mode of conducting the debate. Very respectfully, your most obedient servant, S. A. DOUGLAS.

TRAVIS: My ma used to call this "playing hard to get." My Pap just spit and said, "That's politics."

MIKE: SPRINGFIELD, July 29, 1858.....

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LINCOLN: I agree to an arrangement for us to speak at the seven places you have named, and at your own times, provided you name the times at once, I wish as much time as you, and that conclusions shall alternate. That is all. Your obedient servant, A. LINCOLN.

TRAVIS: You know, it's a wonder the Quincy debate got off the ground at all.

KEITH: BEMENT, PIATT CO., ILL., July 30, 1858.

TRAVIS: Made me wonder that once I quit pushin' folks out of the mud, maybe I'd oughta start sellin' postage stamps.

DOUGLAS: DEAR SIR:— I agree to your suggestion that we shall alternately open and close the discussion. I will speak at Ottawa one hour, you can reply, occupying an hour and a half, and I will follow for half an hour. At Freeport, you shall open the discussion and speak one hour, I will follow for an hour and a half, and you can then reply for half an hour. We will alternate in like manner in each successive place.
Very respectfully, your obedient servant, S. A. DOUGLAS.

BOB: SPRINGFIELD, July 31, 1858.

LINCOLN: Hon. S. A. DOUGLAS: Dear Sir,— Although, by the terms, as you propose, you take four openings and closes, to my three, I accede, and thus close the arrangement.

TRAVIS: Mr. Lincoln knew his arithmetic.

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BOB: Democrats of Illinois! Are you ready for a Fight?

TRAVIS: From that morning's *Herald*. . . .

LINDA: Remember, Democrats, that you are now opposing the Know-Nothing and Black Republican parties! . . . he same that you have met and conquered for years!

KEITH: Republicans! Are any of you now prepared to forget the devotion of your patriotic fathers and wink at the onward march of your common foe?

MIKE: Republicans! Are you ready to march arm in arm to the polls with the opponents who have despised your principles and hated your fathers?

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SYLVIA: Democrats! You see the old enemy . . . old in crime, but new in name. Have you resolved to grapple with him in mortal combat?

ALL: GO TO THE POLLS!

KEITH: For your homes, your firesides, your wives and little ones. Go as you did for years past, cool, collected, and determined!

ALL: GO EARLY!

BOB: That you may catch the same glances from the same men whom you have confronted in many battles!

ALL: STAY LATE!

LINDA: Stay until the polls are closed, until the ballots are counted, until you can shout for the victory that you and your comrades have attained!

TRAVIS: Things was heatin' up and we hadn't even had the first speech of the debate.

BOB: Stark Mad!

TRAVIS: From that morning's *Quincy Whig* . . .

LINDA: The man who got up the report of the proceedings of the meeting of the Camp Point Democratic Club must have considerable music in his soul! He thus states:

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MIKE: "That inasmuch as our distinguished Senator, Stephan A. Douglas, is expected to give us a passing call and a few remarks from the cars on the evening on the 12th, and as a spontaneous flow of Democratic feeling, we light splendid bonfires at his coming, in token of that tumultuous patriotic fire which swells and glows with burning power, ripening well all the affections which ever have and ever will continue to move in consonant harmony, promoting Men of the Age from honor to honor until he be the

recipient of the noblest and highest laurels in the gift of the greatest nation of people on the wide spread earth of their kindred Maker.'

BOB: The man that talks in that style must have a bonfire in his belly, or a crack in his cranium. But that's not all of it. The writer breaks out into flame---thus:

SYLVIA: "On a motion vote, thanks be tendered to the patriotic ladies who aided, by their nimble fingers and mellow hearts, in making our Douglas flag. Long may it wave in sun or spray, far down the ages of the gray, to tell of Douglas-loving lasses."

BOB: The man who got up the proceedings of this meeting is a fair specimen of the Douglas Democracy. There is something wrong in his upper story.

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TRAVIS: There was stuff said on the streets of Quincy that week that'd got my mouth washed out with soap. Strange folks was in town . . . funny accents and foreign-lookin' clothing. Some came by train and some on the steamboats, and some...well . . . I got no idea how they got there. But it was a good thing we had plenty of doctors in Quincy.

LINDA: Nip the Evil in its Bud!

BOB: For the cure of private diseases Dr. Kells is commanding the confidence of the entire West!

TRAVIS: It was gettin' excitin'!

SYLVIA: Dr. Kells is a regular graduate of one of the best medical schools in the world!

TRAVIS: But he never said which one. . .

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KEITH: If you have unfortunately contracted a disease of a private nature, call Dr. Kells at once!

MIKE: If you are in any manner suffering from the consequences of youthful indiscretion, or the abuses of early manhood, do not delay but restored to health, peace and happiness!

TRAVIS: Tell you the truth, I didn't care nothin' about the cure. I just wanted to hear more about the "youthful indiscretion."

BOB: Strangers and others in the city who have but a few days to remain and do not generally wish to be known should call at once!

SYLVIA: Young men, remember premature aging and an early grave!

LINDA: Dr. Kells rooms are at 71 Chestnut Street. Parties at a distance can consult by mail and will receive prompt attention. Particular attention given to all female illnesses.

TRAVIS: And the stories they'd bring to town with 'em! Lord A-mighty!

SYLVIA: From the *Herald*

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BOB: Two citizens of that go-ahead state of Virginia having each about a half dozen children concluded to make a swap of unheard-of character. One proposed to exchange wives, but the other, thinking his wife the most likely woman, said he must have something to boot. It was finally agreed that one should give the other two and a half bushels of potatoes and the swap was made.

TRAVIS: Didn't matter my bed was rented out that night. I couldn't of slept no how. For a couple days Quincy, Illinois, was the center of the universe!

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TRAVIS: But when you're a young kid in a frontier river town that just explodes over night, it was just plain fun! Well . . . things settled down about noon. Judge Douglas settled down in the Quincy House Hotel, and Mr. Lincoln was tryin' to shake off a hard day of train travel at the Browning place. Mr. Browning was at court in Hancock county . . . at least that's what

he claimed. You see, the name of Orville Browning appeared nowhere on the list of Lincoln's welcoming committee. According to Quincy's William Richardson

BOB: Browning will not labor very hard to help Lincoln to a vote.

TRAVIS: Fact is, the Republicans didn't give Lincoln much of a chance in Quincy.

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TRAVIS: Lincoln was feelin' puny, so they say. Mrs. Floyd at the Farmer's Hotel advised him to take a rum vapor. Now we knew that Lincoln wasn't a drinkin' man, but they say he put a towel over his head then bowed down over a pot of steamin' rum to cure his misery. Then he returned to the Browning mansion. Why stay with the Brownings? Well, it all started at the Black Hawk War.

LINDA: Orville Browning

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KEITH: He and I had been previously acquainted, but he then first made the acquaintance of Mrs. Browning. We all boarded at the same house while the legislature was in session. He was very fond of Mrs. Browning's society, and spent many of his evenings, and much of his leisure time, at our rooms.

TRAVIS: You might say it was Eliza that taught Mr. Lincoln the difference between ladies and gents.

KEITH: He was very awkward, and very much embarrassed in the presence of ladies. My dear wife very soon discovered his great merits, and treated him with a certain frank cordiality which put Lincoln entirely at his ease. On this account he became very much attached to her. He used to come to our room, and spend his evenings with Mrs. Browning.

TRAVIS: And I shouldn't tell this since Mr. Lincoln went on to do quite well for himself in Washington . . . but I'll tell it. He once wrote a letter to Mrs. Browning about, .well . . . his love life.

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LINCOLN: It was, then, in the autumn of 1834, that a married lady of my acquaintance, and who was a great friend of mine, being about to pay a visit to her father and other relatives residing in Kentucky, proposed to me, that on her return she would bring a sister of hers with her, upon condition that I would engage to become her brother-in-law.

TRAVIS: The gal's name was Mary Owens.

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LINCOLN: . . . I, of course, accepted the proposal; for you know I could not have done otherwise, had I really been averse to it; but privately between you and me, I was most confoundedly well pleased with the project . . . I had seen the said sister some three years before, thought her intelligent and agreeable, and saw no good objection to plodding life through hand in hand with her.

TRAVIS: Mr. Lincoln's political speeches were a might smoother than his love talk.

LINCOLN: Time passed on, the lady took her journey and in due time returned, sister in company sure enough - This stomached me a little; for it appeared to me, that her coming so readily showed that she was a trifle too willing . . .

TRAVIS: That should have been a hint.

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LINCOLN: . . . and so I concluded that if no other objection presented itself, I would consent to wave this -All this occurred upon my hearing of her arrival in the neighborhood; for, be remembered, I had not yet seen her, except about three years previous....

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TRAVIS: Three years. Lots of things can change in three years, and Mr. Lincoln found that out right quick. Like a political campaign, you might say things got . . . “weighted down.”

LINCOLN: But what could I do?" I was mortified . . . in a hundred different ways. Others have been made fools of by the girls; but this can never be with truth said of me. I most emphatically, in this instance, made a fool of myself.

TRAVIS: He did show his literary learnin', though . . .

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LINCOLN: I find her a fair match for Falstaff. Nothing could have commenced at that size in infancy, and reached her present bulk in less than thirty-five or forty years.

TRAVIS: But it was exactly the fact that Lincoln shied away from small talk with women that made him such a good friend of Mrs. Browning . . . and Mary Todd. And believe it or not, the two women got along just great. Lincoln had come to Quincy a number of times. Once for a wedding reception. Years later the bride wrote

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LINDA: I remember how ugly I thought he was, and much preferred the attention of the younger set. But today I am proud of the honor. I look back with much pleasure when I recall the grand man, President and martyr, as my escort.

TRAVIS: To give you an idea . . . and now this is really somethin' . . . to give you an idea of how Lincoln felt about the Brownings . . . Orville went with Lincoln as far as Indianapolis instead of going to the President's inauguration. He gave Mr. Browning a copy of his address to read over and give his opinion.

LINCOLN: . . . and I ask you not to show it except to Mrs. Browning.

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TRAVIS: But it didn't end there. **[Music under]** When Willy got sick in '62, the Lincoln's summoned the Brownings to the White House. And it was the Brownings who made funeral arrangements when the boy died. Mrs. Lincoln . . . well, she couldn't bring herself to attend the funeral so the Browning's received guests and that night . . . and that night they sat up with young Tad until 2 a.m. The couple had no children of their own but they took in foster kids. The oldest, William . . .

BOB: William Shipley, Tenth 23rd Illinois Infantry Regiment, killed on November 7th at the Battle of Belmont in Missouri. The first Quincy boy to die in the war.

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MIKE: If you look all up our valleys, where the growing
harvests shine,
You may see our sturdy farmer - boys fast forming into
line;
And children from their mothers' knees are pulling at the
weeds,
And learning how to reap and sow, against their coun-
try's needs;
And a farewell group stands weeping at every cottage
door,

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We are coming, Father Abraam, three hundred thousand
more.

Chorus We are coming, we are coming, our Union to re-
store;

We are coming Father Abraam, with three hundred thou-
sand more.

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TRAVIS: And on that Good Friday, 1865, Mr. Browning stopped by Lincoln's office...

LINDA: 7 p.m.

TRAVIS: He waited...

LINDA: 8 p.m.

TRAVIS: Mr. Lincoln had left for Ford's theatre . . . and then it happened . . .

LINDA: 10:20 p.m.

TRAVIS: In less than an hour, Browning's doorbell rang.

KEITH: We were overwhelmed with horror. I truly believe it was the heaviest calamity that could have befallen the country.

TRAVIS: Next morning Mr. Browning went to the White House right after breakfast.

BOB: The autopsy will be held at 11 a.m. in a guest room located in the West Wing on the second floor.

TRAVIS: Orville Browning was the only non-military, non-medical person in the room.

*{A beat.... Then "**The Battle Hymn of the Republic..**"}*

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MIKE: Mine eyes have seen the glory of the [coming of the Lord](#):

He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of
wrath are stored;

He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible

swift sword:

His truth is marching on. [***Music continues under***]

TRAVIS: Eliza's Aunt Catherine lived in Kentucky and was plumb wicked in her dislike for Mr. Lincoln. Aunt or not, Mrs. Browning set her straight . .

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SYLVIA: When I first came to Washington I spent a week at the 'White House.' I had many conversations with the President about the State of things in our Country; and I do think he is one of the Wisest best men of the age. I think we have great reason to thank God that we have Such a man at the head of affairs, at such a time We feel that the South has brought this causeless wicked rebellion on our Country and that it is the duty of the Government to put it down.

LINDA: The Quincy Weekly Whig, 1885.....

BOB: Deceased... Eliza Browning. (*Sylvia sit on her stool*) Perhaps no lady in Illinois was more generally known by citizens of this state than Mrs. Browning. She achieved a national reputation and formed the acquaintance of many distinguished gentlemen who valued and acknowledged her friendship.

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TRAVIS: And none more than Mr. Lincoln. That's why he found himself with his head between his knees in her parlor, towel draped over his head and breathing in the steaming rum. He had a debate coming up and she was determined that he be in top fighting shape. Some say that Judge Douglas was also spending time with the rum that night, but he was doing more than breathing it. Fact is . . . and I probably shouldn't tell this . . . fact is, the Judge's liquor consumption was gettin' mighty liberal by the time he hit Quincy. Lincoln told one of close friends

LINCOLN: At least I do not have to bring my wife along to keep me sober.

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TRAVIS: But even some of Lincoln's closest friends doubted his ability to challenge the nation's top debater. His old friend Isaac Arnold wrote him..

KEITH: "All looks well, our friends are wide awake, but they are looking forward with some anxiety to these approaching joint discussions with Douglas."

TRAVIS: To which Mr. Lincoln replied . . .

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LINCOLN: You and I, as we have traveled the circuit together attending court, have often seen two men about to fight. One of them, the big, or the little giant, as the case may be, is noisy, and boastful; he jumps high in the air, strikes his feet together, smites his fists, brags about what he is going to do, and tries hard to *skeer* the other man. The other says not a word . . . his arms are at his side, his fists are clenched, his teeth set, his head settled firmly on his shoulders, he saves his breath and strength for the struggle. This man will whip, just as sure as the fight comes off.

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TRAVIS: And Judge Douglas, mighty orator that he was, had his own private doubts . . . Much earlier he sent this telegram to Lincoln's former supporter, Usher Linder . . .

DOUGLAS: The hell-hounds are on my track. For God's sake, Linder, come and help me fight them!

LINDA: After that, Linder was always known as "For-God's-Sake-Linder."

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TRAVIS: I guess it was really somethin' if you thought about it . . . Stephen Douglas comin' to Illinois from Vermont at age 20, not a penny to his name, not a friend in sight . . . then a year later practicin' law in Jacksonville. And

today . . . today he had a name known 'round the world and a reputation that Lincoln envied.

LINDA: Lincoln was intensely jealous of him and longed to pull him down or outstrip him in the race for popular favor

MIKE: ---Ward Hill Lamon

TRAVIS: And Mr. Lincoln, he was about the same age when he wandered into Illinois territory, with even less goin' for him. I guess you all know his story. Made me wonder if this poor Quincy boy might want to set his aspirations a bit higher than pullin' folks out-a the mud.

BOB: Here they come!

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LINDA: Waves of Democrats will turn out for Douglas!

KEITH: *The Quincy Herald.*

SYLVIA: Spirited Republican women are on the way!

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MIKE: The Ladies, God Bless Them!

KEITH: *The Quincy Whig.*

LINDA: We expect a large number of private carriages, loaded with *fair freight!*

BOB: A train load of stenographers from the Chicago papers!

SYLVIA: More steamboats from Hannibal!

KEITH: From Keokuk!

LINDA: Thousands! Tens of thousands!

BOB: The balloons! The balloons are goin' up!

ALL: O, Columbia! the gem of the ocean,
The home of the brave and the free!

TRAVIS: And mud! We still had the mud! Nickels and nickels of mud!
[Music under]

SYLVIA: There he is! There he is!

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LINDA: The little giant!

BOB: Where's Lincoln? Where's . . . Lord a-mighty here he comes! Would you take a look at our next senator! My, but ain't he a big-'un!

KEITH: I'm stuck in this damned mud!

TRAVIS: Got a nickel?

MIKE: Get outa my way! They're climbin' onto the platform!

LINDA: Don't push me! Don't

SYLVIA: Hang on! Hang on!

TRAVIS: They'd built a platform so a group of ladies could have a close-up view!

LINDA: Don't push me!

SYLVIA: Hang on, Elizabeth!

BOB: There she goes!

TRAVIS: The platform built to hold the ladies . . . didn't.

KEITH: Get out the way!

TRAVIS: It collapsed just before the debate commenced. No souls..or votes were lost, but it put off the debate for a half hour to attend to the broken boards and reputations. In fact, the same thing happened before the Ottawa debate, dumpin' eight proud souls right on their . . . uh . . . political platforms.

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SYLVIA: Could someone help me out of this mud?

TRAVIS: Hell yes! .

BOB: Hail Lincoln!

KEITH: Take it to him, Judge!

BOB: Hail Lincoln!

KEITH: Take it to him!

LINDA: Here they come!

SYLVIA: What a day! What a glorious day!
(*Much adlib shouting and cheering for the two candidates.*)

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TRAVIS: (*a long beat, then soft music, then*) The Sauk . . . the Fox . . . the Kickapoo . . . they all settled onto this bluff on the Mississippi River and called the place their home. A New Yorker named John Wood came west and bought himself 160 acres from a veteran for sixty dollars. They called the town "Bluffs," then changed it to "Quincy." And right in the center of the town they cleared a piece of green and called it "John Square," you see, that completed the President's name . . . John . . . Quincy . . . Adams county.

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MIKE: She's bounded by the Wabash,
The Ohio and the Lakes,

She's crawfish in the swampy lands,
The milksick and the shakes;
But these are slight diversions
And take not from the joy
Of living in this garden land,
The State of El-a-noy.
So move your family westward, Good health you
will enjoy.
And cross the Shawnee Ferry to the state of Illinois

(as the music continues under)

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But on that October day, Buchanan was President and the square was called . . . Washington. . . 1858 . . . Queen Victoria's daughter Vicky got married, somebody came up with a new invention when they put an eraser on top of a pencil, miners rushed to Colorado when gold was discovered near Pike's Peak, a fellow named Charles Darwin stood up in London and gave a paper on his theory of evolution, Cyrus Field laid the first cable underneath the Atlantic and President Buchanan called the Queen of England to say hello, and in the river town of Quincy, Illinois, the fate of what was to become the world's most powerful nation was about to take shape.

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LINDA: 2:30 p.m.!

TRAVIS: The mud was deep and debate began. (*Music comes up and the lights fade*)

[lights out . . . music up]



The End.

