SNL SHORT SKETCH: NY GIANTS DRAFT NIGHT

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OWNER (Classic billionaire) sits at the head of a large boardroom table. GM (Alpha straight male in a suit) sits to his left. Ten Football Analysts border the room behind GM crunching numbers on their computers. GM is looking highly confused, off-screen to the right of Owner.

OWNER

Everybody. I want to introduce you to my new number two, Fabrizio.

FABRIZIO (Fashionesta, very well dressed; ascot and all) files his nails sitting to the right of Owner. Ten Fashion Analysts border the room behind Fabrizio. One flips through a fashion magazine. Another fixes his hair with a handheld mirror. The rest swipe through social media on their phones. FOOTBALL ANALYST (Strong man in a Giants polo) looks up from his laptop. He is extremely confused by what he sees.

GM

(in shock) New number two?

OWNER

You're still number two in my book?

GM

Am I?

OWNER

Tell you what, since you're already talking why don't you start us off?

GM

Uh. Ya, I know last season didn't go how we wanted. But, I think we really have an opportunity to start the next chapter in Giants history here tonight.

OWNER

That's what I like to hear.

GM

(with regained confidence)

I think we all agree, we need more points on the board. And best way to do that is obviously drafting a quarterback.

OWNER

You thinking Arch Manning? From Texas?

Arch Manning's profile pops up on the TV screen. His height, weight, and other metrics fill the left of the screen. The right of the screen showcases a collage of in-game photos.

OWNER (CONT'D)

I like Arch.

GM

But... we did have the 2nd worst defense last year. Womack from University of Mississippi could really help on that front.

Womack's profile pops up on the screen.

ELI MANNING (O.S.)

The University of Mississippi.

Camera reveals ELI MANNING (Self) is sitting at the other end of the table, opposite of Owner.

GM

Uh, I don't think so.

ELI MANNING

I went there, so ya. That's what I told them they should call it now.

OWNER

Eli, thanks for coming in for this. Would really like your input here but let's make sure to keep any bias out of this. I know you played for Mississippi too.

ELI MANNING

The University of Mississippi. And you don't have to worry about that. I vote Arch. No bias there.

Arch's profile comes back up on the screen.

OWNER

Let's take it around the room. We're up first so lets make sure to lock this in. Analysts, what do y'all think?

FOOTBALL ANALYST

Defense wins...

ELI MANNING

Not chicks. Ha.

Eli tries to high five some of the other Football Analysts.

FOOTBALL ANALYST

Championships. Defense wins championships. I vote Womack.

Womack's profile pops back up on the screens. SECRETARY (young intern) is frustrated having to switch back and forth between the profiles. Fabrizio dramatically stands up. He slowly walks up to the TV screen. The Football Analysts look up from their laptops, also confused. Fabrizio checks his reflection in the TV to adjust his ascot and hair.

FABRIZIO

(to Owner)

You get my DM?

OWNER

(looking at phone)

Moriette?

GM

(Intense)

DM? Y'all DM? And who's Moriette?

GM looks around to his analysts who also have no idea. Secretary takes off Womack's profile from the screens and leaves up a blank profile page.

OWNER

I do like Moriette.

FABRIZIO

It's obvious.

SECRETARY

We're on in 3 minutes.

GM

Wait, you can't be serious.

Moriette's profile finally pulls up on the TVs. Replacing the football stats are his social profiles and follower counts. His photos are him dressed to the nine in recent 'game-day walk-in' fits.

GM (CONT'D)

Who is that?

FABRIZIO

The black leather jacket? Gucci. The classic slim fit wool silk leather blend pants? Tom Ford. The alligator leather shoes are... sorry I'm blanking here. Prada or Louis?

Fabrizio looks to his analysts.

FASHION ANALYST

Prada, sir.

GM

What?

FABRIZIO

Prada. Don't worry, your wife probably doesn't even know who Prada is.

The Fashion Analysts ooh and awe like a punch was thrown. This upsets the Football Analysts.

OWNER

I like his profile.

GM

Profile?? Where are those gameday tunnel pictures even from? He hasn't played ball since middle school.

FABRIZIO

Gm? Scoff. Darling, please. Playing ball has you in last place with a locker room full of mismatched plaids.

GM

Well, what data do you have to back this up?

FASHION ANALYST

Data? Ha. How about this data. Your defense is currently 2nd to last in the... Western... Grouping... Of... logos.

Football Analysts stands up ready to fight. Fabrizio scolds Fashion Analyst.

FABRIZIO

(intense)

Francois!

(calmly)

The data will come from your brand. These men. Players if you will. We're not paying them millions of dollars to wrestle in the grass. We're paying them to play with... leather. Moriette understands that. He's not a player. He's a leather worker.

GM

Where'd y'all even find this character?

FASHION ANALYST

The apps, sir.

FABRIZIO

Ahhh, yes. I believe...

Fabrizio begins to motion to Owner who is subtly but quickly shaking his head. Fashonieata quickly moves his point to a random fashion analyst.

FABRIZIO (CONT'D)

That's right... Timmy here matched with him on the apps. He's been on our radar ever since.

Two Football Analysts quietly pull out their phones to look for Moriette on the apps.

ELI MANNING

I'm on the Youtube app.

Fabrizio waves his hands dismissing Eli's comment.

FABRIZIO

We need more though. How can we expect them to throw the pigskin if they aren't arriving in it. Taking pictures in it. Making love in it.

SECRETARY

Commissioner is on the line. He wants to know who we choose.

GM

Sir, please. Choose Arch. Eli. Help me out, man.

Arch's profile pops back up.

ELI MANNING

Right! Ok. No bias, just facts. Arch... his form is just so pure. Reminds me of when he was just a kid throwing the nerf football in my backyard. Just a natural.

A notification pops up on the screen. It's a new picture of Arch in his luxe draft night outfit.

FABRIZIO

Eli, shhh shhh shhh. Who is this... hunk of a man?

ELI MANNING

That's Arch. I think he's our guy.

FABRIZIO

I know why you want him. A smokestack this one.

ELI MANNING

What? No. Just a fundamentally good football player. Take his footwork. We ran ladder drills every Thanksgiving and he ran laps around his cousins. Peyton's kids, they're smart but they've got slow feet. Runs on their side of the family.

FABRIZIO

This Peyton person is an unknown and bores me. Getting dirty playing football as a kid though, that's sad. We can work with that. From dirt to designer.

ELI MANNING

No, no, I'm trying to say...

Fabrizio clicks his tongue rudely interrupting Eli.

FABRIZIO

Archie... He's not just a quarterback... is he?

Eli finally realizes this is his 'in'. He leans back in his chair, confident.

ELI MANNING

You're right Fabricko. Arch is a visionary. A... designer if you will. The field... his runway.

GM stares, mouth agape.

FABRIZIO

He's perfect.

A tear rolls down Fabrizio's face.

ELI MANNING

So... we agree, Arch then?

GM leans forward to speak but Eli quiets him assuring him he's in control.

SECRETARY

Sir, we need an answer.

OWNER

Fabrizio?

FABRIZIO

Give me the designer boy from Texas!

GM looks over at Eli completely baffled by what just happened but relieved they got what they wanted.