

SUB-LEBRITY by Leon Acord

Excerpt

I'd never listened to "Two Chicks Talkin' Politics" before. But some friends had, and they urged me to reconsider. Sheena was a big-hearted liberal, but she was also soft-spoken and new age-y. Susan [Olsen] was a loud, rabid Trump fanatic. I was walking into a trap, they warned.

I checked out Cindy's – I mean, Susan's – Facebook page. Whoa.

While I felt confident I could hold my own, I shared my concerns with Sheena. She promised she would moderate and not allow the discussion to de-evolve into a shouting match. While it had at times been difficult to continue the show with Susan, she said, she had lots of practice dealing with her good friend. Nonetheless, Sheena told me she expected me to "play nice."

Before the show, I crammed on the facts like a pre-law student studying for the bar exam.

I arrived at the LA Talk Radio studios prepared and calm. Sheena greeted me in the lobby. She warned me Susan invited a friend – a fellow Trump fanatic – to appear on the show opposite me for "balance." Uh oh. Instead of interviewing me about my thoughts on politics, they clearly wanted me to debate politics.

I suddenly felt like Rosie O'Donnell on her last day at *The View*.

Sheena walked me into the booth and introduced me to Susan's friend. We waited for Susan, who was dangerously close to being late.

Susan eventually rushed into the booth in a flurry, a fountain of apologies. Migraines had caused her to oversleep, she said – never mind that it was just shy of 5 p.m. She didn't hear her alarm because she'd been sleeping in a metal helmet that Larry King's wife had given her. Mrs. King guaranteed sleeping in the helmet would rid her of headaches, Susan explained – but it just wasn't working!

As the "On Air" light switched on, I thought to myself, Cindy Brady is nuts.