

NaSkeWriMo Showcase  
"Why France Hates Us"  
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**INT. ELYSEE PALACE (FRENCH WHITE HOUSE) - DAY**

(JULES, FREDERIC)

FRENCH PRESIDENT JULES GREVY IS AT HIS DESK WITH SCULPTOR  
FREDERIC AUGUSTE BARTHOLDI. THE YEAR IS 1886.

JULES  
(french accent)

So, Frederic, let me get this  
straight, you delivered the 150 ft  
Statue of Liberty to the United States  
and they say nothing?

FREDERIC  
(french accent)

Oui, President Grevy. They said  
nothing.

JULES

They - you mean - President Grover  
Cleveland said nothing.

FREDERIC

Oui. Initially.

JULES

Okay, then what?

FREDERIC

Well, then I was like "You're welcome"  
and sort of lifted up my eye brow like  
this.

LIFTS UP EYEBROW

JULES

Ooh.

FREDERIC

And, he sort of shook his head like  
"what?" So I added "...for the statue"

JULES

Oui, and then?

FREDERIC

And then he says like this "Thanks?"  
like it is a question.

JULES

So, like he was not even sure why he  
should be saying "thanks"?

FREDERIC

Oui.

JULES

I don't get it. Someone gives me a  
copper statue worth over half a  
million dollars, you should have the  
decency to say "thank you." This is  
1886 for chrissakes!

FREDERIC

I would. It took me a long time to  
sculpt it. Copper is not an easy  
material.

JULES

I can only imagine. So, after he said  
"thanks?"-

FREDERIC

Like it was a question-

JULES

Oui, like a question, did they GIVE  
YOU anything?

FREDERIC

No, nothing.

JULES

So, we just gave the United States a  
gift of colossal proportions and we  
get nothing back?

FREDERIC

No. I even had to take my OWN boat  
back!

JULES

So, maybe (pause) they just don't like  
it.

FREDERIC

But, that's just it, they loved it.  
They even put it up in the New York  
harbor on an island now called Liberty  
Island.

JULES

Well, then they like it.

FREDERIC

They love it.

JULES

Then why wouldn't he say so?

FREDERIC

Maybe it's just all so new.

JULES

I don't like them.

FREDERIC

Them?

JULES

Oui. President Cleveland and all the rest of them.

FREDERIC

Well, come on, sir.

JULES

No, I don't like them and neither do you...or any one in France.

FREDERIC

That seems a bit harsh.

JULES

(angerly)

Are you defending them?

FREDERIC

No. Sir.

JULES

Good. Now, we should order the men to attack tonight.

FREDERIC

What men?

JULES

The squad of soldiers we stuffed  
inside the statue. They attack at  
midnight!

JULES STARTS TO SET HIS WATCH

FREDERIC

Oh. Oops. About that -

JULES

You forgot to stuff the statue with  
soldiers?

FREDERIC

Well, I thought the United States  
would say "thank you"

JULES

We just gave the United States a half  
a million dollar gift for nothing?  
They are going to look at us like we  
are pussies!

BLACKOUT.