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Opening Scene

Fade In
Camera zooms in on a mansion in the Hollywood Hills. Flashes to different scenes (people gathered in a bar, a couple huddled in front of the TV). Cut scene showing last years' winners, John and Nicole.

John and Nicole are in their late thirties. He is African American. Neat trimmed mustache and beard. She is Japanese American.

INT. LOUNGEROOM OF MANSION: DAY

John and Nicole are sitting on a white leather sofa, sat close together.

JOHN
We cannot tell you enough how much being on the show changed our lives.

Flash scene in B&W to John and Nicole a year ago.

JOHN V.O.
Life was no pretty picture. We struggled man, we have to tell ya. The place I worked at for 5 years was closing, and without my income, we were in for some tough times.

Cut scene: John is working in a car detailing workshop. He looks frustrated, and cannot focus on his job. We see him talking to an older man wearing overalls. The owner has told John that the business is closing and John will be finishing at the end of the week. The owner walks off and we see John toss the spanner on the floor and walk off (slow motion with music effect).

NICOLE V.O.
Our marriage – was headed for disaster. The closeness we once had was gone, and with the debts piling up, and the mortgage, it seemed that there was nothing we could do.

Cut Scene: INT. KRIBER AND JONES LAW FIRM.
We see Nicole sitting in the reception area. Her resume in hand, and she is looking around at the small office. She is applying for a job as a part time receptionist. She looks at the brunette receptionist who is talking on the phone. Nicole has a look of hope in her eyes.

NICOLE V.O.

Work was hard to find in our town of 20,000 people. I had applied for any job I could do, just to make the monthly bill payments. But nowhere was hiring.

Cut Scene: We see Nicole leave the law office. She is upset. Camera follows her down the street then we watch as she gets on a bus.

Cut Scene: Present.

JOHN
Yeah. Life is pretty hard for us.

John pats Nicole on the leg and smiles at her

INT. KITCHEN. FLASHBACK

Nicole is sat at kitchen table. John is standing. Bills are on the table. They are arguing. They look hopeless, despaired.

NICOLE V.O.
Our marriage was headed for disaster. The years we had been married, and that intimacy we once had was gone. The bills were piling up, our mortgage was on the verge of foreclosure. It seemed that we had no hope

Flash Scene in B&W. Nicole sitting on steps outside their house crying

JOHN V.O.
Seriously, our marriage needed help. Just when it looked like our marriage would end in divorce, a friend of ours put our names in to be on the show.

Dissolve back to Mansion. We see John and Nicole, happy, with life in their eyes. They have hope and belief again.

JOHN
So there we were, wondering what steps we would take next, then we got the call.

INTERVIEWER
From the studio

NICOLE
Right.

JOHN
We were hesitant to come on the show, ya know, but, we ah, talked about it and decided to give it a shot. At that time, we had nothing to loose as we had already lost everything. So what harm could it do to try.

Nicole nods in agreement and smiles

NICOLE
At first we were skeptical about the whole show, but then we saw the actual show. We got to *live* the lifestyle for a year.

She is crying in happiness.

NICOLE (continued)
Thank you KQA, you really made a difference in our life.

Audience applause. FADE OUT.

DISSOLVE TO EXT. MANSION

We see the host of the show Nathan Hopkins standing in front of the mansion. He is mid thirties. Dressed in jeans, t-shirt and brown bomber jacket.

Camera slowly zooms in.

NATHAN
Welcome America to the new season of King & Queen of America. The show where couples have the chance to change their life forever. I'm your host, Nathan Hopkins.

In this season we will meet couples from all walks of life, from the farmer to the model. Each week, our couples will compete in a series of competitions, to battle off to become the next King & Queen of America.

A coveted title, where one couple will get to live in this mansion for a year, a $500,000 cash payment, and all the luxuries that go with it.

While it will be a life changing experience for one lucky couple, for others it will be heartbreak.

Last year we saw John and Nicole from Ohio take out the coveted title. Who will win this season?

(Pause)

Welcome to The King & Queen of America.

Camera zooms away from the host and then in on the mansion.
(Interlude Music)

DIRECTOR YELLS CUT

GRAPHIC UP: "KING & QUEEN OF AMERICA".

EXT. MANSION. BACKYARD

We see all the new couples and the previous year winners in the backyard. There is a small party going on. Long tables, covered in white linen tablecloths; We see a chef standing behind one of the hot food bay maries, and a waitress walking around with a bottle of champagne, topping up people's drinks.

Contemporary Music is being played by a band. Everyone is dressed in their best attire. Nathan is standing on the landing of the stairs. Glass of champagne in hand, and standing one either side of him, John and Nicole.

John is dressed in white collared shirt, tie, and dress trousers, etc. Nicole is wearing an elegant black sequin dress, black stockings. Her hair is tied in pony-tail.

Nathan taps his glass with a spoon and gets the attention of the crowd. The contestants gather around at the base of the stairs and wait for him to speak.

NATHAN
Ladies & Gentlemen welcome everyone to The Mansion. You are about to embark on a journey of discovery, where each week you will compete in series of competitions and eliminations in the quest to become the next King & Queen of America.

Couples all look around at their competition. They all know what is at stake.

NATHAN
These competitions will test your skills, your intelligence, your stability, and even put your relationships to the test, as one by one you will face extreme danger and the choice to walk away or continue.

Each week, our panel will judge your overall performance and each week, one couple will be saying goodbye, while the others will go onto the next level. In this series, there are no immunity, and no second chances. If you are eliminated you will walk away with nothing.

For today ladies and gentlemen, enjoy the food and entrainment that we have put on, for tomorrow the challenges begin.

Good luck everyone, and may the best win.

Camera shot of everyone looking at one another. The camera pans out as Nathan walks away, leaving the contestants standing awkwardly. They know what is at stake. At any given time any one of them can be eliminated. The tension is high.