[authoritarian.GetLeaderTitle] [authoritarian.GetName] held a major speech, broadcast on all major communication channels, today. In it, [authoritarian.GetSheHe] came very near to expressing treasonous ideas: [authoritarian.GetSheHeCap] painted a picture of the [root.GetName] beset by challenges whilst the government, feeble and divided, stood by helplessly and did nothing. To solve this state of affairs, [authoritarian.GetSheHe] espoused the need for a new form of government, with a stronger executive - one capable of making the tough decisions required to restore [root.GetSpeciesAdj] greatness. [authoritarian.GetSheHeCap] hinted that, if the government failed to act, "concerned, patriotic citizens" would have to take matters into their own hands.\n\nSince then, [authoritarian.GetName] has been lying low. [authoritarian.GetHisHerCap] whereabouts are unknown, but [authoritarian.GetSheHe] left a heavily encrypted message apologising for the secrecy, but explaining that [authoritarian.GetSheHe] fears for [authoritarian.GetHisHer] life in the current political climate. [authoritarian.GetSheHeCap] also left details on how to contact [authoritarian.GetHimHer] if we were to "see reason".\n\nHow should we act?

A. Arrest the traitor!

B. Demand an explanation.

C. [authoritarian.GetSheHeCap] is right! (Step down, shift to authoritarian)

D. Ignore [authoritarian.GetHimHer].

A) a- The Intelligence Services were able to track down and arrest [authoritarian.GetName]. [authoritarian.GetSheHeCap] is now on trial for treason against the state. Hopefully this is the last we hear of this matter."

b- Our intelligence services have failed to track down [authoritarian.GetName]. [authoritarian.GetHisHerCap] whereabouts - and current activities - are unknown. Who knows what [authoritarian.GetSheHe] is plotting?

(Diplo event)

B) "I'm sorry, [root.GetLeaderName]... but it is the simple truth, and it was my duty to speak it. I will not hesitate to act to safeguard the future of the [root.GetSpeciesAdj] state."

->Arrest the traitor / keep him talking / be watchful

a) Same as A)

b) “Know that I have been planning this for a long time. Your only chance of saving face is to step down and let more able hands take over.”

1- Not a chance. Arrest the traitor!

2- Maybe [authoritarian.GetSheHe] is right…

c) Conspiracy uncovered

D) Some more alarming stuff later

At some point if not resolved before: "Conspiracy!" (Should have one version where you uncover it before, one where you only learn of it when they strike)

Expanded scandals:

-Corruption of random 2 non-ruler leaders ('funnelling funds into off-world bank accounts / asteroid tax havens')

-Pacifists - ruler plotting wars??? Militarists - ruler abhors the concept of war, it is only through the force of will of his councillors that the empire is able to make war at all?

-Democracy - ruler has royal ambition; has recently been demanding extra uncalled for pomp. Is arrested?

Erm...how about unearthing, that a capitalist leader is giving out charity through a secret company he funds?

for the first one, the problem I see is I can't imagine how it could be seen as bad... hmm, do you think it would be possible for an inherently autocratic society to hate the idea of charity and helping the weak?

'ruler is an escaped slave'

‘switched at birth’

“ruler found braindead and be controlled by a parasitic xenos” (event chain starting off with the choice by the xenos to install the parasite

[root.GetRulerTitle] [root.GetRulerName] does not Believe!

Belief in religion and the spiritual world has always been at the heart of [root.GetSpeciesAdj] society... Which is why society is shocked to the core by the revelation that [root.GetRulerTitle] [root.GetRulerName] does not share these beliefs. Indeed, [root.leader.GetSheHe] was caught on tape deriding key tenets of the [root.GetSpeciesAdj] religion and boasting at how easy it was to manipulate ‘fools who believe in magic’. Religious leaders have moved swiftly to denounce [root.GetRulerName], and have demanded that [root.leader.GetSheHe] be deemed unfit to lead the [root.GetName]. Many citizens have rallied behind these calls. However, the [root.GetRulerTitle]’s supporters have rallied around [root.leader.GetHimHer], pointing out that [root.leader.GetSheHe] has been one of the [root.GetName]’s most capable leaders ever, and is well-respected among [root.leader.GetHisHer] peers on the galactic stage.\n\nWhat should be done about the situation?

1. Religion is for fools. We must abandon superstition. (Shift ethic, ‘spiritualists will be unhappy’)
2. Maybe we can work out a ceasefire. (Tooltip: [root.GetRulerTitle] [root.GetRulerName] will stay silent about religion if religious leaders will stay silent about [root.leader.GetHimHer]. Spiritualists get -10% happiness, you get -25% influence.
3. [root.GetRulerName] must step aside.

I can’t resist it. If A):

To [root.GetRulerName] (we no longer recognise the title you take),

We hereby declare your excommunication from all [root.GetSpeciesAdj] religious institutions. Furthermore, following a unanimous vote, the Council has decreed that you are hereby officially damned to Hell. May our forefathers’ spirits have mercy on you.

the Grand Council of Spiritual Affairs

(Effects: Ruler damned to Hell (-15% spiritualist happiness), -10% citizen happiness, -50% unity)