

MADELYN and HEATHER exit. JIM and KEENAN enter.

START

JIM

So listen, man: you ever been to an OSU game? Because I could totally set you up—

KEENAN

Oh, I'm not really a big Ohio State guy.

JIM

I don't get it. What do you mean? We live in Ohio, so why—?

KEENAN

Right. Well, I mean, we live in Michigan, technically. Me and Madelyn. We uh—.

JIM

Get the fuck out.

KEENAN

It's, I mean, just across the—. Borders, right, who really, y'know? Cares about artificial, like—?

JIM

I opened my house, and my lake house, to a Michigander. I showed you my guns.

KEENAN

It's no big deal.

JIM

I'm processing this, bro. Whew. Wow. It's like finding out you're a criminal or something. Finding out you're like a socialist.

KEENAN

Am a little bit of a socialist, actually.

JIM

Slow down, buddy. Shit. But at least you're not a U of M guy, that's something.

KEENAN

Right. Well. U of M is where I work, but.

JIM

You said... I thought you said you worked at like some kind of a, what? Research something?

KEENAN

Yeah yeah, but... it's on the campus, I'm a, I'm a U of M employee technically, so.

JIM

...I don't think this is gonna work out.

KEENAN

Ha! Ha! You're not joking though.

JIM

Just don't think I can make it work with someone who roots for the blue.

KEENAN

Who roots— . Oh, you're talking, what, about football or something. No no no. No worries, Jim, I couldn't care less about college football. I don't, I don't root.

JIM

Well that's weird too. Better than backing Michigan though. So, if I say to your face that the U of M football program is shit?

KEENAN

No effect, I have no problem with that. Rolls — right off.

JIM

And Michigan fans are a bunch of pussies? Bunch of toothless pussies?

KEENAN

I, that's fine.

JIM

Good 'cause I gotta tell you, friend, the Wolverines, all due respect, suck a bag of balls.

KEENAN

Not going to argue.

JIM

That whole side of the stadium it's like they all got lobotomies, y'know what I'm saying? Drooling over their blue-and-yellow face paint into their mukluks, uuuuurghhhh...

KEENAN

Getting, I mean, getting a little relentless at this point, but—

JIM

It's like "Go on back to your deer blind, you yoooper retard!"

KEENAN

See honestly I don't know if I can...

JIM

Sorry, sorry, I get excited, it's just because your boys are literally the worst team in football history.

KEENAN

Okay. I mean, obviously that's not actually true, but not my boys so—

JIM

Oh, it's true, it's two hundred percent true. Three hundred percent true!

KEENAN

I no, I get your point, mathematics notwithstanding, but it's not though, "literally," I mean, they're not "literally" the worst—

JIM

Oh but they are. Oh but they are sir. They are literally turds in shoulder pads.

KEENAN

—THEY'RE NOT THOUGH. I'm sorry. But just—words mean things, and they're not "literally" any of these things—

JIM

They literally don't even know how to play the game.

KEENAN

Literally they do, they do know the rules, you don't have to like them but I mean I have it on good authority they're actually kind of good at it sometimes...

JIM

Oh here we go.

KEENAN

Not that this is the point but obviously they know the *game*—

JIM

It's coming out. It's coming out now.

KEENAN

It's not, nothing's coming out, I don't care about football—

JIM

Sounds like you care.

KEENAN

About *language*, sure, I care, and what's *true* and *false*, and if you—

JIM

Bet if I cut you you'd bleed blue, wouldn't you, you blue-bleeding sonofabitch...

KEENAN

It's just you can't just keep, you can't keep saying things that are *wrong*, regardless of...

JIM

Alright. It's on.

KEENAN

It's on, what—? Is on...?

JIM seizes him in a headlock.

Grappling.

Oh! Oh no! Oh no no!

JIM

I say O-H, you say I-O! Got it? O-H! O-H! Say it! Say it, man!

KEENAN

What, what are you *talking* about—? Ow, ow, ow!

END

They stagger off.

5.

Early evening. HEATHER looking at the water. KEENAN approaches.

HEATHER

—Your neck feeling better?

KEENAN

Yeah. Yeah. Took a Motrin.

(beat)

The water's beautiful.

HEATHER

It really is.

KEENAN

Particularly when there aren't any drowning kids thrashing around in it.