

*Warrior I, Warrior II on each side,
etc.) but that's almost imperceptible
— they're doing it together, two
bodies on the same wavelength.
Silence.
Then:*

HEATHER
Can I say—? The first time we met? I never would have predicted this.

MADLYN
I know, right?

HEATHER
I mean, I assumed we'd get along—

MADLYN
Oh, I didn't.

HEATHER
But I never would have believed we'd get so...

MADLYN
Close. I barely believe it now. But Heather, you are nothing like I expected.

HEATHER
You too.

MADLYN
When we met, I thought, "There's no way we'll ever come together. On anything."

HEATHER
I'd assumed we'd be more alike — I sort of thought you'd be just like another version of me.

MADLYN
Mm, and then I walked in.

HEATHER
I felt so bad for you, in your situation, you must have been so scared.

MADLYN
I was, I was so scared.

HEATHER
You poor thing, all I wanted to do was fix everything for you.

START

MADELYN

You were really sweet...

HEATHER

I mean, it was really hard for us too.

MADELYN

I know! I didn't really get that though, then, I couldn't see past my own—. I was just so, aagh, blinkered or—. But I kind of think that— This is going to sound silly, I was never going to say this to you, but I feel like you might—. It almost seems like, people are, there's this canyon, and your friends and our friends, and our baby's like a golden key— I'm not saying this right... but I mean think about it: that first night we met, we didn't know what to expect, I was actually geared up for conflict, and then you said you were willing to do this thing for us—

HEATHER

You must have been so relieved to find out we were pro-life.

MADELYN

...what?

HEATHER

You must have been so relieved to find out we were pro-life.

MADELYN

...I don't remember finding out, I don't remember ever talking, about—

HEATHER

Well I mean, well sure, I mean, when I said I would carry and deliver your baby?

MADELYN

Mm yeah, I—and thank you, again—but what does that have to do, with...? The like political...?

HEATHER

I, obviously, because I wasn't going to... Because I was going to carry and deliver—

MADELYN

Because, you're saying, if you were pro-choice that means you'd have had an abortion instead?

HEATHER

Well, yeah?

Heather. I'm pro-choice. MADELYN

Well then...? I guess...? It's a good thing our situations weren't, you know, switched? HEATHER

Heather! MADELYN

At some point around here, or thereafter, one of them probably stops doing yoga and the other probably follows suit.

I'm confused, what are we arguing about? HEATHER

If our positions were reversed I absolutely would not have gotten an abortion! MADELYN

Thanks? HEATHER

Why would I have gotten an abortion? MADELYN

Because you're... not pro-life and so... why wouldn't you? HEATHER

Why *wouldn't* I? MADELYN

I mean if you think abortion is okay... and abortion is what you do with an unwanted pregnancy, then... why not? HEATHER

~~(on)~~
~~Hey we're back!~~

~~SHM~~

~~SHM and KEENAN enter, both in full
hunting regalia, safety orange, the
white bit~~

~~Did not get shot.~~

~~KEENAN~~

~~JIM~~~~He didn't shoot anything either, though.~~~~KEENAN~~~~So it's a win-win!~~

MADELYN

But it's not an unwanted pregnancy.

HEATHER

By the woman who's carrying the baby, absolutely it is. Do you know what this does to my—everything? We probably aren't going to be able to have another kid after this, you know that? That's not going to work out for us.

MADELYN

What I'm saying is—and, and I'm sorry, by the way, I didn't know that and let's talk about that and I'm sorry—I'm saying that being pro-choice doesn't mean just running around aborting everything in sight. Hey, a little free time, maybe I can squeeze in a little recreational aborting.

HEATHER

Don't be horrible.

~~JIM~~~~Dude, what the hell did we walk in on here?~~~~KEENAN~~~~Yeah I kinda want to go~~

MADELYN

I can't believe — I thought I knew who you are but—

HEATHER

You do, you know who I am.

MADELYN

Knew it was a mistake, we're doing things together, spending all this *time*, I'm opening up — I don't open up to people! I don't *connect*! But here I am, I'm connecting with *you*? — "Come here, Madelyn, fill my screen!" — but we're not, I mean, we're not *friends*.

HEATHER

Sure we are.

MADLYN

I said. The very first night, to Keenan I said, "We should sit down first thing and tell each other everything we believe, just get it out there."

HEATHER

So if that first night you'd made me sit there and talk about how I think, what, that the idea that people cause global warming is just silly...

MADLYN

Right right, then I would've seen, what you are, and we never—

HEATHER

Then we never would've been friends?

MADLYN

We never *were* friends! But then we never would've made the mistake of *thinking* we were friends! I could've just—

HEATHER

You could've what? Just written me off?

~~KEENAN~~

~~Madelyn, I think if you take a step back we could do an agree-to-disagree thing here~~

~~MADLYN~~

~~Oh my God, I'm going to listen to you, dressed like that? It's like taking advice from Elmer Fudd!~~

~~KEENAN~~

~~...I had it on good authority that I look sort of badass.~~

~~JIM~~

~~Look totally badass, dude. Don't let anybody tell you different.~~

~~MADLYN~~

~~You look like a traffic cone!~~

HEATHER

Madelyn, you're not making sense, there's no reason we couldn't we be friends.

MADLYN

There's a chasm, Heather. There's a moat. We can't cross the moat! We can't cross the moat! I thought we were on the same side. Thought we could trust you. But — oh, no...

~~KEENAN~~

~~Idiot...~~

Ohhhh see I *knew* it I *knew* it. MADELYN

Knew what? HEATHER

I knew that you want to keep this baby! MADELYN

Madelyn, no... HEATHER

~~Okay, why don't we put a pin in this...~~ ~~KEENAN~~

You want it to be yours, you want to keep it. Don't lie, don't lie to me! MADELYN

Yes, of course I want to keep it! HEATHER

A-ha! Keenan, I told you! MADELYN

It's with me every day, every minute, Madelyn, all night she's inside me. Every time she moves I feel it, when she has hiccups—. You've never been pregnant, you don't— HEATHER

Oh that's fantastic. MADELYN

She's mine, of course I feel that, every second of every day I feel that she's mine. HEATHER

I knew you wanted to take this from us, see Keenan, I knew we should have signed something— MADELYN

I'm not going to take her from you. I would never. HEATHER

After everything you just said, you expect me to believe you'd just hand her over? MADELYN

HEATHER

Yes. I know she's not mine. Not ours. She feels like she is but I know she's not, she's yours.

MADLYN

Even with everything you feel and even though you think we're part of everything that's ruining America? You think we're ruining America and you think we're going to hell.

HEATHER

Oh, n—
Well...

MADLYN

Then how could you just—?

HEATHER

Because I have to. Because I have to. Because I have to.

MADLYN

See, see. See. All this time I've been trying to meet you halfway —

HEATHER

Are you kidding me?

MADLYN

— trying to understand you and the whole time you just see me as some kind of a stereotype—

HEATHER

I see *you*...?

MADLYN

And meanwhile here you are, you're this right-wing Christian, this—you've got your truck and your guns, and all this time you're looking at me and all you see, all you see—

HEATHER

What? Someone who listens to NPR, who clicks "like" every time she sees a gay marriage announcement online? Someone who eats — what is the stuff, I can't remember, don't pretend, Madelyn, don't pretend you don't know what I'm talking about, don't pretend you don't know what it's called, what is it called, what is it called Madelyn?

MADLYN

...quinoa. It tastes good!!

HEATHER

I *know* it tastes good! It tastes good every time we eat it at home and call it oatmeal!

END