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APRIL (CONT'D)

Dad thinks if there's one dumbass then everyone standing near him deserves whatever some trigger-happy officer dishes out.

DAISY

Well, people think that maybe everyone should take a break and step back. If people are getting hurt, maybe they should try something else. It's getting worse and worse.

APRIL

But who's making it worse? It's the police. Not the protestors.

DAISY

Where did you get this radical attitude?

APRIL

What's so radical about caring what is happening to our country and speaking up about it?

DAISY

You don't have a monopoly on caring, you know? I care about it too. And I can be reasonable. And Dad especially cares about it. And we care about you. So can we just take a break for once?

APRIL

He doesn't specially care. He cares like everyone else cares. People can care the same even if they haven't served. He's the one who thinks I don't care about the country. But caring means holding people accountable. Just because my candidate didn't win, doesn't mean I have to let his run amuck.

DAISY

So you're just pissy about an election. Sour grapes and all.

APRIL

No, I'm saying he has to be the president for all of us. Not just the people who like him.

DAISY

And if the election had gone the other way...?

APRIL

Yes, we would have been better off with anyone, than the thin-skinned censoring windbag, but I don't care about that anymore. I care about what's happening here and now. About people not being allowed to say something is wrong without getting shut down.

DAISY

You're over-reacting. It's a TV show.

APRIL

It was *my* TV show. And maybe it's just the first show. I mean, this time he gets people fired for a joke and their show canceled, but then what? A news broadcast he doesn't like, and there goes the anchor?

DAISY

That's ridiculous. There's a huge difference between the news and a comedy show.

APRIL

Is there?

DAISY

He's not going to do that. He's just getting started. Maybe we should give him a chance.

APRIL

I can't believe you can defend him. I came up here to get away from that kind of hate and you come up here and defend it.

DAISY

I come up here because I just want my family to be a family.

APRIL

And yet you defend Dad and his blind support of that man. I can't believe he voted for him.

DAISY

It's not blind. Dad's not an idiot, and he thinks he was the best choice available. He has a job to do and people aren't letting him do the job. They should let him do his job.

APRIL

And now you're defending that moron.

DAISY

He's not a moron. Stop saying that. He's smart. And it's a complicated job. That's why I voted for him.

APRIL

You did what?

DAISY

I voted for him.

APRIL

No. We talked about it. A lot. You agreed with me.

DAISY

We talked about it. I listened to you.

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APRIL

I told you why it was important to me and for all of us.

DAISY

I listened to you. You didn't listen to me.

APRIL

There's never been a president that acted this way. It's never been this bad.

DAISY

I don't think it's so bad. I think things will turn around.

April looks at Daisy like she's never seen her before.

APRIL

You actually voted for him?

DAISY

Yes.

APRIL

You voted for Nixon?

DAISY

I did.

APRIL

When I got that job working on the Smothers Brother's show, I thought we'd be able to change people's minds. Turns out, I can't even change my own sister's.

April heads for the door.

DAISY

April! Listen--

APRIL

No. I can't listen to you. The only thing I am grateful for is it can never get worse than Nixon.

April exits.

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