

HONEY SIDE

ACT II Scene 4

The Romney Home. HONEY is washing dishes or doing some other home task.

[KAYLA (in pussycat hat) enters, drops her backpack on the floor and sits at or leans on the counter by HONEY]

Hi, sweetie.

HONEY

Hey.

KAYLA

How did your presentation go?

HONEY

Good! My professor liked the joke at the beginning you told me to keep.

KAYLA

See? What did I tell you!

HONEY

Yeah...

KAYLA
[with a smile]

[beat]

Bent and I are back together.

HONEY

Really?

KAYLA
[relieved and giddy]

Yeah. I'm so happy about it. It was miserable being apart.

HONEY

Hm.

[KAYLA pauses and looks at HONEY]

Mom, what?

KAYLA

HONEY

Is he good for you, Kayla?

KAYLA

Where is this coming from? You know him!

HONEY

Right. And he concerns me because *[she counts on her fingers]* he's not religious, he's not conservative, and I worry he's not good enough for you.

KAYLA

What? Mom. He's not closed off to God –he's just—he just didn't really grow up with faith.

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HONEY

Kayla, raising a family divided by faith will be very difficult.

KAYLA

I know. He's supportive of my beliefs—religious beliefs. Wait—and how do you know he's not conservative?

HONEY

Because he doesn't like any of my Facebook posts and sure likes a lot of your friend, Feminist's!

KAYLA

Oh! So, you've never seen him run around with, like...ANTIFA, or anything?

HONEY

Oh heavens, no!

KAYLA

Okay, well, *that's* good! Politics are why we broke up in the first place. I think.

HONEY

That's going to be a strain on your relationship every time politics or taxes or now history comes up.

KAYLA

But we worked it out. And honestly, Mom, I know this might hurt you to hear, but I'm not all that conservative either.

HONEY

[to herself]

I *knew* it! I told him staying in Oregon would do this!

[HONEY takes a breath and exhales. KAYLA looks defiant]

Kayla. You're a good person.

[KAYLA relaxes]

You often go along with what other people want or say to avoid conflict.

KAYLA

No, I don't.

HONEY

Well, except with your parents. You've always been sure to stand up for yourself with us.

[KAYLA gives a weird laugh]

You understand what's good maybe more than you think you do.

[KAYLA looks down]

Stand up for it and don't give in for some boy.

KAYLA

Mom, he's not "some boy." I've never felt like this for anyone before. He's really important to me.

HONEY

Love isn't just something you feel or fall into. You build it.

[KAYLA nods. Beat. KAYLA shrugs]

KAYLA

Well, I'm choosing him and he's choosing me. So...

HONEY

Okay, then you've gotta be prepared to have some tough conversations for as long as you don't see eye-to-eye on these things.

KAYLA

Right.

[beat]

HONEY

What do you say we go get some coffee? My treat.

[KAYLA presses her lips into a half-hearted smile]

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