

“The honorable Judge Francine Amoga presiding” said the (court announcer) A slight woman, nearly 6 feet tall and a sextagenarian, nonchalantly enters the courtroom. “Would the applicants for a license to procreate on the 6th day of January, 2126 please stand and state your names.” she said as she reached the stand. “Zabe Winslow” announced the first person to stand, with the confidence of an individual who lives life honestly and proudly. “... and Blake Winslow” followed from the most elegant woman in the room. Zabe was well-dressed but Blake was stunning and seemed to catch everyone’s attention. The judge began to address the applicants seeming to never lift her eyes from the text on the surface of the desk where she sat.

“I am going to ask you a series of questions before we begin. Please confirm or deny them appropriately. Understand that this is merely an affirmation of your submitted documentation which should be in alignment with your answers. Do you understand?”

Zabe and Blake both loudly announced “Yes!”

“Are you both of the consenting age of 25 or older?”

“Yes”

“Are you married?”

“Yes”

Judge Francine finally lifted her eyes and seemed to glare at the couple for only a moment.

Do you both wish to conceive children?

“Yes”

Are you aware that, if approved, you may only have a maximum of 3 children per household?

“Yes”

“I have reviewed your documentation preceding this hearing and I am in agreement with you that your documentation is in order and you may proceed to the final phase of judgment. You will each have a moment to answer each question separately. You may defer not to answer a question but understand that they may affect your judgment. This is not a trial by jury. I am the sole conferrer of marriage licenses in the City of San Luis Obispo, County of San Luis Obispo in the state of California. If you do not agree with my decision you may request an appeal in 6 months. Do you understand?”

Again they loudly pronounced their affirmation.

“Why do you believe you would be good parents?”

(HEART FELT RESPONSE OF BLAKE AND THEN ZABEs RESPONSE IS BRIEFER)

“It is the opinion of this court, that Blake and Zabe Winslow would not make suitable parents and have been denied a license to procreate.”

(ZABE AND BLAKE PLEADED AS JUDGE AMOGA RAMBLES ON and ON.

Zabe pulled out of the courtroom parking garage in a fury. It is a warm February day in a city where it never snows. Blake was seemingly surviving the ride home but Zabe was fuming while attempting to casually drive. Obscenities and incomplete aggravations spewed forth every half mile or so. Blake simply stared through the glass and through her spouse on occasion. Zabe didn’t seem to notice until they pulled into their driveway and Blake finally broke down. Tears poured down her face. Zabe unbuckled the seat belt and

embraced Blake and whispered reassuringly, “We are going to be parents! We’re going to make this happen! I will do everything I can to make it work! I love you”

Two police officers stand outside the courthouse.

“Why’d we get this assignment? Don’t they already have somebody on duty in the courtroom?”

“It’s ‘causa the ‘Choicers’!”

“the fuckin’ ‘choicers’ again huh?”

“Yep.”

“I shoulda known”

“Ta be honest, I can’t say I disagree wit ‘em.”

“What? So you approve of killing people!?”

“No, ‘Course not. I don’t agree wit the attacks. But choice. Choice would nice! Doesn’t matter fer me ‘cause I got I was born after that whole mess, but it does suck.”

“I wouldn’t say that too loudly in front of the sergeant.”

A brawny young man of maybe 20 packs a duffle bag on his bed with nothing but boxer shorts and a sleeveless t-shirt on. Both of his garments are red and white and the shirt is emblazoned with a red maple leaf on the chest. In the bed next to him lies his modest wife.

“Do you want me to hold onto the tickets?” she asks. “Sure.” He throws two tickets next to her. The names Stockton and Chevra Dimmens can be made out on the tickets and the destination list is long: Seattle, Portland, Eugene, San Jose— “I don’t like leaving them.” She said. “If you want to do this we need to go now. It’s easier if they’re not with us.”

“I don’t know the babysitter very well.”

“Who else are we gonna leave them with?”

Chevra shrugs her shoulders and frowns. She turns away and turns on their DroidBox to distract herself for a moment.

The news comes on and the reporter is midway through a story “...and our government has always provided insurance coverage for ‘The Clamp’ but it has never been mandatory in our province. This has been an increasingly heated debate between Canadians and Americans since the Aversa Vasectomy Bill became law back in 2101. Perhaps at the next”— Stockton switches off the DroidBox.

“It’s time to go.” He said seriously.

Francine sits in an eerily colorful waiting room. She glances at the flashing digital sign at the front desk. It glowed April 3rd 2100 for a moment before flashing onward to something else. However, she didn’t need reminding. She had this appointment schedule for almost a year. And how could anyone forget a date that counts down like that anyway: 4, 3, 2, 1, 0, 0...

A- Francine in the past, having a conversation with the doctor in Central CA who administers the procedure

B- Zabe and Blake as children of ten, showing roots of their relationship while also showing roots of the clamp. People in the background at a BBQ start talking about it. The adults reveal some history.

C- Leap to protest group being formed in the past, all masked people, or unknown people or people hiding identities but the lead person will start sounding more and more like Stockton in the way that I write it.

D- Stockton and Chevra as children. Very different. Their parents are sorta hippie-like and rebellious. We find out that Stockton and Chevra are not clamped.

Section 3

A- Francine in the present, having a conversation with the doctor in Central CA who administers the procedure

B- Zabe is a journalist and Zabe and Blake have conversation about trying to get the word out about the hearings/trials. Starts doing research.

C- Leap to protest group, all masked people, or unknown people or people hiding identities but the lead person will start sounding more and more like Stockton in the way that I write it.

D- Stockton and Chevra in Canada, they want to start a family but they are not very wealthy, they look into selling sperm on the black market. Mostly frozen stuff goes for a lot the price has gone up and up over the years and imported fresher stuff is rare. Black market surgeries and procedures to impregnate happen. Because the woman is not monitored in the same way as the man.

Section 4

A- Francine in the present talking to someone about these protests against the clamp

B- Zabe starts bouncing around and comes across an old doctor in central ca who is going to retire soon. Starts asking questions.

C- Protest group has first bombing attempt on a judge and courthouse, pre-trial. No one killed, just wounded. It was not judge Francine, it is elsewhere

D- Stockton and chevra realize already have a toddler and a small infant.

Section 5

A- Francine in the present talking with the doctor again. Asking about interview

B- Zabe and Blake are looking into black market fertilization options or black market procedures to get rid of the clamp.

C- Protest group meets to discuss the next attack, judge Francine Amoga is targeted

D- Stockton and Chevra travel to the us to sell black market sperm to a couple from central CA. leave their kids in the hands of friend in CA (Finally this appears to be a climatic moment when Stockton and Chevra relate to Zabe and Blake we think they are going to get black market sperm.

Section 6

A- Francine in the present talking to “new word for pastor/priest” at “new word for church” about anti-gay pro-life feelings.

B- The first news article about the difficulties of the clamp and the crazy things people can try to do to get around it.

C- Protest group was highlighted in news article. Feel like they have momentum. Must strike soon on Francine Amoga

D- Chevra writing in a journal about this couple she met and the struggle she has trying to sell sperm. She wishes she could give something away to help them. They were born without choice, does she need money more than they need a child?

Section 7

A- Francine at a funeral for a unnamed person in the recent past

B- The wedding of Zabe and Blake in the recent past

C- Protest group post attack, successful rally after judge Harrod Amoga was killed

D- Chevra giving birth for her first child in recent past

Section 8

A- Francine

B- Zabe and Blake decide the sperm fee is too expensive but they find a doctor who can remove the clamp and release the tracking device without triggering it. Zabe hears of three other people who are getting this procedure done.

C- The protesters getting equipment and are on track for attack.

D- Chevra writing letter to Zabe and Blake.

Section 9

A- Francine is?

B- Zabe is at procedure. Zabe is actually just there to write about it with approval from unnamed source, but I have to make it seem like Zabe was getting the procedure also.

How can it seem like both. Perhaps another news story format? What is revealed is unbelievable. The clamps performed in this area are over effective, permanent and not temporary as planned. The evil doctor was clamping people intentionally for good.

C- Protesters are ?

D- Stockton and Chevra are ?

Section 10

A- Francine prior to another hearing for license to procreate.

B- Zabe is reporting on news about the hearing and recent stories coming to the surface. Zabe is describing the news surrounding the allegations as clips of the evil doctor being arrested are revealed. Judge amoga will have to stand trial for aiding in the attack.

C- The protesters attempt another bombing. Judge amoga survives but the attack killed 17 protesters and 5 trial officials. We finally find out the identity of two of the protestors: Chevra and Stockton

D- Zabe and Blake reading letter from Chevra. She has granted them permission to adopt her children in Canada, who will be coming down soon. She claims she cannot take care of them anymore. She fears for herself. Also it is finally revealed that Zabe is a woman and so is Blake.