

DOROTHEA

I don't need to read a book to know  
about me.

He's pushed out of the room by her vibe. Dorothea's becoming angry.

INT. BEACH - DAY

Dorothea sits alone on the beach. Smoking and thinking,  
feelings brewing.

INT. DOROTHEA'S KITCHEN - DAY

Dorothea finds Abbie in the kitchen, something's on her mind.

DOROTHEA

I appreciate you trying to help, I  
do, but just think you're taking it  
too far. And this stuff, with the  
women's movement, I respect but  
It's complicated for him.

Abbie's confused.

ABBIE

What?

DOROTHEA

He's fifteen. This hardcore  
feminism stuff is going too far.

Abbie's surprised at Dorothea's change, she feels she was  
really helping, she's excited by what's been happening.

ABBIE

(What're you talking about?) He's  
getting so much out of it. He loves  
it. It's helping him a lot.

Dorothea sounds more angry.

DOROTHEA

Helping him what?

Abbie tries to reach out, only making things worse.

ABBIE

Helping him become a man, like you  
were talking about.

DOROTHEA

Learning about a female orgasm is helping him be a man?

ABBIE

Well what man do you know who cares anything about that? It's a miracle!

DOROTHEA

But he's a high school kid, okay? It's too much. I'm telling you.

ABBIE

I think he seems really okay with it.

DOROTHEA

It's not like you actually know what you're doing here.

Abbie's stung - hurt, betrayed.

INT. DOROTHEA'S DINING ROOM - NIGHT

Dorothea, Jamie, Julie, Abbie, William, Julian the doorman, a couple of carpenters from Dorothea's crew and Charlie from her work are gathered around the television, watching Jimmy Carter's Crisis of Confidence speech.

JIMMY CARTER O.S.

As you know, there is a growing disrespect for government. The schools, the news media, and other institutions. This is not a message of happiness or reassurance. But it is the truth. And it is a warning.

TITLE: CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE SPEECH, JIMMY CARTER, 1979.

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It is a crisis of confidence. We can see this crisis in the growing doubt about the meaning of our own lives...