

Adele Nathanson

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BETTY FRIEDAN

Thank you for the explanation. But abortion is not really our focus.

LARRY LADER

If you don't join us, you'll regret it when you see Gloria Steinem, Bella Abzug, and the others hopping on board. You're my first choice.

BETTY FRIEDAN

Why?

LARRY LADER

Because you're the best. Gloria is a beauty queen and Bella's distracted by politics.

DR. BERNARD NATHANSON

Oh geez, Gloria looked great in Playboy.

Betty is visibly upset by the comment and stands to leave.

BETTY FRIEDAN

Yeah, well no woman gets an orgasm from shining the kitchen floor.

Larry can't help but smile at the remark.

LARRY LADER

Don't take too long. It's happening no matter what.

BETTY FRIEDAN

Don't rush me. I'm worth the wait.

Betty walks off, stopping in front of a mirror, puts her hands on her hips trying to make a curve. She broods.

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Bernard walks into his son's room, kisses JOEY, 3, on the forehead. In the kitchen, ADELE NATHANSON, 30s, cleans up.

ADELE NATHANSON

You can heat up your dinner. It's in the oven.

DR. BERNARD NATHANSON

Thank you, sweetheart.

ADELE NATHANSON

Like always!

DR. BERNARD NATHANSON

Please not again.

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ADELE NATHANSON
Eighteen hours a day, really,
what's her name.

DR. BERNARD NATHANSON
You really want to know... Betty
Friedan.

Bernard cracks a big smile. Adele turns red angry.

DR. BERNARD NATHANSON (CONT'D)
You can't take a joke?

ADELE NATHANSON
What you do isn't funny.

DR. BERNARD NATHANSON
A woman doesn't support women's
rights? You should see what they go
through.

ADELE NATHANSON
Then go be with them.

DR. BERNARD NATHANSON
I'm saving lives, girls are dying.

ADELE NATHANSON
We can't even afford a microwave,
at least you could heat up your
dinner faster.

DR. BERNARD NATHANSON
First you complain that I work too
hard, now you complain that I don't
make enough money.

ADELE NATHANSON
Exactly.

DR. BERNARD NATHANSON
You do understand that I actually
have to work, to make more money.

ADELE NATHANSON
That's always your excuse.

DR. BERNARD NATHANSON
I can't win with you.

ADELE NATHANSON
I just miss you, that's all.

He gives her a kiss.