

Mrs. Greene

ACT TWO SCENE 11: PRESS CONFERENCE

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MRS. GREENE is making a statement to the press on behalf of the PTA.

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I've been asked to read a statement.
(reading)

What happened here was not the result of some elaborate plan to humiliate this girl, as has been reported in the press. The James Madison High School parent-teachers association felt Emma would not be safe if we allowed her to attend Prom with the other students because the uncomfortable truth is there are people in our community who are offended by her life choices. We felt this arrangement, while not ideal, was the only course of action available to us. Thank you.

MRS. GREENE attempts to leave but is stopped by reporters' questions.

FIRST REPORTER

Mrs. Greene! Are you homophobic?

SECOND REPORTER

How does excluding a student protect her?

THIRD REPORTER

Are you saying homosexuality is a life choice?

MRS. GREENE

Look. This is uncomfortable for me... to be in front of a camera like this, to read terrible things about my town in the paper. I'm just a mother, not any kind of a spokesperson, and I love all the students of James Madison High as much as my own daughter. The truth is we are in this situation because a group of people, privileged people from New York, who know nothing about us, came down here just to get publicity. They are the villains. You should be writing about them, not us.

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