

SCENE EIGHT

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Alice Paul is strapped down,
strait-jacketed, being interviewed
by a doctor.

DOCTOR

Why are you obsessed with President Wilson?

(beat)

Eleven months... Haven't you grown tired of
picketing?

(beat)

Some believe to repeat the same action and
expect different results is the definition of
insanity.

ALICE PAUL

You're a doctor! You really think that I'm
insane for wanting to cast a vote?

DOCTOR

A psychopath is not a threat simply because he
wants to touch a beautiful woman. But when he
mauls her to get that kiss... well, that's
something different. It is not the desire that
is troubling. It is your actions. What do you
say to that?

(silence)

Ah, yes. You love your silence.

(beat)

You are quite fortunate to have been brought to
me, Ms. Paul. There are very few physicians who
understand the female mind as I do. Have you
heard of Dr. Sigmund Freud? He has developed
some remarkable theories.

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IT'S A SIMPLE LITTLE THING
THAT YOU ARE GOING THROUGH
PLEASE TRUST IN ME TO HEAL THIS DEEP
PSYCHOLOGICAL WOUND

DOCTOR (CONT'D)

I'm here to help, my dear. Freud says:

IT'S A TINY LITTLE THING
YOU LOST WHEN YOU WERE BORN
IT DISAPPEAR'D, FROM IN YOUR LAP,
AND NOW YOU SEEM FORLORN

IT IS CERTAIN NOW TO STING
YOU COULD HAVE BEEN A MAN
BUT AT CONCEPTION YOU GOT HACK'D