

REGGIE/MARGE

you just ran out of gloves, you know. So, you figure, well, you know, "Don't hesitate," you know, that's what your mind tells you all the time. Don't hesitate, and so you just keep moving and you try to help Matthew and find an airway and you know, that's what you do, you know.

MARGE MURRAY. The thing I wasn't telling you before is that Reggie is my daughter.

NARRATOR. Marge Murray.

MARGE MURRAY. And when she first told me she wanted to be a police officer, well, I thought there was not a better choice for her. She could handle whatever came her way ...

REGGIE FLUTY. Probably a day and a half later, the hospital called me and told me Matthew had HIV. And the doctor said, "You've been exposed, and you've had a bad exposure," because you see, I'd been — been building — building a, uh, lean-to for my llamas and my hands had a bunch of open cuts on 'em, so I was kinda screwed, *(She laughs.)* you know, and you think, "Oh, shoot," you know.

MARGE MURRAY. Would you like to talk about losing sleep?

REGGIE FLUTY. So I said to the doctor okay, what do I do? And they said, "Get up here." So, I got up there and we started the ATZ [sic] drugs. Immediately.

MARGE MURRAY. Now they told me that's a medication that if it's administered thirty-six hours after you've been exposed ... it can maybe stop your getting the disease ...

REGGIE FLUTY. That is a mean, nasty medicine. Mean. I've lost ten pounds and a lot of my hair. Yeah ...

MARGE MURRAY. And quite frankly I wanted to lash out at somebody. Not at Matthew, please understand that, not one of us was mad at Matthew. But we maybe wanted to squeeze McKinney's head off. And I think about Henderson. And, you know, two absolutely human beings cause so much grief for so many people ... It has been terrible for my whole family, but mostly for her and her kids.

REGGIE FLUTY. I think it brought home to my girls what their mom does for a living.

MARGE MURRAY. Well, Reggie, you know what I'm gonna tell you now.

REGGIE FLUTY. And my parents, told me, you know, they both said the same damn thing.

MARGE MURRAY. You're quitting this damn job!

REGGIE FLUTY. And it's just a parent thing, you know, and they're terribly proud of you, 'cause you do a good job whether it's handling a drunk or handling a case like this, but you're, you know, they don't want you getting hurt —

MARGE MURRAY. Like I said, there's a right way, a wrong way, and then there's Reggie's way.

REGGIE FLUTY. So finally I said, "Oh, for God's sakes, lighten up, Francis!"

MARGE MURRAY. You are so stubborn!

REGGIE FLUTY. They say I'm stubborn and I don't believe them, but I just think, you know, okay I've heard your opinion and now here's mine, I'm thirty-nine years old, you know, what are they gonna do, spank me?

MARGE MURRAY. Reggie, don't give me any ideas.

REGGIE FLUTY. It'd look pretty funny. You know, what can they say?

MARGE MURRAY. I just hope she doesn't go before me. I just couldn't handle that.

MOMENT: E-MAIL

NARRATOR. University of Wyoming President Philip Dubois.

PHILIP DUBOIS. Well, this is a young person — who read my statement on the *Denver Post* story, and sent me an e-mail, to me directly, and said:

EMAIL WRITER. "You and the straight people of Laramie and Wyoming are guilty of the beating of Matthew Shepard just as the Germans who looked the other way are guilty of the deaths of the Jews, the Gypsies and the homosexuals. You have taught your straight children to hate their gay and lesbian brothers and sisters — unless and until you acknowledge that Matt Shepard's beating is not just a random occurrence, not just the work of a couple of