

# Love and Courage

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## Act 1 Scene 1

Setting: Winter day. Office building. Therapist office room.

*Person #1 and Person #2 are sitting across from each other in chairs.*

**Person #1:** I kind of feel out of my mind and ready to take my own life. Oh, hi! I might as well back up and tell the story from the beginning. In the beginning, there was the big bang...wait too far back.

**Person #2:** Let's start with your name, pronouns and why you are here. My name is Luna, they/them, and I'm a therapist with a focus on 2SLGBTQIA+.

**Person #1:** My name is Wendy West, pronouns they/them. I'm here because my whole life has been a mess from the day I understood the world until I took full control.

**Luna:** Wait, you said you took full control?

**Wendy:** *Luna has to say that on day one of therapy with them.*

Yes, I took full control, which made me embrace my true self.

**Luna:** I'm confused! Why are you here if you took full control?

**Wendy:** *I'm getting the vibe that Luna likes to question me.*

I'm here to get over the past and help improve myself, quipping back.

**Luna:** Well I can only help bounce thoughts off of and give you strategies that might be helpful.

*Wendy's frustrated and screams out loud.*

**Wendy:** Are you saying I need to go?

**Luna:** Never, this is up to you.

**Wendy:** Good. I want to be here and talk about my feelings.

**Luna:** Well you're in the right place.

*Wendy's exhausted*

**Wendy:** BACK TO MY STORY.

**Luna:** Yes, Yes, sorry for interrupting.

**Wendy:** I feel robbed of my childhood because no one really took me seriously. I had to live this double lie.

**Luna:** Sorry for interrupting again, can you explain the double lie?

**Wendy:** Living as the person I was born as and being in a religion. Both of these were lies.

**Luna:** Are they lies or are they boxes that your parents put you in, as society does for everyone?

**Wendy:** *Luna questions me again.*

Well they are both lies and boxes. I never did like either.

**Luna:** Our time is up for today, this was some good unpacking and lots to dig into next time if you want to come back.

*Wendy gets up and walks towards the office room door.*

**Wendy:** Bye Luna.

**Luna:** Bye Wendy.

*Wendy walks out of the office, and takes the stairs downstairs and out of the building.*

**Wendy:** *Outside, feeling the breeze at last.*

*Frustrated and saying out loud,* Well, I felt that was a waste of my time, no strategies, no lessons learned, no growth on my part. I will not think of going back there until next week. Time to get on with my life.

**End of Scene**

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## **Act 1 Scene 2**

Setting: Condo Building. First floor.

*Wendy walks into their condo.*

**Wendy:** *Finally back home.*

*Wendy sits down in a kitchen chair.*

**Wendy:** I'm actually happier after therapy for some odd reason.

*Person #3 walks into the kitchen*

*Smiling at Wendy is my non-binary partner Di, pronouns they/them.*

**Wendy:** *Di looks very cute.*

**Di:** You seem much happier which makes you look even cuter.

**Wendy:** Thanks! I took a lot of lessons from you.

**Di:** No way, this was all you.

**Wendy:** Come on, I would never be the person I am today without you.

**Di:** Well, I appreciate the compliment.

*A few moments later*

**Di:** Did you tell the therapist that the IVFs worked and you're pregnant?

**Wendy:** No, never did come up. I might get there at some point.

*Let's keep the pregnancy between you and me for the next while.*

*Di and I are building our chosen family which includes having kids. For both of us, this new chosen family is much healthier than our birth families ever were. That's for another time and place. Oh, right therapy!!!*

**Di:** Wendy, I have to get back to work. Let's have a nice dinner tonight to celebrate your day.

**Wendy:** Sounds lovely. Talk to you then.

**End of Scene**

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**Act 1 Scene 3**

Setting: Condo. Living room.

*Wendy and Di are sitting down on the couch.*

*Flashback March 2020*

**Wendy:** Di, fuck this shit and the world...covid and the pandemic are here. I decided to go through with the IVFs.

**Di:** Fuck seriously??? I thought both of us had the choice before anything happened.

**Wendy:** I can't wait anymore Di. It's either now during a fucking pandemic or never.

**Di:** Great, now you make me decide about having a kid or being childless, at this exact moment. I can't work on your schedule.

**Wendy:** If the IVFs work out, abortion is still an option.

**Di:** Fuck me! You will puncture yourself with IVFs and then talk about abortion. Wendy, you need to get serious here.

**Wendy:** Now, I'm not serious? I've been serious this whole time, you're the one who can't commit to a fucking decision about our whole entire future.

**Di:** Fine, fuck up both of our lives forever. I'm done with this. I need to get back to work.

**Wendy:** Real mature. Run away from a decision about our future.

**Di:** Wendy, I really need to get back to work.

*Di walks away and slams the door*

*Wendy flops down on the couch and tries to relax their mind.*

**Wendy:** *Did I just kill our whole relationship? Shit shit shit, what if I did?*

*Wendy cries for a few minutes.*

**Wendy:** *I have to pull out a grand gesture to save our relationship.*  
I will get lunch ready.

*30 mins later. Wendy opens Di's study door.*

**Wendy:** I made lunch.

**Di:** I need 5 mins.

*5 mins later. Di's study door opens.*

**Di:** What lovely smells.

*Both Wendy and Di are in the kitchen.*

**Wendy:** I made your favourite dumplings and noodles.

**Di:** Is this to make up for the decision at breakfast?

**Wendy:** Yes! I hate us fighting. The world is scary and fighting about our future will not solve that.

**Di:** Fuck Wendy, I wanted to make the decision about our future together. You have to jump all in and leave me behind.

**Wendy:** I never left you behind but my mind is racing with the IVFs and the pandemic.

**Di:** Morse code me next time.

**Wendy:** Sure, I will send you encrypted messages.

**Di:** Wendy, all I want is to be on the same wavelength and make the decisions together.

**Wendy:** Both of us still have to make this decision even if I get pregnant.

**Di:** Doesn't look the fuck like I do.

**Wendy:** Remember, there are ways out of every situation, no matter how far forward they go.

**Di:** I know but I thought I had a choice between no and let's go all in. Now I have to choose between stopping or abortion or yes to the kid.

**Wendy:** I only made one decision. I couldn't wait any longer. The pandemic is scaring the shit out of me.

**Di:** Wendy, I will always be here for you even through the scary spooky world.

*Wendy laughs*

**Wendy:** As you said, there are still choices to be made even as I start IVFs.

*A few minutes later*

**Wendy:** Di, I can't lose you. You're the only person I ever loved to make this bold choice.

**Di:** I couldn't agree more, I'm a fucking catch.

**Wendy:** Now, don't get all smug on me.

**Di:** This isn't the end of the conversation but I need to get back to work.

**Wendy:** You didn't finish your dumplings or noodles.

**Di:** They were to fuck'n die for. Save them and I will have them later.

**Wendy:** *Fuck me, I do this everytime. I make the best food ever and Di runs away. This was supposed to be a legendary lunch. Yet, I fuck'd this up. If only covid and the pandemic didn't exist, I wouldn't be doing IVFs and looking for a job all at the same time.*

*End of flashback*

**End of Scene**

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#### **Act 1 Scene 4**

Setting: Condo. Living room.

*Wendy and Di have finished dinner.*

**Wendy:** *At dinner, Di wanted to have sushi. Both of us being vegan, the sushi was to die for.*

*A few moments later.*

**Wendy:** *Di looks even more lovely than she did this afternoon.*

**Di:** Wendy, what's on your mind?

**Wendy:** You know, global capitalism, veganism, the climate crisis, poverty.

**Di:** The usual.

*Di clears their throat.*

**Di:** Can we talk about us?

**Wendy:** Oh yes, go ahead.

**Di:** Well, you being pregnant has made me think that I really do want this kid.

**Wendy:** This is a change Di.

**Di:** No shit! Took me forever to figure the whole kids in my life out.

*A few moments later.*

**Di:** Do I have your consent to hold your hands?

**Wendy:** Yes Di.

**Di:** I really love you Wendy. I don't want to lose you ever. If you want to have this kid, I'm 1000% all in and will help in any way possible.

**Wendy:** Di, all I want to do right now is to kiss you. Do I have your consent?

**Di:** Yes Yes Yes!!!

*Di and Wendy kiss for a few minutes.*

**End of Scene**

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## **Act 1 Scene 5**

Setting: Cold day. Outside.

*After dinner, Di and Wendy go on a long nature walk.*

**Wendy:** I've been thinking Di...that this kid inside of me is going to grow up in a messed up world.

**Di:** Wendy, you say this everytime we're walking on a beautiful trail. Remember, all we can do is help guide the kid and hope the world doesn't eat them alive.

*Wendy starts crying.*

**Wendy:** Do I have your consent to hug you?

**Di:** Yes.

*Wendy gives Di a huge hug.*

**Wendy:** Di, you know our families were so messed up, I don't want to be like that.

**Di:** Wendy, you could never be like that, you are too sweet, kind and lovely to every living and nonliving being.

**Wendy:** Thanks! My genes are still connected to them.

**Di:** *Smiling*, Wendy, this smile is for you working on the shit you learned, and went through growing up.

**Wendy:** *Smiling back*, Di, you always know what to say to make me smile.

**End of Scene**

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## **Act 1 Scene 6**

Setting: Condo. Living room.

*After reaching home, Di and Wendy sit down on the couch.*

**Di:** The walk and talk was great, very relaxing.

*A few minutes passed by.*

**Wendy:** I have the kid on my mind again.

**Di:** Oh, yes! What have you decided?

**Wendy:** Well, nothing yet.

**Di:** *In anguish*, Letdown of the year.

**Wendy:** Sorry, I didn't mean to give your hopes up.

**Di:** No no I'm okay. After what I said at dinner, talking about kids is different.

**Wendy:** Di, the kid is always on my mind as they're growing inside me. I've come to appreciate the kid while knowing you and the rest of our chosen family are around.



*Wendy breathes in and out a few times.*

**Wendy:** I'm scared to say this.

**Di:** Wendy, there's no reason to be scared to tell me anything. I will always be here for you forever and ever.

*Wendy starts crying.*

**Wendy:** Di, I want this kid more than anything I have ever wanted.

**Di:** Even more than ending the climate crisis?

**Wendy:** You can't compare the two. This kid will be both of our flesh and blood.

*Wendy gives Di a side eye look.*

**Wendy:** Do I have your consent to kiss you?

**Di:** Yes!

*Di and Wendy kiss.*

**Wendy:** Well that's settled. The kid is going to be born.

**Di:** *Exhausted*, I don't ever want to go back to the IVFs and abortion topics.

**Wendy:** Me either.

*Di walks to the window and stands there.*

*Wendy walks over to Di.*

**Wendy:** What's on your mind?

**Di:** The future, our future, the kids' future. I can't be happier than I am right now. Let's not let the kid down. Both of us are going to be the best parents ever.

**Wendy:** Di, can the word parents go away? I don't want to have a top down structure with the kid.

**Di:** Yes for sure.

**Wendy:** Let's circle back to the word at a later date.

**Di:** Wendy, why not let the kid choose? Our style will be about guiding the kid. Why not let the kid make choices themselves? Teach the kid to be independent and work collectively.

**Wendy:** I love that idea Di.

**Di:** Wendy, I have a huge day tomorrow with surgery and need to get some rest. Let's talk more after the surgery.

**Wendy:** Sure Di.

**End of Scene**

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**The End**