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MARGE

Oh good, you're showing that bitter sense of humor to him now, otherwise he'd have to depend on your marinara-stained sweatshirt to guess that you're single.

(then)

Tell me, when did Walmart start giving haircuts?

JANE

Unbelievable. Not even five minutes and you've managed an insult to my dating life.

MARGE

It's like you're not even trying to get people's attention anymore! -- I should call you NBC.

(to the psychiatrist)

I beg her to get on Okay Cupid, or E-Harmony, or J-Date.

JANE

We're not Jewish.

MARGE

We eat bagels twice a week and I follow the Israeli Defense Army on Twitter. We're Jewish enough.

JANE

(to the psychiatrist)

My mother is charming, as you can see. Anyway, we were ordered here by a court to undergo a psychiatric evaluation after we had a "domestic disturbance". Once you see that we're not crazy --

MARGE

-- I am not crazy, I only drink for the anti-oxidants --

JANE

-- then the case is dismissed.

MARGE

There never would have been a case if Jane hadn't tried to change tradition. Putting up the Christmas tree is something we always did together. Until this year, when Jane had a different idea.

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START

"HEADCASE"

JANE

Since when do you care about tradition? You once cancelled my birthday party because "The Big Bang Theory" was on. It wasn't even a new episode!

MARGE

Your birthday comes once a year; but how often do we get a show with wide appeal to the general masses? Never, Jane! Not since Leno!

(then)

Besides, what you did was much worse.

(to the psychiatrist)

It was the day after Thanksgiving, Black Friday, which is a day when African Americans can buy discounted items at department stores--

JANE

-- nope. Not right. Anyone can buy them.

MARGE

But I was spending the day getting my hair done by the homosexuals at the local hair salon.

JANE

Again. Can't say that.

MARGE

By the time they had finished it was evening and I decided to stop at "In-And-Out", which is also the name I use to describe Jane's history of boyfriends.

JANE

There it is.

MARGE

I got us some burgers, since Jane still lives with me and I know *she* wasn't going to cook.

JANE

Cooking isn't my thing.

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MARGE

What's your thing? Taping your bras to keep them together instead of buying new ones?

JANE

(hands on her chest,
defensive)

It still gives me support!

MARGE

Anyway, I pull into my driveway and what do I see but a fully decorated Christmas tree in the window. I was upset, so Jane and I got into a little scuffle. The police came and said multiple neighbors had called in to report us, although I think it was just that dead-inside housewife Sarah Koffman looking for trouble since everyone knows her husband --

(shouting, like Sarah can
hear her)

-- LIKES TO VISIT AIRPORT BATHROOMS
IN HIS SPARE TIME.

JANE

Why are you shouting? She's not here.

MARGE

The police report says there was "shoving", but it was more of a gentle tap.

JANE

You pushed me into the tree.

MARGE

Allegedly.

JANE

Why can't you just apologize?

MARGE

Why can't you admit you were wrong to put up that tree without me!

JANE

I didn't think you cared!

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MARGE

Of course I care! You're my daughter, Jane! I love you! Putting that tree up is one of the few things we do together anymore. You took that away from me.

A beat as Jane takes this in. Jane puts a hand on her mother's shoulder.

JANE

I didn't know you felt that way. I love you too, Mom.

MARGE

(uncomfortable)

Don't get queer on me.

(to the psychiatrist)

Why are you so silent? What are you writing?

END

JANE

Yeah, you haven't said one word this entire time. We're perfectly normal.

MARGE

Listen here, you're a psychiatrist, not a doctor. You are the human equivalent of the word "almost".

JANE

You don't know our life.

MARGE

You don't know us. You only think you do. Jane may look like the "before" picture in a diet pill infomercial, but she is a beautiful, capable woman.

JANE

And my mother may still be riding the effects of all the drugs she took at Woodstock, but she is smart and everything she does has only been to protect me.

MARGE

I want to support her. Like one of her taped bras.

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