

## 引言 INTRODUCTION

Rivalry is a fun part of sports. Two teams see each other as enemies. The fans will take side about which team to cheer for. Coaches will try to find ways to win. Most college football fans know about the Red River Rivalry between the University of Oklahoma and the University of Texas. They play each other every year. In 1999, the offensive coordinator of OU Mike Leach devised a crafty scheme to trick his opponent. He put together a fake game plan that contained some offensive plays the team would run. Then Leach asked a player to drop the chart near the Texas staff before the game began. They thought it was a real thing! Therefore, the coaches of Texas quickly came up with some counter-measures for defense. It turned out to be a disaster. OU knew exactly how to overcome those defensive schemes. Soon OU was leading 17 to 0. Then the Texas personnel threw the paper into a trash can. They went back to their original game plan. In the end, Texas won the game. That was a good laugh. People in a hostile relationship cannot coexist. There is no true winner when one party wants to beat the other side. A conflict can only be settled when both sides work together to let the other person win.

## 解釋 EXPLANATION

## 1. 製造不和 Peace Dissolution

Quite obviously, a conflict will lead to dissolution of peace. What causes a conflict? Let us consider a few factors.

## A. 情緒失控 Loses Self-Control

First, a conflict can be triggered by a loss of self-control. Proverbs 29:11 says: **A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control.** There can be tragic outcomes when a person fails to control his emotions. We should still remember the shooting incident at a Kroger a month ago. The gunman had a quarrel with an employee early that morning. He went home, grabbed a few guns and reentered the store a few hours later to shoot people. Among the 15 victims, one lady died as a result. Then the shooter also took his own life. What a horrific ending! When people lose their cool, they may do things they will regret afterward. Even when no one gets hurt, people will walk away with grudges in their hearts when the conflict is unresolved. They may look for an opportunity to make even. According to the Bible, there is only one good reason to get mad. It is the anger toward sins. Jesus showed His righteous indignation by chasing out people who sold livestock and turning over the tables of money-changers in the temple. He was enraged because people converted a place of worship to a market for gouging profit. The sins of this world should drive us to fume and tears. Powerful people deprive the weak and poor. They take innocent lives too. Those are not only political matters but also spiritual sins. Paul teaches us that we can get angry without sinning. We can use the right channels to express our opinions in a firm but gentle way. We condemn those behavior as sins. Although people will continue to suffer, we trust that ultimately God will exercise His justice.

## B. 推波助瀾 Pours Fuel

A conflict begins when people lose self-control. Equally bad is when someone pours fuel to the fire. Proverbs 26:21 states: **As charcoal to embers and as wood to fire, so is a quarrelsome man for kindling strife.** An argumentative person will pour fuel into a fire. What are some possible fuels in a conflict? The verse before and after both mention gossip. We talked about the devastating effects of gossip last week. Rumors ruin people's reputation. Those who buy into gossips in an argument will fan the flame. They determine that the opponent is a bad person. They will resort to feeling and imagination instead of the truth. To put the fire out, one must resist to listen to gossip. Stick to the facts you know, then allow the other party to verify and explain it. A fire will die down when both sides can engage in a respectful conversation with calmness. Another possible fuel is a previously-unresolved dispute. One side harbors bitterness in his heart. It is always tempting to drag out the dirty laundry to shame the other person. "Remember how you hurt me back then? Now you're doing it again!" Do not fall into that trap! The goal is to resolve the conflict. What you want to get rid of is the problem, not the person! Focus on the issue at hand and refuse to bring in any unrelated matter. You can be the person who puts out the fire. When the argument is getting out of hand, you can suggest a cease-fire agreement. Then can pick another time to resume the discussion. You show that you care more about the relationship than who actually wins.

## C. 多管閒事 "Sticky" Nose

Another situation that will intensify a conflict is when a third-party sticks his nose into someone else's dispute. Proverbs 26:17 has a funny description: **Like one who seizes a dog by the ears is a passer-by who meddles a quarrel not his own.** The assumption is that the person is not messing with a tamed pet. It is possibly a mean stray dog. The result will be a nasty bite! Why would a busybody do that? Perhaps he walks by and sees someone having an argument. He stops and watches the drama out of curiosity. He may even pull a chair and grab some popcorns. That is intrusive enough. He even joins the conversation. He may want to know what is going on so that he can help resolve the conflict. It is hard to play a judge when you know very little about the issue. It will not end well no matter which side he supports. He may get an earful from both parties. He will be labeled as a nosy person. A wise person will stay out of such trouble. He should not pick a fight unrelated to him. To say the least, it is challenging to be a mediator. Both sides involved in a dispute will naturally speak for themselves. Then you run into a "he said, she said" dilemma and wonder who to believe. When counseling two persons in a conflict, it always wise to meet with both parties together. After one person speaks, the other one can respond. Then you can verify facts and filter out subjective views.

## D. 破壞關係 Destroys Relationship

After looking at the factors that will lead to a conflict, let us study the damages a conflict will cause. A dispute will destroy a relationship. Proverbs 18:19 reads: **An offended brother is more unyielding than a fortified city, and disputes are like the barred gates of a citadel.** The "brother" here can mean one's biological sibling. But we can expand it to include any relationship. A relationship separated due to a conflict is like a stronghold that is difficult to

conquer. In the ancient world, a city is usually surrounded by a wall, and a castle is built on a hill or is enclosed in a moat. Those security measures make it challenging for enemies to attack. In a cold relationship, people will isolate themselves from the ones they disagree with. Family members will not see each other. Friends will break up. Business partners will part their ways. Communication stops when a bridge is burned and a road-block is installed. The closer the relationship, the deeper the wound. Trust is a key element in human relationships. But trust is hard to build but easy to shatter. How can we reconcile a broken relationship? Paul teaches us in Colossians 3:13 – **Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.** There will be no progress if both sides refuse to budge. Paul advises us to offer forgiveness. Put aside your pride and gives up your right to retaliate. It motivates us to pardon others when we recall how Jesus forgave us on the cross. He did so willingly and unconditionally when we were rebellious in sins. The person who offended you may never come to you and make a confession. But you can choose to take the first step to show grace.

## 2. 化解不和 Peaceful Resolution

So far, we see that it is unwise to start a conflict and allow it to brew. It will only dissolve peace between the two parties. Peaceful resolution is a win-win situation to handle a conflict.

### A. 愛 Love

The first way to resolve a conflict is simply to show love. Proverbs 10:12 says: **Hatred stirs up dissension, but love covers over all wrongs.** If hatred will worsen the situation, then the best antidote is to express love. This “cover” is not about “covering up.” We should not condone sin. I will defend for my family if a burglar breaks in. We should also seek help from the authority and to report illegal activities when needed. The justice system exists to protect our safety. We can assume that the author is not talking about a life-and-death scenario here. We can think in terms of an inter-personal relationship. Love will prevent further damages. Elevated emotion will provoke a person to retaliate. But evil will only produce a bigger evil. When a person responds with love, he can defuse his opponent. You continue to show care to the person despite the tense relationship. Jesus teaches us the same principle in Matthew 5:43-44 – **43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ 44 But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.** To pay back to those who hurt us is our human nature. But to love an enemy reflects God’s nature. Jesus would not ask us to do something we are unable to do. The problem is not we cannot but we refuse to. If we rely on ourselves we may never be able to obey Jesus. We can only live out a supernatural life when we surrender ourselves and allow God to energize us. Then we can pray for God’s blessing, instead of God’s punishment, on those who mistreat us. We can choose to forgive, just like God forgives us unconditionally.

### B. 忍 Restrain

Besides showing love, another way to resolve a conflict is to restrain ourselves. Proverbs 16:32 reads: **Better a patient man than a warrior, a man who controls his temper than one who takes a city.** A soldier must use his strength to subdue his enemies. However, he also

needs to maintain his composure when planning and executing his strategies. Allowing emotions to overcome reason may lead to a disaster. A cool head will help us evaluate the situation more objectively. A wise person will not let people's reactions dominate his decision-making. Another way to show restraint is to ignore a transgression completely. Proverbs 19:11 states: **A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense.** A wise person will not make a minor issue a big deal. An example that comes to mind is wedding preparation. Normally, people want to make this once-in-a-life-time event memorable. Both families will decide the guest list, food, the venue, the ceremony, etc. It needs a ton of coordination and compromise in order to make it work. Sometimes people get mad when their suggestions are not accepted. It is plain silly to get unhappy when planning a joyful event. I always remind the bride and groom to let go of any glitches. Just enjoy the moment, have fun and celebrate. Satan is an expert of kill-joy. A building project can often lead to a church conflict. Coworkers argue over what to build, the design and how much to spend, etc. It is God's blessing for greater growth. Why do we let Satan spread seeds of dispute? People should take a step back and look at the picture from God's perspective. Doing so will minimize conflict.

### C. 躲 Dodge

A similar way to restrain ourselves is to dodge the scene. Proverbs 20:3 explains: **It is to a man's honor to avoid strife, but every fool is quick to quarrel.** This suggestion is to dodge opposite to the situation when a person sticks his nose into a conflict unrelated to him. A wise person can sense that the tension is rising. A good decision is to leave the scene. It is not worth it to have a last word. Unfortunately, some people prefer to end an argument using force. Recently, some friends in Alabama were debating which team was better when they were watching a football game. When they were leaving the house, one guy shot another person dead. It was sad and outrageous when you think about it. It was only a sport competition. A team wins today may lose the next time. Why fight over such a trivial matter? Unfortunately, this is the world we live in. Some people prove that they are in control by silencing their adversaries. Since they cannot beat the other side with words, they do not allow others to speak. A wise person knows that he cannot reason with an unreasonable opponent. The best solution to protect himself is to dodge the scene. It does not resolve the conflict. But at least, he takes the initiative to prevent it from going downhill. That is wisdom.

### D. 靜 Cool

Another effective means to reduce conflict is to keep cool. Proverbs 15:1 says: **A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.** Our body language reveals our heart condition. People can easily discern that we are agitated by looking at our facial expression. A wise person knows how to stay cool even when disagrees. He understands that the best response to a critical remark is warm words. That reminds me of the story between David and Abigail. At that time, David was fleeing from king Saul. David passed by the farm of Nabal. He was a rich man. The name means "fool." What kind of parents will give their son such a name? David sent some servants to ask Nabal for food. The man returned with some insulting words that he did not know who David was. David was furious and he was

about to send his men to attack Nabal. Just then a servant of Nabal told his wife Abigail what had happened. She quickly prepared some food and went to see David. She apologized to David in 1 Samuel 25:28 – “Please forgive your servant’s offense, for the Lord will certainly make a lasting dynasty for my master, because he fights the Lord’s battles. Let no wrong be found in you so long as you live.” Sure enough, such kind words cooled the tension down. David accepted Abigail’s gifts and apology. He then retreated his fighters. The passage says later God struck Nabal dead. David then took Abigail as one of his wives.

## 結論 CONCLUSION

A conflict can only be settled when both sides work together to let the other person win. It is when people see each other as friends instead of enemies. They will both gain victory when they reach a common goal. Let me conclude with a heart-warming story. The Philadelphia Eagles defeated the New England Patriots and won its first ever Superbowl championship in 2018. There is an interesting story involving two fans from both teams. Patricia is a long-time Eagles fan. She received a kidney from a guy named John, who happens to be a Patriots fan. They did not know each. One month after the game, they met at the hospital where the transplant operation was done. Patricia gave John a unique gift to thank him for his kindness. It was a T-shirt with a message on the front that reads: “Can you believe I gave a kidney to an Eagles fan?” Patricia made a matching shirt for herself too with the wordings: “Can you believe I took a kidney from a Patriots fan?” The two were supposed to be strangers and rivals. On that day, they became friends.

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死對頭是運動競賽中有趣的一部分。兩支球隊視對方為敵人。球迷選擇為其中一隊加油。教練會想盡辦法來取勝。大多數大學美式足球迷都知道俄克拉荷馬 (Oklahoma) 大學和德克薩斯 (Texas) 大學之間的紅河之爭。他們每年都會在球場上碰面。1999 年，俄克拉荷馬的進攻教練 Mike Leach 設計了一個狡猾的方法想要打敗對手。他弄了一張假的進攻戰略表，然後要求一名球員在比賽開始前將圖表放在德克薩斯的工作人員附近。他們以為那是真的戰略表！因此，德州的教練們馬上想出一些破解的方法。結果是一場災難。俄克拉荷馬的人完全知道如何應付那些防守戰略。很快俄克拉荷馬就以 17 比 0 領先。然後德州的工作人員很生氣地將那張紙扔進了垃圾桶。他們回到了原來的計劃。最終，德克薩斯贏得了比賽。那是一個挺搞笑的故事。處於敵對狀態中的人不能共存。當任何一方只想打敗對手時，就沒有真正的贏家。只有當雙方能互相禮讓時，衝突才能得到解決。

## 解釋 EXPLANATION

## 1. 製造不和 Peace Dissolution

很明顯的，衝突會製造不和。什麼導致衝突？讓我們考慮幾個因素。

## A. 情緒失控 Loses Self-Control

首先，衝突可能由於情緒失控而爆發。箴言 29:11 說：**愚妄人怒氣全發；智慧人忍氣含怒**。當一個人無法控制自己的情緒時，可能會出現嚴重的後果。我們應該還記得一個月前 Kroger 的槍擊事件。那天早上，槍手與一名員工發生爭吵。之後他回家拿了幾支槍，幾小時後進入店子開槍打人。在 15 名遇難者中，一名女士最終死亡。兇手後來也自殺了。多麼悲慘的結局！當人們情緒失控時，他們可能會做事後會後悔的事情。就算沒有人受到傷害，當衝突沒有解決時，人們也會懷著怨恨離開。他們可能會尋找機會報復。根據聖經，只有一個合理的生氣理由，就是對罪的憤恨。耶穌有一次發義怒，把賣牲畜的人從聖殿趕出去，並推翻兌換銀錢攤販的桌子。他不滿一些人為了謀利而將聖殿變成了市場。這個世界的罪惡也應該讓我們氣憤流淚。有權勢的人剝奪弱者和窮人。他們也奪走無辜的生命。這些不僅是政治問題，也是屬靈的罪。保羅教導我們，我們可以生氣而不犯罪。我們可以通過正確的渠道，以堅定而溫和的方式表達我們的意見。我們譴責這些行為是罪。儘管人們將繼續受苦，但我們相信最終神會主持公義。

## B. 推波助瀾 Pours Fuel

當人們的情緒失控時，便會產生衝突。另一個引起衝突的原因是有人推波助瀾。箴言 26:21 說：**好爭競的人煽惑爭端，就如餘火加炭，火上加柴一樣**。一個喜歡爭辯的人就像把燃料倒進火裡。衝突中有哪些可能的燃料？這一節經文的上下文都提到閒言。

上週我們談到閒言帶來的破壞性影響。謠言損毀人的聲譽。那些在爭論中相信閒言的人便受到謠言推波助瀾。他們認定對方是個壞人。他們會相信自己的感覺和想像力，而不是真相。要滅火，必須拒絕閒言。先弄清楚事實，也讓對方有解釋的餘地。當雙方能夠冷靜地進行互相尊重的對話時，火就會熄滅。另一種可能的燃料是以前未解決的恩怨。這個人的心中充滿了苦毒。他會想把舊帳翻出來羞辱對方。「還記得你當年是怎麼傷害我的嗎？現在你又來了！」不要落入那個陷阱！目的是要解決衝突，而不解決那個人！集中處理手頭上的問題，拒絕引入任何無關的事情。你可以成為滅火的人。當爭論失控時，你可以建議達成停火協議。然後可以選擇另一個時間繼續討論。這樣表明你關心的是這段關係而不是最終誰贏。

### C. 多管閒事 “Sticky” Nose

另一種會使衝突升級的起因是第三者多管閒事。箴言 26:17 有一個有趣的描述：**過路被事激動，管理不干己的爭競，好像人揪住狗耳。**很可能這個人招惹的不是一隻溫馴的寵物，而是一隻兇悍的流浪狗。結果是被牠狠狠地咬一口！到底發生什麼事？也許他經過，正好看到有人在爭論。出於好奇，他便停下來看戲。這已經夠八卦了，他甚至加入討論。他可能想知道發生了什麼事，以便可以幫助解決衝突。當你對一個問題知道不多時，很難去扮演和事佬的角色。不管他支持哪一方，都不會有好的下場。他可能是兩邊都不討好。別人便怪他多管閒事。聰明的人會遠離這種麻煩。他不應該參與跟他無關的糾紛。一般來說，做調解人是困難的。雙方自然會為自己說話。然後便出現「公說公有理，婆說婆有理」的局面，你便不知道該相信誰。解決衝突比較明智的處理方式是同時跟雙方坐下來談。一個人說話後，另一個人可以回應。然後你可以驗證事實並過濾掉主觀意見。

### D. 破壞關係 Destroys Relationship

在了解導致衝突的因素之後，讓我們看一下衝突會造成的傷害。爭吵會破壞關係。箴言 18:19 說：**弟兄結怨，勸他和好，比取堅固城還難；這樣的爭競如同堅寨的門門。**這裡的「弟兄」可以指一個人的親生兄弟姐妹。但是我們可以將其擴展為包括任何關係。因衝突而分開的關係，就像一個難以攻破的據點。在古代，城市通常四面有圍牆，城堡不是建在山上就是圍在護城河中。這些安全措施使敵人的攻擊變得具有挑戰性。在冷淡的關係中，人們會將自己和不同意見的人隔開。家庭成員便不會見面。朋友會分手。商業夥伴將分道揚鑣。當一座橋被燒毀並被路障擋住時，通信就會停止。關係越近，傷痕就會越深。信任是人際關係中的一個關鍵要素。信任很難建立，但很容易瓦解。我們如何使破裂的關係和好？保羅在歌羅西書 3:13 節教導我們：**倘若這人與那人有嫌隙，總要彼此包容，彼此饒恕；主怎樣饒恕了你們，你們也要怎樣饒恕人。**如果雙方都不肯讓步，就難以有進展。保羅建議我們要寬恕別人。放下你的驕傲，放棄你報復的打算。當我們回想耶穌在十字架上如何饒恕我們時，便會激勵我們饒恕他人。當我們仍在罪中悖逆時，耶穌便甘願且無條件地赦免我們。冒犯你的人可能永遠不會來找你認錯，但是你可以選擇邁出第一步來給予恩典。

## 2. 化解不和 Peaceful Resolution

到目前為止，我們看到挑起衝突並讓它醞釀是不明智的。它只會製造雙方的不和。唯有化解不和才是解決衝突的方法。

### A. 愛 Love

解決衝突的第一種方法就是顯示愛。箴言 10:12 說：**恨能挑啟爭端；愛能遮掩一切過錯。**如果仇恨會使情況惡化，那麼最好的解藥就是表達愛。這裡的「遮掩」不是掩飾。我們不應該姑息罪。如果有小偷闖進我家，我會奮力地保護我的家人。我們也應該尋求警察的幫助，並在需要時舉報犯法的行為。司法制度的存在是為了保護我們的安全。我們可以假設作者在這裡不是在談論生死攸關的情形。他可能指的是人際關係的事情。愛可以攔阻進一步的傷害。情緒高漲會激起一個人的報復。但邪惡只會產生更大的邪惡。當一個人以愛回應時，他可以使對手降溫。儘管關係緊張，你還是可以繼續關心對方。耶穌在馬太福音 5:43-44 中教導我們同樣的原則：**43 「你們聽見有話說：『當愛你的鄰舍，恨你的仇敵。』44 只是我告訴你們，要愛你們的仇敵，為那逼迫你們的禱告。」**回敬傷害我們的人是人的天性。但愛仇敵卻反映出神的本性。耶穌不會要求我們做我們做不到的事。問題不是我們不能，而是我們不願意。如果我們依靠自己，我們可能永遠無法順服耶穌。只有當我們降服于主，並讓神加添力量時，我們才能過超越自然的生活。然後我們才會求神祝福敵人，而不是求祂去懲罰冒犯我們的人。我們可以選擇原諒，就像神無條件地饒恕我們一樣。

### B. 忍 Restrain

除了表達愛，解決衝突的另一種方式是忍。箴言 16:32 說：**不輕易發怒的，勝過勇士；治服己心的，強如取城。**一個士兵必須用他的力量來克服敵人。但是，他在計劃和執行戰略時也需要保持冷靜。讓情緒戰勝理性可能會導致災難。冷靜的頭腦有助於我們更客觀地評估情況。有智慧的人不會讓別人的反應支配他的決定。表現忍耐的另一種方式是忽略別人的過錯。箴言 19:11 說：**人有見識就不輕易發怒；寬恕人的過失便是自己的榮耀。**有智慧的人不會因小失大。我想到的一個例子是婚禮的準備。一般人都希望這個千載難逢的事件令人難忘。雙方家庭要決定客人名單、食物、場地、儀式等。這需要很多的協調和妥協才能辦得成功。有時，有些人會因為他們的意見不被接納而生氣。為了準備一場喜事而弄到大家不高興是不值得的。我總是提醒新娘和新郎不要介意一點點的小意外。要享受這段美好的時光，玩得開心並高高興興地慶祝。撒旦是喜歡搗蛋的專家。教會的建堂計劃往往會導致衝突。同工們為怎樣建、如何設計和花費多少等問題爭論不休。這是神對給教會增長的祝福。為什麼我們讓撒旦散播紛爭的種子？人們應該退後一步，從神的角度來看事情。如此便可以減少衝突。

### C. 躲 Dodge

一個類似忍的方法是躲。箴言 20:3 解釋說：**遠離分爭是人的尊榮；愚妄人都愛爭鬧。**這裡描述的情形和之前提到多管閒事的人正好相反。一個有智慧的人可以感覺到壓力不斷在上升。一個聰明的決定是離開現場，根本不值得繼續爭論下去。不幸的是，有



些人喜歡用武力解決問題。最近，在阿拉巴馬州有一群朋友在看美式足球比賽時爭論哪支球隊更好。當他們離開屋子時，一個人開槍打死了另一個人。這件事既悲哀又離譜。那只是一場運動比賽。一支球隊今天贏了，下一次可能會輸。為什麼要為這種小事吵架？可惜的是，這就是我們生活的世界。有些人通過讓對手保持沉默來證明他們有權力。既然無法用言語打敗對方，他們就不允許別人說話。有智慧的人知道，他無法與不講道理的人辯論。保護自己最好的辦法就是躲避現場。雖然這樣做不能解決衝突，但至少可以阻止情況走下坡。那就是智慧。

#### D. 靜 Cool

另一個減少衝突的有效方法是保持冷靜。箴言 15:1 說：「回答柔和，使怒消退；言語暴戾，觸動怒氣。」我們的肢體語言顯示我們的心靈狀況。人們可以通過觀察我們的表情來判斷我們是否在生氣。一個有智慧的人知道如何在意見不合時保持冷靜。他明白對別人的批評最佳的回應是溫和的話語。這讓我想起了大衛和亞比該之間的故事。那時，大衛正在逃避掃羅王。大衛經過拿八的農場。他是個有錢人。這個名字的意思是「愚頑」。什麼樣的父母會給兒子取這樣的名字？大衛差遣幾個僕人去向拿八要食物。那人卻羞辱地說他不知道大衛是誰。大衛因此發怒，並準備派人攻打拿八。就在這時，拿八的一個僕人將所發生的事告訴了他的妻子亞比該。她立刻準備一些食物去迎接大衛。她在撒母耳記上 25:28 節向大衛道歉：「求你饒恕婢女的罪過。耶和華必為我主建立堅固的家，因我主為耶和華爭戰；並且在你平生的日子查不出有什麼過來。」果然，這麼溫和的話，讓緊張的氣氛一下子緩和下來。大衛接受了亞比該的禮物和道歉。然後他撤退了他的戰士。這段經文說後來神擊打拿八，他便死了，大衛隨後娶了亞比該為他的妻子之一。

#### 結論 CONCLUSION

只有當雙方能互相禮讓時，衝突才能得到解決。這樣便把對方視為朋友而不是敵人了。當他們達到一個共同的目標時，他們雙方都會獲得勝利。讓我以一個暖心的故事來結束。在 2018，費城的美式足球隊老鷹隊打敗了新英格蘭愛國者隊，贏得球隊有史以來的第一個超級碗冠軍。後來有一個有趣的故事，關於兩支球隊的兩名球迷。Patricia 是老鷹隊的長期球迷。她從一個名叫約翰的人那裡得到了一個腎臟，他恰好是愛國者隊的球迷。他們兩個人互不認識。球賽的一個月之後，他們在進行移植手術的醫院見面。Patricia 送給約翰一份很特別的禮物，以感謝他的愛心。那是一件衣服，上面寫著：「你能相信我把一個腎送給老鷹隊的球迷嗎？」Patricia 也為自己買了一件相同的衣服，上面寫著：「你能相信我接受一個愛國者隊球迷的腎嗎？」兩人本來是陌生人和對手。那天，他們成為了朋友。