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you are a homosexual male, a very beautiful woman, if you're a lesbian woman, approaches you with a parchment and a pen and says, this is what we call a stylus, and what I have in my hand is a piece of parchment, all you have to do is make a little cut on the fleshy portion of the palm of your hand, get enough blood to sign your name on this parchment, and I will give you anything you want, anything you want. And because your imagination is limited, I will even suggest things in your imagination that you have never thought of. As a line in Edgar Allan Poe's poem "The Raven" said: Doubting, dreaming dreams no mortal ever dared to dream before. Well, the one with the parchment says, I will fill in the details of those dreams, and I will give you everything you want. And they say, well, okay, then I'll sign it. Don't sign it. Think about what you might have to pay before you sign it. And if you don't want to pay, then don't enter the contract. If you don't want matters discussed on the floor, don't put it in here. Don't sign an agreement with the devil, and you get what you want, then you say, well, I've thought about it, and my little old raggedy soul means a little more to me than I thought and I don't think I want to give it up. I say, oh, no, buddy. You got what you wanted. One thing about me is what the parchment bringer tells you. They may call me a lot of things, but they can never say I did not deliver on what I promised under my contract. Even Faustus couldn't deny that. When time came and midnight was approaching, he didn't say: Once upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered, weak and weary, over many quaint and curious volumes of forgotten lore. What he said is, I'm thinking about what I did, and I wish I hadn't done it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I wish I could become a drop of water and be lost in the ocean. I wish I could become a star and be lost in the constellations of all these other stars. I wish Faustus had never been born. But Faustus had been born. Faustus entered a deal. And then Faustus didn't want to pay off after he had gotten the benefits of it. When you all bring this stuff to the Legislature, I'm going to take the time. And whereas I don't believe that a fetus is an unborn child, they have taken quite a bit of time from this Legislature, and they're going to take