

She popped up. "Come on," she said. "The people walking

backwards?"

"I know--"

"The old lady walking backwards?"

"Yep--"

"Am I supposed to be freaked out that there's an old lady

walking backwards?"

"I don't know."

"And the old lady starts to smash her head through all those windows." She shook her head. "It's The Happening, though. It's

this scary thing and, you never know, an old lady might start

to walk backwards."

"Look," I said. "I don't expect you to do anything, I don't

hold you to the rules that I hold myself to. And it's not that

I'm having pity on this poor, poor, well-meaning director just

because the whole world hates him right now."

"So, time has passed and you've changed."

"That's right."

"You're a better person now," she said. "You're seeing things

clearly now."

"I can really say it now, can't I?"

"The trees!" she said. "And she's pregnant. Isn't that awesome?"

Life begins."

"I think that was an homage," I said.

"Oh, really?"

"Yeah, to films that end with the lady getting pregnant." homage to

"I need to stay away from that genre."

"You didn't like The Sixth Sense, right?"

"No, I thought it was pretty good."

"So you thought it was a quality film, but it just fright-

ened you."

"Yeah, it had some jumpy parts."

I said, "I didn't like The Sixth Sense, but I kind of liked

Lady in the Water."

"Don't remember that one," she said. "Did we watch that one?"

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than said, "Well if it was on 6-movies, then why not go ALL IN on the camp and have the United States declare war on the plants? But I'm fuzzy on this and I think I lean toward the conv-
eration going the other way.

the people at the next table got to go. This is like 10:15 which is the place is most empty.

else had told me. And it seems like