

Lark Chadwick faces reporters on her first day as White House press secretary:

As soon as I realized who I'd called on, I saw my grave error. He represented a news organization I consider to be part of "The Rabid Right."

"Ever since the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*," he said, "states have been passing their own laws about abortion. It's legal in some states, severely limited in others, and illegal in more than a dozen. This comes at a time when you have just publicly revealed that you're pregnant with the child of a man who died three months ago of a heroin overdose."

My knees nearly buckled.

A few reporters—most of them women—groaned loudly.

"My question," the guy continued, powering his way through the grousing, "are you, or are you not, planning to abort your unborn child?"

I gripped the podium so tightly my knuckles turned white. Taking a deep breath, I began to speak.