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*Charlotte...*  
*Standing beside a bright white claw-foot tub*  
*full of water.*  
*She holds the knife. She wears her red ribbon.*  
*She recites her letter.*

CHARLOTTE. It is to you, the good people of France, that I must define these actions. I am doing this with the full knowledge that I will be soon in the quiet arms of Madame Guillotine, but... Jean-Paul Marat, by eight o'clock tonight, shall be dead.

*Switch to Olympe...*

*Olympe stands at a podium in a loud, cavernous room*  
*full of angry men.*  
*She reads with verve:*

OLYMPE. When will women ask ourselves... What has this Revolution given *us*? And if the answer is *nothing*? When will we take it for ourselves?

CHARLOTTE. Until Marat is silenced, you, my friends, will live in danger. So. I will avenge us all.

OLYMPE. So. I now present this Declaration of the Rights of Woman and the Female Citizen.

Article One: Woman is born free and lives equal to man.

*Male objection resounds! Olympe stands there, breathing in the moment.*

CHARLOTTE. As the murderer Marat draws his final breath, there will at last be peace in France.

You're welcome.

Charlotte Corday.

*With a swift strike Charlotte "kills" Marat*

*and the water in the tub bloodies.  
She stands there, bloody, breathing in the moment.  
Switch to Marianne...*

*Marianne reads a letter.*

MARIANNE. My dear Vincent,  
We fight for this better world *together* even if we are a world away.  
I fight harder with you in my heart.  
More news of the Paris revolution enclosed. Be safe and write soon.

*She stands there breathing in the paper and the memory of  
her husband.*

*Blackout on Olympe.  
Blackout on Charlotte.  
Blackout on Marianne.  
Switch to Marie...*

*To no one...except maybe her ribbons.*

MARIE. So here's what I don't get. Isn't the definition of a *revolution*  
"the turning about of an object on a central axis thereby landing its  
journeyman in the same exact spot whereon they started"? Because  
that seems like a waste of *everyone's* time.

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