

The States Collection – Delaware  
Protect Our Chickens  
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CAST: 2 (gender flexible)

CASEY (male or female) 17, a protector of everything

JORDAN (male or female) 15, Casey's younger sibling, go with the flow

(Lights up on JORDAN on a couch or chair, immersed in a book or more likely – a tablet. CASEY enters. CASEY may have a makeshift chicken costume on or a rubber chicken prop or just feathers.)

CASEY

Up and at 'em. We're going to the Capital.

JORDAN

Again?

CASEY

This time it's really important.

JORDAN

It's always important. Equal rights. Fair wages. Free education. Health care. You know I'm with you.

(Beat as JORDAN really sees CASEY.)

JORDAN (cont'd)

It's not Halloween.

CASEY

I'm not protesting Halloween.

JORDAN

I mean – look at you. Nobody will take you seriously.

CASEY

When something is important you have to risk looking silly. You need to call attention to yourself. You need to get noticed. That's how you get interviewed. That's how you can state your case.

JORDAN

You look like Roadrunner. (Feel free to insert a different description.)

CASEY

That's the look I'm going for.

JORDAN

We're protesting Roadrunner?

CASEY

We're protecting Roadrunner!

JORDAN

Who doesn't live in Delaware!

CASEY

We need to protect our chickens! For every one person in Delaware there are 200 chickens! What happens to those 200 chickens when a person dies? Has anyone thought about it? Where do they go?

JORDAN

Uhhh .... I have an idea!

CASEY

Nobody can eat that many chicken nuggets. We need to set up trust funds for chicklets, savings accounts for retired roosters. Everyone in Delaware must be made aware that they are responsible for 200 chickens.

JORDAN

You're not yolking around.

CASEY

Don't do that.

JORDAN

We can go. I don't have a costume but I can wing it.

CASEY

This is important.

JORDAN

I get it. We're in this together through chick and thin.

