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# Return to Zero

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Round your back, please.

That's it.

This is the local.

It is in preparation  
for the epidural.

We've also just started  
a pitocin drip

Which should induce labor within  
the next eight hours or so.

It's hard to grasp what a  
contraction actually feels like.

So I want each of you,  
partners and dads included,

To grab an ice cube

and grip it in your hand

As hard and as long as you can.

I'm gonna time you.

It's a piece of cake.

Oh, you won't get in our pool  
unless it's 90 degrees.

Which is why I built a Jacuzzi.

Okay. Begin.

This exercise is to illustrate

How different

each of our pain thresholds are.

A woman's pain threshold

Is often quite a bit more  
than a man's.

Ohh, did you hear that?

Mm-Hmm.

Quite a bit.

Good.

Quite a bit higher than a man's.

You're a man.

Now, if it gets to be

too much for you,

You're perfectly welcome

to just let go.

I think she's talking to you.

I think she's talking directly to you.

Ah!

Sorry.

46 seconds.

I've seen worse.  
Oh!  
We're gonna need more booze.  
Mom's friends are going through  
it like it's spring break.  
Are you eating the cake?  
Hmm?  
Are you eating the cake?  
Hmm?  
You're eating the cake.  
Shh. Shh. Shh.  
Did you see what...  
Mm.  
What was that for?  
When was the last time  
I pulled you in the hallway  
To tell you how much I love you?  
Friday.  
Mm.  
Then I'm a damn fool.  
It's Saturday.  
I know.  
You have to get that.  
We got company.  
Wow! Remind me to have your mom  
plan my baby shower.  
This isn't even my baby shower.  
I know.  
That's my point exactly.  
Looks at this, amazing.  
Look at all these people.  
I know. They're all mom's friends  
off facebook. What are you gonna do?  
Tweedledee and tweedledum.  
Oh, that never gets old,  
Kathleen.  
Mom, what part of "no presents"  
do people not understand?  
Oh, they're mostly  
from your dad and me.  
And don't worry... They're gender-Neutral.  
Okay.  
Isn't this perfect that  
you're having a baby together?

Tell me how excited you are.  
Oh, just beyond.  
It's beyond, right?  
It's her third baby, mom.  
I know.  
But it's special.  
This is one special.  
You're having a baby  
together. See?  
Look at that. Aww.  
Oh, yeah. Baby bump!  
Are you gonna make us bump?  
Let's bump. Boom!  
Oh, the baby bumps bumped.  
You are hammered!  
Ooh.  
Oh, Aidan! Jack!  
I am gonna sell both of you!  
Excuse me.  
Oh, she's mad.  
Honey?  
Hmm?  
I think your friend Marylin  
was been a bit over-Served.  
Why, what happened?  
Ohh.  
Tossed her cookies  
in your bougainvillea.  
What?! Ohh.  
Remember she did that at our house?  
I'll just get the power washer  
and hose it down for you.  
What do you think?  
Ohh, yeah.  
Johnny-On-The-Spot dad.  
Sorry.  
What is wrong with your friends?  
Are they 17?  
I know.  
No, they're drunks.  
Really, they are.  
A lot of them are drunks.  
Wha...  
Can we cut the cake?

I want to find out what it is!  
Please?  
You made the cake!  
Um, before we do this...  
Oh, just cut it already!  
Ready?  
Okay.  
Oh.  
Oh, it's a boy!  
A boy.  
Whoo! It's a boy!  
Congratulations, grandma.  
It's a boy!  
I wanted a boy.  
Congratulations.  
There you go.  
Congratulations, grandma.  
It's a boy!  
Here's to getting it right  
the first time!  
Would you...  
Hey, is that necessary?  
Oh!  
Yes!  
Oh, my god!  
Only for boys!  
Only for boys.  
It's delicious.  
So you know  
I'm gonna be gone  
For three months  
to be with the baby.  
That's why I wanted to talk you.  
We're gonna talk about strategy  
So you don't lose any momentum.  
I sent the application in  
last week.  
That's great!  
Oh, what if I don't get in?  
You got to think  
positively, Laura.  
Intention is very powerful.  
Intention.  
Thought. Action.

I know I've said it to you  
a million times,  
But I'm really serious now.  
You got to do a vision board.  
I know you think it's weird.  
When I was 30,  
I really wanted to open my life  
up to new possibilities.  
So I set  
a really clear intention,  
And I made a weird vision board.  
It just helps focus your energy  
On putting the right thoughts  
and actions out there  
To attract the right people  
and situations to you.  
Everything  
that we talk about in here,  
They're just tools to help you  
get the life that you want.  
But you have to be willing  
to do the heavy lifting.  
You really think that  
the thoughts you put out there  
Affect what happens to you?  
I do.  
You know, I don't give a rat's  
ass that you need more men.  
You're 10 days  
behind schedule already,  
Which is some kind  
of world record  
Since you only started the job  
last Thursday.  
When he sees us both here,  
he's gonna know something's up.  
So let me handle it, okay?  
Mm-Hmm.  
Your ineptitude, it's smashing  
through the space-Time continuum.  
You ought to get  
a Nobel prize for that.  
No, I'm not wearing the hat.  
Hey, bud!

Stats!  
Hey.  
Boss.  
Yeah, I got your text.  
Congratulations.  
You got it right the first time!  
What  
is it with you two?  
It's a "Y" chromosome thing.  
You were missed.  
No, I was not.  
So, what's wrong?  
Wrong?  
Why would you think  
something's wrong?  
You're both here.  
Forget about the hat!  
Listen, I'm not gonna  
sue myself.  
But if I could make money  
out of that, I would.  
Now get out of here.  
It's Ned. Again.  
The same goddamned thing?  
Worse.  
Well, Ned's insurance covers it,  
but we were thinking...  
yeah, I don't pay you  
to think, stats.  
Oh. That's right.  
I'll just gonna stand here  
and be a girl.  
Okay, dad. Dad. We got to figure  
out a way to get rid of him.  
You know, Ned is fully vested.  
We don't have the authority.  
Takes another surgeon  
to do that.  
It turns out Ned's son  
is a surgeon, just like dad.  
And he's interested.  
You know, it's a beautiful thing  
When a son wants to follow  
in his father's footsteps.

Are you kidding me?  
Oh, that.  
I don't know what that is.  
It's his head.  
No... Oh!  
Oh!  
Oh, no! Rewind!  
Rewind it! Rewind it!  
I want to see that again.  
What was that?  
I don't know.  
I think he was winking.  
Oh, he's so ugly.  
Aww, he's...  
Don't say that!  
He can hear you!  
He can hear your voice.  
He knows your voice.  
He knows my voice?  
Did you read any of the books  
I gave you?  
Do you listen to anything I say?  
You gave me books.  
Hey, read him a book right now.  
Look it up.  
Uh, okay.  
The choices are "Anna Karenina,"  
"Guns, germs, and steel,"  
oh, "the human stain,"  
Or "but not the hippopotamus"  
by Sandra Boynton.  
I think this is best.  
"Guns, germs, and steel."  
He might enjoy that.  
"A hog and a frog  
cavort in the bog,  
But not the hippopotamus."  
See?  
Did you do that?  
Was that a trick?  
Yeah, I did that.  
That foot.  
Let's see.  
"A cat and two rats



were trying on hats,  
But not the hippopotamus."  
Oh, my god.  
Ow!  
Don't tell your mother,  
but one day, when you're older,  
You and I are gonna  
build a sailboat.  
And I'm gonna take you  
to my favorite spot,  
And I am gonna teach you  
how to sail.  
Okay?  
Knock twice if...  
I think we may have  
The next America's cup captain  
right here.  
Or a little alien pirate.  
Okay, well, wait.  
Let me help you.  
No, I got it.  
Yeah.  
You're only nine months  
pregnant, Maggie.  
God forbid  
you let anybody help you.  
Well, you are, too.  
No, I'm not.  
I'm seven months, thanks.  
Ohh.  
Oh,  
this turned out beautifully.  
Don't break your arm  
Patting yourself on the back.  
I haven't been able to reach  
my back in a month, thanks.  
You okay?  
Yeah, it's nothing.  
What is it?  
Are you going into labor?  
No, ohh.  
I have got to go  
to the bathroom.  
I think something exciting

might be happening.  
It rhymes with "maybe."  
What you up to?  
Nothing, Trish.  
Quite obviously nothing.  
What are you up to?  
147, and you should never ask  
pregnant women that question.  
That was a joke.  
False alarm.  
Ah, all right.  
Well, I better get home  
Before my boys  
burn the house down.  
Maggie, you okay?  
Yeah.  
Oh, I almost forgot.  
There's a wait list  
For infant day care at the club,  
So you'll want to  
take care of that, okay?  
I can't right now.  
And I know you got a lot  
on your plate right now,  
But Mrs. Dufrense just became the  
head of admissions at Roosevelt,  
And you're gonna need her to get  
that little guy into Pre-K.  
I'm overwhelmed now.  
Oh, well, you just wait!  
You have no idea.  
All right. Goodbye.  
Bye-Bye.  
Honey, we got to call  
the doctor.  
What's wrong?  
There was just a little bit of blood.  
A little bit of blood?  
Yeah.  
Hi, dr. Campbell?  
It's Maggie royal.  
Yeah, I, um... I-I started  
bleeding a little bit,  
And I'm worried that

there's something wrong.  
It was just, wh...  
Kind of red around the edges.  
38 weeks.  
Oh.  
Okay.  
Thank you.  
I someone had told me that.  
Uh, okay.  
Yeah, I will... I will...  
I will come in first thing.  
Thank you. Sorry.  
Thank you.  
Geez. What?  
I lost my mucus  
plug... apparently.  
You're gonna have to  
help me out on that one.  
You got to read a book!  
Maggie.  
It means the baby is coming.  
Now?  
Well, probably not now.  
But, um, he wants me to go in  
And get checked  
tomorrow morning.  
Right.  
Tomorrow morning is  
the Ned Johnson thing.  
Got to nail that, so...  
I mean, I can move it  
Or skip it and try to have  
my dad do it and come.  
No, don't worry about it.  
No, I can go.  
No, it's fine.  
All I need you to do is ask.  
No, I'm done asking, Aaron.  
Well, that's  
a very mature response.  
What's the point  
in asking you to do anything?  
You always say no,  
so I don't ask you anymore.

I need you to use  
your words because,  
Despite my remarkable powers of perception,  
I can't read your mind.  
Oh, okay. I'll use my words...  
I can handle it.  
You can handle it,  
or you want me to come,  
But you can't ask me to come?  
Don't lawyer me!  
I'm worried.  
I haven't felt him move today.  
I know. I know.  
I...I just,  
when I saw the blood, I...  
Did the doctor say it was okay?  
Yes.  
It's okay. It's okay.  
I'm sorry.  
I'm sure he's just tired.  
It's getting crowded  
in there, right?  
Yeah.  
It's okay.  
I promise, okay?  
Okay.  
Look, I know  
he's got the personality  
Of wallpaper at times.  
A few awkward years  
in high school, dad.  
Don't hold it against me  
forever.  
But Christopher  
is a top-Notch doctor.  
Yeah, and we are  
thrilled, Ned,  
To have him join the team.  
And we think you made  
the right decision  
Stepping aside  
to make room for your son.  
What gave you the notion  
I was stepping aside?

Uh, Ned. Uh, my son and I,  
we build surgery centers.  
We make money  
because we're good at our job.  
The day we stop being good at  
our job, we don't make money.  
Are you implying that  
I'm no longer good at my job?  
No. No one's saying that.  
In the last three years,  
There's been major complications  
From three different  
routine colonoscopies,  
The last one almost resulting  
in the loss of a man's life.  
He was fine.  
Well, he...  
He walked away.  
Dad, I became a doctor  
Because I wanted to  
be just like you.  
But your continuing on  
Is not healthy for you  
or for the patients.  
We will transition  
your patients,  
And Christopher will be  
fully vested  
At the end of the next quarter.  
It's gonna be okay, dad.  
T-The race is over.  
You won.  
Did you have caffeine today?  
No.  
I'm a little nervous. It's okay.  
It happens. It happens.  
We'll just take it again  
a little later  
When you're more relaxed.  
Okay.  
All right.  
Let's see how this little guy  
is doing today.  
He's not so little anymore.

Okay.  
I'm sure you're anxious  
to meet him.  
You have no idea.  
Oh, I do.  
I have three.  
Yeah?  
Hmm, he's hiding from me.  
Hmm.  
You know what?  
I think this one is broken.  
I'm gonna go get  
a different one, okay?  
Oh.  
Okay.  
Be right back.  
Okay.  
All righty.  
You got another one?  
I do. All right.  
Here we go. Take two.  
What's going on?  
Uh, yeah, I'm gonna go  
get the doctor.  
All right.  
Hey, what's happening?  
I will be right back.  
Hi, there, Maggie.  
Hi.  
Just lie back please.  
Okay.  
What's going on?  
Just need to take a better look.  
Okay, there's the head.  
Great.  
What's going on?  
What's happening?  
Keep breathing.  
You're doing fine.  
How is he?  
Hey, please, please, will you  
tell me what's happening?  
Dr. Campbell, please, will you  
tell me what's happening?

Maggie, I can't find  
the baby's heartbeat.  
Oh, no. He's fine.  
He's just...  
He's... He's hiding.  
Just check it again.  
I did.  
The baby doesn't have  
a heartbeat.  
I'm so sorry, Maggie.  
But that's impossible,  
Because I can feel him  
kicking right now.  
I can feel him kicking me.  
I'm so sorry.  
Okay, just let me see him.  
Just let me see him.  
Maggie...  
just...  
Okay, let me see.  
Let me see him on the screen.  
Maggie...  
do it so I can see him on the screen.  
Maggie...  
your baby is dead.  
No! Come on! No!  
Do you understand  
what I'm saying?  
Did you... Did you come  
with anyone?  
No!  
You want us  
to call your husband?  
He's in a meeting!  
I'm so sorry.  
Please!  
Be...  
Okay. Okay.  
No! This is crazy!  
No!  
Okay, okay.  
Hold on a minute.  
Just hold on a minute.  
We can just try it again.

Just give me a minute  
with him, okay.  
Just give me a minute now.  
Come on, baby!  
Come on!  
If you ever set me up like that,  
I'm disemboweling you  
with a trowel.  
Love you, too, dad.  
How'd it go?  
Hi, Mr. And Mrs. Royal.  
I'm Corina Nevelle,  
the hospital social worker.  
Do you mind if I call you  
Maggie and Aaron?  
That's fine.  
I know this is very  
difficult to talk about,  
Especially now, but I have to  
ask you some questions  
About you and your baby.  
Is that okay?  
Mm-Hmm.  
Is your baby a boy or girl?  
Boy.  
Is it your first?  
Did you pick a name out for him?  
Arthur.  
That's such a strong name.  
Maggie, I need you  
to think about  
How you want to deliver  
your baby.  
Um... can't you just  
take him out?  
The options are natural  
childbirth or c-Section, right?  
The c-Section carries  
more risk for the mother.  
Natural childbirth can be longer  
and more difficult.  
Take it out.  
Wait a minute.  
Just... Just wait a minute.



We can't just...  
okay. Okay. It's okay.  
You...  
guys, it's been a long day.  
I'm gonna recommend  
we rest today, okay?  
We'll induce tomorrow.  
I just want you to think  
about one thing,  
Which is  
after Arthur's delivered,  
I want you to think about  
spending a little time with him,  
Just taking a moment  
and holding him.  
It's the only chance  
you're gonna get.  
I know.  
I know it's a lot.  
But lots of couples  
who have gone through this,  
Who face this loss,  
they cherished that time.  
They've taken photographs, too.  
It can be healing,  
provide closure, okay?  
Just something to think about.  
I know this is  
a very sensitive question.  
I apologize in advance,  
but have you given any thought  
About whether you want  
to have a cremation or burial  
For your son?  
No. We haven't  
thought about that.  
Is that something we should  
have thought about?  
I'm so sorry for your loss.  
My name's Stephanie.  
I'll be your nurse today.  
It opens at the back.  
You just take your time.  
Your mom's bringing dinner.

We are here to  
celebrate a life that never was.  
So I'd like to open it up  
to anyone  
Who would like to share what  
Arthur's life meant to them.  
Uh, well, um...  
I have to admit I wasn't looking  
forward to being called "grandpa"...  
...but I was looking forward  
to meeting my grandson.  
Um... this child never knew  
anything but love.  
He was never hungry.  
He was never cold.  
For the short time he was here,  
He only experienced  
the best of what there was.  
For a baby,  
a day is one hundred years...  
and so, for Arthur, while he  
was here, he lived an eternity.  
I love you.  
I know that baby Arthur  
is up there  
Picking out a wonderful,  
healthy baby for the two of you.  
Everything happens for a reason.  
Maggie, Aaron, would you  
like to say anything?  
Yeah.  
It's all right.  
I wrote this, but...  
but I don't think  
there's anything  
Really for me to say to him.  
Aaron?!  
Aaron!  
Yeah?  
You okay?  
You know, I thought  
I lost something.  
Nothing.  
Nothing. Nothing.

You sure?  
Yeah.  
I actually made lunch...  
if you're...  
Are you okay?  
Yeah. You?  
Yeah. I'm great...  
actually.  
I...I was just thinking  
If... If you were in the mode,  
Maybe you could look at  
the shelves in the living room?  
I'm doing this right now.  
No, it's fine.  
I can do it, I just can't do it right now.  
It's okay.  
I can't do it right now.  
All right.  
Tonight's delicacy brought  
to you by Mr. And Mrs. Schlit.  
Ugh.  
Oh, my god.  
I can't believe they brought  
this to sad people.  
Do they hate us?  
Hey, you know that you can  
talk to me, right?  
I'm okay.  
Yeah.  
Like, you could talk to me  
tonight if you wanted.  
I'm good.  
Okay.  
So, we have established  
That I think it's healthy  
for us to talk.  
About what? What do  
you want to talk about?  
Hmm.  
How my uterus  
is a lethal weapon?  
It seemed clear enough to me  
but it's a mystery, I'm told  
there are things

you can't foresee and know  
all the time  
you spend in love  
Thinking  
love will keep you safe  
is this beat the same  
the love as a bird?  
I know what I know  
is not enough  
here below,  
as we're spinning into dust  
spinning into dust  
now I watch you  
when you sleep  
see the grace  
of all the years  
and the life that runs  
so deep and clear  
was it easy when you left?  
Was the wind  
too cold and rough?  
Do we always just forget  
the fall?  
And I know what I know  
is not enough  
and here below  
as we're spinning into dust  
spinning into dust  
just forget the fall,  
it's a mystery I'm told  
this seems clear to me  
just forget the fall,  
it's a mystery I'm told  
this seems clear to me  
just forget the fall,  
it's a mystery I'm told  
this seems clear to me  
just forget the fall,  
it's a mystery I'm told  
I don't know  
if this is the right time  
Or if there could be  
a right time, but...  
it's not a nuclear device.

Well, in that case.

Hmm.

Oh. Wow.

We talked about a birth present.

I thought you should have one.

Yeah.

Who wouldn't want to be reminded

Of the worst day of their life?

Thanks.

Stupid idea.

I'm sorry. You're right.

It wasn't stupid, it was just...

stupid.

You can't make it go any faster.

You can't make it any better.

You can't do anything.

Sorry.

What's wrong

with dr. Campbell?

He's not a perinatologist.

I'm "high-Risk" now.

I'm special.

Like a snowflake.

Mrs. Royal?

Yeah.

Hi. I'm Claire.

I'm so sorry I'm late.

You must be Maggie.

And Aaron.

Yeah, Aaron. Um, hi.

How are you?

Good.

I am so sorry about your loss.

Thanks.

Thank you.

It's unfathomable how much grief

you must be feeling right now.

I see that you delivered

Arthur naturally.

Did you get to spend

any time with him?

Mm-Hmm.

Good.

Sometimes they...

they're supposed to  
give you that option,  
And I'm glad they did.  
Physically,  
how are you holding up?  
Fine.

Aaron? How are you  
handling all this?  
To tell you the truth, I feel  
like we've gotten the runaround.  
I don't know if that has  
to do with liability  
Or malpractice, but things  
like this don't just happen.  
Unfortunately,  
sometimes they do.  
I've received  
the autopsy report.  
Would you like me  
to go through it with you?  
Yeah.

The autopsy revealed there was  
a cyst in your son's liver,  
And it metastasized rapidly,  
Probably sometime  
in the third trimester,  
And it caused the organ  
to burst.  
Is that it?

That's what the autopsy found.  
All right, hold on.

Um, we were told our baby  
was healthy,  
That Maggie was healthy, so...  
somebody missed this.

I mean, a cyst, it doesn't  
just come out of nowhere.  
For what it's worth,  
in 50% of all stillbirths,  
There is no known  
cause of death.

For what it's worth,  
That's pretty shitty science  
if you ask me.

It is shitty science.  
Yeah.  
I'm not trying to...  
I'm not accusing anybody  
of anything. Okay?  
If they had caught this early,  
As it sounds like  
they should have,  
If somebody had seen it,  
Could somebody have done  
something about it?  
I know how hard  
this is to accept,  
But there are a lot more  
stillbirths than anyone thinks.  
One out of every 160 births.  
And in half of them,  
nobody has a clue why.  
The good news is,  
We got the report back from the  
genetics lab, and it's normal.  
So genetically speaking,  
you two are perfectly capable  
Of having  
happy, healthy children.  
Yeah, we're not there yet.  
Miss me?  
More than you can  
possibly imagine.  
You miss me?  
You missed  
me more than I missed you.  
I did.  
Oh, glad you're back.  
Glad to be back.  
Hmm.  
You know, when I was your age,  
I lost somebody.  
Barry, my business partner.  
Yeah.  
Heart attack.  
44 years old, he went like that.  
And he brought down the company.  
But you know what?

I picked myself up and I looked  
myself in the mirror  
And I said, "Robert, you are not  
gonna let this beat you."  
Um, I think  
Maggie's doing better.  
Good.  
Now, listen.  
I got the, uh, orthopods  
breathing down my neck  
About the delays  
on the Northgate thing,  
So I need you to go there,  
talk to 'em, calm them down.  
Oh, uh, talk to martin.  
He's the squeaky wheel.  
No problem.  
Now.  
Okay.  
And take stats with you. You're  
gonna need some eye candy.  
Oh, you never cease to amaze.  
It's for martin.  
He's a letch.  
You got to throw some chum  
in the water, distract him.  
I'll drive.  
You think I can put  
"thrown as chum" on my resume?  
Why don't I just run in  
and take care of it?  
No, I'm fine.  
Thanks.  
Nothing good  
can last forever  
Oh, hi.  
Grab that.  
Can I help you?  
I wanted to return this.  
Do you have the receipt?  
Uh-Huh. Right there.  
Oh, I'm sorry.  
This is over 60 days.  
We don't take returns



or exchanges after 60 days.  
But that's what  
a gift receipt is for.  
Sorry. Store policy.  
Um...  
could you... make an exception  
just this one time, please?  
I'm sorry, ma'am.  
I'm not authorized to do that.  
Ma'am?  
Don't call her ma'am.  
Ma'am?  
Can we talk to a manager?  
I am the manager.  
Oh, good,  
Because, um, I'd like a refund.  
I'm not giving you a refund.  
You know what?  
Let me explain something to you.  
There have been some  
extenuating circumstances.  
I've been a little busy  
With something  
a little more important  
Than returning this present  
to your cheap-Ass store.  
Oh. You know what I think  
of your return policy?  
Here, let me show you.  
See, this is actually  
pretty cute, but...  
that is what I think  
of your return policy!  
I'm calling the police!  
Mags, wait!  
Maggie! Maggie!  
Come on.  
Oh, I don't think  
we ordered those.  
I did.  
You need this.  
You've been cooped up too long.  
You're right.  
I do need it.

I'm really sorry.  
What you guys went through,  
No one should have to  
go through that.  
And that memorial service...  
good god.  
This'll blow your mind.  
If we had had a tombstone,  
The date of birth  
Would have been the day after  
the date of death.  
Could I get two more?  
Thanks.  
Thank you.  
This whole experience has been like that.  
Let me live vicariously  
through your crazy-Ass life.  
What's going on?  
Well, I'm still dating  
that douche bag.  
Thatagirl.  
I'd break up with him,  
but he has a huge...  
of course.  
Yeah.  
Length, girth?  
Length, moron. Geez.  
Three beers,  
and you're already sloppy.  
You're not getting laid tonight.  
Yeah, well...  
poor Geddy Lee.  
Who is Geddy Lee?  
The lead singer of rush.  
You are old.  
He is also the head  
of the rhythm section  
Of my personal  
humpty-hump band.  
Hmm.  
Poor little Geddy Lee.  
Geddy lee is not little.  
He is of average to...  
maybe above-Average height.

I'm sure he'll be able  
to lay some sweet beats down  
Once the band  
gets back together.  
He's a bassist.  
Too bad.  
I'm a sucker for drummers.  
Did you lose your keys?  
Are you ready  
for a good time?  
Tick and tocking  
till the sun shines...  
Hi, Christine, Kathleen.  
How nice to see you.  
You look wonderful.  
Oh, thank you.  
How are the boys?  
Oh, my oldest is off to college.  
Time to party!  
Oh, my...  
Maggie, last time I saw you,  
you were out to here!  
How's the baby?  
Where do I put the...  
Why don't I take it?  
And I'll get a glass  
of champagne.  
So insensitive.  
And she's wearing my jacket.  
I'm just gonna  
put the gift down.  
Oh, h...  
Oh, run. Run away.  
I am contagious.  
Thank you.  
Honey, it's hard for people.  
They don't know  
what to say to you.  
I'm sure it's very hard  
for people.  
Hi.  
Hi.  
Thank you so much  
for coming. Aww.

It's okay.  
Oh, you look beautiful!  
Trish! Oh, my goodness.  
Thank you.  
Maggie, doesn't she look  
beautiful?  
Did you feel him move?  
Yeah.  
Everything's fine.  
Seriously, he's kicking so much,  
I feel like  
I'm carrying Jackie chan.  
Okay.  
That's Maureen Chadwick.  
Oh, my gosh.  
I haven't seen her  
since the divorce.  
I think she had some work done.  
Go say hi, mom.  
I'll be right back.  
Hi, Maureen! You look great!  
...hope you're ready  
for a good time  
I'm happy you came.  
It means the world to me,  
But if this is  
too much too soon, it's...  
No, no. It's fine.  
Okay.  
Yeah.  
We have a bar, if that helps.  
It might.  
Okay.  
Boy, you're really fat.  
I know.  
Ooh, incoming, 11:00.  
Oh, who is it?  
It's Annie.  
Oh, Jesus...  
Hi, Trish.  
- Beautiful shower.  
- Thank you.  
Maggie...  
can I give you a hug?

Um, yeah.

Sure.

Oh, okay. Thank you.

I saw you across the room,  
And I was moved to come over  
here and say something.

Oh, okay.

What happened doesn't make  
sense, Maggie, not to us.  
God's will is impossible  
for us to understand,  
But he wants you to know that  
he loves you and your son...  
Annie, sweetie, I don't think  
this is helping very much.  
And I pray...

I pray that you realize  
That god is a light  
for each of us to follow  
To find our way to his plan...  
a plan which is perfect  
in every single way.

Annie.

Yes, Maggie.

Tell me more  
about this perfect plan.

It's a mystery.

It is a mystery.

It is.

But it is perfect.

You must have faith in that.

So... so, god's perfect plan  
for me

Could be to suffer a loss  
so great, so devastating,

That I would  
lose my faith in god.

Is that right?

'Cause that is a mystery.

I'm sorry.

It's okay.

I can't really be here.

Okay. Okay.

It's okay.

Have fun.  
Okay.  
All right.  
I'm sorry.  
Thanks, Annie.  
That was fantastic.  
Runs over a man!  
Oh, and he's finally tripped up  
at the 42 of Minnesota!  
Catch the ball!  
Can you get that?!  
Fourth quarter!  
You're closer!  
Texas Christian coming  
the long way across the field  
Just in time to make that...  
Trick or treat!  
One sec.  
One sec?  
Oh!  
Dude.  
Because they can't all be treats, kids.  
This is wrong.  
Did he just give you rocks?  
Aaron!  
Hey, uh, I'm sorry.  
Um, hold on.  
Hold on one second.  
Oh, my god!  
You are such an ass!  
Hold on!  
I got...  
I got some... gum.  
And... I'm really sorry.  
We're not prepared this year.  
My mom won't let us eat it  
if it's already unwrapped.  
She's right.  
Come on, guys.  
Let's go somewhere else.  
She's... She's right.  
I'm sorry.  
Yeah, let's go somewhere else.  
I'm sorry! Sorry!

Happy Halloween!  
You gave kids rocks?  
Oh, yeah.  
I mixed my metaphors.  
That's Christmas.  
That's coal, moron.  
Must be the...  
Oh, yeah.  
And I missed a touchdown.  
Thank you for ruining this.  
Oh, I ruin everything now, huh?  
Not everything.  
Just some things.  
Just some things.  
Just some things!  
My first pastry class...  
oh, my god, Maggie!  
It was so wonderful!  
I spent four hours making this.  
Wow!  
It's a macaroon.  
Yeah.  
My first.  
I made it for you because  
you were the one person  
Who gave me the courage  
to follow my dream.  
Oh, you were right!  
All I had to do was...  
Was visualize it.  
I love the kitchen, Maggie.  
I am the kitchen.  
It's where I belong.  
And how does that feel  
in your body?  
Oh, I feel like I'm...  
Like I'm floating,  
Like if my arms are wings.  
I have goose bumps on my legs.  
Like right now,  
anything is possible.  
Maggie?  
Yeah, that must feel amazing.  
You hold onto that feeling

'Cause that's a really important resource for you.  
Are you all right?  
It's fine.  
Is this about the miscarriage?  
It wasn't a miscarriage.  
I had a miscarriage once, too.  
You get over these things in time.  
Don't you cry, don't be shy  
stand up straight,  
here it comes  
say goodbye, don't you cry,  
hold yourself, don't forget  
you are strong, move along  
nothing's wrong  
of feeling alone  
every morning  
I say these words  
...apologize... for... it... to cope  
and clean all my thoughts, it works  
Action!  
I laugh, I sing,  
I do my thing  
a bird  
with non-Illegal scene  
it works  
Are you talking  
to anyone about this?  
Um... yeah.  
Aaron and I talk about it  
all the time.  
Good, because, well,  
It's important  
not to lose each other.  
It's easy to get caught up  
in your own grief.  
Are we finished?  
Yes. We're finished.  
Are you getting  
out of the house?  
Um, yeah.  
The last couple weeks.  
A lot of people I know



are finding it difficult.  
They run in the other direction  
when they see me.  
Hmm.  
It's difficult for them, too.  
Yeah, I'm sure it's incredibly  
hard for them to say "hello."  
They don't know what to say.  
They just want things to go  
back to the way they were.  
Think I don't?  
That's not gonna happen.  
You've been fortunate enough  
to have experienced something  
That very few people have  
the courage to even think about.  
I don't exactly  
consider myself fortunate.  
Um, look, I, uh...  
I know you have the whole  
bedside manner thing,  
Um, but... unless you've been  
through what I've been through,  
You couldn't possibly  
understand it, you know?  
Maggie.  
Yeah?  
I was in medical school  
studying obstetrics  
When I was pregnant with  
my second child, a boy, David.  
It was perfect timing.  
I performed my own ultrasounds  
every week, watched him grow.  
And at seven months,  
his heart stopped.  
No reason.  
It just stopped, and I lost him.  
And I'll never get him back.  
And I lost a part  
of myself that day,  
And I'll never get it back.  
And me at medical school.  
I was studying to be a doctor

That delivers babies  
for a living,  
And I couldn't deliver  
the most important one.  
I'm sorry for your loss.  
There is life after this.  
I promise you that.  
I was blessed with two more  
girls after I lost my son.  
Janet is the bossy one.  
Samantha's the brainy one,  
And the littlest one, Brady,  
she's a rascal.  
They all are.  
And I can't imagine  
my life without them,  
And I don't want to.  
Because of what  
you've been through,  
Because of what your son  
taught you,  
You will forever  
be available to a child,  
Appreciate that child better  
than most parents ever can.  
And that truly is a gift.  
We loved them all they could  
while they were here.  
No one can ever take  
that away from us.  
You will always be  
Arthur's mother.  
Be proud of that.  
He is.  
Hey.  
Mister long dong silver  
said he was leaving his wife,  
And I actually  
believed him. Stupid me.  
You know how you know  
when a married guy is lying?  
His lips are moving.  
All men are liars,  
present company excluded.

This isn't me. I'm such a  
freakin' girl right now.  
Girls don't typically drink  
right from the bottle.  
Mnh.  
You're such a misogynist.  
You know that?  
Okay.  
Do you mind  
if company joins misery?  
Misery would love it.  
You want a glass?  
Oh, okay.  
Uh-Huh.  
Hmm.  
You know what I love  
about numbers?  
They don't lie.  
They're predictable.  
They can be controlled  
and manipulated.  
You know, mentally and  
physically, I'm a whole number,  
But... emotionally  
I'm just a fraction.  
You are not emotionally stunted.  
You are an optimist.  
I'm an idiot. Full stop.  
Or you just picked  
the wrong married guys.  
Don't...  
don't what?  
I am seriously vulnerable  
like a quivering bowl of jell-O,  
And now is the time  
you pick to hit on me?  
I'm stating the obvious.  
Not that I haven't  
wanted you to.  
Just shut up  
if you don't mean it.  
I didn't say anything.  
Aaron, we work together.  
Okay?

And two married men...  
two.  
Well, two is more than one.  
You are good with numbers.  
Shut up.  
You shut up.  
Shut me up.  
So, what are  
your holiday plans?  
What do you mean?  
It's thanksgiving tomorrow,  
dumbass.  
Shhhh.  
Oh, my god.  
I know that look.  
It'll pass.  
Just don't do something stupid  
Like call your wife  
and tell her.  
Hey.  
You know I'm not that guy,  
right?  
I know.  
And I know you're not...  
I'm not. I know.  
Yeah.  
Oh, boy.  
Mwah.  
Hey, Mags, I fell asleep  
at the office.  
Sorry.  
Um... but I had a brainstorm.  
I was thinking  
that maybe for thanksgiving,  
We should invite the parents  
over, and we could...  
I don't know.  
Maybe that'd be something.  
This is good.  
What was that?  
Want me to get it?  
Mnh.  
Uh, red?  
Hi.

Hi.  
I thought you guys  
weren't celebrating.  
Oh, yeah.  
It's Aaron's idea.  
It was last-Minute.  
Oh. Wow.  
Is your mom here?  
Yeah.  
And Robert?  
Ooh.  
Well, I'm sorry  
we're not gonna be together,  
But I brought you  
your favorite things.  
Did you bring  
the salted pecan...  
I did.  
They're in the car.  
Will you hold him for me?  
Sh... Oh, sure.  
Yeah.  
Hi, Baba.  
Be right back.  
Hey, Baba.  
Whew.  
Whoosh, Baba.  
Oh, hi.  
Oh, hi. Hi.  
Hi, sweetie pie.  
Mm.  
Oh, Baba.  
Salted pecan crumble.  
Hmm.  
Oh, my gosh.  
All right.  
His head...  
it's ginormous. I know.  
It's like a shot put.  
You should see  
what he did to me.  
Aww.  
It's bad.  
He smells so good.

I know, doesn't he?  
Please,  
can't you leave him here?  
You can have... Take my mom.  
You can have the other two  
if you want them.  
No, thanks.  
Oh, ba.  
Happy... Thank you.  
Don't pull her hair out.  
Sleepy.  
Oh, he's so sleepy.  
I know.  
Oh, yeah.  
Happy thanksgiving.  
I love you.  
I love you. Bye.  
Bye.  
Oh, Maggie, this bird.  
It's so tender.  
And the stuffing...  
it all came from Bristol farms.  
You know, it's not really  
as good as his mother's.  
You remember your mother's  
secret ingredient?  
It was apples.  
No, not apples.  
Was it paprika?  
Mnh-Mnh.  
Was it divorce?  
Love.  
Her secret ingredient was love.  
Mm.  
These sweet potatoes are lovely.  
You brought them!  
Oh, yeah.  
That's right.  
I made that.  
And you remember her secret  
ingredient for the pumpkin pie?  
Apples?  
Bourbon?  
Divorce?

No, no, wait! Wait!

I know this.

- I know this.

- It was love.

No.

It was pumpkin!

It was pumpkin.

You know, we have  
a tradition in this family.

Every thanksgiving,  
we sit around the table

And we all say  
what we're thankful for.

That is a lovely,  
lovely tradition.

I'd like to go first.

I would like to say  
that I am so thankful  
For my beautiful daughter  
and her handsome beau.

And the very entertaining  
Robert.

Robert.

I like that.

Honey, what are  
you thankful for?

Oh, I'd be thankful  
for a two-Point conversion.

Aaron.

Oh, pass. No.

Robert.

Oh, what am I thankful for?

Yes.

Well, funny you should ask.

But, you know, I was thinking...

what does thanksgiving  
really mean?

Now, I-I know.

It means giving thanks,  
but what for exactly?

It's life.

You know, regardless  
of what occurs,  
What befalls us, life is.

Mm.

Now, you're asking me  
what I'm thankful for?  
I'll tell you  
what I'm thankful for.  
I'm thankful  
for my health, of course,  
And your health, and our health.  
I'm thankful for my family,  
your family, our family.  
I'm thankful for our children.  
You know, they start out  
In our arms so little, fragile.  
And they grow up.  
They go away, and they have  
families of their own.  
So, this year,  
I am giving thanks  
To something so simple...  
...life.  
Hear! Hear!  
To life.  
You want to know what  
I'm thankful for, Robert?  
Yes, darling.  
We... We would like to know.  
I'm thankful  
That today I can see life  
for what it really is,  
To know that  
just beneath the surface,  
Just under the radar is death.  
And every day we wake up,  
And we run from it  
as fast as we can...  
but it's coming.  
Maybe not today,  
maybe not next week,  
But when it does,  
this, all this...  
This doesn't matter.  
So, today,  
I'm not grateful for life.  
I'm giving thanks for death.



To death.  
That was fun.  
Your idea.  
Let's just say I won't be  
pushing for Christmas.  
In fact, I think we  
should boycott Christmas.  
You can't boycott  
Christmas, friend.  
Wanna bet?  
Harder.  
Harder...  
me even harder.  
Oh!  
Thanks so much  
for coming in.  
Thank you.  
Thanks a lot.  
You killed that.  
I know.  
Yet you don't seem  
happy about it.  
What?  
Nothing.  
Dana.  
What?  
What?  
This asshole  
didn't call me at Christmas.  
Problem is, I really like  
this asshole, so...  
well, I'm not  
your garden-Variety asshole.  
I'm more of a hybrid.  
The lovable prick.  
Yeah, it's a curse.  
I'm loathe to admit this,  
But I actually miss you  
when you're not around.  
Don't.  
Everybody needs somebody, right?  
Hey.  
You don't want to be  
involved with me.

And the last thing I want to do  
Is destroy something else  
in my life that I care about.  
I'm not afraid of you.  
You should be.  
Oh.  
I'm a mess.  
Oh?  
Lucky for you, I like messes.  
You know what you need?  
You need someone  
to cook you a proper meal,  
And I am hell on wheels  
with gnocchi.  
Hmm.  
Hey.  
It'll be okay.  
I've cooked pasta before.  
Hi, you've reached Aaron royal.  
Please leave a message.  
Hi, you've reached Aaron royal.  
Pl...  
Hi, you've reached Aaron royal.  
You're up early.  
Oh, they're killing me at work.  
I thought you died.  
No such luck.  
You know... all night  
I was thinking you were dead,  
Even though I knew you were  
just... that girl.  
I wasn't...  
you know, the worst part  
is I don't care.  
I just care  
that you're not dead.  
My baby died.  
That's enough.  
So did mine.  
I didn't call  
because my phone is dead.  
Sorry.  
Supposed to get one of these  
at the fricking office,

And they haven't.  
I want a divorce.  
Sweetie...  
I look at you...  
the way you used to  
look at me... is gone.  
You are gone, Maggie.  
And I don't know  
how to get you back.  
You know what I see  
when I look at you?  
I just see death.  
He looked like you.  
He did.  
But he was bloated  
and purple and dead.  
I don't want a divorce.  
We can't live like this.  
How's Aaron?  
I don't know.  
Wasn't thinking about him  
until you brought him up.  
Well, he didn't  
do anything wrong.  
Why do you always take his side?  
I'm not taking sides.  
You're doing it again.  
I just think  
it would be a good idea  
for you to see things from  
his point of view for once.  
You're doing it again.  
What?  
You're defending him.  
I am not.  
Mom, you're pathological.  
You know, whatever's  
going on between you and Dana,  
You know, I understand.  
I get it. Dad.  
It's really none  
of your business.  
Well, it is my business  
because it's my business.

It's been a rough year.  
Remember my motto...  
Love 'em and leave 'em  
and leave 'em laughing.  
Was that your motto  
when you left mom?  
Because I don't recall  
a lot of laughing.  
I never brought it to work.  
Do you feel like you're 100?  
I feel like I'm 100.  
Yeah.  
You are way too old to be here.  
Me?  
You know, this is the place  
That you met randy the handyman.  
He was a wiz with a screwdriver.  
He was.  
You seem better.  
Like, happy.  
Kinda.  
Yeah.  
I'd been shaking  
like I had the DT's  
For the last six months,  
but look now... Solid.  
Yeah.  
Have you heard from him?  
Yeah, we talk.  
It's strange.  
I think I just need the space  
right now, you know?  
Yeah, do I.  
With three boys at home,  
I haven't taken a shit  
by my myself in four years.  
It's true.  
I'm sorry about  
the last six months.  
Don't apologize.  
I shouldn't have been  
so callous as to have a baby.  
Yeah.  
You insensitive bitch.

I really am.  
Yay!  
Oh, my god!  
You didn't! Come on.  
I did.  
And we are. Thank you.  
That is so 1998.  
Yeah, well, it's a tradition.  
Thank you.  
All right.  
All right.  
Here we go.  
Here we go.  
Cheers.  
To you.  
What's the matter?  
Ohh.  
I just got...  
I don't know.  
Be right back.  
Oh, my god.  
Oh, god.  
That is awful.  
Ooh, but I feel handsome now.  
Oh, wow.  
Are you okay?  
Yeah, no, I'm fine.  
I'm fine.  
What's the matter?  
I don't know.  
Come on.  
All right.  
Bottoms up.  
Yep.  
Oh, my god.  
What is it?  
I can't.  
What?  
Oh, honey, I...  
You don't feel good?  
I got to go home.  
Oh, really?  
Are you sure? I'm sorry.  
Ah, damn it.

I got a sitter and everything.  
Oh, my god.  
Go be hammered  
at home now... again.  
It'll only hurt for a second.  
Round your back, please.  
That's it.  
This is the local.  
It is in preparation  
for the epidural.  
We've also just started  
a pitocin drip  
Which should induce labor within  
the next eight hours or so.  
Did you bring anything to do?  
If not, I think  
we have a deck of cards  
At the nurse's station.  
It's missing  
the queen of diamonds.  
I don't think that  
really matters right now.  
Want to play cards?  
Fours?  
No.  
Queens?  
Must be the queen of hearts  
that's missing.  
And push, 2, 3, 4,  
5, 6, 7, 8, 9, release.  
One more.  
Begin, and hold.  
Push, 2, 3, 4...  
...5, 6, 7, 8, 9,  
release.  
One more, breathe in.  
Hold it and push.  
2...  
push, Maggie.  
I am pushing!  
5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10.  
Take a minute.  
Catch your breath.  
Okay.

Ohh.  
You're doing great.  
You're doing great, Maggie.  
You're doing great.  
Come on, baby.  
Come on, baby.  
You can come out.  
It's okay, baby.  
It's your mommy. Come on!  
I love you.  
Come on, baby.  
I love you.  
Come on.  
He's so pretty.  
Look at him.  
Come see, daddy.  
Come see.  
Oh, my god.  
Okay, are you two ready?  
They put him in a cardboard box.  
I'm real sorry, Maggie.  
That hour we spent with him...  
hugging him, kissing him...  
...that was the most beautiful  
hour of my life.  
I didn't want it to end.  
What's strange,  
this pain I feel, I love it.  
I love it.  
And I embrace it.  
I'm afraid if I let it go...  
I'm gonna lose the last little  
piece of him I still have.  
It's so funny, this thing  
no one tells you about...  
About the relationship that  
begins with them after they die.  
If I can... quiet my head down  
enough, I can feel him.  
I hear him.  
I can see why  
you want to have this baby.  
You're a wonderful mother.  
I'm afraid.

I'm afraid to get close.  
I am afraid of everything.  
Hi.  
Hey, Meglet.  
How's my girl?  
Ohh...  
honey, what's wrong?  
I'm pregnant.  
How did that happen?  
Honey, could you get...  
Yeah, let me get  
some wine for us.  
Oh, Maggie.  
Mom, just please be really  
careful what you say right now.  
Look, I know it's hard now,  
and it might not make any sense,  
But everything happens  
for a reason.  
Would you stop  
goddamn saying that?  
Well, it's true.  
And you're the living proof.  
What do you mean?  
I lost a baby, too.  
About a year  
before I got lucky with you.  
Why have you never told me that?  
Well...  
I didn't tell my mother  
about the miscarriage.  
We didn't talk  
about those things.  
A miscarriage is not the same  
thing as a stillbirth, mom.  
It's still a loss, Maggie.  
And it still hurts.  
It's not just the loss  
of the baby...  
it's...  
it's the loss of a possibility  
of what might have been.  
And that is exactly the same.  
I'm sorry you lost your baby.



You're the first person  
who ever said that to me.

- Maggie?

- Yeah.

I can't get  
the fireplace to work.  
The fireplace doesn't work.  
It never worked.

I'm pregnant.

Oh, wow.

Well...

yeah.

Um...

...I know our relationship is  
not conducive to having a child.  
To put it mildly.

I thought about not having it...  
for about a second.

Geez, Maggie.

Aaron, our lives were going one  
way, and then they weren't.

Yeah. I know.

And you went with that girl.

And I went into a cave  
that I could not get out of.

I can't not have this baby.

And you're the only person  
Who could possibly  
understand that.

I do.

I do.

Yeah.

I know there's no road map  
for this.

After what we went through...

I can't do it alone.

Are you telling me you need me?

Well, I don't  
necessarily want you...

...but I do... I need you.

That's all you ever have to say.

We decided to have  
the baby together.

Wonderful.

This time,  
we're gonna monitor you  
With an ultrasound  
every four weeks,  
Weekly after 32 weeks, more  
toward the end, if necessary.  
And any time you want one.  
Good. That...  
That sounds good.  
She's gonna need you  
more than you can imagine.  
Yeah.  
Yeah.  
I'm gonna need you.  
I am gonna need you.  
I can say it now.  
I hear you.  
Good.  
Very good.  
You used your words.  
I did.  
Oh, good.  
Are those the comps?  
Yeah.  
Hi.  
You've been avoiding me  
like the plague. What's up?  
You know, I'm sorry.  
Um... something,  
um... unexpected has happened.  
Uh... Maggie...  
is with child.  
Who's the man?  
Who is the man?  
What is it, dad?  
I want to hear it.  
No, I'm not gonna tell you.  
Just tell me, ask me.  
Who is the man? Who is the man?  
Come on. Come on.  
You are.  
You.  
Yeah!  
I am the man.

I am the wow, the big cheese,  
the grande queso.  
I have just done something  
Even better  
than curing brain cancer!  
I have secured one  
of three coveted spots  
To pitch for the first outpatient  
cardiac surgery center in the country.  
The bake-Off  
is October 15th.  
Well, what are you staring at?  
Come on! Get to work!  
That's six months away.  
Well, so,  
there's no excuse, huh?  
I am so hot!  
Do, do  
Hey, kiss me! Kiss me!  
Come on! I'm the boss!  
Kiss me!  
Mwah!  
Uh, so what's she gonna do?  
Well...  
she's gonna need support.  
Yeah.  
Oh, that sucks.  
She's gonna need my support.  
You understand that, right?  
Okay, um, so...  
you cheated on her with me,  
And then you cheated on me  
with her?  
I have a child on the way.  
With a woman you don't love.  
No.  
I never, ever said that.  
I mean, I...  
Hey, hold on.  
We... We can  
work this out.  
Yeah.  
Um, I quit.  
No, Dana.

No, please, no.

This place would fall apart  
without you.

I know.

All right. Are you ready to  
hear the baby's heartbeat?

Yeah.

Yes.

Okay.

W-Why is that, um, so fast?

Is there something wrong?

No, it's supposed to  
be like that.

You're kidding.

No.

You missed it the first time.

Now the exciting part.

You want to know  
the sex of the baby?

No. No.

What's in the bag?

Oh, I don't want to do that.

Oh, I don't think you know this book.

No, I don't want to read  
that book.

No. This is not the book  
you're thinking of.

You're thinking of  
"but not the hippopotamus"

By Sandra Boynton.

This is not that.

This is "but not  
the hippopotamus"

By Sandra Boynton

as narrated by George W. Bush.

Do you know that book?

No.

A hog  
and a frog cavort in a bog...  
but... But not the hipper...

The, uh, not the...

The, uh...

The... The hippy...

The, uh,

not the big, gray fella.  
See?  
A cat and two rats  
were tryin' on hats, see?  
But... But not the, uh...  
not the hypotenuse.  
You know the rules.  
No reading.  
All the books say  
Reading is good for the baby.  
It's not so good for me.  
Last time, you were  
teaching the baby French.  
I don't want to do anything  
like last time.  
It's not gonna happen this time.  
How do you know?  
Okay.  
I'll start off, wow them,  
and then hand it over to you.  
Yep.  
I'll do plans, site reports,  
Renderings, budget,  
and projections.  
What is it you're doing again?  
Making the sale, smartass.  
Hmm.  
Good luck.  
Oh, thank you.  
Ohh.  
Aww.  
Oh.  
Yum.  
Mmm. Yummy.  
So, before I hand things over  
to my very able son, Aaron,  
I want to tell you  
a little story.  
I wanted  
to offer Aaron something.  
I wanted to say...  
I said to him,  
"I love you so much,  
I want to make you

"A 50/50 partner in my business.

"But first,

you got to learn the business.

"So, you got to go

and work construction,

Then eventually, you can

take over the onsite operation."

My clever,

well-Suited son says,

"No, I don't want

to work construction.

It's dirty, it's dusty."

So, I said, "okay."

You remember this? Yes.

I said, "okay, then you'll

have to work in the office,

"Learn the business that way.

You're gonna learn

everything about the office,

Then eventually, you can run

the office operation.

"No, no, I don't want

to work in an office.

Stuck behind a desk all day?

No, it's boring."

I said, "wait a minute.

"Wait just a minute.

"I am offering you 1/2-Ownership

"Of a moneymaking business.

"You don't want

to work construction,

"You don't want to work

in the office.

Well, what am I supposed to do

with you?"

And he said,

"oh, that's easy, dad.

Buy me out."

So, before Aaron takes you

through all the details...

Just one second, okay?

Carry on.

Excuse me, folks.

One second.

Hey.  
Okay. All right.  
Everything's gonna be fine.  
Aaron?  
Take it easy.  
I am, uh, leaving right now.  
Oh, yes, I am.  
Okay. I love you.  
Hey, big guy, you're ruining  
The best introduction  
a father could give his son.  
I... I know. I'm sorry.  
The baby's coming.  
Oh, you'll have plenty of time  
to spend with the baby.  
Trust me, it's overrated.  
Dad, I got to go.  
Nuh-Uh! You can't...  
You can't walk out  
of the middle of a pitch.  
Just explain this to them.  
They will understand it.  
No, there's no explaining.  
I've got my whole nut  
riding on this deal.  
My house, the business,  
everything.  
You didn't tell me that.  
I'm all-In.  
Maggie's on her way  
to the hospital.  
No, I can't do this without you.  
Oh, my god.  
I don't know the details.  
Dana did, but...  
But you took care of that.  
Dad, you're gonna have  
to figure it out.  
Maggie needs me.  
She walked out on you!  
I walked out on her.  
Are you even sure it's yours?!  
You can't walk out on family!  
Hey, do not talk to me

about family.  
You think you can talk about it  
Because you can sit  
at my thanksgiving table  
And bullshit about it?!  
I know about family.  
I held my dead son in my arms.  
Your son is standing  
right in front of you,  
Or am I  
just your business partner?  
Do you even know?  
I don't.  
My whole legacy is in that room.  
Mm-Hmm.  
Our legacy.  
I was gonna give it to you!  
What you gave me is priceless.  
I know the kind of father  
I'm never gonna be.  
What, you blame me  
for everything?  
You sound just like your mother.  
I hope so.  
I'm going to be with my family.  
Sure, go ahead.  
Yeah, have loads of kids.  
Have loads of kids!  
'Cause you know what?  
It doesn't matter.  
'Cause no matter  
how many children you have,  
They will always disappoint you!  
Kids.  
It's happening.  
Dr. Holden will be here  
in a minute.  
No.  
Hold her hand.  
Keep her calm.  
I'm not sure  
I know how to do that.  
Mnh!  
It's happening!



Nurse, come on.  
I'm here. I'm here. I'm here.  
Get doctor bishop down here  
in case we have an airway issue.  
Mm-Hmm.  
I really want to push.  
How is she?  
She went from 3 to 7 in no time.  
I guess it's time, then.  
Hi, Maggie.  
Hanging in there?  
No.  
I really want to push.  
Listen to me.  
You're gonna be fine.  
The baby's gonna be fine.  
Listen to me.  
You're gonna be fine.  
The baby's gonna be fine, yeah?  
Aaron, I'm gonna need your help.  
Yeah. Yeah.  
You're gonna need to take this leg...  
yeah.  
Hold it with your hand up here.  
Yeah. Yeah.  
Uh-Huh.  
Just like this.  
I can't breathe.  
Very good.  
Let's take a look.  
Okay.  
You're doing good.  
I can't breathe.  
You're doing great, Maggie.  
Okay,  
you're gonna keep her calm,  
Slow her breathing down.  
I'm proving incapable  
of doing that.  
Okay, you're doing great.  
You're doing great.  
They want me to calm you down.  
I'm not sure  
I know how to do that.

Oh, you're making it so much worse!

Okay.

Okay, deep breath in.

Deep breath out.

Slowly.

In, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

Ooh, I really want to push!

Okay, slowly out.

I want to push!

No, no. It's okay.

Just one more time.

You're almost there.

You're almost complete.

Oh, please, let me push!

Please!

Your cervix is gone.

Okay, you're gonna wait  
until the next contraction.

You're gonna take

a deep breath in,

And you're gonna push,

And you'll be done with it,  
okay?

Okay.

Good job.

Good. Good work.

Okay. Head crowning.

Oh!

Okay, this is good.

Hold her out.

There we go!

Okay.

And, oh, that's it.

All right.

Okay.

Oh!

We may have meconium.

Here, sanjay.

All right.

All right.

What's going on?

Why isn't it crying?

Hey.

Hey, why isn't it crying?

Why isn't it crying?  
Okay.  
There we go.  
Okay.  
It's a girl.  
Oh, there she is.  
It's a girl.  
There we go.  
Here.  
Hi.  
Oh, my girl.  
Yes.  
Hey.  
Wow. She looks like you.  
Here you go.  
Yeah. Hi.  
Hi.  
We're gonna go ahead  
to the nursery in a few minutes  
To get her measured, okay?  
Yeah. All right.  
Hi.  
Now, don't be alarmed  
Because the first  
three to five poops  
Will be a green, tarry,  
meconium poop.  
It's tenacious  
and hard to get off.  
And after they've cleared that,  
It turns into a bird seedy,  
more watery, yellow poop.  
And with every  
breastfeeding  
You'll need to check her diaper  
And probably change it  
about 8 to 10 times a day.  
Oh, and don't forget  
The importance  
of swaddling your baby.  
Okay.  
It mimics the womb,  
And limits  
their normal moro reflex

And keeps them calm.  
Right.  
You'll figure it out.  
And if you don't, she'll be  
the first to let you know.  
Hi.  
You have a perfectly healthy,  
beautiful, little baby girl.  
What's wrong?  
Um...  
Oh, um...  
I don't feel  
how I thought I would.  
I'm not happy.  
I'm not sad.  
I don't...  
really feel anything.  
I know.  
What about joy?  
When does that come?  
In time.  
I think I'm gonna be  
a terrible mother.  
No.  
Not possible.  
Not with everything  
you've been through.  
Thank you for everything.  
You're welcome.  
Hi, baby.  
I know. I'm your mama.  
Tough break, I know.  
I want to tell you  
about someone.  
Yeah.  
His name's Arthur.  
Yeah. He's your big brother.  
Guess what?  
He's gonna be watching over you  
forever,  
Keeping you out of trouble,  
Making sure we're together  
for a long time.  
Yeah.

A long time.  
Yeah, sweetie pie.  
Hi, sweetie pie.  
You're so pretty.  
Hi, baby. Come here.  
Hi, mama.  
You're so good with her.  
This can't be your first.  
It's not.  
How many children do you have?  
Ooh.  
Two.  
I have two.  
It seemed clear enough to me  
but it's a mystery, I'm told  
there are things  
you can't foresee or know  
all the time  
you spend in love  
thinking  
love will keep you still  
is this beat the same,  
the love, as it bounds  
I know  
what I know is not enough  
here below,  
as we're spinning into dust  
spinning into dust  
now I'll watch you  
when you sleep  
see the grace  
of all the years  
and the life  
that runs so deep and clear  
was it easy when we met?  
Was the wind  
too cold at all?  
Do we always  
just forget the fall?  
And I know  
what I know is not enough  
and here below  
as we're spinning into dust