

Good News, I Think

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**INT. EDWIN'S BEDROOM- EVENING**

EDWIN WATTS (early 20s, methodical, calm and collected, shirtless, boxers) is reading a newspaper in bed.

His girlfriend KATE HALE (early 20s, maternal, a true hopeless romantic, lacy lingerie) emerges from the bathroom with a nervous smile on her face and snuggles against him in bed.

EDWIN  
Everything okay?

Kate nods.

KATE  
Everything's great. I have something really important to tell you. Promise you won't get mad?

She takes a deep breath.

KATE (CONT'D)  
I'm pregnant.

Edwin stares at her in shock.

EDWIN  
What?

KATE  
I'm pregnant.

EDWIN  
I don't understand. We've been so careful.

KATE  
Condoms aren't 100% effective, Edwin. And I was hoping you'd have a different reaction.

EDWIN  
I just never thought this would happen.

Kate frowns.

KATE  
This is a *good* thing, Edwin. Are there any names you think might work?

EDWIN  
Kate. Wait. Hold on a minute.  
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EDWIN (CONT'D)  
I'm not sure we have the means to  
start a family right now.

KATE  
I know it's unexpected but we  
could totally make it work. I  
believe in us so much, Edwin.

She takes a deep breath.

KATE  
There's something else.

EDWIN  
Something else? I'm still trying  
to wrap my head around starting a  
family.

There is a knock on the door. Edwin and Kate jump a little.  
Kate looks relieved.

KATE  
That must be Ariel.

EDWIN  
Oh. Right. Um, let her in.

Kate opens the door to reveal her best friend ARIEL LEBLANC  
(early 20s, curly hair, spontaneous, lively, energetic).

ARIEL  
Hey guys! Ready for the movie?

Kate and Edwin stare at her.

EDWIN  
Does it *look* like we're ready?

ARIEL  
Um, no. What's going on? You're  
usually so on top of things.

EDWIN  
Well...

KATE  
I'm pregnant.

Ariel stares at Kate in surprise and then engulfs her in a big  
hug.

ARIEL  
Oh my god, Kate! I'm so happy for  
you!

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KATE  
Edwin's not sold on the idea.

EDWIN  
It's just come as a surprise,  
that's all.

ARIEL  
Edwin, relax. It might not even be  
yours. Could be your brother's.

Kate blanches.

EDWIN  
*What?!*

KATE  
Ariel.

Ariel looks from Kate to Edwin and back again.

ARIEL  
You said you'd tell him!

KATE  
I was going to tell him today.

ARIEL  
Oh. Sorry.

EDWIN  
Kate? What's she talking about?

Kate sighs.

KATE  
Six weeks ago was Haley and  
Lacey's 21st birthday party. Haley  
got *super* drunk, hit on half the  
guest, and crashed into the cake.  
Lacey sampled all of the liquor  
available and set off fireworks.  
Our mother blamed me for not being  
able to keep them in line and said  
I was a disappointment. Anyway, I  
drank a little too much and when I  
got here, Griffin was lying down  
on the bed reading *Moby Dick*, and  
I thought he was you.

EDWIN  
How could you get us confused?

ARIEL

She's not the first person to get identical twins confused, Edwin.

KATE

As soon as it was over, I realized my mistake and felt absolutely horrible. I'm really sorry, Edwin. I honestly didn't mean for it to happen.

Edwin sighs.

EDWIN

I know, but...

KATE

I love you, Edwin. A lot. And I really want to start a family with you.

ARIEL

It's true. It's all she ever talks to me about. She started thinking of baby names after you'd been dating for three months.

EDWIN

I love you, Kate, I do, but I need to think about some things.

KATE

Don't you want to do what's best for me and the baby?

EDWIN

Kate, all I can think about now is you and my brother. And it's torture.

Edwin leaves. Kate watches him with a disappointed look on her face. Ariel offers her a sympathetic smile.

ARIEL

I'm so sorry, Kate.

KATE

Do you think he'll come back?

ARIEL

It *is* his room, after all.

KATE

He took it better than I thought.

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ARIEL  
You could always get a paternity  
test.

KATE  
They're identical twins, Ariel.  
They're genetically identical. It  
wouldn't work.

Kate sighs.

KATE (CONT'D)  
I knew he'd be upset about his  
brother, but I hoped he could be  
happy about the baby. That he  
would finally want to become a  
family. And now there's a wedge in  
*his* family. He'll never talk to  
his brother again, and it's all my  
fault. I never should've drunk at  
the party. I just hate being seen  
as a disappointment.

Kate starts tearing up. Ariel places a hand on her shoulder.

ARIEL  
Kate. The only person at fault  
here is Griffin. He took advantage  
of you.

KATE  
If anything, *I* took advantage of  
*him*.

ARIEL  
What do you mean?

KATE  
The whole story's a little more  
complicated.