

Double Mommy Mayhem



Yeah it's just, I'm late—Late? Oh you mean—Yeah, I was supposed to get my period over a week ago. Please, I have to have a baby, okay? I, I have money, I can pay you. Well you should have thought of that before you slept with me—I'm keeping it, our baby. I don't know what I'm gonna do—There's no guy in the picture? No, no guy, money, no family, I thought we were being safe I swear, I didn't mean for this to happen. I can't afford to raise this baby and I could never even think of the alternative either. I'm keeping the baby if that's what you mean and there's more there's a girl at school who's claiming she's also pregnant with Connor's baby. Oh my god that poor girl, so much life ahead of her, it's so sad. You're just jealous because I'm having your boyfriend's baby, or is it ex-boyfriend's?

Actually, Kyle and I are pregnant too and our due date is also seven months from now—Okay this is getting out of control, this is more than a coincidence now, it's like we're living parallel lives. I mean, what about when the baby actually comes? I'm just afraid of what she might do, she could hurt the baby. Okay, the same woman who blamed you for the accident and for losing her unborn baby? So the doctor said you and the baby should be fine but to never take any medication again. Listen we started a group for mothers and we're having a cupcake baking competition if you're free afternoo. I was thinking maybe I could put the baby bed right here next to mine wanna fix it up a little bit and some furniture and curtains and a new heater and maybe patch up some of the holes on the wall.

Well I'm assuming, given the line of work you're in, you don't really object to doing extra favors for extra money. Even if I did tell him, he wouldn't help out, he wouldn't buy me any maternity clothes so what am I supposed to wear? I can't even see a doctor.

Well she needs special attention, she's mentally unstable and unfit to be a mother. She's giving up the baby right after delivery. That picture of you two next to his bed, he actually put that away and replaced it with a picture of our ultrasound and I never asked him to he just did it and he just loves my pregnant body and the best part is we don't have to use any protection it's just so awesome. I'm starting to think maybe you're right, maybe there is a reason you got pregnant. She moves in down the street from you and magically you're both having babies at the same time—don't you think that's odd? Oh Amanda Amanda the baby's coming! Okay I need you to push I need you to push, do you want to have this baby? I just don't want your feelings to be confused. After these babies are born, I don't want you feeling like you're losing yet another child because of me. This is your daddy he loves you very much we both do it's why it was so hard to do what's best for you right now but don't you worry you will have a little cousin that you can play with. WHERE'S MY BABY????????!!!!!! Okay she's beautiful just like you—look at that nose, there's no doubt she's your baby. Jessica Moore tried to blow up my house with Kyle and I inside... after she took my baby. It wouldn't be right for us to take her from you, you are so happy and there's still time for me. But you've wanted a family for so long. Don't worry, I'll be just fine. I know this sounds crazy, I know it does, but you checked my medical file. Jessica changed it to make me sound crazy. I'm not crazy! [Laughter] Love you, I love you too. Did you ever think how we could possibly be a family if you're serving a life sentence? He always grabs ahold of your finger he never lets go he's gonna be a bruiser like his daddy. Why do you get to be a mommy? I want to be your mommy!

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