MOM

"Baby Bonnets and Do-Over Buttons"

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COLD OPEN

FADE IN:

INT. COMMUNITY CENTER - AA MEETING ROOM - DAY
(Bonnie, Marjorie, Tammy, Wendy, Jill, Extras)

BONNIE, MARJORIE, TAMMY, AND WENDY ARE SETTING UP FOR THE AA MEETING. TAMMY AND WENDY AND PUTTING DOWN CHAIRS WHILE MARJORIE AND BONNIE ARE SETTING UP THE COFFEE AND COOKIES.

MARJORIE

I'm so happy for Jill.

TAMMY

We should throw her a baby shower.

WENDY

I thought she said not to worry about anything like that.

BONNIE

She doesn't know what she's talking about. Every new mom secretly wants a baby shower.

WENDY SHRUGS. HER NAD TAMMY CONTINUE TO PUT DOWN CHAIRS.

MARJORTE

You remember the plan, right?

BONNIE

I got this.

MARJORIE

You need to keep her distracted while we get everything set up at her.

BONNIE

I'm great at distractions.

MARJORIE

Can you do it without stressing the

poor woman out?

JILL ENTERS, VISIBLY PREGNANT SHE PLOPS DOWN IN A CHAIR TAMMY HAD JUST SET DOWN AND HOLDS HER BELLY.

JILL

Sorry for being late. Doctors

appointment.

THE GIRLS STAND AWKWARDLY AND TRY TO ACT CASUAL ABOUT WHAT THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT.

JILL (CONT'D)

What were ya'll taking about?

MARJORIE

Nothing important...

TAMMY

... Absolutely nothing at all!

JILL SEEMS ALOOF TO THEIR BEHAVIOR.

THEY SIT DOWN IN THE CIRCLE AS THE REST OF THE AA ATTENDEES SHOW UP AND THE MEETING BEGINS.

MARJORIE

Who would like to go first?

JILL RAISES HER HAND ENTHUSIASTICALLY TO GO FIRST.

JILL

Hi. Jill, alcoholic.

ALL

Hi, Jill.

JILL

I just want to say how grateful I am to be here today. It seems like everything I've wanted in life is coming together. I have a wonderful husband, we're starting a family.

JILL LOOKS TO HER FRIENDS.

JILL (CONT'D)

I have an amazing support group to help me through this.

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Aww...

JILL

But let me tell you, I didn't think pregnancy would be this hard. I'm sick, sore, and craving weird things.

Now my doctor says I cant have half of it.

FADE OUT.

END COLD OPEN

ACT ONE

SCENE A

FADE IN:

INT. BURGUNDY BISTRO - DAY
(BONNIE, JILL, EXTRAS)

THE CAFE IS BUSTLING WITH EXTRAS ENJOYING FOOD AND DRINKS WHILE BISTRO STAFF WORKS.

BONNIE AND JILL ARE SITTING AT THEIR USUAL BOOTH. JILL IS SCARFING DOWN A PIECE OF PIE.

BONNIE

Slow down or you're gonna choke on that.

JILL

These pregnancy cravings have been driving me crazy.

BONNIE

I was craving wild things when I was pregnant with Christy.

JILL

Like what?

BONNIE PICK UP A MUSTARD BOTTLE AND SHAKES IT BEFORE OUTTING IT DOWN.

BONNIE

I was craving ungodly amounts of mustard. On everything.

JILL

Everything?

BONNIE

Everything.

JILL LOOKS DISGUSTED AND PUSHES HER PLATE AWAY. SHE HOLDS HER BELLY.

JILL

You know, I'm thrilled, but being pregnant is not easy. On top of the cravings I have to to keep track of so many thing. It's overwhelming.

BONNIE

Oh, Tell me about it. Being pregnant with Christy was a nightmare. If you need any parenting advice or advice navigating your pregnancy, then I'm your gal.

JILL FAKE SMILES.

JILL

You know, I don't think I can deal with any more advice today. I'm still overwhelmed with everything my doctor said.

JILL TAKES ANOTHER BITE OF HER PIE.

JILL (CONT'D)

Like he told me to limit sugar. Can you believe that?

BONNIE

How's that going for you?

JILL GLARES. SHE TAKES ANOTHER BITE OF PIE.

JILL

Shut up.

SCENE B

EXT. JILL'S MANSION - BACKYARD - COURTYARD - DAY
(Tammy, Marjorie, Wendy)

THE BACK PATIO IS DECORATED WITH PASTEL STREAMERS AND BABY SHOWER THEMED BALLOONS. MARJORIE AND WENDY SET UP THE BABY SHOWER FOR JILL.

WENDY

It's definitely colorful.

MARJORIE

It's cute. Jill will love it.

WENDY PICKS UP A PIECE OF PAPER OUR OF A BOX.

WENDY

Baby shower bingo?

MARJORIE

I thought it was a cute idea.

TAMMY ARRIVES, SHE IS HOLDING A CAKE BOX.

TAMMY

The bakery was crazy busy, I had to

wait in line forever to pick this up.

WENDY

What kind of cake did you order?

TAMMY

It's a vanilla cake with yellow frosting. Cute little baby themed decorations.

WENDY

Cute

MARJORIE

Aw. Let me see.

TAMMY SETS THE CAKE BOX DOWN ON THE TABLE. THEY OPEN UP THE BOX TO SEE THEY HAVE THE WRONG CAKE.

THE CAKE THEY HAVE IS A CHOCOLATE CAKE THAT READS: CONGRATS ON YOUR PROMOTION.

MARJORIE (CONT'D)

Congrats on your promotion?

WENDY

I think you messed up.

TAMMY

It wasn't me. It was the bakery.

MARJORIE

Tammy, did you check the cake before you left the bakery?

TAMMY

Well, no. But I wanted to get back here as soon as possible to help you guys set up.

TAMMY PACES AROUND.

TAMMY (CONT'D)

Oh jeez. What do we do?

MARJORIE

Tammy, calm down. We'll figure this out.

WENDY

Call the bakery. They should be able to get this all cleared up.

TAMMY

Right! I'll call them right now.

TAMMY PICKS UP HER PHONE AND DIALS A NUMBER. SHE WAITS BUT NO ONE PICKS UP.

TAMMY (CONT'D)

The line is busy.

WENDY

Try again.

MARJORIE

If anything we can just go back to the bakery now.

TAMMY

If we do that we'll be in line until after Jill has that baby. I'll keep calling.

SCENE C

INT. BONNIE'S APARTMENT - LIVING ROOM - DAY (Bonnie, Jill)

Bonnie and Jill enter. Bonnie gestures to the couch.

BONNIE

Take a seat. Make yourself at home.

Jill sits down on bonnie couch leaning back and shifting to get comfortable.

JILL

What did we come here for again?

BONNIE

I just figured we could use some girl

time. Mom to mom.

JILL

Marjorie's a mom too.

BONNIE

Well, she's busy. Doctors appointment,

you know?

JILL

I don't remember her mentioning a doctors appointment.

BONNIE

What? She definitely did. You just rest your feet and let me get you something to drink.

BONNIE GOES OFF SCREEN INTO THE KITCHEN.
JILL READJUSTS HERSELF.

JILL

I just can't get comfortable anywhere.

BONNIE ENTERS HOLDING TWO MUGS.

JILL (CONT'D)

Oh, sorry, the doctor. The doctor said I can't have caffeine.

BONNIE

Right.

BONNIE SETS DOWN OWN OF THE MUGS AND GOES BACK IN THE KITCHEN WITH THE OTHER MUG.

BONNIE (O.S.) (CONT'D)

What do you want?

JILL

Water, please. Extra ice.

BONNIE (O.S.)

What am I? Your waiter?

JILL ROLLS HER EYES.

JILL

Why are you being so nice?

BONNIE (O.S.)

I want to support you through your pregnancy.

SHE COMES BACK WITH A GLASS OF WATER AND HANDS IT TO JILL.

BONNIE (CONT'D)

I want to make sure you have more than enough support. I know how hard motherhood is.

JILL

Well, I appreciate the support. But what I really need right now is to be relaxing...

BONNIE

... You are relaxing!

JTTJ

Preferably in my own bed.

BONNIE WALKS UP BEHIND JILL AND MASSAGES HER SHOULDERS. JILL RELAXES.

JILL (CONT'D)

I should book one of those prenatal massages.

JILL SITS UP AND REACHES FOR HER PURSE.

BONNTE

Baby bonnets!

JILL LOOKS AT BONNIE CONFUSED.

JILL

What?

BONNIE

Have you picked out any baby bonnets?

I loved shopping around for cute
little baby clothes.

JILL

How much of it did you steal?

BONNIE

That's not the point.

BONNIE SITS ON THE COUCH NEXT TO JILL.

BONNIE (CONT'D)

Have you started shopping for baby clothes or anything yet?

JILL

Well, I have gotten a few things. But, I don't want to go overboard. I still don't know if it's a boy or a girl.

SCENE D

EXT. JILL'S MANSION - BACKYARD - DAY
(Tammy, Marjorie, Wendy)

TAMMY PACES AROUND TALKING ON THE PHONE.

MARJORIE AND WENDY ARE LOOK AT THE CAKE.

WENDY

Well, being a mother might be a promotion. In Jill's case.

MARJORIE

Well, hopefully this will all get sorted out. Tammy is on the phone with the bakery.

TAMMY GETS HANGS UP HER PHONE AND WALKS OVER TO WENDY AND MARJORIE.

TAMMY

I just spoke to the bakery.

WENDY

And?

TAMMY

The cake we have is actually meant for a police officer's promotion party.

They got. They orders switched up.

WENDY

That's good.

MARJORIE

So, we can just bring the cake back and swap it for the one meant for Jill, right?

TAMMY

Well...

TAMMY'S PHONE RINGS.

SFX. PHONE RINGING.

TAMMY (CONT'D)

It's Adam.

WENDY

Maybe you should answer it.

TAMMY LETS THE CALL GO TO VOICEMAIL.

TAMMY

We have more pressing matters.

MARJORIE

Tammy, you should answer.

TAMMY

Adam can wait. We need to find Jill's cake.

WENDY AND MARJORIE LOOK AT TAMMY CONFUSED.

WENDY

What do you mean?

TAMMY

Oh, Right! The people that this cake was meant for have Jill's cake.

SCENE E

INT. AJ'S BARRELWORKS - DAY
(Adam, Andy, Tammy (V.O.), Extras)

THE BAR IS PACKED WITH ANDY AND EXTRAS DRESSED IN OFFICER UNIFORMS.

ADAM IS BEHIND THE BAR BUSY. HE TRIES TO CALL TAMMY AGAIN.

ADAM

Tammy, hey. I really...

TAMMY (V.O.)

... Adam, I'm busy looking for a

missing cake.

THE LINE GOES DEAD.

ADAM STARES CONFUSED AT HIS PHONE AND GOES BACK TO TENDING THE BAR.

ANDY WALKS UP TO THE BAR.

ANDY

I am so nervous about being a dad.

ADAM

Yeah?

ADAM IS BUSY TRYING TO TAKE ORDERS AND WORK THE BAR.

ANDY

Yeah. I want to be a good dad. What if it's a boy? We can play catch and go fishing.

ADAM

Mhm.

ADAM IS NOT REALLY PAYING ATTENTION AS HE RUSHES AROUND BEHIND THE BAR POURING DRINKS.

ANDY

What if it's a girl? I don't know what to do if it's a girl.

ADAM

I don't know, man.

ADAM SETS ANOTHER ROUND OF DRINKS OF THE COUNTER FOR THE PARTY TO PICK UP.

ANDY

You tried calling in any help?

ADAM

The waitress that normally works today is sick.

ANDY

What about Tammy?

ADAM

Apparently she's on a wild goose chase for a cake or something.

ANDY LAUGHS

ANDY

That's funny. I accidentally picked up the wrong cake for my coworker's promotion.

ADAM

Imagine it's the cake Tammy's looking for.

ANDY

I don't think so. It's a baby themed cake. It's not the cake we ordered, but thought it would be a funny joke.

THEY LAUGH.

AN EXTRA WALKS UP TO THE BAR.

POLICE MAN 1

Hey, we need another round over here. ADAM GROANS IN FRUSTRATION.

SCENE F

INT. BONNIE'S APARTMENT - LIVING ROOM - DAY (Bonnie, Jill)

JILL AND BONNIE ARE SITTING ON THE COUCH NOW LOOKING AT AN OLD PHOTO ALBUM.

BONNIE POINTS AT AN IMAGE.

BONNIE

This one was Christy's first bath.

JILL

She looks like she's over a year old.

BONNTE

Okay, maybe not the first, but its the thought that counts.

JILL

Right.

BONNIE LOOKS AT THE BOOK LONGINGLY. SHE TAKES JILL'S HANDS.

BONNIE

Motherhood is magical. It feels just like it was yesterday that Christy was six or something. Don't take being a mom for granted.

JILL

I would never take this for granted. I mean, its a miracle.

BONNIE SQUEEZES JILL'S HANDS.

BONNIE

It is and I'm so happy for you. You know if you ever need advice I have tons of good advice, having raised Christy all by myself.

JILL

I'm not sure I really want your advice. You were kind of a bad mother.

BONNIE

Hey! It was tough love.

JILL

I just don't want my relationship with my child to wind up like yours and Christy's.

BONNIE STARES AT JILL HURT.

JILL (CONT'D)

No offense.

BONNIE TAKES OFFENSE.

BONNTE

No offense? You just called me a bad mother?

JILL

Well, am I wrong?

BONNIE GLARES.

BONNIE

Fine then. Just go!

JILL

Fine. I will. I wanted to go home

hours ago anyways.

BONNIE

Fine!

JILL GETS UP WITH SOME DIFFICULTLY AND LEAVES.

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT ONE