

1 (HEATHER and KARA wait with JANNA at the family health  
 2 clinic.)  
 3 JANNA: You guys didn't have to come here, you know.  
 4 HEATHER: Someone should be with you.  
 5 JANNA: Someone will be with me. Mark said he'd be here.  
 6 KARA: Uh-huh.  
 7 JANNA: He did. He said he'd meet me here at two o'clock. He's  
 8 just a little late.  
 9 KARA: About an hour. Jan, face it, he's not coming.  
 10 HEATHER: Shut up for a while, OK, Kara? Don't you see she  
 11 feels bad enough.  
 12 KARA: Yeah, I see that. But she needs to face reality. Mark is  
 13 not coming. We both know that.  
 14 HEATHER: We don't know it.  
 15 KARA: Then where is he, huh? Tell me, why are we sitting  
 16 here with Janna in front of a clinic and Mark is nowhere  
 17 to be seen? Why is that?  
 18 JANNA: He's coming. He wouldn't just leave me. He cares  
 19 about me. He said he loves me.  
 20 HEATHER: See, Kara? So shut up.  
 21 KARA: Fine. I'll shut up. We three will just sit out here on the  
 22 benches until she goes into labor, how's that?  
 23 HEATHER: What is it, Kara? Is being dumb and awful your  
 24 hobby? Is it like other people collect stamps? Tell me...  
 25 JANNA: Both of you, please! That's enough. I'm under enough  
 26 strain without you two fighting.  
 27 KARA: Well, whose fault is that? I can't believe you slept with  
 28 Mark. You're fourteen years old...  
 29 JANNA: I'm fifteen...  
 30 KARA: Oh, excuse me. That two days of being fifteen makes  
 31 all the difference in the world.  
 32 HEATHER: She's in love. Love makes you do some dumb things.  
 33 KARA: Yeah, like get pregnant. Pregnant and alone.  
 34 JANNA: I'm not alone. Mark will be here.  
 35 HEATHER: And we're here. We won't leave you until Mark

1 gets here.  
 2 KARA: Then I hope you brought a sleeping bag, 'cause I have  
 3 a feeling he isn't showing up.  
 4 HEATHER: Why are you doing this?  
 5 JANNA: You can be so vicious sometimes, Kara. So mean.  
 6 You're just jealous because a guy like Mark wants to  
 7 be with me. Me, a little nobody sophomore, and he's  
 8 with me.  
 9 KARA: Is he with you? Well then, look around, Janna. Tell me,  
 10 where is Mark?  
 11 HEATHER: You could try to be a little supportive, you know.  
 12 Mark's a good guy. If he said he would be here, he'll be  
 13 here. Don't you worry, Jan, you can count on him.  
 14 KARA: Get real. I've known the guy since I was a kid. He's my  
 15 brother's best friend. And I know for a fact that he won't  
 16 be showing up in a while or ever.  
 17 JANNA: You don't know that. You don't know anything.  
 18 HEATHER: If Mark said he'd be here, he'll be here. He  
 19 promised you, didn't he, Janna?  
 20 KARA: Did he? Did he say he'd be here?  
 21 JANNA: I told him my appointment was for two-thirty.  
 22 KARA: It's two forty-five now.  
 23 JANNA: He's a little late.  
 24 KARA: But did he actually say he'd be here? Or did you just  
 25 hear what you wanted to hear?  
 26 JANNA: He'll be here. He wouldn't leave me alone like this. He  
 27 wouldn't.  
 28 HEATHER: That's right, he wouldn't. He really cares about  
 29 you. Mark wouldn't have said he loved you if he didn't  
 30 mean it.  
 31 KARA: Am I the only person here with a brain? Am I the only  
 32 one who sees the difference between reality and fantasy?  
 33 Because Mark meeting you here today is a fantasy, Jan,  
 34 face it.  
 35 HEATHER: You don't know that. Janna, don't pay attention to

1 her. Just because none of her brother's friends would pay  
 2 any attention to her, she's jealous.  
 3 KARA: Like I would want one of those losers to come near me.  
 4 Ron is the only half-way decent guy among them and he's  
 5 got a girlfriend. The others are just jerks, and Mark is the  
 6 biggest one. Face it, he used you, abused you, and now  
 7 he's losing you.  
 8 JANNA: He's not. He's not!  
 9 KARA: Yeah, he is. I know for a fact.  
 10 HEATHER: You don't know anything.  
 11 KARA: Janna, he's gone.  
 12 JANNA: Gone? What do you mean?  
 13 KARA: He went to Palm Springs with all the guys. They left  
 14 last night. I was hoping he wouldn't go, because I knew  
 15 you were counting on him, but he went. He went to party  
 16 and scam, and get together with anyone he can.  
 17 HEATHER: You don't know that.  
 18 KARA: Come on, Heather, my brother went with them. Janna,  
 19 he is not coming today.  
 20 JANNA: *(Quietly)* Oh, no, no, no. I can't believe he'd do this.  
 21 KARA: *(Comforting, quietly)* Believe it, honey. He's not going  
 22 to be here for you today or ever.  
 23 JANNA: What am I going to do?  
 24 KARA: What did you think you'd do?  
 25 JANNA: I don't know. I guess I hoped...well...  
 26 KARA: What? That he'd marry you? At fifteen years old?  
 27 HEATHER: But he said he loved her.  
 28 JANNA: He did. He told me he loved me. People don't say that  
 29 without meaning it.  
 30 KARA: Do you know how many girls he's told that to?  
 31 HEATHER: But this is different. If she's going to have a baby,  
 32 I mean, that's got to stand for something. It's a bond.  
 33 JANNA: He'll see that. I mean, if I am pregnant, then we are  
 34 bonded together in a way that can never be torn apart.  
 35 HEATHER: He'll want to be with you then. Everything will

1 work out.  
 2 KARA: How?  
 3 HEATHER: Well...they'll get married and live with his parents  
 4 for a while, save their money, then get their own house.  
 5 He'll get a job and make enough money so you can stay  
 6 home with the baby. Then after awhile you'll have a little  
 7 brother or sister. Mark will love you and the kids, and  
 8 everything will be terrific.  
 9 JANNA: It will, won't it? His mom and dad like me. And then,  
 10 when we move out, it will be perfect.  
 11 HEATHER: And we can have a baby shower for you, and a  
 12 wedding shower, and a housewarming. With all the  
 13 presents you get, you won't need anything. You'll see, it  
 14 will be fine. You are lucky to have someone like Mark.  
 15 KARA: Hello! We're talking about Mark Avery. The same Mark  
 16 who scams with as many girls as he can at every stag  
 17 dance. Do you really think he's going to give that up?  
 18 JANNA: If we're married he will.  
 19 KARA: This is not to be believed! Quit reading things into his  
 20 "I love you." There is nothing in it. He is not going to  
 21 marry you now or ever. He is just graduating from high  
 22 school. He's going to college. I can tell you right now, he  
 23 will not give that up for some little girl in trouble. And do  
 24 you really believe his parents will welcome you into their  
 25 home? If Mark marries you, he has to give up college. I'm  
 26 just sure that having their son married with a pregnant  
 27 kid for a wife is their idea of heaven. Wake up! Quit being  
 28 so stupid. Listen to reality!  
 29 JANNA: *(Quietly, reality setting in)* So, what am I going to do?  
 30 KARA: You're going to go into the clinic and find out if you're  
 31 pregnant, that's what. Then we will take it from there.  
 32 And if you are, then you need to tell your parents right  
 33 away.  
 34 JANNA: *No!* I couldn't. There is no way I can tell them this. I  
 35 can't. They would be so disappointed in me.

1 KARA: Well, they are bound to find out eventually.  
 2 HEATHER: *(Quietly)* They don't have to. There is an alternative.  
 3 JANNA: I know. Mark and I talked about it.  
 4 KARA: Adoption? Your parents would still find out. I mean,  
 5 unless you came up with some reason to go away until  
 6 the baby came...oh...you mean...  
 7 JANNA: Yeah.  
 8 HEATHER: It's something to think about.  
 9 KARA: No, it's not.  
 10 JANNA: Yeah, it is. Kara, you were the one saying I shouldn't  
 11 have a baby.  
 12 KARA: No, I said you shouldn't have gotten pregnant. Two  
 13 different things entirely.  
 14 JANNA: I realize that. But it is something I have to think  
 15 about. You're right, of course. There is no way Mark  
 16 would marry me. I was an idiot to ever think he would.  
 17 Oh, God, what am I going to do? What am I going to do?  
 18 Mark isn't coming now, he won't ever be here for me. I  
 19 am alone.  
 20 HEATHER: We're here for you.  
 21 JANNA: Yeah, now. But if I am pregnant, then what? There  
 22 won't be any wedding shower or housewarming. I know  
 23 that. I guess I always knew it. And when I'm carrying a  
 24 baby in my arms, are you going to want to sit with me at  
 25 a football game? Or help me find a babysitter so I can go  
 26 to the prom? What have I done? My life is over.  
 27 HEATHER: You don't have to have a baby.  
 28 JANNA: I know that. I know.  
 29 KARA: Abortion just isn't right.  
 30 JANNA: Neither is being fifteen, pregnant and alone.  
 31 KARA: So why should a baby pay for your mistakes?  
 32 HEATHER: Shut up, Kara.  
 33 KARA: You shut up. You and your talk of marriage and white  
 34 picket fences. The reality is Janna has a problem and  
 35 there needs to be more than one way to solve it.

1 JANNA: Bottom line, Kara, it's my choice.  
 2 KARA: I know that. But you need to look at all the options. Not  
 3 just take the fast and easy way out.  
 4 JANNA: This is my life we're talking about. My life. And my  
 5 life is over if I don't figure out what to do. My entire life  
 6 will be messed up for good. And Mark will just go on, no  
 7 problems. What have I done? I am in so much trouble.  
 8 HEATHER: And he walks away clean.  
 9 JANNA: What am I going to do?  
 10 KARA: Janna, calm down. We're here for you now, that's what  
 11 counts. Let's go into the clinic and find out if you're  
 12 pregnant or not. Maybe there's nothing to worry about at  
 13 all. You could just be late.  
 14 HEATHER: Yeah, that's probably all it is. You're just late.  
 15 JANNA: I'm never late. I'm so messed up.  
 16 HEATHER: Come on. Let's go in and see what happens. I  
 17 guarantee everything will be OK. It will be fine.  
 18 JANNA: You really think so?  
 19 HEATHER: Yeah, I do. It will be fine.  
 20 JANNA: OK. You guys wait out here, OK? I need to do this  
 21 alone. *(She exits.)*  
 22 HEATHER: Are you sure Mark went to Palm Springs?  
 23 KARA: Yeah.  
 24 HEATHER: What a complete ass.  
 25 KARA: Yeah, I know.  
 26 HEATHER: That could be me in her position right now, you  
 27 know? I fell for Mark's lines, too.  
 28 KARA: I know.  
 29 HEATHER: How? How do you know?  
 30 KARA: My brother David tells me about all the girls Mark gets  
 31 together with.  
 32 HEATHER: How does he know?  
 33 KARA: Mark tells everyone.  
 34 HEATHER: Oh, damn.  
 35 KARA: Yeah.

1 HEATHER: He actually told me he loved me.  
2 KARA: Did he? Are you sure?  
3 HEATHER: What do you mean, am I sure?  
4 KARA: Mark makes it a point to never say "I love you" to  
5 anyone.  
6 HEATHER: But he did...  
7 KARA: Think about it. Didn't he say something like, "I love  
8 how you..." and then fill in the blank? I love how you  
9 laugh, I love the way you think, I love your personality, I  
10 love...  
11 HEATHER: But...  
12 KARA: You heard what you wanted to hear. You wanted a guy  
13 like Mark to think you were special. He doesn't. You were  
14 just one more on a very long list. You just didn't get  
15 caught. Unfortunately, Janna was not as lucky.  
16 HEATHER: There but for the grace of God...  
17 KARA: Yeah. *(A pause)* What do you think she's going to do?  
18 HEATHER: What would you do?  
19 KARA: I don't know. I really don't know.  
20 HEATHER: I bet she doesn't either.  
21 KARA: *(Softly, a deep breath, looking off after JANNA)* Damn.  
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## Beginning to the End

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