RENEE I told her to call and cancel.

THE STORK Bitches.

RENEE Stop it.

THE STORK Wives?

RENEE

I guess. Wives. Husbands. Partners. Whatever. The pseudo other half. Like the, and I told her, I said, this is not, The end. We can tell Ann and Jamie. I mean, try again.

THE STORK Of course. Now you're thinking straight.

## RENEE

Little feet and fingers and growing an inch a time, sliding up the doorframe of pencil markings, big, bigger, biggest, until she grows into her teeth, and, the sharp ideas of the grown world.

THE STORK Little dreams coming true. Growing into big dreams.

RENEE This could just be, a first try. Sometimes, we all trip, First time out the door.

THE STORK And Ann and Jamie will understand, When you take the shot. They'll be there for you. RENEE (hold on a second) But, I mean, They wouldn't, unwelcome, they know us. Even if we kept the

# THE STORK

I didn't mean

#### RENEE

They are our friends. Our close, Years now, and promotions, and dinners, and and and

THE STORK Why don't we just get back to-

## RENEE

We met because they needed help moving into their first apartment. And we happened to live upstairs at the time, and saw them struggling and, I mean, We sat on the floor together that night, Boxes all around. Drank champagne. Ate greasy pizza. They

would not disown us if our baby was not pre-certified.

# THE STORK Uhhhh....

RENEE No!

THE STORK Um,

RENEE Dani's afraid they will

THE STORK They will.

RENEE They won't. THE STORK They could.

RENEE They could, but they wouldn't. They won't.

THE STORK (*threat*) You could always move with it to the

RENEE No!

THE STORK Make new friends. Colleagues.

RENEE

They, look,

Dani and I, the stupid shit we did together. And we have our certificates, we are certified, and we still Fucked. Shit. Up. And Ann,

Fucking Ann,

Fucking Practical Brass Tacks Probably Only Does It Missionary-style Ann? What the hell would she be at Bakersfield LTD without Dani,

Dragging her up the corporate fucking ladder. So,

no.

No. They would not. They would not exile us.

They would not refuse to let their kid play with our kid.

They would not, do, whatever, I don't know, whatever people do, when people they know, friends, closer than family have a kid who is uncertified. Or uncertifiable

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You know. They

just, They get us.

And behavior can be sorted out, right? It's the easiest of the big three to