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### TEASER

FADE IN:

ON THE BLUE MOON LOGO

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...on the front office window, and after a moment we MOVE IN through the window into the OFFICE where we find...

DIPESTO

2

...seated at her desk, completely absorbed in a magazine as the telephone RINGS and RINGS and RINGS... and then finally, without looking up from her magazine, she REACHES for the receiver and cradles it against her ear...

DIPESTO (turning the page, and then, the usual zeal gone from her voice) Blue Moon Detective Agency... Some low-down no-good-nik made off with your dough? We can't solve your case 'cause we don't have a show... We went off the air at the end of last season... 'Cause management wouldn't listen to reason... Blue Moon's still here... though there's one thing we're sans... Our millions of loyal, intelligent fans... But hang in there, mister... It'll just be a bit ... When you won't have to deal with this rerun sh . . .

...and just then, DIPESTO catches sight of the CAMERA out of the corner of her eye and JUMPS with a start...

DIPESTO (to herself)
...ut my mouth... oh my goodness...
(into the phone)
Gotta go.

...and without taking her eyes off the CAMERA, she HANGS UP the phone...and then...

DIPESTO

It's you...

2

... an enormous smile spreading across her face...

DIPESTO

You came back...finally!
(a small laugh;
and then)

Some of 'em said you might not want to, but I knew...I knew you'd come...you wouldn't not come...you couldn't not come...and here you are... our audience. Look, everybody.

ANGLE

2A\*

... as the other employees look up into the camera, and smile...

ON DIPESTO

2B\*

... heaving a fulfilled sigh, and then...

DIPESTO

This is...great...this is the best. This is...

(and the words desert her and all she can do is clap her hands together and exclaim)

Yay!!

...and as the others join in, she SCRAMBLES to her feet and hurries over to...

VIOLA

3

...who sits idly at his desk, leaning on one elbow, contemplating a CHESSBOARD...oblivious to the excitement growing around him...

\*

DIPESTO Herbert...Herbert.

VIOLA

Hmmm?

... as he MOVES a chess piece, STANDS, and WALKS around to the other side of the board and SITS...

DIPESTO Guess who's here?

3

VIOLA (absently)

Who?

DIPESTO

Guess.

3

VIOLA

Agnes, I'm about to checkmate myself and I'm really not in the mood for-

DIPESTO

(cutting him off)

But Herbert...don't you see?... you don't have to play with yourself any more.

(and then)

They're here.

VIOLA

They?.. They who?

DIPESTO

(losing patience; pointing toward the camera)

They them.

VIOLA

(looking over, then stiffening at the revelation)

Oh.

(and then, with
 just the slightest
 curl to his lip)

...them.

DIPESTO

Isn't it great?

VIOLA

(less than thrilled)

Ehhh.

DIPESTO

Ehhh? Ehhh! What do you mean, "ehhh"!? They're back!

ON VIOLA

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...regarding the CAMERA...a look that says he could care less...

ON DIPESTO

5

...realizing...and then...

5

DIPESTO Herbert...you're not still holding a grudge...are you?

VIOLA
Hey...they didn't exactly take
me to their bosom last year,
you know.

DIPESTO
For crying out loud, Herbert...
will you turn the page?...
That was last year...this is
'this' year...a new season...a
great season...
(and then)
...your season.

ON VIOLA

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...considering the notion...

VIOLA

My season?

...and then the front DOORS OPEN and...

DAVID

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... STRIDES into the office...

DAVID
...South swell... not a cloud
in the sky... bikini weather,
kids. Take the day off, 'cause
this Big Kahuna's got beach
bum written all over him.

DIPESTO

Mr. Addison --

DAVID

(cutting her off)
No arguments, Agnes... it's
high time you step up to an
all-over tan...

DIPESTO
Yes, Mr. Addison... but I've
got a feeling that we have some
work to do.

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DAVID

Work?

(stopping in his
tracks; not
believing his
ears)

Did I hear you say the W word, Miss Dipesto? Shame on you.

VIOLA (musing to himself; as the idea starts to take hold)
My season.

ON DAVID

8

... regarding the couple with suspicion...

DAVID Uh-oh...you students been puffing banana peels again?

ON DIPESTO

9

...shaking her head no... a cat-that-ate-the-canary smile all over her as she points to the CAMERA...

ON DAVID

10

...looking up into the CAMERA for the first time... he jumps with a start...

DAVID

NYYYYY!!

ON DIPESTO

11

... nodding agreement...

DIPESTO

Yeah...ain't it bitchin'?

ON DAVID

12

...recovering and then... he POINTS into the CAMERA to various members of the TV AUDIENCE...

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DAVID

(amazed)

Well I'll be a series regular...there's Katie and Betsy... and Helen and Ted...

DIPESTO

...And Don and Nancy... Clara Mae... Jordan... Phyllis...

DAVID

Holey-moley...guess we're back in show-business.

DIPESTO

...Wait'll Miss Hayes hears the good news.

DAVID

(looking around at the Blue Moon office staff which is gathered around)

So... everybody all set to roll up their sleeves and make their dialogue dirty?

...the other EMPLOYEES in the Blue Moon CALL OUT enthusiastically IN UNISON...

EMPLOYEES

Yes sir.

DAVID

So what are we waiting for?...
(a la Bilko)
Hee, ho, hop, yop, hee!

...and the CAMERA PULLS BACK to reveal...

THE BLUE MOON SET

13

...and the SURROUNDING STAGE as "Another Op'nin Another Show" COMES UP... and we see a flurry of production activity as TECHNICIANS, PERFORMERS, DIRECTORS, et al. launch the first episode of the new season...

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ON AN ELECTRICIAN

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... wheeling a light across the set as he SINGS...

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"Another season, another try..."

ON A TRIO

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... of wardrobe, hair, and makeup assistants tending to David Addison...

HAIR

"...to make twenty two shows...."

MAKEUP

"...before..."

WARDROBE

"...we die..."

ANGLE

16

... as a PAIR OF GRIPS carry a ladder across the set...

SCENICS

"A chance for critics to scoff and sneer..."

ANOTHER ANGLE

17

... as they all turn to the CAMERA...

ALL

"We know they'll only make sixteen this year..."

...and then, as the ENTIRE CREW converge onto the set, taking up the refrain...

ALL

"But we don't care 'cause we
do our part...

To make a program with wit
and heart...

So go get comfy, unplug the
phone...

Here come Dave and Maddie
into your home.

\*

Another season --"

SHOCK CUT TO:

A GRAPHIC

18

...which reads "Please Stand By" and...

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ANNOUNCER (O.C.)

We apologize for the interruption in our programming, but we are experiencing technical difficulties...

\*

DAVID (O.C.)

Oh no you don't.

...and we HEAR a collective GRUNT as the GRAPHIC LURCHES to the left a few feet, revealing the BLUE MOON SET behind it... where...

DAVID, VIOLA, DIPESTO, ET AL.

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...grunt and strain, their shoulders to the edge of the BULLETIN CARD...literally PUSHING it off the air...

DAVID

What are they trying to do...screw up our chances for syndication?

...and with ONE FINAL SHOVE, the Blue Moon staff muscles the NEWS GRAPHIC completely OFF THE SCREEN and we hear a LOUD CRASH OFFSCREEN...

ON THE BLUE MOON STAFF

20

...dusting themselves off, proud of their handiwork...

DAVID

Saw Bugs Bunny do that once. (and then)

Now, where were we?

DIPESTO

... about to kick off the new season.

VIOLA

My season.

DAVID

Right ...

(and then) One, two, three...

ALL

"Another season...
Another shot...

ALL (cont'd)

20

To show the country...
Just what we've got...
To be there every Tuesday night for you...

night for you...
Without a rerun...
Except one or two..."

...and as the last note fades away we hear the click-click of rapidly approaching high heels echo through the soundstage as...

\*

MADDIE

20A \*

...enters, putting on her earrings as she moves to the center of the stage, and then...

MADDIE

Ready?

...and we...

CUT TO:

MAIN TITLES

## ACT ONE

FADE IN:

ON A WOMAN'S BACK

20A\*

...a familiar back lying in a familiar bed in a familiar bedroom as an ALARM CLOCK goes off and...

MADDIE

20B\*

...rolls over onto her back and reaches to shut off the alarm...and as she does so, we can make out her distended belly beneath the covers...and we...

CUT TO:

A PAIR OF FEET

20C\*

... hitting the carpet... and we WIDEN to see...

MADDIE

20D\*

... having a bit of difficulty getting to her feet ...

CUT TO:

MADDIE

20E\*

...dressed for the day...surveying her figure in the mirror of her dressing area...

CUT TO:

EXT. MADDIE'S HOUSE - DAY

20F\*

... as she exits the front door and crosses to her car...

ANOTHER ANGLE

20G\*

...as she lowers herself into the driver's seat...moving it back to make room for her payload...and then she pulls the seatbelt across her, having to unroll its entire length to accommodate her girth...and by now we have the sense of just how cumbersome this whole motherhood thing can be...and then we...

CUT TO:

MADDIE

21

... as she drives, LISTENING to ...

RADIO (FILTERED)

Baby Love, My Baby Love, been missing ya', miss kissin' ya'. Instead of breakin' up, let's do some kissin' and makin' up...

\*

...and we can't help but notice the way her body sways to the MUSIC...a most pregnant body...her head moving from side to side...and as the MUSIC continues...she winces slightly and takes one hand off the wheel and lets it rest on her belly and then with a small smile...

MADDIE (singing along)
Don't throw our love away...

...and as she SINGS...we begin to PUSH IN on her belly...the SOUND OF HER VOICE FADING... the COLOR of her dress filling the frame and we...

DISSOLVE TO:

AN IMAGE

22

...seen in the distance... a mysterious, shimmering FORM floating in a void... and as the CAMERA MOVES toward this form we have the sense that we're approaching a star, or a distant planet perhaps... and we...

DISSOLVE TO:

THE IMAGE

23

...closer now... and we can make out that it's not a celestial body... but rather SOME PERFECTLY DESIGNED SACK...an embryonic sack perhaps...in fact we'd be sure of it save for the fact that some form within the sack is revealed by its shadows and for the life of us almost looks as though its dancing around...and we CONTINUE MOVING CLOSER TO IT...AND finally THROUGH IT...

DISSOLVING TO:

INT. THE SACK - DAY

24

...and it's clear now that this is exactly what we suspected...a womb...a large, saran wrap BUBBLE... hammock-like...with a mattressy trampoline-like bottom... and within it a child...although he looks more like a man-child...in fact...he looks surprisingly like David Addison...buck-naked save for a giant diaper...and is, DANCING WILDLY to the same music that Maddie is listening to...and we HEAR the record begin to FADE...the song coming to an end...and the man-child stops and catches his breath...

CHILD
(to himself)
Good tune...good tune. No
commercial...let's go right
into another one...

...and SUDDENLY ANOTHER SONG STARTS...'LOUIE, LOUIE'...and the little guy stands up bolt upright...

CHILD (thrilled)
Ahhhhhh! I love this! If I could just figure out the words...

...and SUDDENLY the LIGHT CHANGES... DARKNESS... and the MUSIC FADES AWAY...

CHILD Uh-oh...something's up...I hope she doesn't vomit some more...

...and he turns just in time to SEE...

A BRILLIANT SHAFT OF LIGHT

25

... suddenly appear... just OUTSIDE THE WOMB...

WIDER ANGLE

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... to REVEAL the child staring at the light...

CHILD

Woooooo! Must be exam time...
(running his
fingers through
his hair)
Wonder if they're going to take
pictures again.

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TIGHT ON THE BABY				27
eyes widening	in amazemen	t as the		
LIGHT				28
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A MAN				29
begins to take	shape a	nd we watcha	and	
THE BABY				30
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ANOTHER ANGLE				31
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	and	JEROME the sweetest d simplest ice) y Hayes		
ON THE BABY				32
as he looks at	the strange	er		
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ON JEROME				33
nonplussedno	t knowing w	what to make of	this	
	Excuse me?	JEROME		

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ON THE MAN-CHILD

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...making his way around JEROME...scrutinizing him...

BABY

Yeah...well...maybe I will and maybe I won't. Who are you anyway? What do you want? 'Cause I'm telling you here and now...this womb ain't big enough for the both of us.

**JEROME** 

Calm down, Baby Hayes...I'm a friend. Jerome... sorry for barging in like this, but there's no subtle way to begin a visitation...

CHILD

A what?

**JEROME** 

A visitation. You see...I'm an Emissary of the Creator. He's asked me to come visit with you.

BABY

He did, huh? And just who is this creator. Creator?.. of what?

**JEROME** 

Why....the creator of everything. The universe... me... you... all that is seen and unseen...

(and then)

And all he wants is to be certain you're prepared for your birth.

(off the Baby's uncertain look)
You are familiar with the concept of birth, are you not?
You are aware that you'll be leaving this place soon, I trust.

BABY

What are you talking about? I'm not going anywhere. I like it fine right where I am.

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**JEROME** 

Yes...well... I'm sure you do...but this isn't a permanent situation. You're going to have to leave soon.

BABY

Leave? Here? You must be crazy. What'd you do...promise the place to a nephew or something? Won't work. I'll take you to the rent board...that's what I'll do. They'll stop you. Can't throw me out. No sir. I got a heart condition. Yeah. A bad one. No heart at all. Not yet, anyway. So beat it. I ain't going anywhere. No sir. You couldn't blast me outta here with an A-Bomb.

JEROME
Well...I'm afraid that just
won't do.

BABY

Well...it's gonna have to do, your eminence... 'cause I ain't going no place. Why should I? Climate's great. Got all you can eat... No cares, no worries, just kick back...give her heartburn and play handball...

(and then)
Yessiree, this is the life.

**JEROME** 

No...I'm afraid it isn't...and that's the point. Life is a bit more... complicated. And that's why we have to get ready... for that other world out there.

BABY What are you talkin' about? Other world out where?

JEROME (pointing)
There...just outside these walls.

ON THE BABY

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...going to the uterine wall...and peering out...

BABY
Where? Out there? The
intestines!? I ain't living
there, Pal...Yech...

JEROME (cutting him off)
Not there. The world.

(not understanding)
The world?

JEROME
The world. It's a wonderful place...or it can be. The only thing is...you've got to be prepared. And that's what this little visit is about. Every baby who's ever been born gets one... courtesy of the Creator.

BABY

Why?

JEROME
There's a lot of confusion out
there. But whenever a child
comes into the world, there's
the hope that he or she just
might make it a better place...
(and then)
You'd like to be a part of
that...wouldn't you Baby Hayes?

BABY
I don't know. This "world"
place...you got a brochure?
Any pictures?

JEROME
Oh...lots of pictures. The
world's been around an awfully
long time. I think you'll find
it fascinating.

BABY
I'll be the judge of that.
So where do we go to see the show?

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**JEROME** 

No place, really. Right here is fine...you see, we're only going on a spiritual journey.

BABY

So I don't have to pack?

**JEROME** 

Absolutely not.

BABY

Good...

(looking down at
 his diaper)
...'cause I'm a little light
on wardrobe.

ANOTHER ANGLE

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...and Jerome smiles and EXTENDS his hand towards...

THE BABY

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...and we watch as the child's resistance to this stranger evaporates... and then, finally, he too reaches out...

BABY

Ain't you supposed to turn on your heartlight before we do this?

**JEROME** 

(quietly; serenely)

Shhhhhh....

CLOSE ON THEIR HANDS

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...fingertips TOUCHING... and then, their palms...and we watch as a HALO OF TWINKLING STARS surround their hands...

ANOTHER ANGLE

39

...on Jerome and the Baby as they gently DISSOLVE into...

A VOID

40

... the two of them floating in a sea of black...

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JEROME
(his voice suddenly filled with echo and resonance)
What you're about to see is a compilation of the thoughts, images, and impressions experienced by all men since the beginning of time.

(and then)
Remember them... they'll comprise your dreams, your nightmares...your imagination...

BABY
Yeah, yeah, yeah...but what's
the plot. Is there any plot?
And who's in it? I hate shows
without a plot...

JEROME Ssshhhhh...please....

...and SUDDENLY...all LIGHT is gone...and we are thrown into a complete sea of...

BLACK

41

...and just as SUDDENLY...

IMAGES

42

... leap across THE SCREEN accompanied by a rich symphonic SCORE...

ON THE BABY

43

...being bombarded by them...their reflections and changing colors playing across his face as...

THE IMAGES

44

...play on...the simple word JOY flying past followed by images of BUTTERFLIES, BALLOONS, PARADES, an OLD LADY blowing out birthday candles...

...and we...

CUT TO BLACK

ON THE BABY	45
drawn in by the spectacle	
ON THE SCREEN	46
as the words MOM ME YOU flash by in quick succession followed by the MONA LISA the COVER of Sgt. Pepper'sa DOG barkingthe SYMBOLS for man, woman, life, death, infinitya ROSE bloomingin short, the kitchen sink	,
CLOSER ON THE BABY	47
as the IMAGES and the accompanying MUSIC ACCELERATE FASTER	
ON THE SCREEN	48
as the MUSIC reaches a crescendo and ends with a long, low, chord reminiscent perhaps of a "Day in the Life", and as the screen goes BLACK we PUSH IN ON	
THE BABY	49
seen in ECU gape-jawed, utterly transfixed and then after a long momenta simple smile and	
BABY Do that again!	

END ACT ONE

#### ACT TWO

FADE IN:

INT. THE WOMB - DAY

50

...just sitting there...in all its atmospheric splendor...and we HOLD for a moment...and SUDDENLY...both the BABY and JEROME are DROPPED into FRAME...hitting the trampoline-like bottom of the sack...

BABY
(a gleeful cry as
he hits the dirt)
Wow!!! Radical!

INT. THE BLUE MOON ELEVATOR - DAY

51

...and just as the Baby and his guide hit the bottom of the womb...Maddie standing in the crowded elevator lets out a LOUD...

(the SOUND; not the word)

Belch...

 $\dots$  and as the others in the elevator TURN and look at her...

MADDIE

Excuse me...

...we...

CUT BACK TO:

INT. THE WOMB

52

...as the two of them pick themselves up from the sack's bottom...

BABY
So that's all there is to this "life" stuff, huh?

JEROME (dusting himself off)

Oh hardly. That's merely the beginning. Like I told you...the

(more)

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JEROME (cont'd) world is a complicated place. Complicated...messy...

(wistfully) ... and quite wonderful.

(and then) No, son. We have much left to do. What I just showed you was

merely a sort of astral coming attraction. See anything that caught your fancy?

BABY

Yeah...sure... ice cream... music...girls.

**JEROME** 

(nodding agreement) Girls...ah yes. I was very fond of them too. Become women, you know. The Creator takes a lot of pride in that. Which leads me to our next topic ...

BABY The birds and the bees?

**JEROME** The moms and the dads.

> BABY (with a French accent)

Pardone?

WIDER ANGLE

53

... as the EMISSARY SNAPS HIS FINGERS... and a GIANT LEATHER VOLUME...the height of the womb itself appears...the legend "FAMILY ALBUM" embossed on its cover...

**JEROME** 

You, Baby Hayes, are the product of two people's love. If everything goes according to plan, when you are born it is with much anticipation and joy on the part of these two people. They are called your parents.

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BABY

Wait a second...what's this "according to plan" mumbo jumbo?

**JEROME** 

(looking a bit

uneasy)

As I mentioned earlier...life is complicated...

BABY

But what about the Creator?...if that's the way he wants it...

**JEROME** 

You're getting ahead of yourself...into the areas of destiny and free will and...it's really much easier if we take it all in order...

BABY

I don't know...I'm beginning to smell loopholes you could drive a Tonka Truck through...

**JEROME** 

Please, Baby Hayes...one thing at a time...

(reaching for the
cover of the book;
opening it;
walking it across
the room and
revealing a page
that says "your
family" as he
talks)

Now as I was saying...when you're born...it's almost always into the arms of these parents. And because at your birth you'll have neither the powers of speech nor mobility...it's important that you know as much as we can tell you about the people in whose care you've been placed.

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BABY
You mean, even when I'm a

little ittsy bitsy baby I'm going to know all about my parents?

JEROME Oh yes...everyone does.

BABY
But what happens when I'm old
enough to talk? Ain't the
Creator afraid I'll spill the
beans? Tell these two chooches
the principal's shown me their
permanent records?

JEROME
Oh no...you see as you get
older...as you begin to talk
and see and understand...all
these memories...your time
here...your time with me...they
fade away. Nothing left but
instinct and an occasional
incident of Deja Vu.

BABY (impressed)
You guys got this thing figured forty ways from Sunday...

JEROME
(reaching for the next page)
Well, we've had all eternity to work it out.
(walking the page across the room; turning it)
This...

...and he TURNS THE PAGE...REVEALING...

CLOSER ON PAGE

54

...a beautiful full color photo of Maddie...larger than life...as beautiful as we have ever seen her...

JEROME (O.C.)
...is your mother...

ON	THE	BABY
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...taking her all in...clearly impressed...because he lets out a long, cool, whistle...

BABY

Hubba, hubba... (and then)

Y0000000www...

(and then; looking skyward)

Good going, God ...

ON JEROME

56

 $\ldots$  in his own quiet way clearly as impressed as the man-child...

JEROME
Yes...she's quite an
extraordinary woman. Bright
...beautiful...a huge
heart...although oftimes she
pays it little heed. It's the
Creator's hope that your
arrival will help amend that
situation. Yes...you're quite
a fortunate child indeed...

ON THE BABY

57

...his eyes glued to the giant book in front of him...fascinated...thirsty for more...

BABY
(entranced;
breathless; damn
near a whisper)
Wow...can I see more?

WIDER ANGLE

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...and JEROME snaps his fingers...and...

THE PAGE

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... suddenly SPRINGS TO LIFE...a MONTAGE OF MADDIE... LAUGHING, CRYING, DANCING, SMILING...

ON THE BABY

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... open ... all cynicism gone from his face...

WIDER ANGLE

61

...and Jerome SNAPS HIS FINGERS AGAIN...and the page freezes...

BABY

And what about my dad?

**JEROME** 

Well...there's been quite a bit of controversy about that...about just who is your father.

(off the baby's concerned look) Not here...only out there.

...and he MOVES to the book...grabs the corner of the 'MADDIE' page and begins to walk it across the 'womb'....

**JEROME** 

(talking as he reveals)

Your father is a fellow named...

CLOSER ON THE BOOK

62

... as the page unfurls, revealing...

JEROME (O.C.)

... David Addison...

...a terrific picture of David ...

ON THE BABY

63

... as taken with this visage as he was of the one of Maddie ...

BABY

Wow...

(trying out the sound of it)

Dad...

(and then; turning to Jerome)

What's he like? Make him do something!

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WIDER ANGLE		64
and Jerome SNAP	S HIS FINGERS ONCE MOREand	
THE PAGE		65
SUDDENLY SPRINGS	S TO LIFEand without SOUND	
WIDER ANGLE		66
we watch the far itthe silhouette	mous LIMBO SCENEwhile in front of es of the BABY AND JEROME watch	
	JEROME Your father is a fascinating mansmarter than he lets ondeeper he has an extraordinary passion for lifeand an extraordinary passion for your mother	
REVERSE ANGLE		67
as Jerome turns	from the book to the baby	
V	JEROME Would you like to meet them?	
that nothing would	from the expression on the baby's face give him more pleasureand Jerome HIS FINGERS ONCE MORE and we	E.
· ·	SHOCK	CUT TO:
ELEVATOR DOORS		68
as they opena are exiting the BLU	and we realize that JEROME AND THE BAB	Y

ON THE TWO OF THEM 69

...as they STEP OUT into the BLUE MOON CORRIDOR...

Where are we?

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JEROME

Scene of the crime...
(off the baby's
confused look)

Joke. I like to do one every

century or so...
(and then)

This is an office building. The place your parents met.

(looking at his watch; and then, commanding)

Turn around ...

ANOTHER ANGLE

70

...as they do...just in time to hear the DING of the elevator arriving...

JEROME Right on schedule.

ON THE ELEVATOR

71

... as its DOORS OPEN and out SAMBAS...

DAVID ADDISON

72

DAVID (singing)

Long and tan and young and lovely... The girl from Ipanema goes walking... And when she passes, each one she passes goes...aaahh.

ON JEROME

73

... gesturing toward David...

JEROME That's him...

BABY That's him?

ON THE BABY

74

...taking him in...

BABY

Dad?

74

...and as Jerome and the Baby FOLLOW David down the hall as he continues SINGING and SAMBA-ING...

JEROME He can't see or hear you.

DAVID
(singing)
ne walks just lil

When she walks just like a samba...

**JEROME** 

Well?

(looking to to the Baby for a reaction) DAVID
...that swings so cool
and sways so gently...
...that when she passes
each one she passes
goes...

BABY

I like him... I think.
...and as David ENTERS Blue Moon, the Emissary and Baby FOLLOW and see that the...

RECEPTION AREA

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...is filled with 6 or 8 BEAUTIFUL, well-endowed young WOMEN off which...

DAVID

...aahh!

...and then...

DAVID
Afternoon, Miss Dipesto...
(and then surveying the reception area)
...and good afternoon, ladies...

DIPESTO Mr. Addison... Miss Hayes wants to see you in her office as soon as you get back from lunch.

DAVID
Could you pencil her in for later on? Right now I have some pressing business pressing.

75

 $\dots$  and just then the door to Maddie's office OPENS and from inside.  $\dots$ 

MADDIE (O.C.)

David!

ON THE BABY

76

...looking to Jerome...

BABY

Mom?

**JEROME** 

(nods)

Mom.

ON DAVID

77

...looking up... and then, to the girls...

DAVID

Would you excuse me for one second? I hear a mood swing calling.

...as David CROSSES to Maddie's office, past the male employees who stand in a cluster admiring the cheesecake...

DAVID

Down, boys.

...and Jerome FOLLOWS with his charge in tow... but the Baby is definitely his father's son exhibiting an abiding interest in the beautiful women as Jerome steers him into...

INT. MADDIE'S OFFICE - DAY

78

...as David CROSSES to the desk behind which stands Maddie, arms crossed looking out at the skyline...

DAVID

(after a moment)

You bellow?

MADDIE

Would you like to explain yourself?

78

DAVID

Certainly would...foot bone's connected to my ankle bone ... Ankle bone's connected to my shin bone ... Shin bone's -

MADDIE

(turning to him;

clearly upset)
David... there is more silicone in that outer office than there is in all of Northern California. Why?!

DAVID

Why? Why not, I say.

MADDIE

(ignoring that)
And why, instead of doing their work, are the men in the office standing around like a bunch of tomcats ogling those women?

DAVID

Beats me...Which women?

MADDIE

That flock of floozies... that bevy of bimbos...

DAVID

That mass of maracas? You wouldn't perhaps be referring to the candidates I'll be interviewing this afternoon for the job of au pair?

MADDIE

Au pair?...What au pair?

DAVID

What au pair? You can't tell me you looked into that outer office and didn't see au pair. For that matter, yours ain't bad either.

...Jerome begins to chuckle, but quickly remembers his position and quickly stifles it ... and then ...

MADDIE

Enough!

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DAVID

More than enough, if you ask

me...

(off her look)
But who's asking...
(shifting gears

quickly)

Hey...it was supposed to be a surprise...

MADDIE

What was supposed to be a surprise?

DAVID

The au pair...the nanny...the help...for you...for the bambino... or bambina.

MADDIE

You'd actually expect me entrust my child to one of those...those...cows?

DAVID

That's not very nice...just because a woman has an ample bosom...and legs like no tomorrow...and a caboose that could make a man cry...

MADDIE

(cutting him off)

STOP IT!

(and then; catching
her breath;
containing
herself)

Not one of those women has any qualifications whatsoever for a position in child care. You know it and I know it.

DAVID

I don't know anything of the kind. They all seemed very bright to me in the few moments that I spent with them. They all have excellent references...a couple have even been in David Lee Roth videos.

550

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MADDIE
I want them out! Now!...
immediately!...

I'm sorry, Maddie. I gotta say it...I think you're being a bit hasty here. Those women happen to be highly trained specialists in their field.

MADDIE What, getting the tassels to spin in opposite directions?

DAVID
Go ahead. Poo-poo it. It's a
lost art, Maddie...not nearly
as easy as it
looks...besides...who says you
gotta be a blue-haired biddy
to take care of a kid?

MADDIE
And that bleached blond
bombshell's got motherhood
written all over her?

DAVID (shrugs)
She did say something about a tattoo though.

OMIT 79\*

ON DAVID 80

...a smile and a shrug...

OMIT 79\*

I'm serious. Alright...they don't look like your classical idea of a nanny, but...but it's just for around here...in the office...kind of an on-site day-care center. And if the care-giver happens to be easy on the eyes?...what's so bad about that?

80

MADDIE David Addison, you are obsessed ... pornographic... loathsome. David... the times... we are a I do not want nor do mere 12 centerfolds I need your help. parlor you call a day-care center. concerned about is entertaining your cronies with, yet another, peepshow. Don't you get dehydrated from all the drooling?

DAVID What? I'm trying to help out, that's all. Yeah, well at deviant ... offensive ... least I'm in step with away from the 90's. And this agency does not need that massage and not be concerned about the welfare of our corporate offspring? The only thing you're Not so... your average massage parlor attracts an entirely different caliber of individual. Those women are interested in one thing and one thing only...giving, from deep within themselves.

... as Maddie and David carry on, the Baby turns to Jerome...

BABY

Why are they talking at the same time?

**JEROME** 

It's called chemistry.

MADDIE

Out!

DAVID

Fine... terrific... I try'n lend a hand around here but do I get so much as a thank you? Nooo.

MADDIE

Thank you?....Thank you?

DAVID

You're welcome.

MADDIE

Disappear... evaporate... dissolve...

80

DAVID
(grabbing the
doorknob)
With pleasure.
(and then)
Pleasure's the third one from
the left.

...and with that David TURNS on his heels and closes the door behind him...

ON MADDIE

81

 $\dots$  standing there...smoldering...oblivious to the presence of  $\dots$ 

JEROME AND THE BABY

82

...Jerome looking unsurprised...the Baby in a mild state of shock...

ANOTHER ANGLE

83

...as Maddie gives the desk one pound with her fist...

MADDIE

(starting out the

door)

David Addison! I have something else to say to you!

...and as the door slams behind her...Jerome turns to his troubled charge...

**JEROME** 

Something the matter? Did the noise scare you?

...and the Baby shakes its head no...just stands there for a long moment trying to make sense out of what it's just seen...

**JEROME** 

Baby Hayes?...I can tell...something's bothering you...Tell me what's wrong... that's what divine Emissaries are for.

...and the Baby looks at him...this is hard...

BABY

Well...don't take this the wrong way...but I don't like my parents.

**JEROME** 

Come now...You don't mean that.

BABY

Yeah...I do... I don't think I like them.

65%

83

**JEROME** 

Well, that's a shame...because they're both going to be sensational parents... (off the Baby's

unconvinced look)
Really...I know...I've seen
some of the future episodes.

BABY

Well, I don't care. I don't like them.

**JEROME** 

Well, that's ridiculous. Do you know how many babies would give the diaper off their bum to have Maddie and David for parents?

ON THE BABY

84

...as he looks at Jerome...and it's clear he's hit the nail on the head...

**JEROME** 

But Baby Hayes...that wasn't a fight... that was... them... that's what Maddie and David do... what they've always done. That was...

BABY

...a fight.

**JEROME** 

No... Let me tell you something about those two. They're old souls...the two of them have been around for centuries. I've brought them into the world at least a dozen times myself...

(and then)
It's always the same. They
meet. They fall in love. And
spend their lives doing this
strange little tango together.

...and then he CROSSES to the TV in Maddie's office...

84

**JEROME** 

Here, lemme show you something. Maddie and David's last trip through the world.

...and he turns on the TV and on the SCREEN we see ...

MADDIE

85

...as Rita from "The Dream Sequence Always Rings Twice"...

RITA

I don't like you.

ON THE BABY

86

...watching as we...

CUT TO:

ZACH

87

ZACH

Oh, yeah? Then why are you still here talking to me?...

...and he vaults over the railing... and he lands...

NEXT TO HER

88

... just three feet away ...

ZACH

Here I am, Mrs. Adams. Thought you said you didn't like me.

RITA

I don't.

ZACH

(taking a STEP

forward)

Oh then... you're going to tell me to go away.

ON THE TWO OF THEM

89

...and he waits... Rita just watching him... she doesn't say a word...

ZACH

(finally)
I don't hear anything.

...and he MOVES TOWARD her and puts his arms around her...

ZACH

(after a moment)
I still don't hear anything.

ON RITA

90

...she knows where this is going... but she doesn't say anything...

ON THE TWO OF THEM

91

...as he presses her to him...

ZACH

I'm terribly confused... I still don't hear anything...

...and with that... their lips meet... the HUNGRIEST KISS in the history of television... and the SCORE SOARS... and the CAMERA PUSHES IN DRAMATICALLY... until finally their heads sink BELOW FRAME... and we...

CUT TO:

**JEROME** 

92

...looking down at the Baby...

**JEROME** 

You're lucky you weren't born a few hundred years earlier. The doors were heavier then and made a lot more racket.

... as he reaches out and changes channels... and we...

CUT TO:

MADDIE

93

...as Kate from "Taming of the Shrew"...

12%

93

KATE

I'll not be any man's "stuff"! In fact, <u>stuff</u> your stuff, for this in one thing you'll never own!

PETRUCHIO We'll see about that and starting this day!

KATE

Then already see'est thee wrong, for 'tis plain to any fool that it be night and not day.

PETRUCHIO
Day it is if your husband says
it be so!

RATE
Perhaps to a wife blinded by
love, but mine eyes see clear!

PETRUCHIO
(puffing up)
Love or no, I be thy liege and lord, who bringeth home the bacon and provideth thee the

bacon and provideth thee the roof over thee thick skull! And for that, by the gods...

(pointing at window)

...if I say the moon be the sun, then to you, good wife, it shall be so!

KATE

"Good wife" I be in name only, "good" husband...

(points) ... and thus the moon be the

moon no matter what thee say!

PETRUCHIO

(stepping forward)
'Tis the sun, or no sleep for thee!

KATE

'Tis the moon, and to bed I'm away!

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PETRUCHIO

The sun!

KATE

The moon!

PETRUCHIO

Sun!

KATE

Moon!

PETRUCHIO

(blowing up) Odds bods! I'll not stand for this!

PETRUCHIO ...I will be king in this my castle! And while I could havest my way with thee this very night, I choose instead to teach thee a lesson!

Thus thou will spendest thy wedding night in there without me and there ye shall sleep 'til I say it in the say it i wedding night in there without me and there ye shall sleep 'til I say it be otherwise! (and then) Understandeth?

or better still, thee breathest! (and then)

KATE

Understandeth? (and then) Fine!

Fine!

...and on that, each one TURNS and MARCHES OFF... Petruchio to his door, Kate to the other ... and ...

WIDER ANGLE

94

... as both IN UNISON STORM THROUGH AND SLAM their doors... and all is silent for a moment... then...

ON PETRUCHIO'S DOOR

(and then)

95

... as it OPENS and he looks out... an odd expression on his face... and...

CUT TO:

THE BABY AND JEROME

96

97

BABY They always do this?

**JEROME** Always... and if they didn't love each other ... they wouldn't keep coming back for more.

BABY But why does it have to be like that?...so complicated?

**JEROME** Well...no one's sure. There are a lot of theories, though...perhaps it's because Maddie's afraid she loves David more than he loves her... and he's afraid of the same thing. And since they're both afraid of being hurt by the other one... they act like they don't care.

(and then) ... But deep down they really do care.

(and then) A great deal...and not so deep down.

CLOSE ON THE BABY

...mulling it over... and then...

BABY (shaking his head) I don't know... I just got to believe there's an easier way...

**JEROME** So did your mother. Her soul was in the world alone... I don't know where David was... limbo maybe...But love...like life...is a very complicated affair ...

(and then) Anyway, she married another...still has nightmares about it, in fact ...

97

...and we...

CUT TO:

PAT BOONE

98

...as the new David, crossing to the far bed where he very methodically turns down the covers, removes his robe, and lays it neatly across the foot of the bed, then winds his watch, places it on the nightstand, then sets the alarm, crawls into the bed, and pulls a sleeping mask down over his eyes...

ON MADDIE

99

...getting to her feet and crossing to the bed where the New David reclines on the pillow, arms folded behind his head...

MADDIE
David... do you find me...
well... I mean... are you still
passionate about me?

NEW DAVID

(talking with the sleeping mask on)

What man wouldn't be passionate about a woman as soft and lovely as yourself?

MADDIE
You mean that... Really?

NEW DAVID (adamant)
Yes, indeedee!

...and Maddie slips off her dressing gown, letting it fall to the floor, revealing an abbreviated diaphanous black negligee...

MADDIE
Then David... look at me and tell me that.

...and David slips the sleeping mask up onto his forehead, blinking in the light, and then... raising an eyebrow with a randy smile...

99

NEW DAVID

You scalawag...

(and then)
...but honeybunch... it's
8:30... almost bedtime...
maybe we should wait 'til next
Sunday when the kids are at
Disneyland.

MADDIE (sighing in frustration)
Yeah... maybe...

NEW DAVID
Better hop under the covers,
dear... you'll catch your death
of cold in that thing.

ON MADDIE 100

... reaching for her dressing gown and pulling it back on as she speaks...

MADDIE
At least a cold'ld keep me in bed.

...and then, crossing to the window...

MADDIE
(continuing)
I don't know, David... I never thought marrying you'd turn out quite like this... I mean, I'm not complaining... you're a model husband... responsible... hard-working... a doting parent...

NEW DAVID ...a pillar of the community...

MADDIE
(looking around)
You've made a lovely childproof
home here for me and the
kids... lots of cozy
corners... big backyard,
swings, Olympic-sized
sandbox... You've done great...
better than great... you're...
ideal...

100

... she turns and looks at David lying in bed...

MADDIE (continuing)

But... David... you are a different person than the man I used to know.

(and this is hard)
And... I'm not sure I like the change... Don't hate me for saying that... It's my fault, not yours. You just gave me what I asked for, that's all.

... SHE'S LOOKING BACK OUT THE WINDOW NOW... AND AFTER A LONG MOMENT...

MADDIE (and then to David with a glimmer in her eye)

Why don't we sleep outside?... We can spread our blankets out on the lawn and make love in the moon--

...and just then, the NEW DAVID lets out a long low SNORE...

CLOSE ON MADDIE

101

MADDIE

...light.

...and the word catches in her throat as she pulls her robe around her... and we...

CUT TO:

THE BABY

102

...turning from the television...

BABY

They got along so well.

**JEROME** 

Yes...and she was quite miserable.

...and just then the door opens and...

MADDIE

103

...enters, crosses to her couch and settles onto it... and heaves a sigh... and then, after a moment... there's a KNOCK at the door... and then...

MADDIE

Come in.

...and the DOOR OPENS and David ENTERS, hands in his pocket...

ON THE TWO OF THEM

104

...looking at each other for a moment... the storm's passed... and then...

DAVID Look, Maddie...

MADDIE David, I...

DAVID

You first.

MADDIE

(a heavy sigh)
Look...I know you meant well...

DAVID

...I might have gotten a little carried away...

MADDIE

(a smile)

...you might have ...

DAVID

...figured we needed someone to backstop mom-o-rama here... and if we could brighten up the landscape around here in the bargain...

MADDIE

What the hey.

DAVID

What the hey.

...and she looks over at David and he looks over at her and they exchange a smile... and then...

104

DAVID

Know something, lady... whoever the little critter is that gets you for a mom is uno lucky bambino.

MADDIE

Or bambina.

ON DAVID

105

...after a moment, as he gently puts his hand on Maddie's belly...

ON JEROME

106

...watching, and then to the Baby ...

**JEROME** 

I think you get the idea.

CLOSE ON THE BABY

107

...watching his parents... as a smile spreads across his face... and then, after a long moment...

**JEROME** 

We should be getting back.

...and as the Emissary takes Jerome's hand we...

CUT TO:

ANOTHER ANGLE

108

...and see that Jerome and Baby are gone and Maddie and David are now alone in the office... and David feels something in Maddie's belly... reacting...

DAVID

0000...

(and then looking
 up to Maddie with
 a smile)

What was that ...?

MADDIE

I don't know...but it feels like handball...

108

...and as we MOVE IN on...

HIS HAND

109

 $\dots$  on her belly and as the color of Maddie's dress fills the frame and we...

CUT TO BLACK

END ACT TWO

### ACT THREE

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WIDE SHOT - THE WOMB

110

...in all its serene bliss...once again unoccupied...and from somewhere far off we HEAR...

BABY (O.C.)
Tall and tan and young and lovely... The girl from Ipanema...Goes walking...
And when she passes... Each one she passes goes...

TIGHT ON THE WOMB FLOOR

111

... as the baby once again FALLS INTO FRAME ...

BABY (as he lands)

Aaah!

ANOTHER ANGLE

112

...and we watch...as the child...pleased with his fate...his face painted with contentment...settles into the softness of the womb floor...curls up and closes his eyes...and...

WIDER ANGLE

113

... as Jerome falls back into the womb...

JEROME
(picking himself
up off the floor)
Yes...yes...I think you...and
David...and Maddie have a great
deal to look forward t...

ON JEROME

114

... as he turns to DISCOVER...

BABY HAYES

115

...curled into the fetal position on the floor of the womb...fast asleep...

ON JEROME	116
as he smiles to himself	
WIDE SHOT	117
and we watch as he bends his legsseating himself on the floor of the wombleaning his back against wallhands behind his headwaiting out this nap whistling quietly to himself"The Girl From Ipanema" and we begin to slowly PULL BACKthe womb GROWING SMALLER IN THE FRAMEuntil it's enveloped by	*
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gonedisappearedand SUDDENLY the FRAME IS FILLED WITH	
RED	119
and we CONTINUE PULLING BACKmaintaining the illusion of ONE LONG PULLBACKrevealing what is obviously a dressMADDIE'S DRESSand as we CONTINUE TO PULL BACK we come to realize that we are in	
INT. MADDIE'S OFFICE - DAY	120
and we WATCH as she pushes her chair out from under her deskRISES, grabs her purse and coat, and as she makes her way to the doorshe HUMSan oddly familiar tune "THE GIRL FROM IPANEMA"and SUDDENLY she stops in her tracksrealizing what she is doinga look on her face that says "where did that song come from?"and then	* * *

RECEPTION AREA

she exits into the ...

120A\*

...and crosses to Dipesto's desk...

MADDIE See you after lunch, Miss Dipesto.

DIPESTO

Okey-dokey.

...and Maddie exits as ANOTHER FIGURE CROSSES CAMERA and we go with it...him, actually...following him until he stops... his hand reaching out...pulling a paper cup from a dispenser... moving it to under the SPIGOT of a WATER COOLER...and we watch as the cup fills, then is lifted to the mouth of...

OMIT 121\*

HERBERT VIOLA 122

...who tosses back the contents, then shoots a defiant look to...

MACGILICUDDY

123

...sitting at his desk...who grimaces, girds for the challenge...then RISING like a great gunslinger called out in an old Western Bar...ambles over...grabs a cup...fills it... tosses it back...and cracks a cruel smile at...

VIOLA

124

...who once again fills his cup... a trace of nervousness tinging his actions this time... and as he pulls on the spigot we hear a GLUB-GLUB-GLUB in the water bottle... and then...

VIOLA

Damn...

(and then to MacGilicuddy)
Double or nothing.

MACGILICUDDY (extending an open palm)

Pay up.

...and as Viola grudgingly forks over a FIVE DOLLAR to a gleeful MacGilicuddy...

DIPESTO

125

... sails in, carrying a CARD AND ENVELOPE in her hand...

DIPESTO

What are you and MacGilicuddy torturing each other about now?

VIOLA

Nothing, my dear... just enjoying a friendly round of water cooler roulette.

(and then, to

MacGilicuddy)
Your luck's about to run out,
bucko.

MACGILICUDDY

(turning to go)
Not before your bank account.

...and he EXITS...and Viola begins scrutinizing the cooler...

125

VIOLA Why does it always go glub-glub-glub on my turn?

DIPESTO
I need eight dollars and
seventeen cents from you for
Miss Hayes' baby shower.

VIOLA
I bet that weasel's got this thing rigged.

DIPESTO

Herbert . . .

VIOLA

Sorry... what?...

DIPESTO Eight seventeen... your share of the baby gift.

VIOLA
(patting his
pockets)
Gee, Agnes... I'm tapped out.

DIPESTO (not pleased)

Yeah...I know...glub, glub, glub...

(a frustrated sigh, and then)

I'll cover your share...
(turning to go)
Make sure you get to Ruthy and sign the card... and get to Chez Jay no later than seven P.M... so you don't ruin the surprise.

ANOTHER ANGLE

126

...as Dipesto walks away...and Viola quickly considers a series of options...

VIOLA
(to her back)
Listen...um...I've been meaning
to say something...
(and then; a blurt)
I can't make it.

ON DIPESTO

127

...stopping dead in her tracks...and turning...

DIPESTO

What?

ANOTHER ANGLE

128

... as Herbert stands uneasily for a LONG MOMENT...

VIOLA

(finally; meekly) I have other plans.

DIPESTO

You what?

VIOLA

I have...

DIPESTO

Change them.

VIOLA

Can't... the Rod and Reel Society's meeting tonight to discuss our spring bass trip.

DIPESTO

They're just going to have to discuss it without you then, because you have another engagement.

VIOLA

Agnes... I've been asked to give a presentation on probably the deadliest dry fly on the planet... the rat-faced irresistible.

DIPESTO

That's a load of malarky and you know it... you've known about this shower for two weeks.

VIOLA

Sorry, Agnes... Miss Hayes is going to have to understand.

DIPESTO

Yeah... well Agnes Dipesto doesn't.

128

...and then Dipesto GRABS Viola by the arm and HUSTLES him into...

DAVID'S OFFICE

129

...and then, slamming the door behind her, she sets on Viola who cowers...

> DIPESTO Miss Hayes is having a baby. This office is giving her a shower. And you're going to be there ... with bells on!

> > VIOLA

No, I'm not.

DIPESTO

Yes, you are.

VIOLA

If you think I'm going to this shower, you're all wet.

DIPESTO

Herbert... why are you being like this?

VIOLA

Like what?

DIPESTO

Like this ... this is unreasonable.

VIOLA

Did it ever occur to you that I might have a perfectly valid reason for not attending this function?

DIPESTO

Let's hear it... and it better not have anything to do with rat-faced irresistible.

VIOLA

Well... you see... the plain truth of the matter is... and I'm being brutally frank and frankly... brutal. But... I become extremely... (more)

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VIOLA (cont'd)
uncomfortable around women who
are in... a family way...
(and this is hard)
...pregnant. And the thought
of spending an entire
evening... never mind eight
dollars and seventeen cents...
where the principal topic of
conversation will be...

...and then Viola gestures with his hands as if to indicate an enlarged belly...

VIOLA
Well... the whole prospect is
too hideous to even
contemplate.

DIPESTO

Are you crazy? Having a child is probably the single most beautiful thing I could possibly imagine.

VIOLA No, Agnes... a 1965 Mustang is beautiful...

DIPESTO
You're just jealous that women
can do something you can't.

Yeah... I really feel cheated out of morning sickness... followed by unfathomable pain which gives way to years of being spit, chewed, leaked, and pooped on. I'll stick to fly fishing, thank you.

VIOLA I'd rather be selfish than arrogant. CONTINUED: (2)

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DIPESTO

Arrogant?

You betcha... how else does a person decide to have a child... unless he looks into a mirror one day and thinks, "Hey... I'm so great there oughta be more of me"... (and then)

No Agnes... one mug like this is quite enough for this world.

ON DIPESTO

130

...watching Viola who's unable to meet her gaze... she sees this is hard for him and softens... then, after a moment...

DIPESTO

(softening)

Herbert ...

(and then)

It's what's behind the mug that really matters.

VIOLA

Some people are meant to have children... your mother, for example... but me?... I'd be a flop as a pop.

DIPESTO

How can you say that unless you've tried?

VIOLA

Fatherhood isn't something you experiment with. The responsibility is simply too awesome. I mean, suppose I did have a kid. What if I didn't like it?... or it didn't like me? What if we didn't bond?

DIPESTO

You are such a worry wart.

VIOLA

You're right...I am...and do I...we...want to pass a genetic (more)

130

VIOLA (cont'd) weakness like that along? A dynasty of Viola's sitting around the table worrying about each other worrying about each other? No... the honorable thing would be to chlorinate the gene pool.

Yeah...well...it wouldn't be just your gene pool. I mean...it takes two to tango, you know. And who's to say your oddball genes would be the ones to carry the day? I mean...a baby doesn't have to be the worst parts of two people. I've always kind of believed it's usually the best. And what baby wouldn't want to have your wit...

VIOLA My wit? You think I'm witty?

DIPESTO The wittiest. And your good looks...

VIOLA I hadn't thought of that...

DIPESTO
Not to mention what I consider
to be one of the most
formidable intellects I've ever
encountered.

(and then; reaching
 for his neck;
 pulling him
 towards her; the
 big finish)
d really get into you

I could really get into your genes, Herbert Quentin Viola...

VIOLA
(his head getting
closer to hers)
And I yours...

...as they KISS, and then...

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VIOLA
(as their lips
part; breathless;
barely able to
speak)

What time?...where?

...and then they KISS again... deeper this time and then...as Dipesto pulls back...

ANOTHER ANGLE

131

...as she turns...appearing to still clearly be in the spell of it all...and grabs the office door...

ON VIOLA

132

...entranced...

INT. THE RECEPTION AREA - DAY

133

...as Dipesto comes through David's office door...the trance suddenly over...the job done...

DIPESTO (to herself; re: Viola)

Jerk...

...and we...

CUT TO:

TIGHT ON A PLATE OF VEGETABLE SALAD

134

...as a hand reaches INTO FRAME...lifts it off a counter and CARRIES IT...and we FOLLOW...as the hand finally sets it down upon a linen tablecloth and we PAN UP TO REVEAL...

MADDIE

135

 $\dots$  seated at a table in a RESTAURANT where she has just been served  $\dots$ 

135

MADDIE (to the waiter) Thank you...

...and as the waiter departs...we watch Maddie stick her fork into the salad...spearing a piece of broccoli...and as she delivers the morsel to her mouth...we...

CUT TO:

# TIGHT ON BABY HAYES

136

...his head FILLING the FRAME SIDEWAYS...eyes closed...still lost in a beautiful sleep...and SUDDENLY...A SOUND...a LOW RUMBLE...like an approaching avalanche...and the SOUND BUILDS in VOLUME to a DEAFENING ROAR...and SUDDENLY the Baby's EYES OPEN and he lifts his head in a panic...turning to look out the clear womb wall just in time to SEE...

# A GIANT PIECE OF BROCCOLI

137

...tumbling down past the womb wall...followed by what appear to be GIANT GREEN SHEETS OF LETTUCE...

#### ON BABY HAYES

138

... as a smile spreads across his face...

BABY

(to himself)
Oh...just fueling up.

VOICE (O.C.)

I trust you had a pleasant sleep...

...and Baby Hayes TURNS with a START to DISCOVER...

# **JEROME**

139

...still sitting against the womb wall...and Baby Hayes makes his way over to him...crawling across the womb floor...

BABY

Yeah...as a matter of fact. Dreamt about me Mater and Pater...

(more)

139

BABY (cont'd) (a moment; and then)

Don't look now, Pal...but I think I'm actually kinda looking forward to the "life" business.

JEROME Splendid. That will make this next bit of business easier.

BABY What are you talking about?

JEROME
Well...unfortunately...your
parents are not the only people
in the world. There are a whole
planet full of people that you
will be sharing your lifetime
with...and not all will be as
loving as your Mother and
Father.

BABY I don't get it.

JEROME
(this is hard;
pulling himself
to his feet)
Bear with me, Baby Hayes...for
even though I work in the
service of the Creator...there
are some things...some
choices...that even I don't
understand...

BABY What do you mean? Like what?

JEROME
(turning away;
cryptically)
Look into your heart, Baby
Hayes...

ON BABY HAYES

...not understanding...but looking down just the same...trying to stare through his skin and into his heart...

#### ANOTHER ANGLE

141

... as Jerome sees this... and shakes his head...

**JEROME** 

No...close your eyes and look into your heart...

#### ON BABY HAYES

142

... still not understanding... but doing as he is told...

## ANOTHER ANGLE

143

...as Jerome turns to him...

**JEROME** 

What do you see?

BABY

(nervous; not sure
he understands
the question)

I...I don't know. I see lots of things...dark places...and light places...

**JEROME** 

Indeed...Good and evil. That's what you see. That's what you're looking at. The Creator has chosen for reasons I won't pretend to understand to endow each man with a heart capable of divine goodness and extraordinary evil. It's a choice. A choice each person makes on their own. But whatever choice an individual makes has an impact on the rest of the world.

(and then) Open your eyes!

# TIGHT ON BABY HAYES' EYES

144

...as they OPEN...and the SECOND they do...we...

SHOCK CUT TO:

THE BOMB 145

59.

...its giant mushroom cloud rising quickly above the earth...

behavior.

JEROME
From the moment life began
until this moment now, men have
embraced evil with a
ferociousness unexpected by
even the Creator...the capacity
to destroy...hurt...maim...
and even kill flies in the face
of everything one might
reasonably expect of human

...this image is followed by others, HITLER, STARVING BIAFRINS, SCENES FROM THE VIETNAM CONFLICT, SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE ATTACKING A CROWD OF BLACKS...

**JEROME** 

I would be remiss if I didn't make you aware of it ... and derelict if I didn't plead with you to be led by your capacity for good ... your ability to love...your appreciation for the gift of life...yours...and everyone's around you. It won't be easy. Greed, lust, jealousy, hatred, stupidity, anger...these are all the fuels of a wayward heart . . . and they are in abundant supply in the world you are about to enter. But remember...not only are Maddie and David your parents...but all men and women are your brothers and sisters..and the world is all your collective home. (and then) And now you may REALLY open your eyes...

...and we...

SHOCK CUT TO:

TIGHT ON BABY HAYES' EYES

146

...already open...but he quickly SHUTS THEM...AND OPENS THEM again...AND WE PULL BACK RAPIDLY...revealing both he and Jerome still in the womb...Baby clearly dazed by what he has just seen...

146

**JEROME** 

Do you understand what I've just said to you?...shown you?

ON BABY HAYES

147

...too stunned to even speak...

ON JEROME

148

...and he understands...

**JEROME** 

(nodding; smiling)
That's alright...let's just
go to commercial...

...and we...

CUT TO COMMERCIAL:

END ACT THREE

# ACT FOUR

FADE IN:

### TIGHT ON A CHAMPAGNE CORK

149

...as it explodes from a bottle...and we PULL BACK QUICKLY to REVEAL MADDIE, DAVID and "the whole Moonlighting gang" gathered 'round in the funky back-room that is Chez Jay's...Maddie smiling from ear to ear as she covers the top of her glass with her hand... David having just opened a bottle of fancy champagne...

DAVID
(counting off the down-beat)
One, two, three...

'For she's two jolly good fellows... For she's two jolly good fellows... For she's two jolly good fellows!...
Which...

...and we PUSH in on a BEAMING MADDIE...staying on her face just long enough to register her delight...then quickly moving down to her BELLY...and we PUSH IN...and as we do...

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. THE WOMB

...where we HEAR just the dimmest echoes of the song being sung outside...

#### TIGHT ON BABY HAYES

151

...as we saw him just before...still shocked by what he has just seen...and SUDDENLY HE LOOKS UP...drawn by the sound of the singing...

BABY HAYES

What's that?

#### ANOTHER ANGLE

152

...as Jerome walks over to him...squatting down to where he has curled himself up...

152

**JEROME** 

That? That's the sound of happiness. The last and often the most elusive component of this business we call life.

BABY

Yeah...well...I don't know how crazy I am about this "life" thing anymore.

**JEROME** 

That's why we save the best for last.

BABY

(wary)

You going to show me more pictures?

**JEROME** 

'Fraid not. Happiness isn't something you see...it's something you feel. Your first kiss...your first Christmas...learning to swim...catching a ball...being able to read the Sunday funnies all by yourself...the first time you hear "I love you"...the first time you feel moved to say it yourself. It's having children of your own and knowing they recognize you even though they can't speak or even walk. It's doing something for someone else even though there's nothing in it for you...it's looking around and knowing you made a difference...not just took up space. It's a list of things too long to mention and a feeling that's impossible to sum up...but it's something you can feel almost always if you're just willing to do the little bit of work required.

BABY And what might that be?

65

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152

**JEROME** 

Feel. What you're doing right now. You're scared and anxious. That's good. That's human. It's testimony to the fact that you're almost ready...testimony to the fact that everything is working as it should. Feel. It's the ultimate gift...and the ultimate responsibility and the key to the ultimate reward...happiness.

BABY

That's it?

JEROME The whole kit and caboodle.

ON BABY HAYES 153

...thinking about that...not sure he wants to buy into it...reaching up and wiping some sweat off his brow...

BABY

Getting hot...

ANOTHER ANGLE 154

...as Jerome SMILES a knowing smile...

JEROME
Doesn't feel quite as
comfortable in here as it used
to... does it?

BABY

No ...

(looking around) ...kinda small... a little cramped even... and dark.

**JEROME** 

A sure sign.

BABY

You think so?

**JEROME** 

The dance is thata way, young man...and

(more)

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154

to be a wonderful life ...

ON BABY HAYES

155

...clearly moved...thinking about what's just been said to him...and we can't help but notice that the music leaking into the womb has changed..."Baby Love" by the Supremes again...and we...

SHOCK CUT TO:

CHEZ JAY

156

... the party in high gear ...

#### TIGHT ON MADDIE AND DAVID

157

...her hand around his neck...his around her waist...the two of them dancing...spinning carefully...we've never seen her with a bigger glow...or him with a bigger smile...and we...

BABY HAYES

SHOCK CUT TO:

158

...looking at Jerome sadly...neither one of them really wanting to part company...

JEROME

(finally)
Well...I'm afraid I've got a
beam of light to catch.

...and we...

SHOCK CUT TO:

CLOSER STILL ON MADDIE

159

... now dancing with Viola... even more joy... more happiness... and we...

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SHOCK CUT TO:

## BABY HAYES AND JEROME

160

...as before...

BABY

Will I see you again?

**JEROME** 

Not for awhile... you've got a life to live first.

BABY

What about afterwards... what happens then?

JEROME

That, my friend... is a secret.

...and with that...JEROME REACHES OUT to touch the Baby's hand...and the Baby REACHES OUT to touch JEROMES...and as they do...we...

SHOCK CUT TO:

MADDIE

161

...an even CLOSER ANGLE...now dancing with Dipesto...and we...

SHOCK CUT TO:

JEROME'S AND THE BABY'S HANDS

162

... as they touch... and Jerome begins to SHIMMER...

ANOTHER ANGLE

163

...and SUDDENLY there is a SOUND...SHRILL...like some sort of beeper...and JEROME quickly pulls his hand from the babe's...and pulls what appears to be some sort of cellular phone from his breast pocket...

JEROME (into phone)

Yes...?

...and we...

SHOCK CUT TO:

TIGHT ON JEROME

...still on the phone...

SHOCK CUT TO:

(CONTINUED)

170

MADDIE 164 ...her hands around the necks of two Blue Moon employees...a whole circle of them dancing to the song...and we... SHOCK CUT TO: TIGHT ON JEROME 165 ...still talking on the phone... **JEROME** (an ever so slight bit of concern in his voice) Oh my ... ...and we... SHOCK CUT TO: MADDIE 166 ...her face suddenly going flush ... ANOTHER ANGLE 167 ... as her arms SUDDENLY GO LIMP... TIGHTER ANGLE 168 ... as she begins to pitch forward... and... DAVID 169 ...catches her in his arms...his face as painted with panic as hers is pale... "Baby Love" still playing in the background ... and we ...

170

**JEROME** 

(in midconversation)

No, no...no problem. Nothing

we can't handle ...

ON BABY HAYES

171

...listening...his face painted with curiosity...

ANOTHER ANGLE

172

... as Jerome concludes the conversation...

**JEROME** 

... whatever you think is

best...

(and then)

Fine...I'll come see you when

I'm through here...

...and with that he hangs up the phone ... returning it to his breast pocket ...

BABY

(innocently; not

suspecting a

thing)

What's going on?

(noting the absence

of the music)

Where'd the happiness music

go?

(and then; hearing the SOUND of a

siren leaking

through)

What's that noise?

**JEROME** 

(calmly; serenely)

The change is

beginning...that's all...

BABY

Change? ... what change?

**JEROME** 

David and Maddie are no longer destined to be your parents ....

172

BABY (stunned) What?! Why?

**JEROME** 

I don't know why. These are decisions made by the Creator. But there's nothing to be alarmed about. Happens all the time. Nothing drastic. Everything's proceeding apace. You're still going to be born...just to a different Mother and Father.

BABY

But...

**JEROME** 

(cutting him off) You want an answer and I can't give you one. There are reasons. Perhaps these people weren't quite ready to be parents...perhaps the world wasn't quite ready for this particular family ... perhaps... perhaps... (and then)

...there's a greater wisdom at work here than mine. We simply have to trust it ... and count our blessings.

ON BABY HAYES

173

... clearly crushed ...

BABY What blessings?

ANOTHER ANGLE

174

... as Jerome looks at him...

**JEROME** The gift of life, for one. You're still going to be born. All souls are born. Never lost one during a last minute shuffle, yet.

174

BABY (on the verge of tears)

But I loved them...

JEROME
And they would've loved
you...but your new parents...

BABY (cutting him off)
You know who they are?

JEROME
Well, actually...there are two
potential families being
considered...and yes...I know
them both...wonderful
people...terribly popular....

BABY Who are they?

JEROME
Well...depending on what
happens in the next few
weeks...you're destined to
either be Kirk Cameron's little
brother...or Bill Cosby's
grandchild.

BABY (suddenly brightening)
No kidding!?

**JEROME** 

No kidding.

(and then)
Keep the Cosby thing under your
hat...they're pretty
self-conscious over there about
the whole pregnancy business.

BABY
(suddenly
remembering)
But what about Maddie and
David? Are they going to be...

JEROME Fine...they're going to be just fine.

(more)

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174

JEROME (cont'd)
Time has a way of healing these kinds of wounds...oftentimes a love grows deeper...there really is a reason for these things, you know...

BABY I'm not sure I believe you.

JEROME
I haven't lied to you, so
far...have I? Besides...what
choice have you got? You can
sit around all day feeling
colicky...or...

... and from out of nowhere a band strikes up and ...

JEROME
(springing to his feet)
"Grab you coat... and get your hat."

ON BABY AND JEROME

175

...looking at him...not understanding...

BABY (nonplussed) What?

ANOTHER ANGLE

176

...as Jerome continues to sing and dance around the little one...

"Leave your worries On the doorstep'"

(talking between measures; grabbing Baby's hand and pulling him to his feet)

C'mon...we gotta move you to a new womb...

(and then)
"Just direct your feet... To
the sunny side of the street!"

ON JEROME

177

...as a set of stairs appear magically from the womb wall...and he begins to 'soft shoe" up them...Baby Hayes in tow...

**JEROME** 

"Can't you hear... the pitter pat?... And that happy tune... in your step? Life can be so sweet. On the sunny side of the street!"

...and we watch...as he presses the Baby into joining him...the child-man making a tentative try at FOLLOWING HIS STEPS...

**JEROME** 

"I used to walk in the shade... With those blues on parade... But not afraid... This Rover crossed over..."

ON THE BABY

178

...getting the hang of it now...beginning to hoof like a pro...step for step with Jerome...

BABY AND JEROME
"If I never had a cent... I'd
be rich as Rockefeller... Gold
dust on my feet On the sunny
side of the street!"

WIDE SHOT

179

...the Baby and the Emissary at the top of the stairs now...looking for all the world like the stars of a Busby Berkley musical...

BABY AND JEROME (the big finish)
"On the sunny... On the sunny!
On the sunny... Side... Of..
the... street!!!!!!"

BABY Bill Cosby, huh?

68

JEROME
If you play your cards right.

...and getting out while the getting's good...we...

CUT TO BLACK

END OF ACT FOUR

TAG

FADE IN:

INT. A HOSPITAL ROOM - DAY

180

....as seen from the hallway...an extremely wide shot...and we can just make out Maddie in the bed...David sitting in a chair by her side...and we begin to SLOWLY PUSH IN...and as we do...we HEAR...

MADDIE
I can't help thinking this
happened because of something
I did... or didn't... I mean
maybe I could have taken better
care of myself...

DAVID
Or maybe you did everything
just right... and maybe this
simply wasn't meant to be.

I've made such a mess of my life...your life...my parents'...Now this.

Maddie, don't do this to yourself.

(and then)

...I mean, when it comes to tracking mud across peoples' carpets... you're looking at the gold medal champ... But that's not how the game's played. If the Big Guy really did keep score... Idi Amin wouldn't be a father of 57.

MADDIE
So why did this have to happen?...Why couldn't it have worked out?

...and we are close enough now to see the tears streaming down her cheeks....

MADDIE

(after a moment)
Probably better this way...
I mean can you imagine anything
more ridiculous than me trying
to be a mother?

180

DAVID

Yeah...me trying to be a father.

MADDIE

You'd make a great dad...

eventually...

(and then)

...lousy husband... but a great

dad.

ON DAVID

181

... smiling as he takes her hand, and then...

MADDIE

Oh, David... this is the worst thing that's ever happened to me...

(and then; remembering)

...to us.

DAVID

Hey...but we're gonna get through this... together... okay...okay?...

...and at that exact moment...

A DOCTOR

182

... ENTERS the room...

How's the patient?

MADDIE

Ready to trade places with just about anyone ...

(and then)

David ... this is Dr. Wade.

DAVID

David Addison.

...and then... and this is difficult...

WADE

I'm sorry... I know how tough this is for you both... (more)

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WADE (cont'd)
but the good news is... you
two can start trying again real
soon.

ON DAVID AND MADDIE

183

...struck by the irony, exchanging a look... and then, fixing their gaze...

ON WADE

184

...who reacts...and then...

WADE

Did I say something wrong?

ON THE TWO OF THEM

185

...shaking their heads...and we.....

CUT TO BLACK

THE END

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