

BABY SHOWER CRASHER

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EXT. Los Angeles, Ca - DAY

THROUGH THE LUSH GREEN STREETS OF PRIDEFUL VIEW PARK, SHOWING OFF ITS BEAUTIFUL HOMES AND MANICURED LAWNS. A MODERN BLACK BEVERLY HILLSQUE HOUSE WITH A "FOR SALE" SIGN IN FRONT. A BEAUTIFUL BROWN COUPLE, AIRAYA TAYLOR-GRAHAM (40'S) AND MARCUS GRAHAM (40'S) ARE REMOVING THE SIGN WITH KEYS IN HAND.

Movers are in the background carrying boxes and moving furniture.

SUPER: Los Angeles, 2025

CUT TO:

INT. AIRAYA AND MARCUS'S HOUSE - MORNING

Airaya, a high powered, black entertainment attorney at the top firm in hollywood. Naturally coiffed, face beat and dressed in a commanding but always fashionable look. Marcus, an aerospace executive. A confidant, competent, well groomed, know how to wear a suit brotha.

Airaya and Marcus move around the kitchen in a rhythmic routine. Airaya is making a fresh juice, Marcus fills his thermal cup with coffee. They give each other an affectionate look.

MARCUS

What are you thinking for dinner
tonight?

AIRAYA

I'm thinking Steak48. I'll have
Iman make reservations once I get
to my office.

MARCUS

Okay, lemme know what time to pick
you up.

Marcus grabs his briefcase, phone, thermal cup and eases up behind his wife to give her a kiss and pat on the butt.

AIRAYA

Love you honey.

MARCUS

Love you too Ms. Graham

Marcus exits.

CUT TO:

INT. LAW FIRM OF BARRON, EVANS AND ASSOCIATES - DAY

A top hollywood law firm lawyers, associates and employees mill about. We punch in on a door that opens to Airaya's well lit corner office. The decor is in warm neutral tones, mixed with woods and metals. Standing out is various awards, accolades, degrees and of course Airaya is like a beacon.

Airaya is on a client conference call.

AIRAYA

Wil, the deal is almost done to shoot Girl's Trip three in Brazil. Just a few more deal points to cover. All the talent is on board.

WIL PACKER (V.O.)

Great, I need this to be wrapped up as soon as possible. I want to be shooting in September.

Marcus walks into Airaya's office with flowers.

AIRAYA

Don't worry, I got everyone locked in and ready to move forward.

Airaya acknowledges her husband.

WIL PACKER

That's why you're my legal lethal weapon. Call me when it's done.

Marcus smiling proudly.

AIRAYA

Absolutely.

Airaya ends the call.

MARCUS

Hey honey, You ready? Oh and these are for my beautiful powerhouse of a wife.

They hug and kiss.

Airaya smiling, wipes her lipstick off of Marcus's lips.

AIRAYA

Yes baby, I'm starving. Speaking of baby, I wanna have yours.

CUT TO:

MONTAGE BEGINS

Int. Airaya and Marcus's House-Day

Airaya and Marcus going through several failed attempts of IVF, miscarriages, and finally getting pregnant.

*Marcus is giving Airaya IVF injections.

*Airaya looking at a negative pregnancy test.

*Airaya is emotional, Marcus comforts her.

*Airaya rushes in the house for scheduled sex with Marcus.

*Airaya sits alone staring at another failed test.

*Marcus gives Airaya her final IVF injection.

*Airaya and Marcus are finally pregnant.

MONTAGE ENDS.

CUT TO:

INT. DOCTOR'S OFFICE - DAY

SUPER: Six Months Later

Airaya is in the Ob/Gyn treatment room with Marcus holding her hand as they wait to hear the baby's heartbeat.

AIRAYA

We can't wait to meet you; our little peanut. Our family and friends too.

Airaya and Marcus both bursting with excitement. They will finally be a family.

The Doctor is quiet with a look of concern.

Airaya (CONT'D)
Is there something wrong? Why are
you looking like that? Why can't I
hear my baby's heart beating?

DR.JACKIE
I'm sorry, we should get you to the
hospital and prepped for surgery
now. Nurse!

CUT TO:

INT. HOSPITAL - DAY

Airaya is on a hospital gurney being rushed into the O.R. A nurse stops Marcus from going into the prohibited area.

NURSE
Sir, you cannot go past this point.

MARCUS
That's my wife! I need to be with
her!

NURSE
I'm sorry. Someone will come out to
update you.

The nurse enters the doors. Marcus watches through the glass as the nurse disappears out of the hallway, feeling defeated.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. HOSPITAL O.R. - DAY

Everyone is moving quickly. Surgical assistants prep instruments. Other attendants are turning on monitors.

Airaya is on the operating table crying. Dr. Jackie comes to Airaya's bedside.

DR.JACKIE
Airaya, I need you to calm down.
I'm going to do everything I can.

Dr.Jackie looks at the anesthesiologist to begin.

The anesthesiologist places the mask over mask over Airaya's face.

CUT TO:

INT. HOSPITAL RECOVERY ROOM- DAY

Airaya wakes up from anesthesia, groggy and getting increasingly upset.

Marcus is by her side, visibly sad.

AIRAYA

Marcus, where's our baby? Marcus,
Where's my baby? I wanna hold him.

Marcus still holding her hand; tears in his eyes.

MARCUS

Honey, they are doing everything
they can.

AIRAYA

What do you mean! Everything like
what? I want my baby!

Dr. Jackie knocks and enters the room.

DR. JACKIE

I'm so sorry Airaya & Marcus,
your son... We did everything we
possibly could.

Airaya lets out a moan in heartbreak and collapses in
Marcus's arms.

CUT TO:

Airaya, Catatonic like, is being wheeled out of the hospital.
Marcus pulls the car up and gets out to help her. The nurse
assist, gives Marcus her meds, and wishes them well.

CUT TO:

The drive home is completely silent. Airaya can't look at her
husband, it hurts too much. She just looks out the window
wishing she would wake up from this nightmare.

CUT TO:

INT. MARCUS AND AIRAYA'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

Airaya has been in bed for days. Barely eating or speaking;
only hearing the voice of her thoughts.

Airaya's (V.O.)
No one understands. I wish everyone
would just leave me alone.

Marcus is sleeping in the guest room to give her space but the distance is taking its toll.

CUT TO:

INT. MARCUS AND AIRAYA'S BEDROOM-DAY

Marcus is trying to talk to Airaya and comfort her. Airaya is sitting in a ball in bed staring off with dried tears down her face.

MARCUS
We'll try again. We can fix this.

Airaya
Fix this, or fix me?

Airaya's (V.O.)
I can't be fixed and we can't fix
us.

MARCUS
I Love you Air.

AIRAYA
I'm not a whole woman. I'm broken.
I know you blame me. You wanted me
to slow down and stop working and I
didn't listen.

MARCUS
I don't blame you Air, Its just...I
don't know. What I do know is I'm
willing to do anything to try and
save us. I think going to therapy
will help.

Airaya's (V.O.)
Even if you don't blame me, I blame
myself. It's a pain I don't know
how to get past.

CUT TO:

INT. MARCUS AND AIRAYA'S FRONT DOOR - DAY

Marcus answers the door. Airaya's parents have come by to check on them.

MARCUS
Hi Mom. Hi Dad.

Marian and Eddie both greet Marcus with a hug.

MARIAN
Hi sweetie.

EDDIE
Hey Man, How ya doin?

Marcus shrugs his shoulders.

MARIAN
Is she talking or eating at all?

MARCUS
No. Nothing since you were here
yesterday.

MARIAN
Have you eaten?

MARCUS
Not today.

EDDIE
C'mon son. Let's get something to
eat and a drink. This is a time
where a daughter needs the healing
magic that only a mother can give.

Marian smiles at her husbands recognition and kisses him on
the cheek.

MARIAN
Thank you babe.

EDDIE
Go work your magic baby.

MARCUS
Thank you Mom.

MARIAN
No thanks needed. I got this.

Marcus and Eddie exit.

CUT TO:

INT. AIRAYA AND MARCUS'S BEDROOM DOOR - DAY

Marian knocks softly on the door before opening.

It's dark. Only the greyness of dusk lights the room.

Airaya is in bed curled in a ball; not acknowledging her mother's presence.

Marian walks over and slides into bed behind Airaya; wrapping her arms around her daughter.

MARIAN

I'm right here baby. Momma's got you.

Airaya clenches her mother's hands around her and starts to cry.

CUT TO:

INT. THERAPIST OFFICE-DAY

Airaya and Marcus are in couples therapy, but Airaya has shut down emotionally and is not engaging in the sessions she's staring off.

The therapist and Marcus talk off to the side.

THERAPIST

I suggest one-on-one grief counseling for you both and to talk about the desires of your future. Here's a prescription for Airaya to help with the postpartum and depression.

MARCUS

I don't know what to do. How can I help my wife?

THERAPIST

First, get the prescription, second, work on your healing because it's obvious to me losing a child has affected you too. Often the focus is usually on the mother so much that the father's grief is not taken into account. I've seen this before. I will work with you both but I think individually at this time would be best.

Marcus feels defeated.

CUT TO:

INT. THERAPIST OFFICE-DAY

Airaya is in a one on one grief therapy session.

Airaya and Marcus have seperated.

AIRAYA'S (V.O.)

*Why the hell am I still here? Oh
Yea, it's part of my short term
disability. Shit, that edible that
I took before coming has kicked in.
Damn, I got the munchies. LAX Tacos
here I come!*

THERAPIST

Beloved are you with me ? You are
in a safe space here. Would you
like to share anything today ? Are
you still having panic attacks ?

AIRAYA

No Doctor. Nothing to share. Can I
go ahead and make my appointment
for next week? I have to leave.
I've got another appointment that I
cant be late for.

THERAPIST

Beloved, its been almost a year.
You can't continue to run from your
pain. You, can find healing in the
midst of your pain.

AIRAYA'S (V.O.)

*You, my husband, my parents, my job
putting a time limit on my healing.
I say, fuck it all!*

AIRAYA

Yes Doctor, healing. Thats what
I've been doing.

THERAPIST

You are such a bright light, I
don't want to see this consume you.
Are you doing your breath work?
Aren't you returning to work next
month?

AIRAYA'S (V.O.)
Yea Yea, bright light; bright
light. What am I ? A Gremlin ?
Well, I'm fucking starving like
one. I'll do my breath work when I
hit the blunt later.

AIRAYA
Yes, Doctor. I'm doing my breath
work.

CUT TO:

EXT. LAX TACOS-DAY

Airaya, WITH ERYKAH BADU CAN I GET A WINDOW SEAT PLAYING;
PULLS INTO THE DRIVE THRU OF LAX TACOS, PLACES HER ORDER, GRABS
A TACO OUT THE BAG AND COMMENCES TO FUCKIN'EM UP AND MAKING A
MESS AS SHE HEADS HOME.

Dropping tacos in her car while trying to drive and tacos
juice on her face, Airaya is feeling good.

CUT TO:

INT. Airaya's HOUSE- DAY

Airaya's feeling good and high as fuck. Dancing around the
house eating her tacos. For the first time in awhile she
doesn't feel pain.

AIRAYA'S (V.O.)
I ain't thinking about shit but
these LAX Tacos ! Ayyye !

CUT TO BLACK.

EXT. LAW FIRM OF BARRON, EVANS AND ASSOCIATES - DAY

Looking like herself on the outside. One year later, Airaya
is returning to work; walking back into the building of her
firm, Barron, Evans and Associates.

INT. LAW FIRM-DAY

Airaya is on the elevator going up and so is her anxiety.
When the elevator doors open on her floor, she sees that the
people and the firm have changed.

She's in a full blown panic attack and rushes off to the restroom. In the stall she's doing her breath work to try to calm herself.

CUT TO:

INT. LAW FIRM RESTROOM STALL- DAY

AIRAYA'S (V.O.)

Bitch, you are, "THE AIRAYA GRAHAM!" You cannot let all these people see you falling apart. I'm sure you're already the talk of the since you've been gone.

Someone enters the restroom.

IMANI

Hello, Are you okay in there ?

Airaya

Yes.Thank you.

AIRAYA'S (V.O.)

Okay gurl, get it together. you're going to go out there pulled together; check your makeup and then walk to your office like you a boss bitch.

Airaya exits the stall and goes to the vanity to wash her hands and do a self check. The voice in the restroom we see now is a very attractive woman touching up her makeup. Airaya tries not to make eye contact but something familiar about her. Then the woman lets out a squeal.

IMANI

Oooh My God ! You're back! No one told me or I would've had your smoothie and avocado toast delivered. I've missed you Air!

AIRAYA'S (V.O.)

Harpo! Who dis woman ?

AIRAYA

I'mmm sorry. Do I know you ?

IMANI

Its me. Well, the new me. Imani. Imani Extravaganza hunny.

AIRAYA

Oh my God! You look... When did you complete your journey?

IMANI

6 months ago. I thought you would be around to witness but... I'm so sorry Air.

AIRAYA

Thank you. I'm so sorry too.

The two ladies hug and comfort each other, then Composes themselves. The door opens to the restroom and a male colleague, John, walks in. Airaya is taken aback. Imani waves at him.

IMANI

Hi John.

JOHN

Hi Imani.

Imani waves at John as they exit.

IMANI

Toodoolooo! I catch John looking at me all the time gurl. I like it tho. I know it's a lot for your first day back Air but, I got you bosslady.

CUT TO:

INT. LAW FIRM- HALLWAY-DAY

Being the top black law firm in Los Angeles, it's a busy office. People having meetings in offices and conference rooms. Administrative assistants answering phones. Interns scurrying around. People passing in the halls.

Imani is escorting Airaya to her office while giving her the tea.

IMANI

I'm sorry to tell you, but they moved your office.

AIRAYA (V.O.)

After all the clients I brought to this firm, I see it means nothing.

AIRAYA
Where exactly?

IMANI
A little further down the hall.
Lot's of changes since you've been
gone. I fought for you a view and
your office decor style of course.

AIRAYA (V.O.)
Great. More changes.

AIRAYA
Thank you Imani, but you didn't
have to do that.

IMANI
Of course I was going to fight for
my girl and our space hunny.
Yours truly also led the charge
embracing the language for trans
and non binary employees and the co-
ed restroom.

Airaya's (V.O.)
Wow. To Live in a world where
everyone is accepted is love.

AIRAYA
This is amazing Imani. I'm proud of
you.

The ladies run into Airaya's sorror, and newly pregnant
coworker Brittany. A.K.A Perfect Patty.

BRITTANY
OMG Air ! You're back !

Airaya and Imani simultaneously.

AIRAYA IMANI
Hi Brittany. Hi Brittany.

AIRAYA'S (V.O.)
This perfect bitch; and of course
she's pregnant.

BRITTANY HOLDING HER BABY BUMP SEEMINGLY A LITTLE TOO EXCITED TO GIVE HER NEWS ABOUT HER POSITION AT THE FIRM SINCE AIRAYA'S ABSENCE.

BRITTANY
Did Imani tell you ? I made partner!

AIRAYA (V.O.)
Relax. Only because I wasn't here ho.

IMANI
Well, Brittany, Air just got here and we were heading to her office so I can update her on everybody, I mean everything and her calendar.

Airaya's anxiety is coming back. Feeling another panic attack about to happen, she quickly congratulates Brittany and scurries off to her office. Imani turns to Brittany.

AIRAYA
Congratulations Brittany. On everything. Um... Excuse me, I better go get settled.

Airaya walks away.

IMANI
That was a bit... cunty, don't you think ?

BRITTANY
What? She was going to find out anyway. Oh and watch it missy, I'm still your boss.

BRITTANY WADDLES AWAY. IMANI CLUTCHING HER PEARLS.

IMANI
Thank you for calling me missy!

CUT TO:

INT. AIRAYAS OFFICE- DAY

Feeling overwhelmed, Airaya has plans to hide out in her office the rest of the day until her boss and senior partner ask to see her right before being served by Marcus with divorce papers.

Imani standing in the doorway.

IMANI

Air, Elise would like to see you in
her office.

AIRAYA'S (V.O.THOUGHTS)
This can't be good.

AIRAYA

Okay, Thank you.

A guy in a suit walks up from behind Imani.

PROCESS SERVER
Are you Airaya Taylor-Graham?

IMANI

Excuse me, who are you and do you
have an appointment?

AIRAYA

It's okay Imani. Yes. Can I help
you?

The guy presents her with a manilla envelope.

PROCESS SERVER
You've been served.

The guy exits.

Airaya and Imani are both stunned.

Airaya is familiar with the drill but not sure who would
serve her.

Airaya takes the envelope and opens it.

Airaya's face drops.

IMANI
Boss Lady?

AIRAYA
It's divorce papers from my
husband.

IMANI
Damn. How low can you go.

AIRAYA
I knew it was coming, just not like
this.

(MORE)

AIRAYA (CONT'D)

Anyway, I can't deal with this right now. I'm going to Elise's office.

Imani says under her breath, I will hold your calls even though there aren't any right now.

Airaya exits.

CUT TO:

INT. SENIOR PARTNER ELISE BARRON'S OFFICE - DAY

Elise is black, late fifties to early sixties smart, attractive, polished and no nonsense.

Elise is signing documents when Airaya walks in.

Elise's door is open, Airaya knocks before entering.

AIRAYA

Hi Elise. You wanted to see me?

ELISE

Yes, Please have a seat.

AIRAYA

I want to thank you and the other partners for understanding me and supporting me at a difficult time.

Elise glances up at Airaya.

ELISE

Airaya, I'm going to be frank with you. The other partners had mixed feelings about keeping you on and whether or not, you could handle things here mentally, but I reminded them of your contributions to the firm. Brittany took on your high profile clients in your absence. I need you to get on top of things and prove me right.

AIRAYA'S (V.O.THOUGHTS)

That bitch made partner with my clients! Definitely need a smoke break.

AIRAYA

Of course, I'm jumping right in and on top of things.

ELISE

Look, as a woman, I understand your journey. My own conceiving journey was challenging. That's why I know you can make it through this. I believe in you. Let me know if I can do anything to help.

AIRAYA

Thank you, but I'm great.

ELISE

Okay, I'm going to take your word for it.

AIRAYA

Thank you again Elise. I appreciate it.

Airaya exits.

CUT TO:

INT. AIRAYAS OFFICE- DAY

Airaya's sitting in her office thinking.

AIRAYA'S(V.O)

I have totally lost my grip on things. I gotta get back to myself. I am mutha fuckin Airaya Graham. Period.

Airaya's best friend and celebrity stylist, Apple, shows up to her office thinking she may need saving.

Apple is an only child like Airaya, pretty asian, always dressed to impress, street smarts, that grew up in South Central with Airaya. Her parents worked alot so Apple was always at Airaya's house with her and her family.

Apple is trying to convince Airaya to go to this party she's hosting for a client.

AIRAYA

I don't know App. I don't really feel like partying or crowds right now.

APPLE

Meanwhile, I ran into Brittany and she seems to be on the fast track that you were traveling on making partner hunny.

AIRAYA

Really Bitch?

APPLE

Yes, really hoe. Or at least you need to be out here trying to have a hoe phase.

AIRAYA

Okay Okay! I don't need to hear all of that. Its only been a year.

Imani walks into Airaya's office.

IMANI

Boss Lady, its happy hour. I uploaded your calendar for the rest of the month to discuss on Monday. Hey Apple. You're serving as usual. Stella McCartney/Adidas. It's givinnnggg Rih Rih and vintage Missy. Can we please leave? I am in need of an adult beverage. You too care to join?

AIRAYA

Thank you Imani.

APPLE DOUBLE TAKES. GETS UP FROM HER SEAT.

AIRAYA'S(V.O.)

*I'm not ready for socializing.
Today was enough.*

APPLE

Who, wait a minute. Imani? Look at you! Happy second birthday, you look so good! Compliments to your doctor bitch.

Apple and Imani hug.

AIRAYA

App please use your inside voice.
I'm trying to keep the job I got.

Apple and Imani ignoring Airaya.

IMANI

Thank you sis. I'm so happy for the three of us to be together again.

APPLE

Indeed. To celebrate, you're in charge of making sure Air understands the assignment, motivate her to show up, dressed and pressed to work the room while I host my event tonight.

AIRAYA

Excuse me, I'm right here. I know how to dress and I don't need a babysitter. I haven't even committed to going.

Apple and Imani look at one another then to Airaya.

Apple

Imani

You're committed You're committed

CUT TO:

EXT. 1111 BLUE JAY WAY-DAY

AIRAYA AND IMANI ARRIVE AT THEIR DESTINATION, THE EXCLUSIVE BEVERLY NORTH PARK AREA. BOTH STEP OUT OF A BLACK SUV, LOOKING SNATCHED; FACE CARD SICKENING.

IMANI

I just texted Apple.

Airaya nods.

AIRAYA'S (V.O.)

Girl, what are you doing here? It's a mistake.

Imani picks up on Airaya's energy.

IMANI

Ah, No ma'am. I see you spinning. I brought edibles for that.

They both take an edible and take a beat.

AIRAYA

Thank you Imani for....

IMANI

I got you gurl. Now, let's play! I wanna see who lives in this house hunty.

AIRAYA TRYING TO KEEP HER ANXIETY UNDER CONTROL TIL THE EDIBLE KICKS IN. APPLE OPENS THE DOOR AND GREETS THEM.

APPLE

Yaaas. Ya'll showed up and completed the assignment. Muva is proud.

Airaya and Imani enter.

INT.GENDER REVEAL PARTY-DAY

THE LADIES WALK IN. APPLE IS MAKING SMALL TALK, THEN AIRAYA STUCK. AIRAYA SEES A WELCOME SIGN FOR A GENDER REVEAL PARTY.

AIRAYA'S(V.O.)

*Da Fuck! This can't be happening.
This bitch got me fucked up! I'm out!*

AIRAYA

Apple, This is at the top of the list of bullshit you have pulled.
Imani, Did you know about this?

Imani nervous and speechless.

APPLE

No, Imani didn't know. You need this Air. It's time you get out and face your reality. Get back on track instead of feeding your trauma at LAX TACOS.

AIRAYA

Bitch don't talk about LAX Tacos!
They understand me!

FURIOUS, AIRAYA IS ABOUT LEAVE WHEN INFLUENCER AND PERSONALITY BIG SEXY IS WALKING BY. APPLE GRABS HIM TO MAKE AN INTRODUCTION.

APPLE

Big Sexy, hunny. I want to introduce you to my best friend and the best entertainment attorney in hollywood Airaya Graham.

Imani jumps in and introduces herself.

IMANI

Hi. I'm Imani Extravaganza.

BIG SEXY

Nice to meet you ladies.

APPLE

Imani, there's a plethora of real estate to look at hunny.

Airaya keeps up the pleasantries in front of Big Sexy.

AIRAYA

Nice to meet you as well.

BIG SEXY

You're staying for the party, Right?

AIRAYA

Uhh...Yes.

BIG SEXY

Okay, then let's connect inside. Before you can be my lawyer I gotta see you walk baybeee.

AIRAYA

Okay. Yes, of course.

Big Sexy walks away.

IMANI

Don't worry Air. It's going to be fabulous.

APPLE

Of course it is.

Apple and Imani locks arms with Airaya and guide her into the party.

AIRAYA

This is not over Apple.

APPLE

I know. You can kill me later; but for now let's go mingle and secure the bag so you can make senior partner.

CUT TO:

EXT. SHOWER/GENDER REVEAL, BACKYARD-DAY

With a boots on the ground theme happening, people line dancing, Tanner Adell singing, Airaya feels drawn into the party and everyone. Imani has found her tribe.

AIRAYA

Okay App, I see you with the boots on the ground theme.

APPLE

Thanks gurl. told ya, it's a good time. The actual gender reveal will happen by horseback, right about now.

Everyone is looking and cheering as a cowgirl rides in the party carrying a flair spewing pink sparkles.

AIRAYA

Wow. This is magical App.

Everything slows down for Airaya. It's intoxicating.

Airaya finds therapy in partying with pregnant people, their friends and families.

CUT TO:

INT. AIRAYA'S HOUSE-NIGHT

Needing More of that therapeutic and euphoric feeling, Airaya starts researching high end themed baby showers to crash on the weekends. No one ever questions her as a guest because she's fun, great at the games and brings the best gifts.

Montage Begins-Airaya crashing baby showers-Day

Airaya going to various themed baby showers.

*Boho Themed

*Baby In Bloom Themed

*We Can Bearly Wait

Montage Ends

CUT TO:

INT. AIRAYA'S BEDROOM-NIGHTY

Airaya's in her bed with her laptop researching celebrity baby announcements when she see's that 50Cent and his wife are having their baby shower/gender reveal this Saturday. Airaya not only wants to attend the shower but she wants 50Cent as a client. That would put her on the fast track for partner at her firm.

To get close and get the attention of 50Cent and his wife, Airaya has the crazy notion to fake being pregnant and show up.

AIRAYA (V.O.)

No one would turn a pregnant lady away. Now, where can I buy a fake baby bump? Hell, amazon has everything and free overnight shipping for prime members. This better work or my family will surely commit me.

CUT TO:

INT. IMANI'S APARTMENT-DAY

After a few weeks Imani and Apple sensing something strange with Airaya, Imani accesses Airaya's private work calendar from her laptop; she calls Apple to tell her what she's discovered. They go to crash Airaya's good time at the party that she's crashing.

SPLIT SCREEN-PHONE CALL

IMANI

Yea gurl, I mean things have been well at work but she's been all business, not wanting to hang out or kee kee, but she comes in happy. I thought she was gettin some at first and not wanting to share the dirty details, but that ain't it.

Apple driving.

APPLE

Same here. I was thinking, she
couldn't possibly still be mad at
me. Hey bitch, you know where we're
going ?

IMANI

Yep. I got the address.

APPLE

Aight, I'm about to pull up on ya.

IMANI

Okay bitch, I'm coming down. Ain't
no fun if your gurls can't have
non.

End split screen.

CUT TO:

INT. APPLES CAR-DAY

Apple picks up Imani and they take off to go find Airaya.

CUT TO:

EXT. BURNA BOY BABY SHOWER/GENDER REVEAL-DAY

Airaya is sitting at the bar of African R&B artist Burna Boy and his wife's baby shower. It's a party like she's never seen. It's like the BET Awards. Rappers, movie stars, influencers, reality stars are in the building. Decorations are beautiful and hood fabulous. The surprise was having arriving guest to wear all white and walk on a baby blue carpet revealing that they're having a boy. Press and getty photographers are buzzing. The music is bumpin.

Airaya avoids the carpet in her not too pregnant outfit to avoid being photographed and walks over to the bar, so she can see the guest layout and make her way to Burna Boy and his wife.

Jalen Hamilton, accomplished chef, mixologist, influencer and a nice piece of chocolate sees Airaya and offers her a curated cocktail.

JALEN

Can I offer you a curated libation
goddess?

AIRAYA'S(V.O.)
*What kinda Jedi mind dick trick is
 this dude playing on me ? Maybe
 I'm trippin. I bet he says that to
 all the girls. Damn. It's been
 awhile and I'm feeling it. Air stay
 focused!*

Right then Airaya remembers she's supposed to be pregnant.

AIRAYA
 Thank you. Just a ginger beer with
 lime please.

JALEN
 I'm Jalen.

AIRAYA
 I'm Airaya.

JALEN
 I like your name. Is there a
 meaning behind it?

AIRAYA
 Thank you. Yes, Chosen.

JALEN
 I know You don't remember me.

AIRAYA'S(V.O.)
*Did I smash? I would've remembered
 if I smashed. Or would I? When the
 last time you smashed anything? If
 it was good. I would.*

AIRAYA
 I'm sorry. I don't. Should I ?

JALEN
 I met you at Nick Cannon's gender
 reveal party. Yo, you fire with them
 games. A little aggressive, but I
 like that.

Airaya smiles. Admiring his game.

AIRAYA
 I play to win. Period.

Jalen sees Airaya's distracted but he's still trying to converse

JALEN
You don't drink?

Airaya blurts out.

AIRAYA
I'm pregnant.

AIRAYA (V.O.)
Biiiitch, you're committed to this
now and probably will be committed
after this.

JALEN
I'm sorry. I didn't mean to...

AIRAYA
Oh, the father and I are not
together.

JALEN
OOOhkay, again I apologize.

AIRAYA
Oh, I'm fine.

JALEN
Yes you are. Nothing is more
beautiful than a woman creating a
life.

Airaya a bit sad on the inside but also flattered by Jalen's words.

Jalen places a beautiful curated mocktail on a napkin in front of Airaya.

AIRAYA
Oh Wow. This looks amazing. How
creative; and it smells fabulous.
Here I thought I was getting a
plain ginger beer.

JALEN
It's a gingerbread mocktail. Ginger
beer is in it to settle your
stomach, with a little ginger bread
cookie for that extra something
incase you're craving sweets.

Airaya smiles and takes a sip of her drink.

AIRAYA
Cheers to your amazing creation...
Oh My God, it's delicious.

Jalen smiles in return.

JALEN
Cheers to you.

AIRAYA'S (V.O.)
Damn he's smooth. This man is like female viagra.

There's a lingering gaze between Airaya and Jalen.

Airaya is awaken from her wet day dream by familiar voices behind her.

Airaya turns to see Apple and Imani.

EXT. 50CENT SHOWER/GENDER REVEAL-DAY

AIRAYA
Shit.

AIRAYA (V.O.)
Busted. How tha hell did they find me? Snooping ass Imani.

APPLE
That drink must taste good af.

IMANI
Excuse me, Mr. Chocolate, I mean Mr. Mixologist. That looks cute, but I will not be having what she's having. A double shot of your best tequila please.

JALEN
Good tequila is not meant to be slammed like a shot, it's meant to be sipped with maybe an orange and cinnamon.

IMANI
Really? Oh okay then, Surprise me.

APPLE
I'll have champagne please, Thank you.

Jalen obliges. Making eye contact with Airaya as he walks away.

JALEN

Let me know if I can get you anything else.

IMANI

Please tell me you gon hit that.

AIRAYA

What are you two doing here?

APPLE

The question is what are you doing here without us and in this outfit? What is this Moo Mooish look?

IMANI

Hmm...Selfish.

Airaya puts her drink down and turns to face Apple and Imani.

APPLE

Air, wait, WTF is that!

Airaya putting her finger over Apples lips and signaling Imani to follow, backing her away from people and from ear shot of Jalen.

AIRAYA

Let's step over here and talk.

Imani grabs hers and Apple's drinks and follows.

Jalen admiring Airaya's walkaway.

Imani now notices what Apple sees.

IMANI

That Mixologist has been fuckin you wit his eyes since we walked up but even his look like he gotta big dick self ain't that good to get you pregnant that quick Bitch.

AIRAYA

It's not real. Amazon.

APPLE

Ooooo... This is nasty work Air.

IMANI

Chiillle, I'll tell you whats real,
a straight jacket.

AIRAYA

I know. I got desperate. I really wanted to get Burna Boy as a client to make senior partner. These baby showers started out as therapy. They've really helped me heal past my fertility issues and my divorce. But it's gotten outta hand. I was listening to the wrong voice in my head.

APPLE

I'm sorry you've been feeling this way Air. I'm your best friend. Let me in. Still nasty work tho.

IMANI

Don't mind me chile while you crash out. I guess I'm just the assistant.

APPLE

Now ain't the time to be sensitive Imani.

IMANI

Whatever.

APPLE

Air we are your girls, let us help.

For the first time since the miscarriage and Divorce, Airaya feels like someones listening.

AIRAYA

Thank you. I love and appreciate both of you. I'm trying to figure things out. But dick is the last thing on my mind right now.

Imani speaking under her breath.

IMANI

It needs to be the first thing on your mind in figuring things out. I know its cobb webs down there.

AIRAYA

I heard that.

IMANI

I meant you to.

AIRAYA

It's weird that he thinks I'm pregnant with someone else's baby and still flirting with me. Isn't it?

IMANI

Men know that pregnant women are juicy down there. But you're not really pregnant.

Airaya looks over at Jalen and smiles, wondering, what if?

APPLE

On tha real Air, maybe he just sees YOU. So what's the game plan? We in it now bitches.

The ladies are huddled when R&B Artist October London approaches.

Airaya and Imani observe Apple and October's steamy exchange.

OCTOBER LONDON

Sup App. Thought that was you.

APPLE

How ya doin London? These are my girls, Air and Imani.

OCTOBER LONDON

Good evening ladies? Ya'll know Burna Boy?

APPLE

No. Will you make an intro?

OCTOBER LONDON

I thought maybe you knew him when I saw ya'll chopping it up with his brother.

APPLE

Brother? Wait, you were watching me?

OCTOBER LONDON

I'm always watching you Apple.

A flirting moment between Apple and October London.

AIRAYA
Back to the brother please.

OCTOBER LONDON
Yea, Jalen. The chef, mixologist and influencer. The dude got a lab where he creates all types of culinary cocktails as he calls them. Combining culinary ingredients from allover the world and libations. He's a master with that shit.

Airaya staring at Jalen in disbelief.

AIRAYA'S (V.O.)
My future was right in front of me.

Imani leans over to Airaya.

IMANI
I told you I know how to pick'em girl.

Airaya speechless.

AIRAYA'S (V.O.)
You sure do.

APPLE
My gurl Air was chopping it up with him before we got here and she was just about to go back over and talk to him, while you and I go talk to Burna Boy. Right, Air?

IMANI
Soooo, I guess I'm going to go mingle and find my future husband.

October London glances at Airaya's stomach.

OCTOBER LONDON
Cool, and congratulations.
Airaya wants to die.

AIRAYA (V.O.)
Oh God. What am I going to do?

CUT TO:

AIRAYA IS GETTING READY FOR HER DATE WITH JALEN. SHE LOOKS AT THE FAKE BABY BUMP IN THE CORNER CHAIR, THEN LOOKS AT HERSELF IN THE MIRROR IN A SEXY BANDAGE DRESS.

The doorbell rings.

AIRAYA (V.O.)
Suprise! I'm not pregnant anymore.
We can have sex now. Who am I
kidding? It's been three weeks.
I'm avoiding my parents. This man
is going to think I'm a crazy
nutbasket when he finds out. God,
pleeeease. I'm really falling for
him.

CUT TO:

EXT. AIRAYAS HOUSE FRONT DOOR-DUSK

AIRAYA OPENS THE DOOR IN A MORE MATERNAL APPROPRIATE DRESS.

JALEN
Hey, You okay? It took you a minute
to come to the door.

AIRAYA (V.O.)
Yea, trying to figure out where to
hide.

AIRAYA
Yes, I'm sorry. I'm fine. Just
moving slow these days.

Jalen reaches to touch Airaya's stomach but she pulls away.

JALEN
I'm sorry, I thought maybe you were
comfortable enough with me. Are you
sure you wanna go out?

AIRAYA
I am, just a little supersticious.
Yes, Of course. Let's go. I'm
fine.

JALEN
Um Okay, lets go then.

AIRAYA
Yes. Let's.

CUT TO:

EXT. JALEN OPENS THE CAR DOOR FOR AIRAYA-DAY

JALEN
Are you sure you're okay? If you
need to rest, we can just stay in.
No pressure.

AIRAYA
Thank you but I'm fine just getting
kinda hungry.

JALEN
Let's get you both fed then.

AIRAYA (V.O.)
I'm for sure going straight to
hell.

CUT TO:

AIRAYA AND JALEN ARE IN ROUTE FOR THEIR DATE.

JALEN
I've planned something special for
this evening. From the moment I
saw you, I knew you were special
Air.

AIRAYA (V.O.)
Damn, I really wanna have sex with
him.

AIRAYA
I think you're special too Jalen.

CUT TO:

EXT. JALEN'S MIXOLOGY LAB-DUSK

JALEN AND AIRAYA ARRIVE AT JALEN'S MIXOLOGY LAB. JALEN OPENS
THE CAR DOOR TO LET AIRAYA OUT.

JALEN
Do you trust me?

AIRAYA

Yes.

JALEN BLINDFOLDS AIRAYA AND WALKS HER INTO THE BUILDING

INT. JALEN'S MIXOLOGY LAB-DUSK

Airaya is following Jalen's guide. There's neosoul music playing and scents of vanilla, berries, and whiskey in the air. Jalen removes Airaya's blindfold to reveal a beautifully lit loft, modernly decorated in leather, woods and metals. Branded spirits meticulously organized. Truly an artist dream space.

AIRAYA

Jalen, this place is truly a masterpiece. You can see your soul here.

JALEN

I host five course chef prepared experiences here when I'm not doing events. I definitely was going for a vibe, but I like your description better.

Jalen steps closer to Airaya, tilts her head back by her chin and kisses her. They get lost into each other for a moment. Jalen reaches for Airaya's waist and she snaps out of it and steps back a little.

AIRAYA (V.O.)

I think my water just broke and I don't mean pregnant.

JALEN

I'm not trying to have sex with you Air. I just wanted to hold you. I respect your present condition. I'm okay with taking it in slow motion. You don't have to do all of this alone, I'm here for you.

AIRAYA

I know. It's just hard to let people in sometimes. I really appreciate it Jalen, and all of this.

JALEN

This. Right. Please sit and let me feed you.

JALEN GOES TO THE FRIDGE AND PULLS OUT A CHARCUTERIE BOARD. WITH AN ARRAY OF IMPORTED MEATS, CHEESE'S, NUTS AND EXOTIC FRUITS AND PLACES IT IN FRONT OF AIRAYA BESIDE ANOTHER BOARD THAT'S COVERED. AS AIRAYA STARTS TO EAT HE UNCOVERS THE OTHER BOARD TO REVEAL CANDIES AND SWEETS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD. SHOWING OFF HIS SKILLS JALEN PLACES A MARTINI GLASS ON THE COUNTER, PUTS A SHOT OF RITUAL ZERO PROOF GIN, A SHOT OF BLUE RASPBERRY SYRUP AND ICE IN A SHAKER,POURS IT AND LASTLY TOPS IT OFF WITH SOME BLUE COTTON CANDY AND A RED AND WHITE PAPER STRAW.

AIRAYA

That's beautiful. What do you call it?

JALEN

An Ocean Air Martini; and it's non alcoholic version.

AIRAYA (V.O.)

I know you've been through a lot since losing the baby and Marcus but it's okay to be happy again Air.

AIRAYA

Me? I'm flattered Jalen.

Jalen pushes the martini towards Airaya.

JALEN

Now taste it and tell me what you think ?

Airaya sips.

AIRAYA

It's perfect. Everything's perfect.

CUT TO:

INT. AIRAYA'S HOUSE-NIGHT

Airaya and Jalen are watching a movie at Airaya's house. Airaya falls asleep. Jalen sweetly puts a blanket over her and kisses her forehead. Airaya wakes up and sees Jalen about to leave.

AIRAYA

Where are you going?

JALEN

I was headed out, so you could get some rest.

AIRAYA

Don't leave, stay.

JALEN

Are you sure?

AIRAYA

Yes. Are you okay with us staying right here on the couch?

JALEN

Yes. Whatever makes you comfortable.

AIRAYA (V.O.)

Whether you deserve this, him or not, you need this.

After quite some time, the voice in Airaya's head is quiet.

CUT TO:

INT. AIRAYA'S HOUSE- DAY

Jalen opens his eyes, groggy, to see Airaya awake, dressed, staring at him, and smiling.

AIRAYA

Good Morning Handsome. You were out.

JALEN

Yea, it's a good couch.

AIRAYA

Maybe it's good company.

JALEN

That too. How long have you been up?

AIRAYA

Long enough to make you breakfast.

JALEN

Oh really? Lemme check your skills out.

AIRAYA

I'm not world renowned like
yourself, but I can cook.

Airaya grabs Jalen's hand and leads him to the kitchen bar area where she's prepared an appetizing breakfast. Bacon, eggs, sliced tomato, avocado and fresh juice.

For a quick second, Jalen notices that Airaya's not eating and she's drinking coffee.

JALEN

You're not eating? Do you normally
drink coffee?

The moment almost ruined by reality. Airaya got too comfortable feeling the moment and forgot her role as a pregnant woman.

AIRAYA

You checking for me? I had yogurt
and I only have coffee every now
and again.

JALEN

Hey, I'm just looking out for bae.

Airaya likes Jalen's adoration.

AIRAYA

I'm bae now? In that case, you can
check all you want.

Jalen looks at the clock on the microwave behind Airaya. Taking a couple more bites and drinking some O.J.

JALEN

Damn, I gotta go bae. I got a
potential client coming to see my
spot at 10:am. You aight in the
kitchen tho.

AIRAYA

Anyway, I will walk you to the
door.

INT. AIRAYA'S HOUSE- DAY

AIRAYA OPENS THE DOOR TO LET JALEN OUT AND TO THEIR SURPRISE, AIRAYA'S PARENTS ARE THERE.

Airaya's parents are just as surprised to see a man coming out of Airaya's house and even more taken aback seeing Airaya with a baby bump.

Airaya tries to hide herself behind the door.

AIRAYA

Oh My God, Mom, Dad, what are you doing here?

MARIAN

Checking on our daughter who we haven't heard from! Wait... Airaya, what's going on with your stomach? Are you pregnant? No, You can't be pregnant.

EDDIE

Your mother and I have been trying to respect your privacy, we've been worried about you. Constantly calling you but no answer nor a returned call; so we exercised our right as parents and came to see what's going on with our daughter?

JALEN

Air, why don't your parents know you're pregnant? When's the last time they saw you?

MARIAN

And who are you?

JALEN

The guy she's been dating.

Airaya can't get a word in.

EDDIE

Everybody just calm down and give her a chance to speak.

MARIAN

You mean speak on the fact that our daughter that I spent twenty-seven hours in labor with has excluded us out of her life and are treating us like strangers.

(MORE)

MARIAN (CONT'D)

No wonder Apple was stammering when
I called her to ask had she heard
from you. Yes, please speak AIRAYA
NICOLE TAYLOR-GRAHAM.

Airaya can't escape this. It's time to come clean.

AIRAYA

Really Ma, my full name? Okay!
Okay! Everyone please stop.

Airaya pulls up her shirt to expose the fake baby bump and unstraps it. Everyone is stunned.

JALEN

Airaya, what tha hell is that!

AIRAYA

I'm sorry.

MARIAN

Oh my Lord.

EDDIE

Baby girl, what is going on with
you?

Jalen's shock turns to fury.

JALEN

What kinda fucking game is this? So
you been playin me the whole time?

EDDIE

Calm down son, that's still my
daughter.

JALEN

Sir, your daughter needs
psychological help.

AIRAYA

It's okay dad, I deserve it. Jalen,
please just let me...

Jalen directing his wrath back at Airaya.

JALEN

Let you what! Explain? I opened
myself up to a bunch of fuckin
lies. Just stay away from me.

Jalen walks off.

EXT. FRONT OF AIRAYA'S HOUSE-DAY

AIRAYA
Jalen please.

Jalen turns back around with hurt and disappointment in his eyes.

JALEN
You're the worst kinda woman. All this emotional intelligence bullshit women talk about.

Jalen walks away. Airaya devastated. Marian and Eddie speechless.

CUT TO:

INT. AIRAYA'S HOUSE-NIGHT

Airaya is crying on her couch, her parents, Apple and Imani are around her, trying to offer support. Marian and Eddie are still reeling from the revelation about the fake baby bump. It's emotional for everyone.

Marian ask about Apple and Imani's involvement.

Marian pacing.

MARIAN
Did you girls know about this?

Apple and Imani are sitting beside Airaya, shrink, speechless.

EDDIE
Marian, they are not children.
Let's focus on Airaya right now.

MARIAN
Airaya, We had no idea you were going through all of this. Why did you think you needed to do this?

EDDIE
Baby girl your mother and I are always here for you.

AIRAYA
I know Mom, Dad, I'm sorry. I've just been lost.

MARIAN
I've felt so helpless as a mother.
I'm sorry baby.

AIRAYA
No Mom. It's not your fault. I know
I need to get help. No more
pretending everything's okay. No
more crashing baby showers.

Apple, puts her arm around Airaya.

APPLE
We're here for you Air. Whatever
you need.

AIRAYA
The look on Jalen's face. He's
never going to forgive me.

EDDIE
Give him some time baby girl, he
may come around.

IMANI
Word on the street is you're the
life of the party hunny.

They all look at Imani and laugh. Airaya nods, feeling
grateful for their support. Everyone moves in close to love
on Airaya.

CUT TO:

INT. THERAPIST OFFICE-DAY

It's 3 months later, Airaya has been going to therapy and
practicing self care.

THERAPIST
How are you feeling Airaya? How
have you been taking care of you?
Any wins you wanna discuss since
our last session?

AIRAYA
I've been meditating, journaling,
working out, even tried a cold
plunge. I brought in a big client
and made partner at my firm.

THERAPIST

These are all great things. Do you feel deserving of the love you're giving yourself? Do you feel deserving of your promotion?

AIRAYA

I can honestly say, yes. I'm feeling like Air.

THERAPIST

Happy to hear this. Is there anything in particular you want to discuss today?

AIRAYA

It's been three months. I miss Jalen. I miss the quiet that he brings. I've been watching him under my fake social media account, Not stalking just watching and cheering from afar. He's been doing all these great things with his business. I guess he doesn't hate me that much because the cocktail he named after me is featured at Verse supper club L.A. I just wanna tell him that he wasn't part of a game I was playin, because I really care for him.

THERAPIST

I can't tell you if it's time for a conversation or not with Jalen. What I will say is to proceed with caution, lead with your heart and have no expectations.

AIRAYA

Be cautious, lead with my heart, No expectations. Noted.

THERAPIST

Great session today.

CUT TO:

INT. AIRAYA'S OFFICE- DAY

Airaya is still an overachiever but has learned that sharing space with others increases your network as well as your networth.

Brittany stops by Airaya's office.

BRITTANY

Hey Air, I asked Imani to put in your calendar a dinner meeting next week to discuss pairing your client Big Sexy, with my client MAC cosmetics to be the face of the next Viva Glam PRIDE ad campaign.

Imani sticks her head in from behind Brittany.

IMANI

I am gaggggiiinng!

AIRAYA

Great. You can work with me and Brittany on our walk so we're not totally oblivious in front of Big Sexy. And... creatively on the ad as well. That's if that's okay with Brittany too.

BRITTANY

I think that would be a great idea.

IMANI

Oh My God! This is all so amazing!

AIRAYA

Imani, you can head out. I have a couple things to wrap up here.

IMANI

Shall I save you a seat at the spot?

AIRAYA

No, It's going to be a quiet evening for me.

IMANI

Okay, goodnight and thank you. Both of you.

Imani exits. Brittany's still standing in Airaya's office. The two soror's have a moment.

BRITTANY

Wow. So does this mean I'm apart of the sista circle?

AIRAYA

You are my Sorror Brittany. Yes, if you want to be. You are always welcomed. Now, How's that cute baby of yours?

Brittany proudly opens her phone to show Airaya pictures.

BRITTANY

Oh my goodness, my little princess. She's changing everyday. I see her little personality starting to come through. Too much of me in her already.

They laugh.

CUT TO:

INT. AIRAYA'S CAR-DAY

Airaya's driving home and a phone call from Apple comes in.

AIRAYA

Hey App.

APPLE

What's up girl. I was calling to see if you were paying attention to Jalen's social media?

AIRAYA

Whatcha mean?

APPLE

I'm your best friend. Ho I know you. I know you stalking his ass with a fake account.

AIRAYA

Okay App, damn. I haven't been paying attention today.

APPLE

Anyway, his brother's wife had complications during birth and slipped into a coma. The whole industry is sending prayer shoutouts. October London told me he's at the hospital with his brother. I thought you would wanna know.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE.

AIRAYA

I don't know App. This may not be the best time.

APPLE

I think it's the perfect time to show up for him and for him to know and understand that you been through some shit.

AIRAYA

Lemme think about it App.

APPLE

If you need me to go with you and sit in the parking lot and wait, I'm there.

AIRAYA

Which hospital?

APPLE

UCI Medical Center Orange County. I will shoot you the address.

AIRAYA

Thanks App.

APPLE

I love you girl.

AIRAYA

I love you too.

APPLE

I will be waiting for you in the parking lot when you get here.

They both laugh.

AIRAYA

You already there ho?

APPLE

I knew you was coming for that chocolate mutha fucka anyway.

AIRAYA

Bye Bitch! On my way.

Airaya, reroute's to head to the hospital to Jalen.

CUT TO:

EXT. HOSPITAL PARKING LOT-DAY

AIRAYA PULLS IN THE HOSPITAL PARKING LOT AND SEES APPLE THERE LEANED UP AGAINST HER CAR. AIRAYA TAKES A MOMENT TO GATHER HER THOUGHTS BEFORE GETTING OUT OF HER CAR.

Airaya exits her car.

AIRAYA
Thanks for being here App.

APPLE
Ride or Die gurl. I'll be here
waiting.

CUT TO:

INT. HOSPITAL LABOR AND DELIVERY WAITING ROOM AREA-DAY

Airaya is nervous; she looks around the room and doesn't see Jalen so she sits down to wait for him.

Minutes later Jalen gets off the elevator, less than thrilled to see Airaya, asks her to leave.

JALEN
You should go. Why are you even
here?

AIRAYA
I heard about what happened with
your brother and sister-in-law and
wanted to be supportive.

JALEN
Supportive? Bullshit.

AIRAYA
Please, Jalen, Let me explain.

Jalen colder now than Airaya remembers.

JALEN
I don't know how, but this ought to
be good. Wassup?

AIRAYA

I struggled with infertility for years; Miscarriages, IVF, and when I finally got pregnant, I lost my baby at seven months. My ex husband blamed me for it. I blamed myself. It was a dark time for me.

JALEN

Why the fake pregnancy tho? That was fowl as fuck.

AIRAYA

You're right. It started with just crashing baby showers. It was my therapy. At least I thought. I felt cheated, missing out on all the things that come with having a baby. I know it was wrong but I just needed something to hold on to. I was not myself. I was hurting.

Jalen softens a bit.

JALEN

It's just been me and my brother since our parents died. Family, trust and loyalty is everything. I don't feel like I know you. I damn sure don't feel like I can trust you again.

AIRAYA

I felt like things were finally turning around when I met you, But then I screwed everything up.

As Airaya and Jalen are talking, Jalen's brother walks up to tell him that his sister-in-law is awake.

JALEN'S BROTHER (50CENT)
Yo J, she's awake. You comin?

Without saying a word, Jalen starts to walk away with his brother, leaving Airaya standing there.

At the last minute, Jalen turns around and ask Airaya to wait for him.

JALEN

Wait for me. Then we can finish this conversation.

AIRAYA
Yes.

CUT TO:

INT. AIRAYA'S BEDROOM-NIGHT

Airaya and Jalen are lying in bed, wrapped in each others arms.

They look into each other's eyes and share a loving kiss.

JALEN
No more secrets. Whatever we go through, we go through together.

AIRAYA
Together.

CUT TO:

INT. AIRAYA'S PARENTS HOUSE-DAY

Airaya invites Jalen over for dinner with her family and friends to make their relationship official in front of everyone. Airaya has found her happy again.

Airaya and the girls are watching her parents interact with Jalen while drinking wine and girl talk.

BRITTANY
I like him. I'm happy for you Air.

IMANI
I told you I can pick'em.

APPLE
You may have picked him but I got them back together.

IMANI
Chile please, you stood outside like papparazzi.

AIRAYA
You all have helped me get here with Jalen in some way. Thank you. Cheers.

Glasses clink.

IMANI
You're welcome.

CUT TO:

INT. A YEAR LATER-VEGAS CHAPEL-DAY

Airaya and Jalen start their journey their way. They get married at the little white wedding chapel in Vegas just the two of them.

CUT TO:

EXT. THE PALMS CASINO RESORT BALCONY/POOL-NIGHT

Airaya and Jalen dance under the stars. They embrace knowing they have a lifetime of love and adventure ahead of them.

AIRAYA (V.O.)
Gurl, through all of the baby shower crashing, struggles and heartache, it was worth it to get to this moment of pure joy and happiness. Not to mention my husband is fine as hell. I'ma fruit rollup his ass tonight.

Dissolves to as they kiss.

INT. THERAPIST OFFICE-DAY

THERAPIST
Airaya, you're looking radiant. How are things?

AIRAYA
Things are amazing. My husband and I are amazing.

THERAPIST
Husband? Wow. Congratulations are in order.

AIRAYA
Thank you. We Eloped to Vegas just the two of us.

THERAPIST
Sounds like you and Jalen are moving through the previous challenges.

AIRAYA

Yes. Things couldn't be better.

THERAPIST

Have you discussed having children?

AIRAYA

Yes, we're open to other options. I realized, just because i can't carry a baby won't make me less of a Mom.

THERAPIST

Loving the positive and brave outlook. What options have you discussed?

AIRAYA

Both surrogacy and adoption. But we're leaning more towards adoption. So many children in the foster care system that need love and a place to call home.

THERAPIST

That's right. I'm happy for you Airaya. You've been doing the work and taking responsibility for your happy.

AIRAYA

Yes, I own the rights to my own happiness.

THERAPIST

Question?

AIRAYA

Yes?

THERAPIST

Has there been any contact with your ex? Marcus?

AIRAYA

Not with me.

THERAPIST

I apologize for catching you off guard.

AIRAYA

It's okay. He checks in with my parents every so often.

(MORE)

AIRAYA (CONT'D)

I feel like it's so many things left unsaid with Marcus.

THERAPIST

I think when time permits, that you two release each other of feeling that you were not enough in your marriage..

AIRAYA

Yes, I think you're right. It's time.

The therapist checks her watch, then checks her phone.

THERAPIST

You both are ready and time has now presented itself. Marcus is here for his session. I can let you out discreetly or I can step away so you and Marcus can talk in my office.

AIRAYA

Wow. This is unexpected.

THERAPIST

I apologize for catching you off guard. Marcus doesn't know you're here. No pressure. You both just seem ready.

AIRAYA

You're right. It's time. I'm ready.

THERAPIST

This is good. I'll let him in.

AIRAYA

Thank you.

The therapist goes to the office door and ask Marcus to come in.

Airaya stands waiting for Marcus to enter.

Marcus enters the therapist office. Surprised to see Airaya.

THERAPIST

The two of you take all the time you need. My afternoon is open.

The therapist exits.

INT. THERAPIST OFFICE-DAY

AIRAYA (V.O.)
Marcus and I were never enemies.
Our foundation was not strong
enough to withstand the cracks.

Marcus walks towards Airaya. They hug awkwardly before sitting.

MARCUS
How you doin Air?

AIRY
I'm doing really well. Thank you.
How about you ? How are things?

MARCUS
Good. No complaints here.

AIRAYA
That's great.

Airaya and Marcus speak simultaneously.

Airaya Marcus Hey, I'm sorry. Hey,
I'm sorry.

MARCUS
Air, I just wanted to say that I'm
sorry for everything. I know I
wasn't the best husband in our
given situation. I was trying to
navigate the best I could. I feel
like i failed at marriage. I hope
you can forgive me.

AIRAYA
I hope you can forgive me too. I
was sitting in my pain and mourning
so much that I didn't consider that
you also were mourning.

MARCUS
I should've fought more for our
marriage.

AIRAYA
I should've let you.

MARCUS
I've learned that it's the bumps
along the journey that should
become the glue in a marriage.

Airaya smiling.

AIRAYA
It's okay. We forgive. We move on.

Marcus relieved.

MARCUS
Yes. Oh and congratulations on your marriage. I spoke to your parents and they told me. I've moved on too.

AIRAYA
Okay, great. I'm happy for you.

Airaya touches her stomach feeling queasy and dizzy.

MARCUS
Air, Are you okay?

AIRAYA
Yes, I think it's just time for me to eat. I only had yogurt and a protein bar this morning before spin class then coming here. I better go so I can grab something.

MARCUS
Yea, of course. You should do that.

Airaya stands to exit, keeping her balance best she can.

Marcus stands, watching Airaya with concern.

AIRAYA
I'm happy we were able to talk Marcus. I really do wish you well.

MARCUS
Me too Air. Friends?

AIRAYA
Yes. Friends.

They hug and exits therapist office.

CUT TO:

INT. AIRAYA'S CAR-DAY

Airaya sits in her car outside of her therapist office holding her stomach thinking. She takes a couple of Tic Tac's from her purse to settle her stomach.

Airaya looks at the menstrual cycle app on her phone. It says she should've had a period.

AIRAYA (V.O.)
I can't be pregnant. The doctor
said I can't. It's probably all the
excitement and celebrating.

Airaya smiling sheepishly to herself.

AIRAYA (V.O.)
We've been celebrating a lot tho.

Airaya calls Apple on the phone.

APPLE
Hey gurl. Wassup?

AIRAYA
Hey App. Can you meet me at my
house in thirty minutes?

APPLE
Okay. You good?

AIRAYA
I don't know. Thirty minutes App
please.

APPLE
Okay, damn. I'm on the way.

They hang up.

Airaya puts CVS pharmacy in the waze app. Tiffany Haddish voice comes through. "She Ready!" "The party waitin on you girl!"

CUT TO:

INT. CVS PHARMACY CRENSHAW-DAY

Airaya is inside CVS on the baby isle. She picks up a three pack pregnancy test.

Airaya is at the checkout counter. A cashier with the name tag, Luther Ray, a neighborhood aspiring comedian that know everybody business scans the test. The scanner makes a beep noise. The cashier scans it again and it beeps again.

LUTHER RAY

I gotta calla manager to check the price because it's not scanning.

AIRAYA

They're twenty-nine ninety-nine according to the sign.

LUTHER RAY

I still gotta call a manager to check the price. It's gotta scan. My baby mama ain't never use these lil test. I always knew the moment she got pregnant. That's why I stopped drinking Hennessey.

Airaya anxious as fuck waiting.

The cashier gets on the loud speaker.

LUTHER RAY (CONT'D)

Price check on first response triple check three ways pregnancy test.

People in line behind Airaya mumble.

An old woman, church lady like, but probably bootlegs liquor on Saturday night, stands directly behind Airaya takes a pamphlet out of her purse and taps her on the shoulder with it.

Airaya turns around.

Airaya takes the pamphlet offended but respectfully.

MS. WYNONA

You know tha lord don't want you to fornicate. It's a sin.

Airaya holds up her left hand.

AIRAYA

I'm married.

MS. WYNONA

In that case, congratulations baby.

The cashier cuts in on their conversation.

LUTHER RAY

Now Ms. Wynona, Mr. Willie from the community center comes in every Friday to get his blue pill and condoms. Everybody in the neighborhood know ya'll mess around.

The old woman clutches her pearls in being outed.

MS. WYNONA

Luther Ray, you need to be in church and out my business!

The line of people react in whispers and laughter.

Luther Ray gives the old woman a look.

LUTHER RAY

I'm good Ms. Wynona! God is my homie, I don't need your church.

AIRAYA (V.O.)

Oh God, this is like a slow death.

AIRAYA

Can you please call the manager again? Thank you.

LUTHER RAY

Okay, somebody is in a hurry. Must've been a midnight creep slip up. OWWW

AIRAYA

DaFuck!

A female manager comes to the cashier desk, punches on the register keys, scans the test and gives Luther Ray a look.

MANAGER

Thank you for your patience everyone. Luther Ray after you get the line down you can go down, I mean go on break.

The manager exits.

Luther Ray licks his lips.

AIRAYA (V.O.)
What kinda employee fraternizing
shit is this? I don't care, I'm
ready to go.

MS WYNONA
Careful Luther Ray, her baby daddy
is is a hoover crip.

LUTHER RAY
Ion know what you talkin about but
I'll stay out yours and Mr. Wille
business if you stay out mine.

MS WYNONA
Fine. It's your funeral.

LUTHER RAY
Do you have a phone number with us
to receive coupons on your next
purchase?

Airaya has reached her emotional limit.

AIRAYA
I don't need coupons, just my
items! Please.

LUTHER RAY
Oh Okay den, no problem. Thirty-
three -thirty-six is your total.
Somebody done caught lil attitude,
after I defended her.

Airaya rolls her eyes, grabs her bag and walks out.

CUT TO:

EXT. AIRAYA AND JALEN'S HOUSE-DAY

Airaya pulls in her driveway.

Apple is there, and walks towards her car.

All Airaya's old anxieties have returned.

APPLE
Gurl, What is going on? You said
thirty minutes.

Airaya gives Apple the CVS bag.

AIRAYA
I can't put another marriage
through this App.

Apple looks in the bag.

APPLE
Shit. Okay, just take some deep
breaths. We gon figure this out.

Apple grabs Airaya's hand and they enter the house.

CUT TO:

INT. AIRAYA AND JALEN'S LIVINGROOM-DAY

Apple is consoling Airaya.

The CVS bag is sitting on the coffee table.

APPLE
Air, this not the end of the world,
but a new beginning. Especially
after the doctor said you couldn't
anymore. You got what you wanted
again, a baby.

AIRAYA
I keep thinking , I know God
wouldn't be so cruel to let this
happen to me again.

APPLE
You're spinning Air. Stop. You
don't know anything yet. God don't
work like that. It's going to be
fine.

AIRAYA
But everything is perfect again.

APPLE
Do you wanna smoke some weed before
we do this? That way if you are,
you won't feel guilty because you
didn't know.

AIRAYA
Uh.. No App.

APPLE
Just Checking.

AIRAYA
What if...

Apple grabs the CVS bag.

APPLE
Ain't no what if til we know and
ain't shit perfect. So, let's do
this bitch. Can I smoke weed first
then? Damn.

CUT TO:

INT. AIRAYA AND JALEN'S BATHROOM-NIGHT

Airaya is sitting in the chair next to the bathtub and Apple is sitting in the chair at the vanity. They both are looking at a row of pregnancy test laid across the edge of the bathtub.

AIRAYA (V.O.)

Well, Jalen did shoot the club up alot.

AIRAYA
Maybe we should try a different
brand than these.

APPLE
Gurl, you have had me to door dash
three other brands of test already.

AIRAYA
Maybe we contaminated them. Or we
missed something on the directions.

APPLE
We followed the directions to a tee
Air.

AIRAYA
But..

APPLE
But nothing! They all say one
thing, Mama, Mom, Mommy!

The door chimes. Jalen's home.

AIRAYA
Jalens home! Help me put theses in
the bag!

Airaya and Apple hurry, throwing the pregnancy test back in the bag. Airaya puts the bag in her vanity drawer.

Apple sees the panic on Airaya's face; she grabs her friend and hugs her tight. It's an emotional moment between them.

APPLE
You married a good man Savannah.

They chuckle.

AIRAYA
I did.

APPLE
Then act like it. Talk to your husband. You are not alone. He gotchu. I gotchu. I love you.

AIRAYA
I love you too.

Jalen calls out to Airaya.

JALEN
Where my baby at?

Apple puts her hand on Airaya's stomach.

BACK TO:

INT. AIRAYA AND JALEN'S BATHROOM-NIGHT

AIRAYA
In here babe.

Jalen walks into the bathroom. Airaya and Apple play it off.

JALEN
There's my wife.

Jalen senses something.

AIRAYA
Hey baby.

APPLE
Wassup J?

Jalen kisses Airaya.

JALEN

Wassup App? What ya'll doin in here?

AIRAYA

App was just going through some of my wardrobe with me. What to keep, what to donate.

APPLE

I'm about to bounce tho, so ya'll can have your time.

JALEN

Thanks for always being there for for my baby App.

APPLE

Always and forever. She's my sister. I'm here for you both.

Apple exits.

AIRAYA

Thanks App.

JALEN

Everything okay babe?

Jalen grabs Airaya and hugs her.

CUT TO:

INT. AIRAYA AND JALEN'S BEDROOM-NIGHT

Airaya dressed in a beautiful slip dress and robe night set; standing in the doorway of their bedroom with the bag of pregnancy test.

Jalen is in bed shirtless, flipping channels.

Jalen looks at Airaya, smiles, then turns off the TV.

JALEN

My sexy wife. What's in the bag baby? Something fun?

AIRAYA

I don't know about that but here ya go.

Jalen looks in the bag and pulls out a test.

JALEN
Baby, we're pregnant!

Airaya looks at Jalen with a mix of butterflies and terror.

AIRAYA
Yes, it seems but not one hundred percent until I see a doctor.

Jalen dumps all the test out on the bed.

JALEN
Seems pretty sure to me. Why so many test?

AIRAYA
It's just hard to believe.

JALEN
It's not hard to believe, especially when you do that thing you do.

AIRAYA (V.O.)
I wish I was excited with him.

Caught up in his own excitement, Jalen notices Airaya isn't excited and remembers this is trauma for her.

JALEN
Baby, talk to me.

AIRAYA
After losing the baby before and being that far along, the doctor said I wouldn't be able to conceive because there was too much scar tissue, and since we agreed to adopt I accepted it. Now, this.

JALEN
So, this is a bad thing?

AIRAYA
I had given up the notion of being able to carry a baby and we agreed to adopt; My first marriage wasn't strong enough. I... just can't go through that again.

JALEN

Baby, stop right there. Our journey
as crazy as it's been, is
imperfectly perfect because it's
ours. Our rules, our way and I
think God is cool with that.

Airaya starts to cry.

AIRAYA

I just...

JALEN

Come over here my lil emotional
gangster.

Airaya crawls into bed beside Jalen; he puts his arm around
her and kisses her forehead.

AIRAYA

What if?

JALEN

No what if's baby. Only now.
Starting right now. I'm here no
matter what. Now, let's reenact
this thing.

AIRAYA

Reenact? What?

JALEN

Walk back in the doorway with a
test in your hand and tell me that
your pregnant. We've missed all the
excitement of finding out and I
want that with you.

AIRAYA (V.O.)

This is exactly why I married him
and now, he's my baby daddy.

Airaya's anxiety is gone; she can finally rest in her
feminine self.

Airaya goes back to the doorway to reenact the pregnancy
news.

AIRAYA

Hey babe, guess what we did?

Airaya walks back over and climbs back in bed with her
husband.

JALEN

What? Is that what I think it is?
Come here girl and let me love on
you. See, that's cause we did that
thing where you reverse cowgirl and
your leg was under my leg.

AIRAYA

Well, you know I'm a demon when I
do my thang.

JALEN

You know what babe, we can name the
baby CRASHER if it's a girl.

AIRAYA

That's not funny. Maybe a little
funny.

Jalen gives Airaya a love tap on the butt and they both
laugh.

CUT TO:

INT. TWO WEEKS LATER OB/GYN OFFICE-DAY

Dr. Jackie is finished examining Airaya.

Jalen is by her side.

Dr. Jackie pulls the paper sheet down on Airaya, folds the
stirrups so she can stretch her legs out.

DR. JACKIE

Okay, let's do the ultra sound.
We're happy this lil one snuck up
on us, Right ?

Jalen answers quickly.

JALEN

Yes we are.

Airaya smiles.

AIRAYA

Dr. Jackie, but how? After my last
miscarriage...

Dr. Jackie is moving the ultra sound wand over Airaya's
belly.

DR.JACKIE

It's not uncommon for this to happen. A lot of times when couples stops trying so hard and focusing on it and allow nature to do its job it happens.

AIRAYA

I had no symptoms until recently.

JALEN

And I thought she put on a couple a pounds because I been feeding and loving her good.

Airaya and Dr. Jackie react to Jalen.

DR.JACKIE

You are a little small for 12 weeks but not all babies are big or women gain a lot of weight. Some women and babies gain most of their weight at the end of the pregnancy.

JALEN

Hey doc is it too early to know the sex?

DR. JACKIE

Not at all.. Let's see.

AIRAYA AND JALEN ARE LISTENING TO THE HEARTBEAT OF THEIR BABY.

JALEN

Man, it's beating so fast.

DR.JACKIE

Yes. He, has a very strong heartbeat.

AIRAYA

He? It's a boy?

DR.JACKIE

It is a boy. Congratulations.

Airaya and Jalen are ecstatic.

JALEN

Yes! A boy! I knew it!

DR.JACKIE

Everything looks good. Focus on now
and enjoying this time. I will see
you back in 3 weeks.

Dr.Jackie wipes the ultrasound jelly off of Airaya's belly,
goes to the trash to remove her gloves.

AIRAYA

Thank you Dr. Jackie

JALEN

Thank you Doc!

DR.JACKIE

Congratulations again to you both.

Dr. Jackie exits.

Airaya and Jalen are still basking in their excitement about
their son.

Jalen helping Airaya up from the exam table.

JALEN

I hope you and my baby are hungry
because I'm preparing you a meal
fit for a Queen.

AIRAYA

I thought I was getting fat?

JALEN

Thick slim baby. Just how I Like
you.

CUT TO:

INT. FOUR MONTHS LATER- THERAPIST OFFICE-DAY

THERAPIST

Airaya, you've grown and made so
much progress since our first
session, and you look beautiful.
Are you enjoying life and your
pregnancy?

AIRAYA

Thank you. I am actually. I
practice being intentional
everyday.

THERAPIST

That's great. I would like you to try something.

AIRAYA

What's that?

THERAPIST

I want you to intentionally bask in your glow up. Don't worry about the what if's and just enjoy this time. Be confident that you are trusted by the creator to be a spirit guide on this journey, so trust yourself.

Airaya takes this in.

AIRAYA

I'm speechless. Thank you so much.

THERAPIST

You're about to be a busy mother. I will always open my appointment book for you but I don't think you need to see me as much.

AIRAYA

Wow. This in unexpected.

THERAPIST

This is good. Airaya, It's been a privilege being a vessel to help you get back to who you are. Now, go be her again. It's time. Yes?

AIRAYA

Yes.

THERAPIST

Yes.

CUT TO:

INT. AIRAYA AND JALEN'S HOUSE-NIGHT

Airaya is on the phone with her mother while Jalen is in the kitchen making a snack.

MARIAN(V.O.)

I wish you would let us give you a shower so you would have everything that you and the baby need.

AIRAYA

I have everything I need mama. I have my amazing husband, You, daddy, family and friends. I've collected some things for me and the baby. I just didn't want the preplanning pressure of a shower just yet.

MARIAN (V.O.)

Okay baby. Just know that your father and I are here for you, Jalen, and our little miracle.

AIRAYA

I know mama and we love you and daddy for that. I'm going to rest now mama. I love and I will call you tomorrow.

Airaya hangs up the phone.

Jalen enters the living room with a plate of fruit and snacks.

JALEN

Everything okay baby?

Airaya grabs a piece of watermelon.

AIRAYA

Man, the baby is sitting right on my bladder. Find the movie babe, while I go pee. Yes, just my Mom talking a bout a shower again. She's concerned. I think she feels helpless.

JALEN

That's what mama's do babe. She's not wrong for wanting that for you. Do you need my help in the bathroom?

AIRAYA

I know. You're right. Excuse me, Mr. Hamilton, your help is what got me like this.

They share a laugh and a kiss.

CUT TO:

INT. BATHROOM IN AIRAYA'S AND JALEN'S HOUSE-NIGHT

Jalen is waiting on the couch, Airaya calls out to him.

AIRAYA

Babe, you should get mine and the
baby's bag.

AIRAYA (V.O.)

God if ever I needed you it's now.

Jalen jumps up.

JALEN

Wait, what? What's going on baby?

Airaya comes out of the bathroom with a wet spot in her pants.

AIRAYA

I think my water just broke.

Jalen looks at Airaya with excitement but also concerned and knows his wife needs his strength because the baby is early.

JALEN

Babe...

AIRAYA

I know. I'm a month early. I'm
scared.

Jalen comforts Airaya with his words and an embrace.

JALEN

Air, You're ready, I'm ready, our
baby is ready. Let's go meet our
son.

CUT TO:

INT. AIRAYA AND JALEN'S CAR-NIGHT

Jalen is driving while holding his wife's hand. Airaya is having minimal labor pains, but stares out the window trying to conceal her fear.

CUT TO:

EXT. HOSPITAL LABOR AND DELIVERY-NIGHT

Jalen gets out of the car to go get a medical attendant.

Airaya is wheeled into the hospital.

CUT TO:

INT. HOSPITAL LABOR AND DELIVERY REGISTRATION-NIGHT

Airaya is being checked in by registration.

Airaya's labor pains are growing more intense.

HOSPITAL REGISTRATION PERSON
Mother's name and date of birth?

JALEN
Airaya Graham-Hamilton; My wife is
high risk.

Airaya and Jalen look at each other and both realize the risk.

Jalen doesn't let Airaya see his concern, but taps into his higher power to be solid for his wife.

HOSPITAL REGISTRATION PERSON
Doctor's name?

JALEN
Dr. Jackie Walters.

CUT TO:

INT. LABOR AND DELIVERY ROOM-NIGHT

It's late. A nurse is in the room checking Airaya's and the baby's vitals.

Jalen is on the edge of the bed with Airaya holding her hand and kissing her head.

Airaya and Jalen listen to the machine sounds of her and the baby's heart in sync.

AIRAYA
Is everything okay?

LABOR AND DELIVERY NURSE
Dr. Jackie will be in soon.

Airaya doesn't feel confident in the nurses response.

AIRAYA (V.O.)
God, I need you to send every
Ancestor to bring my baby to me
safely and healthy.

JALEN
It's okay baby. The doctor will be
here soon. I texted your parents,
Apple and Imani to let them know.

CUT TO:

INT. HOSPITAL LABOR AND DELIVERY ROOM-DAY

Thirteen hours later, Airaya is in full labor sweating and screaming in pain, her husband by her side; family and friends wait in the lobby.

Dr. Jackie followed by a nurse comes in to examine Airaya.

JALEN
Everything good Doc?

DR.JACKIE
It's better than good. It's time to
meet your son.

CUT TO:

INT. LABOR AND DELIVERY ROOM-DAY

Dr.Jackie is working to help Airaya deliver her baby.

Nursing staff assisting.

AIRAYA
I can't do this!

Jalen right by her side, trying to soothe her.

JALEN
Yes, you can! You're the strongest
woman I know. I'm right here baby.

Airaya gives one last push, and their son is born.

Nursing staff rush the baby boy away.

Jalen also is feeling angst.

AIRAYA
Where's my baby?

JALEN

What are they doing with him Doc?

AIRAYA

Why don't I hear my baby crying Dr. Jackie?

DR.JACKIE

It's okay, they're just cleaning him up and checking to make sure his lungs are clear.

Labor and delivery staff are working on baby in the background.

Airaya can't wait and tries to get up from the bed but Jalen, a nurse and Dr. Jackie stop her.

Airaya's emotions are high.

JALEN

Baby, Please relax just a second. I'm watching everything that's happening with him.

AIRAYA

I need to see my baby.

DR.JACKIE

Just a second Airaya. Your son is stubborn like you. His eyes are open but he won't cry. They are tickling his feet to get him to cry.

Just then a cry from Airaya's and Jalen's son.

The nurse brings Airaya's baby to her and lays him on her chest.

LABOR AND DELIVERY NURSE

Congratulations, your son weighs six pounds, three ounces and is eighteen and a half inches long.

Airaya and baby are skin to skin Bonding.

Airaya overwhelmed with emotion.

AIRAYA

He's beautiful.

JALEN

You're beautiful. You did that shit
baby.

DR.JACKIE

I'm happy for you Airaya. For both
of you.

AIRAYA

God heard my prayer.

DR.JACKIE

You're officially a family of
three. I'll give ya'll some time
alone.

AIRAYA

Thank you Dr. Jackie.

They both stare in awe of their son.

Airaya touching her baby's hands and feet.

AIRAYA (CONT'D)

You were destined to be here.

JALEN

Destin Taylor Hamilton. What do you
think baby?

AIRAYA

I think there's power in a name.
It's perfect. Good job daddy.

JALEN

That's our boy. Oh, and baby before
I forget, my brother and sister-in
law sends their love.

AIRAYA (V.O.)

God, Thank you for my little
family.

Airaya and Jalen's hearts overflow with love and joy.

CUT TO:

INT. LABOR AND DELIVERY ROOM-DAY

Airaya's parents, Apple and Imani are gathered around all in
the labor and delivery room doting on her and baby Destin in
his basinet.

Jalen is taking selfie's and pics of everyone.

MARIAN

My baby has a baby. I'm so proud of you Airaya.

EDDIE

We always have been proud of you baby girl.

Jalen pulls Airaya's parents aside.

JALEN

Mom, Dad, can I speak to you a second?

Marian gushing.

MARIAN

You called me Mom. Of course, son.

The girls are having their own special moment.

AIRAYA

App, Imani, Thank you for being the sisters I needed and the best friends every woman deserves. I love you both.

APPLE

Love you too. Always girl. I'm an Auntie!

Imani whispers to baby Destin.

IMANI

Me too! But I'm the more fabulous Auntie hunny.

Apple rolls her eyes and they laugh.

CUT TO:

EXT. UCLA LABOR AND DELIVERY EXIT-DAY

AFTER FOUR DAYS IN THE HOSPITAL TOGETHER, AIRAYA, JALEN AND BABY DESTIN EXIT AS A PERFECT FAMILY OF THREE. JALEN HAS PULLED THE CAR UP TO THE EXIT; THE NURSE WHEELS HIS WIFE AND SON OUT TO THE CAR, ASSIST WITH GETTING THEM SETTLED IN.

NURSE

Good luck and take care.

Airaya, Jalen and baby Destin drive off to their new normal.

CUT TO:

EXT. AIRAYA, JALEN AND BABY DESTIN'S HOME-DAY

Jalen pulls into their driveway, hops out to assist Airaya and grabs baby Destin out of the car.

Jalen opens the door for his wife and son. With the help of Airaya's parents, Apple and Imani they throw Airaya a surprise baby shower with a "crashed" theme and baby shower carriage cake.

In attendance is Jalen's brother, sister-law and baby. Sorror and coworker Brittany and her baby, and newfound friends she's bonded with along the way at all the baby showers she crashed. Life couldn't be sweeter.

Jalen standing by her side, everyone yells Surprise!

JALEN
Surprise baby.

Airaya is truly surprised, walks into her beautifully decorated home. Jalen holds the baby while Airaya looks around in awe.

Airaya's parents, Apple and Imani walk over to hug her.

MARIAN
We love you so much Airaya, we just
couldn't help ourselves.

Airaya hugs her Mom tight, then her dad.

AIRAYA
I love you. It's amazing. Thank you
Mom. Thank you daddy.

EDDIE
Anything for you baby girl. Jalen,
I couldn't be more proud to call
you son.

Apple and Imani welcome their best friend home.

IMANI
I see you still crashing baby
showers gurl.

APPLE
Nasty work gurl, nasty.

The whole family burst into laughter.

Airaya knows crashing baby showers will always be a running joke.

AIRAYA
I can't stand you two.

APPLE
We'll always crash out with you as long as we're together.

Imani admiring lil Destin as Jalen holds him.

IMANI
That's right B. I see my nephew is wearing the fabulous little outfit I bought him.

APPLE
And the J's his favorite Auntie bought him.

Apple and Imani start arguing over who's the best of the best friend and favorite auntie.

Jalen's brother and family standby to greet them.

EDDIE
C'mon Marian, let's let the kids greet the rest of their guest.

Eddie gives Jalen's brother a hand on the shoulder as they exit to mingle.

Jalen and his brother embrace and dap each other up.

It warms Airaya's heart when she sees the love between them and knows her son will get this kinda love from his father.

Jalen's brother and his wife embrace Airaya.

JALEN'S BROTHER (BURNA BOY)
Big Up Me Boy. I love you. Our Parents would be proud.

Jalen feels that deeply. Airaya is proud.

JALEN
Thanks bro, Respect. I love you man.

JALEN'S BROTHER

Air, Thank you for loving my little brother and giving my son a best friend.

JALEN'S BROTHER'S WIFE

Welcome to the mama club Air! I'm so happy for you guys. I see plenty of playdates in our future.

AIRAYA

Thank you. Thank you both for your love, support and being here. Yes! Play dates! I can't wait.

Brittany walks over with her baby to greet Airaya, Jalen and baby Destin.

BRITTANY

Oh dear Sorror, you did it! You're a Mom now. A boy Mom too. I'm so happy for you.

AIRAYA

Thanks gurl.

BRITTANY

I heard ya'll mention play dates, don't leave me and Brayden out.

AIRAYA

Absolutely.

Jalen makes an announcement to get the party started.

Airaya watches her husband totally smitten by him.

JALEN

Aight everybody, Thank you for coming to celebrate the birth of our son, Destin and my beautiful wife. We love and appreciate each and every one of you but now it's it's time to party and start my wife's favorite part of a baby shower; the games. Watch out cause she's a little aggressive. Be easy tho baby, you just got home.

Everyone laughs.

AIRAYA

I'm just competitive.

JALEN
We ready Apple?

APPLE
Ready J. This game is find the baby blue pacifiers hidden all over the house. Whoever finds the most wins.

JALEN
Then let the games begin!

Everyone is having fun.

Airaya and Jalen spends the day surrounded by loved ones, playing games and eating food.

CUT TO:

INT. AIRAYA AND JALEN'S HOUSE-DAY

The baby shower is over.

Everyone has left but Airaya's parents, Apple and Imani.

Jalen is walking Apple and Imani to the door.

APPLE
Air, J, I'm down to baby sit; just lemme know. Love you guys.

IMANI
Umm not me, only rich auntie vibes here. Ba bye.

As Jalen is shutting the door.

JALEN
Thanks ladies.

IMANI
Girl, it's still happy hour.

APPLE
Let's go to 1919 on Manchester.

IMANI
That'll work.

CUT TO:

INT. AIRAYA AND JALEN'S LIVINGROOM-DAY

Later in the evening Airaya is sitting in a chair burping her son. Baby's basinet beside her.

Marian and Eddie come out of the kitchen.

MARIAN

Awww, look at you. He's such a good baby, especially with all the commotion today. Everything is clean and put up. We wanted to give you and Jalen your time but we will be over early tomorrow to help you.

Marian hugs Jalen and kisses Airaya on the cheek.

Eddie shakes Jalen's hand and kisses Airaya on the head before he and Marian exit.

EDDIE

See you tomorrow baby girl. Bye
Bye grandson.

AIRAYA

Bye daddy.

Everyone is gone.

Jalen plops down on the couch, admiring his wife with his son.

JALEN

You were great today babe,
especially after just coming home
from the hospital.

Airaya is content.

AIRAYA

I couldn't have ask for a better shower. But, I am tired and happy to have my men to myself.

Airaya puts her sleeping son down in his basinet and goes over to curl up on the couch with her husband. Love and gratitude written on her face.

Jalen leans in to kiss Airaya. They share a passionate moment.

JALEN

Careful unless you want another one
of those.

Airaya leans in to Jalen and whispers.

AIRAYA
You know if we have another baby,
I'm not crashing anymore baby
showers.

They both laugh. Life couldn't get any sweeter.

CAMERA ZOOMS OUT.

THE END

FADE TO BLACK.

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