

Fruit of our Love

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Topic: Abortion
Message: *A child, both before and after birth, is a sacred trust.*
Characters: Alan and Judy
Setting: Living room

Alan: You definitely, beyond a doubt, make the best rolls in the whole world... second only to my mother's that is...

Judy: Honey, I've been thinking about my pregnancy for about a week now ...and I think I want to abort it.

Alan: What? What did you just say?

Judy: I said I want to have an abortion.

Alan: Honey, how can you make such an important decision like that...and without even consulting with me? Don't I have a say in this?

Judy: Of course! I am sorry. I should have discussed **this** with you first. I just didn't think you would agree with me.

Alan: Well, of course, Judy. This baby is as important to me as you are. How could you destroy the fruit of our love? Does this mean you don't love me any more?

Judy: No, of course not! I do love you. It's just... Think about it. We're just married. We're not financially or mentally ready to handle a child. Do you remember we said we wouldn't have our first child for three to four years? This is just not what we planned.

Alan: Yes, that's true, but the fact of the matter is that now you're pregnant, and our baby is growing in your womb at this moment. We have to change our plans accordingly.

Judy: But what about my career? Alan, I've just started my career. It's going to take a lot of time and effort. And I've just registered for my Masters degree. I don't have the time or the energy to take care of a child right now!

Alan: Don't you think you are being a little self-centered? I would never have thought you capable of killing your own baby!

Judy: I think you're being a little self-centered! You never think of me and my career! What does it matter to you if my life goes down the drain? And you accuse me of being a murderer, before my child is even a human being!

She leaves the room.

Alan: Judy! I'm still talking to you!

FREEZE—DISCUSSION—UNFREEZE!!!

Judy comes back into the room with a shopping bag in her hands.

Judy: Alan, what's this?

Alan: You won't need this anymore.

Judy: When did you buy this?

Alan: This morning I was at the department store and just happened to pass the infant section. Well, I saw this, and I couldn't help but buy it...

Judy takes a teddy bear from the bag.

Judy: He is so cute. The baby will just love it. I know I was wrong, honey. I was guilty about the abortion, too. I was just so caught up on my own future. But when I see what a loving father you are, and how much you really want this child... Suddenly everything is clear for me—not through your arguments, but through your love of our child.

Alan: I'll tell you what—since you have your scholarship, and we both have some savings, we won't be suffering too much financially. I'll go to part time so that I can care for the child while you study. How does that sound?

Judy: It sounds more and more like a brilliant, loving father and a stupid selfish mother. Do you think the baby, or even you, will be happy with such a stupid mother?

Alan: Oh, I think we'll manage...as long as the rolls keep coming!