

DOUG'S WIFE/ MOTHER

TED SOMERS
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PATTI

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TED

Relax. All it does is protect Aaron. See, if a married woman become pregnant through artificial insemination, her husband is deemed to be the legal father regardless of who the biological father may be. By refusing to consent to the artificial insemination, Aaron cannot be declared legally responsible for the child.

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PATTY

Well, he wouldn't be anyway. I mean, these people want their child. That's why they're doing this.

TED

It's just a formality. Tell you what, all-in-all this looks pretty straight-forward, but I'd like to take it with me and go over the fine print.

PATTY

Okay. Whatever you think is best.

TED

I'll call you tomorrow.

AARON

Thanks, Ted.

(FINI)

INT. NOWAKOWSKI KITCHEN - DAY

Patty cuts up vegetables for a salad and visits with her MOTHER who is less-than-thrilled with the news of Patty becoming a surrogate.

Patty's kids are SEEN through the window, playing in the backyard.

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MOTHER

... But what do you really know about these people? Have you even been to their home? Have you seen them with their son?

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MOTHER

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PATTY

Mom, you weren't there. You didn't meet them. They're good people.

MOTHER

They're strangers. You'd be giving away your own child to strangers.

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PATTY

Mom, look out there...

(indicates window)

Those are my children. This baby will be their child.

MOTHER

I'm sorry. I just -- I can't understand this. There's something not natural -- not right about it.

PATTY

I'm helping a couple have the kind of big, loving family that I grew up in. How can that not be right?

MOTHER

But you're being paid for it.

PATTY

They're compensating us -- yes -- for the time and the inconvenience and the potential risk. And you know what it works out to, Mom? I figured it out. A dollar-fifty-four an hour.

A long pause. Patty's Mother looks out at the kids playing.

MOTHER

Well, you've always been strong-willed. So, I suppose your mind is made up.

PATTY

I know this is hard for you. But I really believe that this is a good and right thing to do.

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MOTHER

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MOTHER

Oh, honey, I just don't want to see you get hurt. I don't want to see anybody get hurt.

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Patty wipes her hands, turns toward her mother and gives her a big hug.

PATTY

I know, Mom. But have a little faith in me. Please. I know what I'm doing.

→ (FINI)

INT. DANIEL HALL'S OFFICE - CLOSE ON CONTRACT - DAY

as Patty affixes her signature, "Patricia Nowakowski" to several pages.

HALL (O.S.)

Right there... then bottom of the next page... and one more signature right down here.

As she flips to the last page, REVEAL...

THE TWO COUPLES AND DANIEL HALL

signing the surrogacy agreement. Daniel takes the pen from Patty and hands it to Bill.

HALL

If you'll just sign right below Patty on all three pages...

Bill looks around, smiles. Everyone is a little nervous and excited. Bill signs the document, hands the pen back to Hall.

BILL

Well, I guess this makes it official.

HALL

Signed, sealed and, if all goes well, in nine months... delivered.

They all laugh. Patty and Aaron look at each other, proud to be a part of this.