

SURPRISE!

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EXT. BACKYARD - DAY

A typical backyard. Blue and pink decorations adorn the home's exterior. A gender reveal party is in full swing.

ADAM and LORI, a couple in their 20's, stand together in front of friends and family. Lori is about three months pregnant. Everyone is in good spirits.

ADAM

Thank you all for coming out today.
We are so excited to finally find
out if we're having a little boy or
little girl.

LORI

As you know, we like to keep things
simple. So instead of some silly,
over-the-top reveal, we're just
gonna open the letter from our
doctor and tell you what it says.

BETH, 30, emerges from the house. Tipsy. Unsteady gait. One hand holds an envelope. The other clutches a glass of wine.

BETH

(re: envelope)
Found it! Sorry it took so long,
sis. You got an ass-ton of mail.

Beth stumbles over to Lori and hands her the envelope.

LORI

(slightly annoyed)
Thank you, Beth.

Beth gives a drunken thumbs up as she plops herself down in a lawn chair. Lori turns to the rest of the guests.

LORI (CONT'D)

Without further adieu!

Lori unseals the envelope, but then pauses, clearly nervous.

LORI (CONT'D)

I cant.
(to Adam)
You do it.

ADAM

You sure?

Lori nods. Adam takes the envelope, removes the letter from within and reads it aloud:

ADAM (CONT'D)

"From the office of Doctor Harry Johnson. Your exam and lab work all came back normal, except for your testicle scans, which revealed --

(pauses, confused)

Testicle scans?

(realizing)

These are the results from my check-up last week.

Adam's continues reading the letter. Lori rounds on Beth.

LORI

You grabbed the wrong envelope!

BETH

You said to grab the from your doctor! There were two of them on the table! It's not my fault you both see the same guy!

Lori takes a calming breath, then looks at Adam.

LORI

It's fine. I'll go get --

She goes silent upon seeing Adam's expression. He is staring at her in utter disbelief.

LORI (CONT'D)

What's wrong?

(re: letter)

What'd it say?

ADAM

It says that I'm sterile and physically unable to father kids.

Lori's eyes widen with dread. Awkward silence takes hold of everyone. The guests all look around uncomfortably. No one is sure what to do or say...

...except for Beth. She bursts into laughter and holds her glass up, toasting the couple.

BETH

Best reveal ever!

Beth chugs the rest of her wine and then passes out in the chair, SNORING loudly.

THE END