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DAVID. Hi, honey! *(No answer—only that look.)* Honey? What's wrong? *(Charlie, thinking perhaps to excuse himself, starts to get up.)*

CATHERINE. I'm pregnant. *(Charlie freezes in mid-rise.)* You're not so sterile after all. Idn' that good news, Honey? *(Charlie quickly sits again, trying his best to look like a doily.)*

DAVID. *(After a long silence.)* Oh.

CATHERINE. *(With an exasperated sigh, looking away from him.)* Yeah.

DAVID. Oh, well, honey—if you really are—. *(She turns away as he goes to her.)* Now, come here, now—.

CATHERINE. No.

DAVID. Come here. *(She allows herself to be held.)* If you really are—what then, do you think?

CATHERINE. I don't know. Then I guess I go up to Atlanta, and find somebody who can—.

DAVID. Honey. No.

CATHERINE. What do you mean, no?

DAVID. Honey, don't even—.

CATHERINE. This is me we're talkin' about. You think I'm gonna walk down that aisle all ballooned up as big as a house in front of all my people? No, sir. No, I am not. Noo.

DAVID. Honey, no. Listen—we'll get married right away, then. We don't have to wait till November. We'll do it now.

CATHERINE. I don't want to do it now! It's planned for November. Oh, David. How did this happen?

DAVID. It's a miracle, that's what it is. That's what I think it is. Can't you see it that way? I think it must've been supposed to happen.

CATHERINE. Yeah, well, I didn't suppose it to happen. You didn't suppose it to happen. You told me you could never have any—.

DAVID. I know.

CATHERINE. So who supposed it to happen? The good Lord, I suppose?

DAVID. I think so. Yes.

CATHERINE. Yeah, well, that's fine for Him. He's not the one that's gonna have to—. *(She stops short of complete blasphemy.)*

DAVID. Oh, honey, I know how you feel.

CATHERINE. No, you don't.

DAVID. Yes, I do. You feel trapped, and wronged, and not—ready, and I don't blame you. But, honey—I love you. And now it looks like we're meant to have a family. I say let's celebrate. I say let's just do it. *(A long pause.)*

CATHERINE. You really want to?