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There are far too many wonderful things in your life right now, and you have no idea how to keep all of them together. It's amazing and scary, and wonderful, and you're coming up against some really hard decisions. You're living with two wonderful people who you love very much. For the first time in your life, you're really happy in a job. You love working tech with the theater community here. They're good people and some of your best friends, and you enjoy supporting them. One of your partners, Jason, just graduated from his Ph.D. program. He's been looking for a job, which is great, but scary, because that could take him anywhere. Things were already complicated, and today you learned the big new complication: you're pregnant.

This isn't necessarily a bad thing. You want kids, Jason wants kids, and you've even recently been talking about you, Skylar, and Jason raising a family together, but none of you were thinking about now. It's way too soon. You're not sure who the other biological parent is, but you really don't want that to matter. You think it won't matter to them either, but you're not sure.

Wait, time to back up. There's so much happening right now that it's hard to keep your thoughts in order. There's a lot of backstory here. You and Jason met in college. You had just moved away from your very Catholic Mexican immigrant parents, and were reveling in your new freedom. Under your parents' rules, you had never really dated. They were too afraid that you would wind up pregnant like so many of their friends' daughters had. They wanted you to go to college and have a better life, and you appreciated that, but you also chafed under their tight watch.

You met Jason and the two of you started dating almost immediately. Within a few months, you both knew that this was it, this was the person you wanted to be with for the rest of your life. At the same time, you were terrified. You had been so sheltered growing up and you weren't really ready to be tied down just yet. You agreed to keep things open, at least for the time being, so you could have a chance to experiment. You kept things casual, hooking up with boys and the occasional girl you met at parties, or through your involvement in theater.

Mostly, you worked hard in school. You always liked math, and you knew you wanted to do something practical. Something that would earn you a good living and make your parents happy, so you majored in accounting. While it wasn't the most exciting career, you really enjoyed making the numbers line up, keeping everything organized, and the occasional challenge of hunting down something that had gone wrong. You found summer internships, and by the time you graduated, you felt like you were ready to start your career. Jason was accepted into a history Ph.D. program at a larger state university, so you moved with him and quickly found a job at a large accounting firm.

You liked the work, but you hated the culture. You felt like a cog in a massive machine that wasn't doing anything useful. Your bosses were almost all white men and you felt looked down on, out of place and like there was no future for you there. You worked there for four years, knowing that, to get anywhere better, you needed the experience. It wasn't terrible, but you were always looking for a way out.

Meanwhile, about three years ago, you met Skylar. You and Jason had kept the relationship open, but it was always about the sex. Jason had a few friends with benefits type relationships, but you mostly had hook-ups and booty calls and you were fine with that. Then Skylar came along. It started the same way most of your hook-ups did: you met at a show and went back to his place after. You hooked up a few more times, and encouraged him to get involved in the play you were working on. Jason was acting in that play, so the three of you started spending time together. Then the play ended, and you didn't want to see Skylar go. You realized that you were falling in love with them.

You had a long talk with Jason about Skylar, and he took a few days to think about the situation. Those were two of the hardest days in your life, but finally he came back and told you he was ok with it. You started spending more and more time together, as the three of you. During this time, Skylar came out as genderqueer, and started going by neutral pronouns. That didn't really matter to you one way or the other, but it was the tipping point for Jason. As Skylar started dressing and acting more feminine, Jason became more attracted to them. Soon, it was only natural that they fell into bed together as well. Not too long after, Skylar moved in with the two of you, and that's how it's been for the past year. You never dreamed of an arrangement like this, and you have no idea how you'll ever explain it to your parents, but you're very happy. You've even started talking about long-term plans of eventually buying a house and maybe even starting a family together. You've always wanted kids and you know Jason does too. You're not quite sure how Skylar fits into that, but you'll figure it out eventually.

Meanwhile, you finally found a job you're actually happy with! Planned Parenthood in your town had an opening for a senior accountant. You thought it was probably out of your reach, but you had to apply, and somehow you got hired! For the first time in your life, you actually feel like you're doing something useful. You like the work, you like your coworkers and you're making a difference. You took a 25% pay cut to take this job, even though the job title should be a promotion, but it was absolutely worth it.

The only problem is that Jason's been job hunting, and that could take him anywhere. Before you got the job at Planned Parenthood, there was no question in your mind that you would follow him wherever he went. An accountant can work anywhere. But you love this job, and you're not sure that you can go back to just working in a firm again. At the same time, you want him to find a faculty position, and you want to be happy. You really don't know what you'll do if he does find a job far away.

Of course the pregnancy complicates everything. Despite your upbringing, you certainly have no problem with abortion. If you decide you can't keep the child right now, you're ok with having an abortion. You took a pregnancy test as soon as you missed your period, so you're sure you're still early in the first trimester, you can probably have a medical abortion if you need to. But you really want children. You want children with Jason and Skylar. Would this be such a terrible time to have a child? Jason is done with grad school. Planned Parenthood has good maternity leave policies. But if you are having the child, you definitely need to have Jason around. Skylar is a darling, but they do not have the best work history, and you are not raising this child without a good second income.

You're also worried about your parents. You were raised in a Mexican Catholic family. You have drifted from the religion, but your parents are still very Catholic. So far, you haven't told them anything about your relationship with Skylar, but, if the three of you are raising a child together, it's going to come up. You're not sure how to deal with that at all.

You only found out today that you're pregnant. You know that a party like this isn't the best time to give Jason and Skylar the news, but you're going to burst if you don't tell them. The only person you've told so far is your best friend Tyler. He convinced you to wait at least until after the show, but that's it! You'll try to get them off privately, at least. They deserve that much. Besides, if you don't decide to keep the child, you don't want everyone else to know about it.

Cast:

Jason is your long-term partner. You love him and see yourself spending the rest of your life with him. Regardless of what else happens your relationship with Jason is extremely important to you.

Skylar changed your relationship with Jason, but you think they changed it for the better. You never realized before that you could love two people both this much. You aren't sure what part exactly they will play in your life, but you know that you want Skylar to be part of it.

Tyler is one of your oldest friends. He's always been the one you could tell everything to. For a long time, he was the only one of your friends who knew about you and Skylar. He's still the only one that you have told about your pregnancy. Tyler is having some issues of his own, however. He has been dating Dan for a while, and they're perfect together. Unfortunately, Dan is having trouble getting over the fact that Tyler is bi. Dan just can't quite trust that Tyler won't leave him for a woman at some point. He even gets nervous about the two of you being friends, and there has never been anything between you and Tyler. You (and anyone with eyes) can tell that Tyler is totally head-over-heels for Dan, but Tyler can't stay forever with someone who refuses to trust him.

Dan is the best thing to happen to your friend Tyler in the time you've known him. He's reliable, sane, has a good job, and, most importantly, he loves Tyler more than anything. The only problem is that he just can't seem to trust Tyler. You've gotten to know him since they started dating, and, as far as you can tell, he and Tyler would be perfect together if he could just accept how much Tyler loves him.

Crystal is the director and leader of the theater company. You always thought that Crystal basically didn't have friends until you saw her flirting with Skylar. She flirts with lots of people, but it's different with Skylar. At first you thought she was really hitting on Skylar, but, eventually you learned that it's just how their friendship works. Crystal is the glue that holds this group together, and everyone relies on her.

Angela is an ex of Tyler's. You were around for that break-up and it was pretty explosive, but, thankfully, both of them seem to have moved past that. She's also a good friend of Dan's, which hasn't helped the tension between Dan and Tyler. She recently got out of what seems like a pretty awful relationship, and you'd like to make friends with her and try to offer a little more support.

Olivia is a good friend of Jason. At least she normally is, but there seems to be something weird going on between them recently. You asked Jason about it, and he claims that he doesn't know, but he can sometimes be guy oblivious. You don't really want to but into your boyfriend's friendships, but it seems to be upsetting both of them. While she mostly does costuming and occasional minor roles, she has sometimes pitched in to help you with tech in places, and is pretty good at it when she does.