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DAWN BARBUSO

We, uh, we've actually been dating for about three weeks. His name is Kenneth.

THE FALCON

Seriously?

DAWN BARBUSO

He's sweet. Not my usual alpha loser, you know?

In the courtyard, Kenneth finally gets the tag off. He holds it up triumphantly.

THE FALCON

Your parents must be proud.

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Off Dawn: rethinking her new boyfriend.

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ANGLE ON COMPUTER

We see Dawn, as captured by the computer's camera. The screen says initiating video chat. Dawn talks to us as she "puts on her face."

DAWN BARBUSO

Yeah, we got married last year. I was as surprised as anybody else. I never saw myself as the army wife type, you know? Not to mention a jock.

FILMMAKER (O.S.)

So, what happened? You and Rolly traveled in pretty different circles in high school.

DAWN BARBUSO

Nothing happened, really. He was back here on leave, and he came into the diner where I worked. We just started talking. You know, people are just so stupid in high school. It's all about labels. Jock, punk, nerd. But now -- I just love him to death. And I worry, like, all the time. (touches her belly)

It can't be good for the baby.

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Dawn puts on lipstick, adjusts her cleavage. We hear the CHIME as the video chat begins.

MAN'S VOICE (O.S.) There's my girl.

ANGLE ON THE SCREEN

We see <u>Rolly Marks</u>, 28, with a crew cut, wearing desert fatigues. Our footage of this scene is all from Dawn's POV, with Rolly visible onscreen speaking directly into his web camera.

ROLLY MARKS
Hey, babe. You look amazing.

DAWN BARBUSO I look fat and tired. Tell me you're being careful.

ROLLY MARKS
I promise. How's the peanut?

Dawn touches her rounded belly.

DAWN BARBUSO He likes Mexican food.

ROLLY MARKS
Well, I've been showing everybody
the sonogram picture you sent.

DAWN BARBUSO I know. Isn't she beautiful? Kenneth put it up on the fridge.

Rolly doesn't like the idea of Dawn living with Kenneth.

ROLLY MARKS
I really wish you'd move in with
Anders and Jackie. I hate that you
have to stay with a stranger.

DAWN BARBUSO Kenneth's not a stranger. We used to date.

ROLLY MARKS And that's better how?

DAWN BARBUSO Baby, Kenneth's harmless. Besides, Anders and Jackie don't want me.

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ROLLY MARKS

He's my best friend.

DAWN BARBUSO

Yeah, but she's a stuck-up bitch, so they kind of cancel each other out. Besides, I'm happy here.

Rolly looks at his wife. We see how hard it is for him to be so far away, to not be able to provide for her.

ROLLY MARKS

I miss you.

DAWN BARBUSO

Oh, baby. I miss you too, so much.

ROLLY MARKS

(looks around)

Show me something.

DAWN BARBUSO

(coy)

What do you want to see?

ROLLY MARKS

You know. Come on, babe. It's been ten months. I'm dying here.

Dawn checks to make sure Kenneth isn't nearby. She turns to the camera.

DAWN BARBUSO

Don't look.

She pulls down her top, flashing her breasts.

ROLLY MARKS

(stunned)

Wow. They really get big when you're pregnant, huh?

In the background we see <u>Kenneth</u> appear in the doorway. He sees Dawn's breasts and freezes like a deer in the headlights. Then he sees us watching, turns and walks straight into the doorjam. Oblivious, Dawn pulls her top up.

DAWN BARBUSO

You have no idea.

ROLLY MARKS

Three more months.

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DAWN BARBUSO

I can't wait.

Off screen somebody says something to Rolly.

ROLLY MARKS

I gotta go, babe. Love you.

DAWN BARBUSO

I --

The chat ends, leaving Dawn talking to a blank screen.

DAWN BARBUSO (CONT'D)

--love you too.

could be killed at any moment.

Dawn sits for a moment staring at the screen. We see how hard it is for her living with the knowledge that her husband

SCENE THREE

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INT. KENNETH'S HOUSE - NIGHT (PRESENT)

Kenneth enters, carrying his bicycle helmet. He looks utterly dejected. Then he notices that the living room is full of wrapping paper and baby things. Dawn is cleaning up.

DAWN BARBUSO

There you are. You missed the baby shower.

KENNETH FINLEY

(still distracted)

Sorry, I --

DAWN BARBUSO

Where were you? I thought you were coming?

KENNETH FINLEY

I know. I'm sorry. It's -- you look great. Hold on. I got you something.

He goes to the cabinet, takes out a wrapped gift. Dawn opens it. It's a baby Bjorn.