

THE BIG REVEAL

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**EXT. BACKYARD - DAY**

Blue and pink ribbons adorn a fence surrounding the back yard of middle-class home. A banner reads: "BOY OR GIRL?"

ADAM (28) and LORI (27) stand together in front of friends and family. Lori is about four months pregnant. Everyone is in good spirits.

ADAM

Thank you all for being here today.  
Lori and I are so excited to find  
out if we're having a boy or girl.

LORI

As y'all know, we like to keep  
things simple. So instead of some  
over-the-top reveal, Adam is just  
gonna read the results from our  
doctor aloud.

BETH (21) suddenly staggers out the house. Envelope in one hand. Glass of wine in the other. Clearly intoxicated.

BETH

Found it!

Beth shambles over to Lori and hands her the envelope.

BETH (CONT'D)

Sorry it took so long, sis. Y'all  
had an ass ton of mail in there.

Lori's smile strains, masking her annoyance.

LORI

Thank you, Beth.

Beth gives a drunken thumbs up as she plops herself down in a lawn chair. Lori hands the envelope to Adam.

ADAM

And now for the moment we've all  
been waiting for!

Adam removes a letter from the envelope and reads it aloud:

ADAM (CONT'D)

"From the office of Doctor Harry  
Johnson. While I'm happy to report  
that your blood work came back  
normal, your testicular scans --

Adam stops, realizing:

ADAM (CONT'D)  
Hang on. These are the results of  
my physical.

Lori rounds on Beth, incensed.

LORI  
You grabbed the wrong envelope!

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

Lori starts to reply, but stops when she sees Adam's face. He  
is staring at the letter, shellshocked.

LORI  
Babe? What's wrong?  
(re: letter)  
What does it say?

ADAM  
It says that I'm sterile. And  
unable to father kids of my own.

Lori's eyes widen with dread. Awkward silence takes hold of  
the party. No one is sure of what to do or say...

...except for Beth. She bursts into laughter, raising her  
glass to toast the couple.

BETH  
Best reveal ever!

Beth chugs the rest of her wine, then BELCHES loudly before  
passing out in the lawn chair.

THE END