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I DIDN'T KNOW I WAS PREGNANT - SEASON 3

MICRO-MIRACLE

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Picture:

(NOT SHOWN FOR SAMPLE)

Name:	FOR SAMPLE: <i>Characters names not included for confidentiality</i>
Storytelling skills/personality	New England Native with an upper east coast accent. She's super well spoken and enthusiastic. As a scientist she's very detailed and eager to tell her story.
Character B.G.	For 7 years, (MAIN CHARACTER) was a QC Analyst for a biotech company where she was the last stop before flu vaccines were shipped out. Accuracy is the name of the game and any overlooked detail could affect the health of humans. During her pregnancy she was very active- going to the gym, playing softball and even tanning. She had TMJ surgery a few years ago. She now works for the State of ( <i>Confidential</i> ) as a <u>microbiologist</u> conducting tests for HIV and other STD's. Her story actually helped (MAIN CHARACTER) get her new job because of its unique nature and honest personal experience. Having her baby inspired her to lose weight and stay healthy for the sake of her daughter (3 yrs old).
Age:	<i>Confidential</i>
Height/Weight	<i>Confidential</i>
Ethnicity	<i>Confidential</i>
Birth Year	<i>Confidential</i>
Address	<i>Confidential</i>
Phone	<i>Confidential</i>
Email	<i>Confidential</i>

INTERVIEWS:

1. Baby's Mother
2. Boyfriend & Baby's father
3. Grandmother

**LOGLINE:** North Eastern Micro-Biologist, (MAIN CHARACTER), thinks she has a cancerous tumor when she feels a large mass in her abdomen. But an ultrasound shockingly reveals that it's actually a 30 weeks old baby. (MAIN CHARACTER) believes she has a few weeks to prepare, but just 2 days later she wakes up bleeding, and is rushed to the hospital with pre-eclampsia, risking both her health and that of her baby.

**Beat #1: 2 NEGATIVES= A POSITIVE**

(MAIN CHARACTER) and (Baby's father) have had an on and off relationship for 7 years. This cold mid-December evening makes it three months since they've spoken and she tosses and turns in her bed seeking comfort. For the past few weeks she's been unable to sleep on her stomach, where she's most content. That evening she decides to use a technique she learned when she was an EMT to locate the source of her discomfort. Palpating her abdomen with her hands, (MAIN CHARACTER) is shocked to feel a giant mass. Her mind immediately races to her family's history of cancer. As a scientist she is accustomed to recognizing repetitive patterns and

she fears that her time has finally come.

Could this be a cancerous tumor? She confides in her Mom about her family's history. Her uncle died of colon cancer, her Mom and Grandmother both had breast cancer, and her Dad had prostate cancer- CANCER! CANCER! CANCER!

In addition, they discuss (MAIN CHARACTER) 's weight and both agree that it's time to make health changes. Not once does her mind wonder about pregnancy. She is religious about taking her birth control pill, plus back in August and November she took two pregnancy tests that delivered negative results.

With the Christmas holiday just around the corner, (MAIN CHARACTER) fears that it's her turn to hear that SHE has CANCER and sees her Mother's doctor about the mass she feels in her stomach. He asks if she thinks she could be pregnant and (MAIN CHARACTER) assures him, "No, I'm on the pill." For four years, (MAIN CHARACTER) was on the Depo-Provera shot, but in Fall of 2005 she switched to the pill because her research revealed that there were possible side effects of osteoporosis when taking the shot. For the first 10 months, she still got a normal period, but then they stopped. When she called the Planned Parenthood offices about why they stopped, a representative simply told her that she was "one of the lucky ones who didn't get their period while taking the pill and that there was nothing to worry about."

Now at the doctor's, he decides to look more deeply into the mass he feels and orders an ultrasound. But, because of the busy holiday schedule, it takes 2 weeks until she can get an appointment.

(MAIN CHARACTER) finally gets her appointment, bringing her Mom with her to the doctor for support. Her ultrasound delivers SHOCKING results and (MAIN CHARACTER) cannot believe his diagnosis- she's PREGNANT... and in her THIRD TRI-MESTER!

### **Beat #2: IT'S NOT A TUMOR**

(MAIN CHARACTER) walks out into the waiting room in tears and looks at her anticipatory Mother's face. For weeks they both worried that (MAIN CHARACTER) 's ultrasound would reveal that she had cancer. (MAIN CHARACTER) says with embarrassment, "Mom, they found out what's wrong with me. It's not a tumor... I'm pregnant!"

Her Mom, relieved, starts giggling and wraps her arms around (MAIN CHARACTER) saying, "Well, we can handle that news, sweetheart." (MAIN CHARACTER) is devastated that she didn't pay more attention to her periods or to the headaches that kept her home from work. How could she be so meticulous with all of the details at her job, but not her own health? Now that she only has a few weeks until she delivers, she is determined to learn everything that she can to take care of her baby and learn what's best for its health.

She talks with her other colleagues who have had babies, knowing that as scientists they'll provide the most thorough advice for her. She writes down, page after page about the development of the baby, comparing feeding techniques, tracking what she's eating and she begins taking pre-natal vitamins- anything she can get her hands on, she soaks it in.

Unsure of how she's going to handle having a baby, she finally calls (Baby's father) and tells him the news. Though shocked, he is excited to hear that (MAIN CHARACTER) and the baby are healthy.

Two days after learning she is pregnant, (MAIN CHARACTER) wakes up bleeding. Hysterical, she calls her mom. Running red lights, (MAIN CHARACTER) 's Mom rushes her daughter to the ER.

### **Beat #3: PRENATAL PRESSURE**

Once at the hospital, the nurse sees that (MAIN CHARACTER) 's blood pressure is skyrocketing and puts her on bed rest. (Baby's father) shows up just as doctors give (MAIN CHARACTER) an extensive ultrasound to measure the size of the baby's bones. given the small size of the baby, no pre-natal care and (MAIN CHARACTER) 's pre-eclampsia, that she needs to be transferred to

another hospital with better equipment and doctors to handle the baby.

Once (MAIN CHARACTER) arrives in the ambulance at University of Connecticut Health Center, the nurse starts a catheter and (MAIN CHARACTER) 's water breaks! The doctors see that the baby is showing signs of distress and she must deliver soon. Around Midnight (MAIN CHARACTER) is given an epidural and PASSES OUT!

**Beat #4: PUSHING PREEMIE**

By 3am, her contractions are minutes apart and she's wheeled into delivery, along with (Baby's father) and her Mom. As they are prepping her for delivery, she feels the urge to push and nurses see the baby's head crowning! "WAIT- DON'T PUSH ANY MORE UNTIL THE DOCTOR IS HERE!"

Doctors rush in just in time to see a 4-pound little baby girl coming through the birth canal. They can't wait to have (Baby's father) cut the cord because they are worried about her size. Jen was shocked and felt guilty. Had she known, she would've taken much better care of herself and felt she could've avoided her baby having a low birth weight. (Baby) is immediately taken away for evaluation.

Despite being born at 37.5 weeks, (Baby) is miraculously healthy. A full hour later, (MAIN CHARACTER) is permitted to hold (Baby) for the first time. The nurses are shocked to see how closely bonded the two are and that (MAIN CHARACTER) insists on breastfeeding. She learned in her short time researching that this is best for the baby's health and for the two to bond.

(Baby) must stay in the hospital for a few days for evaluation because of her low birth weight, but is sent home to a happy and healthy Mom and (Baby's father).

(Baby) has reunited (Baby's father) and (MAIN CHARACTER) and inspired (MAIN CHARACTER) to get healthy. She's lost 60 pounds since her delivery and has made her health a number one priority for (Baby)'s sake. (Baby) turned 3 years old (Baby's birthday).

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