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# Scenarios

**1. Children**

**2. baby/doll**

**3. The Vanish Club**

# Characters

## 1. Children

**WOMAN** – aged anywhere between 18 – 40 years

**MAN** – aged anywhere between 18 – 40 years

## 2. baby/doll

**ANNA** - Looks quite severe. Has expressive eyes. Can be quite manic at times.

**DOLL** - a doll from ANNA's childhood.

**SIMON** - ANNA's partner. He wears casual clothes and has ruffled hair.

## 3. The Vanish Club

**GUY WHO RUNS THE CLUB** - Cockney. 30 – 35 years. Rough round the edges. Just perceptibly wearing eyeliner. Little bit awkward. Solid. Sprinkle of stubble. Looks like he has been up all night. Cool.

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## *Prelude*

*The two characters WOMAN and MAN heads are covered with white material. Can see no distinguishable facial features. Or they may have paper plates stuck to their face. Blank slates. Each character draws the others face on with a big black texta pen. One is a 'man's' face. One is a 'woman's' face. Smiley faces, simple line drawings like this: ☺*

## *Play*

*WOMAN and MAN are a couple that have just recently found out that WOMAN is pregnant. They are very fond of each other, but haven't been together very long. There is a mixture of joy, confusion and absolute fear at the thought of having a child together. They have just come home from an evening out somewhere. They are both dressed in quite formal clothes. MAN wears a dark suit. WOMAN wears a tight red dress or tight pencil skirt and top. WOMAN wears bright red, very high-heeled shoes.*

WOMAN. You can't see it.

MAN. No.

WOMAN. I can't see it.

MAN. No.

WOMAN. But it's there.

MAN. Yes.

WOMAN. It's there isn't it?

MAN. Yes. Can you feel it?

*Slight pause*

WOMAN. Are you asleep?

MAN. No. Are you asleep?

WOMAN. No.

MAN. Did you know when you missed your period?

WOMAN. I don't know. I think so.

MAN. You know?

WOMAN. I've been told by a little plastic machine. A blue line. A rising of colour. Why do you think they make it blue?

MAN. I don't know.

WOMAN. Blue.

MAN. Blue

*Smiles.*

MAN. Can you feel it now? How do you feel?

WOMAN. I don't know. I feel myself now. Whole. But I'm two.

MAN (*stares*). What does it feel like to be two?

WOMAN. It feels indecent.

MAN. Really? (*smiles*) Makes me want to fuck you.

WOMAN (*laughs*). Really?

MAN. Yes.

*They look at each other.*

WOMAN. Is my skin different?

MAN. No.

WOMAN. Do I seem different?

MAN. No. Do I seem different?

WOMAN. No. Yes. In some way

MAN. What ways?

WOMAN. You look at me longer. Do you think differently about me?

MAN. Perhaps. Do you think differently about your genitals?

WOMAN. Stare at me. Harder. Harder.

MAN. How does that feel?

*Slight pause*

WOMAN. Interesting.

*Slight pause*

WOMAN. Put on some make-up.

MAN. What should I put on?

WOMAN. Lipstick.

MAN. What colour?

WOMAN. Red. Of course.

MAN. Of course.

WOMAN. Of course.

MAN. To remind you of female genitalia?

WOMAN. No. Maybe.

MAN. No. Maybe?