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“Oh my God! I just talked to Cindy!”

“Did she tell you?”

“Yes!”

“Can you believe that shit?” He shook his head and I said, “Well, she’s gone and done it now, and it sucks big hairy ass. But—she wants to keep

ME: Yes. I almost wish I wasn’t, to tell you the truth. You went to a party, got drunk, and fucked German. I was listening. But you never told me any of this. Ever.
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But even with my mom’s hands coming down on him, my brother still managed to say some dumb shit. “Well, you got what you wanted! You said you’d rather he be dead! Didn’t you?! Isn’t that what you fucking said?!” He cussed at my mom. He fucking cussed at her. It took me a second to react, but I pulled my mom as gently as I could to separate a deranged pregnant woman from beating the shit out of her son. Because, yes, that is what my family had suddenly become. We had entered an alternate

I don’t know what made me say it but I grew some balls at that moment and said, “Your mom would be fucking my fat ass. So shut your trap and do your job, *Kmart.*”

Which, now that I think about it, was an absurd comeback. Why would her mom be fucking my fat ass? Just like me to be saying something dumb like that. Georgina just kept making that stupid face as we walked out of the store.

**PROFANITY COUNT (and other sensitive words)**

- *ss 28
- S*xual 2
- Condoms 12
- F*ck 13
- Sh*t 43
- P*nis 2
- Pregnant 38
- F*cking 19
- B*tch 13
- God 58
- Slut 1
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**RED FLAGS**

Sexual Content
Language
Drugs, Drinking, Smoking

**CONCLUSION**

Not appropriate literary content for K-12 schools