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# THE CARD

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Would you judge me if you knew I lost my virginity in a shed when I was seventeen?

- Would you judge me if you knew I became pregnant that day?
- Would you judge me if you knew I waited until I was showing to tell Steven?
- Would you judge me if you knew I didn't call him when I went into labor?
- Would you judge me if you knew I didn't let him attend the delivery or cut the cord?
- Would you judge me if you knew I didn't put his name on our son's birth certificate but gave him Steven's middle name?
- Would you judge me if you knew I had Steven move to Florida with my family only to make him leave when my son was just eight months old?
- Would you judge me if you knew I married another man when my son was four?
  - Would you judge me if you knew I amended my son's birth certificate, changing his middle and last name and placing my husband's name as his birth father?
  - Would you judge me if you knew I didn't tell my son who his biological father was until he was 31?
  - Would you judge me if you knew I only told my son because he needed our family medical history?
  - Would you judge me if you knew I received a card from Steven for my 51st birthday—even though he is now married?
  - Would you judge me if you knew I look forward to calling Steven every week just to hear him call me "baby girl"?
- Would you judge me if you knew I secretly wanted him for myself?
- Would you judge me if you knew we have plans to meet when I get out?
- Would you judge me if you knew that my heart has belonged to Steven since I was fifteen?
- Would you judge me if you knew I sent his wife a letter telling her that I love him but will not destroy their marriage?
- Would you judge me if you knew I am not strong enough to resist him?

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