

INT. MABEL AND L'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

Mabel turns on the video camera. She has an expression of pure joy on her face.

MABEL

This is a good day. No let me rephrase, this is the most amazing, stupendous day of my entire life. I have never, ever felt so good, so free, so ready to take on the world. I mean this is huge. I feel like I could just fly. I haven't even had time to tell anybody and I just had to get this on tape.

She holds up a pregnancy test.

MABEL (CONT'D)

I'm pregnant!

Mabel lets out a "WOOHOO!" It takes a couple of seconds for her calm down enough to speak again.

MABEL (CONT'D)

Any way, this is for ... Well, I don't know your name, I don't even know if you're a boy or a girl. I just know that you are going to be our baby. But someday you are going to be an adult. Someday you'll find out that you're gonna have a baby and that's when I'm going to give you this tape. You see by the time you watch this I'll have grey hair and it'll be hard for anyone to think of me without thinking of the name mom. But right now, as happy as I am, I am also so incredibly terrified. We've been trying for months so I've kinda been prepared but now that this day is here, wow.

She takes a second before shaking off the feeling.

MABEL (CONT'D)

Any way, the reason I'm making this tape is so you can you see who I was before I become your mother. You see, my mom, your grandmother, was just this amazing person. She sang me songs. She hugged me when I was sad. When I was scared she made me feel safe. She seemed to know everything. She was like this supper hero. But when I moved out she and I stopped talking.

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MABEL (CONT'D)

She just didn't understand how I wanted to live my life, how I needed to live my life. She never got a chance to see the person I became and the great life that I live. I'd like to believe that won't happen for you and I. I hope I'm your best friend for life. That you'll be able to tell me everything that's bothering you and I'll be able to give you all the answers. I hope I'm able to support every choice you make and that I don't make any horrible mistakes. But now that I'm sitting here, knowing that I'm pregnant and knowing what happened between my mom and me, I'm scared. I'm scared that I'll let you down. I'm scared that I'll make the same mistakes my mom made. So you see that's why this tape is important. I want you to see that at this very moment, I'm barely an adult myself. I honestly don't have any answers. I don't even know how to change a diaper. It's not a question of if I'll make a mistake; it's a question of how many. You and I are going to be learning how to do this together. You might not know it but I'm going to be making this up as I go. But you see, if you're watching this, if you know you are about to be a parent, then you know how I feel right now. So even if for some reason I'm not sitting beside you watching this video I know that for at least this one moment in time you and I will understand each other. What I really want...

Mabel stops as someone enters the house.

L  
 (from other room)  
 Honey.

MABEL  
 In here.

L enters the room, dressed in a pilot's uniform. She looks at the camera.

L  
 Hi ... you're not making another documentary are you?

MABEL

Not exactly. Come here.

L walks over to Mabel. Mabel has to pull L into a crouch so that L's face is on camera.

L

What's going on?

MABEL

Look.

She holds up her pregnancy test.

L

What ... oh my god, is it?

Mabel is vigorously nodding her head.

MABEL

Yes.

L hugs Mabel.

L

Oh, baby.

L and Mabel fall into a deep embrace.

After a moment Mabel breaks away. She looks right at the camera; just before turning it off she mouths the words, "I love you."

THE END