



ANNA (37)

You closed your eyes and sat back in the chair in the waiting room. You always hated the smell of hospitals, but this time it seemed bearable – almost as if you smelled a bit of hope in it. You’ve been thinking about having a child for such a long time. It had never been the right time – and now it was almost too late. But now that Clara agreed to it too, hopefully everything will go smoothly. You imagined yourself holding your own baby in your arms and you smiled. Now you’re just waiting for the test results and, if they are alright, nothing is going to stand between you and your greatest dream coming true. You opened your eyes. Clara was standing right before you. She had probably been looking at you for quite some time already and she looks lost in her thoughts. But then she smiled, reached for you and kissed you. And you knew everything was going to be as it should.

Anna is currently very happy with her life. **She and Clara are planning to get married and have a baby.** Anna has always wanted to be a mother. She already had the chance to try it when she helped Sabine with her daughter Denise, and motherhood is something Anna is not willing to give up. **Clara used to have a different opinion on parenthood,** but they got over this phase. She just needs more time to adjust to certain things and Anna is generally very willing to give her that. But in this case Anna has no time left to lose – the biological clock is ticking mercilessly...

Fragments from her life

Nine years ago, Anna met **Sabine**. They bumped into each other by the vending machine in a hospital. Anna was there to have her cast removed – she had broken her hand in a skiing accident some time before that. Sabine was accompanying **her wife Lea** to chemotherapy – Lea had been fighting cancer for several years already. Anna is not even sure who started talking, but before they finished their coffees they were sure they want to meet again. They became close friends. Anna, who had been single for some time already, helped Sabine take care of her sick wife and bonded with their **little girl, Denise**. When Lea lost her battle with cancer a year later, Anna was with them. Sabine was in a bad shape after her wife’s death and someone needed to look after little Denny. And Anna was happy to do it.

Her relationship with Sabine never crossed the boundaries of friendship. Maybe if they had met in another time, the result would have been different. Maybe if there had been more time after Sabine got over Lea’s death. If... But nothing like that happened. Instead, there was an interesting job offer for Anna that would take her hundreds of miles away, and Sabine supported her not to let this chance slip through her fingers. Anna left and the **“ifs” never got a chance to happen.**

A few years passed and Anna mostly focused on her career. She stayed in contact with Sabine, and even more so with Denise. They called each other every week and Anna spent many hours talking with Denise about her problems.

Two years ago Anna met Clara and fell in love. Clara was completely different than Anna – wild, impulsive, not worrying about anything – and Anna liked that. Soon, they started living together and after a year they started to talk about getting married. Slowly, because Anna soon realized that Clara actually **doesn’t like change.** Every time Clara felt pressured from Anna, she ran away and went for a vacation on her own. But then she’d always come back and usually agree with Anna after all. Anna understood that if she wanted to have Clara, she would have to get used to it. But she loved her and was willing to tolerate her escapes.

Recent events

Two months ago Anna decided not to wait any longer and **discuss having a baby with Clara**. Anna had already made appointments for all the examinations necessary before conception and could not postpone any more. Anna guessed that Clara did not want to have a kid herself yet, but she believed that she'd support her decision. She didn't. What came instead was the worst fight of their relationship, which lasted late into the night. In the morning Anna was greeted only by a message: "I'm going to the Canaries. Clara." She didn't respond to any of Anna's calls or messages and Anna was starting to get worried that she'd never see Clara again.

After a week Clara came back completely changed. She apologized and even suggested to go to the examinations for assisted conception herself. Anna had not even hoped for something like that. And it wasn't just words – **they both had their examinations a few days ago** and now they are waiting for the results. Everything is on its way.

Two weeks ago, Anna found out that she would have to go on a business trip to the city where Sabine lived. She decided to combine business with pleasure and **called Sabine to say that she and Clara would like to visit**. Sabine was excited and they agreed to throw a little party. Anna is looking forward to it – she hasn't seen Sabine and Denise for ages and she has long wanted to meet Sabine's new wife, Veronica. Sabine wants to see Clara, so it's a great opportunity to introduce their families.

Veronica's cousin Daniel who's in the city at this time will be at the party too.

Questions for the night

"Denise, what's new? Is everything alright at school?" – Anna got the feeling that Denise is unhappy about something from the last few phone calls. It might just be adolescence, but Anna still wants to know more.

"Veronica and how about you? Are you working for a magazine same as Sabine?"

"Sabine, how did you meet Veronica?"

People to talk to

Denise – Try to find out whether everything's OK, how about boys, how about Veronica...

Sabine – You haven't seen each other for a long time, you can talk about Denny.

Relationships

Clara (29)

Anna is very happy with Clara, despite all her quirks. Sometimes she's difficult and you have to be careful how you deal with her, but Anna is confident that Clara loves her and would never willingly hurt her. The fact that she decided to support her in her decision to become a mother proves it.

Sabine (46)

After leaving, Anna kept in touch with Sabine at least over the phone and they visited each other a few times over the years. They are still close friends, though they only see each other very rarely. Sabine is still very important to Anna – that's one of the reasons why Anna is thinking about moving back here for good. When the baby comes, it will be nice to have friends around.

Sabine has been very active in politics and in the campaign for LGBT rights and now she's even going to stand for the regional election. Anna admires her even more for that.

Denise (17)

Anna is extremely fond of Denise. She would like her daughter to be like her one day. Denise is a very sensitive and nice girl who hasn't had it easy in her life, but has always been able to cope with it. Anna has a feeling that she might have some problem, but it might just be some boy again.

Characters not present in the game

Helen is a doctor. Anna approached her regarding the assisted reproduction. She examined Anna and Clara a few days ago.