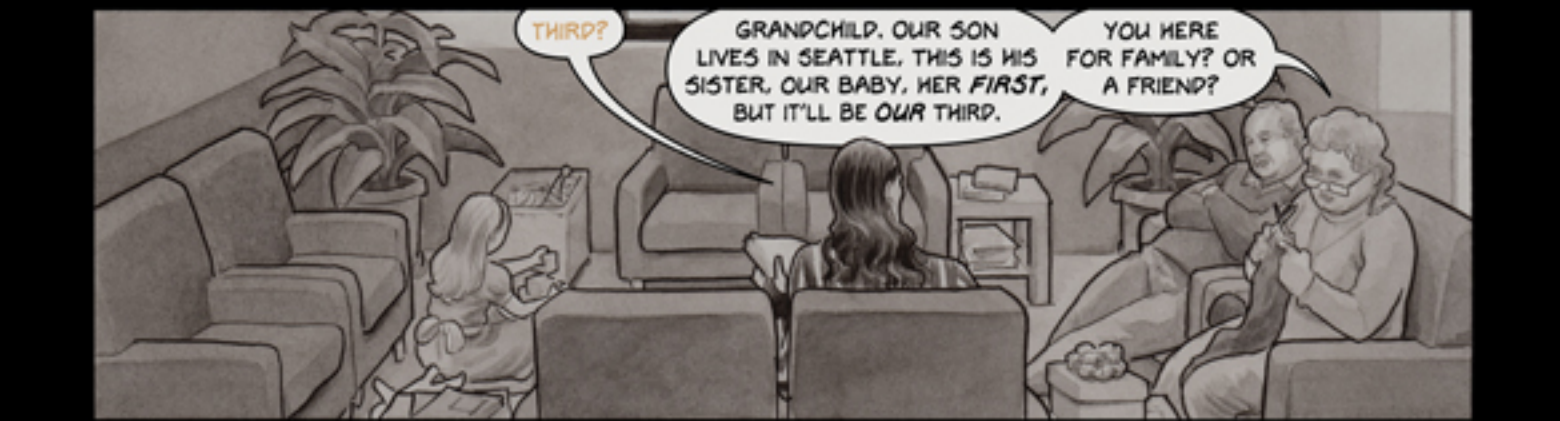




THIS'LL BE OUR THIRD.

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THIRD?

GRANDCHILD. OUR SON LIVES IN SEATTLE. THIS IS HIS SISTER. OUR BABY, HER *FIRST*, BUT IT'LL BE OUR *THIRD*.

YOU HERE FOR FAMILY? OR A FRIEND?



HMM. FRIEND?

YES, I SHALL SAY, *FRIEND*.

PEOPLE ALWAYS FRET ABOUT BIRTH. BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S WORTH THE BOTHER, HONESTLY.

WE BEEN DOING THIS FOR THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF YEARS. HAVEN'T WE? MAKING BABIES.

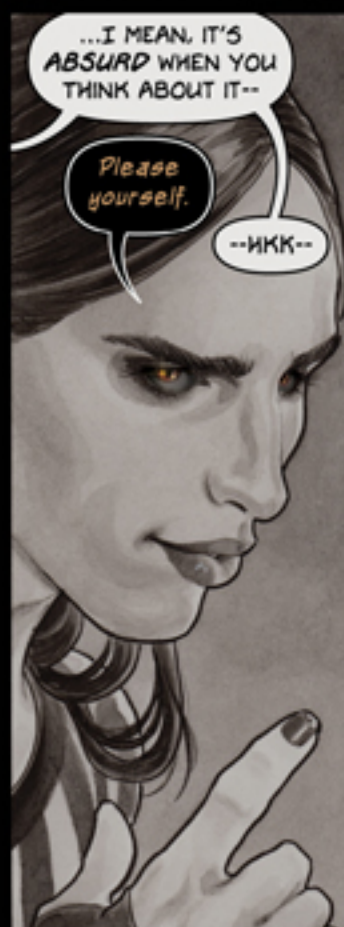
DID IT ALMOST ALL THAT TIME WITHOUT HOSPITALS OR DOCTORS OR WHO KNOWS WHAT...



...AND DID IT JUST FINE, AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED...



...BUT NOW WE DO IT IN *HOSPITALS* AND WE PAY FOR THE PRIVILEGE...



...I MEAN, IT'S *ABSURD* WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT--

*Please yourself.*

--HKK--



--NMH N-NNN...

FOR THE *BABY*.

...HNN MHHH...



...HNN UM UHH...



LOVELY. I'LL BE BACK TO DELIVER IT LATER.

OH, AND PERFECT?

YES, HIGHNESS?

SHE'S MAKING A SCENE.

...UM HUM UM UM-UM...



...OH GOD OH GOD OHHH...