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Buyer: I’m sorry, I didn’t meet you

PP: Hi, Ann Schutt-Aine. I’m her Medical Director at Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast.

PP2: It’s okay. Ann, you’ll be meeting [Name] sooner or later.

Buyer: Hi, I’m [Name]. I’m lead technician for BioMax.

PP2: So, we’ve been working with them, Missy [Melissa Farrell, PPGC VP Research] and I have been talking to them, about, so, tissue collection, and all this other stuff. Middleman. Whoa. Sorry to put you like that, [Name].

Buyer: I don’t mind, you know what? Middleman, that’s me.

PP2: So you’ll be seeing [Name].

PP: I’m the Director of Abortion Services at Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast. I’m her associate medical director there.

PP2: You know how you and [Name] met Paul?

Buyer: Yes

PP: Ann is actually the one that’s in my clinic three and a half days out of the week.

Buyer: Ok, so we’ll definitely see each other then.

PP: Yeah, I’m kind of the one who’s in charge, like Paul is the overall medical director of the entire affiliate, but I kind of run the third floor, the abortion services, so,

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PP2: So, so, if, once we like get our relationship established, it will actually be Ann that you will be seeing more of, than Paul.

PP: You'll see my name a lot,

Buyer: Ok, no, I can dig it, finals are done in May. So I'll be available more to be around

PP: For the summer

Buyer: Yeah exactly, I couldn't be around, I was telling her, oh, I had an exam. I was bummed, I was bummed.

PP2: You like, [Name] you have to come and play with our tissue and see if it's cool enough for you.

Buyer: I like tissues.

PP: We have a lot of it.

Buyer: Ok, ok, so more for me to do, like keep me busy, 'cause you know if I'm not busy, I get in trouble

PP2: See? So I have two providers that go up to 24 weeks, and Ann is one of the providers. [Name] and I'm so sorry I forgot-

Buyer: [Name]

PP2: [Name] met the other provider that goes up to 24 weeks, which was Anitra Beasley. But Ann is the other provider that goes up to 24 weeks as well, so, if you want more intact ones, she's the one you kind of need to talk to.

Buyer: Oh, ok, you're the one to see, huh?

PP: I had a patient, sometime in the past few months, who, I don't remember what it was, oh she wanted footprints. And I had a resident with me that day. And I was like,

PP2: We did footprints! We did footprints!

PP: You know what? I'm gonna do this procedure, because I'm gonna try to do my best to get these feet out intact.

Buyer: Right.

PP2: We did footprints and handprints baby!

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Buyer: Dude you guys are awesome, well done.

PP: We do our best.

PP2: But, but they need like, the liver, mostly, and the thymus.

Buyer: Right now, we're getting a lot for liver and thymus. Liver is in short demand. See like there's people right now, most of the people like ABR, StemExpress, some of our competitors, they're not even selling the tissue. They're like, oh we'll give you an isolation. And we're like, well, why can't I get it? And they're like, Well, because it's in such short demand right now, it's more profitable for us to isolate it and sell you the vials, rather than give you the entire tissue, and I'm just like, are you serious?

PP: It's funny because, ever since I think I remember it feels like it was six months or a year ago, you told me about the proposition, and so now every time I do a D&E, I'm like oh, there's some lungs, there's some kidneys.

Buyer: Yeah, you already know, huh?

PP2: We can do this [Name] I'm telling you.

Buyer: I'm down, no I'm excited.

PP2: We can totally do this. I was like, where's [Name]? I was like, where is this guy, I was like, where's my guy who can play with the tissue. I'm was like, because they were like trying to sort it, and I'm like, picking up, and they're like can you show us a sample from today? And I'm like, this is a really bad day for us, there was only one sample.

PP: You'll be desensitized for playing with the tissue. I know it seems morbid.

Buyer: I remember you mentioned that, there was one that day.

PP2: And it was like one bad sample, it was like a 16 year old kid, so we just had to hurry up, whereas like other days, it's like more intact where it's like maybe only like an arm that's disarticulated—

PP: I would imagine between most weeks, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, we get anywhere between 5 and 10 samples a week. I mean just between Thursday, Friday, Saturday, typical, typical,

PP2: And that's what I was telling you and [Name] and [Name], like, we like, 30 to 50, is like a good number for the month, easy.

Buyer: Easy, ok. Wow, no that's phenomenal, I mean, [Name] and I are going to be busy.

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PP2: But he's the one that likes to play with POC [products of conception] and I was like, where—

PP: You put him with Glenda.

PP2: I know, I was like, no Glenda was the one who took out the tissue for [Name] and for [Name], and we were all like there like, well, here's like the lung, here's the kidneys, and I was like but, where's [Name], he's like, the one does like all of this.

Buyer: Dude, I was taking my exam, right? And my phone is just like vibrating, vibrating, vibrating, and finally he's like, well, what do you think this is? That's totally thymus, it's a little bit small, but I think it's the thymus. He's like, uh—

PP2: And he wanted to take more pictures, and we're like, you can't do that yet,

Buyer: He can't, yeah I heard about that,

PP2: We're still in the process, you just signed the paperwork with us, we're not there yet.

Buyer: Yeah, you have to warm up to it

PP2: Yeah.

Buyer: And that's what he was saying, he was like dude, I think I over did it, like I just wanted to try to like, facilitate the connection 'cause you couldn't be there.

PP2: He was like all like—

Buyer: I was like yeah, but you can't just go taking pictures that's not how it works. He's like I know, hopefully they don't hate me.

PP2: And then we had like 17-week twins in the freezer, because we were waiting for a funeral home to pick them up, and I was like I'm sorry, you can't see them, they were like the most intact, because it was a fetal anomaly,

PP: The conjoined twins?

PP2: The conjoined twins. I was like, I'm sorry we put formalin in there, so it's all, like, dark white, you can't, it's not clear, it's not like something you can see. And he goes, Oh. But I was like, but it's really cool though, there's like three legs, and like, two spinal cords, and like—

Buyer: I'd be down to see that, that would be pretty cool.

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PP2: It was different, because I was like, I know you're not the tissue guy, so it's not the same when you're like, Hey, look!

Buyer: Yeah dude, I would've had a field day, that would've been crazy—hold on let me grab this beer real quick—Excuse me, sir? May I have one beer. Flying Dog. Hey, I appreciate it, thank you very much.

PP: —chair at LSU, and I was like, oh yeah whatever, and that was it, that was the end of the conversation. And five minutes later he says to me, and I hadn't said anything else, he's like, I'm not moving to New Orleans, and I said—

PP2: You see how he was my saving grace?

PP: He knew. He was like, because, honestly—

Buyer: I'm glad I met you guys, you guys are awesome.

PP2: We're a little bit different than other providers.

Buyer: Different is good. I hate mainstream, they just seem so disingenuous, which is like why am I wasting my time.

PP2: I'm like, yeah, I have like a leg for you! I'm like, oh sh**, if other people were to hear me, they'd be like, you are f***ing evil. You know what I mean, like?

Buyer: They don't know, they don't know.

PP2: It's like so cool, because we used to be so, we used to be so involved in different studies, but then when our like providers like moved away, and like [inaudible], I think this all changed, but like, we just used to like so much more involved, and it was like,

Buyer: Well, we're going to change that. We're definitely gonna change that.

PP2: I'm excited. I'm totally excited, I'm like, come on, it's like, you know what? All the abortions we do, let it go to some science.

Buyer: I mean, why not, like I was just speaking to like this other guy named [Name], and I was speaking to him, he just opened up a new clinic up in Canada, but it's a very small province, and he's just like, he's like what can I do? Of course like, we went through the gestation age, we went through volume, and it was difficult because like, it was so small, I didn't want to be like, well we can't. So obviously I feel, continuing the conversation, you know, that's always the best thing? But he was like, what can I do? Can I freeze it? How can I get this to you, cause I'm just throwing it in the trash. I know dude, it blows, it's such a waste. There's got to be a way to figure it out.

PP2: What are you going to school for?

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Buyer: My study, my field is genetics. I want to be a genetic counselor,

PP2: We have genetic counselors come through our clinic, to just like, hang out and learn how to like talk to patients and stuff like that, yeah.

Buyer: Right, totally, see, it's a support role, counseling, and you know, I like people, and sometimes they seem to like me too. So, I truly, that's what I want to do, you know what I mean? I just, but as you know, medical school is competitive, I'm self-supporting, and I feel like I've lucked out enough to be in a position to make a wage, get lab time experience, and put something in there that is going to distinguish me, when I try to apply to whatever med school will take me. So that's me, we still have to see.

PP2: It's totally cool though, but it's like so much, like, it's so, no it's cool. It's like, what you're doing, it's like, you know what? I hate to say this, and I'm actually not trying to knock any doctors or anything like that, but what you're doing, is going to make a much more profound impact than being a physician.

Buyer: Oh, absolutely.

PP2: And I want you to hear that, like—

Buyer: I mean, I know I'm not even 25 yet, but when I see doctors, like they're getting, I don't want to be the type of guy that's being paid just to move people through, just so I can see that many people. I truly believe that, it's not about the cash, if you're really going to help somebody, understand what's going on, find ways to deal with it, and if they want to start a family, you're going to help them have the most healthy family they can have, you know, that's it for me, you know?

PP2: Yeah, it's totally, I mean that's totally totally cool though, it's true it's like, honestly, you know like, it sounds so like, crass to people, but, it's like, alright, either incineration through biohazard, or like a difference, like—

Buyer: Study, yeah, absolutely.

PP2: You can f***ing make a difference, like, as crass as it sounds, where do you think some of the research came from?

Buyer: No, that's what I was saying, like everybody—

PP: We're gonna go pee, and then Shake Shack.

PP2: Shake Shack? We'll meet up with Craig?

PP: We'll meet up with [inaudible], I'm just gonna go pee and then literally, [Name] nice to meet you

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Buyer: Ann, good to meet you doll, I'll be seeing you soon

PP2: You'll be seeing [Name] soon

PP: Jackie, I think we met in DC

Buyer: We did meet in DC

PP: Yes, Yeah, but we'll keep in touch [Name]

Buyer: You guys, enjoy the rest of the evening, see you soon

PP: Take care.

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