

SAMPLE BEAT SHEET FOR AN EPISODE OF *EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND*

The cast is:

Raymond, a NY sportswriter, and his wife, Debra, a stay-at-home mom, and their three kids, a young teenage girl, and younger twin boys. The kids are not shown very often in the series.

Marie and Frank, Ray's parents, are also their next door neighbors. Retired, they are always around.

Robert, Ray's brother, is a NYC cop. He's jealous of Raymond because their mother has always clearly favored Ray. He's married to Amy. They have no children.

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“Pregnant with Feeling”

COLD OPEN

RAY'S KITCHEN - MORNING

- Debra is making breakfast for Ray when Marie arrives with bacon omlette. She noticed “the children were looking a little peaked.” She wants them all to come over for dinner tonight and have her beef stroganoff.

- Debra tells Ray she has a doctor's appointment so he needs to pick up the twins from school.

- Marie asks why Debra's wearing that old outfit. Debra says she let the laundry go cause she was busy, and she's wearing an old dress from the back of her closet.

- Debra eats some crackers, says she's feeling queasy since the tacos she had last night and excuses herself. Marie says that's suspicious. Ray says the salsa was kind of suspicious. But he's not sick? Ray says he went light on the salsa. Marie leaves.

ACT ONE

MARIE'S KITCHEN – IMMEDIATELY

- Marie tells Frank the good news. Debra's feeling sick this morning and she's gaining weight. Frank knows Marie has problems with Debra, but that seems a little mean of her. Marie says he's an idiot – this means they're going to be grandparents again. “Oh, crap! Another twelve years of babysitting,” he says. Marie's very happy, and says she ought to look for her baby-naming book.

- Robert drops in for a cup of coffee. Marie says he and Amy should come for the beef stroganoff dinner. She thinks there will be some very good news revealed to everyone. Marie leaves to look for “that book.” Robert wonders what the good news is. Frank tells Robert it's actually very bad news. After Robert makes a couple lame guesses on what the bad news is, Frank tells him – Debra's pregnant.

- Robert calls up Amy and says Ray's doing it again, having another kid, so they better get busy.

### RAY'S LIVING ROOM – LATER THAT DAY

- Marie comes over and is being super-nice and helpful to Debra, asks how the doctor's visit was. Marie tells Debra she's always liked the name "Angela." To get Marie out of the way Debra asks Marie if she'd go to the store for her. Marie says whatever Debra needs she's sure she has it next door. Debra says she needs some exotic Indian spice. Marie says she has paprika, which is just as good, and leaves.

- Ray comes in with the twins. Debra asks him why his mother is acting so nice to her all of a sudden. It's very suspicious. She wants Ray to find out. Now.

### MARIE'S KITCHEN - IMMEDIATELY

- Ray finds his mom and says Debra's happy that she's being so nice to her. Marie says she's always nice. Ray says, extra nice. Marie says she knows their secret. Ray's puzzled. Marie says Debra's eating crackers in the morning, wearing a big dress to cover her weight gain. Ray says she went to the doctor's today, and he'll ask her what she weighs. Marie says, "Oh, she hasn't told you?" Marie says he'll discover that Debra is gaining weight and Marie has already noticed Debra has morning sickness. Ray needs to wake up and smell the baby formula – Debra's pregnant.

- Ray says that's impossible. When Marie asks why impossible, he phumphers a bit and then says they're very careful. Not careful enough, says Marie.

- Ray says that's impossible. He's had a vasectomy. Marie is very disappointed that he would do something to prevent her from having more grandchildren. Ray asks what about Robert? Marie waves her hand, not that interested in any progeny Robert might produce.

- Marie says Ray should really be concerned about who's the father of Debra's baby. Ray says that's ridiculous and leaves.

### RAY'S KITCHEN – THAT AFTERNOON

- Debra returns from her doctor's appointment. Ray asks what doctor she saw. Debra says her OB/GYN. Ray wonders why she went to see that doctor. Debra wonders why he's so curious about this, since he usually doesn't want to talk with her about women's plumbing stuff. Ray says his mom had this crazy idea that Debra was pregnant, but he knows that's not possible.

- Debra breaks down and says it's true. Ray says he had a vasectomy. He's going to sue that lousy doctor who did such a bad job on his you know what. Debra cries out that he's not the father. Ray is stunned.

## ACT TWO

### RAY'S KITCHEN – CONTINUOUS

- Ray goes from stunned to angry.

- Debra asks him if he wants to know who the father is. It's the mailman. No, it's the manager at the grocery store. No, it's Shaquille O'Neal.

- Finally, after driving him nuts, Debra says the father is Marie, because she's the one who's fantasized it all.

- Debra says his mother drives them all crazy, but maybe they can have a little revenge on her. Ray says his dad will never forgive them if they don't get him in on it, too.

#### MARIE'S KITCHEN – THAT NIGHT

- Robert and Amy are there when Debra and Ray arrive, saying the kids will come over in a minute. Debra tells Frank she'd like to start with a martini, make it a double. Ray says she shouldn't drink that on top of all the wine she already had. Marie is astonished, and tells Frank to cut her off. Debra grabs the bottle from Frank and starts to drink. Marie pulls it away.

- Ray says Debra's just trying to take the edge off – she's a little worried about when they go skydiving tomorrow. Marie says she can't do that.

- Ray then suddenly starts to describe a boxing match he had to cover as a reporter and, in a clearly choreographed move, mimics a punch and “accidentally” catches Debra in the stomach.

- Debra stumbles and Ray catches her awkwardly, mimicking another blow to the stomach. Debra complains that he just punched her.

- Marie says stop it. What are you doing? Debra's pregnant. Ray says he knows, but they're trying to create a special needs child. They're tired of cute and perfect kids who are so expensive to raise. The government will help pay for a special needs kid.

- After torturing Marie a bit more, Debra says she's not pregnant. Marie just jumped to conclusions.

- Amy asks Robert if that means they can stop getting busy – or at least, stop getting as busy.

#### TAG

#### INT. RAY'S LIVING ROOM – NIGHT

- Ray and Debra return home, pleased with the joke they pulled on Marie. Ray suggests they take advantage of his vasectomy. Debra declines. She's had enough fun for one night.