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Failed Adoption?

Continue in Love



Tears slid down Michael and Amy's cheeks as they drove through the night. The potential adoptive parents were moving away from the hospital, where they had spent two days holding a newborn infant. At the end of the two days, the couple hugged and kissed the baby one last time and handed him back to his mother.

Leaning over, Amy hugged the birth mother, said "good-bye" and smiling, wished her well. That was two hours ago. In another three hours, they would be home, where they would remove the empty infant carrier strapped into the seat behind them.

The cell phone vibrated. A member of the Heart to Heart team was calling.

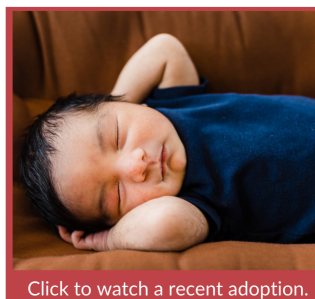
The birth mother had changed her mind once again. Could Michael and Amy come back?

The emotional highs and lows of this situation can't be exaggerated.

Michael could have cussed about being jerking around.

Amy could have resented the disruption.

Instead, the couple looked for an exit. They did not go back angry. They recognized the emotional space this birth mother was in. They turned around and continued to show unconditional love.



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This incident turned out to be an incredibly bonding experience. The birth mother recognized this was a couple who would handle bad days with her child. The two women connected over the love for a baby and respected the part each of them played in the child's life. The adults continue to provide love to the child as well as to one another.