

The Legend of Baby Jayce. 13/8/2019.

“Just call me if you are not feeling well,’ were the words Danny told Kimmy as he said his usual early morning goodbye before he would leave Kimmy’s place after sleeping over. He would then drive back to his own place for a shower and to get dressed for work. Danny just had a feeling that something was going to happen that day.

His gut feeling was right as around 11:00am that morning he received a call from his work’s front office that Kimmy had been taken from her TAFE course by ambulance to hospital. Danny informed his work managers that it was an emergency and that he had to leave immediately to get to the hospital.

Danny drove to the hospital not sure of where to go. As he approached the hospital front entrance, he saw Kimmy was already standing there waiting for him by the front door. Danny stopped and Kimmy hopped in. Kimmy informed Danny that she had started bleeding at TAFE and an ambulance was called and she was taken to hospital where she had a miscarriage.

They drove back to Danny’s place where they both cried and consoled each other for the rest of the afternoon. Baby Jayce was no more. Kimmy had no paperwork from the hospital. No discharge note. Nothing. It was as if Baby Jayce had never existed. Even the 6 week ultrasound that was presented to Danny months later was just a mere screenshot from a computer screen with no names or dates. It was a clear fake. Kimmy refused to produce the original.

“Pichung!!!” That is the sound of the bullet that Danny dodges every time he looks in the mirror when he sees that image of deceit that he has tattooed on his chest over his heart.

Danny and Kimmy agreed to get matching tattoos to commemorate Baby Jayce. Danny designed the image, a heart shape with a pair of baby feet in the centre. Curved around one side of the top of the heart was the baby’s full name, “Jayce Noah” then “Danny” followed by Kimmy’s “family name”. On the other side of the heart was the date of the miscarriage, 13/8/2019. On one side at the bottom was “Kimmy’s” name. Danny went to get his tattoo. However, he knew something wasn’t right when he sent Kimmy a picture of the tattoo design stencilled on his chest over his heart prior to tattooing. The message he received back was one of non-interest and non-caring.

Kimmy’s further response when he returned home once the tattoo was completed threw Danny’s mind into despair as she didn’t want to see it and informed Danny that she would not be getting her tattoo, Danny simply said, “Somehow I knew that you were not going to go through with it. If you had told me that, I would not have gone through with it either.”

The following weekend after the miscarriage, Kimmy and Danny had a balloon send off at the Oxley Lookout for Baby Jayce. This was despite the fact that the night before around midnight, Kimmy had gone into one of her increasing rage attacks and had kicked Danny out of her place. Danny was starting to become accustomed to this weird behaviour. He endured a lot of verbal, emotional and mental abuse from

Kimmy as he would stay through her attacks as long as possible as he was worried she would do something to hurt herself.

These nights would end when he could tell she was trying to push him to explode, and he would have to get himself out of the volatile situation or Kimmy would just yell at Danny to "Get Out!" This was one of those nights.

Danny had decided that he would still go ahead with the farewell and then would go down the coast to visit his mate to clear his mind of the past week, especially following being kicked out the night before. Danny got up in the morning and went to the "party shop" to pick up the three blue helium balloons and some blue ribbon. He printed out the cute picture that Kimmy and Danny had been using for their "Master in the Making" picture of Baby Jayce. He then called around to get Kimmy. Danny told Kimmy to bring her car as he would be leaving once the balloons are gone.

Their little ceremony came and went, and Danny said "Good-bye" to Kimmy. He left to go home to pack his bag.

One night shortly after the miscarriage, during one of her regular weekend rages, Kimmy finally admitted to Danny, "Don't worry, the baby wasn't even yours." It ripped Danny's heart out. Now Danny had lost Baby Jayce not once, but twice. Once from the miscarriage, and now again by being informed that he was not the father. Baby Jayce was not his. This explained why Kimmy never wanted her Baby Jayce tattoo. And Danny cannot comprehend how Kimmy could knowing allow Danny to get a tattoo on his chest for another man's baby. It was just twisted, cruel and evil. Danny always had suspicions that Baby Jayce might not have been his. But being so naive, he put his trust into Kimmy.