Practice Surprise by Robert Campbell

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

JAMES, 30s, looks at STEVEN, 30s. Anxiety abounds.

STEVEN

Okay, pretend you're Cindy.

JAMES

Got it. I'm Cindy.

(beat)

Ready?

STEVEN

Ready.

JAMES

I'm pregnant.

STEVEN

Son of a bitch!

JAMES

Seriously? That's what you're gonna say to your wife?

STEVEN

I know, I know! ... Try again.

JAMES

We're having a baby!

STEVEN

Fuckin' diaphragm! 95 percent effective my ass.

JAMES

Dude!

STEVEN

Crap! ... Aagh! When I tossed the trash out, and saw that little plus sign I was happy, but now...

JAMES

You're scared.

STEVEN

Terrified. And I can't let Cindy know. Let's try it again.

JAMES

You sure?

STEVEN

Yeah. Lay it on me. I'm ready.

JAMES

Hello, daddy!

Steven throws up.

JAMES

Oh, yeah. You're ready.