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Becoming a Midwife

We shared a birthdate,

To the year.

She didn't know that.

I thought about it every time we met.

She was 23,

So was I.

She was coming to me for prenatal care.

I was caring for her as a student nurse midwife.

This was her second pregnancy.

I had never been pregnant.

She had a toddler, and a baby on the way.

I had graduate school, a degree to obtain.

Food was one my table.

She was malnourished.

My fiancé treated me with respect.

She was verbally and physically abused by the father of her baby.

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