

Fake Fam' Synopsis

Though sisters, CAP KARMONA and JULIE BAKER couldn't be more different. Cap is a freewheeling artist who makes ends meet by hosting infomercials, and Julie is a top-notch, highly-organized event planner. Both are the daughters of the quirky - but lovable BARB KARMONA... who has a secret.

Barb (when a young woman) had once served as a surrogate mother for her best friend, and as a result, she has a third surrogate "daughter" that no one knows about. ...This third daughter (SHAUNA JONES - straight-laced, and expecting), is moving (along with her husband, JOHN) into town! Cap and Julie are determined to prove their acceptance of Shauna to the family by throwing her a surprise baby shower.

Meanwhile, Cap takes a commercial gig for a social media app called "RELATIATECTIVE" - a profiling tool designed to solve all your relationship mysteries. ...Additionally, Cap forms an online relationship with a co-worker named FRANK O'SULLIVAN, who is managing a false profile on a travel blog as a favor for a buddy. The only problem is - Cap thinks that his profile is real. And Frank is too nervous to come clean.

As the party-planning progresses, a series of errors and miscommunications turns the simple task into an all-out war between sisters. Because of Julie's poor communication, Cap accidentally books the wrong venue, and charges a \$9,000 resort to Julie's company credit card! And Julie faces a major personal trial of her own, and wants to ask Cap for help... but is convinced that Cap is too irresponsible to trust. Sibling rivalry sets in, and the baby shower expands out of control.

Cap baby-sits Julie's kids, and starts to suspect that there's something that Julie is keeping from her. Finally, their trust in each other crumbles when Julie and Cap both seek help from Relatiatetective - which is designed only to destroy relationships, and never to mend them.

Frank works up enough courage to meet Cap in person and tell her the truth about his travel blog profile. ...But, caught at a really bad moment, Cap takes the news poorly and pushes him into a fountain... an unfortunate reaction which her client, CHARLES (the founder of Relatiatetective), catches on camera and will use against her later.

The day of the baby shower dawns, and by now, the party has ballooned to the size of a large wedding. Unbeknownst to Cap, Frank and his accident-prone buddy ANDRE land an invite to the surprise party from Shauna's husband (who doesn't realize that the party is a baby shower for Shauna). Julie's business partners mistake Cap for the intern, and refuse to keep her in the loop on event preparation. Cap is tempted by Charles to walk out on the whole thing. She makes the difficult decision to stay and support her family... and therefore, Charles begins seeking an opportunity to prove his theory that no relationship - family or otherwise - is worth saving. Shauna

is less than pleased to be the subject of a surprise party, but she masks her discomfort. Charles makes his big exit by starting an all-out food fight! During the resulting chaos, Cap discovers the secret that Julie's been keeping... that behind her facade of perfection, Julie had indeed been going through a difficult time in her marriage. Cap realizes that the whole time she'd been defending herself against Julie's "attacks", her sister had only just wanted someone to lean on. However, it's too late for apologies, and Julie walks out, determined never to have anything to do with family again.

Defeated, Cap returns to work, feeling like a failure and acutely aware of her relationship shortcomings. Barb convinces her to try reaching out to Julie, but Cap is certain that Julie will never speak to her again. Cap seeks help from Frank - ironically, the most genuine person she knows. Frank, in turn, reaches out to Shauna's husband John, with whom he has formed a separate friendship.

Together, the group pays a visit to Julie's house in hopes of convincing her of their collective desire for peace. They are unsuccessful, and find Julie determined to not only leave the family, but to leave town as well. However, to the surprise of all, the ill-fated intervention is interrupted when Shauna goes into labor. Suddenly faced with what's really important, everyone has to work together to get Shauna to the delivery room.

While waiting for the baby to be born, Cap and Julie have time to reconnect, and are finally forced to have the conversation that they should have had years ago. False assumptions are exposed, and both Cap and Julie find a chance to rebuild the relationship that was destroyed.

Some things can't be changed... Julie still intends to move herself and her kids across the country. However, finding that the door to family is now reopened, Cap offers to help her. Cap discovers that even the worst of ruined relationships can be saved, as long as one is willing to love selflessly.

Fake Fam' is ultimately about finding unity by choosing to view our loved ones through a lens of love, commitment, and reality; and by refusing to become divided by the false "wisdom" that the world offers.