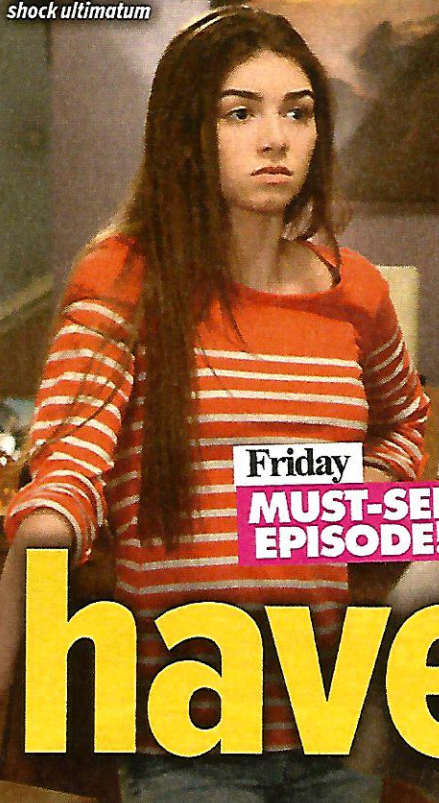


Showdown...
Cindy delivers a
shock ultimatum



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You can't have my baby!

Will Cindy wreck Ian and Jane's plan to adopt Beth?

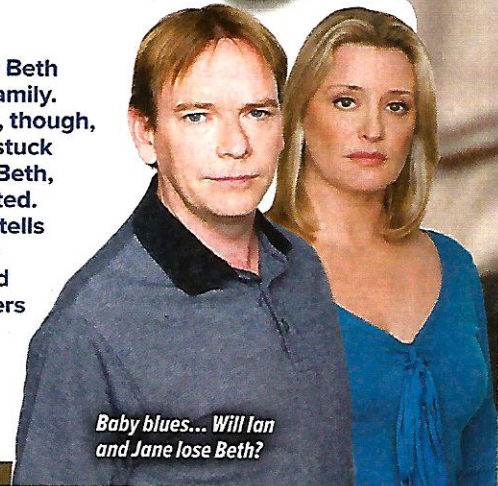
When Ian helped Cindy give birth to baby Beth last summer, little did he know he'd be left holding the baby! Having split from Beth's father, TJ, Cindy has been left to raise her daughter alone, and the reluctant teenage mum reached breaking point recently, when she abandoned Beth in the park. 'Cindy comes across as being a lot stronger than she really is,' explains Mimi Keene, who plays the character. 'But she's finding motherhood quite difficult.'

Having accepted she doesn't want to be a mum, Cindy said Ian and Jane can officially adopt Beth. For Ian and Jane, Beth has been a welcome distraction from their grief over Lucy, who died last year.

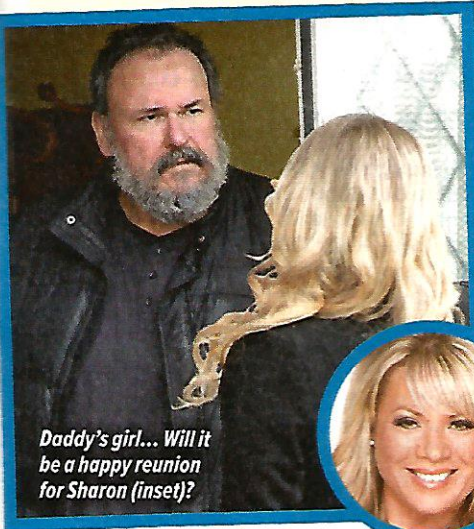
Coming clean

This week, however, Cindy's encouraged to speak out about the adoption – leading to a big argument in the Beale household. After Ian's temper gets the better of him, Cindy storms off, with Jane in hot pursuit. At home,

Ian is determined to see Beth remain as part of their family. Cindy has other ideas, though, and doesn't want to be stuck under the same roof as Beth, the child she never wanted. When a social worker tells Cindy it would be better for Beth to live in Ian and Jane's care, Cindy delivers a shocking ultimatum... How far will Cindy go to get Beth out of her life? And will Ian and Jane fight back? ■



Baby blues... Will Ian and Jane lose Beth?



Daddy's girl... Will it be a happy reunion for Sharon (inset)?



Hello, Dad!

Since the death of her birth mum, Carol, earlier this year, Sharon has been on a quest to find her birth father. After meeting half-brother Kristopher, at Carol's funeral, Sharon saw some old letters and believes her biological father was a friend of her adoptive dad, Den. But so far, Sharon has no further clues.

So, Sharon's in for a surprise when Phil reveals he's tracked down her dad and takes her to meet him! As she prepares to clap eyes on her father, Gordon, for the first time, Sharon is nervous and full of questions. Will the reunion go to plan? Or is she in for a shock? While Sharon's been distracted, however, Phil has forged her

As Sharon meets her father, will she call time on Phil?

signature and signed over The Albert to Vincent to stop him revealing family secrets! When she finds out about Phil's dodgy behaviour, furious Sharon is ready to call time on their marriage... Will Sharon reunite with her dad, but lose her husband at the same time? ■

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