

KATE & RYAN

SPECIAL OCCASION

INT. FRENCH BISTRO - NIGHT

Attractive twenty-somethings RYAN and KATE enjoy their wine.

KATE
So what's the special occasion?

RYAN
Special occasion?

KATE
Come on, Ryan. This place takes weeks to get into.

RYAN
Try months. Lucky for us I have nice feet.

KATE
What?

RYAN
The hostess has a... thing.
(sotto)
Foot fetish.

KATE
You let her touch your feet?

RYAN
I just wanted this night to be special.

Ryan is sweating. His leg jack rabbits under the table.

KATE
Is there something else?

RYAN
~~Actually, there is something. Kate~~
we've been together a long time.
And well...

He takes out a small jewelry box. Kate squeals.

KATE
OhmyGodohmyGod! You're proposing?!

Ryan's face falls.

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RYAN

Um...

He opens the box. Kate deflates.

KATE

It's... earrings.

RYAN

(jokingly)

Diamond earrings.

KATE

So this is funny to you?

RYAN

No, honey. Don't you like them?

KATE

They're beautiful. I shouldn't have assumed it was a ring. I mean it's not like we've been living together for five years. Oh wait, we have.

RYAN

Don't get upset. After all, diamonds are a girl's best friend.

KATE

Is there someone else?

RYAN

What?

KATE

It's not my birthday. Or our anniversary. On Valentine's day you made me a mix CD.

RYAN

And that means I'm cheating?

KATE

You've never gotten me anything this nice. You're trying to bribe me just like you bribed that hostess with your feet.

RYAN

I... got a promotion.

Ryan's leg jack rabbits.

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KATE
You're lying.

RYAN
How do you know?

KATE
Because when you're lying you get
leg spasms.

Ryan puts his weight on his knee.

RYAN
It just itches.

Kate tears up, fanning herself.

KATE
I can't believe you're cheating on
me.

RYAN
I'm not.

Ryan's leg spasms again. It shakes the table.

RYAN (CONT'D)
Damn it! Okay! Okay! You're right.
I did cheat.
(off her shock)
But it's not what you think.

KATE
Then what is it?!

RYAN
Pizza and a six pack.

KATE
You're kidding? This is about your
diet?

RYAN
Our diet. We went on Weight
Watchers together. I blew like 2000
points.

She puts her hand on his leg.

KATE
And that's the whole truth?

RYAN
Nothing but.

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Ryan struggles. His eye twitches.

RYAN (CONT'D)

Oh come on! Fine. I had a pizza and a six pack. Then I raided the kitchen for dessert.

KATE

And?!

RYAN

And then I knocked over the sugar.

KATE

That's it! I've had enough of your games.

She rises with her purse and turns to leave.

RYAN

Wait. I needed something to clean it up, so I went under the sink.

She stops. Slowly turns back. Her eyes narrow.

KATE

You found it didn't you. You found my stash.

RYAN

I tried replacing it. I hit the streets and got nothing.

KATE

How much, Ryan? How much did you take?

She grabs him by the ear.

RYAN

Ow. Ow.

KATE

How much, Ryan?

RYAN

Everything.

She let's go.

KATE

Everything!

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RYAN

All four boxes. I swear I tried to replace them. I went door to door.

KATE

How could you?! Girl Scouts only come once a year!

END

RYAN

I know. I know. I hounded dozens of little girls and all I could get was Trefoils and my name on a sex offenders watch list.

KATE

I can't believe you would betray me like this. This is a deal breaker, Ryan.

RYAN

But Kate you know they're addictive. You can't stop at just one.

She hits him with her purse.

KATE

You know how many squat thrusts I did to have just one! And you keep your diamond earrings.

Kate throws the jewelry box at him.

RYAN

You don't want them?

KATE

I want my thin mints!

She hits him with her purse and stomps away. She whips back around and nails him again.

KATE (CONT'D)

Once a year, Ryan! Once a year!

RYAN

Hey, wait a minute. You weren't even gonna share. You're the cheater.

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