

Changes

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INT. HOUSE - DAY.

ADAM GRAVELTIN, 26, enters a house holding a moving box, he is a tall man with brown hair and brown eyes. He looks tough on the outside with tattoos. His wife CHARLOTTE GRAVELTIN, 25, enters behind him also holding a moving box. She is a middle eastern women, long curly hair and green eyes. They set the boxes down, look at the house in silence and admire it.

CHARLOTTE

Well, that's the last of it. We are officially home owners!

INT. HOUSE - KITCHEN - EVENING.

Adam and Charlotte are cooking together in the kitchen, they are LAUGHING and dancing to MUSIC. Charlotte hugs Adam from the back with a spoon in her hand.

CHARLOTTE

Here. Try this.

She puts the spoon in his mouth.

ADAM

Mmmmmmm. Wow! That's absolutely delicious!

INT. HOUSE - DINING ROOM - EVENING.

The couple is sitting at the dining room table with a meal in front of them. This is their first meal in their new home they are very happy.

ADAM

Cheers to us.

They cheers as they are laughing.

INT. HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT.

The couple is sitting on the couch watching the NEWS. They look cozy, covered with a blanket, cuddled up together.

NEWS ANCHOR

(On television)

The spread of the COVID-19 is increasing every single day.

(MORE)

ADAM (CONT'D)

Today there were over 1000 cases in the province of Ontario and they have announced that they are going into lockdown.

ADAM

Oh man, that sucks. We're gonna have to work from home.

CHARLOTTE

Well on the bright side, we get to spend more time together...in our new house.

ADAM

You're right. I get to enjoy my wife even more now.

INT. HOUSE - DINING ROOM - DAY.

Adam working on his computer on the dinning room table. There are papers all over the table. Charlotte walks in.

CHARLOTTE

Good morning. Is there..uh..anyway that you can make some room for me?

ADAM

Uhhh...I don't know. I need this space. I need to have all my papers out to do my work.

CHARLOTTE

Well honey, I need to work too. This is the only spot in the house. You know...my job is just as important as yours.

It is silent. Adam is not paying attention and is looking down on his computer continuing to work.

CHARLOTTE (CONT'D)

(angrily)

You know what..leave it. I'll go work somewhere else. Have the table.

Charlotte moves to the couch and spreads out her working on the coffee table and starts doing her work there.

INT. HOUSE - KITCHEN - EVENING.

Charlotte is cooking alone in the kitchen.

CHARLOTTE
Hey Adam? Can you help me with
dinner?

Charlotte waits for a response but does not get one. Adam is still working.

CHARLOTTE (CONT'D)
Adam? Are you listening? I need
your help.

ADAM
Yeah, just a second.

She continues to cook on her own.

CHARLOTTE
Okay, well I'm done Just make sure
to clean up that annoying mess
before I'm done cooking.

ADAM
My works not a mess Charlotte.

INT. HOUSE - DINING ROOM - EVENING.

The couple is eating in silence. The only sounds is the CUTLERY against the plate.

ADAM
How was your day?

CHARLOTTE
It was fine.

ADAM
Was it busy? Tell me about it you
always do.

CHARLOTTE
There's nothing to tell, it was
fine.

They continue to eat in silence.

INT. HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT.

Adam is on the couch watching a hockey game. Charlotte walks in from the kitchen.

CHARLOTTE

Hey. Do you mind if I watch Greys Anatomy right now?

ADAM

It's Thursday..it's game night. You know I watch it with the guys every Thursday. I've never miss a game and now since I can't watch it with the guys I have to watch it at home.

CHARLOTTE

While you're out watching games I've made it a habit for myself to watch my show!

ADAM

Okay, let's find a compromise.

CHARLOTTE

(loudly)

I don't want to find a compromise. I'm tired of this! All you think about is yourself. I just wanna relax after a long, hard day. All you care about is your stupid job, and those stupid game!

ADAM

(screaming)

My stupid job? Excuse me? This is my life Charlotte. Sorry if I take my job too seriously!

CHARLOTTE

You know what Adam, I'm tired, watch your game. I'm going to bed.

Charlotte walks away, Adam stay in the living room focusing on the game.

INT. HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT.

Adam is sleeping on the couch alone. Charlotte comes downstairs and covers him with a blanket and walks away.

INT. HOUSE - DINING ROOM/LIVING ROOM - MORNING

Charlotte comes down and ignores Adam who is working on the dining room table and works on the couch without a word. It is silent.

INT. HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - DAY

Charlotte is eating alone on the couch. It is silent.

INT. HOUSE - KITCHEN - EVENING.

Charlotte is cleaning up in the kitchen, Adam serving himself. The only noise heard is the CLATTERING of the dishes and the music in the background. 'Can't Help Falling In Love' by Elvis Presley begins playing on the speaker.

Charlotte smiles to herself. Adam grabs her and starts dancing with her.

ADAM

Do you remember this? Do you remember our first dance at our wedding? I will never forget how beautiful you looked that day. It was the day you became my partner for life.

CHARLOTTE

Of course I remember. It was the best day of my life. I'll never forget it either.

ADAM

Baby, I'm sorry things have been so crazy. It's just working from home and all this stress it's driving me crazy. I feel like I can't disconnect from work. I just need to teach myself when to stop.

CHARLOTTE

Adam, it's driving me crazy too. I'm sorry if I'm not being patient, like you said it's been hard.

ADAM

It's not just. It's the whole world, everyone is going crazy. We'll get through this.

CHARLOTTE

I know we will. We'll get through
anything. That's us were fighters.

They continue dancing and smiling.

FADE TO BLACK.

END.