

INT. NEAL'S OLD APARTMENT

KNOCK ON THE DOOR

Opens to reveal BETH

NEAL
Hey.

BETH
Hey. Might I come in?

NEAL
Yeah...you remember the old pad...

BETH
Well, you know, I thought I did...but
it's been awhile. You know that place
down the hall...there's a door that
looks just like yours, that's not
yours..

NEAL
No, that's not mine....

BETH
Definitely not yours....but there's a
very nice gentleman living there who
invited me in for a white wine spritzer...

NEAL
Oh good....I wasn't expecting visitors.

BETH
It's alright. I just wanted to come by
and say thanks....for helping yesterday.

NEAL
Beth. I'm the same person. I would do
anything for you.! I just can't give
you what you want.

BETH
You're what I want. Our life together
is what I want. I miss it. I miss
you. You see those guys my sisters are
married to. You are more of a husband
BETH (CONT'D)
to me not being married than those real
husbands are ever going to be, and it's
enough...it's really enough....for me.

NEAL
And you would be willing to take the

whole marriage thing off the table completely.

BETH

If you promise to commit to me and to
love me and to...

NEAL

I already have...I've ---

BETH

I'm not finished...

NEAL

OK, ok....alright....but I've loved you
for seven years

BETH

Ah,Ah (interrupting)

NEAL

OK.

BETH

You have to snake the drain when my
hair gets clogged...you know that happens.
Ok?

NEAL

Ok, ok.

BETH

And also, you have to let me eat those
..... You gotta, you gotta give me
that.

NEAL

Alright....

BETH

Ok?

NEAL

...fine, alright.

BETH

Yeah...that's it.

NEAL

Yeah?

BETH

Yeah.

The kiss.....a make up kiss.

NEAL

Do I get to come home now?

BETH

I guess you can.
Sees the old pants...
But these cannot come.

NEAL

My pants? Why?

BETH

You just won a really big battle my
friend...come on.

NEAL

So, we're not going to get married, but
I have to get rid of my pants.

BETH

Yep...and we both win.

NEAL

Alright. But you know what? You can
store those horizontally...very efficient.

BETH

(overlapping)

We have a deal, mister. I don't care,
these are not coming.

NEAL

But you won't even know I have them.
They can be...

BETH

(overlapping)

Goodwill wouldn't even take these. I'm
just going to throw these out now.

NEAL

...flattened. Alright fine, if you're
going to throw them out, at least check
the pockets. Alright? So you don't
throw away some personal items.

She checks the pockets and finds a box...an engagement ring box.
She opens it and then.....

NEAL (CONT.)

I love you, so much....so much that I
want to make you happy. I need to make
you happy...for me to even have a shot
at being happy. Will you marry me?

BETH

Yes, of course I will! Yes!
They embrace in happiness.....