

**THE PROPOSAL (C) 2012**

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**INT. RESTAURANT - NIGHT**

Romantic restaurant. Frank sits at a table with champagne, candles, several balloons tied to the chairs. Jenny returns from the bathroom. They are both in their late twenties.

JENNY

Gee - What's with all the balloons?

FRANK

I have something to say.

Jenny sits. Frank takes her hand

FRANK

Jenny, as you know we've been together now for five years.

JENNY

Six years and eight months - Actually, it's eleven months if we count the time you were cheating on your ex-girlfriend.

FRANK

It doesn't matter. The point is - over the years, our love has grown deeper, stronger. We share the same hopes, the same desires, even the same dental floss on occasions -

JENNY

Frank, let me stop you there. There's something I've been meaning to say. I want to break up

FRANK

Why? Because of the dental floss?

JENNY

I've met someone else. His name is Ben.

FRANK

I don't believe this. I've had planned this for weeks. I hired a violin player and everything.

JENNY

He has a boat, Frank. A real boat.

FRANK

But you can't break up with me tonight. It's Valentine's Day.

JENNY

I know. But last week it was your birthday. The week before that your guinea pig died. Then your appendix burst -

FRANK

I can't believe this. You're leaving me for someone just because he has a boat?

JENNY

Oh no, I wouldn't be that superficial. Ben has other things as well - a house, swimming pool. Plus he's amazing in bed. He makes me feel like a real woman. I don't even have to fake anything. Do you know what a relief that is, after all this time? Oh, it's wonderful, Frank, I've never been happier!!

The violin player arrives and starts to play romantic music

FRANK

Will you get out of here!

The violin player leaves. The waiter takes the champagne away

JENNY

I'm sorry, Frank, but I should go. Ben's probably waiting for me in his Jacuzzi. Thanks for the last six years, and for your kidney. Oh, and thanks for the lobster tonight. I hope it wasn't too expensive

Jenny stands and gives Frank a friendly kiss.

FRANK

One lousy kiss? That's all I get after all our time together?

JENNY

Well, you might also have Chlamydia. You might wanna have a test. Goodbye, Frank.

Jenny leaves, taking a balloon. Upset, Frank covers his face with his hands. The waiter returns with a bowl of ice-cream.

WAITER

Ice-cream, sir?

Frank nods, smiles sadly. He starts eating the ice-cream.

The End.