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FreeView MARTY'S BROMANCE

By

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CAST

MARTY: A man in his early sixties
LAURA: Marty's wife, in her late fifties

JAKE: A man in his mid-fifties to mid-sixties

TV ANNOUNCER: Can be male or female

<u>Place</u>

A suburban home in a warm climate

Time

The present. Early on a February evening.

Scene 1

Setting: A family room. There is a door that leads outside and an archway which leads to the rest of the house. Medicine bottles, magazines, junk food wrappers and beer bottles are strewn around.

At Rise: MARTY, in sloppy sweats, is on the couch, watching TV. A sports commentator can be heard in the background, but the words are indistinct. LAURA, in business clothes, enters from kitchen, exhausted.

LAURA: The spring bulbs. They're beginning to bloom in the garage. You were going to plant them last week.

MARTY: Did you remember my Jerry Garcia?

LAURA: I love you, too.

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MARTY: You forgot my Jerry Garcia?

LAURA: It's in the freezer. Along with a Lean Cuisine dinner. The case of beer is in the car.

MARTY: Thanks.

LAURA: (checking her watch and turning off the TV) I have an emergency union meeting tonight. In 45 minutes. The beer?

MARTY: I was going to get it next commercial break.

LAURA: Always the next commercial break. (*picking up the mess*) It's six o'clock and you're in the same damn pajamas you wore for the last 48 hours. You smell.

MARTY: (*smelling his armpits*) I showered and shaved every morning for 40 years. I'm entitled to smell.

LAURA: You retired to be a slob? To gain 15 pounds in six months? (picking up medicine bottles) Look at this. Blood pressure, cholesterol, acid reflux. And that little blue pill. I can't even get you to take it. You don't find me attractive anymore.

MARTY: Where'd that come from?

LAURA: Can you remember the last time we made love?

MARTY: Because I don't feel like it doesn't mean I don't love you.

LAURA: It's like your job was attached to your penis. You both retired at the same time. Get a life.

MARTY: Like you? Work all day and then running from one damn meeting to another. Busy, busy, busy. Never home.