

INT. APARTMENT - NIGHT - NEW YORK CITY, LATE 1970S

JOANNA carries in a suitcase, sets it by the front door, then crosses to the living room and sits down at the dining table.

She takes out a list made on the back of an old envelope. She begins to review it, checking off some items.

A key turns in the lock. As Joanna looks up the door swings open to reveal TED KRAMER, an enormous grin on his face, a bottle of champagne in his hand.

TED

I thought you might just like to know that at five-fifteen this afternoon we were officially handed the Fire and Ice account by Revlon.

JOANNA

(she takes a deep
breath)

Ted, I'm leaving you.

TED

That represents a gross billing in excess of two million - (finally hearing her)
Wait, what?!

Joanna opens her purse, takes out her keys and wallet.

JOANNA

Here are my keys. I won't be needing them any more.

TED

(sardonic)

I'm sorry I'm late, all right? I'm sorry I didn't call - I was busy making a living.

Joanna doesn't even bother to look up at him. She opens her purse, takes out her wallet and begins removing credit cards.

JOANNA

My American Express...My check book -

TED
(the martyr)
Okay, okay... What is it this time?
What did I do now?...

JOANNA
(ignoring this)
I took two thousand out of the
savings account. That was what I had
in the bank when we got married.

TED
Now listen, before you do something
you'll really regret you'd better
stop and think -

She checks off the last item on her list as her husband
watches, dumbfounded.

JOANNA
There, that's everything.

Joanna gets to her feet and starts toward the front door. In
an instant Ted is after her. Joanna stops at the door.

TED
(panic starting)
For God's sake, Joanna, would you at
least tell me what I did that's so
terrible! Would you do me that little
favor?

JOANNA
Look, it's not your fault, okay?
It's me. It's my fault - you just
married the wrong person.

Joanna opens the door and leaves. Ted steps out into the
hallway, calling after her.

TED
(placating her)
So we've got problems. Everybody's
got problems - that's normal!