

LOYALTY POINTS

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INT. HOUSE/ENTRANCE - MORNING

STEVE stands inside the doorway DEBBIE outside, a clear divide between them. Debbie is leaving Steve. They look at each other briefly, but cannot hold eye contact.

Debbie breaks the mood and kisses Steve on the cheek.

DEBBIE

Goodbye Steve. Look after yourself.

Steve is sad, but his expression soon changes to anger.

STEVE

(defiantly)

Don't you worry about me. I'll be fine. I can look after myself.

Debbie has walked off.

Steve closes the door.

INT. HOUSE/LIVING ROOM - MORNING

Steve is sitting on a sofa only in his pants. He has several days of stubble growth and is surrounded by empty snack food packets.

INT. HOUSE/KITCHEN - MORNING

Steve's head is in the fridge, he pulls out some food sniffs it.

Steve catches a glimpse of a fridge calendar as the door closes.

On the calendar a square reading February 14th with love hearts on it.

Steve has a Walter Matthau hang dog expression, he walks away.

INT. HOUSE/LIVING ROOM - MORNING

Steve sits on the sofa, he takes only a bite of food and rests it on the table in front of him, he is preoccupied.

Steve looks at his watch.

STEVE

Post should have been here by now.

INT. HOUSE/ENTRANCE - MORNING

Steve stares through the letter box. No mail.

STEVE
She wouldn't have.

INT. HOUSE/LIVING ROOM - MORNING

Steve stares at a photograph of himself and Debbie in happier times.

STEVE
(tearfully, hopeful)
Would you Debs?

The phone rings.

Steve stops himself from picking up the phone too eagerly. He tries to wait longer.

STEVE (CONT'D)
Hello? Mum?! What? No, I'm fine,
yes, yes, happy valentines. No of
course not, I am grateful you
called. It's a bit weird but
thanks. Mum I need to go Deborah
might be trying to call me.

Steve hears more post drop on the floor.

STEVE (CONT'D)
The second post, of course.

INT. HOUSE/ENTRANCE - MORNING

Steve sits on the hallway stairs, a colourful envelope lies ripped open on the floor. Steve is reading the letter.

STEVE
Dear Steven Pickford we are writing
to inform you that you have been
removed from the loyalty card joint
account with Deborah Strong. Thank
you for shopping with us.
(annoyed)
That little b....

THE END