

A LITTLE GESTURE

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FADE IN:

EXT. OUTSIDE A SUPERMARKET - EVENING

An elderly couple, DOT AND JACK, climb cautiously up a steep set of ICY STEPS - dressed in thick coats and hats.

Dot hangs to the rail and Jack, sliding, clings to Dot.

INT. SUPERMARKET - EVENING - MINUTES LATER

Dot and Jack shuffle arm in arm into the busy supermarket.

Dot stops in her tracks to admire a tacky "VALENTINE" display of cards, overdressed flowers; balloon hearts etc.

Like a kid in sweet shop, Dot gleefully touches the shiny junk to experience it. She reaches to pick up a huge gawdy RED TEDDY only to be shimmied away abruptly by Jack.

Jack shuffles right, Dot left - without Dot, Jack limps.

INT. SUPERMARKET AISLES - EVENING - MONTAGE SEQUENCE

Dot stretches very high for a tin of BEANS.

Jack examines a POTATO from a pile.

Dot chooses FROZEN PEAS, legs dangling from a freezer.

Jack rummages into the pile of potatoes.

Dot lifts a pack of ALE, rubbing her back.

Jack dons his specs to examine another spud closely.

Dot swaggers to the checkout, unbalanced by a FULL BASKET.

Jack continues to rummage, potatoes scattered at his feet.

INT. SUPERMARKET CHECKOUT - MOMENTS LATER

Unable to spot Jack, Dot again spots the valentine display.

INT. SUPERMARKET - VALENTINE DISPLAY - MOMENTS LATER

Standing in awe and excitement, before the rainbow of valentine tack, Dot doesn't seem to know where to start - until she spots the Red Teddy again.

INT. SUPERMARKET CHECKOUT - MOMENTS LATER

Jack searches for Dot - one hand cupping his vision and his other hand clutching a bag with a couple of spuds.

INT. SUPERMARKET VALENTINE DISPLAY - MOMENTS LATER

Dot hides behind the red teddy as Jack slowly patrols by.

Dot peeps over, spying Jack and giggling. Behind the teddy Dot applies crimson LIPPY - sloppily.

INT. SUPERMARKET CHECKOUT - MINUTES LATER

A giddy Dot approaches an anxious looking Jack. Dot carries a full basket, with the huge RED TEDDY under her other arm.

INT. SUPERMARKET VALENTINE DISPLAY - MOMENTS LATER

Jack returns the red teddy to the shelf.

INT. SUPERMARKET CHECKOUT - MOMENTS LATER

Jack packs a beige selection of goods under the frowning glare of Dot, her arms folded. Jack smirks to himself.

The spuds comes off the belt. Jack smiles broadly and turns to Dot holding out his carefully selected potato. To Jack's dismay, Dot has vanished. His potato, gently cupped in both hands, is HEART-SHAPED.

EXT. OUTSIDE THE SUPERMARKET - EVENING - MOMENTS LATER

Dot descends the icy steps, hanging to the rail. Behind her, at the top, Jack arrives in pursuit but carrying BAGS.

Jack tiptoes down. With no free hand he slips slightly and an onion rolls from a bag and down the steps toward Dot.

Dot turns and, to her horror, sees what Jack is attempting.

EXT. OUTSIDE THE SUPERMARKET - EVENING - MOMENTS LATER

Panning up the steps we see scattered shopping, then scattered shopping bags.

At the top step, we reach Dot and Jack, kissing sloppily. Jack's arms, now free, embrace Dot. Dot, arms around Jack, also embraces her heart-shaped Potato.

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