

DVD
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FADE IN TO.

INT. LIFT - NIGHT.

A lift in motion, sticky, grubby. A card falls onto the ground, bright, romantic, pink. It reads: "To My Girlfriend: Happy Valentines Day."

ELIZA, 35, bubbly, bright but distance looks at it.

Opposite, THE WOMAN giggles. Lips nibble against her neck...

THE MAN, enfolds his arm around the Woman, tugs her closer. She smiles, locked in his embrace.

Ding!

The lift doors slide open.

INT. HALLWAY - NIGHT.

A love song plays. Lurid banners, balloons, each dedicated to Valentines Day cover the walls of the corridor above the doorways. Eliza's apartment is opposite the lift.

Eliza steps out of the lift, the doors begin to close on the couple kissing inside.

Eliza observes the banners and balloons. Glances to her fourth finger, a wedding band glistens...

She sighs. Takes a step towards her front door, CRUNCH!

On the doorstep, a DVD waits, a red rose on top of it.

INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT.

Wood surrounds a picture, a couple. ELIZA beside ROBERT, her new husband, kind, loving and dressed in an army uniform, they gaze into each other's eyes.

A DVD player buzzes, its drive slides out. Fingers appear, press in a disc...

Eliza kneels on the floor before her TV, reaches for a remote, presses a button -

The screen flickers. Robert appears on it, he smiles, waves.

ROBERT
Sorry I'm not home. But -

He goes quiet, looks off camera...

Eliza shifts forward, stares at the screen.

ROBERT
I need to tell you -

He cuts off. The video hisses, the picture blurs,
Robert's face flashes on and off, on and off. The TV
buzzes, begins to spark -

The lights crash off. Power out.

Eliza groans. Squeezes her eyes shut.

KNOCK. KNOCK. KNOCK.

Her eyes snap open. She looks across, over her shoulder.

KNOCK, KNOCK, KNOCK.

The door.

She rises, slinks across the apartment. Undoes the locks.

Peeks open the door.

Gasps.

A duffle bag crashes to the floor -

Robert holds out his arms...

ROBERT
They let us come home!

Eliza stares, shocked. She covers her mouth. Steps
forwards. He reaches out, wraps his arms around her.

She grins and leans in for a kiss...

FADE OUT.