

DON'T FORGET THE BREAD TAG

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INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

Longtime couple, Shan and Armando have just finished unpacking into their new townhome. This is their first time living together

ARMANDO

Babe, it feels so good to finally be in our own space!

Inspects decorative pillows

ARMANDO (CONT'D)

If someone had told me that I'd be 33 before moving out of my mom's house, I would've called "bullshit"

Armando plops himself on the bed in exhaustion as Shan emerges from the bathroom

SHAN

Are you- Nevermind.

ARMANDO

Nooo, you can't start saying something, and then pull a "nevermind". What were you gonna say?

The two embrace playfully

SHAN

Nothingggggg

ARMANDO

Listen, we just moved in together, we're taking this relationship to the next level, which means... you can tell me what you're thinking. Was my cooking shit? Did I put something in the wrong place?

SHAN

(lightly playing it off)
No, not either of those. It's really - nothing

ARMANDO

If it's "nothing", just tell me!

SHAN

(sighs, giving in)

Okay, I'm really trying not to be nit-picky or naggy, or mother you, especially because we just moved in together. But - are you sitting on the bed in your *outside clothes*?

Armando looks down at his clothes and shrugs

ARMANDO

Yeah, I guess..

SHAN

You don't see a problem with that?

ARMANDO

Well, it's not like I've been rolling around in dirt or anything...

SHAN

Okay, maybe it's me, maybe it's the way I grew up, maybe I'm a complete weirdo. But can we *not* wear outside clothes on the bed?

Shan holds Armandos hand, slyly guiding him off of the bed

ARMANDO

Got it, no outside clothes on the bed.

Shan walks over to the dresser to tucking things away

ARMANDO (CONT'D)

You're just trying to get me naked, aren't you?

SHAN

(flirtatiously)

I'm always tryna get you naked. Why don't you go shower, then join me in bed? This new place still needs to be christened

ARMANDO

Say less

Armando tosses his phone and begins removing articles of clothing while on his way to the bathroom

SHAN

Don't you need a washcloth?

ARMANDO
Washcloth? What for?

SHAN
(matter-of-factly)
Your shower

ARMANDO
No, I just use soap

SHAN
Yeah, for sure, but you need a
washcloth

ARMANDO
(laughing, taking it
lightly)
For what? I use my hands and rinse
the soap off after

SHAN
Just try it. For me?

Shan gently hands Armando a washcloth, trying not to be too pushy, he reluctantly takes it

ARMANDO
Oh-kayyyy...

INT. BEDROOM - 5 MINUTES LATER

Armando walks into the bedroom, just boxers on

SHAN
Damn, that was a quick shower. I
take it you're excited for all of
thissss

Shan grazes her body playfully

ARMANDO
Come here, girl!

The two begin kissing, Shan places her hand on Armando's chest to slow him down

SHAN
Whewww! Ok, let me go pee real
quick

ARMANDO
(sarcastically)
...so sexy

Shan walks into the bathroom

INT. BATHROOM - RIGHT AFTER

MONTAGE:

- Wet footprints, towel, and water on floor
- Underwear on the counter, right next to the toothbrushes
- Toothpaste in sink
- Looks in mirror, mirror is covered in toothpaste splatter
- Shan mouths "what the fuck" as she stares at her own reflection

Shan quickly begins tidying up, Armando yells from the bedroom

ARMANDO

Shan, what's taking so long? I'm ready to PARK-THIS-BIG-MACK-TRUCK right in your little garage

Shan responds while frivolously cleaning

SHAN

Uhh, just a minute, babe. Freshening up!

Shan emerges from the bathroom, trying to mask her annoyance. She discreetly grabs her phone and a sweater

SHAN (CONT'D)

Umm, I just need one more minute, I think I forgot something in the car. Be right back

Shan hurries out of the bedroom

ARMANDO

Ahhhhhhh

EXT. PORCH - MOMENTS LATER

Shan calls her friend, Vera

VERA

(while chewing)
Hey, girl. What's up?

SHAN
(irritated)
V, what the fuck have I done? This
guy is like a man baby!

VERA
(laughing)
Armando? No way! It can't be *that*
bad

SHAN
Oh, girl, it's *that* bad. He's
literally like a child! I have to
explain everything to him. Teach
him how to wash dishes, how to
separate laundry. He doesn't know
anything about anything.

VERA
I'm gonna need some examples, for
my personal entertainment

SHAN
Okay, well. Where do I even begin?
His shoes, he wore his shoes on the
brand new carpet

VERA
Ayyyee, that one hurts

SHAN
Oh, but it continues. He leaves his
dirty clothes everywhere. Doesn't
empty the crumbs from the kitchen
sink. Never locks the god damn
door. *Twists* the bread bag instead
of putting the plastic tag back on
and damn near finishes the juice
before putting the container *back*
in the fridge.

VERA
(making cup of tea,
laughing)
Classic. This is classic! Welcome
to the real world, most men who
haven't lived on their own before,
require an entire crash course in
adulthood

SHAN

This is not what I signed up for. I don't want to be that annoying girlfriend who has something to say about everything he does, but I can't live like this - it's only the first night and I'm seriously about to lose it

VERA

It's not that big a deal

Vera pauses to grab another snack

VERA (CONT'D)

These problems are fixable. At least he's a kind man. He makes money, he's responsible... for the most part, and he loves the shit outta you. Take this L with grace and put on your big mama panties, you gonna need them

SHAN

Here's the thing; the moment I step into "mom energy", there's no turning back

VERA

That's why you've gotta do it with tact, positive reinforcement, and sex appeal. Men are like dogs. Keep it flirty, keep it cute, but also, let him know what's up

SHAN

Ughhh

VERA

Listen, girl, if you don't tackle it now, it's gonna get outta hand. This is *by far* the healthiest relationship you've ever been in. Trust me, I'm on the sidelines rooting for you. At the end of the day, it's figure-out-able. Now walk your ass back in that house, get nasty with your man, and bring it up tomorrow.

SHAN

You're right. Thanks for the talk, boo.

VERA
Good night!

Vera hangs up laughing, sips tea

VERA (CONT'D)
Man-child..

INT. BEDROOM - MOMENTS LATER

Shan enters the bedroom, Armando has set up his video games, and is in the midst of a heated match, playing from the bed, shit talking on his headset

Shan looks over her shoulder at camera

FADE TO BLACK