

Title: Ready?

Author: John Dodds

jbdodds1001@gmail.com

07941074088

FADE IN:

INT: A SMART APARTMENT BEDROOM - EVENING

A 40/50 something couple, e.g., husband and wife, are getting ready to go to a party.

Michael, a man of 40/50 something, just had his shower and is about to choose his clothes for the evening. And Wanda, Michael's wife/partner, also dressing for the Party. Whenever Michael is on screen there's a euro/disco soundtrack and he's moving to the music, excited about going out.

MICHAEL

Had my shower, bathrooms all yours now. I'm looking forward to tonight, us out. We have 1/2 an hour you nearly ready?

Michael comes out of the Bathroom into the Bedroom where his partner is getting ready.

WANDA

You are shaving aren't you!

MICHAEL

Er... yeah ... Of course, I am.

Michael returns to the bathroom to shave.

Wanda Movement in and out of the bedroom - off screen and back in as she continues to get ready.

FROM NOW ON, EACH TIME SHE WALKS ON SCREEN SHE'S WEARING A DIFFERENT OUTFIT - IT COULD BE MORE AND MORE OUTRAGEOUS OR BE INCREASINGLY MISMATCHED. WIGS, MAKE UP. FINAL SCENE TO HAVE AN ALADDIN SANE LOOK.

CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE TWO CONTINUES THROUGH THE BATHROOM DOOR.

WANDA

I hope you're going to behave yourself tonight. Not sure why we're going really. They're your friends, why don't you go on your own? You'll enjoy yourself.

MICHAEL

I would like you to be there, they all like you and will be happy to see you. It's not just me who loves you, you know.

WANDA

What is that smell? It's too strong! Wash some of it off and wear the one I bought you.

MICHAEL

You said Shave! So, I did! Then I put some after shave on I thought you'd like that; I hardly ever wear it. I haven't worn this one for ages, probably since Christmas.

WANDA

You need a haircut.

Wanda gives him a "look" as she continues to busy herself. She goes off screen again.

Wanda walks back on screen into the bedroom as Michael is doing up the buttons to a shirt.

WANDA (CONT'D)

No.

MICHAEL

What? No? This is a great shirt; everyone loves it and I look good in it.

WANDA

No, change it, you can wear it when you're out with your friends but not when you're with me.

Michael looks back into the wardrobe and pulls out another shirt. Wanda: No

MICHAEL

What about this?

WANDA

No

Michael looks back into the wardrobe and pulls out another 2 shirts.

WANDA (CONT'D)

No, definitely not and not that one either.

MICHAEL

This? You bought it.

WANDA  
That's better.

MICHAEL  
Now I have to change my trousers as well; these ones don't go with this shirt.

WANDA  
And?

MICHAEL  
Nothing, I thought I was nearly ready, and had my outfit worked out, shirt, trousers, I was relaxed, now I've got to start again.

Wanda ignores him as she goes on and off screen again busying about.

Wanda walks back on screen into the bedroom.

WANDA  
Where's your jacket?

MICHAEL  
I don't need one.

WANDA  
You do! It's a smart occasion, wear the dark blue one I bought you.

Michael reaches into the wardrobe to get the jacket. Pulls it out and puts it on. He then takes it off and puts it on the bed.

MICHAEL  
Are these shoes, ok? They're comfortable and I can dance in them.

Michael admires himself and with a smile to himself continues. Obviously only if I'm required to. He does a little dance movement.

WANDA  
Let's hope you're not. You will behave yourself tonight won't you. I'm not happy about going anyway and I know how you are with your friends. It doesn't take much for you to get out of hand.

MICHAEL

I'm looking forward to tonight,  
it's just a casual party, nothing  
too serious, it'll be good to see  
some of the guys and have some fun.  
And we'll be out. Together. It  
doesn't happen very often.

Michael now looks at himself in the mirror and is wearing the  
complete outfit they've chosen. Michael: 10 minutes. Ready? I  
am!

WANDA

Don't drink too much tonight.

MICHAEL

I'm driving! I'll probably have  
just a glass of wine. What are you  
drinking tonight?

WANDA

I'm not. No letching over Allison.

MICHAEL

I never do!

WANDA

And don't leave me alone with your  
friends' wives, I don't like them.

MICHAEL

They love you!

WANDA

How do I look?

Wanda comes back on screen and is in her outfit for the  
evening.

She stands full face in front of Michael and waits for his  
comment.

MICHAEL

??????????????

(Does he say anything?  
Dare he say anything?  
What is she wearing?  
Good? Bad? A total look  
of confusion and  
bewilderment and even  
fear on his face. )

MICHAEL (CONT'D)  
Hesitantly I love you? Let's go.

FADE OUT: