

INT. DINING ROOM - NIGHT

MARISSA is finishing up putting a plate on the table. She lights two candles. She stands back to look at the entire set up. She smiles.

The door opens and NIGEL walks in. He puts his briefcase down and notices the table. He looks a bit confused before realizing what he forgot.

MARISSA
Happy Anniversary.

NIGEL
Hey, uh ...yeah, Happy Anniversary
to you, too.

Marissa gives him a quick look.

MARISSA
You forgot, didn't you?

Nigel's shoulders slump.

NIGEL
I am so sorry honey. I've just
been busy at work and...

Marissa is visibly upset.

MARISSA
Nigel, really?

NIGEL
Look, I really am sorry. What can
I do to make it up to you?

She is quiet for a moment. Nigel looks over at the table and the candles. He walks over to give her a hug. She backs away at first. He grabs her shoulders and looks into her eyes.

NIGEL
Sweetie, really, I am so sorry. I
promise you, it won't happen
again.

She looks at him. She is hurt.

NIGEL
The table looks amazing. I know
you have been working all day on
this.

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Marissa shrugs her shoulders.

MARISSA

Well, it did take a while.

NIGEL

I know it did. And trust me, I really do appreciate it. I feel like a jack ass as it is. But I will make it up to you.

MARISSA

How?

Nigel thinks for a moment. His eyes light up. He grabs his cell phone and dials a number. He starts to talk into the phone.

NIGEL

(into phone)

Bill, hey it's Nigel ...Yeah, look, sorry for calling so late but I have a favor to ask you ...Remember when you said if I ever needed anything? ...Yep. It's my anniversary ...Could you?... Great, we'll talk more tomorrow ...Thanks again ...Bye.

Marissa looks confused.

MARISSA

What was that all about?

Nigel smiles.

NIGEL

It's a surprise. I have one more thing.

He goes into the bedroom and comes back out with a boom box. He plugs it in and turns on a song. It's a slow song. He reaches his hand out and Marissa takes it. He pulls her in and they begin dancing.

NIGEL

Remember this song?

She nods. They continue to dance.

NIGEL

You were so beautiful, even the first day I saw you.

MARISSA

So what is the surprise?

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NIGEL

I can't tell you that yet.

Marissa smacks him on his chest.

MARISSA

Come on, you know I hate surprises.

NIGEL

Bill owes me a favor is all.

MARISSA

So what's the favor?

Nigel stops dancing for a second and gets down on one knee. He holds her hand and looks into her eyes.

NIGEL

First off, I want you to know that I would marry you every day of my life.

She blushes.

NIGEL

With that being said, where did you always want to go for our honeymoon?

Her eyes light up. She starts to smile.

NIGEL

Happy Anniversary.

He stands up and hugs her.

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