

Peeping Tom

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Voice-over: Today, I went to a designer's house and stole his agenda; it was so dangerous—I was almost caught. Fortunately, I came out and hid between the stairs before the designer walked out from the elevator.

(Left light on, curtain up)

Scene 1

(In Jerry and Joanna's house)

Joanna: Honey... Did you move my pillow?

Jerry: No, why?

Joanna: I just think my stuffs have been moved.

Jerry: Did you lose anything?

Joanna: So far... no... but I feel something is wrong.

Jerry: Don't think too much... by the way, did you see my agenda?

Joanna: No, you lost it?

Jerry: I couldn't find it...I usually put it under my pillow.

Joanna: See? I just feel something is wrong...

Jerry: What do you feel?

Joanna: I feel somebody might come into our house and steal something...

Jerry: Is it possible? If so, why didn't he steal something much more precious like your jewelry?

Joanna: How do you know it's "he"? Maybe it's "she." Hum... I gotta check my jewelry box...

Jerry: Joan!! My whiskey! There is only half of the bottle left!

Joanna: Honey... you know I don't drink... (suddenly realizes) Oh!! Oh my goodness!!

Someone drank it?

Jerry: I guess so! I just opened it yesterday. I only drank a shot and then went to sleep.

Joanna: That's really so weird. Maybe it's the rat. Does a rat drink whiskey?

Jerry: Joanna... You know... it's not possible... crazy you...

Joanna: Just make a guess! Okay, maybe we should go to the police.

Jerry: Whatever... let it be... I think the police won't accept this case.

(Left light off)

(Right Light on)

Scene 2

(In Tom and Susan's house)

Tom: Honey, I'm home!

Susan: Oh, Tom, how's your draft going?

Tom: Pretty great! I have some new ideas.

Susan: That's good! Okay, wash your hands. Dinner is ready!

(During the dinner)

Susan: Today when I was cleaning, I found some agendas in your closet, are they yours?

Tom: Yes, of course.

Susan: But the handwritings are not yours.

Tom: Handwriting will change, don't you know that?

Susan: Tom, I'm serious. If you wanna go to the doctor, I can accompany you...

Tom: Stop! What do you mean?

Susan: I mean, I heard sometimes stealing is a disease...

Tom: You think I stole those agendas?! You think I'm a thief?!

Susan: Hey, calm down...

Tom: Ridiculous!

(Tom walks into the room and slams the door.)

(Right light off)

(Left light on)

Scene 3

(In Jerry and Joanna's house)

Jerry: Joan, today I forgot to meet my client.

Joanna: Really?! And then?

Jerry: He's angry, so he decided to find another designer.

Joanna: You lost the case?!

Jerry: Yeah... I jotted down all the things to do in my agenda, but you know yesterday
it's gone...

Joanna: He's an important client you know...

Jerry: I know! Stop blaming me like this!

Joanna: I...

Jerry: Stop! Its' not my fault!

(Jerry walks into the room and slams the door.)

(Left light off)

(Right light on)

Scene 4

(In Tom and Susan's house)

Susan: (Knocks the door of Tom's room) Knock knock, can we talk?

Tom: (Opens the door) Hey...

Susan: I didn't mean that, you know...

Tom: Yeah, I'm just too emotional...

Susan: You know I always want you to be good and happy.

Tom: I know...

Susan: So, if you wanna go to the doctor, I can...

Tom: Okay, I know, honey.

Susan: (hugs and kisses Tom)

(Right light off)

(Left light on)

Scene 5

(In Jerry and Joanna's house)

Jerry: Joan, I'm home...

Joanna: Honey! Today I found your agenda in the shoe cabinet! (holding the agenda in hand)

Jerry: Really?! It's so weird...

Joanna: Whatever, at least the agenda is back.

Jerry: Let's see... (skimming over the agenda) Hey, look, here is a memo... (reading the memo) "Sorry, but thank you very much." What does that mean?

(Left light off)

(Right light on)

Scene 6

(In Tom and Susan's house)

Tom: Honey, I'm home!

Susan: (kisses Tom)

Tom: Honey, close your eyes.

Susan: Why?

Tom Just do it!

Susan: Okay... (closes her eyes)

Tom: (takes out something) Now open your eyes! Surprise!

Susan: (opens her eyes) Oh my goodness, is it a wedding gown?

Tom: Is it beautiful? It's for our wedding. Would you marry me?

Susan: I...

Tom: Hey, I know I have been strange for several months... Yes, I have to confess to you that I stole those agendas from several designers... I stole because... I thought there must be some designing ideas in the agendas and I wanna take them as references. At first, I took them as the design ideas of my other dress

works. But now all I want is just designing a brilliant wedding gown for you.

Susan: I...

Tom: Will you forgive me and marry me?

Susan: Of course I will! ... but what about those agendas? You must give them back!

Tom: I have given them back; I put every agenda in front of every door of every
designer's house.

Susan: Okay... that's great. (smiling)

Tom: So now... try it on!

Susan: Oh, you're really so sweet! (gives Tom a hug)

(Right light off)

Voice-over: Tom didn't know that... I stole his agenda from his room, in order to get
some ideas to write this play... Yes, Tom is "that designer" who I
mentioned at the beginning... I always like to steal others' agendas to get
some inspirations. Maybe you guys will think I'm sick and I'm the Peeping
Tom... but actually... you guys are the real Peeping Tom.

(Curtain down)