

A MARRIAGE ON FIRE

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'Wife leaving scene'

Infidelity. Obsession. Revenge

Sample scene

INT. CALIMER HOME - MASTER BEDROOM - DAY

RON and CAROL are in the midst of a heated argument. Carol is throwing clothes in a suitcase with tears in her eyes and anger strangling her face.

RON

You need to stay here and talk to me instead of acting like a child.

CAROL

Oh don't you dare. If anyone is acting like a child here it is you. **You can't even keep your shit in your pants.** Like some teen with out-of-control, raging hormones. **Don't you dare.**

RON

I made a mistake carol, but we cannot fix it if we don't discuss it.

CAROL

I don't wanna fix it. And you don't really want to fix it either. This is just you trying to say the appropriate thing at the wrong time. But I **don't** buy it.

RON

You need to understand why it happened.

CAROL

I know why it happened. You're a man. You just can't help yourself.

Ron is put off by the comment.

RON

And that's it? you think the only reason behind the situation is me being a man?

Carol stops packing for a moment. She knows her response was ridiculous. She takes a calming breath before....

CAROL

I actually don't know what you were thinking. We were doing well. We just celebrated our 20th anniversary.

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CAROL (CONT'D)

We never have any fights or arguments....sure we have disagreements here and there but nothing that would justify you stepping out on me. Nothing has happened in our marriage, yet you still found yourself in the bed of another woman. If that's not **JUST being a man**, then I don't know what is.

RON

I think you pinpointed the answer in that mini-speech of yours. **Nothing** has happened in our marriage. Nothing exiting has happened in our marriage for a long time. We have hit a wall. We have become old people long before our bodies have agreed to it. Most of the time you walk around here with a scowl on your face angry over things you have no control of.

CAROL

What?!

RON

Like Trump. Your obsession and hatred of trump is overkill. It consumes you. Things like that Carol. *Things like that* have injured our marriage. I want us to enjoy life, not simmer in a constant loop of political hate.

CAROL

So you slept with another woman because I hate Trump?

Ron throws up his hand in frustration.

RON

That is not what I am saying and you know it.