

# FEMALE TENANT (SARAH)

## SC. I

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JAMES (cont'd)

Can't ever have too much of the stuff.

James smiles and leaves the laundry room.

INT. HEATHER'S APARTMENT BUILDING, HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

It's a long hall with off white walls and doors to other apartments spread out on the left. There's a railing to the right that looks out onto the courtyard.

Fluorescent fixtures on the ceiling light it.

James jogs down the hall to Heather's apartment door. He tries the handle, it's unlocked.

Shit...okay, lets do this. He takes a step back and whispers a mock conversation with Heather.

**START**

JAMES

(Under his breath)

Hi...I love you and I'm sorry. And I'll pay for the screen in the laundry room. What screen? Oh, well you know I broke into the building to see you. Oh yeah, I am a resourceful guy, thanks for noticing-

The Female Tenant comes out of the laundry room empty handed and passes James. He smiles shyly at her.

FEMALE TENANT

What are you doing?

JAMES

Nothing.

FEMALE TENANT

I know you just broke in through that window in the laundry room.

JAMES

No I didn't.

FEMALE TENANT

Yes you did. What are you doing? Are you a murderer?

He comes clean.

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# FEMALE TENANT SC. I (CONT'D)

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JAMES  
I'm saving my relationship.

FEMALE TENANT  
I should call the police.

JAMES  
No, no, no...don't do that.

James takes a step towards her, she takes a step back in defense.

JAMES (cont'd)  
I love Heather and I really screwed up tonight.

The Female Tenant nods.

FEMALE TENANT  
I should call the police.

She starts to walk down the hall...James jogs in front of her and blocks her way. She stops walking.

FEMALE TENANT (cont'd)  
What are you doing?

JAMES  
You need Tide? I know a guy...

FEMALE TENANT  
Are you trying to bribe me with laundry detergent?

JAMES  
No.  
(Whispering)  
It's not a bribe if no one finds out.

FEMALE TENANT  
That's not true.

JAMES  
Please? This is really important.

FEMALE TENANT  
If I let you and you turn out to be a murderer, I'll get evicted. I really don't want to get evicted. I like it here.

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# FEMALE TENANT SC. I (CONTD)

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JAMES

I promise I'm not a murderer. You want to frisk me?

FEMALE TENANT

No.

There's a beat of silence. The Female Tenant looks down onto the courtyard of the building, then her eyes go back to James. It looks like she's getting emotional.

FEMALE TENANT (cont'd)

I wish my boyfriend would break into the building for me.

JAMES

Well, if he really screws up maybe he will.

FEMALE TENANT

I don't think so, least he hasn't yet.

JAMES

I'll keep my fingers crossed for you.

FEMALE TENANT

What did you do that was so bad? You cheat on her?

JAMES

No, no. Not this time.

(BEAT)

That sounded a lot worse than it really is I swear.

FEMALE TENANT

Yeah.

JAMES

It didn't start out this way. We used to talk, like really talk all the time about real things that mattered to us. I was understanding, she was understanding, it was fucking great and I know we can get there again. I'd never been in a relationship like that before. It felt so good, you know?

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# FEMALE TENANT SC. I (CONT'D)

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JAMES (cont'd)

Now there's just all this shit we've built up that gets in the way and we can't get through it. It's like a wall of shit between us. We want to be straight up or easy going with each other, but every little thing just gets caught...

FEMALE TENANT

In the shit?

JAMES

Yeah. We're caught in shit.

She nods.

FEMALE TENANT

- Well if you find a way to get rid of it, let me know.

JAMES

Yeah, sure thing. We're working on something now. You might not want to know about it though.

FEMALE TENANT

Okay. I'll take your word for it.

There's a moment of silence.

FEMALE TENANT (cont'd)

- You should have gotten her flowers.

JAMES

This is kind of a spur of the moment thing. But you're right.

BEAT - She considers it some more.

FEMALE TENANT

Fine. Go.

He hugs her. She's not so reciprocal.

JAMES

Thank you so much.

FEMALE TENANT

Okay.

(Patting him on the back)

Good luck, then.

James lets go and smiles at her.

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# FEMALE TENANT SC.I (CONT'D)

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JAMES

Thank you, thank you, thank you.  
You did a good thing for love  
tonight.

The Female Tenant smiles in her own little way. She *did* do a  
good thing for love tonight.

JAMES (cont'd)

And if you want some detergent...

FEMALE TENANT

I'm fine.

**END**

James nods and jogs down the hall to Heather's door.

The Female Tenant continues down the hallway to her  
apartment.

James stops in front of Heather's door, takes a deep breath,  
and opens it.

~~INT. HEATHER'S APARTMENT, LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS~~

The door opens casting light inside.

James quietly takes a step into the room and closes the door  
behind him.

When he reaches the couch James looks, CHARLIE IS NOT THERE!

There's a split second of puzzlement on James's face before-  
SLAM!!! CHARLIE TACKLES JAMES FROM BEHIND!

JAMES HITS THE GROUND. SIX PACK IS ON TOP OF HIM.

James SHRIEKS!

JAMES

Holy shit!

Charlie, silent and meticulous. He's been waiting to use  
this training for some time.

JAMES (cont'd)

Get off me!

~~CHARLIE OVERDROWERS JAMES!~~

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