

**Title:**                **Home is Where the Wife Is**

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**Director:**        **Fran Armstrong**

**Genre:**            Comedy

**Synopsis:**

Poor old Ronald. He's lived in a lovely big home for many years with his beloved wife Gwen. But sadly Ronald has recently lost Gwen. Or has he? New local real estate keen bean Danny is thrust into the puzzle to not only untangle the issue, but if Danny manages to muster up some sales skills, may even manage to solve a few problems of his own.

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**Characters**

**RONALD**, husband of Gwen, 70s or 80s

**GWEN**, wife of Ronald aka Ronnie, similar age, could be 60s to 70s

**DANNY**, 20s, a young inexperienced real estate agent (NOTE: could be M or F)

**Setting** – In a kitchen of a house

**RUNNING TIME:** 12 minutes

RONALD        (tearing up)... you know just how to get to the heart of the matter. God, you're good. I can tell this isn't your first case.

DANNY        Well, as I said, I kind of new but...

RONALD        You're being modest. For my benefit. To save me the emotional toll. I appreciate that.

DANNY        So, you wife... if she around..? I mean, for the agreement and of course I figured she might like to be included in the conversation.

RONALD        (*adamant*) Of course, she'd like to be included...

DANNY        Oh, great.

RONALD        If only she was here....

DANNY        She's out...? Ok, that's fine, when will she be back?

RONALD        (*getting more emotional now*) You don't understand... she's gone... I've lost her.

DANNY        Oh... wow.... I'm so sorry. I had no idea.

RONALD        It's ok... just find me the perpetrator who perpetrated this ...  
perpetration...and we'll call it square...

DANNY        Well, I can promise you that I'll look after you, although if it's still raw is this really the best time? I mean I could come back another...

RONALD        You have a good heart, young man. I appreciate that. Your senior ...  
person... or boss would be proud.

DANNY        We don't really call them bosses. They're principles

RONALD        Well, it's good to have principles.

DANNY        Actually it's just one principal.

RONALD        Ok, well, one principal is a start. (*looking him in the eye*) So...

DANNY        So?

RONALD        Do you think you have what it takes?!

DANNY        Of course. When the times right. I'm your man!

RONALD        Great. So you'll find her.

DANNY        Sorry... find who... you mean a buyer?

RONALD        My wife!

GWEN            We really haven't had a chance to talk about selling. I think the first step would be getting some help for my husband. Anyway, I'm sure we'll see you again sometime.

DANNY            Actually, I don't think you will. I've been on a work trial and my boss said if I don't bring any business in by the end of the week, which is basically today, then I probably don't have what it takes and he'll have to let me go.

GWEN            Oh that's terrible. I'm so sorry to hear that. You seem like a nice young man so I'm sure someone will need your real estate skills.

DANNY            Yes, of course. (*turning to leave*) Well, thank you both. It was nice meeting you. (*heads for the door*)

RONALD          Gwen, darling, I think we should lend this young man a pillow. For his troubles. And a blanket.

GWEN            Sorry dear, why are we lending him a pillow and a blanket?

RONALD          He lives in a back alley. By some rubbish bins I think.

DANNY            Actually, that's not quite right... I'm just looking for a new place, that's all. I'll be fine.

GWEN            Are you really going to be without a job?

DANNY            Um, I think so.

GWEN            (*An idea dawns on her*) Perhaps we can help you after all. And you can help us.

DANNY            Help? How?

GWEN            Well, my husband seems to like you.

RONALD          Like who?

GWEN            Danny.

RONALD          Absolutely.... Who's Danny? (*seeing Gwen nod towards Danny*) oh, him, I mean you. Oh absolutely. First rate.

GWEN            So why don't you have us as your first business?

DANNY            But I thought you didn't want to sell.

GWEN            No, but will bringing in a new rental give your boss confidence in you?

DANNY            I think so...

GWEN            Great. Well, we'll rent our house through you.