

"WEDDING PROPOSAL"

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EXT. RESTAURANT - EVENING

Jack and Beth are sitting at a table in a fancy outdoor restaurant.

BETH

This place is so nice, Jack.

JACK

Only the best for you, baby.

Beth grabs his hand.

BETH

Awwwww. You're the sweetest.

JACK

Beth, there's another reason I brought you here.

(Nervous)

God, I don't know how to say this...

BETH

Say what, Jacky.

JACK

That you're the only woman I've ever loved and I can't imagine my life without you.

(Reaches into pocket)

Bethany Ann Taylor, will you marry me?

He pulls out the ring. Beth is shocked but excited.

BETH

Oh my god! Oh my god! I don't know what to say.

JACK

Say yes!

BETH

Yes! Yes I'll marry you.

She leans over and kisses him.

JACK

Oh, there's just one more thing I have to tell you.

BETH

What is it?

JACK

April Fools!

Jack starts LAUGHING hysterically.

BETH

(Appalled)

What?

JACK

(Still LAUGHING and very obnoxious)

I got you! I got you! Oh, man, did I get you!

BETH

Jack, I...

JACK

You totally forgot what day it was, didn't you? Oh man, this is sweet.

BETH

(Stunned)

I... I...

JACK

This is awesome! This is the best April Fool's prank ever! It's a hundred times better than last year, remember? When I called all your relatives and told them you died in car accident. Then your grandma had a heart attack and died. That was awesome, but this-- this is better!

Other customers are looking over in disgust.

JACK (CONT'D)

(To them)

What do you think, huh?

Is this awesome or what? This isn't even a real diamond. 12 bucks. Target.

BETH

Jack, I...

JACK

Oh, oh, what about the year before, huh? When I stashed in kilo of coke in your room and called the DEA. You remember? That was good, but nothing compared to this.

BETH

(Banging on the table)

Enough!

JACK

Baby, what's wrong?

BETH

(Furious)

You think this is funny? Embarrassing me in public like this!

JACK

But Bethy, it's just a little prank.

BETH

Your pranks aren't funny, Jack! I mean, I really miss my grandma. And now this. This is worse than the year you cut off all my hair and super-glued to my scalp. I will NEVER forgive you for this.

JACK

(Worried)

Baby, what are you saying?

BETH

We're through, Jack. I never wanna see you again.

Beth breaks down CRYING.

JACK

(Genuinely apologetic)

Baby, I'm sorry. I... I didn't mean to hurt you. You can't mean what you said. I... I'm so sorry. Say something.

Beth suddenly stops CRYING and looks up.

BETH

April fools!

JACK

(Relieved)

Awww, man!

BETH

(Equally obnoxious)

I got you! I so got you!

JACK

You got me.

BETH

I got you soooooooo good!

JACK

It was pretty good.

BETH

This is better than the year I sent all those transvestite prostitutes to your job and got you fired.

JACK

Much better. Happy April Fool's, baby. I love you.

BETH

I love you too! Happy April Fool's!

The insane couple kisses.

THE END