

INT. APARTMENT HALLWAY - DAY

Tony walks down the hall just as Nadine opens her front door.

SUPER: A week later.

NADINE
Hey Tony. Where did Shelby run off
to today?

TONY
Spending my hard earned money.

NADINE
How's the baby?

TONY
Baby's fine.

NADINE
Does he keep you up at night?

TONY
Not me.

NADINE
That's good.

An awkward silence.

NADINE (CONT'D)
So...

TONY
Um...have you heard anything about
our heater? And the door handle in
the bathroom keeps falling off.

NADINE
Heater?

TONY
Our hot water heater that hasn't
been working for over a month, but
that I really need since I have a
kid now.

NADINE
Aahhh right. I didn't forget. He
doesn't have the money for it right
now.

TONY
That's what you said last time.

NADINE

I don't know what he does with his money. Property taxes or something.

TONY

That's no excuse. He still has to get things fixed around here. I'm tired of having to take five minute showers and then getting stuck in the bathroom because the door knob is broken.

NADINE

Just take the door handle off. You could do it yourself.

Tony snickers.

TONY

Nadine, I want it fixed. Does he plan on getting anything fixed around here?

NADINE

Of course darling. But you know, these things take time. Just be a little patient.

TONY

We've been waiting long enough! If he doesn't get it taken care of by the end of this week I'm going to buy the parts and fix it myself and then deduct it from the rent.

NADINE

Oh Tony, I never seen you like this.

She tries to seduce him with her eyes.

NADINE (CONT'D)

It's not going to make him happy, but you are making me horny.

TONY

At this point, I don't care about what makes him happy or you... All I know is I'm sick and tired of the water going ice cold while I still have shampoo in my hair and I want something done about it.

(MORE)

TONY (CONT'D)

And if he's not going to do something, I'll call a plumber tomorrow.

NADINE

Hey, the man has rules. He's not going to change them for you.

TONY

There's no changing anything. He's the landlord and he needs to take care of the maintenance problems in his building. And quit looking at me like that!

NADINE

Look if you don't like it you can always leave.

TONY

Who said anything about leaving? I just want a new fucking water heater and the door fixed!

NADINE

Excuse me. You do not need to speak to me like that.

TONY

Well, just do your job. You're the building manager. If there's a problem you're supposed to get it taken care of.

NADINE

I know how to do my job. I don't need you to tell me. -- This conversation is over.

Nadine slithers away leaving Tony alone in the hallway. His neighbor's door cracks open.