

Bob

"Giggles"

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ANN (V.O.)

The only way the shelter's going to accept the bunny, is if you've owned him for a while, and now have a legitimate reason for not being able to keep her. They've already seen me too many times...you're her only hope.

Bob grabs the rabbit, and walks out.

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Bob rings a bell, and a few moments later, WANDA, mid-twenties, walks up to the counter.

WANDA

Can I help you?

BOB

(choked up)

I sure hope so...it's just that...it's my Giggles over here.

Bob takes the rabbit and puts in on the counter.

BOB

It's my neighbor's fault.

WANDA

What is?

BOB

See, I've had Giggles ever since my ex-girlfriend Jennifer left me. The little bitch. Jennifer, not Giggles. Anyway, I had just bought a new cage for the her...Giggles, not Jennifer, and my neighbor asks me who the cage is for, and I tell him, and he smiles, and next thing I know, the building administrator is knocking on my door, and telling me that I can't have any pets, and that if the rabbit isn't gone by tomorrow, that I'll be evicted, and so on...

WANDA

So you're here to drop her off-

m/w-c

Bob

BOB

Her has a name. It's Giggles. You know why I call her Giggles?

WANDA

No, sir, I don't.

BOB

It's because she likes to hop on to my stomach, and start tickling me with her cute little nose, and I can't help but giggle.

(beat)

What's your name?

WANDA

Wanda.

BOB

Wanda, you like being tickled in your stomach, don't you?

WANDA

Sir...yes, I do. Sure.

BOB

Well, Giggles would do it all the time. And she's the reason I've been able to deal with my break-up.

WANDA

I'm going to need your driver's license.

Bob hands his license over to her, as she begins to type on a computer.

WANDA

You are aware that due to the high number of rabbits in the shelter, we can't assure you we'll be able to find a home for her-

BOB

Giggles.

WANDA

Right, well, if we don't find a home for Giggles, there's a chance that we might have to euthanize her.

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Bob

BOB

You're going to do what? Honey, I can't even think straight, and you're those using big words on me!

WANDA

She might be put to sleep.

BOB

No! For the love of God, don't kill her!

WANDA

We'll do the best we can, sir. But we can't guarantee anything.

BOB

If I could keep her, I would. But as great as Giggles is, she can't get a job, and she won't pay the bills. And I need my apartment. Please don't euphemize her.

WANDA

She's adorable. I'm sure we'll be able to do something.

Wanda takes the rabbit.

BOB

Please...let me say goodbye.

Bob takes the rabbit and holds it in his arms.

BOB

I love you, Giggles. You've done so much for me, and now I feel like I'm letting you down. I just hope you understand. I'll see you again, someday, I promise. Just hang on. Keep your tail up. I love you.

Bob wipes a tear off his face. He hands her over to Wanda.

BOB

Tell her you love her, please.

WANDA

I'm sorry. I can't-

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Bob

BOB

You can't show her love? Wanda,
you ever have a boyfriend tell you
he doesn't love you anymore? You
know how awful it feels, not having
someone tell you they love you,
even when it's the only thing you
want to hear? This is what Giggles
wants to hear! Do it for all the
times you've been wronged!

Wanda holds the rabbit...

WANDA

I love you, Giggles.
(passionately)
I love you, girl!

BOB

She also likes to hear it in
Spanish.

WANDA

But I don't speak Spanish.

BOB

It's easy...te quiero, Giggles.

WANDA

Te...quiero...

BOB

That's beautiful.
(beat)
Can I hug you, Wanda?

Wanda starts shaking her head, amused.

WANDA

Sure.

Bob walks over to hug her...

BOB

You're an angel. Thank you so
much.

WANDA

We'll do the best we can-

BOB

That's all I can ask for.
(smiling)
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