

LAWYERS IN LOVE
A Two-Minute Sketch
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He and She come through the door – both wearing lawyer clothes – both looking dragged out. He is carrying a bag with various drugstore items. Both have briefcases. They go to the couch, center stage, and plop down, facing the audience.

SHE

Boy, what a day. I must have spent five hours straight on the phone with the client in that wrongful death suit. Honey, I know this is our night for sex, but all I can think about is going to sleep.

HE

(holding his head)

That's okay. I might be thinking of sleep too, if I didn't have this raging headache. They were painting our office today, and the fumes were horrible.

SHE

Why don't you take a couple of Motrin and try to relax? That reminds me. Did you have a chance to get to the drugstore?

HE

(He hands bag to She. As He talks, She paws through bag, pulling out items, one by one, looking them over carefully, reading the labels, and replacing them in bag. There's some toothpaste, anti-perspirant, shampoo, Pepcid, and condoms.)

Yeah. I think I got everything on the list. I had to run out of the office during the fifteen minutes I had between getting that brief filed and having to appear in court, and just as I got to the cash register, the cashier decided she had to count her cash drawer. That didn't help my head either . . .

SHE

(interrupting, ostentatiously reading from the condom package)

Honey – listen to this: “For maximum protection it is important to follow the accompanying directions. Failure to do so may result in loss of protection.” That's an awfully vague warning. I don't think it's sufficient to protect the company from liability, do you?

HE

(taking box and reading it)

And listen to this: “No method can guarantee 100% effectiveness.” But there is absolutely no disclosure as to the actual percentage effectiveness of this method.

SHE

(takes it back – both are starting to breathe more heavily)

And it “may prevent the transmission of disease,” but “cannot totally eliminate the risk of acquiring a disease.” Do you think that protects the company fully by causing the user to assume the risk?

(By now, they are gazing straight into each other’s eyes.)

HE

I’m not sure a defense could be sustained on the basis of that language. Again, nothing is said about the level of risk . . .

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