

Half Hearted

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INT. THE BEDROOM - DAY

A bedroom with a double-bed in the middle. A large cupboard is opposite and there are bed-side tables either side and a chest of drawers near the door.

A MAN and a WOMAN sit on opposing sides with their backs to one-another. Both wear black.

WOMAN

Right then.

MAN

Right.

WOMAN

You understand why though don't you?

MAN

Not really.

WOMAN

It's not that I hate you.

MAN

You just don't love me anymore.

Woman turns towards him.

WOMAN

That's not fair. Can you honestly say you love me?

MAN

Love comes and goes. It could come back again.

WOMAN

And in the meantime we just continue in this existence?

His head drops.

MAN

No.

WOMAN

There you are.

MAN

Yeah.

(CONTINUED)

WOMAN

We should put the flat on the market as soon possible.

MAN

Okay.

WOMAN

In the meantime you had better take your things.

MAN

Me?

WOMAN

Yes. You.

MAN

You're the one who wants to end things.

WOMAN

Yes. But it's my house.

MAN

Only half. The other half is mine.

WOMAN

You can't have half a house. Your parents live nearby. It's easier for you.

MAN

Easy?

WOMAN

Easier.

MAN

Fine. But if I can't take half the house I'm taking half the contents. Starting now.

Man rises, marches towards the cupboard and removes a dress. He turns to the Woman.

MAN (cont'd)

I'll take half of this.

He tears the dress in half and discards it on the floor.

Woman stands and looks in disbelief at the torn dress.

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MAN (cont'd)
And half of this.

He picks a pearl necklace off the chest of drawers and pulls it apart. The pearls scatter on the floor.

She reaches over and takes a book from his bedside table, which she tears in half.

WOMAN
(Smiling sarcastically)
Half of this.

SERIES OF SHOTS:

1) MAN'S HANDS TEARING FLOWERS.

MAN (OS)
Half of this.

2) WOMAN'S HANDS TEARING TICKETS TO A FOOTBALL MATCH.

WOMAN (OS)
Half of this.

3) MAN'S HANDS TEARING THE HEAD OFF A TEDDY BEAR.

MAN (OS)
Half of this.

4) WOMAN'S HANDS SNAPPING A DVD IN HALF.

WOMAN (OS)
Half of this.

5) MAN'S HANDS TEARING LINGERIE.

MAN (OS)
Half of this.

6) WOMAN'S HANDS TEARING A CONDOM PACKET.

WOMAN (OS)
Half of this.

END SERIES OF SHOTS. RETURN TO SCENE -

The room is now littered with the debris of their possessions.

Man holds a photograph of the couple in happier times. He tears it in half down the middle between the two of them.

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MAN
(Without emotion)
Half of this.

Woman's eyes are filled with tears, but her expression soon turns to one of cold rage. She steps forward towards Man and punches through his chest!

He reels back but is unable to prevent what happens. She withdraws her fist which holds his still beating heart and steps away, leaving him distressed and confused.

WOMAN
(Very slowly)
Half. Of. This.

She tears his heart in half and flings the pieces to the floor. Man stands there helplessly whilst collapses onto the bed in anguish.

CLOSE ON:

The two halves of the photograph, now spattered with blood.

FADE TO BLACK.

THE END