



Burnt Toast

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Sherie Baker woke up late. Her alarm had not gone off. The morning became a frenzy in her panic to get ready in time for work. Sherie is a schoolteacher, a home economics teacher, and usually on time. On a normal morning, she makes scrambled eggs, bacon, cereal, and juice for her family, and has plenty of time

to share it with them, but this morning she is quite behind schedule and only has time to make toast.

Sherie puts the toast into the toaster, takes her cup of coffee to the bedroom, and then sets to work removing the curlers from her hair. Still in the midst of this task, she hears the baby crying, and has to take a bottle and pacifier to the nursery. Suddenly, she hears the smoke alarm blaring and realizes that her toast has burnt! She runs to the kitchen with some curlers still in her hair, hair uncombed, and tries to stop the toast from further burning. She doesn't want to electrocute herself by getting out the toast with a knife, so she looks for the cord to unplug the toaster. Sherie realizes that if her home economics students could see her now, they would be laughing. She feels very sorry about the toast being burnt for her husband and children. She scrapes off the burnt part as much as she can, and starts to butter the slices, but suddenly realizes that everyone is gone already – the kids to school, and her husband, Shawn, to his job as a carpenter building houses. He usually starts work earlier than Sherie. As she realizes this, and wonders what to do with all this burnt toast, the doorbell rings and she sees that the milkman has arrived.

Now normally, Sherie replaces her wedding ring onto her finger immediately after her morning shower. But on this crazy morning, she has forgotten to put it back on. It is still sitting in its cleaning solution on the bathroom counter. When she goes to the door to greet the milkman, he notices that she is not wearing a ring. "Let me deliver the milk right to your refrigerator," he offers. Sherie agrees, since she is so exhausted by the day so far. But then the milkman initiates some hanky-panky, and begins to guide her toward the bedroom! Sherie protests, "Don't you dare! I have a husband!" The

milkman is quite surprised, and backs off right away, heading quickly to the door.

In the meantime, the smoke alarm has continued to sound, and the fire station has sent a truck full of firemen to check out the problem. They arrive to find merely some burnt toast in the kitchen of Sherie's house. One fireman happens to really love burnt toast, and offers to eat Sherie's. She is happy to give it to him, and feels much better.

Finally, Sherie finishes getting ready for work. She combs out her hair, adds a decent jacket to her outfit, and when Sherie is finally ready to leave – very late for work – she takes the baby over to her mother, who provides daycare for the baby every day. A neighbor notices that Sherie is leaving much later than normal, and had noticed the milkman enter her house earlier that morning. She suspects something scandalous.

That evening, Sherie's husband Shawn returns home late. He always gets home late, being so busy building houses all day. Sherie is already home and is waiting for him inside. But before Shawn can make it in the door, the neighbor catches him. "Hi, Shawn. How you doin'?" she asks. "Fine," answers Shawn. "There was quite a commotion at your house this morning," the neighbor continues. "The milkman entered your home to deliver the milk instead of leaving it at the stoop. And I heard your baby making quite a racket. The smell of burnt toast was strong in the air all throughout the neighborhood. The fire department even arrived. Such neglect of household duties! Are you aware that your wife left for work quite late this morning?"

Shawn replied, "Mind your own business." And that was that.

When he opened the door to his house, he grabbed his wife into his arms, and... we cannot show this scene to anyone under the age of twelve due to movie rating restrictions. That's all, folks!