

PRT WOMAN  
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FADE IN:

EXT. PATIO -- DAY

CHARLIE, a scraggly guy, bad hair day, sports team jersey prances onto the patio carrying a BONG, a BOOZE BOTTLE and a bouquet of FLOWERS.

On the patio is a FLOWERED FOLDING CHAIR with an ENVELOPE addressed to CHARLIE. Under the chair is a laptop computer.

CHARLIE

Top 'o the day! Happy St. Patrick's  
Day! I'm home! Where is everyone!  
Hello!

Charlie looks around and eventually sees the envelope on the folding chair. He struggles with his load while picking up the envelope, drops the bottle on the chair, sets the bong down next to the chair.

He opens the envelope and reads out loud:

"Charlie – We are moving onto greener  
pastures in Australia with Mel. Your  
corned beef and cabbage is in the  
microwave. Signed, The Goddesses"

He plops down on the patio chair and is saddened by the news.

CHARLIE

LOSERS! I gotta find me a WINNER!

He pulls out the laptop computer opens it up and starts typing.

CHARLIE  
(as he types)  
Craigslist.org  
Hmmm, Let's see, 'do you know how to  
touch a girl??? - 29' Been there done  
that.  
(He shakes his head 'no')  
'I love to play in groups, 24'  
That didn't work out.  
(scrolls down the screen)  
'PRT woman, shapely, recent vet seeks  
WINNER - single, 30'  
(beat)  
'PRT Woman - Pretty Woman, shapely,  
recent vet...'  
(beat)  
I'm as patriotic as the next guy...

Charlie picks up his telephone and dials the number on the screen.

CHARLIE  
Hello? Is this PRT woman?

FREEZE FRAME

FADE TO BLACK:

If available play "Pretty Woman" by Roy Orbison over the house sound system during the set change.

FADE IN:

INT. PRT WOMAN'S APARTMENT - LATER IN THE DAY

PRT Woman's (Paddy's) apartment living room is set with a sofa, table and chairs.

There's a cowboy hat on the hat rack, western stuff scattered about. The table set with a plate of appetizers, bottle of wine, glasses.

There's a KNOCK on the DOOR.

PADDY (Off Stage)  
(Western/Country accent)  
C'mon in! Doors open!

Charlie enters carrying the same flower bouquet he brought home. He noses around. He fondles the cowboy hat. He picks up a framed picture from an end table.

CHARLIE  
(eyeing the picture)  
Thanks! Wow! You are one Pretty Woman!

PADDY  
(peeking around the door  
frame, wrapped in a towel)  
Make yourself at home. Pour yourself a  
drink!

Charlie continues looking at the picture and killing a few moments.

CHARLIE  
I'm not much of a drinker! How long  
have you been back from over seas. Were  
you serving in the Middle East?

PADDY  
What? Middle East?

Paddy walks out from her bedroom. She's wearing a tight fitting outfit that accentuates her pregnancy.

PADDY  
Hi, I'm Padricka O'Toole. You can call  
me Paddy. Happy St. Paddy's Day!  
(extends her hand for a  
handshake)  
Did you try the appetizers? They're a  
delicacy – Pot stickers from Hog Fat  
Chinese down the block?

CHARLIE  
I'm Charlie. You can call me O'Charlie.  
(staring at her mid-section)  
Yeah, I do like a good dumpling.  
(beat)  
You're ...

PADDY

...pregnant? You knew I was pregnant from my craigslist ad, right? PRT Woman - pregnant woman?

CHARLIE

I'm usually a student of the obvious.

PADDY

I didn't want to put 'PG woman', that sounded too much like Hollywood - 'Parental Guidance'? I didn't want to give the wrong idea here in California, that I was, like, you know, unclean?

Charlie pulls a flask from his pocket and takes a swig.

CHARLIE

But your ad says that you're a recent vet?

PADDY

I kind of stretched the truth on that.

(beat)

I just graduated from vet school. I'm a veterinarian's assistant. Barbizon School of Hotel/Motel Management and Veterinary Science class of 2010!

She pulls the stethoscope out of her bag and puts it around her neck.

PADDY (Cont'd)

I'm best with small animals.

She puts the stethoscope in her ears then onto her pregnant midsection.

CHARLIE

Hotel/Motel Management and Veterinary Medicine?

PADDY

Oh, we basically take the same classes, but get different degrees.

PADDY (Cont'd)

I'm just a simple redneck gal from Texas and looking for a winner! Where I'm from, there are more antelope than there are men. C'mon Charlie - let's go get'er done!

CHARLIE

I think I'll take you up on that drink.

Charlie pours a bit into a glass, then takes a swig from the bottle.

PADDY

You said on the phone you're a bi-winner, a winner here and a winner there.

CHARLIE

Well, actually I said I'm bi-polar and I doubt you want to get'er done with a guy like me. I have a 10,000 year-old brain and the boogers of a seven year old.

PADDY

Ooooh, Ooooooh, keep talking dirty to me, you big, bad, bi-winner, you. You wanna have dinner or just Cowboy Up?

CHARLIE

I thought we were going to have a quiet evening around the campfire.

PADDY

Ooooh, Ohhhhh!

CHARLIE

I don't know if this is going to work out. I'm a warlock Vatican assassin and you like to get 'er done with small animals.

PADDY

Ooooh, Ohhhhh!

CHARLIE  
(starting to get interested)  
So what did you have in mind?

He realizes the Paddy is going into labor.

PADDY  
Charlie, my water, my water!

Charlie reaches for a Nalgene water bottle and nervously hands it to her.

PADDY  
No, No, I'm breaking water. We have to go!

CHARLIE  
I know of a good Barbeque place.

Charlie puts his arm around Paddy. On the way out he puts on her Cowboy hat.

PADDY  
As long a it's near a hospital!

CHARLIE  
I have a feeling that this is the start of a beautiful friendship, Paddy.  
(beat)  
By the way, you wouldn't happen to have a sister, would you?

The two exit.

FADE OUT:

THE END