

A script from



“Johnson’s Valentine’s Bowl”

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- What** It’s his way vs. her way in the 11th annual Valentine’s Day gone wrong for the Johnsons. Themes: Valentine’s Day, Unmet expectations, Communication, Marriage, Wives, Husbands, Compromise, Love
- Who** Richard-husband
Stephanie-wife
Frank-sports announcer
Pete-Sports Announcer
Brooke-Sports Announcer
- When** Present
- Wear
(Props)** Blindfold
Blanket for picnic
2 plates with “food”
Desk and 2 chairs for announcers
Microphone for Brooke
Optional graphic slides saying “Welcome to the 11th annual Johnson Valentine’s Bowl” and “This has been a Married Real Sports Presentation”
- Why** 1 Corinthians 13:4, 1 Peter 4:8
- How** This is a fun one. Commentators Pete and Frank should be fast paced and somewhat over the top. Richard and Stephanie should be played more realistically. Quick timing between the commentators and the couple is key. This script would also be good on Super Bowl Sunday.
- Time** Approximately 6-8 minutes

Richard is guiding **Stephanie** blindfolded up the middle of center stage.

Richard: (As they walk) Okay, we're almost there.

Stephanie: What are you doing?

Richard: Don't peek.

Stephanie: I'm not. Where are you taking me? (She trips)

Richard: Don't peek.

Stephanie: But you're running me into things.

Richard: I won't do it again, just don't peek. (They arrive, he takes off blindfold) Ta da!

Stephanie: (Not thrilled, trying to fake it) You've made us dinner, and put it outside.

Richard: You said you wanted me to take you out for Valentines, so I did. I took you out...out-side.

Stephanie: Yes, you did...a week too late.

Richard: Well?

Stephanie: Well it's...uh...uh...neat.

Richard: Neat? This is outstanding. I went to a lot of trouble here, Stephanie.

They freeze.

CG graphic: Welcome to the 11th annual Johnson Valentine's Bowl.

Frank: Good to see ya here, Pete, once again at the Johnson's Valentine's Bowl.

Pete: And welcome to you, sports fans.

Frank: For the 11th year in a row we have met here to watch a battle of wills, if you will. And what a battle it's been.

Pete: That's right, Frank. For those of you who have never witnessed this bowl you are sure to be amazed. To put it simply, if the past is any indicator, you are guaranteed a night you won't soon forget. And to find out why, let's go to our side-line commentator, Brooke Omniscient. Brooke.

Brooke: That's right Pete, for 11 long years, this couple has used the blessed event of Valentine's Day to find out just exactly who deserves the title of the better spouse at their house. And in the light of Richard and Stephanie's pre-season fights, we have already witnessed in this short New Year, tonight's battle promises to be bigger and messier than even the years prior.

Pete: Brooke, from here, it seems the game has started with less of a bang than in years past. Stephanie seemed tentative about eating outside for dinner and we didn't get to see that high powered offense Stephanie is so famous for. Brooke, from where you're standing, does the tension seem a little less to you this year here at the Johnson's Valentine Bowl?

Brooke: Quite the contrary Pete, you know they say a good defense is a great offense and I think that is what we are witnessing tonight. Let's watch the playback of the opening kick-off and I'll show you what I mean.

Richard and Stephanie unfreeze and re-act the first few lines.

Richard: *(They arrive, he takes off Stephanie's blindfold)* Ta da?

Stephanie: *(Not thrilled, trying slightly to fake it)* You've made us dinner, and put it outside.

They freeze.

Brooke: You can see right there, Frank and Pete, Richard thought he had actually scored points by preparing Valentine's dinner at home. Rookie plays like that are what makes this game worth watching. Some of you sports fans may remember last season when Richard tried to run that disastrous last minute substitution when he tried trading out diamonds with cubic zirconium earrings.

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ENDING:

Richard: So are you not mad at me anymore?

Stephanie: I wasn't mad at you Richard, I was hurt by you.

Richard: I should have taken you out. It's just home really is where my heart is. *(They embrace)*

Stephanie: And for me, when I am with you, you are home.

Richard: Get your purse, Honey, we're going out for dinner.

Stephanie: Really?

Richard: Really. *(You hear as they exit)* Look out Steak and Shake here we come.

Pete: They can't leave the field, we haven't played the second half.

Frank: Sit down Pete. Well folks, thank you for joining us for what quite possibly could be the last Johnson's Valentine's Bowl.

CG- Animation- This has been a Married Real Sports Presentation. Lights out.