

(Light up on wife laying in bed. Shoes on pedestal beside her head. She sits up with her eyes closed, she leans over the edge of the bed and opens her eyes. She exhales and smiles. Lights Down)

(Lights up. She repeats the same action sequences. Once she is done she starts to speak.)

Every morning I wake up and look beside my bed.

Actually, I keep my eyes closed and position myself to look over the edge of the bed.

I take a deep breath in, hold it, and open my eyes.

Every single morning for the last 15 years I've done this. And every morning for the last 15 years I've seen the exact same thing.

I take My deep breath, open my eyes, and see a pair of freshly shined shoes.

My black leather work shoes shine as bright as they can possibly shine. They are placed perfectly on the floor near my face so I can see them right away.

Every morning I look on the floor and there they are. It has never failed.

He has never failed.

Once I open my eyes and see those shoes I just smile and can exhale. In the moment of exhale I get rid of all the worry and stress that collect in my sleep. My body relaxes as well as my mind and I know 3 things, without even moving. my love is safe, my love is home, and my love loves me.

I exhale and turn over to kiss the man sleeping next to me and I whisper that I love him very much.

(Lights down.)

(Lights up on woman sleeping. The shoes are not on the pedestal. She sits up with her eyes closed and looks over the edge of the bed. She exhales. Blackout)