

RONNIE

(LAUGHS)

There he is! He's back!

THEY EMBRACE.

PAT

Hey.

RONNIE

Welcome home.

PAT

Thank you.

RONNIE

Welcome back, man.

PAT

Yeah, I'm out.

RONNIE

Yeah? You're out out?

PAT

Uh-huh.

RONNIE

Cool, man. Wow, you lost a lot of weight. I almost didn't recognize you.

PAT

Thank you.

RONNIE

I'm sorry I didn't visit you in the hospital. You know, work's out of control, you know, she had the baby. I'm really glad you're back. I missed you. I really need someone to talk to. You gotta come see the baby. She's beautiful. And Veronica wants to make dinner for you.

PAT

Congratulations on the baby, but I'm not buying the invitation.

RONNIE

'Cause you think Veronica still

hates you?

PAT

I know Veronica still hates me.

RONNIE

That's not true.

PAT

Yes, it is. Nikki always said that
"Ronnie's wife keeps his social
calendar where she keeps his balls,
in her purse."

RONNIE

That's not true.

UPSTAIRS WINDOW RONNIE'S HOUSE OPENS IN BG. WIFE VERONICA

VERONICA

Ronnie! What are you doing?

RONNIE

Okay, it's a little true. But if
you think she still hates you,
you're wrong because why would she
tell me to invite you to dinner?
Hmm?