



(#18 – CHIP ON MY SHOULDER (PLAYOFF) begins.)

SCENE NINE

(A dumpy trailer has appeared, ELLE enters with PAULETTE by her side, trailed by EMMETT.)

ELLE

Paulette, are you ready?

PAULETTE

I don't know, Elle. Dewey scares me.

ELLE

Channel that fear and tell yourself you are a strong, independent woman. You **MUST** be reunited with your dog.

(DEWEY enters and sees PAULETTE.)

DEWEY

Paulette, get offa my property!

PAULETTE

I wanna see my dog, Dewey! I bet you didn't even know it's his birthday today.

DEWEY

(taunting, sings)

Well, you can't see him! Best decision I ever made? Throwin' you out!

(DEWEY begins to leave.)

PAULETTE

Can you believe I lived with that for ten years? That cheap-skate never even got me a ring!

ELLE

They lived together for ten years—

*(Emboldened, ELLE crosses to DEWEY.)***DEWEY**

Now what?

ELLE

Mr.... Dewey, we are Ms. Buonofuonte's legal team.

DEWEY*(nervous)*

Lawyers?

ELLE

I don't think you understand that the great Commonwealth of Massachusetts recognizes your ten-year relationship with Ms. Buonofuonte as a common-law marriage, which entitles her to equitable division of property.

DEWEY

Huh?

ELLE

Translation:

*(ELLE looks to PAULETTE:)***ELLE & PAULETTE**

We're taking the dog!

(#19 – RUN RUFUS RUN!/ELLE REFLECTS begins.)

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(PAULETTE looks at ELLE.)

PAULETTE: Oh, Elle, this is the nicest thing anybody's ever done for me, bar none.

(PAULETTE runs offstage to get Rufus.)