

Ted steps to the bar, glancing to the back of the room, where a group of people have gathered beneath a banner reading 'HAPPY 30th BIRTHDAY DONNA!'. An attractive woman (DONNA) sits morosely while her friends laugh at joke gifts such as adult diapers, high-fiber foods, books on aging, etc. Donna gives a forced laugh as she stands, heading for the bar. Ted grins at the CAMERA as she approaches.

TED

Here's a bachelor tip - number 27: Always try to appeal to a woman's sense of youth...

Donna sidles up to the bar next to Ted. He looks to her understandingly.

TED

The big three-oh, huh? Looks pretty grim.

DONNA

I can feel my hair turning blue. I was afraid I might fall and break my hip coming over here.

TED

Come on, it's not that bad. You shouldn't be moping around, you should be celebrating your maturity and wisdom...

He reaches into his pocket, pulling out a small, plastic container.

TED (cont.)

... Pez?

It's a Wonder Woman Pez dispenser. Donna laughs, surprised.

DONNA

I used to love Pez!

TED

Keep it. Happy birthday.

DONNA

Are you sure? I couldn't...

TED

(flips up dispenser - candy pops out)
I'm positive. I collect them.

DONNA

I'd love to see your collection.

She takes the candy with her tongue, looking at Ted suggestively.

INT. TED'S TOWNHOUSE - BEDROOM - NIGHT

A trail of PEZ dispensers, candy wrappers, Bazooka Joe comics and empty Slurpee cups leads to the bed, where Ted and Donna lay under the covers - kissing while wearing big wax lips. Donna laughs happily, working her way down Ted's torso with her wax lips as Ted looks to the CAMERA.

TED

Underline tip 27...

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INT. TED'S OFFICE - DAY

We find ourselves looking at a wall of TV screens, each showing a different unusual, offbeat sport. On one screen, we see a seemingly peaceful round of PGA golf, with Tom Kite preparing to tee off. He raises his club to swing and... is brutally TACKLED and CRUSHED by huge men in full football-style gear.

JOHN MADDEN (v.o.)

This week on TSN: Don't miss the skull-shanking, bone-crushing action of Men's Full-Contact Golf! That's gonna leave a divot!

A bloody Kite staggers to his feet, swinging his club like a weapon and runs.

TED (v.o.)

A single man learns to appreciate other things, too - like his work. I run an all-sports cable channel, TSN. We broadcast sports from 70 countries worldwide.

Sportscasters call the action from the various monitors on the wall.

MARV ALBERT (v.o.)

Yes!

GERMAN SPORTSCASTER (v.o.)

Da!

FRENCH SPORTSCASTER (v.o.)

Oui!

RUSSIAN SPORTSCASTER (v.o.)

Ya!

The continue in Marv Albert-like fashion as we PAN to Ted, who uses a remote control to lower the sound. He sits behind a large desk, speaking to MEG THOMPSON. About the same age as Ted, she's tall, slender and attractive, dressed in a conservative business suit. She grins at him skeptically.