

Well heeled (WT)  
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INT. HOUSE DAY

Man sits on sofa. Close up of top of torso. Man begins to speak. He is talking to camera. He is part of a documentary.

MAN

I've always loved shoes. People tend to think of it as woman's thing. Imelda Marcos....and all that. (A beat). I remember buying my first pair of school shoes: Clarke's Commandos, they came with a free badge and ID card. I loved them so much, I went to bed with them on.

Man smiles as he remembers his past. May gets up. We still see his torso.

MAN

Can I offer you a cup of tea?

CUT TO

INT HOUSE KITCHEN.

MAN

Yeh....shoes play an important part in people's lives. I guess almost everyone in the world has a pair.

To camera.

Shoes brought me and my girlfriend together.

He points at a picture on the wall.

It was love at first sight. Our eyes just met. (A beat) We were shoe shopping..... that's what we do most weekends.

Still making the cup of tea.

Milk and sugar?

CUT

INT. HOUSE DAY

Man sitting back on the sofa with cup of tea.

MAN CONT'D

I've been studying the history of shoes.

We cut to a wide shot. We now see the man's legs. He has his legs crossed. One foot is on his knee. We see that he is wearing a red shoe. A high-heeled shoe.

MAN

King Louis XIV of France wore intricate heels decorated with miniature battle scenes. They were called "Louis heels," often five inches tall. He decreed that only nobility could wear red heels: "les talons rouge". (A beat). The French Revolution put an end to all that.

He gestures with his hand and pulls it across his throat, signifying the guillotine.

CUT TO

INT. HOUSE DAY - BEDROOM

We see a closed wardrobe door. The man opens the door to reveal his shoe collection.

MAN

I don't know how many pairs I've got. The great thing is that me and the girlfriend are the same size, so we swap.

He picks out a pair of shoes. And shows it.

MAN

Each pair has its own character and purpose. I love these ones. They're great around the house on a hot summer's day.

CUT TO

INT. SUPERMARKET

Man walking around wheeling a trolley.

MAN

I often go late night shopping. If I've forgotten which shoes I'm wearing I notice as soon as I get to the high shelves.

We see him taking an item from a high shelf and putting it in his trolley.

CUT TO

INT. HOUSE DAY FIXING LAMP

Man in shoes reaching to fix a lamp bulb.

MAN

Egyptian butchers wore heels to keep their feet away from the gore on the job. (A beat).

As the bulb is safely in place.

MAN

It's great exercise too. My doctor tells me I've got great legs.

CUT TO

INT HALL

Choir rehearsal. (Physical comedy as filmed. NB. I'm guessing that the choir needs to be dead pan - just reacting as though everything is normal).

MAN (V/O)

Roman actors wore heels. Check out your heel history. They're just so versatile.

CUT TO

INT. HOUSE SOFA

We cut back to sofa.

MAN

Some people don't like that new shoe feeling. You know rubbing heels or pinched toes. My girlfriend and I saw this as a business opportunity. (A beat) We walk people's shoes in for them. We get to wear loads of shoes and their owners get shoes, just as they like them. Perfect.

The doorbell rings and the man gets up to answer the door.

MAN

Excuse me. That'll be the shoes booked in for today. I'm walking them in for a wedding.

FADE OUT

ENDS