

## The Ball and Chain

Mike: I think I am going to **pop the question**.

Terry: Mikey, Mikey, have you been drinking again. Don't get me wrong, Michelle is a cool **chick** and all but marriage. The Big M. **The ball and chain**. You are only 33 Mike. You have to **think this through**.

Mike: Michelle gave me an **ultimatum**. Either, we get married and start a family or **she walks**. She is talking about her **clock ticking** and all that. I just think that I **owe it to her**. She **stood by me** when I was **trying to make it as** a writer. She worked two jobs and and most nights she worked **double shifts** too. If it hadn't been for her, I wouldn't have had **a roof over my head** back then.

Terry: Owe it to her! This isn't ten dollars Mikey. This is.....Mikey Mikey. Hey listen to me! Like George Michael said, "You got to hold on to your freedom."

Mike: I don't know what to do. I am kind of **damned if I do and damned if I don't**.

Terry: One woman for the next 50 years.

Mike: Maybe, we should just have a long **engagement**.

Terry: The same woman for the next 50 years.

Mike: Or, maybe we could **move in** together and see **how it goes**.

Terry: No other women for the next 50 years.

Mike: Will you cut it out?

Terry: What?