



How to be a
**Good
Wife**

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The Ideal Form

I've found it What Plato said
From the Winter 2006 Collection
A dusty rose 100% silk knee-length
Pleated trim at neck pintucking at bodice
Low scoop over the breast self-tie bow at the neck
Concealed back zip closure no pocketed
Valentino dress Condition Pristine
Estimated retail \$5,238 online
Bust 28" Waist 25" Hip 32" Length 39"
Made in Italy It's the Form of the Dress
It's not a sundress not a shirtdress
Not a mini not a maxi not a wrap
No pouf no halter no spaghetti straps
Not a bubble blouson or ball gown
Not one-shoulder not tiered not A-line
Not Grecian Empire or Sabrina
Not a tent not apron definitely not Bodycon
Not a jumper prom tunic or maid
Not shift sheath slip
But an utterly perfect silk light pink dress
To wear to be my perfect self
In this imperfect corrupt world
Maybe my prom dress had a 25" waist
Before motherhood before middle age
When I was Condition Pristine
I don't even know anymore
But I need the Perfect Form now
To wear to this meeting today
To finalize the end of my marriage
I need all the power of the history of femininity
The indignation of every wife ever
Who has been lied to
And left without \$5,238 to participate
In one of the world's finest impossible ideas

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The Form of Beauty
“Itself by itself with itself” says Plato
Which makes us all insane
Living as we do in Late Capitalism
All alone online late at night scrolling
For the perfect fuck perfect husband perfect outfit
Both affordable and devastating
To make everyone in the room
Gasp from its spectacular beauty
And you win even though
You’ve already lost because you’re a woman
And you wasted twenty years
Building a future with someone who would leave you
When it was convenient and let you loose
Into this dangerous world of shadows
Without a way the means
To the perfect Valentino dress
And to go with it
Perfect fuck you pumps