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"Ask Me Again"

KANDY 49 NEELY

ANGLE THE DOLL

It lays at a crazy angle half out of the box.

ANGLE THE ROOM

Kandy bends down and picks it up.

(offering it to her)
Here you go.

Neely retreats behind/her desk.

Are you all right?

NEELY

Deja vu.

KANDY

What?

NEELY Deja fucking vu.

START

INT. COFFEE SHOP - LATER

Neely and Kandy are seated at a booth in the half-empty coffee shop. She lifts the lid of the teapot and takes out the teabag.

NEELY

Once, long ago, there was a little girl...or so the story goes, who believed the moon was made of green cheese and Santa Claus came down the chimney every December. (reading the tea bag) Formosa Oolong.

KANDY

And now?

NEELY

Now she's got a kid two parakeets a zebra finch and a business and has to watch her ass, cause nobody else will. I used to love Chinese tea when I was a kid. We had a game we used to play, you had to finish the whole pot. No fair leaving anything over. It was fun. Where the hell is Oolong anyway?

KANDY What did you mean before...

NEELY Let's not, o.k.? You don't look like a tea drinker to me.

KANDY I'm not a pryer.

NEELY

Bourbon. White Lightning, more your style. You have nice hands and I've got to go.

KANDY
Dinner? (pause) Do you want
to have dinner tonight?

NEELY

No.

KANDY

Why not?

NEELY

I'm...busy. Maybe some other time.

KANDY Maybe tonight.

NEELY

I can't.

KANDY

You can.

NEELY I don't think so.

KANDY

Think again. Change your mind. Try it. You can do it. It's easy. You just close your eyes and...

NEELY Look, I don't date.

KANDY

You like McDonald's? I know a great McDonald's. Hamburgers, french fries. The real thing...eight o'clock?

NEELY You're very aggressive.

KANDY Only when I want something.

NEELY What do you want?

KANDY

A bite of the moon. I hear it's made of green cheese.

NEELY Ask me again sometime.

KANDY

O.K. ... What are you doing later? Want to have dinner with me?

Neely looks at Kandy for a long moment.

NEELY

Ask me again sometime. (she laughs) Some other time.

She walks out of the coffee shop. Kandy runs to the door.

KANDY

(shouting at the departing Neely)
What are you doing later?
You want to have dinner with me? ... If you don't like McDonalds I know a great Burger King!

EXT DONNA S SCHOOL - AFTERNOON

CHILDREN erupt from the classroom as the bell rings announcing the end of the school day. Donna and a few other children walk toward the front gate.

ANGLE THE FRONT GATE

The afternoon hubbub of parents picking up their children is at its hectic height. Donna looks around for a moment. Not seeing what she was looking for she joins a group of animated children.

EXT. STREETS - AFTERNOON

Neely drives vigorously through the traffic