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SHE

So, Guy, what's your story? Is your Uncle Bob in the business or are you just another boy out for quick cash, quick cars and an easy lay?

HE

You hate me.... is that it? I mean, you really hate me.

SHE

I'm just feeling extra charitable. So talk. amuse me, what's your story?

HE

I'm a recent film-school graduate with fairly disappointed middle-class parents who hoped their son would have been anything but a writer....

SHE

Oh, you're a writer, really?

HE

Yeah.

SHE

Why then, pray-tell, are you fetching coffee for Buddy Ackerman?

HE

Fetching... I'm not fetching. He's one of the top studio executives in the business.

SHE

So basically you're substituting talent with little amounts of ass-kissing, right?

HE

Okay, I've taken just about enough character assassination for one day. Thank you for the drink....

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SHE

Would you please sit down. Sit! Look, if this time can be spent convincing you to doing anything else with your life, to getting out while you're still whole, then it is time well spent. Let me ask you a question. Why do you want this?

HE

I don't know. It's just something that I've always wanted to do.

SHE

Bullshit. Is it the money? There are easier ways to get rich. Girls? Hey, I'll float you the bill and give you a number to call right now. Why the movies?

HE

Do you really want to know?

SHE

I really want to know.

HE

Why, so you can form some conclusion?

SHE

No, I really want to know.

HE

You really want to know.

SHE

I want to know.

HE

Well fine. Memories.

SHE

Memories.

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HE

Yeah. All my favourite memories have been of movies. For instance, my first job, summer of '88 "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade". My first car, the summer that "Rancho DelRio" opened - a fine Buddy Ackerman Film I might add.

SHE

What about your first kiss?

HE

[Pause] Uh... summer of 1979, "The Fish that Swallowed Pittsburgh".

SHE

What was her name?

HE

I don't remember, but Gabe Kaplen's hair in that movie was amazing. The only white man I've ever seen with an Afro.

SHE

Yeah.

HE

Wow, a smile, maybe you don't hate me.

SHE

Wow, get over yourself. Let me give you a piece of advice here: if you wanna make it in this business you don't have room for a personal life, much less a relationship.

HE

Absolutely no relationships?

SHE

Absolutely no relationships.