

JACE (1)

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SHOOT

Dora breaks in front of him, removes her sunglasses

DORA  
Howdie Sheriff Corman.

He doesn't look at her. Speaks in a no-bullshit voice-

SHERIFF CORMAN  
Hey yourself.

DORA  
Do any pumpkin carving this year?

SHERIFF CORMAN  
No. I have not.

DORA  
Not much for Halloween are you?

SHERIFF CORMAN  
Just stay out of trouble if you  
don't wanna be picking lead pellets  
out of your asshole.

Dora chuckles, moves getting his goat. Heads off-

DORA  
You're a real charmer. Seeya  
Sheriff!

HOLD ON Sheriff Corman, turning to camera. Dora REFLECTED in  
his dark glasses as she rides away...

DISSOLVE TO:

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**EXT. PARK - MID-AFTERNOON**

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Warm sunlight glimmers as CAMERA GLIDES through underbrush.  
The YELLOW BIKE rests against a tree. In the distance, we  
HEAR the mirth of festivities...

Close by, LAUGHTER. The foliage parts like a curtain to  
reveal DORA lying in a bed of vibrant leaves. Next to her-

JACE (19), emo-stoner. Despite the BULL RING in his nasal  
septum, the guy is still marginally good looking.

Sharing a JOINT, they laugh and watch LEAVES drift down from  
a majestic MAPLE TREE...

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DORA  
Oh man, I could just lie here  
forever...



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Dora tokes. Passes the joint to Jace-

JACE

→ Yeah.

(takes a drag)

Hey, you got your costume picked out for tonight? I'm thinking of going as an exhibitionist.

DORA

Now that's scary.

JACE

Hey, it's the only time of year I can wear something slutty and get away with it.

More weed-induced laughter.

Dora admires A RED MAPLE LEAF against a ray of light, casting a reddish hue on her pretty face...

DORA

I wish I knew a poem to say right now. Something deep and romantic...

JACE

Didn't you skip English class today?

DORA

Yeah, but I have a doctor's note...  
(glimpses her watch)  
Oh shit!

Snaps up, gathers her things...

JACE

Where you going?

DORA

The clinic. I'm late.

Off his expression, not appreciating the implication. She grins, straddles him-

DORA (CONT'D)

Relax. It's just a routine follow up exam.

JACE

Right. Cool.



DORA

Hit me.

He shotguns pot smoke into her mouth. Watches her absorb the hit. Got it bad for this girl. He pulls her closer-

JACE

Don't go.

Dora smiles, kisses him. Young love bathed in the splendor of autumn. She breaks off-

DORA

Later, stud.

Gets her bike...

JACE

I'll come by your place?

DORA

Not unless you want my mom to geld you.

She makes a "snipping" gesture.

Jace loses his smile.

End

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**EXT. CLINIC - MID-AFTERNOON**

A GROUP of excited kids in costumes scream and dash past a small nondescript building: "ECHO BAY FAMILY CLINIC"

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**INT. CLINIC - RECEPTION**

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DORA sits in the WAITING ROOM of the small-town clinic generously decorated with Halloween kitsch. She administers eyes drops...

YOUNG MOTHER (O.C.)

That's enough candy I said!

An overweight girl in a BUMBLEBEE getup throws a handful of candy at her YOUNG MOTHER, who replies with a LOUD SLAP on the back of her hand.

Dora flinches at this. A RING TONE-

The exasperated mother forcefully places the girl in a chair and digs out a CELL PHONE--

YOUNG MOTHER (CONT'D)

Hey. Just here at the clinic. Judy got some glue in her ear...

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