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EXT. SANTO PIETRO FESTIVAL - NIGHT

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Carnival games and food vendors line the edges of the streets. Decorations everywhere. Kids run around and play while the adults help themselves to plates filled with food.

Uncle Frankie, Jimmy, Oscar and Charlie sit around laughing and chatting over huge plates of pasta.

Tommy uses his fishing line trick to snag a funnel cake from a vendor.

Nicky and Donna walk through the festival. Donna looks beautiful in her dress. Nicky wears nice jeans and a short sleeved collared shirt. He tries his best to hide his nervousness.

NICKY

You, uh, you look very pretty--
Nice. You look very pretty nice.

DONNA

Thanks... I guess.

(then)

My ma made me wear this dress. I
think I look stupid.

NICKY

No, you look great.

DONNA

Yeah, well so do you. Never thought
I'd say this, but you're really
starting to look like you fit in
around here.

They pass by a kissing booth. There are two lines. One is younger men, lined up to kiss a beautiful woman. The other is older men, lined up to kiss Tutti.

NICKY

Whoa. Is that my grandmother?

DONNA

She does this every year. Makes a
ton of money for the sisters of the
Holy Sacrament.

NICKY

Wow. That's kind of disturbing.

DONNA

I think it's sweet.

They continue to walk. As they do, we notice a TOUGH LOOKING THUG hanging back, secretly watching Nicky.

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Nicky and Donna walk over to one of the carnival games just as a heroic young Italian kid wins a giant stuffed panda for his sweetheart. Nicky smiles.

NICKY

I'm gonna win you won of those
stuffed pandas, Donna.
(to the vendor)
Ten darts please.

DONNA

I don't know. Aren't these games
usually rigged?

The GAME OPERATOR takes a ten from Nicky and hands over ten darts.

NICKY

Maybe.
(cracks his knuckles)
But I've got mathematics on my
side. Watch and learn. You might
want to take some notes.

CUT TO:

A dart sails through the air and pops one of the balloons. A perfect hit.

GAME OPERATOR

We have a winner!

The operator walks over to a row of giant stuffed pandas and... reaches one row lower to a much, much, much, much smaller stuffed panda. He hands it over to Donna, who smiles.

DONNA

Watch and learn, huh?

NICKY

Hey, I said I'd win you a stuffed
panda. I didn't say how big.

They pass a ladies room. Donna hands Nicky her panda.

DONNA

Hey, go get us some ice cream. I
gotta freshen up.

She's about to leave when she hesitates, turns back around and gives Nicky a peck on the cheek.

DONNA (cont'd)

Thanks, Nicky. I'm having a really
great time.

She walks off. Nicky smiles.

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