

The Contest

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FADE INTO:

INT. Byran's car day

BRYAN GOODWIN is driving an old beat up Oldsmobile. He is in his early twenty's, skinny, sort of a dorky looking. Sitting next to him is VERONICA WOODS a beautiful women, that has an under delivered simplicity to her.

VERONICA

I can't believe your doing this.

BRYAN

It's a one time thing.

VERONICA

I still feel ashamed.

BRYAN

After today, You won't ever have to see this again.

VERONICA

Look how skinny you are. Do you think you have a chance?

BRYAN

I'm in good shape. I've been practicing.

VERONICA

You could be a little more supportive of my lifestyle.

BRYAN

Look I will, after today.

Bryan pulls his car into an open field where there are rows of cars everywhere. There appears to be a fair in the back ground.

EXT: FAIRGROUNDS DAY

Veronica and Bryan are walking to were everyone seems to be gathering.

VERONICA

We get it, you like meat. Do you have to be a pig about it?

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BRYAN

Eating I like. Competition I like
even better.

VERONICA

Why do I stay with you?

BRYAN

My looks.

VERONICA

NO.

Up ahead there's a table with seats behind it sitting atop a stage. Bryan's eyes grow big.

VERONICA

Well go ahead, get it over.

Bryan runs to the stage while Veronica blends into a gathering crowd. As a back drop to the stage there is a sign that reads Union County's Hamburger Challenge.

EXT. FAIRGROUNDS CROWD EATING CONTEST

Veronica is waiting for the contest to start. While MARK COOK an attractive twenty year old accidentally, on purpose, bumps into her.

MARK

I'm sorry.

VERONICA

I bet.
(beat)

MARK

You like watching these things?

VERONICA

Hardly.

MARK

Me either I was bored with riding
the tea cups by myself. Thought I
might check it out...The names
Mark...Mark Cook.

Mark extends his hand for a shake. It is met sheepishly but the gesture is returned.

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VERONICA

Veronica.

MARK

Nice to meet you.

VERONICA

I'm just here to observe the bounds of male stupidity.

MARK

It's just a eating challenge.

VERONICA

Were they eat the once living.

MARK

Hows that?

The Eating contest gets underway.

EMCEE

Welcome to unions thirty first...

VERONICA

I'm a vegan.

MARK

Your a vegetarian?

VERONICA

There's more to it then that. It's a life style.

MARK

I see.

VERONICA

You wouldn't understand.

MARK

I know what a vegan is, Messing with you.

Veronica flashes a smile. She is temporarily thrown off guard by the speed with which her boyfriend, on stage, compels the food down his throat.

VERONICA

Look at that.

There is meat, hamburger buns and ketchup all over the table.

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VERONICA(CONTD.)

It's barbaric how anybody could eat that, especially like.... I cant watch.

MARK

Meat is good for you though. It has a lot of nutrients.

VERONICA

So says the meat eater.

MARK

I'm not trying to convert you.

VERONICA

Good, because I don't agree with the slaughtering of animals.

MARK

Vegans pray to the sun right.

VERONICA

We enjoy nature and all the gifts it has to offer.

The contestants faces are covered in a sloppy mess of hamburger ingredients.

MARK

Well that's attractive.

VERONICA

See, that's what I'm talking about. Senseless sport after a senseless killing.

MARK

I think meat has a bad wrap. Animals eat animals, right. Some That are far less intelligent then us eat there own.

VERONICA

Out of necessity.

MARK

I'm just saying.

VERONICA

I like the thought that we can all be one with nature.

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MARK

I like that idea too, doesn't mean
I should worship it.

VERONICA

There is so much more than that.

MARK

Maybe.

VERONICA

Do I look at you and say your an
asshole because you possibly ate
that in a hot dog.

MARK

Funny.

VERONICA

Vegan is my choice, meat is yours.
That's all I need to know about
you.

MARK

Well, that can't be true.

VERONICA

Why's that?

MARK

Because I'm a vegetarian.

VERONICA

Then why...

MARK

Playful banter to get to know you.

VERONICA

I see. How long?

MARK

Whole life.

VERONICA

You did this to get to know me?

MARK

Did it work.

VERONICA

Lets get out of here and find out.

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MARK

Sounds great.

Veronica looks back to see Bryan with mustered all over him, with a bloating expression of angst on his face.

VERONICA

I can't stand these neanderthals.

MARK

I'm glad to have found you. Hard to find people in the country with this lifestyle.

VERONICA

Yeah, this could be something.

The two head out, as there leaving they pass by a banner with the names of all thirty past winners. In The bottom left corner it reads in big print, MARK COOK 2009 CHAMPION.

MARK

Yeah, I think those guys are vile.

FADEOUT:

THE END