

INT. COFFEE SHOP -- DAY

People trickle in and out. An ATTRACTIVE YOUNG WOMAN sits at a table by herself, reading a book.

TOM, a pleasant looking guy, enters and walks up to the counter.

TOM
Small Cafe Latte.

BARISTA
Five ninety five.

Tom pays for his drink and steps over to the pickup counter when he notices the attractive woman. She glances in his direction. He quickly averts his eyes.

BARISTA
Small Cafe Latte!

Tom, startled, grabs his drink and heads for the door. He passes by the young woman on his way out.

He's half way out the door when he suddenly stops. Something is holding him back. It's his coat, snagged on the door handle. He yanks on it.

The young woman notices. Tom notices that she notices.

He finally manages to unhook his coat and exits.

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Tom exits and sighs, a look of disgust on his face.

TOM
Stupid. Idiot.

He shakes his head and takes a deep breath. He takes a moment to gather himself.

TOM
(to himself)
I can do this.

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He walks back in.

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Tom enters with a look of fierce determination.

He walks directly towards the attractive woman. She looks up at him just as HE WALKS PAST HER.

He awkwardly maneuvers his way around the tables and arrives at the condiments counter. He nervously tears a sugar packet open and sprinkles it into his drink.

He takes another deep breath, takes a swig of his latte and walks over to the young woman. This time, he stops right in front of her.

TOM

Excuse me.

The young woman looks up at him.

YOUNG WOMAN

Yes?

TOM

Sorry to bother you, but I noticed that you were sitting here alone and was wondering if I could join you.

YOUNG WOMAN

No.

Tom stands there like a statue, struck by this totally unexpected response.

TOM

Umm --

YOUNG WOMAN

-- I was just on my way out. But you can walk me to the train station.

TOM

Okay.

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The young woman tucks her book away in her purse and stands up. She extends her hand.

YOUNG WOMAN

I'm Jessica.

TOM

Tom.

JESSICA

Hi Tom. It's nice to meet you.

TOM

Nice to meet you too.

They walk out of the coffee shop together.

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Tom and Jessica step out.

TOM

So, Jessica...

JESSICA

Yes?

TOM

Tell me something...

JESSICA

What?

They walk down the sidewalk and disappear into the crowd...

THE END.