THE CANCELED STEALING

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FADE IN:

EXT. STREET - NIGHT

A street of private houses. No people. No movement. No sound.

JIM (19), dressed in dark clothes, walks along the street. He holds a bag in his hand. He approaches to one house with dark windows.

Jim looks back. He bypasses the house around, approaches to the window and then once again looks around all directions.

He pulls out a screwdriver from his pocket, opens the window, cautiously using it, and gets inside quickly.

INT. HOUSE - NIGHT

Jim pulls out a flashlight from his pocket. He stands motionlessly, listening rustles in the house, then switches on it and starts to move in the apartment cautiously.

He approaches to a sideboard, opens it, pulls out some things and puts them in the bag. He hears steps and switches off the flashlight.

Suddenly at the room are switching on a bright light.

LISA (18), a fine and sexy girl with a good body, stands near the switch in a transparent nightgown and slippers. Lisa is surprised and frightened. She looks at Jim with fear.

LISA
(exclaims)
Oh, my God!

JIM
(nervously)
Who are you?

LISA
(uncertainly)
I... live here.

Jim approaches Lisa.
JIM
(threateningly)
Who else is in the house?

LISA
(scared)
Nobody!

JIM
And where are your parents?

LISA
They left... but they will soon return. My father has a gun...

She is in panic and her hands are trembling. It is visible that she lies.

JIM
(smiles)
Really? It is horrible!

He comes closer.

JIM (cont’d)
(ironically)
You scared me!

LISA
Don’t kill me. Please. I won’t tell anything!

JIM
(seriously)
Calm down. I’m not a murderer. I’m not going to cause you any harm.

JIM looks at Lisa’s body. She notices his sight, hesitates and covers her body with her hands.

JIM
What is your name?

LISA
(scared)
Lisa.
JIM
You are an attractive girl.
I’m Jim.

LISA
(scares)
It is pleasant to meet you,
Jim!

Jim looks at Lisa thoughtfully then approaches his bag.

JIM
(resolutely)
Let’s make it so...

Jim throws out all the stolen things on the floor.

JIM
Let’s forget everything that
happened. You see I take
nothing.

Jim shows Lisa the empty bag.

JIM (cont’d)
(smiles)
You can consider everything
you just saw a dream.

LISA
(satisfied)
Thank you.

JIM
Let’s just simply sit and
talk. You are a nice girl...

Jim views Lisa, and she does not know what to do in
situation like this.

LISA
(confusedly)
Maybe, you want to drink
something... tea, coffee, beer?

JIM
(smiling)
Thanks. I’d love to have a
coffee. Did I scare you? I
apologize...
Jim comes close to Lisa.

JIM
(seriously)
I like you very much!

Jim tries to embrace Lisa, but she slips out from his arms. She is not afraid of him anymore.

LISA
Without nonsense, Jim! Sit down and relax. I need to change my clothes.

JIM
(smiling)
In my opinion, you look better now!

LISA
You don’t understand that I’m hesitating? Go to the kitchen and boil some water. I’ll be back.

Lisa leaves. Jim goes to the kitchen and switches on an electric teapot. Opens a shelf, finds and gets a bank of coffee, two cups. Pours coffee, adds and stirs sugar.

He shakes his head and smiles to something. Brings coffee into the drawing room and puts the cups on the table.

Lisa comes back. She is brushed and dressed in opened shirt, a mini-skirt and varnished shoes with heels.

JIM
(delighted)
You look tremendous!

LISA
Thanks. Have you boiled some water?

Jim shows the cups with coffee on the table.

JIM
Coffee on the table!

They drink coffee and smile each other.
JIM
This is a strange date! But I searched you, always dreamed of such meeting.

LISA
To tell the truth, I have never dreamt of a date with a thief... Excuse me...

JIM
(with conviction)
I’ll start a new life, from the beginning! Do you trust me?

LISA
It would be desirable to trust...

JIM
Thanks. I would prove to you that I’m capable of doing right thing...

Lisa switches on quiet and slow music.

Jim approaches and invites Lisa for a dance. They start to dance, slowly and smoothly rocking in a step of music.

She likes it. He kisses her gently. Then he kisses her once again. They start to kiss passionately.

His hand touches her breast and then gets under her skirt. Lisa escapes from his embraces.

LISA
(shouts)
No! Stop immediately!

JIM
You want it too!

LISA
No! I don’t want! It is impossible to have sex after only a five minutes conversation!

Jim departs aside, sits down on a sofa and smokes a cigarette. He is offended.
LISA
(reconciliatory)
Don’t be offended.
Understand, Jim, we need to
know each other better. Give
me a cigarette.

Jim gives her a cigarette and lights with his lighter.

JIM
Forgive me. I don’t want to
offend you. I really like
you.

LISA
(smiles)
Are you so active with all
girls?

JIM
Excuse me. I do not know
what happened to me. I have
lost my head. I didn’t want
to scare you...

Two policemen rush into the room with guns in their
hands.

POLICEMAN
Stand still, guy... and no
bullshit.

They suffice Jim, turn out his hands back and put on
handcuffs.

Lisa switches off the music.

LISA (to policemen)
(reproaches)
You took forever! While I
was waiting for you, he
could rape me five times!

POLICEMAN
Sorry but it took ten
minutes only.

JIM
(amazed)
Did you call them?
LISA
Of course! When I changing
my clothes, I called the
police.

JIM
(amazed)
Why? What for? Why did you
do it? Did you feel bad with
me?

LISA
(rationally)
My father always says that a
thief should be in a prison.

JIM
(with agitation)
Lisa, you were as a
beautiful angel for me and
you have betrayed me! Why?

LISA
(ironically)
Did you really expect that I
would date a thief?

JIM
But I didn’t do anything bad
to you, nothing has taken
from your house. Why didn’t
you allow me to leave? Why
such cruelty? What for? Is
it because I kissed you?

LISA
I don’t know... So I have
learned...

JIM
I don’t understand...

POLICEMAN
Stop talking, guy. Let’s
go.

LISA (to the policeman)
It’s his bag.

The policeman nods and takes the bag.
POLICEMAN
OK. Have a good night.

The policemen pull Jim.

Lisa approaches the window, looks at Jim, who slowly goes before the policemen, having lowered his head.

LISA
The fool! The romantic fool!

Lisa makes contempt facial expressions, shrugs shoulders with disbelief, then takes the cups of coffee, carries them to the kitchen and pours out coffee in the sink.

She yawns, is stretching herself, switches off the lights and goes to sleep.

FADE OUT: