

Lightning

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EXT. STREET - DUSK 1963 - ESTABLISHING SHOT

Outside the STORE people are running along the street to flee from the oncoming storm. One man walks slowly not bothered by the storm. The Sky is gray with a red glow. Flashes of Light occasionally break the gloom of the setting sun. "Surfing U.S.A." from the Beach boy can be heard on the RADIO.
LAURA(16) is standing behind the store window look up at the sky, Fascinated by the LIGHTNING.

BOB

1 "Honey, could you help me with the register"

CUT TO INTERUER

INT. GROCERY STORE - DUSK - CONTINUE

BOB(+50) stands behind the counter fidgeting with the REGISTER. The COUNTER is located directly across from the window and the front door. Laura gives the sky one more look and then moves to the counter. Laura presses a button on the register and the cash drawer opens.

Laura

2 "Here you go"

Laura shows a smug smile at Bob.

EXT. STREET - DUSK

A lightning hits the street. When its dissipated STEFAN emerges for the smoke. Stefan looks around to gets his bearings. STAFAN starts to run along the street.

SUPERINPOSE : Lightning

INT. GROCERY STORE - DUSK - CONTINUE

Hard thunders clap and flash of light bursts through the window. Laura startles and knocks MAGAZIENS from the counter. The rain starts to poor. JUNKY(+20) enters the store in a hurry.

JUNKY

3 "WOW did you guys see that"

A weaker lightning lights up the store in flashes. Junky looks out the window, scanning the street outside.

RADIO ANOUNCER

4 (and now another top ten hit, here is Skeeter Davis with the end of the world)

The radio starts to play "end of the world" from Skeeter Davis. Laura bends over to pick up the magazines that have fallen behind the counter. The Junky turns to bob with a smug on his face.

JUNKY

5 "What a show"

The Junky moves closer to the counter. Bob's kind smile fades as he start to sense the danger radiating from the Junky. The Junky draws a gun from his WINDBREAKER.

JUNKY

6 "Give me the Cash"

BOB

7 "Sure, Fine"

Laura hears the commotion and stays bent over behind the counter.

EXT. STREET - DUSK

Stefan looks around to see if he recognizes anything. STAFAN starts to run again down the street.

INT. GROCERY STORE - DUSK - CONTINUE

JUNKY

8 "Come on, Asshole"

BOB

9 "Calm down"

With one hand Bob tries to push Laura behind him. The Junky sees Laura and points the gun at her.

JUNKY

10 "Stay where I can see you, UP, I want to see you"

Laura stands up

BOB

11 "now, just cool off"

The Junky is scarily friendly to Laura now that he has a full view of her.

JUNKY

12 "You just stay there sweetie, Right where I can see you"

JUNKY (to Bob pointing to the register)

13 "Open the register. Don't you reach for anything, I'll blow you fucking head off"

Bob starts to fumble with the register. Laura quietly tries to hide behind Bob.

JUNKY (to Laura)

14 "Don't move, Little Bitch"

BOB

15 "She is only sixteen"

JUNKY

16 "She's a bitch, they're all fuckin' bitches"

Bob finally gets the register open and grabs all the money and smacks it on the counter.

BOB

17 "here is the money, that's all of it"

The Junky puts the cash into his pocket but keeps his eyes on Laura. He starts to smile.

EXT. STREET - DUSK

Stefan looks at his watch. STAFAN mumbles something to himself and runs towards a building.

INT. GROCERY STORE - DUSK - CONTINUE

Junky

18 "You have a store room in the back?"

Bob

19 "What, Why"

The Junky loses his patience he tries to grab Laura from behind the counter.

LAURA

20 "NO"

Bob moves between the Junky and Laura. The Junky point the gun into Bob's face

JUNKY

21 "I know you have a Store room Asshole and we are going to use it"

BOB

22 "Just go. You have the money. What more do you want?"

JUNKY

23 "Don't worry I'm not going to hurt you. I'm a lover not a fighter."
All I want now is a little piece of that pretty bitch and then I'll leave"

Laura holds on to Bob. The Junky pushes Bob Out of the way and Grabs Laura by her Arm.

JUNKY

24 "Come here little bitch. I'll show you something nice"

LAURA

25 "NO let me go"

A shot is fired and the Junky falls lifeless to the floor. Stefan stand near the store room door with a smoking gun in his hand.

RADIO ANOUNCER

26 (to close off to today let's play Johnny Angel)

The radio starts to play "Johnny Angel"

FADE OUT

Credit roll.