

~~RICHARD (CONT'D)
What the hell is this?~~

~~PERCY
Hey. We just picked up anything we
could in the garage. It looked
sharp.~~

~~Richard looks at Vito for a second.~~

~~RICHARD
You aint goin', so wipe that smile
off your face.~~

~~Vito's smile turns to a frown.~~

~~Richard takes the machete, inspecting it. He feels the weight
in his hand, approvingly so.~~

~~RICHARD (CONT'D)
Now this. This'll scare the shit
out of him.~~

~~Vito smiles again.~~

~~PERCY
We aren't going in there with good
intentions, either Richard.~~

~~RICHARD
No, no we aren't, are we.~~

~~The front door opens, and Jade walks in holding three big
orange Halloween bags.~~

~~JADE
Happy fuckin' Halloween!~~

INT. BEDROOM - DAY

Richard takes out a black costume, unravels it - it's got a skeleton design on the front.

Percy is looking at his, similar but with slightly different variations.

Vito holds up a smiling Devil mask. Richard SNATCHES it.

~~RICHARD
Gimme that.~~

Percy gets the snarling devil mask. Richard begins changing.

PERCY

This one's mine.

(to Jade)

Any reason you got us the same thing? And devil masks? Wouldn't skulls be scarier?

Jade dumps a pink bear costume out on the bed, smiling. Richard looks baffled at it, and to Jade.

JADE

Uniformal looks more impressive. The devils is exactly what it looks like. This guy's goin' to Hell.

PERCY

Uniformal, and you're a pink fucking bear.

Richard chuckles, shaking his head.

JADE

I was gonna go in the same way but everything for girls is slutty. It's like women can't just dress up in regular outfits on Halloween. Everything's gotta be sexualized.

Vito nods in approval.

VITO

That's really actually very thoughtful, and you've got a legitimate point.

RICHARD

Vito - shut up.

Richard puts his mask on. The Devil smiles madly. He turns to the group.

RICHARD (CONT'D)

It's gonna be dark soon.

VITO

Oooooooooo, that's fuckin' scary bro! That shit's fuckin' scary as hell!

Richard rolls his eyes.

RICHARD

Watch some movies while we're gone, we'll be back in time for the party. And put on a shirt!

Jade takes off her shirt and pants, wearing a bra and panties. She ignores the small crowd, and slides on her pink bear costume, slow, up every curve.

PERCY
Lord have mercy.

She puts on the gloves. Vito shifts uncomfortably. He wipes his brow.

She gets the big bear mask, and clumsily puts it on. She looks at them all staring at her.

JADE
What?

~~EXT. LANDSCAPE HORIZON - TWILIGHT~~

~~The sun begins to set.~~

~~EXT. RANDOM YARD - TWILIGHT~~

~~A snug middleclass home. A few Halloween decorations are out in the yard. A light comes on in the doorway. A random Trick-or-treater walks by in the foreground.~~

~~EXT. ROAD - NIGHT~~

~~We glide around a corner of the road, the blacktop lit by milky yellow headlights like floating eyes.~~

~~INT. TRUCK - NIGHT~~

~~Moving across the eyes of Richard. He's determined with a nervous energy. A road lamp casts a faint glow on Percy at the wheel. He's cool as ice. Jade is encased by the shadows. They slowly rock with the movement of the road.~~

~~Light floods in as a car drives by too close, Percy laying on the HORN.~~

PERCY
Asshole!

JADE
~~That'd be all we need...~~

~~Richard glances in the side mirror.~~