

EXT. SMALL TOWN, USA IN 1972. - MIDDAY

A young women, KATHY, walks into a coffee shop. She is thin , with long dark hair and wearing bell bottom jeans, a tie dye t-shirt and a head band (typical early 70's wear) The coffee shop is a small place in the middle of a small town business area.

INT. - INSIDE THE COFFEE SHOP

The coffee shop is empty. It looks more like a dinner except for the small rounds tables and chairs and a few book cases. KATHY walks up and sits at the counter, ALLEN is working behind the counter. He is fixing a pot of coffee, so his back is turned.

KATHY

I'd like the Pasta Primavera, a Caesar salad and a glass of red wine. Can I see your wine list?

ALLEN

Kathy! What do you think?

KATHY

So this is where my money went? Far out!

ALLEN

This is it!

KATHY

A diner? I put my home up for this? Allen, there are at least a dozen little dives like this on our town.

ALLEN

Ah, Kathy, that's where you are wrong. This is not a diner. This is not just another greasy spoon along main avenue. This is a coffee shop!

KATHY

A coffee shop?

ALLEN

Yes! A coffee shop.

KATHY

Um, explain?

ALLEN

A shop for drinking coffee!

KATHY

And what else?

ALLEN

Nothing! That's the beautiful thing about it. We just sell coffee. Isn't that great?

KATHY

Just coffee? Are you kidding me! You can get a cup of coffee at any Restaurant on this street, Hell, Betty's Bakery gives away free coffee with a dozen crullers. Greasy Jack's Filling Station always has a pot on. Why the heck would anyone come here to have a cup of coffee!

ALLEN

I've got book?

KATHY

(Reaching in her purse and pulling out a paperback)

I brought my own. I could go to McDonald's, have a cup, read my book and get an Egg McMuffin with it

ALLEN

Egg McMuffin?

KATHY

A new breakfast sandwich they've got.

ALLEN

(Pouring coffee into a paper cup)

I've got coffee to go?

KATHY

(Grabs the cup)

Shit! That's hot! Burned my hand! Damn, I'm screwed!

ALLEN

That's why I broke up with you, Karen, you never support me!

KATHY

No, I broke up with you because you're a loser who can't do anything right. And still, I never thought you'd throw away my money like this.

ALLEN  
I told you what is was.

KATHY  
You told me the name!

ALLEN  
And what part of Allen's Coffee  
House didn't you understand?

KATHY  
This is just a stupid idea! Why  
didn't I at least look at what you  
were doing. You don't know how angry  
I am! I could really...

ALLEN  
(holding out his hand)  
Cashew?

KATHY  
(Pause and then taking a  
cashew from Allen's hand)  
Thanks

Kathy eats the cashew and a almost sexual grin crosses her  
face

ALLEN  
You'll see, Kathy. This will take  
off! Can you just see a whole  
franchise of Allen's Coffee House  
all over the country.

KATHY  
I'm fucked.

A shot of the coffee shop with a OUT OF BUSINESS SIGN with "6  
months later" at the bottom. Follow that with a shot of Karen  
moving out of her house with a Foreclosure sign. The "6  
months later" is still there.

FADE OUT

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Just down the road from the main business area, at a small  
bridge over a creek next to the woods, a dirty old man with a  
long gray beard and tattered clothes climbs up from the  
woods. He makes his way to the town.

Once in the time, he sees a town clock that shows the time,  
2:00pm. He also sees a crowded "Allen's Coffee House". He

walk into the coffee house.

Sitting at a table, he sits for a moment and looks around. Finally a young waitress walks up.

ANN  
Can I help you?

ALLEN  
Coffee... Black and hot.

ANN  
Sir, can I ask you if you have the money? Coffee here is very expensive.

ALLEN  
Coffee, please, hot and black. No cream and no sugar.

ANN  
I'll be right back.

Ann goes into the back room. Frank is back there sitting at a desk. Frank is about large man, about 50. (Same age at Allen)

ANN  
Frank, we've got a problem out there?

FRANK  
What? If Tony is a little sort, just let it go.

ANN  
No, not Tony. We've got a homeless guy asking for coffee.

FRANK  
Homeless? Are you sure? Maybe he's a punk or some other fashion thing.

ANN  
Frank, I can smell homeless a mile away and this dude smells homeless.

FRANK  
All right, I'll take care of it.

Frank gets up and goes into the Restaurant.

FRANK  
Sir, can I help you? I'll be more than happy to give you a cup of

coffee to go as long as you take it  
and be on your way.

Allen, who is looking down, slowly looks up, brushing the  
hair from his face.

ALLEN  
Hello Frank.

FRANK  
Sir, would you please...huh?

ALLEN  
Nice place you've got here. Which I  
would have thought of it.

FRANK  
Allen...is that you? Where have you  
been for 35 years?

ALLEN  
It's been 38 year, Frank. Now what  
about my coffee.

Allen slaps a fifty dollar bill onto he table. Cut to Frank  
and Allen in the back room

FRANK  
Like it? I named it after you.

ALLEN  
After me? This was my shop. How did  
you make it work Frank. What did I  
do wrong?

FRANK  
You did nothing wrong, Allen. You  
were just a head of your time.

ALLEN  
Yeah?

FRANK  
After you left, This was a Donut  
shop until Duncan Donuts moved in,  
and then I tried a health food store  
but the 60's were over. It was a  
Pizza shop but that damn Pizza hut  
opened up across the street. Finally  
I started a record store, Allen's  
Psychedelic Record Shop.

ALLEN  
Psychedelic Records?

FRANK

See, it keeps your name and is a Pink Floyd reference. Anyway, records changed to CD and those changed to on-line downloads, so...

ALLEN

None of that made any sense, man.

FRANK

Where have you been?

ALLEN

It doesn't matter, I was right!

FRANK

Yep.

ALLEN

(Pointing to a door)

Those still the stairs to the roof?

FRANK

Yeah.

Allen set s up and walks to the stairs. As he begins to climb, you begins talking off his clothes. Cut back into the restaurant where Kathy comes bursting in!

KATHY

Is it true? Is he back?

FRANK

Oh yeah!

KATHY

Does he know about us?

FRANK

It didn't come up.

KATHY

Were his feet as big as I remember?

Franks just give her a look. Cut the the roof. Franks walks out, naked. He moves forward to the edge looking over the main heart of the town.

ALLEN

(Screaming, holding his arms out)

I was right!

VOICE FROM BELOW

Put some clothes on!

FADE OUT

END OF PART ONE