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THE HUSTLER

INT. BUS STATION. RESTAURANT:

Eddie walks up.

EDDIE  
Have a nice trip?

SARAH  
Fair.

EDDIE  
Can I sit down?

SARAH  
Why not? We already know each  
others secrets.

EDDIE  
Thanks for the...for the breakfast.

SARAH  
Two ships passing in the night  
should always buy each other  
breakfast.

EDDIE  
Can I buy you another drink?

Sarah nods "yes".

EDDIE (CONT'D)  
Another one for me and the lady.

BARTENDER  
Check.

EDDIE  
You look different. More relaxed.

SARAH  
The lights. And the scotch.

EDDIE  
How come you didn't catch your bus?

SARAH  
I wasn't waiting for a bus.

EDDIE  
Then, why go to the bus station?

SARAH

The same reason you went. That hour of the morning, you haven't got much choice. Besides, I only live three blocks from here. Where do you live?

EDDIE

Around.

SARAH

I know where you live. In a locker in the bus station. What's it like living in a locker?

EDDIE

Cramped. You always drink like this so early in the morning?

SARAH

You always ask so many questions?

EDDIE

No, not always.

SARAH

Sometimes I wake up, and I can't sleep, not without a drink. The bars don't open until 8. Mac over there has faith in me. When I'm broke, he trusts me. Don't you trust me, Mac?

BARTENDER

Check.

SARAH

When I'm not broke, I usually have a bottle in my room. In which case I sleep very well.

EDDIE

You talk kinda funny, but I like it.

SARAH

I used to be an actress.

EDDIE

What do you do now?

SARAH

I'm a college girl. Tuesdays and Thursdays I go to college.

EDDIE  
You don't look like a college girl.

SARAH  
I'm the emancipated type. Real  
emancipated.

EDDIE  
I didn't mean that. I mean, You  
just don't look young enough.

SARAH  
I'm not.

EDDIE  
Why go to college?

SARAH  
Got nothing else to do on Tuesdays  
and Thursdays.

EDDIE  
What do you do on the other days?

SARAH  
I drink.

EDDIE  
Hey.

SARAH  
No. No more. I'm getting sleepy.  
Thank you very much, mister.

EDDIE  
Eddie. The name's Eddie.

SARAH  
The name should be Eddie. What  
should my name be?

EDDIE  
Whatever you like it to be.

SARAH  
I like it to be what it is...Sarah.  
That's a biblical name. You want to  
know it's meaning?

EDDIE  
I could always get us a bottle.

SARAH  
No.

EDDIE  
A fifth of scotch?

SARAH  
What do you want me to do just step  
out into the alley? Is that it?

EDDIE  
No. I'll take you home.

SARAH  
All right.

They start to get up. She stumbles. Eddie tries to help her.

SARAH (CONT'D)  
It's all right. I'm not drunk. I'm  
lame.

She walks off. He pauses and then walks off after her.

**END**