

THE REAL CUPID

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EXT. A MIDDLE CLASS NEIGHBORHOOD - EVENING

SUSAN pulls up to her house. When she get's out of her car she see all her neighbors all as couples. She doesn't wave she just goes in the house.

INT. SUSAN'S HOUSE - SAME

Susan comes into a empty house to make herself a sandwich and sits down in front of her TV flipping channels.

CUPID a weird looking guy dressed in a toga outfit with a heart bow and some heart shaped arrows walks into her living room.

CUPID

What are we watching?

Susan jumps up scared but she's blocked in by the wall and couch. She can't run away.

SUSAN

Who are you?

CUPID

Really! The outfit doesn't give it away.

He sits down on the couch.

SUSAN

I'm going to call the cops.

CUPID

(Laughs) And tell them what? They won't believe you. And when they show up - I can do this.

Cupid disappears in front of her.

SUSAN

Oh my GOD! I'm going crazy.

CUPID (O.S.)

You're not crazy.

SUSAN

Then I must be-

CUPID (O.S.)

- You're not dead either. Here!

Susan jumps as if she got pinched in the butt.

SUSAN

Ouch! - So - This is real?

She waits for a response but Cupid doesn't answer.

SUSAN (CONT'D)

Hello! - Hello!

Still silence so she starts to back her way out of the room.

SUSAN (CONT'D)

Maybe I'm asleep?

Cupid comes up behind her.

CUPID

I already pinched you.

Susan runs back to her corner of the living room.

CUPID (CONT'D)

You are awake.

SUSAN

Where did you go?

Cupid holds up a plate of food.

CUPID

Your sandwich looked good. I had to have one for myself.

He sits back down and makes himself comfortable.

CUPID (CONT'D)

I had to pop into your neighbors house for a beer. You don't have any.

He cracks open the beer.

CUPID (CONT'D)

You really should stock some for guess.

SUSAN

I wasn't planning for any company.

CUPID

Yeah! I know - I am suppose to help you with that but just not in the mood.

Susan shaking trying to take this all in.

SUSAN

OK I saw you disappear so you are either a magician.

CUPID

Magicians have caps. You don't really get the whole outfit thing. I think it should be obvious.

He kind of shows off his outfit.

SUSAN

This is tough to swallow. Give me time.

CUPID

Cool!

Cupid grabs the TV remote.

CUPID (CONT'D)

Any Horror movies on?

SUSAN

Come on really! If you are who you want me to believe you are.

CUPID

Go ahead! (Smiles) You can say it.

SUSAN

Cupid!

CUPID

That's me.

Susan sits down on a second couch section.

SUSAN

Horror movies?

Cupid takes a bite of his sandwich.

CUPID

What's wrong with Horror? I like Sci-fi also just please no sappy love stories.

SUSAN

Please GOD! Just let me wake up.

CUPID

(With food in his mouth) I ask.

He holds his finger up because he has to chew.

CUPID (CONT'D)

I asked him a few times for that also. The job has gotten so much harder.

SUSAN

Wait! - You -talk- to- GOD.

CUPID

He gave me this job. I wanted something cool like the grim reaper. (Bitter/Displeased) But Ralph got that job.(Satisfied) Hey times are tough. And those psych evaluations always go the wrong way.

SUSAN

Please! Please! Stop talking.

Susan looks around for a place to run. She first sits back to make it look like she's staying for awhile then she jumps up and runs out.

INT. SUSAN'S CAR - EVENING

Susan jumps in her car but before she can started it Cupid appears.

CUPID

Listen! If you're going -

Susan screams. When she stops.

CUPID (CONT'D)

- Are you done? I was just going to ask you to get some more beer. I really hate stealing from your neighbor.

Cupid Disappears. Susan starts hitting her steering wheel.

There is no where to hide and she knows it.

Cupid appears again and she jumps and starts whining.

CUPID (CONT'D)

You want me to record the show so
you can watch it when you come
back.

Susan starts shaking and whining even more.

CUPID (CONT'D)

Damn! Your a baby. - Fine!

He disappears and she tries to calm herself down. Her hands
are shaking so bad she can't get the key in the ignition.

CUT TO:

INT. SUSAN'S HOUSE - LATER

Susan walks in but doesn't see him on the couch. She takes a
breath then hears the toilet flush. She let's out a little
whimper. Cupid comes walking out.

CUPID

It was good going in but it came
out bad. I would wait awhile before
going in there.

Cupid sits back down on the couch.

CUPID (CONT'D)

All by the way. That indie film by
Jimmy Traynor "The New Devils" not
a horror movie. False
advertisement.

Susan still standing a little scared to move.

SUSAN

Why me?

CUPID

I told you.

SUSAN

Tell me again. Please!

CUPID

You are my new assignment. We both
know you don't believe in love so
why bother.

"ANNA" Susan's kind of slutty best friend walks in the house.
She is having a bad day.

ANNA
You aren't going to believe this?

SUSAN
ME!-

Susan points at the couch to show Cupid. Anna looks over then walks to the couch.

ANNA
Yeah you are right. I need to sit down.

Anna goes to sit on cupid but he disappear and reappears on the other couch.

SUSAN
What? (Surprised)

ANNA
That's what I said. I mean why me?

CUPID
She can't see me.

SUSAN
I don't believe it.

ANNA
You know where I am going don't you. I mean every time I sleep with a guy. They get attached. Now again I need a place to stay until maintenance can change my locks an get the guy out for my apartment.

Cupid stands up.

CUPID
She isn't staying here. I can tell already she is a remote hog and I have got this week planned out for us.

Anna snaps her fingers because Susan is staring at the other couch she is not on.

ANNA
So?

SUSAN
So What?

ANNA

Is it cool to chill here for a few days?

CUPID

NO!

Susan closes her eyes and starts shaking.

SUSAN

Oh my GOD.

Anna jumps up.

CUPID

Look what you did?

ANNA

You OK?

SUSAN

No! I think I need some serious help. My head.

Anna get her to the couch.

ANNA

Sit here! I will get you some medicine.

Anna goes to the kitchen. Cupid watches her.

CUPID

I like your thinking. Fake an illness to get her at of here. Although I don't know why you stay friends with a person that? She makes you so upset.

SUSAN

You are the one.

CUPID

What did I do?

SUSAN

Are you serious?

CUPID

She's the one who brought her problems here. I just asked for beer.

Anna returns with water and pills. She sits next to Susan

ANNA
Here take these.

CUPID
That whole, "just hooking up" thing
everyone is doing.

Cupid points at Anna and shows he is not a fan of her.

CUPID (CONT'D)
If I every found the person who
started that.

Cupid starts dancing around like he is in a boxing ring.

CUPID (CONT'D)
It would be on. - Make my job
harder.

He punching the air.

CUPID (CONT'D)
Take that! - And That! And maybe.

Cupid goes to kick.

CUPID (CONT'D)
Well! I wouldn't do that in this
outfit but if he's on the ground.

He stomps the air. Susan drinks more water.

ANNA
It's a good thing I'm here. Looks
like you need me.

CUPID
No! She doesn't.

Anna get's up.

ANNA
I'll get my stuff out of my car.
You OK?

Susan just shakes her head and when Anna walks out the door
Cupid locks it.

CUPID
Ha! She isn't getting back in.

Susan gets up and walks over.

SUSAN

How do I get you to leave?

CUPID

Leave! I just got here.

SUSAN

What would make you move on?

CUPID

Nothing! I like you and I can't go until this assignment is completed.

SUSAN

I believe in love.

CUPID

Liar!

SUSAN

No Really! Give me someone, anyone.

CUPID

What like a bet?

SUSAN

Yeah! If I can prove to be in love then -

CUPID

- Well they also have to love you. And what do I get when I win.

SUSAN

You get to move in and pick all the movies and I will load the refrigerator (Talking to a child voice)with beer.

Anna is trying to get in but the door is locked.

ANNA (O.S.)

Susan! Open the door my hands are full.

She kicks the door.

CUPID

Quiet!

He snaps his fingers.

CUPID (CONT'D)

I'm thinking. I'm thinking. What about her?

Cupid opens the door to reveal Anna frozen like a statue.

SUSAN

She's gone. Just you and me for as long as you want.

Cupid shuts the door again.

CUPID

And I get to pick the person?

SUSAN

Anyone! Just at least give me a chance.

CUPID

OK! You've got a deal. Let's go meet him. He's out back.

Both Susan and Cupid disappear and Anna walks in with her clothes.

CUT TO:

EXT. BACK ALLEY - EVENING

A homeless man "HENRY" is trying to keep warm next to a fence.

Cupid and Susan appears.

CUPID

Here he is. Don't worried he can't see us.

HENRY

(Moaning)

SUSAN

(Sad)He's in pain.

CUPID

Nope! I think he is going to the bathroom.

Susan is in shocked and looks away.

SUSAN

Really!

CUPID

What? There are no toilets out here.

Cupid starts walking away.

CUPID (CONT'D)

I'm going to stay with your neighbor with the beer until you get that girl out. By the way you only have one week.

SUSAN

What? That's not fair.

CUPID

Life baby. Deal with it. That was my deadline and it is now yours.

Cupid disappears then re-appears.

CUPID (CONT'D)

By the way he can see you now.

Henry looks up and get's scared to see Susan.

HENRY

I'm sorry. I'm moving. Please don't call the police miss.

SUSAN

It's OK. You hungry? You want something to eat?

Henry looks around to try to figure out what Susan is up to.

HENRY

Yeah right! What I go in your house and you call the cops.

Henry gets up.

HENRY (CONT'D)

No Thanks!

He starts walking away.

SUSAN

Look at it this way. If I do call them you'll have a warm place to sleep tonight.

Henry stops walks and just stands there.

CUT TO:

INT. SUSAN'S KITCHEN - EVENING

Back door opens and Henry walks in the house. Anna grabs a frying pan.

ANNA
The day I'm Having.

She hits him with it and Henry goes down.

ANNA (CONT'D)
You picked the wrong house buddy.

Susan walks in.

SUSAN
What are you doing?

ANNA
Protecting us.

Henry on the floor moaning.

SUSAN
I invited him in.

ANNA
Are you nuts? Here's a stranger.

Susan knees down to check on him.

SUSAN
Yeah and so are those guys you
sleep with on the first night you
meet them.

Anna gets grossed out of the thought of dirty Henry and Susan.

SUSAN (CONT'D)
Get some ice please.

Anna turns around to get the ice from the freezer.

ANNA
Oh My GOD is that what this is?
Sweetie I can hook you up with
something better than this.

She gets an ice pack.

SUSAN
No! He needs help.

Anna hands her the ice pack.

ANNA
And so you bring him into your
house?

Anna backs up still holding the frying pan.

ANNA (CONT'D)
This is crazy.

SUSAN
I know but I have to do this.

Henry sits up and Susan gives him the ice pack. Henry put the ice pack on one side of his head.

SUSAN (CONT'D)
What's your name?

ANNA
Jesus! I at least get there names
before I let them in the house.

Susan gives her a doubting face.

ANNA (CONT'D)
Most of the time I do.

HENRY
Henry!

Henry starts scratches the other side of his head without the ice pack.

ANNA
Great! Henry's got flees. - And
what the hell is that smell?

Susan and Anna just look at each other. Then Anna figures it out.

ANNA (CONT'D)
Oh my GOD!

Susan gets up.

SUSAN
If you are my friend you will -

ANNA

- What? Jump off a bridge together.
Because that's what this is? I'll
support you but - from a distance.

Anna walks to the living room.

INT. SUSAN'S LIVING ROOM - SAME

Susan walks up to her.

SUSAN

You have to trust me.

Anna grabs her clothes but can't get all of it because she
still holding the frying pan.

ANNA

I swore I would never go home to my
parents. But I guess I have no
choice.

Anna Hands the frying pan over and grabs the rest of her
stuff. Susan get's the door for her.

ANNA (CONT'D)

Good luck!

SUSAN

I know what I'm doing.

Anna is going out the door.

ANNA

I hope so. I'll check on you to see
if homeless Henry kills you or not.

Susan before shutting the door.

SUSAN

I'll call you.

Susan still holding the frying pan walks back to Henry still
sitting on the floor.

SUSAN (CONT'D)

So Henry! What would you like to
eat?

She is holding the frying pan so Henry is like a scared dog.
He doesn't move.

HENRY

I'm OK.

SUSAN

You can get up.

HENRY

I'm fine here.

Henry stays on the floor.

Susan paces back and forth with the frying pan.

SUSAN

It's been a long day. If that's
what you want? I am going to the
couch it's much more comfortable.

He just watches her walk to the couch with the frying pan.

She sits on the couch but keeps looking over to Henry who
will not move.

FADE OUT.

INT. SUSAN'S LIVING ROOM - MORNING

Susan wakes up on the couch with a blanket on and no frying
pan. She looks around wondering if everything was a dream but
then hears someone in the kitchen.

INT. SUSAN'S KITCHEN - SAME

Henry is using the frying pan to make breakfast when Susan
walks in.

SUSAN

Morning! - Did you put the blanket
on me?

HENRY

You looked cold.

SUSAN

(Smiles) Thank you!

HENRY

Foods almost done. I would like to
clean up but wanted to make sure it
was OK?

SUSAN
Sure! And Thanks for the food.

Henry looks at the food then Susan.

HENRY
All you wanted some?

Susan doesn't know at first what to say but then.

SUSAN
No! I'll -

HENRY
(Smiling) Just kidding! It's for
you.

SUSAN
(Smiles) Well at least I know you
have a sense of humor.

HENRY
Let's also keep the frying pan for
just making food?

SUSAN
Yeah! Sorry about that.

Susan looks to the living room then back to Henry.

SUSAN (CONT'D)
So was that why you didn't move
last night.

HENRY
You learn very fast on the streets.
Some beats you down you stay down
until the threat is over.

Henry puts the food on the plate then walks over to her.

HENRY (CONT'D)
I don't have any clean clothes.

Susan takes a step back.

SUSAN
Well! I have a robe you can wear so
when were are eating I wash your
clothes. The shower is up stairs
and -

HENRY

- Yeah I know. I went through the house when you were sleeping.

SUSAN

OK!

Henry goes to walk away then stops.

HENRY

Why?

SUSAN

I guess we'll find that out.

Henry leaves the kitchen. Cupid pops in and make Susan jump.

CUPID

So touching I almost cried.

SUSAN

Hey! We just met it's going to take time.

CUPID

No! Not you guys. (Sincere) I was moved to see you got rid of your friend for me.

Susan is unaware that Henry is on the steps watching her talking to what looks to be herself because he can't see Cupid.

SUSAN

Leave so I can get this done.

HENRY

(To himself) Oh God she's nut. I better hide that frying pan.

FADE OUT.

THE NEXT DAY

INT. SUSAN'S HOUSE - DAY

Anna comes in to find Susan waiting for Henry to come out of the bathroom.

ANNA

Hey! You're alive.

Henry comes out to show the clothes.

SUSAN
That looks good.

ANNA
He smells better but still looks
like shit! Dude shave!

Susan looks at Henry and agrees with Anna but doesn't want to force Henry into anything.

SUSAN
Yeah Henry! How do you feel about
shaving?

ANNA
Doesn't matter how he feels he
looks like -

SUSAN
- Please! Henry whatever you want
is OK with me.

Henry feels his face.

HENRY
I'd like to.

SUSAN
Well! There are razors under the
sink.

He goes in and closes the door.

ANNA
Wow! You really are trying the out
of boxes thinking. You never ask a
guy what he wants.

SUSAN
What do you need?

ANNA
Nothing! (Smile) OK I need to
borrow your car.

SUSAN
Where is your?

ANNA
Long story but basically that guy
had more than just keys to my
apartment.

Susan shakes her head in disbelief.

SUSAN

Go ahead! The keys are by the door
just have it back by 6.

ANNA

Thanks! So what's the story?

SUSAN

Lost his job. His wife left him
saying she didn't believe in him
anymore. He ended up drinking to
much and on the street.

ANNA

Yeah! Good story. (Sarcastically) My
bet is he off her then was hiding
on the streets.

SUSAN

Don't you have somewhere to go?

ANNA

Oh yeah!

Anna leaves and Henry comes out clean shaven.

SUSAN

Very Nice!

FADE OUT.

INT. SUSAN'S KITCHEN - DAY

Susan is putting away groceries when Cupid pops in.

She jumps and drops a bottle yet it doesn't hit the floor.
Cupid hands it back to her.

CUPID

So! How's it going?

SUSAN

Good! Very good.

CUPID

Let's see!

He snaps and they both disappear.

INT. SUSAN'S LIVING ROOM - DAY

They appear in the living room with Anna on the couch watching TV.

SUSAN

What is this? Why is she on my couch.

CUPID

OK! You know how you just set up a job interview for Friday for Henry.

SUSAN

Yeah!

CUPID

Well! It's Friday.

SUSAN

No! It's Monday.

CUPID

Sorry but I am a impatient person so we skipped ahead.

Susan points at Anna.

SUSAN

Why?

CUPID

Oh her! Met someone stalker who followed her to her parents so she's hanging low here. She has issues.

Henry comes home. Cupid freezes him after he shuts the door by snapping his finger.

CUPID (CONT'D)

Oh! I want to be the one who breaks the news. (Singing) He didn't get the job.

Cupid does a little dance.

CUPID (CONT'D)

That's right! Break out the booze the man hits bottom again.

SUSAN

So what? It's one interview.

CUPID

Yeah but it is a big deal. All that stuff you guys talked about during the week. He feel like he let you down.

Susan get's mad.

SUSAN

What stuff? I went from Monday to Friday what happened with us?

CUPID

You guys laugh, got to know each other and now are starting to depend on each other. Remember today is the deadline. And we are at the point where he feels like a loser.

SUSAN

He's not. He's trying. A loser wouldn't even try. I am proud of him.

Cupid gets a little ticked off because Susan still has faith.

CUPID

OK fine! Let's continue than.

He snaps his fingers and Henry starts moving.

HENRY

Hello!

ANNA

Hey!

Susan is watching them and starts to turns to Cupid.

SUSAN

This is Weird.

She see Cupid with his Bow & Arrow and she moves out of the way as he shoot an arrow which hits Anna.

SUSAN (CONT'D)

What are you doing?

CUPID

Cheating!

SUSAN

That's not fair.

Cupid puts his finger to his mouth.

CUPID

Shhhh!

Susan is still talking but no sound is coming out of her mouth.

ANNA

Damn! I just have to say you clean up nicely.

Anna get's close and frisky so Henry. He backs away. Susan smirks because she can't talk.

CUPID

(Smiles) First rule in Cupid school. Always have more than one arrow handy.

Cupid shoots Henry. Then he snaps his finger again so Susan could talk again.

Henry and Anna are all over each other and Susan turns her head because she doesn't want to watch.

SUSAN

Why would you bet me if you know I couldn't win.

CUPID

Love is like that. Nobody wins but it's still more fun to play than to not.

Susan holds her heart.

SUSAN

Oh my GOD!

CUPID

What's the matter?

SUSAN

I want it. I don't want to be alone. I want love and trust.

Susan falls to her knees.

HENRY

I can't do this.

Henry pulls away from Anna. Susan turns to watch Henry fight the arrow.

HENRY (CONT'D)
 Susan believe in me. I believe in
 her. I want-

Cupid shoots him with another arrow.

HENRY (CONT'D)
 - You so bad.

He goes back to kissing Anna.

SUSAN
 Stop!

CUPID
 If I stop? You win. That's not
 right.

SUSAN
 You can move in and stay with us
 just. Please don't do this.

HENRY
 Stop!

ANNA
 Yeah! Sorry I maybe bad but I am
 not this bad.

Anna backs away from him.

CUPID
 Who she kidding? She is that bad
 but at least now you know you can
 trust him. I mean two arrows that's
 impressive.

The Door opens it's Susan coming home early. She see Anna and
 Henry looking guilty on the couch and fixing their clothes.

SUSAN
 What the -

Cupid snaps and everyone freezes.

CUPID
 Now would be a good time for you
 two, to become one.

Susan looks at herself frozen by the door.

SUSAN
 This is so weird.

CUPID

She has your last week of knowledge
and you have what you saw that
nothing happen between them.

Susan gets up from her knees.

SUSAN

This is really happening?

CUPID

Sometime amazing things can happen
just by simply believing.

Susan walks up to her other self.

SUSAN

What do I do?

CUPID

Just touch yourself.

She shakes head because she can't believe he put it that way.

Susan is nervous and smiles before she goes to grab her
frozen self. Cupid snaps and Susan's frozen self walks away
and Susan misses when she went to grab her.

SUSAN (FROZEN)

- heck -

Cupid snaps.

CUPID

Oops! You missed.

SUSAN

That's not funny.

CUPID

Yes it is. (Laughing) Just remember
life is fun, enjoy it.

Susan jumps into herself. Cupid snaps.

SUSAN

-You're interview is over that
quick?

HENRY

Yeah! I didn't get it.

ANNA

Susan! I need to tell you -

SUSAN
Save it! Don't try to seduce my
boyfriend. You hear me.

ANNA
It wasn't just me.

Henry walks over to Susan.

HENRY
Boyfriend!

SUSAN
Yeah! I think we are at that point.
(Smiling).

They kiss.

ANNA
OK! I will just be in the other
room.

SUSAN
No! You need to go. I'll talk to
you later.

HENRY
I can't believe this.

SUSAN
A good friend told me "Amazing
things can happen -

Susan wraps her arms around his neck.

SUSAN (CONT'D)
- we just need to believe."

She gives him a passionate kiss.

CUT TO:

INT. SUSAN'S KITCHEN - SAME

A white suited angel with a clipboard is watching with Cupid.

ANGEL
Very impressive. Although your
methods are how should I say?

CUPID
I like to call it "Different". But
if you get the job done does it
really matter.

The angel looks at the clipboard.

ANGEL
And the Beer?

CUPID
Hey! I already opened it. They
frowned upon waste up there.

Cupid points up to heaven.

ANGEL
Well either way you earned your
vacation.

The Angel stamps "Approved" on the paper.

CUPID
You know (Cocky) I might knock out
one more before I go. Hit me with
your best shot.

The Angel smiles.

CUT TO:

INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

Cupid appears in a bedroom and still cocky he checks out who
it is. He see Anna kissing some guy. She stops.

ANNA
What's your name again?

Cupid snaps.

CUPID
On second thought I work hard and
really deserve that vacation.

The angel disappears.

CUPID (CONT'D)
- No - Really - Did I tell you
that you look great in white.

Cupid bummed out snaps his finger again.

ANNA

Screw it! I don't need your name.
We have chemistry.

CUPID

Now! I real do need a beer!

THE END.