

50 Kisses Competition

Breathless

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EXT. PARK - EARLY EVENING

SONIA(early 30s) is running in the park. PAUL(late 30s) is running towards her. She waves to him. They stop at a bench. She takes her headphones out.

SONIA

Hey, you're doing much better.

PAUL (PANTING)

You reckon?

SONIA

Yeah, definitely. Each time I see you, you look a bit less like you're about to die.

PAUL

Thanks. Look at you though. Do you actually have sweat glands?

SONIA

Wow, with chat up-lines like that, I can't believe you're not out tonight.

PAUL

I was trying to avoid thinking about the whole bloody thing actually. I was doing fine until you came along. Thanks.

SONIA

Sorry. But if I have to be reminded of it, I don't see why you shouldn't.

PAUL

That's so thoughtful of you.

(BEAT)

SONIA

So do you...want to go for a drink later?

PAUL

Tonight?

SONIA

Yeah. Why not? Let's have an anti-Valentine's night. We can laugh at all those loved-up losers.

PAUL

Erm...what the Hell, yeah. Ok. Where were you thinking?

SONIA

I dunno, The Roebuck? That should be unromantic enough. About half eight?

PAUL

Sounds perfect.

SONIA

Cool. I'll be wearing less lycra and slightly smarter trainers.

PAUL

And I won't have such a glistening forehead. Well, hopefully not.

SONIA turns to leave, and then quickly turns back.

SONIA

Oh yeah, just one thing - what's your name?

PAUL

Paul.

SONIA

Oh well that's better than "Random Man in Park". I'm Sonia.

PAUL

Ok Sonia. Well, see you at half eight then.

SONIA puts her headphones in. They run off in opposite directions.

CUT TO:

Camera on SONIA as she runs. She is smiling to herself. PAUL can be seen running in the background. After a few steps he collapses. SONIA starts mouthing along to her iPod. In the background another runner (male) stops to help PAUL. He looks around for help and waves in the direction of SONIA. She is oblivious to him. The runner kneels down to PAUL and after a few seconds begins CPR. He tries to resuscitate PAUL with the kiss of life.

SONIA continues running and singing.