

In the bookstore, ASHLYN sees RANDY  
browsing, her eyes lingering.

ASHLYN

Can I help you?

RANDY

I need a book.

ASHLYN  
(gesturing at all the  
books)

Lucky for you...

RANDY

It's a gift. For my little brother.

ASHLYN

What does he like?

RANDY

Video games. Ones with a big sword or something.

ASHLYN

Has he ever read The Hobbit?

RANDY

I think he saw the movie, but I can't remember if he liked  
it.

ASHLYN

Doesn't matter, totally different thing.

RANDY

Okay. Take my money.

(as she makes change)

This place is great. Been open long?

ASHLYN

Since I was in high school, but I've only been working here  
a couple weeks. I just moved back to town.

RANDY

Welcome home. What brought you back?

ASHLYN

Coffee.

RANDY

What?

ASHLYN

I said coffee.

RANDY

I heard that. I just don't understand...

ASHLYN

Sorry, my brain was jumping ahead. You asked what brought me back and it's sort of a long story and I should get back to work so I thought, oh we should have coffee sometime and I can tell you all the stuff. If you want. And I could hear more about your stuff. Which would be nice. But my brain just cut out all that and jumped right to...coffee?

RANDY

Wow.

ASHLYN

Good wow or bad wow?

RANDY

Good wow. I mean, come in for a book, get a date.

ASHLYN

Just coffee.

RANDY

Am I buying?

ASHLYN

No, no.

RANDY

Cuz I will.

ASHLYN

Okay, sure. Yes. That'd be very nice.

RANDY

Then it's a date.