Screenplay

EXT. COFFEE SHOP - DAY

A dark-haired MAN (30s) and a dark-haired WOMAN (30s) sit at a coffee table and drink dark coffee.

MAN Have you ever thought about what darkness really is? Like, the different definitions you know about the word "dark"...

WOMAN

No, but, I suppose that since we're outside a coffee shop, drinking from fancy coffee cups and have nothing better to do, I guess we can have a philosophical conversation about something as pointless as "the dark". What do you know about the dark?

MAN

Well, I do know that it can play a major role in movies, ranging from horror and supernatural thrillers, to fantasy and science fiction films.

WOMAN

(Seductively) Oh yeah? Tell me more...

MAN

Did you know that darkness is defined as being devoid of or deficient in light or brightness; shadowed or black?

WOMAN

(Easily impressed) Wow...

MAN

And when it's referred to color, it's defined as having a dark hue. And that includes eyes and hair, as well. You have brunet hair and dark skin, I have dark eyes, and a dark soul...

WOMAN Now, what do you mean by "dark soul"?

MAN

Well, technically it'd be called a "black soul". Black because it'd be defined as stemming from evil characteristics or forces; wicked or dishonorable.

WOMAN (Giggles) Oh, I always like a bad boy.

MAN

Oh, yeah, I can be as bad as you want me to be. But keep it dark.

WOMAN

What?

MAN

Using the word "dark" in the phrase "keep it dark" can also mean "keep it a secret". So "dark" can also mean "secret".

WOMAN

Interesting!

MAN

Dark can also mean showing a brooding ill humor, and also absence of light and illumination.

WOMAN

You already mentioned the second part, just worded differently.

MAN

Oh, my apologies. I just love talking about the dark. It gets me very excited.

WOMAN Oh, you dark, dirty boy.

MAN

You know it.

(Beat)

Benighted: lacking enlightenment or knowledge or culture.

WOMAN

What?

MAN

Just another definition for the word "dark".

WOMAN

Such as: "this benighted country"; "benighted ages of barbarism and superstition"; "the dark ages"; "a dark age in the history of education"?

MAN

Exactly.

WOMAN Hooray! I am learning!

MAN

Dark can also mean iniquity: absence of moral or spiritual values, marked by difficulty of style or expression, an unilluminated area--

WOMAN You already mentioned that last part, just worded differently.

MAN Oh, my apologies. I just love talking about the dark. It gets me very excited.

WOMAN Oh, you dark, dirty boy.

MAN You know it. (Beat) Blue: causing dejection.

WOMAN

What?

MAN Just another definition for the word "dark".

WOMAN Blue can be dark? MAN

Literally and metaphorically speaking.

WOMAN

You are smart.

MAN

Did you know that it is also dark during night, the time after sunset and before sunrise while it is dark outside?

WOMAN I was wondering what that was.

MAN

Dark can also mean an unenlightened state. Dark can also mean colored: having skin rich in melanin pigments.

WOMAN

African-American.

MAN

Hispanic.

WOMAN

Indian.

MAN Even Caucasian people can be dark.

WOMAN

Fake tans.

MAN

Cancer.

WOMAN

Death.

MAN Death is dark.

WOMAN Dark is death.

MAN We're meant to die.

WOMAN Without death, there would be no fear. MAN I'm afraid. WOMAN Me too. MAN Fear is a darkness. WOMAN An infinite darkness. MAN A darkness in which not even light can escape. WOMAN Like a black hole. MAN A black hole is dark. WOMAN You can do whatever you want to my black hole. MAN I am attracted to men. WOMAN And I am attracted to women. MAN You're a woman. WOMAN Yes I am. MAN I do not like women; I am attracted to men. WOMAN You already mentioned that. MAN

My apologies.

WOMAN

Dark.

MAN

Dark.

A WAITRESS walks by.

WAITRESS

Dark.

A CHILD roller blades past the couple.

CHILD

It's dark.

The DOG follows in suit.

DOG

You're dark.

The moon blocks out the sun in the sky. EVERYONE IN THE WORLD looks up.

EVERYONE IN THE WORLD It's getting dark.

The woman closes her eyes.

WOMAN It's too dark! I can't see! We're all going to die!

The man pulls out a gun. So does the woman. And the waitress. And the child. And the dog. And the moon. And the sun. And the coffee. And everyone in the world.

They shoot themselves.

Everything goes dark.

CUT TO BLACK.

It is dark.