

THE DOLLIE

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FADE IN:

INT. THE DOLLIE - NIGHT

The year is 1977, BEN(24) and JACK(23) walk into their local dance bar THE DOLLIE which is packed. Some people dance, and some drink.

Throughout the bar a LOW RIDER by War type of song plays.

Ben and Jack walk up to the bar where GREG(48) is bar tending.

GREG
What'll it be fellas?

BEN
Tequila soda.

JACK
Budweiser.

GREG
Alright, and how's it going?

BEN
Fantastic Greg, how's business?

Greg smirks.

GREG
Fantastic huh, business is going pretty well, but whats got you saying you're doing fantastic, because life's gotta be going pretty damn great to be throwing a word like fantastic around.

Ben smiles.

JACK
Greg you haven't heard?

GREG
Clearly not, what's going on?

JACK
Ben invited Shelia to come dancing with him tonight.

GREG
Did you now Ben?

BEN
I did indeed.

GREG
Well that's something. That Shelia
is a fine young lady.

Greg grabs a Budweiser from the fridge and makes a tequila
soda.

JACK
She definitely is. She's gonna be
lucky to dance with Ben.

GREG
I just hope she can keep up with
Ben's moves.

Ben grins.

BEN
You're to kind Greg.

JACK
He's right Ben you're the best
dancer in the whole town, maybe
even the whole state.

BEN
Hey all my moves are because of the
man behind the bar.

Greg puts the tequila soda and Budweiser on the bar.

JACK
Thanks Greg.

GREG
Hey man, I just taught you the
moves, you mastered them.

Jack pulls out a few dollars and hands them to Greg.

BEN
I got the next round.

JACK
You got that right.

GREG
So when's Sheila supposed to show
up?

Ben checks his WATCH.

BEN

She should be here any minute.

The bar door bursts open. In walks SHEILA(23) and YURI KRIMZICOV(26). The entire bar turns and looks at them. Yuri and Shelia walk over to a table and sit down.

Ben's posture immediately slouches and he tucks his chin.

JACK

Oh my god, thats Yuri Krimzicov.
AND SHEILA! Ben did you see that,
Sheila jus-

BEN

Yes Jack I saw it. The whole bar
saw it!

Ben takes a big swig of his drink.

GREG

One of y'all has to fill me in
about what's going on.

JACK

Sheila just came in with Yuri
Krimzicov.

GREG

Who's that?

Jacks jaw drops and he turns to Greg.

JACK

Who's that! It's Yuri Krimzicov,
he's the greatest dancer in the
world. He's won the last six
straight world disco inferno
championships.

GREG

Jeez, he sounds like quite the
dancer.

JACK

They say that last person that
tried to compete with his moves on
the floor had a heart attack and
died because of how great his moves
were.

Ben takes another big swig of his drink.

BEN

Yeah, and of course he's here with Sheila. All the places in the world he could be and he's gotta be here.

Greg squints and leans over the bar to get a look at Yuri.

GREG

You can take him.

Ben looks over at Greg quickly.

BEN

Are you crazy? Did you not just hear Jack, someone died trying to compete with him!

GREG

Yeah, but I can tell just by looking at him. You can take him Ben.

Ben finishes his drink.

JACK

Yeah Ben you got the best moves I've ever seen, you can do it man.

BEN

You guys are nuts.

Ben walks away from the bar into the crowd of people.

JACK

Ben c'mon where are you going?

GREG

Look Jack, you go over to the DJ and tell him to play That's the Way by KC and the Sunshine Band.

JACK

That's Ben's song.

GREG

I know.

JACK

But there's no way he's gonna try and compete with Yuri. Especially when Yuri when has Sheila.

GREG

You let me worry about that, just get the DJ to play the song, tell him I sent you.

JACK

Alright.

Jack walks away with pace towards the DJ booth and Greg heads the direction that Ben went.

INT. CORNER OF THE DOLLIE - NIGHT

Greg walks to the corner of the bar and sits next to Ben.

GREG

You definitely aren't winning anyone back sitting here.

BEN

He's the greatest dancer in the world Greg, I can't compete with that.

GREG

You got a whole bunch of great dance moves, I know you can beat him.

Ben slams his hands on the table.

BEN

He knows all the same moves I do, and he can do them better!

Greg takes a deep breath.

GREG

Whether you think you can or can't you are right. Be confident in yourself and you will in. . . And maybe with this new move can help you win.

BEN

New move? What the hell are you talking about?

GREG

When I went to visit my cousin in New York city, I saw some kids doing this new kind of dance, and they explained it to me.

BEN
What is it?

INT. DJ BOOTH - NIGHT

Jack runs up to the DJ booth, where the DJ(32) has his headphones on.

JACK
Hey, you gotta play this song.

DJ
Get out of here man, I don't take requests.

JACK
You have to play this song, it's for Ben.

DJ
Still don't take requests. I need to feel the energy of the people and the dance floor, then and only then, do I decide, to play a song.

JACK
Greg said to play it?

The DJ looks over at Jack and then inhales and nods slightly.

INT. CORNER OF THE BAR - NIGHT

Ben and Greg sit at the corner table.

BEN
So that's how you do it?

GREG
Yes, your body does a lot of the work for you. Just don't overthink, and feel.

BEN
I don't know Greg, even with that move I don't know if I can beat the Yuri Krimzicov.

THAT'S THE WAY by KC and the Sunshine Band starts playing.

Greg smiles very big and Ben picks his chin up a little.

GREG

What about if your song's on? Can
you beat him then?

Ben smiles and gets up from the table and runs to the dance
floor.

INT. DANCE FLOOR OF THE DOLLIE - NIGHT

Yuri head bob's to the music. He gets up from the table with
Sheila and walks to the dance floor.

Ben and Yuri get to the dance floor at the same time. The two
of them come face to face.

YURI

So you are this Ben, Sheila told me
about.

Ben clenches his jaw and stares at Yuri.

YURI (CONT'D)

She says you dance good.

Ben continues to stare. Everyone clears the dance floor.

YURI (CONT'D)

You may dance good, but I dance
best.

Yuri starts to dance to the song.

Ben stands for a moment and watches Yuri do some of his disco
style moves incredibly well.

The crowd and Shelia smile and head bob.

Ben starts doing some dance moves and he dances at the same
level as Yuri.

The crowd head bobs. Shelia bites her lip.

Yuri does a move and Ben replicates it perfectly.

Yuri does another move and Ben replicates it even better.

Ben does a move and Shelia dances with her shoulders and
stares at Ben seductively.

CROWD

Woooo!

Yuri looks over at Shelia and he grimaces.

Yuri replicates Ben's move.

Ben does another move, and Yuri replicates it again.

Yuri jumps in the air and lands in a split.

Ben continues to dance, but he does not replicate the split.

The crowd's attention is on Yuri's moves.

Ben looks around frantically and breathes heavy. All hope is lost until Ben and Greg lock eyes.

GREG
(Mouthing)
Do it.

Ben smiles, and then drops to the floor and starts break dancing.

Everyone's eyes are wide and some jaws are open. Yuri cannot believe what he sees.

Shelia stands up and she can't believe it either.

Jack jumps up and down with excitement.

Ben continues break dancing and starts doing a backspin and the crowd goes crazy.

CROWD
YAAA!

Yuri grimaces angrily, and then he storms off right past Sheila and out of the bar.

Ben stops break dancing and the crowd rushes him with excitement.

Jack works his way through the crowd to Ben.

JACK
You did it man!

BEN
I couldn't have done it without
your help.

Shelia walks up to Ben.

SHELIA
Hey Ben maybe you could show me
some of your moves.

BEN

I think I'm good Shelia.

Ben and Jack head to the bar and sit down. Greg is behind the bar.

BEN (CONT'D)

This rounds on me Greg.

GREG

Coming right up.

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