

The Last Man on Earth

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A Fast Food Restaurant

The world has ended. Smoke, dim red lighting, projections of a burnt out city on the back wall, whatever you need to make sure we know this is decidedly post-apocalyptic.

The restaurant is a mess. Dirty, gross, obviously one of the last buildings still intact.

TREVOR stumbles in. He's a weak looking man in his early 30's, looks like he's barely survived the apocalypse. He is starving.

Trevor starts digging through the trash. He finds a wrapper and starts licking it.

TREVOR

Oh god, I can still taste the fake cheese. (Licks again) That is the most delicious thing I have ever-

From behind an overturned table pops LANA. She's also in her early 30's and looks equally ragged. She still looks pretty cute.

She's holding a sharp stick.

LANA

Whoever you are, get the hell out of my restaurant!

Trevor is startled. He falls backwards.

TREVOR

Please, please, don't hurt me. I'm so sorry.

Lana takes an offensive position with her stick.

LANA

Don't make me use this stick. It's very sharp.

TREVOR

I don't want trouble, I was just looking for food. I... (He looks directly at her for the first time, recognizes her) Lana?

LANA

How do you know my name? Who are you?

Trevor stops being scared. He stands up.

TREVOR

Lana. It's me, Trevor. We went to high school together. Remember? Spartan pride?

He does the "Spartan Hand Sign." Lana looks at him. She's still ready to strike.

LANA

I don't know anybody named Trevor.

TREVOR

Lana. Please put down the stick. I promise I'm not going to hurt you.

LANA

Ha. Like you could hurt me.

TREVOR

Good point. I'm not going to try to hurt you. I'm just looking for food.

She thinks some more. Lowers her weapon.

LANA

Trevor?

TREVOR

Yes. Trevor. You have to remember me. I asked you out at least a dozen times.

LANA

You brought me a rose every single day for the entire month of February.

TREVOR

Yes!

LANA

I remember now! That was so creepy!

She puts down her stick.

TREVOR

Well, you told me that then. Many times. But I didn't give up.

LANA

Have you been following me?

TREVOR

No. No. Not this time. I promise. In fact, I haven't seen another person in weeks.

Lana sits down on one of the chairs.

LANA

Me either.

TREVOR

Does that mean... are we the last two people alive?

LANA

Could be. Did you see California on the news?

TREVOR

Yeah, California went fast. Did not see that coming.

LANA

So did everything else.

TREVOR

I heard Japan got launched into space.

LANA

That sounds unlikely.

TREVOR

Right. It does.

He sits down too. Looks at her. Manages some courage.

TREVOR

Lana. I hate to bring this up.

LANA

What?

TREVOR

Well... I don't know if you remember senior year.

LANA

Sort of. I was dating Carlton. We got high a lot.

TREVOR

Yes. Carlton. Mr. Lacrosse. What a useless sport.

LANA

It got him into college. It got me all excited.

TREVOR

But still, it's a stupid game. That dumb stick. Catching balls, running around-

LANA

Senior year?

TREVOR

Yes. Well, I rented that limo. I drove to your front door.

LANA

Uch. My god, yes.

TREVOR

I saved up for a month for that. I pulled overnight shifts at the Pretzel Factory anyway. I drove up to your house and asked you to prom.

LANA

Which I was already going to with Carlton.

TREVOR

But I had to ask. You were my dream girl. You were all I thought about, for four years of high school.

LANA

And I said “no.” Because you were so creepy.

TREVOR

That’s not what you said. You said, “only if you were the last man on Earth.”

LANA

I was trying to be polite I didn’t...

Trevor lets that sink in. Lana realizes what this means.
Something dawns on her.

LANA

You did all this for me? You blew up the world just so you could have a chance to date me?

TREVOR

What? No. That’s insane. I didn’t do any of this. I have no control over the tectonic plates. No. I just... Well, since we find ourself in this situation I have to ask.

Lana stands up.

LANA

You want to go out for coffee? You find us some coffee and I might actually consider it.

TREVOR

Really?

LANA

Yeah. I’m serious. What do you have to offer me? Food? Clean water?

TREVOR

No. I don’t have anything like that. (Trevor rises) But we can look together, as boyfriend and girlfriend.

Lana runs her hands through her hair.

LANA

As boyfriend and girlfriend?

Trevor crosses to her. Takes her hands.

TREVOR

I'm not going to say this is a good thing. Watching all those people burn to death, that can't be good. But you have to admit, this is a little fate-ish.

LANA

I'm happy to see you. If that means anything.

TREVOR

It's the nicest thing you've ever said to me. I know, because I wrote everything you ever said to me down in my diary.

LANA

Please, call it a journal.

He steps into her.

TREVOR

Plus there's the whole "repopulating the Earth" thing.

She drops her hands.

LANA

You're still creepy.

TREVOR

Sorry. I got carried away. I was a teenager back when I was in love with you. Still got some residual hormones going through the old bones.

LANA

And think about it. Let's say we do have kids... then what? They have kids with each other? So gross.

TREVOR

Right. I hadn't really thought it through.

She looks at him.

LANA

I've really missed being with another person. Having someone to talk to, to watch my back.... just to be around. Can I say "maybe?"

TREVOR

Really?

LANA

Only if you can stop being creepy.

He takes her hands again.

TREVOR

I can. I am so excited to finally be your-

Another person bursts into the restaurant. He is in his early 30's as well, good looking, and looks much cleaner and more put together than Trevor and Lana. This is CARLTON.

He holds a beat up lacrosse stick.

LANA

Carlton?

CARLTON

Lana? My lord, it's you.

TREVOR

Oh, come on.

LANA

How did you... What are you doing here?

CARLTON

I'm out scouting, what else? This is the only building with a roof for miles.

TREVOR

Good to see you Carlton. Now if you don't mind...

LANA

How is this even possible?

CARLTON

I was able to stay one step ahead of the game with my superior fitness and this bad boy.

He shows them his lacrosse stick.

CARLTON

I used it to pick the last apples from the trees out by the old windmill. I've was able to catch the rocks, back when those crazy mobs were out throwing them at everybody. I used it to cradle a baby bird, which I nursed back to health. Generally, lacrosse has saved my life.

LANA

Oh my.

TREVOR

Uch.

CARLTON

I have a small house all to myself about a mile away. I dug a well, so I've got clean water. I've discovered some local roots and shrubs that are surprisingly delicious.

TREVOR

This is fascinating, but my girlfriend and I were just about to-

LANA

Have you seen anybody else?

Carlton sits down, sad.

CARLTON

Not for three weeks. My poor grandmother... I managed to keep her alive for so long but... we ran out of her medication. My poor sweet Nanu died in my arms.

He weeps. Lana goes to comfort him.

TREVOR

We're so sorry to hear that and we wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

LANA

Trevor, you're being insensitive.

TREVOR

Sorry, for looking out for us.

LANA

Us?

TREVOR

You just agreed to be my-

LANA

I did, but I'm having second thoughts.

CARLTON

No. I can't get in between you two. I'm not that kind of guy.

LANA

We were dating for thirty seconds, tops. You're fine.

Carlton looks up.

CARLTON

You sure?

LANA

Of course.

TREVOR

You guys broke up once before. Remember? Something obviously didn't work out between-

Carlton rises. Takes Lana in his arms.

CARLTON

I am so sorry. We should have tried to make the long distance thing work.

LANA

No, I'm sorry. It was too much pressure. You had your whole life ahead of you, I should have given you some space.

CARLTON

I never found another girl as amazing as you.

LANA

None of my other boyfriends even came close to you.

TREVOR

I'm right here.

Carlton looks at Trevor.

CARLTON

You should come live with me. Both of you. Lana, you can stay with me. And you...
guy... I have a basement you can stay in...

Carlton has no idea who he is.

TREVOR

Trevor. We used to carpool in elementary school.

CARLTON

Right. Trevor. Wait, Trevor? Trevor the guy who built a treehouse in the park across
from your parent's place?

LANA

Yeah, same Trevor.

TREVOR

That was public property. I had every right-

CARLTON

You're uninvited. You can fend for yourself. You're creepy.

Carlton and Lana lock arms. They walk away.

TREVOR

But I'm going to die out here.

CARLTON

You think about that, next time you are tempted to be creepy.

LANA

Great to catch up with you.

They exit, leaving Trevor alone.

Trevor can't believe it. He bends back down, picks up his cheese wrapper. Licks it.

TREVOR

Jerks. I'll show them who's creepy. Oh yes, I will.

He laughs manically, licks his wrapper again.