

Sunset with Pink Pastoral

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VIDEO GAME DREAM

EXT. REST STOP AT CAMP VERDE, ARIZONA, MIDNIGHT

MILK and KAREN, a couple in their early 20's, and their one-year-old baby VIOLET sleep in their beater '92 Honda.

We hear electronic video games as we get closer to Milk's sleeping face.

INT. VIDEO GAME

Inside a video game, Milk sits down with a giant Nintendo in front of a giant screen. He is both a player and a character in the dream, and all of the characters are animated video characters.

MILK

Dude!

The game characters parade across the screen with their names printed beneath their character, while RED CHEEKS WHITE WOMAN announces each name in a sultry voice.

DENNIS LOUDTALK rolls across the screen.

RED CHEEKS WHITE WOMAN

Dennis Loudtalk. . .

LITTLE BOY WITH NO FEET flies across the screen wearing fake eagle wings taped onto his arms.

RED CHEEKS WHITE WOMAN

Little Boy With No Feet. . .

KNEE PATCH a Vietnam veteran and an amputee with his legs cut off below his knees, which are covered in leather patches, walks across the screen on his stumps.

RED CHEEKS WHITE WOMAN

Knee Patch. . .

An animated Milk crawls on hands and knees across the screen.

RED CHEEKS WHITE WOMAN

Milk. . .

Red Cheeks White Woman struts across the screen.

RED CHEEKS WHITE WOMAN

And me. . . Red Cheeks White Woman

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MILK

Dude! We goin' hand to hand or what?

RED CHEEKS WHITE WOMAN

Darling, this isn't one of those violent games. . .

MILK

Is this a contest of intellectual powers? A game of luck or skill?

RED CHEEKS WHITE WOMAN

No, darling. You're going to want to check in with that man over there to find out more about this game.

Milk clicks on the figure of Dennis Loudtalk

DENNIS LOUDTALK

To find out more about the world you have just entered, click on Beautiful Mountain and Little Boy with No Feet will guide you.

Milk clicks on Beautiful Mountain. Little Boy with No Feet appears on screen.

LITTLE BOY WITH NO FEET

As you can see, I have no feet. Thus I use an alternate means of transport.

Little Boy with No Feet spreads his fake wings and flies around the screen. Animated Milk spreads his arms and runs around the screen, while real Milk tries to control his movements with the controller.

MILK

So, like, dude, you don't need feet here?

LITTLE BOY WITH NO FEET

Can you walk on stumps? Like this?

Knee Patch walks across the screen on his stumps, pointing to his leather patches.

KNEE PATCH

Like this, dude! Like this!

Animated Milk continues to run around the screen flapping his arms.

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MILK

I don't need to walk, dude, I can fly, dude! Check it out!

KNEE PATCH

Like this, dude, like this! Walk it out, dude!

MILK

Nah, I'm gonna keep flyin', dude!

LITTLE BOY WITH NO FEET

I am sorry. You cannot fly here.

Animated Milk flaps his arms and runs around.

MILK

Check it out, dude I totally can.

LITTLE BOY WITH NO FEET

Take off your feet and walk. Come on and try it, dude.

Animated Milk sits down on the screen and tries to take off his feet.

MILK

(Struggling.)

Dude, are you sure this really works? Like, I don't remember this working before. Like, you can't really just take off your feet like a pair of shoes, can you? Are you sure?

RED CHEEKS WHITE WOMAN

I am sorry, but your time is about to expire. . . .

Countdown begins on video screen--10, 9, 8. . . .

MILK

Oh, no, and dude, I have to pee, too.

RED CHEEKS WHITE WOMAN

And it is recommended that you learn to walk on stumps before your time is up. . . .

Knee Patch walks across the screen.

KNEE PATCH

Like this, dude, like this.

DENNIS LOUDTALK

Would you like to buy more time?  
You may buy more time at the  
Hubbell Trading Post if you wish,  
but I am afraid you have passed it  
already. Let me see if you have  
other options. Do you have any  
portable property?

Knee Patch crosses back again.

KNEE PATCH

Man, anyone can do this! It's so  
easy, dude. Just walk and walk and  
walk and walk. Day after day, man,  
you just do it! You just take off  
your feet and walk. It's so  
liberating, man. Just do  
it. Better than flying!

RED CHEEKS WHITE WOMAN

I am sorry, but your time is  
expiring. 7. . . 6. . . 5. . . .

MILK

Dude, give me more time. Let me  
pee first. . .

LITTLE BOY WITH NO FEET

I am sorry, but there is no flying  
here. This place is special. This  
sky will not hold mortals.

MILK

I'm expiring. I've got to pee.

Red Cheeks White Woman walks close to Animated Milk and  
looks at him seductively.

RED CHEEKS WHITE WOMAN

Or I could drink you up, dude. . .

INT. HONDA AT CAMP VERDE, A LITTLE PAST MIDNIGHT

Milk wakes up. He stays still for a moment while he orients  
himself, then steps outside the Honda to take a leak.

Karen wakes up. She rolls down the window.

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KAREN  
Milk, you okay?

MILK  
Just taking a leak. I dreamed I  
was flying.

Karen looks at the camera.

KAREN  
At the drive-in, Milk licked the  
crumbs off my sweater.

Karen kneels on the seat backwards to check on Violet in her  
car seat. Violet sleeps and Karen adjusts her blanket.

KAREN  
That's how this unlikely pairing  
happened.

She turns around again and strokes Violet's forehead.

KAREN  
And this.

EXT. HONDA, MOMENTS LATER

MILK  
Karen, hand me a wipe.

Karen hands Milk a wipe through the window. Milk takes it  
and wipes his hands, throws the wipe on the ground.

MILK  
No, come out here with me. You  
gotta see this.

Karen gets out of the car, sees the wipe on the ground and  
takes it to the garbage can.

MILK  
No, come here by me. Let's check  
out the stars.

Karen walks back to Milk. He grabs her and pulls her  
in. They look up at a starry sky, very clear because of how  
high up they are, and how far they are from a city.

MILK  
Check that out.

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Yeah. KAREN