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DANDY SMOKES

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EXT. STREET - DAY

DANDY (masc, 30's) stands with his back to a wall, gazing at his surroundings thoughtfully. He pulls a pack of smokes out of his pocket. He pulls a smoke out, and dips it in his lighter.

DANDY (V.O.)  
*DANDY SMOKES.*

DANDY takes a pull, closing his eyes as if taking a deep breath. Relaxed.

DANDY (V.O.) (cont'd)  
For when you've got an early start,  
or your night never ended.

DANDY exhales. The smoke fills the frame, and we transition to...

INT. BEDROOM - DAY

DANDY stands up off the bed, barefoot. A tie is on the floor. Cut to the mirror he's looking in- disheveled; dunked upon by the universe.

DANDY (V.O.)  
For when you've gotten lucky, or for  
when you've just struck out.

INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT (W/ PARTY LIGHTING)

DANDY grins, holds a bottle up and takes a drink, looking like he's conversing and having a great time at a raucous party. Beat. Dandy turns head to face opposite direction, lighting changes, his mood drops, and he picks up a smoke.

DANDY (V.O.)  
For when you're living it up, but  
you'll never live it down.

EXT. ALLEYWAY - NIGHT

DANDY stumbles, drunk through the alley. He slurs through a bent cigarette in his mouth. He poises to whip a bottle at a wall.

DANDY (V.O.)  
(MORE)

DANDY (V.O.) (cont'd)  
For when you've had too much, or just  
not enough.

INT. APARTMENT - DAY

Rapid cuts between: Dandy in the bath, with candles lit;  
Staring at a wall; Drinking directly out of the french  
press; Staring out the window.

DANDY (V.O.)  
  
For when you're stewing in old  
trauma, Steeling yourself to face it,  
Or just living to fight another day-

EXT. STREET - DAY

We see a closeup of DANDY. A smoke is brought up to meet his  
face; he takes a puff as we pull back, revealing the same  
scene from the first shot.

DANDY (V.O.)  
  
*DANDY SMOKES.*  
  
DANDY  
Because life can't take everything  
from you.

After a beat, Dandy has a wheezing cough after taking a  
pull.

INT. APARTMENT - DAY

Closeup on a tray, with crystal ashtray and single, lit  
smoke.