

A BIT NIBBLY written by Katherine Andrews

INT. "GRAB MY BALLS" BAKERY - DAY

MANDY (30s) is at the front of a long line of customers.
LIV (50s) is behind the counter with a Dutch accent.

LIV
Can I help you?

MANDY
I just feel a bit *nibbly*. Is your
SWEET FLOUR BALL gluten-free?

LIV
No. You Celiac?

MANDY
Not exactly but I bloat right up, so
that's a hard no. What about the
MILK CHOCOLATE BALL? Any dairy?

LIV
It's right in the name. MILK.

MANDY
See if I lived alone, it would be
okay, but it's become a bit of an
issue...with my cat. The gas, I
mean. Is the chocolate caffeine-free?

Liv bites her lip, patience nearly breaking.

MANDY (CONT'D)
Okay. Off the list. Not worth it.
Makes my heart race. You don't want
me to drop dead right here.

LIV
I have lots of customers.

MANDY
Haha, so you're saying you wouldn't
miss me? That hurts. Decisions,
decisions. The PEANUT BUTTER
BALL...is there a nut-free option?
My neighbour ten floors up is allergic
and I might see him. Picking up the
mail. Our mailboxes are beside each
other. It's been a few weeks since
I've run into him, so I'm expecting
any day now...

(whispering to Liv)
He's super cute.

LIV

You can't make a decision, I help the customer behind you instead.

MANDY

The RUM BALL doesn't have alcohol in it, does it? Because my mom's an alcoholic and my sister makes lots of "It's 5 o'clock somewhere" posts on Facebook. Margaritaville kinda thing. Especially now that her husband left her. So I guess what I'm saying is the jury's still out on me.

LIV

It's a rumball.

MANDY

Meaning?

LIV

Yes it has rum. What about this one?

Liv points to the FUCK YOU'RE ANNOYING BALL.

MANDY

Ooooohhh. What's in that?

LIV

Coconut oil, cocoa, stevia and rolled oats. Tastes like cardboard.

MANDY

Great! I'll take two dozen. Just feeling a *bit* nibbly.

Liv starts to put FUCK YOU'RE ANNOYING BALLS in a bag.

MANDY (CONT'D)

Oh wait a sec. Do you have any other shapes? Besides balls? Like cubes or rhombi? I'm just worried...about choking? They're the perfect shape to lodge in someone's windpipe...

Mandy turns to a short woman behind her holding a baby.

MANDY (CONT'D)

Especially a baby's.

Mandy looks the woman up and down.

MANDY (CONT'D)

Or yours, you're quite petite.

The woman scoffs in disbelief.

LIV

Next!

Liv dumps the balls back, and we...

FADE TO BLACK