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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, taps out a single CIGARETTE, and dips it into 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. There is a TIE on the floor. DANDY looks in the mirror. He's 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. He chats with a partygoer, then laughs. Then...

He faces away from the party. His expression falls by degrees. The LIGHTING changes.

He pulls out a SMOKE and puts it between his lips.

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.)

For when you've had too much, or just
not enough.

INT. APARTMENT - DAY

DANDY'S voice is heard over a montage.

DANDY (V.O.)

For when you're stewing in old
trauma, steeling yourself to face it,
or just living to fight another day-

MONTAGE:

DANDY in the BATH, CANDLES lit around him.

DANDY staring at a wall.

DANDY drinking directly out of a FRENCH PRESS.

DANDY staring out of a WINDOW.

END MONTAGE.

EXT. STREET - DAY

CLOSE on DANDY'S face. A smoke is brought up to meet his
lips. He takes a puff and we move back with his exhale,
revealing the same scene from the first shot.

DANDY (V.O.)

DANDY SMOKES.

DANDY

Because life can't take everything
from you.

Dandy has a wheezing cough after taking a pull.

INT. APARTMENT - DAY

Smoke creeps up from a single lit CIGARETTE resting in an
ASHTRAY.