

Moon Mall: "Valentine's Schmalentines"

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ONE

Panel 1: Candy stands in the kitchen of her store, Sweet Tooth. She adds ingredients to a bubbling pot on the stove.

SFX: *Sput!*

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Panel 2: The smell wafts out of her store like a wispy, thing, smoky string and drifts into the main mall hallway.

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PANEL 3: Farney Bife stands in the main mall hallway near Sweet Tooth. The smoky string splits into two ghostly hands and caresses his face.

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PANEL 4: the ghostly mist hands "*carry*" Farney by his face into Sweet Tooth.

1. FARNEY: That smells wonderful, Candy. Is that today's special?

2. CANDY: No, Farney, but it IS special. Is Port Sports open yet?

Panel 5: Farney leans in near the counter, in a gossipy position.

3. FARNEY: No, but I saw Buck and Sarah walk in together this morning.

Candy's cheeks turn pink.

4. FARNEY: See ya later.

Panel 6: Farney waves goodbye to Candy, who is standing near the entrance of Sweet Tooth. Candy's sad face turns to her bubbling pot.

SFX: *Ker-pop!*

TWO

Panel 1: Sarah and Buck are near Port Sports. The main mall hallway is decorated in all things Valentine's Day.

1. SARAH: Ick! Just LOOK at this place. Hearts and cupids everywhere!
2. BUCK: Sarah, what's wrong with hearts and cupids everywhere?

PANEL 2: Sarah and Buck are in front of Port Sports.

3. SARAH: It's a hokey holiday that's a waste of time. If I like someone, I'll tell them.

Buck smiles, but he's embarrassed, his face a little red and flushed.

4. BUCK: Well do you--like someone?
5. SARAH: Yeah. Myself.

PANEL 3: Sarah's radio on her hip BEEPS.

6. FARNEY: I got an Olman sighting around Rocket Record Shop.
7. SARAH: Gotta go.

PANEL 4: Sarah waves as she faces the door. Buck's face is red with embarrassment.

FOUR

PANEL 1: Olman stops at Port Sports while Buck is unlocking the gate to open the store.

1. OLMAN: Valentine's Day is my favorite day!

PANEL 2: Olman hands Buck a heart shaped lollipop that has seen better days. It has green goo and random hair attached to it.

PANEL 3: Buck has a look of disgust on his face.

2. BUCK: Gross! Beat it, Olman, ya weirdo!

PANEL 4: Olman skips away to Sweet Tooth before Buck can retaliate.

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PANEL 5: Candy stands at the counter of Sweet Tooth as she sprinkles some dust over a small heart shaped box.

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PANEL 6: The dust swirls and sparkles over the candy in the box. Some hearts glitter above the box.

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FIVE

PANEL 1: Olman enters Sweet Tooth and spies the candy that Candy has put in the heart shaped box.

1. OLMAN: Can I try a piece, Candy?
2. CANDY: Nope. This is for a special order, Olman.

PANEL 2: Candy plucks a huge all-day sucker from a nearby display.

3. CANDY: Now run along before security catches you.

PANEL 3: Olman leaves with the lollipop. In the background, across the way, Sarah enters Port Sports.

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PANEL 4: Inside Port Sports, Buck stands behind the counter and is all smiles as Sarah stands on the other side of the counter.

4. BUCK: Still grumpy about Valentine's Day?
5. SARAH: I'll tell ya why.

SIX

PANEL 1: A FLASHBACK. Sarah sits at a table for two in a nice restaurant complete with candles.

1. SARAH: Someone I really liked asked me to dinner a few years ago...

PANEL 2: Sarah sits at the table; the candles have burned low.

SARAH: ...And I was stood up! I waited hours and hours.

PANEL 3: Buck frowns. Sarah has a hand near her eye to wipe away a tear.

PANEL 4: Candy shows up with the heart shaped box and stands there.

2. BUCK: Can I help you?

3. CANDY: Um...

PANEL 5: Candy leaves the box on the counter and leaves. Sarah sees the box on the counter.

4. SARAH: Well that was weird.

5. BUCK: Candy was just delivering the gift I got for you.

6. SARAH: You shouldn't have. I shouldn't but one can't hurt.

PANEL 6: The lid is off the candy box, and Sarah holds a piece to her mouth.

SEVEN

PANEL 1: Candy is in the window of Sweet Tooth. She looks across at Port Sports and sees Sarah hold the piece of candy.

1. CANDY: Oh no! No! No! No!

PANEL 2: Candy stands near the Port Sports counter, but it's too late. Sarah is smiling while enjoying the candy.

2. SARAH: Wow. That candy was great. You're great, Candy.

PANEL 3: Sarah has her arm around Candy. Buck has a question mark thought bubble over his head.

3. SARAH: I never realized how sweet you smell, Candy. Like peppermints and lemon drops.

PANEL 4: Candy dashes out of Port Sports and back to Sweet Tooth.

4. SARAH: Did I say something wrong? Candy, my sweet! Don't leave!

EIGHT

PANEL 1: Back at Sweet Tooth, Candy hops over her counter.

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PANEL 2: Candy tosses around small boxes and bottles of ingredients.

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PANEL 3: Candy digs through the trash bin and extracts the glowing bottle.

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PANEL 4: Candy has the bottle in her hand.

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PANEL 5: CU of the bottle.

1. CANDY: In case of accidental incorrect target ingestion call: 1-800-WRG-ONE.

NINE

PANEL 1: A beautiful fairy godmother has a phone cradled between her ear and shoulder.

1. FAIRY GODMOTHER: Yes, Dearie? How may I help you?

PANEL 2: Candy is on the other end of the line, wide eyed, panicked.

2. CANDY: The wrong person is in love with me! What do I do?

PANEL 3: The fairy godmother files her nails, the phone still tucked between her shoulder and ear.

FAIRY GODMOTHER: You've got to let nature takes its course, Dearie.
Good day.

PANEL 4: "Meanwhile at Port Sports"...Buck folds shirts while Sarah is still there. Sarah is looking towards Sweet Tooth.

3. SARAH: Think Candy can see me from here, Bucky?

4. BUCK: My name is Buck.

5. SARAH: Right. *sighs* I wish Candy would come over. Maybe I scared her away. Can you go talk to her for me?

PANEL 5: Buck grits his teeth and turns for Sweet Tooth.

TEN

PANEL 1: Buck walks into Sweet Tooth, Candy freezes.

1. CANDY: Eep.
2. BUCK: What the heck is in that candy?
3. CANDY: It's a uh, new mood enhancing treat. I wanted to test it before giving it to customers. It'll wear off soon and Sarah will be back to normal in no time, Buck.

PANEL 2: Buck's back is toward her as he "grumbles".

PANEL 3: "The Next Day". Sarah approaches Candy while she's opening Sweet Tooth.

4. SARAH: Hey, that candy yesterday was good, but it gave me some weird side effects.
5. CANDY: Like?
6. SARAH: Like night sweats, dry mouth, and I had this really weird dream about a certain mall employee that I will not name. Cute top by the way.
7. CANDY: Thanks.

PANEL 4: Sarah calls over her shoulder.

8. SARAH: I'd stick to the basics though. No more fancy stuff, even for Valentine's Day.

ELEVEN

PANEL 1: "HOURS LATER" Candy is in Sweet Tooth, sweeping the front entrance. A shadow falls upon her.

1. BUCK: Hey.

2. CANDY: ****Gasp!****

PANEL 2: Candy has her hand to her heart, but she smiles.

3. CANDY: What can I do for you, Buck?

4. BUCK: Candy, I came to apologize for Sarah's behavior yesterday. That was so weird.

5. CANDY: It was, yeah.

PANEL 3: Buck scratches the back of his neck. Candy looks up at him.

6. BUCK: And uh, if you ever need anything like heavy boxes moved or something, just let me know. I'm always across the hall too.

7. CANDY: Thanks, Buck.

PANEL 4: As soon as Buck's back is to her and he's in the main mall hallway, she smiles, and glittery hearts explode everywhere.