EXT. COFFEE SHOP - DAY

A dark-haired MAN (30s) and a dark-haired WOMAN (30s) sit at a coffee table and drink dark coffee.

MAN
Have you ever thought about what darkness really is? Like, the different definitions you know about the word "dark"...

WOMAN
No, but, I suppose that since we’re outside a coffee shop, drinking from fancy coffee cups and have nothing better to do, I guess we can have a philosophical conversation about something as pointless as "the dark". What do you know about the dark?

MAN
Well, I do know that it can play a major role in movies, ranging from horror and supernatural thrillers, to fantasy and science fiction films.

WOMAN
(Seductively)
Oh yeah? Tell me more...

MAN
Did you know that darkness is defined as being devoid of or deficient in light or brightness; shadowed or black?

WOMAN
(Easily impressed)
Wow...

MAN
And when it’s referred to color, it’s defined as having a dark hue. And that includes eyes and hair, as well. You have brunet hair and dark skin, I have dark eyes, and a dark soul...

WOMAN
Now, what do you mean by "dark soul"?
MAN
Well, technically it’d be called a "black soul". Black because it’d be defined as stemming from evil characteristics or forces; wicked or dishonorable.

WOMAN
(Giggles)
Oh, I always like a bad boy.

MAN
Oh, yeah, I can be as bad as you want me to be. But keep it dark.

WOMAN
What?

MAN
Using the word "dark" in the phrase "keep it dark" can also mean "keep it a secret". So "dark" can also mean "secret".

WOMAN
Interesting!

MAN
Dark can also mean showing a brooding ill humor, and also absence of light and illumination.

WOMAN
You already mentioned the second part, just worded differently.

MAN
Oh, my apologies. I just love talking about the dark. It gets me very excited.

WOMAN
Oh, you dark, dirty boy.

MAN
You know it.
(Beat)
Benighted: lacking enlightenment or knowledge or culture.

WOMAN
What?
MAN
Just another definition for the word "dark".

WOMAN
Such as: "this benighted country"; "benighted ages of barbarism and superstition"; "the dark ages"; "a dark age in the history of education"?

MAN
Exactly.

WOMAN
Hooray! I am learning!

MAN
Dark can also mean iniquity: absence of moral or spiritual values, marked by difficulty of style or expression, an unilluminated area--

WOMAN
You already mentioned that last part, just worded differently.

MAN
Oh, my apologies. I just love talking about the dark. It gets me very excited.

WOMAN
Oh, you dark, dirty boy.

MAN
You know it.
(Beat)
Blue: causing dejection.

WOMAN
What?

MAN
Just another definition for the word "dark".

WOMAN
Blue can be dark?
MAN
Literally and metaphorically speaking.

WOMAN
You are smart.

MAN
Did you know that it is also dark during night, the time after sunset and before sunrise while it is dark outside?

WOMAN
I was wondering what that was.

MAN
Dark can also mean an unenlightened state. Dark can also mean colored: having skin rich in melanin pigments.

WOMAN
African-American.

MAN
Hispanic.

WOMAN
Indian.

MAN
Even Caucasian people can be dark.

WOMAN
Fake tans.

MAN
Cancer.

WOMAN
Death.

MAN
Death is dark.

WOMAN
Dark is death.

MAN
We’re meant to die.
WOMAN
Without death, there would be no fear.

MAN
I’m afraid.

WOMAN
Me too.

MAN
Fear is a darkness.

WOMAN
An infinite darkness.

MAN
A darkness in which not even light can escape.

WOMAN
Like a black hole.

MAN
A black hole is dark.

WOMAN
You can do whatever you want to my black hole.

MAN
I am attracted to men.

WOMAN
And I am attracted to women.

MAN
You’re a woman.

WOMAN
Yes I am.

MAN
I do not like women; I am attracted to men.

WOMAN
You already mentioned that.

MAN
My apologies.
WOMAN
Dark.

MAN
Dark.

A WAITRESS walks by.

WAITRESS
Dark.

A CHILD roller blades past the couple.

CHILD
It’s dark.

The DOG follows in suit.

DOG
You’re dark.

The moon blocks out the sun in the sky. EVERYONE IN THE WORLD looks up.

EVERYONE IN THE WORLD
It’s getting dark.

The woman closes her eyes.

WOMAN
It’s too dark! I can’t see! We’re all going to die!

The man pulls out a gun. So does the woman. And the waitress. And the child. And the dog. And the moon. And the sun. And the coffee. And everyone in the world.

They shoot themselves.

Everything goes dark.

CUT TO BLACK.

It is dark.