TRUDY Sides

Scene 1

Int. House - Kitchen - Day

Trudy works package open at the counter.

Trudy

This another eye thing?

Lyle

Adjusting to life without sight hasn't been easy. You were confident-

Trudy

-Now I'm neurotic.

Trudy explores the object with her hands. PUPIL, A two-foot tall <u>doll</u> with black leather, secretly examines her as well.

Trudy

Da fu?? What is this? Some kind of creepy ass talking doll?

Lyle

This is Pupil, made by HONED-IN PROGRESS. He's trained to help--

Trudy

-HONED-IN PROGRESS? The same company that put the first people on Mars?

Lyle

Exactly! Like the Matthew McConaughey commercial.

Lyle tries impersonating Matthew McConaughey.

Lyle (V.O.)

Beyond sight. Alright, Alright, Al..

Trudy holds Pupil's face. The doll begins to speak, imitating Lyle's voice.

Pupil

...RIGHT! I'm your second set of eyes. You don't have to feel *afraid,* I'll protect you from threats. Like leaving home or helping you reach that critical o o orgasm...

Trudy walks over and drops Pupil in trash bin. She turns to Lyle who freezes mid bite.

Trudy

You know why I don't go out Lyle! Almost a year of nightmares.

But as long as I'm in the house I'm safe. I don't need this battery fed baloney.

Scene 2

Ext. Grassy Field - Day - In Black & White

Trudy, sighted, holds shaky plank pose as her SENSEI, pensive, throws lit <u>cigarette</u> in mouth and paces background.

Sensei

Why is learning karate so important to you?

Trudy struggles to maintain proper push-up form. Sweat collects under her shaking arms.

Trudy

I saw how my dad treated mom. I never want to feel owned Sensei!

Sensei takes long cigarette puff. He taps the excess ash and exhales a thick cloud of smoke while speaking.

Sensei (Cont'd)

You think learning Karate will teach you to take ownership of your life?

Trudy (Cont'd)

It's a damn good place to start Sensei!

Sensei uses old cigarette to light new one, old stomped away.

Sensei (V.O.)

Same time tomorrow.

Trudy, beyond exhausted, maintains her posture just long enough for the last grain of sand in timer to fall. She collapses to the ground.