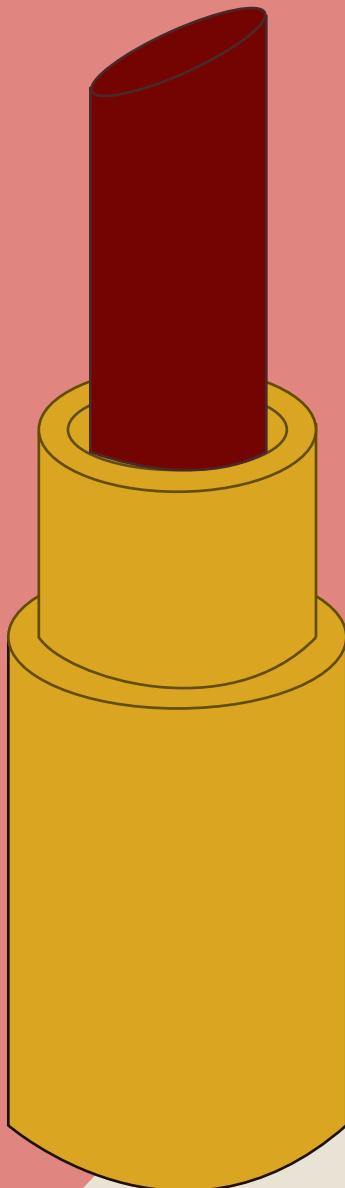


Bonnie's Rules for Young Girls

West Dallas, 1930

One, scrap the cigs.
Men like cigars.
Next, buy a new Revlon.
Barn red should do the trick.
Don't want any of my girls
looking dull. And don't forget
to close your mouth,
an opinion might escape.
Look at Clara Bow, learn from her,
like me. Silent and stunning,
like a fresh corpse.
(Didn't you read the fine print?)
Oh, don't look so surprised. Thousands
of girls have waltzed through here.
After that, driving a Ford V8
will be tricky, but a man can't go far
carrying a smoking barrel and a hefty duffel.
He'll have to depend on you.
At least from the crime scene to the hideout.
And girls, no more purses,
a Smith and Wesson sits nicer on the hip
then an apron. Don't smile too hard
when loading bullets. The shudder
of the gun will vibrate through you
like pure opium. And never forget
he is the revolving door to power.
Around and around you'll both go.
Until he can't figure out
who is the one leading who.



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