

REUNION TOUR

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COLD OPEN

OVER BLACK

MATTHEWS (V.O.)
In nineteen-ninety-nine, Rolling
Stone magazine called Sad Candle
the "Alternative Gods of Rock."

A TV SCREEN

Plays archived footage of SAD CANDLE at "Lollapalooza 1999."

MATTHEWS (V.O.)
Their lead singer, Michael
Matthews, was dubbed "more Lou Reed
than Lou Reed" by none other than
Lou Reed himself.

MICHAEL MATTHEWS, 21, long hair, dances on stage.

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Their lead guitarist, The Ledge,
was voted "cooler than Slash" by
People Magazine.

THE LEDGE, 21, the stoic lead guitarist with a manbun, solos
as Matthews stumbles into him, knocking his guitar away.

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Soon, their infectious hit single
"Night Lightning" shot up the
charts and became a staple at
college parties everywhere.

BOBBY MATTHEWS, 19, the shy bass player, wears all black and
plays from behind the drum riser where STICKSY, 20, stocky
with short hair, bashes her drums like Animal.

MATTHEWS (V.O.)
And that's why we're having the
"Sad Candle Storewide Sale," all
month long, here at Guitar Center.

INT. GUITAR CENTER - KEYBOARD ROOM - MORNING

The TV Screen is mounted on a wall high above...

PRESENT DAY MATTHEWS, early 40's, now middle-aged with short
hair, passed out on the floor amidst Taco Bell bags.

MATTHEWS (ON TV)
Take 50% off select items by saying
"Melt My Candle" at checkout.

The door slams open as the manager, BETH, stomps in.

BETH
Again, Matthews? I told you to stop
sleeping in the damn store.

Matthews rolls over, rubbing his eyes.

MATTHEWS
And a good morning to you, Beth.

BETH
You gotta clean all this up, man.
The store's open.

MATTHEWS
Sure. Give me an hour. I was
recording demos all night and I
gots to finish my vocal tracks.

Beth notices the recording gear.

BETH
This ain't a studio! You can't use
new inventory for personal use.

Matthews gets up, defiant.

MATTHEWS
Then what good is being a Brand
Ambassador? I'm a creative, Beth. I
need more than a paycheck and
health bennies.

BETH
Well I'm sure Taco Bell is hiring.
But if you want to keep this job,
and from what I understand-you do,
then I need you in the acoustic
guitar room. Shmittty's out sick.

MATTHEWS
...Fine. But if I hear ANYONE play
John Mayer I'm walking.

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