

I Think I Peed

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EXT. FARM HOUSE - DAY

A pickup truck with a red flashing magnet light on top with a somber siren sound, screeches up fast to a dilapidated farmhouse.

Danny a Farmer looking guy wearing an old fireman's hat with stickers on it jumps out and strolls over to a tree in the unmowed front yard and stares up.

DANNY

Hi Ma'am, nice day out. Are you my jumper?

LAURA

You're the fire department? Where is the firetruck and the ladder?

DANNY

I'm volunteer Ma'am, you just get the Chevy and the hat.

LAURA

Is that a child's helmet? There's a Spiderman sticker on it.

DANNY

My son plays with it Ma'am. So did you call this in?

LAURA

I just wanted someone here.

DANNY

Well I am here for you in anyway I can.

LAURA

In case I missed.

DANNY

In case you missed? The ground?

LAURA

As a kid I was never a good tree climber and I don't think I'm high enough.

DANNY

Well you might be right. You're high enough to break something pretty good, but to die you'd have to get lucky.

LAURA

Lucky! That's what I'm talking about, I'm not lucky. Never have been.

DANNY

So do you need me to help you get higher or just finish you off when you miss?

LAURA

Finish me off? How can you even...

DANNY

Well I hope you have a high pain tolerance 'cause if you're not lucky it's gonna hurt real bad. My truck bed is the ambulance so the ride in might finish you off.

LAURA

What?

DANNY

County road thirteen is just full of potholes this time of year, you'd be popcorn back there. I could tune in a religious AM station for you though and turn it up loud. I won't here you screaming'

LAURA

Praise Jesus! Couldn't I ride in the cab?

DANNY

Well it's a mess, first impressions and all. But if you want, I got some beers under the seat for pain.

LAURA

Well aren't you the charmer, it's a date! What's your name? McFlamey?

DANNY

It's Danny, but I like McFlamey better.

LAURA

Your wife is soo lucky.

DANNY

No wife Ma'am.

LAURA
Divorced I'll bet... Child support
deductions making you take this
job.

DANNY
Volunteer Ma'am.

LAURA
Stop with the Ma'am.

DANNY
Just me and the boy, wife died a
year ago.

LAURA
I'm sorry.

DANNY
So what's your name up there,
Spiderwoman?

LAURA
Ha, ha it's Laura.

DANNY
So what chased Spiderwoman up the
tree today?

LAURA
Nothin' chases me.

DANNY
I'm beginning to believe that.

LAURA
You are McFunny too.

DANNY
So?

LAURA
I moved here three weeks ago to
start over, and my job fell through
at the turkey plant and I can't
find anything new. I have no money
left, Nothing! I can't even start
over from starting over, and I'm
tired of starting over.

DANNY
They are hiring over at the thrift
store I heard.

LAURA

Great, helping other folks sell their stuff so they can afford rent.

DANNY

Did you move here with your cats?

LAURA

Yeah three, how did you know?

DANNY

Well two of them are climbing up the back of the tree.

Laura pets the cats and they rub up to her.

LAURA

Tator Tot and Hotdish, I can't afford to feed them, ironic isn't it.

DANNY

You want me to save them too? Or will they come down on their own?

LAURA

You're not saving anyone today McFlamey. My mind is made up.

DANNY

Well I like talking with you and I'm working here in the shade today, so don't ruin my day just yet.

LAURA

Well I wouldn't want you to burn.

Danny strolls over to his truck, lifts and jiggles the handle and opens the door as it creeks.

LAURA (CONT'D)

What the hell are you doing? Leaving?

DANNY

Getting us a couple beers. Nice day relaxing, we might as well drink a couple of beers. Here Spiderwoman catch!

Danny start to heave a beer up but stops short.

LAURA

I don't know I'm scarred to catch it. I might fall.

DANNY

You won't fall. I'm a pretty good throw.

Danny tosses up a beer with a wobbly throw and Laura catches it like she was winning state.

DANNY (CONT'D)

Nice.

Both pop the tops in unison and take a sip.

LAURA

It was nice. Spiderwoman worthy. Hey this is Hamm's, didn't know they still made it.

DANNY

It's the only thing I drink, it was my wife's favorite.

LAURA

How is it raising a kid all by yourself? I can't even imagine.

Danny sits down in the grass, with his back up against the tree.

DANNY

We're great, my sister helps out a lot. You just have to make time to be there. And listen.

LAURA

I can't even raise three cats. You never met anyone else?

DANNY

Nope, not many women around here that stay and most that do don't wanna be an instant Mom. I'd have to find a woman up a tree or somethin'.

LAURA

Ha, ha, I suppose. I wanted to be a Mom someday, I would have really liked that. Little dresses or Little League games, laughter and the tears, all those magical times.

DANNY

I think you would be a great Mom.

LAURA

Based on what? Gallows Spiderwoman
humor McFlamey?

DANNY

Your cats are coming up to you for
a reason, here comes the other one.

LAURA

Bacon!

Laura rubs Bacon's back up and down as it settles on the
branch next to her.

DANNY

See great Moms name there cat
Bacon.

LAURA

I guess I can see that.

DANNY

You're a good woman, cute too.

LAURA

You must want me down out of this
tree pretty bad. You got somewhere
else to be McFlamey?

DANNY

No, nowhere to be.

LAURA

So you think I'm cute? You would
date me?

DANNY

I would date you, sure.

LAURA

Don't be to over enthused!

DANNY

Well I've seen you at your worst.

LAURA

I suppose, you would feed me, build
me a new house and love me forever?

DANNY

I would sure, but it looks like I would have to build you a treehouse.

LAURA

Ha, ha.

DANNY

Love is just taking things day by day, hour by hour, minute by minute with someone you enjoy.

LAURA

I do enjoy talking with you, this is nice. To bad I'll have to take my chances and see if I get lucky.

DANNY

Well I better call the preacher to get over here right away if you're gonna jump.

LAURA

Last rights? I'm not religious.

DANNY

Marriage.

LAURA

Marriage?

DANNY

Honeymoon?

LAURA

Marriage!

DANNY

Why not? I save you and you do the cooking and cleaning for the rest of our lives.

LAURA

I'd rather jump on you and take you out with me.

DANNY

That wouldn't work.

LAURA

How you figure?

DANNY
I'd catch you.

LAURA
I'd crush you!

DANNY
I'm pretty strong, this whole time
I would catch you.

LAURA
Pretty sure of YOUR luck McFlamey.

DANNY
Jump!

LAURA
So you would marry me for real? You
don't even know me and I don't know
you?

DANNY
We know each other as much as we
are ever gonna know each other. It
will just be replaced with
different stuff around us and
different places we go.

LAURA
You might be right. You don't drink
to much do you? I don't like drunk
men.

DANNY
Only with women up a tree.

LAURA
(all Scarlet O'Hara)
Oh McFlamey.

DANNY
Six pack still in the rings. Been
in truck a year.

LAURA
Doesn't taste skunk.

DANNY
That's the thing about Hamm's it
was born skunk.

LAURA
(laughing)
I suppose. You'd let me drive your
truck?

DANNY
Pushin' it.

LAURA
How's that pushing it?

DANNY
(laughing)
It's a tricky start sometimes. You
might be pushin' it.

LAURA
I can push...

DANNY
Can I use your bathroom in the
house? This beer's run through me.

LAURA
It's not clean and won't flush.
And... I might jump.

DANNY
Suit yourself.

Danny hops up taking a swig of Hamm's.

LAURA
What are doing?

DANNY
I'm gonna pee on the tree.

LAURA
You can't pee on the tree, I'm up
in it.

DANNY
(laughing)
I can't pee that high.

LAURA
Ha, ha. I gotta pee too, what do I
do?

With Danny facing the tree we hear the sound of pee hitting
the tree trunk.

DANNY

Well wait 'till I'm done so I don't
get it on me.

LAURA

I can't believe you're doing that.

DANNY

Almost done.

LAURA

I'm not peeing in a damn tree!

DANNY

I could help you down so you could
pee.

LAURA

Nice trick McFlamey

DANNY

I'd help you back up if that's what
you wanted.

LAURA

You pee fast and hard like a horse.

DANNY

Thanks I think.

LAURA

That would wake me up at night
hitting the toilet. When I'm asleep
you'd have to sit down.

Danny zips up and stares up at Laura.

DANNY

I'll bring a book.

LAURA

How did your wife die?

DANNY

She got lucky.

LAURA

Lucky?

DANNY

Our son got stuck in our tree and
she climbed up to get him and her
branch broke.

LAURA

Oh my God.

DANNY

God wasn't there that day. That's the day the lumber yard caught fire. She called my cell while I was at the fire. I let it go to voice mail. She wanted to know if I was on my way home so I could come get him down.

(pause)

Our son was up in that tree staring down at his Mom 'till I got home at two in the morning. She died instantly the Doc said.

LAURA

I love you.

DANNY

I know.

LAURA

I'm sorry.

DANNY

I know.

LAURA

You'll catch me?

DANNY

I will catch you.

LAURA

I'm scared.

DANNY

I know, don't be. On the count of three. Ready? One, Two, Three, Jump!

Spiderwoman jumps from the tree and McFlamey catches her and holds her tight in his arms.

LAURA

I think I peed.

DANNY

You did.

THE END