

How Do You Fold A Map?

A full-length play

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ACT 1

SCENE 1

Ace strolls into the lobby of the highway rest stop pulling his squeaky wheeled bucket with the mop. He looks out through the glass entry doors as he cracks open and down his wet floor sign, then shakes his head towards Finn who is re-folding a map at her brochure counter.

ACE

Everybody and their step-brother cousins are gonna track that shit in all day.

FINN

Language!

ACE

(singing to “Old Man River” melody)

Nobody’s in here to see the trouble I’ve caused.

FINN

(head flip to the coffee shop counter)

She’s here, been training on the weekends. I wonder what she’s like?

ACE

Who? Do we have a haunting? That was the last line of the job description.

(in an important voice)

The custodian will investigate and exercise all hauntings on the premises including exit and on ramps except on Sundays.

Ace pulls his keys out on the zippy line from his belt, pointing all around out in front of him.

FINN

You’re a haunting.. The last urinal on the left.

ACE

I’ll bet a hundred dollar chip you’ve never even seen a urinal.

FINN

I took my little brother in to pee at Matt's Bar. They were on the wall a high one and a low one, and they had the targets down on the drain.

ACE

Targets? What targets?

FINN

They were pink and shiny. That's where you aim right?

ACE

Oh man, you're such a unicorn. Those are urinal cakes. They control bacteria and reduce the smell. Oh my God, a target!

FINN

Well to a seven year old they make a great target. And why do they call it a cake?

ACE

You should taste one they're delicious, such a unicorn.

A girl parades up from the back of the coffee shop.

JET

No, I'm the unicorn!

ACE

(looking her over good)

I'll bet you are... and you're black.

JET

And you can see... At least shapes and simple shades pretty well.

FINN

So that makes her a unicorn?

Pause

FINN

Hi I'm Finn. I saw you come in this morning. This pee cake is Ace., And he never means anything about anything.

ACE

No I didn't-- it's just... just the girl three coffee girls ago was black from three towns over and she got fired 'cause she drilled out the pop machine and stole all the quarters.

JET

(singing to "Old Man River" melody)

I would get my kitty to open it for me.

Ace puts his hands on his hips and stares down his challenger.

FINN

(sarcastically)

Uh huh... I'm a cat person too. We have four at our house . Three outdoor and one indoor. Don't ask, she just never wants to go outside.

(looking down at Jets nametag)

So your name is Sassy?

JET

No it's Jet. I just put that on my tag as a defense against people complaining. Throws them off when they come up revved with their I'm superior rage.

FINN

That's smart who should I be?

JET

How about Snowflake?

FINN

I am unique.

JET

Perfect even when you melt.

ACE

I should be Lovegod to the Ladies! To save the human race.

JET

You should always wear a condom to save the human race.

FINN

Roast! I like her.

ACE

I'm melting, I'm melting...

FINN

(bringing a hand down to her stomach)

Oh wowza.

JET

You ok? What's wrong?

ACE

She's fine.

FINN

I'm fine. We went over across to the casino after work and I had way to much to drink, hair of the Baskerville I guess.

ACE

(laughing)

Three beers, you had three beers.

Ace lifts his mop out of the water, rings it out
and wipes back and forth in front of his old
army boots he's wearing.

FINN

Well after you left I sat in my car and listened to red eye radio for two hours just to make sure I was sober. And, you! Lost all my money so you'll need to put some gas in my car across the street so I can make it to my filling station.

ACE

Ok, ok...

Pause

JET

You lost all her money?

FINN

He was on a hot streak.

JET

You let him lose all your money?

ACE

Hey a hot streak is nothing to mess around with.

JET

You're the Ace.

Jet quickly takes her phone out of the front of her apron and glances down at it and scrolls a bit, the drops it back in the pocket.

Pause

FINN

So what town are you from?

ACE

Yeah, I would have remembered you.

FINN

They have a few families over at--

JET

New York City.

ACE

(Pace salsa commercial voice)

New York City!

FINN

Oh Wow...

ACE

Why in the hell would you move here? The boredom and the gossip?

FINN

Rats, they have lots of rats.

JET

My parents. They are new professors at New Valley College...

ACE

You don't seem--

FINN

Great you're religious.

JET

Only when someone's looking.

ACE

I'll bet you're an angel.

JET

I'm going to MIT in the fall so I just came with them for the summer.

FINN

What's that?

ACE

It's a tech school. The best.

Pause

Finn slowly walks back to her counter and starts refolding more maps.

FINN

Did Jean tell you about the dress code?

JET

(takes her hands and form fits them down
over her front)

I'm wearing the apron.

FINN

She wouldn't have hired you if she knew you were short timin' it.

ACE

Hell we're all tryin' to short time it.

FINN

Why did they decide to move and teach here? 'cause we have more churches? One every corner, in every town.

ACE

We got bars on the other three corners, in every town.

JET

They moved here because George Floyd is a ghost of the past here.

FINN

Do you think he was a bad guy actually? I've heard things.

JET

He was a man who didn't deserved to die by being choked out by someone sworn to protect. I think I heard that from Jesus. Several times in several ways.

Pause

Jet turns and throws a damp rag from her apron
onto the coffee counter. Walking up Jet begins
wiping with her back turned.

ACE

We had a guy here in the county seat named Bubba Hood. A nice slow guy. Stood on the town square with a sign that said "The Color Black Matters". People honked when they drove buy him and he did a little dance.

FINN

He was fun to watch, a great dancer. We'd go 'round and 'round the square.

JET

Well there you go lesson learned.

ACE

I suppose it's easier to live with a ghost, or many ghost in your case.

Jet turns around facing Finn and Ace.

JET

It's easier to live where they don't believe in ghost.

Pause

Ace begins to mop in long broad strokes in front of him.

FINN

Did you get the caramel rolls made for the RV's?

JET

Four dozen ready to go. Why do we give them away?

FINN

So they'll stop and buy stuff from my gift shop.

ACE

I hate it. They always take a dump before they eat one and they leave there little souvenirs in the stall. And Finn won't resell them, so I got a box, a big box. Why not throw the trinket on the dash and splatter in there RV?

JET

That rains still coming down hard nobody's stopping today.

ACE

For something free those glampers will drive back around the road and stop again. Rain sleet or snow. More reliable than the mailman.

FINN

So you just got here and your leaving. You'll hardly get to know anybody. The hobo parade is in the fall, our team always has one of the best floats.

JET

It's always a good time to celebrate the homeless.

FINN

Oh they're not homeless. They're home is the countryside, ridin' the rails. Livin' simple. Playin' the harmonica. Some call it the mouth organ though.

JET

Is that what they told you?

Pause

Ace mops in circles in front of him.

ACE

The farmers bring their burn barrels into the square and we all sit around them for dinner telling tall tales and eating stew, beans and drinking beer.

FINN

And playin' the harmonica! Or mouth organ.

JET

The mouth organ does sound classier. Sounds like a perfect evening for ghost stories.

FINN

Oh it is.

Pause

ACE

I'm thinking of joining the army. The age limit for the army is thirty five so I have until next month to make up my mind. All males in my family served so it's my turn I guess.

JET

You do have the boots for it.

ACE

Thanks these are my uncle Nedlohs. He was killed on his first day in Grenada. All that was left were his feet and my Grandma didn't want to bury him with his boots on, so I got them.

JET

You got quite a shine on them.

ACE

Thanks they fit perfect.

Pause

FINN

I love that all my family is here, and all the traditions.

Jets starts doing stretches to move a bit.

JET

The Hobo parade.

FINN

That and the Fourth of July, all the birthdays. Home for Christmas, we all have to be here to tinsel the tree.

JET

That's always nice.

FINN

We're all members of the thirteen year club around here.

JET

What's that?

ACE

Same school through all the grades.

FINN

We all graduated with the kids we started kindergarten with.

JET

Wow...

FINN

All except for Hal and Missy in my class.

Pause

ACE

We never talk about them.

FINN

They hit a deer the night of our junior prom.

ACE

I still can't believe it... Two minutes from dropping her off.

FINN

Missy was an only child...

Pause

FINN

Her Mom and Dad shut the garage door and fired up the Trans Am.

JET

Oh my God.

FINN

All burred the same day. We don't talk about them either.

ACE

A lot of time you think about them all.

FINN

The good times and the bad times, it's livin' the dream though.

Pause

ACE

It does keep you balanced. I guess it's good to dream.

Pause

JET

Why don't you just join now? It sounds like you're really into it.

ACE

I don't know...

JET

You ever thought of going somewhere else Finn?

FINN

Go where?

Pause

Finn lifts a stack of brochures from under the counter and starts going through them organizing them in piles

JET

Where ever you want.

FINN

That takes money and planning, you just can't go.

JET

Why not?

ACE

I guess so, why not? Just like joining the army.

FINN

You have to pick a place, google everything. I've done it a thousand times. It never works out.

JET

Ace is going to put gas in your car. Have him fill it up and just drive as far as you can go and figure it out when you get there.

FINN

What would I do when I got there? Where would I sleep

ACE

In your car.

FINN

What would I eat? Where would I work? I'll need a shower.

JET

Like I said just figure it out.

FINN

That's a crazy way to start, or end!

JET

At some point both of your ancestors did just that. They got on a boat and just went. They had know idea what would happen, live or die. And here you are today, handing out maps.

ACE

Mine came over in the Irish potato famine. We brought the whisky!

JET

Mine were lucky, everything was arranged. And when we got here we had free room and board and jobs for the rest of our lives.

Pause

FINN

That's what I need.

JET

Sounds like that's what you have.

Pause

Jet pops her phone out of her apron pocket and swipes a couple of times popping it back in it's pouch.

FINN

Like just go? Huh...

JET

Or you could stay here where you're happy.

ACE

Where I mow the grass one and a half inches high and the serial killers come to picnic.

FINN

Only one that we know of.

ACE

That we know of.

Pause

FINN

We have a lot of nice things here.

JET

The Hobo parade...

FINN

And Hobo dinner.

ACE

Drive your tractor to work day.

FINN

Bowling alley, drive in, skating rink and a casino for after work!

ACE

A college football team stopped here once and had practice.

FINN

That quarterback was sooo cute.

ACE

Uh Huh... and lot's of family secrets.

FINN

Just gossip.

JET

We all have our secrets.

FINN

Still gossip 'till they add up.

Pause

ACE

We have submarine races but you aren't ready for that. Right Finn?

FINN

Two towns over we have an Applebee's!

JET

You're kidding? The Applebee's!

FINN

Make fun of me if you want but ours taste the best!

ACE

How would you know?

FINN

I can tell.

JET

It all comes frozen in bags, I'm pretty sure they just microwave it.

FINN

Then we have the best microwaver. God Bless him.

JET

Or her.

Pause

ACE

I'm pretty sure I have some black in my family?

FINN

Not this again.

JET

Do tell.

ACE

My cousin Reginald's mom went on a trip to Chicago to visit a friend and when she got back her and my uncle had to get married. Reginal has black kinky curly hair.

FINN

He burns if he's five minutes in the sun. Every time.

ACE

Don't get mad Jet, but do black people sunburn? I've never known.

JET

Yes

FINN

See out five minutes... Every time.

ACE

Well everybody's family tree has some crabapple somewhere in the woodpile.

Or birch... JET

Pause

Jet starts to reach down into her apron pocket.

Oh shit the pies! JET

Language. FINN

Jet turns around quick and darts into the back kitchen of the coffee shop.

She knows to much. FINN

I like her. ACE

Finn starts putting brochures up on the rack between her counter and the coffee shop. Ace starts moping back towards the restrooms.

Blackout.

SCENE 2

Jet is leaning forward on her counter looking at her phone. Finn is standing at her counter folding maps.

FINN
I wish it wasn't raining today again, I was hoping to eat my lunch at a picnic table.

JET
That sounds nice.

FINN

It was... we can use the one out back or just the regular ones out front, doesn't matter.

JET

I think I'm going to get burger king across the street. I'm going to get a suicide burger.

FINN

That's sounds awful... why would they? They don't have any such things. Been a jillion times.

JET

It's a secret menu item, you have to ask for it. I'm surprised you don't know about it, especially around here.

FINN

What does that--

JET

It has four beef patties, four cheese slices and a fistful of bacon on a sesame seed bun.

FINN

Lots of belt buckles swinging open.

JET

That's what I was saying.

FINN

You'd better keep that a secret. Awful name though. I guess we did mix our pop as kids and call it that, wonder why we called it that?

JET

I did that too, always thought it tasted like Dr. Pepper

FINN

(flippant)

The Doctor will save you.

JET

(evil voice)

If you drink it you will die!

FINN

Now I'm hungry. I usually just get a medium fry and a diet.

JET

McDonalds has the best fries. I love them, I just crave the taste of salt in my mouth.

FINN

Too much salt burns my mouth. I have a sweet tooth.

JET

I have that too, there regular coke at McDaddies is way sweeter, made especially for them.

FINN

Do you have an umbrella? I have one if you don't.

JET

I was going to have Ace get it for me. He goes every day he said.

FINN

Oh...well he's late so he prolly won't eat as early as you do.

JET

It's ok I can wait.

FINN

He doesn't own an umbrella.

JET

He can borrow yours.

FINN

If he asks.

Pause

Jet steps back into the doorway of the coffee shop kitchen where Finn can't see her, looking quick out the front.

She pulls her right breast out quick from inside her shirt and around the side of her apron, takes a selfie and shimmies the moment back into place and slide her phone back down in her apron.

Finn flattens with slaps and swipes another map on her counter.

JET

You're always folding maps.

FINN

The little kids come in and unfold them and run around with them.

Finn pull the map she's folding and flaps it over her head acting like a kid.

They don't know what they're doing and how annoying it is. They're just having fun getting rid of some cooped up energy off the road.

JET

I suppose, running through different worlds for them. You should teach them some origami so they can make some hats or something. Turn them into pirates.

FINN

When they rip them it's the worst. One little tear and no one wants it. Like it has to be pristine for them to get anywhere...

JET

Doesn't everyone use Waze or GPS?

FINN

Boomers still use them. Gives the wives something to do... Poor husbands.

JET

You fold them back so perfect, like they've never been opened.

FINN

You just have to learn the creases and which way they fold and flip. If you try to force it, it'll never be the same again, just used.

Jet glances out through the front entryway.

JET

Hey look isn't that Ace running from the casino hotel? You're right he doesn't own an umbrella. He's soaked

FINN

Oh my God again...

JET

He's late a lot?

FINN

When he doesn't have a good reason. I'm never late.

JET

Why does he park over there especially when it's raining?

FINN

He doesn't.

Ace come stomping through the doors trying to earthquake the water off.

ACE

Oh my God is it coming down!

JET

You should buy an umbrella.

ACE

Finn usually borrows me hers.

FINN

Why did you park over there, especially when its raining so hard?

JET

I thought?--

FINN

Well? Do you like being wet.

Ace looks behind him and sees no one coming in and takes off his work shirt revealing cornfed six pack abs.

ACE

I'm gonna go change. I think I have a spare uniform in the mop room.

Ace stomps more as he's leaving.

ACE

Fuck I'm wet. I'm gonna have to go commando.

FINN

Language!

Blackout

SCENE 3

Finn is frustratingly folding a map. She can't get the folds to match up so she slaps it down on her counter. Jet comes racing in the door dropping her purse and scoop it back up by the handle, with her phone in her other hand.

JET

(out of breath)

Right on time.

FINN

Right on time is on time I guess. Damn Columbus!... The earth is flat!

Finn slaps the map down again.

JET

You'll never guess what I scored?

FINN

Ace sells lots of weed but watch out most of it's skunk.

JET

Well look at you Miss Snoop Dog, good to know, but no. I got tickets in the cities to Moon Hooch!

FINN

I've never been.

Pause

Jet throws her purse in the coffee shop kitchen
and grabs her apron, over and tied with hall of
fame skills.

JET

Well if you're not into jazz I wouldn't feel--

FINN

No, I've never been to the cities?

JET

Wait, ever, ever? Aren't you the sister wife. You're what twenty somethi--

FINN

Well our marching band played at a parade but we were just in and out.

Pause

JET

Wow, ok . Well I've never been either so we can both ride the ox cart in. To watch the neon.

FINN

Oh I don't know, what's a moon hooch? I always drive the cart, a bar?

JET

A saxophone duo, Percussive dubstep kinda. They are at a drive-in just north this Friday.
We could go up for the whole weekend, stay at a hotel downtown, go clubbing, Wake up
at noon, just live the city. Groove it out.

FINN

I played the flute. I liked mostly classical. What's dubstep?

JET

Thumpa thumpa dance music with heart boomin' bass.

Jet twerks out from behind her counter, bumpin'
out her butt up against a startled Finn.

FINN

That was to firm.

JET

Fifty fire hydrants a day!

Jet lifts her right leg up and out a couple of
times.

FINN

Attracts a lot of hounds though.

JET

Purebreds fine with me.

FINN

A whole weekend? That might be my sisters rent. She got laid off from the meat plant a year ago.

JET

Don't worry, I'll have my Dad's card. I've been a good girl for a while.

FINN

I love drive in's, my family goes to carload night triple features over by Franklin. Five little cousins stuffed in the trunk. Bring three beer can chickens and cob corn and reheat them on the manifold.

JET

Bet that's first pew at church.

FINN

As long as my uncle John forgets the beer and Billy's three girlfriends aren't there at the same time.

JET

It would be nice to have a big car to spread out in I just have my Fiat.

FINN

Ace has The Cadillac of Deville, as he calls it, but don't mention it or you'll never hear the end of it... he'd never let me drive it.

JET

Those are boats... hand in the air, feet on the dash.

FINN

Convertible to.

JET

We would be stylin' wild.

FINN

I get my car back from the shop Friday morning, Ace has been giving me rides mostly or my momma.

JET

I'll bump bump the booty up against him and get that ride for us.

FINN

That's a great idea for people who work together--

MALE REST STOPPER

Hey! It's you. I can't believe it!

A male traveler walks up to the coffee shop counter.

JET

Excuse me?

FINN

Who me?

MALE REST STOPPER

Not you, the Nubian queen here. Although you kinda got--

Jet looks at Finn then up at the ceiling.

FINN

What are you sayin'?

MALE REST STOPPER

(looking at Jets nametag)

Do you're Sassy? Can I see the new tat in person?

Finn side eyes over at Jet.

Jet tugs down on her skirt with one hand.

JET

I have pies to get. Burning, you know.

Jet steps into Finn as she's leaving.

JET

(quietly)

Just get rid of him.

FINN

(quietly)

What?

Jet forcibly strides to the back to the kitchen.

MALE REST STOPPER

So she's coming back with pie? I'll take some.

FINN

I think she went on break, She was just being polite. New people what are you gonna do.

MALE REST STOPPER

Can I leave her my number.?

FINN

Sure you can I guess. What tat?

MALE REST STOPPER

The inks on her right upper thigh, Nubian Queen.

FINN

So you know her?

MALE REST STOPPER

You could say that.

FINN

I didn't say that.

MALE REST STOPPER

You got some fun sass, you two should come with us.

FINN

Where are you from?

MALE REST STOPPER

LA. On a road trip with my buddies. I just ran in, when is her break--

FINN

Where're you going?

MALE REST STOPPER

The New York City.

Pause

Finn looks and listens around to see if she hears anyone doing there business.

FINN

Oh I could never go there. Way to many criminals, most of them black. You let them vote and New York City happens, am I right?

MALE CUSTOMER

What? What actual the fuck?! Are you serious--?

FINN

Am I right or am I right?

MALE REST STOPPER

You people are crazy! I I'm gonna make sure you boss knows about this.!

The male rest stop customer storm out.

FINN

Grand Wizard of the state!

MALE REST STOPPER

FUCK YOU!

FINN

I thought we were going to but I guess you have to leave. You be careful now!

Pause

FINN

Your boyfriend has left the building, I repeat your boyfriend has left the building!

Jet booms out of the back.

JET

Grand Wizard of the state?! Are you crazy girl?

FINN

You said to get rid of him.

JET

Not back to the civil war!

FINN

I got nervous, that was the first thing I thought of.

JET

That's even more disturbing.

FINN

Who's the guy?

JET

Oh we go way back to never.

FINN

Well he's seen more that I can see now, that's for sure.

JET

Must have come across me online, I don't know.

FINN

I hate creepers.

Pause

FINN

What's a Nubian Queen?

JET

A black woman that is a intelligent educated survivor.

FINN

That sounds like I can see it, where's it at?

JET

Someplace you've never been.

FINN

Oh I know a lot of stops on the map.

Pause

JET

You need the world to be round to be ready for this.

Jet raises her skirt up high over right hip
revealing a full Nubian Queen tattoo, then burn
stairs at Finn.

JET

Ever put a flag on your map here?

FINN

Sophomore year, third cousin. First bottle of JD

Jet lifts the front of her skirt up revealing
panties that say “It isn’t going to lick itself” on
the front in pink.

FINN

I threw up when I rounded that corner. That was stop sign enough for me.

JET

The lord does work in mysterious ways.

FINN

Yes he does, knows all the secrets, yours to.

Pause

JET

“You let them vote and New York City happens?”

FINN

You showed your Nubian queen online?

Pause

Blackout

SCENE 4

Ace comes traipsing in the front doors with wet sacks full of fast food, hair dripping down the front of his squinting face.

Jet drops her phone back in her apron with a smile.

ACE

The compers are caning it into the casino in pairs now.

FINN

Synchronized broken hips that's for sure.

Ace tumbles the sacks onto the coffee counter.

ACE

Ok pick a bag any bag, I couldn't remember what everyone ordered. We got three suicide burgers and three onion rings. My treat drinks are on Jet.

FINN

Whoppers!

JET

And medium fries.

ACE

Hey you told me about the suicide so I thought I'd try it.

JET

They're good but I was in the mood for a whopper.

ACE

Women are always in some kinda mood...

FINN

(grabbing her bag)

Leaving us to try suicide because of men.

Jet grabs three cokes from the cooler, setting two down on the counter and flipping the last one up causing it to land on its side and spin

JET

That ones yours Ace.

Ace yanks up the coke shaking it as he flashes a big smile and points it at Jet.

ACE

No it's yours, let me open it for you.

The girls scatter just as Finn takes a big bite of her burger.

Ace starts to twist it.

JET

If you do I'll turn your Ace into a Queen.

FINN

Hey these a pretty good.

JET

I told you--

FINN

But not to die for.

JET

So are you ready for Friday? We just need one thing?...

FINN

I don't know I still have to babysit my sisters kids and if somethin' happens. It's supposed to rain again, drivin' in that at night., And I still haven't heard back from the shop about my car.

ACE

Bad news on that. Saw Billy at the bowling alley last night and it's a complete engine rebuild.

FINN

Good God great. Well that's that.

ACE

So what's going on? You gals hitting the towns?

Finn takes and swallows a big bite then holds
her stomach.

JET

We're going to--

FINN

BLORCH!

JET

Damn girl.

ACE

You should go pro. Get endorsements.

FINN

(shaking her head)

My Suicide isn't sitting well with me. I feel like I'm--

ACE

Don't blow chunks in here I don't wanna clean it up.

Finn take a sip of coke and waits.

JET

You literally get paid to clean it up.

FINN

No I'm good, the pop settled it.

Pause

ACE

Meat raffle at the--

FINN

Some houchie show.

ACE

Your going to a --

JET

Moon Hooch up in the cities. Jazz group, staying the whole weekend.

ACE

You? Finn? Jazz weekend in the cities?

FINN

Yeah I could go.

ACE

Give me a couple ketchup packets out of your sack, I wanna put some on my hat. You never do anything different.

FINN

There's just too much to choose from around here.

ACE

Not enough passing through huh. How many times have you told me you've seen the movies Up?

FINN

I don't know.

ACE

I do, forty two... forty two.

FINN

It's just my favorite.

ACE

That's a favorite? More like a mental--

JET

Well everyone has their favorites--

FINN

Yeah! What's the movie you've seen the most? Let me guess Star Wars? Goodfellas?

Cinema Paradiso. ACE

Never heard of it. It sounds gay. FINN

It's Italian. ACE

Italian. FINN

How many times? JET

Twenty two. ACE

Well aren't you a lumber jack. FINN

I've seen Shawshank Redemption more times than I know. JET

That movie doesn't count it's always on. ACE

And it's a crime if you don't finish watchin' wherever you surf in at. FINN

Pause

They never age. JET

What? FINN

JET

Andy and Red, they never age. They were locked up for twenty two years and they looked the same at the end.

ACE

It's because they never went anywhere.

FINN

Fine I'll go, but I'll need to borrow the Deville we need a ride.

ACE

You want me to hand over a classic Cadillac so you two cowbells can dong around the cities?

FINN

More cowbell!

JET

I'm more a Babe Bey.

ACE

This ones not a unicorn bell that's for sure... And I suppose you want it gassed up and waxed to?

FINN

You wax that matte black spray paint you coated it with? And if by classic you mean backfires every time you start it. At least it keeps the deer clear from the highway.

ACE

Well if the Deville is hauling unicorns up to the rainbow stockyard I'm driving it!

JET

You wanna be a Babe Bey?

FINN

He does like Italian films.

Ace strikes a puffed up chest pose.

ACE

Chao baby Chao.

FINN

You don't even like Jazz.

ACE

(looking at Jet)

Oh I'll find something to like.

FINN

We only have two tickets, so we'll send you a postcard from Mancini's Char House.

Jet reaches down under the counter tugs up her purse.

JET

But wait there's more! I have three tickets.

Jet fans three tickets out and into Ace's face.

FINN

(deadpan)

Great.

ACE

Well thanks for thinking about your ol' buddy Ace.

JET

I just didn't figure you would--

ACE

I'm not a party person at all so I would prolly be sooo bored in the cities.

Finn looks down into Jets purse surprised.

FINN

That's a GUN! Why do you have a gun?

JET

Relax it's just my conscience.

FINN

Your conscience? We aren't supposed to have guns in here as employees.

JET

It only has two bullets in it.

ACE

Why only two?

JET

‘cause that’s all I’ll need.

ACE

Tap, Tap Babe Bey, Tap, Tap.

FINN

Why do you need a gun are you in danger?

JET

(laughing)

No it keeps me from putting myself in danger.

FINN

What? Aren’t you afraid if you set you purse down hard it will go off?

JET

I don’t know I’ve never tried.

Jet flings her purse right off the counter back onto the kitchen floor.

Finn flinches away bumping her open half empty coke onto the counter and splashing all over Ace’s shirt.

ACE

Hey!

JET

Nope no bang.

FINN

You’re crazy!

JET
(laughing)

It has a safety.

ACE
(laughing)

You jumped so hard.

FINN

Clean that up.

ACE

You did it... Cool hand dook.

JET

You'd better take off your shirt and change it first, your all wet and sticky.

FINN

He's not sticky, he's just stuck.

Finn points a finger gun and Ace.

ACE

More finger fun?

FINN

Tap, tap... And don't you even.

Blackout

SCENE 5

Jet is at her counter filling her register with change counting quietly to herself and Ace is mopping slowly over in front of Finns empty counter.

ACE

That's weird that Finn isn't here yet?

Pause

JET

Only five minutes late, I wouldn't worry.

ACE

Who said I was worried? She's just usually early that's all.

Pause

JET

Call her.

ACE

No thanks, then I'll have to hear all about it twice.

Pause

Jet slams a roll of quarters down hard on the edge of the counter...

Crack!

Ace ogles over watching Jets apron bounce.

JET

Damn I can never break these.

CRACK!

JET

See no matter how hard I pound it. Are you good at this?

ACE

I could give it a pound.

Ace lets his mop handle hit the floor and he John Wayne's it over to Jets counter.

JET

Am I holding it right?

ACE

Oh you're holding it right. Sometimes the smaller rolls don't do much when they slam down.

JET

So if I had a roll of fifty cent pieces?

ACE

You'd be able to get a way better grip to really slam it.

JET

The world is used to quarters though. Finding a fifty cent piece these days is pretty rare.

ACE

Yeah folks grab 'em up and never let go. Always hoping it's a silver one.

JET

They make special silver ones?

ACE

Yeah the John Kennedy's, nineteen sixty four . I got a whole roll., I can always spot them.

JET

You don't need all of them. You should put some into circulation, sell some have some fun. Are they worth a lot?

ACE

Enough that you feel lucky when you find one.

JET

Well lets see you break this.

Jet hold the roll of quarters up and slowly slides it into Aces hand lingering it there for a long silent moment.

JET

I think you can do it.

Ace raises the quarters high and nods his head at Jet.

ACE

For you baby.

Ace slams the quarters down, but misses the counter entirely sending the roll of quarter straight into his groin.

ACE

Oh MY Fucking God!

JET

Sweet Jesus are you OK?

Ace bends over down banging his head on the counter in severe pain.

ACE

Oh shit it hurts!

Ace tries to stand up straight but pain pulls him back down to the counter.

JET

Are you going to be OK? Can you shake it off?

ACE

Shake It Off?

JET

I wonder why it hurts so bad?

ACE

'Cause they're the future of world.

JET

Maybe the state line but not the--

ACE

I think it's bleeding I can feel it.

JET

Feel it? You probably just peed in pain.

ACE

I didn't pee! In Pain!

JET

Well then it's most likely--

ACE

Can you check it?

JET

Check it?

ACE

Yeah please?

JET

Well at least you didn't ask me to suck the poison out.

ACE

Come on... There's nobody in here.

JET

Right here?

ACE

We're behind the counter. It's pouring still no one will come in proolly.

JET

But--

Ace bends up quickly groaning in pain. Unzips quick and whips it out. You can't see anything because of the counter).

Jet jumps back a bit surprised.

Ace looks up at the ceiling breathing out quickly.

ACE

How does it look?

JET

Don't look down!

ACE

Don't look dow?--

Ace jerks his head down sharply.

Jet pushes it back up under his chin.

JET

Huh uh you don't wanna do that.

ACE

Is it bleeding?

JET

Lets not use that word.

ACE

What? Fuck! Can you fix it?

JET

I'll have to touch it is that ok?

ACE

Touch it, touch it!

JET

This might hurt so be prepared.

ACE

Oh God!...

Ace looks to the sky squinting with a tight painful smile.

JET

Here we go.

ACE

Just do it already.

Jet does a big hand gesture swoop down onto the injured soldier.

JET

I'm gonna have to get it hard so I can put a band aid on it.

Jet bends down a bit.

ACE

What?

Jet pumps her arm out and back smiling up at Ace

Ace freezes and doesn't move out of fear and unbelievability of what is happening.

Jet keeps pumping.

ACE

Are you hurting it?

JET

No I'm being gentle... Just a bit... Don't look...

Jet quickly reaches into her apron pocket with her free hand while Ace is looking away sneaks her phone up and take a quick few pics.

Ace slowly lowers his head a bit.

Jets phone quickly disappears down with the evidence.

JET

There's the fifty cent pieces. John Fitzgerald Kennedy. We have Camelot! A solid silver roll.

ACE

This is weird... It doesn't hurt anymore...

Jet move her face tight into Aces.

JET

(in a sexy voice)

Of course it doesn't baby.

ACE

Oh God! You're just fucking with me!

Jet begins to laugh hysterically.

JET

You're not stopping me.

KABOOM!!!!

Jet and Ace quickly look up.

Finn comes bursting through the door soaking wet.

Ace quickly hits the floor behind Jets counter.

FINN

That lightning almost hit me!

JET

Glad you're hear and ok.

FINN

(shaking off the water)

I lost my fucking umbrella.

JET
(still laughing a bit.)

Language.

FINN
Sorry, I was looking for it everywhere.

FINN
Where's Ace? He's the one who has it last--

Ace pops up from behind the counter.

ACE
Right here!

FINN
What are you doing down there?

JET
Oh he dropped a roll of quarters he was breaking for me.

Finn throws her purse on her counter and
shakes her hair dry.

FINN
Did you rack yourself again?

ACE
(like an annoyed child)
No!

Jet surprised begins laughing again.

FINN
What's so funny?

ACE
I've gotta go snake a drain.

JET
I'll bet you do.

Ace hurriedly starts to walk off and trips over his mop handle lying on the floor.

FINN

Careful, are you OK?

JET

You'd better get a handle on that.

Ace frustratingly picks up his mop, slams it in the bucket and squeaky wheels it away.

Jet and Finn laugh as Jet breaks the quarts roll with ease and dumps them in her register.

Finn puts her purse under her counter and lifts up a large stack up maps and starts putting them in the rack.

FINN

(lifting a map to her nose)

I love that new map smell. Same places fresh again.

JET

That's a great top.

FINN

Thanks you think so?

JET

Tiffany blue you look like a million bucks.

FINN

You think? It's a little showy for work but I was in a hurry.

JET

Where did you get it? On line?

FINN

Nope, someone special got it for me.

JET

Well dish.

FINN

Oh I don't like to kiss and tell, the gossip and all.

JET

Well I don't know anybody yet, who am I going to tell.

FINN

No I'd better not, I'm not sure he realizes it yet.

JET

OK so it's a he!.

FINN

Yesss it's a he.

JET

Us sisters got to stick together.

FINN

So I'm a sister now?

Pause

JET

Yes you're a sister, we have some work to do before you're a sister sister.

FINN

I don't know, you promise not to say anything?

JET

I promise. Like I said who am I going to tell, I only know you.

FINN

You know Ace.

JET

Yes but he's a dork. Nice body but a dork.

FINN

So you think he has a nice body?

JET

In a just fuck me don't say to much sorta way.

FINN

What!? You wanna sleep with him now?

JET

Not really I'd have to be drunk.

Pause

FINN

So you think a girl would have to be drunk to sleep with him.

JET

No but I think that's the way he would want you though.

FINN

That could just be the way things end up.

JET

But--Oh my God! Ace Bought it for you. It was Ace

FINN

I never said--

JET

You like him. Ace and Finn sitting in a tree...

FINN

Stop! We just hang out. He said he found it and it was my size.

JET

You don't find a nice top like that unless you steal it, it's on you or in the closet.

FINN

Well he said--

JET

(looking at her breast)

and what are the size odds with those.

FINN

He's mostly honest. And he gave it to me.

JET

That's great you like him. And I would hope he realizes it with something like that but he might just be dressing you up for taste.

FINN

We just started having fun. Sometimes I just don't want to go home, maybe that's why I like him. He is always going out and he always smells good.

JET

Well he does smell good Old Spice Pure Sport if you want to get him something.

FINN

How do you know about the smell?

JET

I've learned the different scents of a man. But you've got to get him sweaty before you know if he's a true match. Real sweaty, like slide on him sweaty.

FINN

Well I've slid off a couple of time--

JET

Whoa!

FINN

I can't believe I said that. I take it back.

JET

Sorry you can't take sliding off back, it's in the manual.

FINN

Only a couple of times, never say anything. He hasn't tried anything with you has he?

JET

Relax he has not tried anything with me.

(laughing)

But sliding off make you a sister sister!

FINN

Thanks I try to be exotic.

JET

(laughing)

Well thanks... I think. I can't believe you slid off.

Pause

FINN

We have fun and he buys me dinner and things, lets me gamble at the casino. I bring him a little luck I think.

JET

Oh honey please don't rely on a man for money. That's how you get trapped in the towns around here. And get a couple of tit suckers and your done for.

FINN

What?-- Oh.

JET

Oh is right. Enjoy the Karen's yelling at you when you fan out the food stamps.

FINN

They have a debit card now.

JET

They'll spot that to. They study that shit. Have wine clubs discussing it.

FINN

Well I have one of the best jobs for a girl around.

JET

There are NO jobs just for a girl. You could even be hobo king in the parade if you want.

FINN

My Aunt Marge was in ninety two. That was a big scandal. All the men wanted to date her.

JET

For being the hobo king?

FINN

Yep that exact thing. She was up on the highest float throwin' Tootsie Rolls down to the kids, not the small ones the big ones hat you can break off in pieces for a good chew. Well no one knows how it happened but she was wearing some raggedy leggings I guess to be more like a hobo but they were tight. And she got one of the Tootsie Rolls stuck in her camel toe. The more people pointed and waved the more she waved back and threw more candy but it never fell out. The parade route was a mile long. Reverend Bob finally jumped on the float near the end and pulled it out. She was super popular after that with the men. She prolly still get free drinks at the bars, but I imagine it would fall out now.

JET

Oh my fucking God that is crazy. I wonder where that Tootsie Roll went?

FINN

Rumer has it Reverend Bob ate it to destroy the evidence

JET

Ok that's one job not for a girl or maybe it is, but all others are open.

FINN

Well not around here.

JET

With that body you can make money.

FINN

You mean like a hooker.? Never! Don't even think it.

JET

No--

FINN

One of my classmates is one I think. You pay instead of getting paid. She can never go to church again. Even on Christmas Eve.

JET

Hobo Jesus is harsh.

FINN

Yep. He doesn't share his beans.

JET

You should do what I do for money?

FINN

You're a hooker?!

JET

No, I have an only fans.

FINN

I've heard of that. Where celebrities show picture of themselves out clubbing. I'm way not a celebrity. And my first city trip in a day.

JET

You could start there.

FINN

What would I do? Pics of me watching Jazz.

Jet walks over to Finn with a look in her eyes.

JET

Exactly. Let me show you if that's OK?

FINN

Sure I guess.

Jet takes the bottom of Finns top and folds it over the top tying it somewhat secure full on hillbilly sex Goddess.

Finn flinches back a bit.

JET

Relax let me finish, you can change it back.

Jet then tie's the bottom in place between her breast.

Finn looks annoyed.

JET

There perfect!

FINN

Oh yeah I'm the worlds greatest super model. You want me to take a pic like this? I look like a slut.

JET

No You look like money! Lots of money.

FINN

How much money? Enough for a suicide burger?

JET

With peeks of nipple enough you can afford to hand out GPS systems instead of maps. Men will give you the opportunity to never really on a man. I'm planning on taking a gap year around the world so I can do it while I'm young.

FINN

I could never but How much?!

JET

I pull in around five thousand to four thousand a month. With those and you're white you could most likely make around six thousand, plus what you get from ads. You flash some cho cho for a money shot way more.

FINN

Fuck Wow now way.

JET

Language!

FINN

So by cho cho you mean--

JET

The southern part of the state.

FINN

Oh my, folks would find out.

JET

Maybe, maybe not. The world is you client base. You could live where ever you wanted, or nowhere, just travel.

FINN

My Mom or brothers would find out!

JET

Buy them all new trucks.

FINN

Tempted by the devil.

JET

Hey I'm not the devil. The queen of darkness maybe but Men are the devil if any one. Take advantage of the weakness of satin.

FINN

I could just never... the pics would always be out there.

JET

And the money would always be in your bank account. It's a new world. Everyone is going to have pics out there sooner or later. The Kardashians started with a sex tape.

FINN

Is it about the money though I just--

JET

Honey its always about the money.

FINN

You really think people would like me. I'd be a slut.

JET

Who cares if they like you it's just about what they see, what they want. And everyone's a slut for some reason or another.

FINN

I wouldn't see anybody it would be lonely. Just me and a camera. I like coming to work to meet all the people.

JET

You could choose your friends whoever you wanted.

FINN

What about that one guy that came through here was he one of you fans? That could get scary.

JET

Oh guys like that are harmless. I was just trying to not let it become something. That's what you do, like with a child that wants to much, you just deflect.

FINN

I guess... You retreated back to the kitchen pretty quick though for being pretty liberated.

Pause

JET

That's better than fuck around and find out. Sometimes leaving is better for everyone. Especially the guy right?

Pause

FINN

You make it seem easy as pie. So why do you work here? For the caramel rolls?

JET

Because of my parents. College professors, religious. Me having a job keeps them from becoming suspicious. Keeps God on my side. But yes the caramel rolls are going to chunk me up.

FINN

I've been retaining myself a bit lately.

JET

Let me take a quick pic. You can look at it and see for yourself. Then we can delete it.

FINN

Like here? Now?

JET

You're the worlds greatest super model.

FINN

I could never. Someone would see.

JET

No ones in here.

FINN

Ace is in here.

JET

He's busy and I'm pretty sure he's already seen you on the runway, right?

Pause

FINN

I'm not feeling the best this morning. Hair of the dog a bit. I feel I'd have trouble smiling right now.

JET

Oh I thought I was clear, we aren't taking a picture of your face.

FINN

The southern part of the state.?

JET

You're not ready to pay the toll on that highway yet. Purple mountains majesty.

FINN

No way!

JET

I'll take it on your phone and you can erase it.

FINN

If Ace finds out.

JET

Send it to him then you can see if it works.

FINN

I could never.

JET

Why not it? It'll be a ten thousand dollar test. And it'll let you know how much he likes you. See what he text back.

FINN

He might send it to someone?

JET

No face, who's to say it's you. Come on, you know you want to find out.

FINN

I don't know...

Pause

Finn pulls her phone out of her back pocket and quickly hands it to Jet.

JET

Where was this made Greenland I've never seen ne like it.

Finn spins her head around looking like a drunk lemur. Pulls her top down exposing the nipple on one breast as she turns her head like she's in front of a firing squad

FINN

Quick, it's getting cold.

JET

Don't worry cold will enhance the revenue, trust me.

FINN

Just hurry someone could come in.

JET

Say cheese!

Finn spins her head back glaring as Jet snaps the pic.

FINN

You said not my face!

Finn quickly yanks on her top covering up her breast.

Jet holds Finns phone up and holds it up for Finn to see.

JET

See now that's hot!

FINN

If you say so. It looks bigger in the pic.

JET

Bigger bank account.

Jet pulls the phone back down and looks at the pic thumbing at the phone while Finn undoes the knot in the front of her blouse.

FINN

There's no way I could do it. I'd rather eat Spam stew for the rest of my life than have my Reverend see that--

JET

There sent!

FINN

WHAT!! To who? How?

JET

I think the Reverend would like it.

FINN

Who the FUCK did you send it to??

Ace come tearing out of the men's bathroom
covered in grime almost slipping on the floor he
is going so fast.

FINN

YOU DIDN'T?

JET

I did.

ACE

(grabbing Finns arm)

Finn can I talk to you a second?

Jet starts laughing hysterically.

JET

Like what you see there Ace shooter?

FINN

YOU DIDN'T!!

ACE

That's the top I got you!

JET

You noticed the top?

FINN

Yeah! You noticed the top?!

ACE

Oh I noticed one thing more.

JET

Your eyesight is getting better.

Ace takes his phone out of his pocket and looks closely at the pic.

Jet looks back down at Finn's phone that she is still holding.

JET

Did I miss something? You're looking awful close.

Finn reaches and yanks her phone back from Jet.

FINN

Alright, Alright, let not all stand around looking at pics.-- That Pic.

JET

I thought it was sexy.

ACE

It was something else that's for sure.

FINN

Alright, I'm deleting this one, You delete that One!

ACE

Oh no. This is my screen saver. I'm think of having it made into a tattoo!

JET

A tramp stamp for the ages.

ACE

Don't tempt me I will.

FINN

You do and you'll never see it again.

ACE

Hey, I thought--

JET

What did you think?

FINN

Nevermind.

ACE

Nevermind?

FINN

Is it deleted? Show me it's deleted.

JET

I'll give you fifty cents for it.

Ace looks up nervously as he thumbs at his phone.

FINN

You said it was worth thousands.

Ace hold his phone up in Finns face for her to see.

ACE

Gone all gone, like it never existed.

FINN

Good, don't you have stuff to do?

ACE

Oh I'm almost done I don't mind hanging.

FINN

Well you kinda stink a bit and I need to talk to Jet a bit if you don't mind.

JET
(sticking her nose in the air)

There is a bit of an odor.

ACE
Hey don't be mad at me I didn't do anything.

FINN
You never do.

ACE
I don't smell that bad--

Finn holds her stomach and projectile Vomits all
over the front of Ace Up and Down.

ACE
Whoa!

Ace jumps back and tried to brush it off but it is
a lot leaving his hands dripping with vomit.

JET
Now you smell bad, no matter what nose job you've had.

ACE
What did you do that for? You're old enough to aim by now.

FINN
I'm sorry it just came out.

ACE
Now I have to finish the drain then change and clean up in the sink. Why does this
always happen to me?

Ace turns and walks towards the men's room
slipping a bit from the vomit that has dripped
on his shoes.

FINN
I didn't mean to.

JET

I've been noticing something.

FINN

I really didn't mean to and we've kept it pretty quiet. We are just having fun. Friends with Red Lobster, USA network and chill. He likes watching wrestling. I can't stand it. When I start something and we mess around I don't have to watch wrestling. Anything to make it stop.

JET

If I'm right I think you might have something else to do instead of watch wrestling.

FINN

What, every Star Wars movie ever made? No wait Star Trek!

JET

In a few years anyway.

Jet walks over to her counter and reaches down and grabs her purse up.

Finn follows her slowly.

FINN

What are you talking about? I can drink with any man. The next day I'm a bit--

Jet pulls something up out of her purse.

JET

I think you need one of these.

The audience can't really make out what Jet is holding.

FINN

Is that?

JET

I think you need to take it, especially if you've been drinking, a lot.

FINN

There's no way. How could -- We've been--

JET

Just pee on it and see.

FINN

I'm not peeing on anything, it's silly. Why do you have it.

JET

When I open my purse it keeps me from needing it. Here just take it

Jet slips the test into Finns back pocket. Finn tries to twist her butt away but the test slips in the pocket just perfect.

FINN

I'm not peeing on anything right now. I feel a lot better anyway.

JET

I'll bet.

FINN

But for your peace of mind I'll do it for you later but your wasting a perfectly good worry.

Pause

Finn starts to fold a new map that was tossed half open on her counter half angrily slapping it flat.

FINN

I can't believe you sent that.

JET

I thought we agreed. I can't believe you chunked all over him.

FINN

It was the smell on him from the toilet.

JET

Pregnant women and there smells.

FINN

Huh, on these new maps this town is spelled wrong.

JET

What did they miss spell?

FINN

New Hope is spelled New Hop.

JET

Little bunny Foo Foo hoping through the forest, scooping up the field mice and boppin' 'em on the head!

Blackout.

ACT 2

SCENE 1

Ace walks out of the janitors closet fake
pounding his just. Finn is alone at her counter
organizing new sightseeing brochures to put out.

ACE

Look at me now look at me now!

FINN

Sorry about that but you smelled.

ACE

I put cologne on, All over. It's like I'm ready to go out.

FINN

There's still a little something there. Maybe you should have gone out and stood in the rain for a bit.

ACE

If you stand out there with me in that top. I think they're getting bigger.

FINN

You've been feeding me beer and pizza that's all.

ACE

I'm ready for a couple cans now.

FINN

Oh they're soo bug. Maybe I should be a pornstar and sell myself online?

ACE

You could be the hobo's daughter. Nothing on but overall shorts, tastin' the franks and beans, the franks and beans.

FINN

And I'd have nothin' but a toot fart left for you.

ACE

Farting porn. Now there's your niche.

FINN

You think I'd make money?

ACE

With farting porn?

FINN

Yes farting porn, it's been my dream forever. No the regular kind.

ACE

That would be the day.

FINN

I sent you the pic?

ACE

Jet sent the pic. I know that.

FINN

But I posed for it.

ACE

She can get people to do things.

FINN

What do you mean buy that?

ACE

No... you know, the new kids always talks the others into doing stuff.

FINN

So are you the new kid to me or am I the new kid to you.

ACE

We're both the old kids with nothing better to do.

FINN

So I'm just nothing better to do for you.

ACE

I'm ready for a couple of cans.

FINN

So would you rather have a porn star?

ACE

Stop with the porn stuff what's into you? You go to church.

FINN

So would you rather have a porn star?

ACE

I think I have one already.

FINN

Well if you can keep a secret I know one.

ACE

You do not. Who?

FINN

Promise? I'll take a bite if you don't.

ACE

Promise, I gotta hear this. It's worth an inch.

FINN

You know her.

ACE

See this is a trick, you're just gonna say it's you.

FINN

It's not me.

ACE

Who?!

FINN

Jet.

ACE

Jet?!

Jet pops out of her kitchen with her arms full of three pies.

JET

Yeah what do you want? You don't have to yell.

ACE

I wasn't...

Jet places the pies in the widow underneath here counter.

JET

Spit it out or I'll spit it out for you. Why do we make all these. Cherry pies and caramel rolls. I've hardly gotten rid of any of them. Who doesn't like a cherry pie?

FINN

The rain.

ACE

Yeah the rain. It has to be sunny then you can't make them fast enough.

JET

Well then cherry pie for everyone.

Pause

Finn opens up one of the brochures she has
been organizing.

FINN

Oh we have to go to this this weekend, Ingebretsens Scandinavian gifts! A whole store of
meat and cheese, and lutefisk!

JET

I'm afraid to ask. But no if they don't have hotties and liquor we won't be.

ACE

It's Jell-O lye cooked fish.

JET

Huh?

ACE

Lutefisk is Jell-O lye cooked fish.

JET

That would have to be quite the hotties for me to put my face into that.

FINN

If you eat it soaked in butter it's good.

JET

Tell me about it.

FINN

Well they start with Cod and they dry it out--

JET

Not stop. You white people are weird.

FINN

Chitins!

ACE

That was slave food, what the masters gave them to eat.

JET

Everything is twelve years a slave to you. Eating chitins goes all the way back to west African heritage of eating and rituals of animals sacrificed to the gods and using the intestines.

FINN

Lutefisk is just the way the Swedes came up with of making dried cod whole again in the winter.

ACE

Sven and Ole had to have something to do.

JET

Who is Sven and Ole?

ACE

(Swedish accents)

Hey, Ole! Whatcha grinnin' about?

FINN

I had a very nice date with Leena last night.

ACE

Oh? Do tell!

FINN

Well, she picked me up in that new pick-up of hers and we went for a drive through the woods. After a spell, she pulled off the main road down this little path and stopped. She got out of the truck without turning it off and walked in front of it, where she started to take all of her clothes off! Finally, buck naked in the headlights, she yells, 'Take what you will, Ole!' So I took the truck and left.

ACE

That's mighty smart of you, Ole. Those clothes would've never fit you.

JET

I'm going by myself now. You white people are too weird.

FINN

Their are hundreds of Sven and Ole jokes, shall we keep going.

Jet reaches down under the counter.

JET

Just let me grab my gun first.

ACE

You gonna shoot us?

JET

No one more of those and I'll shoot myself.

Jet brings up a letter from her purse

JET

Oh here, the mailman dropped off this letter for you yesterday. Said he missed when he was at your place.

ACE

Thanks, what is it?

Jet starts to hand the letter to Ace then pulls it back.

JET

Twenty three and me what's that all about?

FINN

What?

ACE

Oh I wanted to see how many of my ancestors had been in the military and fought in wars. Just before I might join I was wondering.

FINN

If you're gonna join, join. Thanks for asking me.

ACE

We talked about it.

FINN

Well when you talk about it for so long that's all it is

ACE

I could still do it.

JET

Well let's see what it says.

Jet rips open the envelope and yanks out the documents.

FINN

Hey that's his--

ACE

No, it's ok I kind of wanna hear it read to me, like a narrator on a reality TV show.

FINN

Defiantly not reality.

Jet scans and flips through the pages

JET

Ok, Uh Huh. Hmm...

ACE

What is it?

JET

Hold on, hmmm...

ACE

Tell me!

FINN

Yes tell him he's the great, great, great, great, great of Napoleon so he can organize the moppers into an army.

ACE

I'm pretty sure it would be just a great, great, great, great.

FINN

Thanks you Sven.

JET

Well...

ACE

Spit it!

JET

Well you had a cousin that fought in the Spanish American War.

ACE

Alright Teddy's Rough Riders!

JET

On you mothers side you had her great, great, great fight in the Civil War... for the north so I don't have to kill you now.

ACE

Four score and seven years--

FINN

No Napoleon?

JET

That's it for wars. On both sides your ancestors arrived around the eighteen twenties and all of northern European decent. So no ebony logs in your woodpile.

FINN

So much for the mop army.

ACE

Wow that's a lot to take in. So must history.

Jet flops out the documents off to Ace who catches them haphazardly.

JET

And... you have six kids. Did you sign up that they could contact you or are you on the down low?

FINN

WHAT??!!

ACE

Ha, Ha, very funny you got me.

JET

I'm sorry you told me to read it. I'm not kidding look for yourself.

Ace frantically shuffles through the documents.

ACE

I don't see where--

JET

Last page, I counted six.

Finn leans in over Aces shoulder.

ACE

I don't--

Finn stabs Psycho hard at the papers with her middle finger.

FINN

Right fucking there! You fucking asshole.

ACE

There's no way.! I--

Finn shoves Ace hard of his balance.

FINN

Oh there's a way! What fifteen years of bangin' MILFS at the casino.! Prolly Kum and Go gas station condoms! Is that what you popped it in with me?? Huh?!

ACE

No one ever said anything?

FINN

They were married just passing through and didn't even realize it was you. But for sure as hell now they do! Ace the big fucking high roller better roll him up some child support. Fucking loser! A privates salary and gonna raise a family. Sox them! FUCK!!

JET

Language please.

FINN

Right...Well Jet I guess I gotta pee now don't I!

Jet slaps Finn lightly on her but where she slipped the pregnancy test in.

JET

Right there baby right there.

FINN

I fucking can't--

JET

Still language, sister.

Finn stomp walks to the women's restroom.

FINN

I'm gonna shit all over the fucking floor!

Pause

Ace is in his own bewildered world still looking at the documents.

ACE

I just can't believe this. How could this have happened?

JET

Well I could draw some diagrams for you or we could watch some movies but I think you already know.

ACE

Funny... So you've figured out me and Finn and seeing each other?

JET

What? Really?

ACE

So what we did?

JET

Hey I'm not in that report. I don't like to gamble with anything that goes in the slot machine.

ACE

I was so careful.

JET

You were horny drunk careful which is like eating a taco on a rollercoaster. That first big dip and the hot sauce is mid-air and everywhere.

ACE

I liked what you did. I never got a chance to finish?

JET

That's what you are thinking about now?

ACE

Not now maybe later.

JET

Oh my God!

Pause

ACE

It was...

JET

It was what?

Pause

ACE

You know... Exotic.

JET

What? You've never had a black girl make you--

ACE

No the out in the open. It was--

JET

Oh so you think you like dogging now?

ACE

What's that?

JET

The kings English for out in the open.

Pause

ACE

(in English accent)

I've dropped a clanger.

JET

What?

ACE

My cat? She's a moggy!

JET

You're in shock... six kids... what do you think you're going to do?

ACE

What is there to do? I'm thinking things are the same as they were really.

JET

I guess with too much knowledge you can never find the answer.

Finn comes twirling out of the women's
restroom up to Jet and Ace.

FINN

Well stud can you count to seven!

JET

Oh Wow. I'm sorry I knew it.

ACE

Wait? What are you talking about?

Finn pulls out a pregnancy test from her back
pocket and shoves it into Ace's face.

FINN

Look two lines. Two!

Finn grabs her boobs from below and pushes
them up.

FINN

I'm a human bovine!

ACE

So you are having my baby?

FINN

You're all of a sudden smart.

ACE

We were careful?

JET

Well I she did fall out of the rollercoaster.

ACE

Huh?

FINN

No I'm not having your baby.

ACE

But the test? Two lines? Your boobs.

JET

She's having here baby right Finn?

FINN

I'm not having anyone's baby. After I peed on the stick while I was waiting I looked down and saw blood and goop in the toilet. I found out I was pregnant all at the same time I lost it.

Ace is stunned mouth open.

ACE

Oh my god are you alright?

JET

That's a rollercoaster. Wow.

FINN

I'm great! I'm gonna go to the cities tomorrow get drunk and fuck strange. And I'm driving your car. You can go if you want and watch. It might be good for you to see me really live.

ACE

What? What about the baby?

FINN

Well lucky for you I sat down on the toilet seat where you never fixed the auto flush on so it's still there if you wanna take a look, say a proper goodbye to me and watch us go down the drain.

ACE

You've lost your mind!

Ace runs to the women's rest room very distressed still holding the letter papers.

JET

That is some next level shit there. Next level.

FINN

Yep finally.

JET

What are you going to do.

FINN

Things are the same really, but now I'm gonna live. I'm free. Free to do whatever I want. I might just flash these big titties all the way on a trip to Paris France. I'm gonna burn the fucking map!

JET

With you I'd start with Paris Texas... During the daylight, But OK there you go.

Ace comes running out of the women's with something red on his finger. When he rushes up to Finn and Jet he licks it off of his finger.

JET

Whoa No!

FINN

Oh my God! Have you lost your--

ACE

Ketchup! It's ketchup! Someone left a ketchup packet from Burger King on the toilet seat and when you sat down you sat right on it and squirted it right into the toilet.

FINN

So I'm...

JET

You reached into the toilet for a sample? And ate it?

ACE

No, who would do that? There was still some in the flattened packet on the seat.

JET

That's so much better.

FINN

PREGNANT!

Pause

JET

Ace you mustered the bun.

FINN

I can't believe it...

ACE

Me either I was just so happy it wasn't dead. I'm just...

JET

Seven, that's like three turkeys at Thanksgiving. And three kiddie tables.

FINN

I was alive.

Blackout

SCENE 2

Finn is refolding maps at her counter and Ace is mopping the same spot down to bedrock.

FINN

So you're happy about this? What about your other families.

ACE

There are no other families. And yes I'm happy about it however it turns out. Scared but happy.

FINN

Your scared?!

ACE

Whatever you need if you keep it.

FINN

So you want me to kill it? Give it a ketchup bath?

ACE

No. Well figure it out.

FINN

Figure it out it's not folding a map. This is a life. Well just one of yours. Suprised you're not up to nine already.

ACE

I didn't know.

FINN

So what are you gonna do about that.

ACE

If they or their mothers contact me I'll just, I don't know. Be there for them the best I can. But you are my main focus.

FINN

Nearsighted or far? It's hard to be both.

ACE

Whatever you need I'll do my best.

FINN

Why don't you try my best.

ACE

Anything.

FINN

Not anything. You can't say anything. Who knows what's going to happen? I was just starting to dream bigger.

ACE

For ten seconds out of anger and sadness.

FINN

That's all we have here now.

ACE

It's going to be ok, it's going to be great.

FINN

Oh yeah so great. A princesses dream. On the road to happily ever whatever. Maps, baby and brochures of dreams so many dreams.

ACE

Love is a million dreams into one.

FINN

Was that on the back on one of the condoms you got from Zippers Gentlemen's Lounge.

ACE

I don't go there anymore.

FINN

One day in a row is not me shaving my legs every night?.

ACE

So you want a commitment?

FINN

I don't know but I want something. I was starting... I was starting to be stupid.

ACE

Well I was born stupid. But it's going to be ok.

Pause

ACE

I'm the Ace man and you're my good luck charm. We are gonna make this happen and cash out big.

FINN

This is gonna cost us.

ACE

Well time it money. And we live in the slowest place in the world.

FINN

Do I get HBO or just past due electric bills. Diamond or ring pop? Are you just gonna sell more weed for diapers?

ACE

I'll come up with something, anything.

FINN

Is that spot clean yet?

Jet comes bouncing out of her kitchen, phone in one hand and wobbling pie in the other.

JET

One more cherry pie, get it while it's hot! Some of you are eating for two.

FINN

You should join me Jet.

JET

Join the puddin' club? That's doesn't go well with cherry pie.

ACE

I'll take a slice.

FINN

JET IS A PORN STAR!

Aces mop handle falls and slaps on the floor.

JET

Well I wouldn't say porn star actually.

FINN

All kinds of kinds of cherry pie on her website.

JET

No one sticks a fork in it.

ACE

What? What are you talking about? How the hell do you know?

FINN

I joined her Only Fans.

ACE

Only Fans? Why would you do that?

FINN

To get the layout of the corn maze if I'm going in. Someone's gotta make some money for food. And I saw a fork. One very special fork! Someone stole from my silverware drawer. I bit tarnished now though.

ACE

What?

JET

I just found it on the counter, I didn't know it belonged to anyone.

FINN

I guess it belongs to whoever has it in there hand then huh?

JET

I gave it back.

FINN

And left me to clean it up. Put it back in the drawer spotless!

ACE

Forks? I just want my slice of pie.

FINN AND JET

NO!

Blackout

SCENE 3

Jet is pacing in front of you counter nervously looking out of the front door and windows.

She bends down and straightens the pies on the racks below. Standing up pacing looking at her phone repeat.

Finn and Ace come bursting through the door with suitcase and duffle bag .

JET

Where the hell have you both been? I've been worried sick. I thought maybe you hit a deer or something. Three hours late. Ace you're not in uniform? I had to put urinal cakes in the men's bathroom 'cause some Todd complained said he might as well piss on the floor. Like I got time for that. What the --

FINN

Relax we're fine. We are ready to go!

JET

We still have five hours in the work day have you lost you mind?

ACE

We quit!

JET

You can't quit. What are you going to do? I'm not scrubbing toilets and folding maps. Is this true Finn?

FINN

It's true, we quite. Called Jean on the way in.

JET

Bet she freaked out like me.

FINN

No she said it was past time and wished us luck.

JET

Jean is a sweetheart but why what are you going to do? This is crazy.

Finn gives Ace a hug and kisses him on the cheek.

FINN

Well we talked most of the night and we decided the best way to give us and the baby the best chance is to stop worrying about planning where we are going on the map and just drive.

Ace leans into Finn and gives her a big dip kiss and comes up arm out wide.

ACE

Hit the open road of life baby.

JET

So you're just going to drive? To wherever?

FINN

No, we need you to drive.

JET

Me to drive? So I'm quitting too to join you rambling life? You panning on having the baby in some casino parking lot after you spin some big jackpot? You better take a few of your brochures.

ACE

That would be nice.

FINN

You're so nice Mom, always worried about us.

JET

You've both lost you fucking minds.

FINN

Language Mom. Set an example.

ACE

I'm joining the army!

FINN

I'm starting an Only Fans. I can't let you be the only porn star to come out of this rest stop.

JET

I'm dead and don't realize it yet. That has to be it. I just have to figure out if this is heaven or hell.

ACE

Well I think it's heaven.

FINN

I think you're right, it wasn't on the map so it must be.

JET

Where are you even stationed? This is not a good plan.

ACE

The recruiter this morning said Fort Leonard Wood.

FINN

We'll party with you this weekend and take the bus down to Missouri on Monday.

ACE

You can drive my Cadi up and back and then it's yours.

JET

You're giving me a car.

ACE

We don't need and we can't take it. We could be stationed in Hawaii.

FINN

His Uncle has one that we can use down there. When we figure out where we're living we'll buy a new one with my full frontal cash.

JET

Full frontal cash.

JET

I figured they'll be out anyway with the baby nursing, might as well cash in. Make sure you are Winnie The Poohing with your T-shirt. That should get you a G wagon.

ACE

I'm not comfortable with that.

FINN

That's the thing you're not comfortable with? Make General and we'll talk.

JET

Well Wow. I guess that's a plan. This place will always be here I suppose. Chaos theory Probably always winds back down to this pace.

FINN

I just think being in love here is to predictable for true love. The little differences on the journey might make for our own special life.

ACE

We don't have to hide our flaws, we can just be us.

FINN

We can just be us. No more forced politeness and former teachers at the grocery stores.

JET

That must have been one hell of a talk all night.

FINN

And we aren't tired so we know its the right choice.

ACE

A little sore maybe...

JET

(rolling her eyes)

I'm just concerned that the military puts you in a box and you might come back in one.

ACE

I'll learn some great skills and have the GI Bill when I get out.

JET

I guess that's a pretty good plan.

FINN

You should join us. You'll just be a UFO around here. We could have a great time. You want to travel.

JET

Being a third leg is not my style.

FINN

Get a man.

JET

Yeah around here.? I think you got the one that was left.

ACE

There are plenty you just gotta look.

FINN

Wear a band-aid at the grocery, some man will ask you about it.

JET

No thanks that was Ted Bundy's style.

ACE

Walk around the hardware store.

FINN

Get a dog and walk it.

ACE

Oh, fake a car breakdown outside any of the bars. That's how my sister speed dates.

JET

I'd rather tell them I'm a sex addict.

ACE

That works too.

JET

I'll wait for MIT or Paris.

FINN

Maybe we'll be stationed in France and we can meet up.

JET

So being a military wife and around a bunch of horny guys aren't you afraid of being recognized. You've seen it, even I was here. Can you both handle that?

FINN

I've got that all figured out. I'll wear a mysterious mask . I'll be a lady of intrigue. I'll pick a different exotic place in the world for each shoot or video.

JET

Videos now?

FINN

Drink while there's milk in the cow. We have a barn to build to put her in.

ACE

With a mancave and a new Play Station And Xbox.

FINN

Well first I need to decide on an over all character name for me on my site .

JET

I guess the teacher has become the student.

ACE

Maybe go with just map girl.

FINN

And just have my name be whatever city the theme and costume is that day. Brooklyn, Aspen, Cheyenne.

ACE

Savanah, St. Paul, no that doesn't work.

FINN

St.Pauli Girl like the beer.

JET

London, Valencia, PARIS!

FINN

Wigs and so many different outfits to take off, This is going to be fun.

JET

Unfolding the map!

FINN

Around the world!

ACE

I wouldn't go that far.

JET

Speaking of names have you found one for the baby?

ACE

I like Karl after my brother who passed.

JET

Even for a girl.

ACE

Karla. Karl would hate it so I love it.

FINN

I like Everest for a boy.

ACE

Lets hope he's not a pot head.

FINN

And Elissa if it's a girl. It means wanderer.

JET

Lets hope it's a girl.

ACE

That scares me.

JET

It should.

FINN

I'm gonna love it.

ACE

Fun 'till she's thirteen.

JET

Twelve.

FINN

Well lets go before she turns thirteen.

Jet pops her phone up from her apron and looks
down at it.

JET

I still have miles to go before I'm done. I'm the only one I just can't leave.

ACE

Just call Jean and say you're sick.

FINN

She'll be here in just a bit anyway.

JET

I don't know, I still have to work here.

FINN

Come on, it's the fist sunny day in what like a week.

ACE

Top down on the Cadi, tunes blastin' , crusin' up to the cities, Aces.

FINN

Get there early, we can eat at this place called Matt's I hear they have the best Juicy
Lucy's.

ACE

You're supposed to be the wild one.

JET

Ok, ok I'll call Jean on my way out the door. I have my suitcase in my car.

A man burst in the front door. And cock walks
his way slowly to the men's restroom.

MALE REST STOPPER

Hey Baby, remember me.

FINN

Oh God not this guy again.

MALE REST STOPPER

You gonna give me another shot at the Nubian queen? I'll give you the royal treatment.

ACE

Who the hell is this guy.

JET

Oh nothin' just a bother. A Todd bother.

FINN

He was in here earlier in the week trying to pick her up.

ACE

(talking loudly)

Hey buddy why don't you take your fuckin' piss and get back in you car without movin'
you lips.

MALE REST STOPPER

(talking louder)

Like a fags gonna make me.

Ace looks at the girls with a face that says
really?

FINN

How was New York? Did you catch a death wish?

ACE

(talking louder still)

You wish I'd fuck you., But I'm just gonna fuck you up.

JET

Just go get in the car, he's nothing I'll be right out.

The man stops at the restroom door and starts to walk towards Jet.

MALE REST STOPPER

(talking loud)

I'll bet you like a little cream in your coffee? Am I right?

ACE

This guys the asshole of assholes. Brown star fuckin' supernova...

JET

Just go I'll be ok.

ACE

I'm gonna fuckin' kill him.

FINN

She knows what she's doing. We can go.

JET

Please go, this is just making it worse. I promise I'll be right out.

Finn turns and pushes Ace towards the door.

MALE REST STOPPER

Have fun in Fagville.

Ace turns back and flinches like he's going to charge the guy.

ACE

Oh I'll be outside. You better be right out and get in your car.

JET

Come on just go. Start her up and get that top down I'll be right out.

The man walks closer towards Jet

Finn pushes Ace hard out of the door.

Jets walks backwards to behind her counter.

FINN

You be right out, you hear.

Finn stops at the door and turns around before she goes out.

FINN

This is why you wear a fucking mask!

JET

Thanks Mom. Language! I'll be right out.

Finn looking back eases out the door.

The man thrust himself up against Jet's counter.

MALE REST STOPPER

Baby I saw the pic updates you put up. You've got quiet the grip Nubian.

Blackout

Pause

BANG!

Pause

FINN

You could have at least gotten that fixed before you gave her the car, so rude.

THE END

