

Rest Stop Ahead
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CAST:

VIK (Early twenties)

HALEY (Early twenties)

MIKE or MEG (Thirties or Forties)

Set: One Bench

Props: Pregnancy Test

(A bench is set CSR at a rest stop on a little used highway at three a.m. The night sky is above. A few lights shine on the bench and surrounding areas. HALEY sits on the bench, looking out. We hear the sound of a car pulling up. VIK walks in and looks at HALEY who does not look at him.)

VIK

Thought you'd be here.

HALEY

Where else would I be?

VIK

I don't know. Let's just go.

HALEY

No. No, I won't go. Not with you.

VIK

Haley.

HALEY

No. I don't want to go.

VIK

With me.

HALEY

That's right. At least I know your hearing is okay. You had me worried earlier back at the restaurant.

VIK

I heard you then too.

HALEY

I know you did. You just wanted me to repeat it.

VIK

Yeah. I did. Because I thought you were just joking or fooling around-

HALEY

You think I would fool around about something like that? You think I would make a joke about it?

VIK

You did before. Once. We were out and you said it once, or may be more times. I don't know. But, I do remember you playing about it. You were just playing with my head.

HALEY

Maybe I was testing you.

VIK

Testing me?

HALEY

To see if you would stick around. If you really loved me. If you really wanted to have a life together.

VIK

(Reaches for HALEY)

Of course I do.

HALEY

(Recoils)

Yeah. Of course you do.

VIK

Do we know for sure? I mean have you checked?

HALEY

I think I know how to do it. If I can't read the instructions then I can always look at the pictures on the box. Or, I could just watch the commercials on TV they show you how to do it too.

VIK

I know. But, they're all different. Maybe you should try another one, not just the dollar store brand.

HALEY

I am. It's in the bathroom.
(Points OSR.)

VIK

(Looks OSR)
Oh.

HALEY

It's sitting on the sink, waiting.

VIK

Waiting? It's waiting? That's a funny thing to say. It's waiting.

HALEY

What the hell am I supposed to say?

VIK

I don't know. But, it's waiting. It just sounds so creepy. It's waiting. It's like evil is being born.

HALEY

The way you acted earlier you'd think Damian was coming.

VIK

It would be a boy?

HALEY

It could be. I don't know. It's only been a few weeks. Come on Vik.

VIK

Well, Haley. I don't know anything.

HALEY

No, really.

VIK

Stop making fun of me.

HALEY

Why not? You deserve it for the way you acted.

VIK

I acted the way I did. How else should I act? Huh? You just spring it on me like that.

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