

INT. RAE'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

RAE, 26, has short black hair and a short stature. She's packing for a trip. In her mess of a bedroom, she reaches for a marijuana stash box. We hear a VOICE. It's her best friend, Eli. We STAY ON Rae while Eli calls for her.

ELI (V.O.)
Rae? Are you ready?

Rae pauses.

CUT TO:

INT. OLLIE'S BEDROOM - FLASHBACK

For a brief moment we see Rae kissing her girlfriend, OLLIE, 27. Ollie is at least a foot taller than Rae, blonde, with big brown eyes. They are lying in bed together kissing and staring at each other.

INT. RAE'S BEDROOM - BACK TO PRESENT

RAE
(responding to Eli)
Yeah, I'm coming!

Rae grabs the mysterious box and shoves it in her backpack.

TITLE CARD:
BAGGAGE.

END OF OPEN

EXT. ASHLAND AVENUE - DAY

Rae and ELI, 27, cutest gay boy you've ever seen, are packing up Rae's Subaru.

ELI
A Subaru, huh.

RAE
You're literally not funny, don't even start.

ELI
Tens of thousands of people on the internet would say otherwise, my darling!

Rae smiles.

RAE
Are you excited?

ELI
Duh, of course! Why wouldn't I be?

RAE
I don't know, I'm just making sure.

The trunk of the car is filled to the brim with Eli's drag. There is a bag of wigs falling out of the car. Rae grabs it before it falls to the ground.

ELI
Careful!

RAE
I got it, I got it.

ELI
Are you sure you don't need to pack more stuff?

We see a brief shot of RAE'S BACKPACK.

RAE
No, I'll be fine.

ELI
Okay, if you say so. Dykes are so resourceful.

RAE
Ready?

ELI
Ready.

Rae hops in the drivers seat and Eli in the passengers seat. They're off!

INT. THE CAR - LATER THAT DAY

Rae and Eli are making headway to Wichita, Kansas, where Eli has his first drag show of the trip. We catch them mid conversation.

ELI
It just didn't really click for me. I couldn't get passed the first few episodes.

RAE

I understand that, but I do believe *Mad Men* is one of the best of all time. You're missing out! It's a classic for a reason.

ELI

But, like, you find out his secret in the first few episodes! What's the point if you find it out right away?!

RAE

THAT IS THE POINT! BECAUSE IT SHOWS THE LENGTHS HE WILL GO TO TO LIE!

ELI

I just don't get it.

RAE

Ugh, it's so brilliant.

ELI

You're horny for Elisabeth Moss, that's why you like it so much.

RAE

Yeah, well, someone's got to save her from Scientology.

Eli laughs.

ELI

I'm glad we're doing this together.

CUT TO:

INT. OLLIE'S BEDROOM - FLASHBACK

Ollie is dead and Rae sobbing, holding her.

CUT BACK TO:

INT. THE CAR - BACK TO PRESENT

RAE

Yeah, me too. I've been in a mood. Ollie and I got into a big fight.

ELI

Oh, so THAT'S why you planned this.
You're using me as a distraction.
How cute!

RAE

Noooo, it's not like that. We are
doing this for you.

ELI

Good. I've also been in a mood.
Patrick and I broke up.

RAE

No way, really? Fuck, I'm sorry.

ELI

Huge bummer but whatever.

RAE

Well...This trip was perfectly timed,
then. I'm happy we're doing this,
too. I feel like we haven't seen
each other, Ms. Internet Famous
Drag Queen.

ELI

What was that? Say it again?

RAE

(singing the RuPaul song)
Sexy, sexy drag queen!

ELI

Yeeeees!

RAE

Proud of you.

ELI

What's the name of the venue we are
going to again?

RAE

Ummmmmm...

Rae grabs her phone, while she's driving.

RAE

Chez Charlie.

Rae puts her phone down.

ELI
Hahaha, what the fuck?

Eli looks it up.

ELI
Rae, is this even a gay bar?!

RAE
I mean, probably! They have a drag night!

ELI
Jesus Christ.

RAE
Do they even have gay bars in Kansas? Do they have gay people?

ELI
Do they know I'm a drag queen?

RAE
Sure they do, I'm not a total idiot. Just a little bit of one.

ELI
Okay. Jesus.

RAE
Are we going to spend this whole trip bickering like a married couple?

ELI
Isn't that what we are?

RAE
We might have to be if you're going to perform at Chez Charlies in Wichita!!!

ELI
(playfully)
You're insane.

Rae chuckles.

INT. SPORTS BAR - LATER

Rae and Eli have made a pit-stop at a sports bar in the middle of Kansas. It's your run of the mill sports bar, and there are several other people there for lunch.

THE LOCAL NEWS plays on the TVs in the background. Rae is looking at Google Maps on her phone.

RAE

We haven't even made it that far.

ELI

How is that possible, we've been driving for five hours?

RAE

We haven't, it's only been two. Feels like five though!

ELI

You're hangry, we got to get some fries in you.

Rae stares off, looking at the TV.

RAE

Ollie relapsed.

ELI

Really?

RAE

Yeah.

ELI

Is she okay?

RAE

I don't know. You can never tell with her.

ELI

Well, I hope she's testing her shit. Stuff is crazy out there. There was a guy at Berlin the other night that was totally tweaking out. It was scary!

RAE

Yeah, I know. I don't know what it's going to take to get her to stay clean. Clearly I'm not enough.

Rae looks like she's going to cry. Eli grabs her hands.

ELI

Hey. Hey, hey, hey. Stop that. This has nothing to do with you, you know that.

RAE
Yeah. Yeah, I know.

ELI
She's been going down this path the
entire time you've known her.
You've got to stop putting pressure
on yourself to rescue her.

RAE
Wow, a star and a budding
psychologist!

Eli smiles at Rae.

ELI
Smart-ass.

RAE
Love ya.

A SERVER comes over with their food and drops it off. Rae
gives flirtatious eyes to the server.

ELI
Thanks.

RAE
Thank YOU!

SERVER
You're welcome.

The Server smiles as she walks away. Eli slaps Rae's hands.

ELI
Did we not just finish talking
about your druggie girlfriend? Put
a pin in your pants, I'm not
dealing with a lying and cheating
Rae on this trip!

Lying Rae is in full effect.

RAE
You got it, boss.

Rae smiles, dips a fry in ketchup, and eats it.

EXT. BAR PARKING LOT - LATER

The two have finished eating and head back to the car. Eli gets in driver's seat and turns the car on. The TIRE PRESSURE LIGHT comes on.

ELI
Ah, shit.

RAE
What?

ELI
The tire pressure.

RAE
Already?

ELI
Yeah. Damn. Ummm, shit.

RAE
I'll look up a place close for us to go.

ELI
I hope we make it in time.

RAE
We will, don't worry.

ELI
Did you get the tires checked before we left?

RAE
No, I never got around to it.

Eli lets out a sigh.

RAE
What?

ELI
Nothing, nothing, just. Nothing.

RAE
I'm not impressing you this trip so far, am I?

ELI
No.

RAE
Well, you'll be a happy girl
tonight when you get "tipped down."

ELI
You don't get to talk like a drag
queen if you're not a drag queen.

RAE
Um, okay.

ELI
Sorry, I'm just tired. Did you find
a place?

RAE
Yeah, take a left out of the
parking lot.

Eli starts the car and they head out.

INT. CAR REPAIR SHOP - LATE AFTERNOON

Rae and Eli have stopped at a middle of nowhere car repair shop. Both of them stick out like sore, queer thumbs. Rae sits across from Eli in the waiting room, reading The Holy Bible.

RAE
So, are you feeling better?

ELI
Yes, yes I am.

RAE
Are you ready to accept that it's
not my fault the tire light came
on? And that it was simply the Will
Of God on this journey called Life?

ELI
You're psychotic.

Rae chuckles.

ELI
What are you reading there?

RAE
Oh, just some book. I've heard it's
pretty popular.

ELI
Well, you'll have to tell me how
you like it.

RAE
Oh, I certainly will. I hear it
ends on a real cliff hanger.

Eli laughs. He grabs Rae's backpack.

ELI
I'm thirsty, can I have some of
your water?

Rae snatches the backpack back.

RAE
UM. Yeah. Yeah, here.

Rae grabs her water bottle and gives it to Eli. He's confused
why she reacted this way.

RAE
Sorry. My dildo is in there and I
haven't washed it.

ELI
Like I haven't seen it before.

Eli smiles at Rae.

CUT TO:

INT. OLLIE'S BEDROOM - FLASHBACK

Ollie and Rae are lying in bed together. Ollie is staring at
Rae.

OLLIE
You're so beautiful.

RAE
Gag.

OLLIE
Seriously, you are.

RAE
Thanks.

OLLIE
I'm sorry I've been such a shit
head.