

QUEEN OF HOLLYWOOD

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Superimpose "26 years earlier"

JETTY, five years old, tall for her age, with curly brown hair, fair complexion and big brown eyes, is playing in the backyard of her BABY-SITTER'S house with other children her age. The CHILDREN are all dressed up, playing dress up. They are hiding by the side of the house, by a wood shed.

JETTY

(pointing)

You be the frog, you be the Prince,
you be the princess, you be the
knight, and I will be the Queen.

CHILDREN

All hail the queen.

The CHILDREN bow at JETTY'S feet.

JETTY

Now the first order of business
will be to have Oreos and milk when
ever I please...

CHILDREN

All hail the queen.

CUT TO:

Superimpose "present day"

JETTY, early 30's, very attractive, female, tall and curvy with long brown curly hair, wearing sunglasses to cover her eyes, is browsing the racks in the plus-size department. She is searching for black clothing. A saleswoman approaches her.

SALES WOMAN

Can I help you find something?

JETTY

(fighting back the tears)

I need a black dress for a funeral.
And a black overcoat.

SALES WOMAN

Okay, what specifically are you
looking for?

JETTY
(tearing up)
My father passed away yesterday and
I have to go to Idaho, it's twenty
degrees there.

SALES WOMAN
(pointing to a rack)
What do you think about this?

JETTY
Too old.

SALES WOMAN
How about this?

JETTY
Too sexy.

SALES WOMAN
Well, I need to know what you need
so I can help you.

JETTY
(obviously upset)
I just need something I can wear in
a church, something that...

SALES WOMAN
I'm sorry for your loss.

JETTY
It's just hard. I don't really want
to be here.

SALES WOMAN
I understand. Just wait here and
lets see if I can find anything for
you.

JETTY waits near a rack of overcoats. She begins to search
for her size while the SALES WOMAN frantically searches for a
dress. JETTY finds a coat she likes and tries it on. The
SALES WOMAN RETURNS.

SALES WOMAN (CONT'D)
That looks nice on you.

JETTY
You don't think it's too tight in
the arms?

SALES WOMAN

No, I think it's just right.
However I was unsuccessful in
finding a dress that would work for
you.

JETTY

Darn.

SALES WOMAN

Are you gonna get that coat? It
looks good!

JETTY

Yeah, I think so. Don't want to
freeze in Idaho!

SALES WOMAN

Let me check you out.

The two walk to the register.

JETTY

Wow, it was on sale! Gotta love
that.

SALES WOMAN

When's the funeral?

JETTY

In three days. But I don't want to
wait until the last minute.

JETTY pays, takes her bag and exits.

CUT TO:

3 EXT. DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES-NIGHT

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JETTY walks down the sidewalk, she hails a taxi. The taxi
takes her to her apartment building. She pays the cab and
exits.

CUT TO:

4 INT. JETTY'S APARTMENT BUILDING-NIGHT

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She walks to her front door, enters, and is greeted by her
dog. She goes to her bedroom, changes into her pj's and
climbs into bed, she cuddles with her dog and attempts to
falls asleep.

A knock at the door gets her out of bed, she opens the front door. ANGIE, 30's, pretty with a great smile and a down to earth aire about her enters the apartment.

ANGIE
(holding a small brown
paper bag)
Hey kid, how are you feeling? I
brought you some soup.

ANGIE kisses JETTY on one cheek and hugs her.

JETTY
I was just about to fall asleep.

ANGIE
Oh sorry I couldn't get here
sooner.

JETTY looks into the brown bag ANGIE is holding.

JETTY
I'm not sick. I'm just morning.

ANGIE
It's chicken noodle. And you need
to eat.

JETTY
Thanks but, for now I will just
have to survive on my salty tears.

ANGIE
Honey.

ANGIE embraces JETTY.

JETTY
It's so surreal. Is this really
happening?

ANGIE
(holding JETTY)
It is. But you will get through it.

JETTY
I love you big!

ANGIE
Like a little fat pig!

CUT TO:

5 EXT. LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT-MORNING 5

JETTY is exiting an airport shuttle. The DRIVER helps her with her bags. JETTY tips the DRIVER and enters the ticketing area.

6 INT. LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT-MORNING 6

JETTY checks in, gets her boarding pass and goes through security. Just as she approaches the gate her phone rings.

JETTY

Hi mom. Yes, I'm at the airport now. I'm waiting to board. Okay. I'll see you in Seattle. I love you too.

JETTY hangs up the phone and takes a seat next to a HANDSOME STRANGER.

HANDSOME STRANGER

Where you headed?

JETTY

Lewiston Idaho. You?

HANDSOME STRANGER

Seattle.

JETTY

I've never been. Do you live there?

HANDSOME STRANGER

They call it the emerald city.

JETTY

Because it rains so much.

HANDSOME STRANGER

That it does.

JETTY

I'm Jetty.

HANDSOME STRANGER

Jetty? That's an interesting name.

JETTY

It's a nickname from childhood, just sorta stuck. My siblings couldn't say my name growing up, so they called me Jetty.

HANDSOME STRANGER

I see. What are you going to Idaho for if I may ask?

JETTY

(pause)

My father passed away a couple days ago...His funeral.

HANDSOME STRANGER

I'm so sorry to hear that. I lost my dad five years ago to cancer. It gets easier.

JETTY

Yeah, I don't know about that. In the past four days I've eaten the entire contents of my refrigerator and pantry. And gained about ten pounds.

HANDSOME STRANGER

Well, I drank two bottles of wine every day for a month.

JETTY

Were you close?

HANDSOME STRANGER

For the most part, yes. You?

JETTY

Hadn't spoken to him in a year.

HANDSOME STRANGER

Parents are tough. No matter what you still love them. He loved you. Don't forget that.

JETTY

I just wish I got to say good-bye.

HANDSOME STRANGER

Remember the good times. Let the other stuff go.

JETTY

Thank you. He had a great sense of humor. He could have been a stand up comedian.

HANDSOME STRANGER

Yeah?

JETTY

Yeah. And this most amazing opera voice! One Christmas, during college I came home from school, and I was walking by his room and all of a sudden I heard this huge booming voice. He coulda been like a great opera singer. But he never did anything with it, but sing at church, in the pews and that was it.

HANDSOME STRANGER

That's a sweet story.

He looks at his watch.

JETTY

Yeah. He had his good points.

HANDSOME STRANGER

We should be boarding soon. I think we got time for one more story, that is, if you want to share?

JETTY

He had a great sense of humor. By the time I was five I knew every dirty blond joke ever written. Ever told.

HANDSOME STRANGER

Wow, let's here one.

JETTY

Ok, but I gotta warn you, this is gross...to dad.

Beat.

JETTY (CONT'D)

Why do blonds cut their tampon strings?

HANDSOME STRANGER

Oh my gosh! Why? I'm gonna regret this...

JETTY

So their crabs won't go bundgy jumping.

The two laugh with discomfort.

HANDSOME STRANGER
You're dad was a riot!

JETTY
Yeah, he was the best.

HANDSOME STRANGER
Got anymore?

JETTY
Sure. But I can't repeat them in public.

HANDSOME STRANGER
That bad?

JETTY
Ok, this one is p-g. What happened when two flies were arguing on a toilet seat?

HANDSOME STRANGER
Oh, no. What?

JETTY
They both got pissed off!

They both laugh, him laughing the loudest.

HANDSOME STRANGER
Good one.

JETTY
Thanks.

HANDSOME STRANGER
For?

JETTY
Cheering me up!

HANDSOME STRANGER
No...thank you!

THEY sit there enjoying each others company. Passing time by talking. The overhead intercom comes on.

INTERCOM (V.O.)
Attention passengers, flight eighteen, forty-two is now boarding to Seattle. Seats one through thirty please begin boarding.

JETTY stands up and gets into line leaving her new friend seated.

JETTY
It's was nice meeting you.

HANDSOME STRANGER
You too.

JETTY boards the plane.

CUT TO:

7 EXT. LEWISTON NEZ PERCE COUNTY AIRPORT-DAY 7

Superimpose "Idaho Panhandle"

JETTY and her mother, JEANNE, a young looking sixties, with auburn hair, petite, with light-eyes; exit the tiny, twenty seat, propeller aircraft. The wind is whipping up and blowing snow across the tarmac. The two get their bags, get a rental car and drive to their hotel.

8 EXT. HOTEL-LEWISTON IDAHO-MORNING 8

JETTY and JEANNE pile into the rental car and drive to the funeral parlor.

9 INT. FUNERAL PARLOR-DAY 9

JETTY, and her family; sister-MARIE, brother-MARK, brother-DINO, brother-NICK, STEPMOTHER, and her three STEPBROTHERS are all standing around in the waiting area along with JEANNE. JETTY is just a couple feet away from MARIE.

MARIE is standing close to her HUSBAND.

JETTY
(to MARIE)
Are you okay?

MARIE rolls her eyes and ignores JETTY.

JETTY sighs.

JETTY (CONT'D)
(to MARIE)
Fine, Have it your way then. I was just trying to be polite. Give you a shoulder...

MARIE turns to JETTY.

MARIE

Look, I don't need your help. I haven't spoken to you for good reason, in four years. And I'm not going to start now.

JEANNE

Girls!

JETTY

I didn't do what you think I did.

MARIE

I don't give a dam. It's too late. And now's not the time.

JEANNE

Jeannette. Leave your sister alone.

MARIE

I don't approve of your lifestyle.

JETTY

Yeah well, I didn't try to break up your wedding.

MARIE

I don't believe you.

JETTY

You don't have to. God knows the truth. I just think you should know. It was Mom, and Dad. Not that it matters anymore. I wasn't going to lie to them, I told you, if they ever asked me, I wouldn't lie for you. If anyone here should be upset, it's me. You didn't have the right...

JEANNE

That's enough.

JETTY

See ya later benjy. Knock her up. Give her something to do.

JEANNE grabs JETTY by the arm and leads her away from the rest of the people.

CUT TO: