PORTA-POTTY DATE

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FADE IN:

INT. INSIDE CAR - DAY

Dannie is an attractive, flashy sassy 20 something yr old chic with a flair for the dramatics. She is multitasking as she speeds down the interstate. She is bobbing her head to music and primping her hair in the rear view mirror. She blows a kiss to herself in the mirror and smiles smugly. She tries to put on an earring but it falls between the seats. She exhales in frustration. Her phone rings and we see on the screen "BFF Sherry". She switches to bluetooth and starts speaking over the car speakers.

DANNIE
Yooo! Sup? hey I'm meeting Jaylen for dinner in a few.

SHERRY (V.O.)
Dinner? Its not even 4pm.

DANNIE
I know. I know. But if he's a loser, then I wont waste a whole evening. (Beat) May even have time to call Zack.

SHERRY (V.O.)
Zach the zero? He stood you up the first date. Next time forgot his wallet?

DANNIE
But guuurrlllll...come on you know Zack is volcano hot! Mmmmm

SHERRY (V.O.)
Zac's brain dead. (Beat) 'Sides, what's wrong with Jaylen? His profile looks good.

DANNIE
Did'ja see Jesus Rocks on his page. Just what I need, a bible thumper!

SHERRY
Dannie, stop being so close minded. Give the guy a chance.
DANNIE
He claims he works in transportation and logistics. Probably means he delivers pizzas in his pick up truck. Hahahah

SHERRY (V.O.)
At least he has a job. Better than that mooching graffiti guy.

DANNIE
Liam is a mural artist. And..and so what he crashed on my couch for a minute.

Dannie tries to apply more lipstick and fumbles it as a red streak of lipstick goes on her cheek. The lipstick tube falls into the passenger side.

DANNIE
Negative Nancy, you just messed up my lipstick.

Dannie reaches for the lipstick and swerves into another lane. A barrage of horns honk at her as she looks in the rear view mirror. She yells at the drivers behind her and waves her hand in frustration.

SHERRY (V.O.)
Keep your eyes on the road. I will not be changing your bed pan when you end up in the hospital.

DANNIE
Speaking of bed pan,...ooohhh I.. I have to go...real bad. Number 2 even.

SHERRY (V.O.)
Sick.

Dannie picks up a bottle of iced coffee to take a swig, but misses her mouth and it spills on the console and splashes on her shirt and pants. She grits her teeth and groans.

SHERRY (V.O.)
None of your control freak tendencies with Jaylen.

Danie exhales, rolls her eyes and makes a fist at the dashboard as if making a fist at Sherry.
DANNIE
Why are you lecturing me about...some...some...pizza delivery guy?

SHERRY (V.O.)
You ALWAYS got drama. More than Young and the Restless.

DANNIE
Some BFF you are. You're never on my side!

Dannie hangs up in frustration and the music resumes. She continues driving and sees a sign reading "Restroom next exit." She exits the interstate and comes to the bottom of the hill. She is shocked to see another sign that says "Gas station closed for repairs, next gas station 8 miles ahead.

She exhales in frustration and puts both hands and face on the steering wheel. We see an isolated area with open fields, trees and not much else.

DANNIE
Nooooooooom! I'll never make it.

She is fidgeting in the seat, crossing her legs and raising up and unbuttoning her pants. She turns right and drives slowly looking for somewhere to pull off. She sees an old faded port-a-potty in an open field, close to a tree. She drives off the road, onto the grass near the potty and parks.

INT. OUTSIDE IN AN OPEN FIELD. - DAY

Dannie quickly rifles through her back seat and finds a wad of napkins and hand sanitizer. She puts her phone in her breast pocket and walks to the porta potty. She goes overboard in wiping the door handle and making faces. She tugs a few times but the door is stuck. She is hopping around trying to open the door while trying not to pee on herself. Finally the door opens and she quickly looks around and steps inside.

She peers into the dilapidated potty with trepidation and recoils in horror at the dirt and smell. She pulls her stained white tshirt over her nose. Suddenly a rat runs out from under a wad of crumpled newspaper, across her feet and out the door. She screams loudly hopping around, kicking the newspaper. She closes the door and locks it.
She uses the napkin and sanitizer to clean the door handle and the top of the toilet seat.

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After she has finished using the potty, she has a look of relief on her face and is rubbing her tummy. She is buttoning up her pants and looking around in disgust at the dirty potty.

**DANNIE**

I'm sure I got scabies, crabs and God knows what else.

Her phone rings we see "Jaylen-Potential Looser" on the screen.

**DANNIE**

Yeah.

**JAYLEN**

Danie I am so excited to meet you. But I'm running about 20 minutes late. Is that cool?

She attempts to open the door, but it's rusted shut and won't budge. She wiggles and pushes it and it makes the whole potty wobble.

**DANNIE**

Noooooooooooooo you've got to be kidding. No way.

With one hand she is holding the phone and the other she is wiggling the lock.

**JAYLEN**

Sorry Dan, it's an accident on the freeway. Police closed the lanes.

**DANNIE**

No no, I'm not talking to you. I...I...the door is stuck and --

Dannie is still jiggling the lock trying to get it to open.

**JAYLEN**

Your car door is stuck?
DANNIE
Not the car door. Uhg! Listen
dude...I'm having an epic day from
hell! Us meeting....its not
happening. Not today.

JAYLEN
But I was looking forward....
(Beat) Ok, I got ya. Can I text
you later?

DANNIE
Whatever.

She frowns and exhales and hangs up on him in mid sentence.
She puts the phone back in her pocket. She pushes and
pounds the door. Suddenly she gets doused with dirty water
from overhead and a birds nest falls on her head and hits
the floor. When she looks up she notices for the first time
that most of the roof is gone. Only a little rusted ledge
remains. She balls her fists up and yells at the top of her
lungs.

INT. INTERIOR OF 18 WHEEL TRUCK. - DAY

A man with a short military cut in his 30's is driving a 18
wheel truck with a German Shepard in the passenger seat.
Then pats his leg for the dog to come over and he gives him
a bear hug and kisses him on the head. A ding ding sounds
on the dashboard and the check engine light comes on.

He turns on his turn signal and exits the interstate. He
comes to the bottom of the exit ramp and pulls his truck to
the side of a road. He exits and sets up orange safety
cones. The dog starts barking, then jumps from the truck
seat and takes off running into the wide open field.

TRUCKER
Rocky! Rocky! Get back here.

INT. INSIDE THE PORT-A-POTTY - DAY

Dannie uses her keys to maneuver the lock, but to no avail.
She looks forelorned: her shirt and pants are coffee
stained, a red lipstick smear across her face, her hair wet
and her face is dirty from the soiled water spilling from
the roof.

She scrolls through her phone passing Mom, Dad, BFF Shelly.
She stops at Shelly's name and dials, but changes her mind
and hangs up putting her phone in her pocket. She folds her hands in prayer.

DANNIE
God I.. I..know that I. That we don't talk like........ (beat) I need help...please send Somebody. Anybody.

She tries the door handle but no luck. She sits down on the platform portion of the potty in defeat. We hear a dog barking is heard in a distance and quickly gets closer. The dog makes it to the potty barking loudly and scratching under it. Dannie is furious as she looks up through roof to the sky.

DANNIE
Really? A dog? Let's just add rabies to the list.

The dog is barking feverishly, standing up putting his paws on the side. Dannie is frustrated and kicks the side yelling at the dog.

DANNIE
Stop it! Just stop it you worthless mutt!! Arrrrrrg!

A male voice can be heard whistling and calling Rocky.

TRUCKER
Rocky! Rocky!

Dannie perks up when she hears a voice. She pounds hard and yells over and over.

DANNIE
Help! Help! I'm stuck in here. Help! Open the door!!!

The trucker runs to the potty. He juggles the handle and tries to pull it open.

TRUCKER
Step back. Gonna kick it open.

Dannie climbs on the elevated platform and stands back. She braces both hands on the sides. He kicks the door and it caves in and the lock pops open. He pries the door enough and it hobbles open. She walks out dazed and falls to the ground. She stands up woozy.
DANNIE
Oh my God!

Rocky wags his tail at Dannie barking excitedly. She gets a good look at the man who rescued her. He is 6'2, muscular, and light beard. He wears a black cowboy hat and red T-shirt that has a huge logo/crest with "JTL"

TRUCKER
Rocky took off like a bat out of hell. Figured he tree'd a squirrel or sump'tin.

Dannie is staggering and bracing herself on a tree.

DANNIE
If you wouldn't have come along....I ...I just don't know.

The trucker puts his arm around her to steady her and smiles compassionately at her.

TRUCKER
Can I take you to the hospital?

Dannie shakes her head no. Rocky wags his tail, whines and licks her hand. She bends down and puts her face in his face and hugs him.

DANNIE
I must look like a horror show.

TRUCKER
Thank God my engine light came on. I pulled over and...well Rocky here took off running.

DANNIE
Yep, Rocky was a life safer.

TRUCKER
Uh can I give you a ride? My truck's just on the other side of the field.

Dannie flashes a bit of concern being alone in the middle of nowhere with a strange man. She looks around scared. She moves so his arm comes off her and she tries to get distance between them.

DANNIE
Nope. That's my Jeep. Going home.
TRUCKER
You Sure?

DANNIE
This has been an epic day from hell.

He throws his head back and laughs. Dannie stops, puts both hands on her hips, gives him a chastising look.

DANNIE
Really?

The trucker bows his head and takes off his hat and puts on his chest in submission.

TRUCKER
Oh sorry I didn't mean to...uh.

Dannie's momentary fear of him turns to annoyance.

TRUCKER
I was on my way to a blind date to meet this girl. But got stuck in traffic. She was mad and canceled. (Beat) She said the same thing about an epic day from hell.

Dannie bucks her eyes and mouth wide open in astonishment.

TRUCKER
I can follow you to make sure...

Dannie shakes her head and holds her hand up like a stop sign.

DANNIE
Nah. I'm good. Just live up the road.

The trucker nods, smiles and puts his black cowboy hat back on. He whistles for the dog and they start walking away. The back of his T-shirt says "Jaylen's Transportation and Logistics". He stops for a second and turns back around.

TRUCKER
You got sum beautiful green eyes. Like emeralds.

He turns back around and he and the dog walk away. Dannie watches as for a few seconds then sits in her Jeep and blasts the air conditioner. She gets wet wipes and wipes her face and hands. She sprays perfume all over her.
She prepares to drive away as her phone rings. The screen says BFF Shelly.


SHERRY (V.O)
Here's the rescue call you asked for. In case Jaylen was a looser.

DANNIE
Uh....Uh...I ...

SHERRY (V.O.)
Everything OK? Did you meet Jaylen?

DANNIE
Yep, I did. I sure did.

SHERRY (V.O.)
Soooooooooo, what happened?

DANNIE
Meet me at my house in 15 minutes and you'll see. Cause if I tell you over the phone, you won't believe me. You just won't.

She hangs up, puts the phone on the passengers seat and pulls onto the interstate on ramp.

FADE OUT.