

Riding High

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Based on a true story...sort of

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ANNA a teenaged girl is getting dressed to go to a sweet 16 party with her friend, SARAH. Anna puts on her makeup, heels, and grabs her purse while Sarah is replacing the tobacco from a cigarette with marijuana. When finished, Sarah puts it inside the Cigarette box.

ANNA

(Yelling out of the room)

MOM? Are you ready? I gotta go!

(to Sarah)

Okay, lets do the check

list...phone?

(the girls pull out phones)

Id's

(They pull out fake ids)

cigs

SARAH

Yea, even though I don't know why you insist on us smoking these crappy cigarettes.

ANNA

I don't even like smoking! I get them for you! and I get those because my mom smokes those kind so this way she smokes what you don't, save money.

SARAH

Whatever. Who is this joint for?

ANNA

Me? what do you mean?

SARAH

Come on Anna you have like a 5.0 GPA since when do you smoke weed?

ANNA

Its a 4.2 but whatever.

SARAH

Come on tell me Annie!

ANNA

Don't call me Annie.

SARAH

Annie! Annie!

(CONTINUED)

Anna playfully jumps on Sarah. During the skirmish Sarah notices JASON, a local skater punk, in a photo on Anna's mirror.

SARAH

Oh! shit! you wanna knock socks with James!

ANNA

Knock Socks? who are you?

SARAH

How could I have not seen this!?

Anna puts the finishing touches on her make up and pulls his picture off the mirror.

ANNA

You think he's gonna be there?

SARAH

Definitely not, but just incase... wear less.

ANNA

Less make up?

SARAH

No less clothes. Just take your shirt off, you want him to notice you!

ANNA

um no.

SARAH

You're funeral.

Anna walks out of the room.

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INT. ANNA'S KITCHEN-CONTINUOUS

2

Anna is frantically looking for her phone charger and puts down her cigarettes. MOM is folding clothes on the counter.

ANNA

(in complete frustration)
Where is my charger!? Why does everyone take my things?

Mom hands Anna her charger which is right next to the outlet.

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MOM
(to herself)
Because I pay for them so,
technically they are my things.

Anna goes to run back upstairs.

MOM
Hey, how'd that test go today?

ANNA
Got a 98. I thought I had it all
right.

MOM
That's great honey.

ANNA
It's alright.

MOM
No, your father will be proud when
he gets back from his trip.

ANNA
I hope so.

MOM
Well, I am proud of you.

ANNA
Thanks Mom!

Anna runs back upstairs.

Mom checks her cigarette pack and sees it is low. She then
notices Anna's cigarettes on the counter and takes one and
lights it up without realizing it was a joint.

MOM (cont.)
(shouts to Anna and Sarah)
I'll be in the car we need to get
gas.

Mom exits smoking and shuts the door. Anna and Sarah come
running down after.

ANNA
(to herself)
You couldn't have done that before?

Anna grabs her cigarettes.

SARAH
Is it me, or does it smell funny
down here?

ANNA
I don't know, lets go.

Anna and Sarah exit the house.

CUT TO

3 EXT. - GAS STATION- 10 MIN LATER

3

Mom appears to be in an argument with the gas station attendant. THE ATTENDANT appears to be of middle eastern decent but is very americanized.

ANNA
MOM! Just give him the ten! What
does it matter if he puts the gas
in first?

MOM
I don't trust him.

THE ATTENDANT looks at MOM quizzically.

THE ATTENDANT
(Sarcastically)
And why is that miss? Let me guess,
because I'm Puerto Rican?

MOM
No! because you look like a
terrorist!

ANNA
(interjects)
Mom!

Anna reaches over and shuts the window.

ANNA
(to THE ATTENDANT)
I am so sorry.
(to MOM)
I can't believe you.

MOM
What, look at him he's all suicide
bomby...

MOM just starts hysterically laughing and mocking the man through the window.

(CONTINUED)

ANNA
(glaring)
You are so weird.
(to herself)
Now, I need a cigarette.

SARAH
He is pretty creepy. He keeps
staring at me.

ANNA
Maybe because your tits are half
out, it's kinda hard not to.

SARAH
Yea well...still rude.

Anna reaches in her purse for her cigarettes and realizes her joint is missing. She looks at her mother who is taking her last puff and flicking it out of the window. Mom begins to pull out of the gas station and almost hits a yellow Camarro.

4 EXT. STREET LIGHT - CONTINUOUS

4

DRIVER 1, in the yellow Camarro, pulls along side Mom.

DRIVER 1
(furious)
Hey lady! What's your problem?

Mom opens her window while Anna tries to stop her.

MOM
What do you want!?

DRIVER 1
You almost killed me lady!

SARAH
Oh he's cute....Hey there...

Anna pulls Sarah back in the window and is trying to hand signal to Sarah that her mother smoked the weed. Sarah isn't understanding.

MOM
Almost? I guess I failed then!

Driver 1 laughs and revs his engine.

(CONTINUED)

SARAH

Wet.

ANNA

Ew...MOM! You need to stop now! We need to go home!

MOM

(ignoring ANNA)

LET's go punk!

The light turns green and the two take off. Driver 1 runs Mom off the road.

5 EXT. STRIP MALL - CONTINUOUS

5

Mom comes screeching into a parking lot.

MOM

(hysterically laughing)

WOW! That was nuts!

ANNA

(frightened at her mother)

I think I'm gonna be sick.

MOM

Hey, Anna! Isn't that where you work?

(pointing to a restaurant)

Let's get food!

SARAH

I don't know if I can eat after that.

Mom starts to exit the vehicle.

ANNA

(jumping to action)

No! you stay here I'll get you food.

Anna exits the car and walks into the restaurant. Sarah is fixing her make up while Mom is rocking out in the front seat. Sarah notices two skate boarders riding through the lot. One of them is Jason. She rolls her window down.

SARAH

(to mom)

This is Anna's crush ma!

(out the window)

Jason!

(CONTINUED)

MOM

Nooooo! Anna likes this boy?

SARAH

Oh my god yea.

MOM

You know what. I do think I saw his picture in her room. I thought he was a model, that kid's got a six pack!

SARAH

Oh my god I know!
(licking the window)
I would totally be his slave.

Mom looks at Sarah disgusted and confused. James skates over by the car.

JASON

Sarah?

SARAH

Hey, you going to Rachel's tonight?

JASON

Nah, we were gonna try to get some beers and hang low key.

SARAH

Oh really?

JASON

Yea, but my brother just went out of town for the weekend and can't get it for us anymore.

MOM

I can!

JASON

Really?

MOM

Yea, but you kids got to teach me how to ride that thing!

JASON

Deal.

Mom gets on the board and almost falls off. They all laugh and pick her up. Sarah tries and when she falls she is caught by ROB, Jason's friend. At first Sarah is comforted by the rescue but then pushes Rob off of her.

6 INT- RESTAURANT- SIMULTANEOUS

6

Anna is waiting for her food talking to her gay co-worker, Jack.

JACK

You done fucked up bitch.

ANNA

No, don't say that!

JACK

You gave your momma weed?!

ANNA

I didn't do it on purpose. Don't worry I won't tell her I got it from you.

JACK

Shhh.. what's wrong with you?

JACK

You need to tell her boo.

ANNA

I can't. She'll kill me. It wasn't even for me!

JACK

Does she love you honey?

ANNA

Yea.

JACK

Tell her the truth.

ANNA

Yea, but I need to go to this party tonight. Jason is going to be there.

JACK

Lemme see this boy who is worth lying and doing all this nonsense for.

(CONTINUED)

ANNA
I'll show you.

Anna reaches for her phone and can't find it.

ANNA
Must have left it in the car.

JACK
Well you just remember your Mom
loves you girl. And you're a good
kid, just tell her the truth.

CUT TO

7 EXT. STRIP MALL - CONTINUOUS

7

The boys were gone. Sarah and Mom were smoking cigarettes
together in the car talking.

MOM
shh...don't tell her.

Anna gets back in and grabs her phone.

ANNA
Here Ma, penne vodka with grilled
chicken.

MOM
(over Sarah's giggles)
Thank you sweetie.

ANNA
What are you giggling about?

SARAH
Nothing your mom's just funny.

ANNA
Yea?...Since when?

MOM
oh, thanks! Let's get going to this
party.

8 EXT. RACHEL'S HOUSE- NIGHT

8

Mom pulls into the drive way. Anna and Sarah are about to
leave the car.

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MOM

Okay you too! Are you ready?

Mom looks at Anna.

MOM

You are so beautiful honey. And so smart. I am so proud of you I want you to have a wonderful night tonight.

Mom leans in and hugs Anna. Anna pulls back.

ANNA

Mom, I have to tell you something.

MOM

What's that?

ANNA

Well...the thing is...You accidentally smoked my weed, that wasn't really my weed it was just weed I got to look cool because I thought this really cute boy was going to be here tonight and all I wanted was for him to notice me and like I tried the other day to say hi in school but then I choked and I made a weird noise and he just laughed and walked past me and then this other time...

MOM

wait, wait, slow down. What do you mean I smoke your weed? I didn't smoke any weed?

ANNA

It was disguised as a cigarette in my pack.

MOM

oh...I see...well that would explain a few things about tonight.

ANNA

I'm sorry mom, I didn't want to disappoint you.

MOM

Well, you better tell Sarah to get back in the car.

ANNA

Mom no! Please! He's going to be here! I have to see him! and Sarah is going to kill me if she has to leave!

MOM

Don't care.

(Yells out the window)

Sarah back in the car sweetie, Anna is grounded.

Sarah climbs back in the car.

SARAH

Whaaaat?! What did she do.

MOM

Apparently she got me high.

SARAH

Nice!...I mean... what the hell Anna?!

They pull away.

9 MONTAGE SCENE DRIVING HOME. 9

Anna is really feeling the weight of her failure as her mother drives her home.

10 EXT. ANNA'S HOUSE- NIGHT 10

Mom pulls into the driveway with the girls. Anna exits the car defeated and Sarah tries to console her but she just pushes toward the house.

11 INT. ANNA'S HOUSE- CONTINUOUS 11

Anna opens the door to find Jason and Rob sitting on her couch. She drops her phone. Mom walks up behind her.

MOM

Yea, me and Sarah saw these two in the parking lot outside of your work. He said he was coming to see if you were working so I just invited him here instead.

Anna hugs Mom and Sarah pushes through them and jumps in Rob's lap.

(CONTINUED)

SARAH

Who wants to Netflix and chill!?

MOM

Absolutely not! You can Netflix but there will be no chilling!

ANNA

Sarah, did you know they were going to be here?

Mom winks to Anna.

MOM

By the way... I knew that wasn't tobacco, I'm not that old honey. Figured it would be better I smoked it than you!

ANNA

I love you mom.

Anna walks over and sits down next to Jason who puts his arm around her. Mom leaves the room.

SARAH

Let's watch skinamax!

MOM

(from outside the room)

No!

FADE OUT

The End.