

LILY'S PARTY

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FADE IN:

INT. MINIVAN - NIGHT

Inside a minivan with 8 mid to late 20's people, half men, half women. Driving is BONNIE, a very pretty white woman with a virginal quality. In the passenger seat is ESTHER, race open; she's meek and tends to go along with the group. She's pointing and directing Bonnie.

SUPERIMPOSE: This story is absolutely true, though all the names and places have been changed to protect the town from the inquisitive.

In the back the rest are in various stages of repose, passing around a bottle in a brown paper bag. VIRGIL, race open, is the man in the middle - the drug dealer. He balances a soft briefcase on his knees.

VIRGIL

OK, who needs a little more to get
this party started?

From the back seat, passenger side, CHAD, a self-confident big white football player, leans forward.

CHAD

I'm flagging, what you got?

Virgil busies himself going through his stash.

CAMILLA, race open - partier, extroverted and a little loud, sitting behind the driver, looks into his case.

CAMILLA

I'm flying too high, what you got to
bring me down.

(pause)

But just a little, I don't want to
land.

Virgil nods without looking.

In the back, driver's side, DESTINY, a black woman - practical and takes shit from no one, pipes up.

DESTINY

Smooth. Smooth as silk. But I'll
take another hit off that bottle, if
there's any left.

ISAIAH, big, burly black football player who's confident in himself, passenger side to Virgil, hands the bottle back to Destiny.

ISAIAH

I got a couple more when this is done.

LINUS, race open - a nervous chatty guy who laughs at his own jokes, is between Chad and Destiny in the back. He intercepts the bottle from Destiny's outstretched arm and takes a swig.

She punches him in the shoulder.

He spills some of the drink on his shirt.

LINUS

Back off, man. You'll get your turn.

Destiny grabs the bottle and there's a brief tug-of-war that Destiny wins.

Virgil hands Camilla a pill,

VIRGIL

Don't mix this with too much alcohol, or we'll be carrying your ass home.

ISAIAH

Or leaving it on the side of the road!

Everyone laughs, except Destiny, who takes the pill and swallows it.

Virgil gets another pill and hands it back to Chad.

CHAD

This one gonna kill me if I take a slug?

VIRGIL

(shakes head)
No, it's cool.

BONNIE

Anyone else hear about the pack of wild dogs supposed to be out here?

CHAD

Phfft. Dogs. B.S. if I ever heard any.

LINUS

No, I heard they're real.

ISAIAH

Dogs maybe, but just domesticated hounds out for a lark.

LINUS
 (nervous laughter)
 Or out for a bark!

The others groan and shake their heads.

DESTINY
 (after finishing the last
 of the bottle)
 Probably just stories to keep people
 out of the woods so poachers can run
 free.

CAMILLA
 Poachers? Isn't that, like,
 elephants and a third-world thing?

CHAD
 My uncle likes to hunt from his car
 with a spotlight.

ESTHER
 Hardly seems fair.

VIRGIL
 Like during the day with a rifle
 scope is any more fair?

Esther hunkers down in her seat, staring straight ahead.
 Chad, leaning back in his seat, with his eyes closed,

CHAD
 Bonnie, haven't you been out here
 before?

BONNIE
 No, never.

DESTINY
 I thought you were Lily's B.F.F.

BONNIE
 B.F.F.? I don't think so. We've hung
 out a few times, that's all.

ESTHER
 Probably more than anyone else, I
 guess.

Bonnie shrugs.

Virgil pulls out an e-cigarette and takes a long toke.
 Waving it around,

VIRGIL
Anyone else? Grade A T.H.C. this
stuff.

Isaiah takes it from Virgil and takes a hit.
He leans forward to hold it between Bonnie and Esther.

BONNIE
Wanna wind up in a ditch?

Esther takes it and sucks a lung full, then hands it back.
Linus reaches forward.

LINUS
How about the back of the bus?

Virgil, without looking, reaches it back.
Destiny grabs it before Linus and takes a hit.
Linus punches her in the shoulder, she punches right back,
then gives it to him.

CHAD
(still leaning back, eyes
closed)
How much longer?

BONNIE
Shouldn't be much.

They ride along in silence for a few moments.

DESTINY
Isn't a little weird her having a
party already?

ESTHER
It's been over a year.

ISAIAH
Anyone ever get any details? All I
remember is how big the funeral was.

CAMILLA
Her whole family died, right?

DESTINY
In really bizarro accidents, is what
I heard.

CHAD
(opening his eyes, staring
at the ceiling)
Bizarro?

LINUS

Yeah, one gruesome accident after another.

EXT. WOODS - DAY

Lily's FATHER, mid 50's, legs cut off mid thigh, is at the end of a bloody trail, dead.

VIRGIL (O.S.)

I heard her dad managed to cut his legs off chainsawing some trees.

INT. MINIVAN - NIGHT

Esther shudders.

DESTINY

Her mom got tangled in something, fell in the pool and drowned. All that on security cameras too.

INT. POOL - NIGHT

The footage looks like it's from a security camera. Lily's MOM, mid 50's, is motionless, entangled in something and held with her lower face just below the water's surface.

LINUS (O.S.)

Someone told me about that. She could just manage to get some air. They said she took some half hour. No one heard her screams.

INT. MINIVAN - NIGHT

CAMILLA

Ish. Gives me shivers.

BONNIE

David, her younger brother, was working under a car and it slipped off one of the jacks. Pinned him.

INT. GARAGE - DAY

Lily's brother DAVID, late teens, is under the car, partially supported by a floor jack. His head and arms out from underneath with the rest of his body trapped and crushed.

ISAIAH (O.S.)

Then, in his struggles, he managed to pull it off another jack and got slowly crushed to death.

INT. MINIVAN - NIGHT

CHAD

What about her older sister. Man,
that chick was hot!

INT. BATHROOM - DAY

Lily's SISTER, early 20's, lies nude at the bottom of a
shower, her body bright red.

VIRGIL (O.S.)

Oh, that one's messed up even more.
Seems the hot water got screwed up.
She was in the shower and basically
cooked to death.

INT. MINIVAN - NIGHT

CAMILLA

(shuddering)

Where was Lily all this time?

BONNIE

At college, I think. Besides, that
house is huge. Haven't you seen the
pictures? It had a spread in some
architecture magazine a few years
ago.

DESTINY

Could you believe that funeral? I
thought the procession would never
end.

CHAD

Yeah, seemed like a half hour before
it went by. Took forever to cross
the road.

LINUS

Some of those cars were amazing. Who
knew they had so many rich friends.

CAMILLA

I heard they were all out of town.

ISAIAH

No, not everyone. The mayor and the
rest of the rich pampered pets in
town.

They're quiet for a while, passing the e-cig and bottle
around.

ESTHER

Didn't they have, like, big parties
out there?

CHAD

(leaning back with eyes
closed)
I heard lots of nudity!

VIRGIL

I heard lots of drugs.

DESTINY

Pissed they never bought from you?

VIRGIL

(shrugs)
Never heard who they bought from.

BONNIE

What about those stories of randy
boys trying to get a peak and never
being seen again?

ESTHER

(eyes wide)
Really?

LINUS

B.S., just like the dogs.

CAMILLA

No, I heard that was real.

ISAIAH

More rumors. Someone had it in for
the family, I'm sure.

CHAD

Always a friend of a friend.
(looks at Virgil)
Probably started by people that
didn't like them

Virgil smiles and shrugs.

DESTINY

A friend told me her cousin's
brother went out one night and they
found him several days later, stark
raving mad.

CHAD

(eyes closed)
Friend of a friend.

LINUS

B.S.

BONNIE

Oh, there it is!

They look at a huge mansion on a hill. The windows are all lit and landscape lights illuminate the front. It has a big circular driveway and Bonnie pilots the car around to the front.

LILY, a mid 20's pretty white girl, opens one of the big double doors and the light streaming out of the house gives her a halo.

EXT. MANSION - NIGHT

The group gets out of the car, looking around and gawking.

VIRGIL

Jesus, it's even bigger than it looked in that magazine.

Chad, the last one out, slowly straightens himself from being cramped in the back.

LILY

Thank you all so much for coming.

INT. ENTRY - NIGHT

A brightly lit foyer, with a flagstone floor and antiques along the wall. Lily is shy as she greets her guests.

There are oohs and ahs as the guests look around.

LILY

(gesturing)

In here, please, I've got some snacks laid out.

Linus and Virgil make a bee line.

The rest walk with more decorum.

INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Large and elegant, with antique furniture, big old paintings and glittering crystal, there's a heavy table that has various snacks laid out. Linus and Virgil are loading up already.

Bonnie gives Lily a brief hug.

Isaiah sets a bag down on the table. He pulls out several bottles of booze.

LILY
I'm not really sure what it takes to
have a party. I usually stayed in my
room when there were ones here.

CHAD
(loading up a plate)
No worries, we'll sort that right
out.

ISAIAH
Got any ice?

Lily shows him the ice bucket. He pours himself a drink,
then looks around.

Destiny holds up her thumb and index finger about a half
inch apart.

Linus smirks and holds his thumb and finger about two
inches apart.

ISAIAH
(to Lily)
What about you?

LILY
(shyly shaking her head)
No, thanks. None for me.

Isaiah shrugs.

VIRGIL
(to Lily)
I got other things, if you'd like.

Lily looks down and shakes her head.

LILY
(looking up with a
tentative smile)
But you go ahead, if you like.

People are perched and nibbling.

CAMILLA
Your house is amazing.

LILY
Thank you. But it always feels
sterile and too quiet for me.

more transition?

When the conversation flags,

BONNIE
Ooh, I know, let's tell ghost
stories!

Esther looks dubious.

Lily, smiling shyly, nods.

DESTINY
(to Bonnie)
Your idea, you go first.

BONNIE
OK, here goes.

INT. CAR - NIGHT

A woman who looks like Lily is driving a car down a dark country road.

There's something at the limit of her headlights, so she puts on her high beams.

The extra light reveals a woman, who looks like Bonnie, walking along the road in a long white dress. The woman doesn't look back.

Lily stops as she comes even with Bonnie.

Lily rolls down the window.

LILY
Would you like a ride?

BONNIE
(looking over slowly, all
deadpan)
Yes. Thank you very much.

Bonnie opens the door and slides into the passenger seat.

LILY
Where're you going?

Bonnie points down the road, without looking at Lily.

Lily shrugs and starts down the road.

BONNIE
Did you hear about the accident?

LILY
What accident?

BONNIE
Someone ran off the road into the
river.

LILY
That's terrible. Was everyone OK?

BONNIE
They thought so, but it turns out
someone was trapped inside.

The car starts down a hill.

BONNIE
It was about here.

The engine dies and the car coasts forward, coming to a stop just before the bridge. There's the sound of TEETH CHATTERING.

Lily looks over to see her companion is soaking wet and shivering.

LILY
Oh my, are you OK?

Bonnie doesn't respond.

Lily hops out and runs around to the passenger side.

When she opens the door, there's no one there, just a puddle of cold, wet muddy water.

INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

ESTHER
That's creepy.

Bonnie smiles as the others nod.

BONNIE
(to Virgil)
OK, I'm done driving, so what you
got to get me going?

Virgil opens his case and begins rooting around.

Bonnie gets up and walks over to watch.

DESTINY
OK, who's next?

CAMILLA
Ooh, ooh, me!

The others look at her and give her a go-ahead motion.

FADE OUT.

The End.