

JUMP OFF THE EARTH

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INT. LIVING ROOM. NIGHT.

BEVERLY flips through her beauty magazine from the couch.
JUDD enters the living room with his beer.

BEVERLY
That's all you gonna do your whole
life, right?

Judd burps.

JUDD
Fuck you talkin' about?

Beverly shakes her head and closes her eyes.
You got something' you tryin' to
say to me or we playin' mind
reader again today?

BEVERLY
Look at yourself.

Judd moseys across the room to a full length mirror. He
sets down his beer. He lifts up his t-shirt and sticks out
his gut, rubs his stomach and begins to play a drum beat
all the while walking back to Beverly. He stands right
before her.

BEVERLY (CONT'D)
Come on. Stop it! Will you stop
it? Get out of the way!

Judd cackles.

JUDD
You used to like my music beats.

BEVERLY
Gross.

JUDD
Yeah, well, I like it.

BEVERLY
Whyn't ya go on a diet or
something? You smell, too.

JUDD
What I smell like?

BEVERLY
You smell like a foot been trapped
in an arm pit for a week straight.

JUDD

That all you got? Not so bad.

BEVERLY

You smell like a fish after
banging an Indian curry.

JUDD

Oh, come on. That don't even make
no sense.

BEVERLY

You smell like a corpse that's
been lying dead in a bucket of
cigarette ash and beer.

Judd sniffs his arm pit.

JUDD

That's about right. (beat) Whatch
you doin' with yourself?

BEVERLY

Ain't doing nothing but watchin'
time go by in this boring ass life
we be living in.

JUDD

What's boring about it? We in the
country. We got fresh air,
countryside views, home cooked
meals and a ton of other shit I
can't seem to remember.

BEVERLY

Exactly. We are one great giant
dump.

JUDD

How's that go?

BEVERLY

A dump. We a dump. We the
excrement that's been pooped out
from some giant creature none of
us will ever be able to see.

JUDD

What the hell are you watching
online lately? It's warping your
brain girl.

BEVERLY

It's true. Ain't nothing warping my brain. I'm gettin' smart. It's time we all start waking up and looking around and seeing that this ain't it.

JUDD

What ain't what?

BEVERLY

This! This whole damn painting we all find ourselves stuck in. I mean, really, don't this all seem strange to you?

JUDD

This is just how things is, is all.

BEVERLY

Does it ever cross your mind---I mean, do you ever ponder the what's and why's of existence?

JUDD

Oh Bev, I ain't about to get into science talk...I ain't your guy for that. I can give a shit less. I wake up, I eat, I work, I sleep...I f'ck. Don't need to know anything more than that.

BEVERLY

You're a sad man.

Judd makes his way to the kitchen fridge.

JUDD

I'm actually a happy man. Life is easy peasy pie darling. The less I know the happier I'll be. Just let it all unfold. Fine with me.

Judd cracks open another beer. Gulps and burps.

BEVERLY

There's gotta be more.

JUDD

...This is it, kid.

BEVERLY

Can't be.

JUDD
I'm afraid so.

BEVERLY
I want to jump off the Earth.

JUDD
How you gonna go and do that
pumpkin pie, your ass is too big?
Ha ha.

BEVERLY
I want to jump off the Earth into
the ocean of space and swim
wherever I wish to swim. I wanna
go as far out as my legs and arms
will take me until I drown.

JUDD
Morbid.

BEVERLY
That's what I want.

JUDD
Right.

BEVERLY
Can't you take me seriously?
Ever??

JUDD
I told you, I don't wanna---

BEVERLY
Who cares what you want, Judd?
What you want this minute is only
gonna be the same as the next. I'm
talkin' about big ideas! I don't
want to settle for this life...I
want more, I want more from this
life.

JUDD
What more you want girl? You got
everything you need right here,
don't ya?

BEVERLY
...No, I don't.

JUDD
Well, I guess, shit, I guess we
can take a ride in my pick up and
go somewhere's.

BEVERLY
That's not it.

JUDD
You ain't happy. I got that much.

BEVERLY
I want to be able to do what I
imagine, without restriction.

JUDD
Hell, I'll give you my keys, go
wherever you want---

BEVERLY
No you stupid man! God, you are
just a bundle of dumb. I ain't
never met a man as dumb as you.
How many brain cells you have?
Five? One for the f'ckin you
mentioned, one for the labor, one
to eat...drink and God knows what
the hell else...

JUDD
Damn.

BEVERLY
That's right. DAMN.

Pause.

JUDD
I forgive ya.

BEVERLY
Eat a shoe.

JUDD
Oh yeah?

BEVERLY
Yeah! Eat a black old moldy shoe!

Judd takes off one of his boots and sticks it in his mouth.
He bites down like a dog and then suddenly winces in pain.

JUDD
Ow! Owhh! My toofff, daing it!

Beverly walks to Judd to inspect.
I cracked my stupid tooth.

BEVERLY
 What are you doin' you damned
 fool?

JUDD
 I was eating my shoe but I, look,
 (shows his teeth) chipped my
 tooth?

BEVERLY
 Yep.

Beverly picks piece of the tooth up from the floor.
 Here it is.

JUDD
 Daing gone daing it, gone dain.
 It's what I get for listening to
 you.

BEVERLY
 You be fine. Aint the first
 chipped tooth you got, won't be
 the last.

Beverly goes back to sitting down. She thumbs through her
 magazine and then throws it across the room.

JUDD
 What the hell is wrong with you?

Beverly cries.

Judd slowly approaches her gently. He sits beside her on
 the couch.

I know I'm a simple man, darling.
 I know it. I do have some charm on
 a good day but mostly I'm a rugged
 son of a bitch who kind of follows
 the---

Beverly puts her arms around Judd. She cries and holds him
 tightly.

Once they release one another...

JUDD (CONT'D)
 You coming on your period?

BEVERLY
 No.

JUDD
 Oh.

BEVERLY
You're an idiot.

JUDD
Yes I am.

BEVERLY
You hungry?

JUDD
Ummm, I'm a man. That's like
asking a fish if it can swim.

BEVERLY
Watch you want then?

JUDD
Damned if I know. I go with the
program, you know that.

Beverly gets up from couch.

BEVERLY
Let me see what we have. I'll whip
something up for us.

Beat

JUDD
Beverly...I know something just
happened here, something beyond
what I can give, I think...if you,
if you just take your time with
me, really explain it to me, I may
come up with something to say that
will make you feel better.

BEVERLY
That's why I'm still here.

JUDD
Yeah?

Beverly nods. Walks into the kitchen.