

Vernon gets in the car and drives off. Fala is concerned.

53 EXT. ROAD/SIDE OF THE ROAD - DAY

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Regina paints her toenails, Beatrice and Lily are playing cards. Joey is enjoying driving until a siren blares. Joey looks in the rear view mirror and sees a cop trailing her. She pulls over. The girls look at each other nervously as two STATE TROOPERS approach either side of the truck.

BEATRICE

Just stay calm.

Start They reach the front seat windows.

STATE TROOPER 1

How we doin' tonight ladies?

Joey hands the trooper her license. He looks into the truck.

STATE TROOPER 1 (CONT'D)

Seems like a strange time for a drive, what're you ladies up to?

REGINA

We're goin' on a road trip.

STATE TROOPER 1

Where to?

BEATRICE

I'm sorry officer, but you haven't explained why you stopped us. The driver committed no traffic violations leading up to you pulling us over. But there must be one right? You didn't just pull us over because you saw two black women driving?

STATE TROOPER 1

Lotta drugs comin' through here. You mind if I call in the K-9 unit?

BEATRICE

North Carolina law states, 'an officer may not detain a motorist for a period of time longer than reasonably necessary to complete the investigation of the violation and issuance of a citation for the violation.

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BEATRICE (CONT'D)

So you can let us know what violation you are investigating, and you may serve us with citation for said violation, but you may not detain us while you wait for additional officers to arrive. At least that's what the ruling in State of Louisiana Vs. Lee said on December 14th, 2011 in the second circuit court.

Beatrice and the trooper have a stare down. Finally the trooper looks over at his partner who nods and shrugs. The trooper hands Joey back her license.

STATE TROOPER 1

You ladies watch your back now.

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**End**

The cops walk to their car. Joey looks at Beatrice in awe.

BEATRICE

Know your rights.

JOEY

That was incredible!

BEATRICE

My grandfather was a district court judge. (Beat) He always used to say, 'as we are thrust into the game of societal life, the only advantage we can give ourselves is to understand the rules.'

JOEY

Sounds like a smart man.

BEATRICE

He was a complete and utter cocksucker. I thank the stars everyday that cancer ate his brain and every pedophilic thought in it.

Lily knocks on the window, getting everyone's attention. She has a phone in her hand, which she passes to Regina. Regina looks at the screen. Who watches the video Lily has cued up.

REGINA

We need to talk to Sal.

JOEY

Where is she?