

KESI

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Brandon Lettuce Tomato, a hand puppet shaped like a BLT sandwich, talks to the camera. He is puppeteered by KESI (20 years old, female). Her hair covers her face, while providing the voice for BLT.

BRANDON LETTUCE TOMATO
Tomorrow is Kesi's 21st birthday.
Kesi. K-E-S-I... that's how you
spell it. She's the cute one back
there with her hand up my butt. I
was asked to do this part because
apparently she thinks I'm a much
better public speaker.

KESI
It's true.

BRANDON LETTUCE TOMATO
(to Kesi)
Thank you.
(Back to camera)
And I'm in a beginning acting
class, so this is good practice. My
name is Brandon Lettuce Tomato and
tomorrow is Kesi's 21st birthday.
When Kesi was a girl, her Mom
always went to this bar.

Wide Angle, establishing front of the Bar. Kesi and BLT are standing on the sidewalk in front of it.

BRANDON LETTUCE TOMATO (CONT'D)
Her Mom's name is Shesanie. S-H-E-S-
A-N-I-E. These are their real
names. I'm not making this up, I'm
just trying to get you up to speed.
When Kesi was a girl, her Mom
always went to this bar, but Kesi
could never go in because she
wasn't 21. So here we are...
Tomorrow is Kesi's 21st Birthday.
Enjoy the show.
(to Kesi)
Did I say enough?

KESI
You were perfect.

CUT TO:

TITLE CARD: "For Mom | Shesanie Scott (1966-2018) | In Loving Memory."

The title is done in the style of a "Sound Choice" Karaoke title card. Four purple squares count down on the screen to represent the start of the film. The squares mimic the beginning count-down graphic of a karaoke video.

2 EXT/INT. CHEVY SUBURBAN - US 101-S - MORNING 2

Kesi drives down the US 101-S in a Brown/Tan 1987 Chevrolet Suburban.

Kesi eats a "BAR NONE" nutrition bar and sings along to the song on the radio. She uses the bar as a microphone.

Kesi's cell phone rings/vibrates on the dash. "MORGAN SISSY CALLING" lights up on the phone. Kesi doesn't hear it and it goes to voicemail. The phone says, "51 unheard voicemails."

OPENING CREDITS:

3 EXT. US 101-S - DAY 3

Kesi holds DELILAH THE DOLPHIN (stuffed animal Dolphin with False Eye Lashes and Earrings) out of the window as she drives along the coast. Delilah surfs through the wind, smiling.

TITLE CARD: "Starring Delilah the Dolphin"

4 EXT. CENTRAL COAST VINEYARDS - DAY 4

Kesi stages a photo of BAD BEAR (stuffed Bear with an Eye-Patch and Leather Jacket) passed out with an empty wine glass next to him.

TITLE CARD: "Co-starring Bad Bear"

5 EXT. SANTA MONICA PIER - FERRIS WHEEL - DAY 5

Kesi rides in the Ferris Wheel with LOLLIPOP (A used pin cushion shaped like a mouse.) Kesi makes Lollipop lick a melted vanilla ice cream cone.

TITLE CARD: "introducing Lollipop"

6 EXT. ECHO PARK - SUNSET 6

Kesi rides in a Swan Boat at Echo park with Brandon Lettuce Tomato attached to her hand. He is making her laugh.

TITLE CARD: "and Brandon Lettuce Tomato"

7 INT. DINER - MORNING 7

Kesi sits at a booth with her stuffed animals laid out on the table. They lay limp, not being played with, as Kesi eats her breakfast.

TITLE CARD: "Voices by Kesi"

A voicemail from MORGAN (her older sister, late 20's) plays over the road trip montage:

MORGAN (V.O.)

Ok. Voicemail again. No surprise.
I'll pretend it's because you're
driving and you want to be safe.

(singing)

Hands on 10 and 2! You know what to
do!

(stops singing)

Not sure if you're getting in
tonight or what. Everything starts
at 1PM tomorrow. So that gives us
some time in the morning to help
Cynthia set up or whatever she
might need. It's lovely what she's
doing for us, but she is also
driving me crazy. I'm planning on
getting there around 11. Let me
know your plans.

(singing)

Your decisions have consequences.

8 EXT. FLORIDA AVE - HEMET, CA - DAY 8

The suburban drives past a "Welcome to Hemet" sign.

LOLLIPOP (O.S.)

Mom, is this where you grew up?

KESI (O.S.)

Yes. And Don't call me Mom.

9 EXT. CYPRESS ESTATES - SECURITY GATE - DAY

9

Kesi's suburban idles at the security gate for the "Cypress Estates Gated Community." JAMES, an armed guard, is stationed at the booth and greets the suburban.

Kesi makes Brandon Lettuce Tomato talk to the guard. Kesi is hidden underneath the driver's door to make it appear as if BLT is driving.

BRANDON LETTUCE TOMATO
Hello there....

Brandon reads the name tag of the guard.

BRANDON LETTUCE TOMATO (CONT'D)
James... We're here for the
memorial.

10 INT. CYPRESS ESTATES CLUBHOUSE - THE MEMORIAL - DAY

10

Two dozen people attend a memorial for Kesi's mother, SHESANIE. They mingle, eat and look at displayed pictures from Shesanie's life. Everyone dresses in shades of purple rather than black.

A brown plastic box sits on a table in the middle of the room. Next to the brown box is a framed portrait of Shesanie (51, Blonde). The portrait has text underneath: "Another Beautiful Day in Paradise. In Memory, Shesanie."

Kesi sits next to her Father, ERIC (Grey, 50s). She rests her head on his left shoulder and Lollipop (the stuffed mouse) rests on the other shoulder. They all stare at the brown plastic box.

LOLLIPOP
The box is kind of plain...

ERIC
They give you the ashes in that
box. None of the urns were really
calling to me. Not your Mom's
style.

LOLLIPOP
Was it expensive?

ERIC
No, the box was free.

LOLLIPOP
I mean... the cremation.

ERIC

Oh, for what it is, it was really affordable. You have to imagine, they are taking a human body and burning it in a sanitary and efficient way. Not exactly consumer grade equipment.

LOLLIPOP

Uh huh.

ERIC

Apparently the heat is so high that it vaporizes all the flesh and organs. All that remains is bone, which doesn't melt. The box was so heavy! I couldn't believe it. Bone. That's all that remains. I guess that's where the term "remains" comes from.

KESI

Ok, Dad. That's enough.

ERIC

Just let me know if you have any more questions.

Morgan (28, older sister) and her Fiancee, GABE (29), stand in front of the box. Gabe holds a small dog (LUCKY) on a leash.

Morgan and Gabe stand in front of the brown box full of remains.

MORGAN

Gabe sweetie, can I have a moment alone with my Mom?

GABE

Of course.

Gabe kisses her on the cheek and walks to the snack bar with the dog. He eats chips and guacamole.

Bad Bear, operated by Kesi, props himself onto Gabe's shoulder.

BAD BEAR

You know where they're hiding the booze?

GABE

I have a feeling Morgan and I won't be drinking for a long time.

BAD BEAR

Sucks you got stuck with the dog. You know what's great about stuffed animals? We don't poop. We don't need to be fed or taken for a walk. And we don't smell!

GABE

How are you, Kesi?

BAD BEAR

No one asks how I'M doing... how I might be feeling... I'm tore up.

Morgan walks up to Kesi and Gabe at the snack bar. Morgan gives Kesi a long hug.

MORGAN

You didn't answer your phone.

KESI

It died.

MORGAN

You don't have a car charger?

KESI

No.

MORGAN

I have an extra one you can take.

KESI

I'll mail it back to you.

MORGAN

Don't worry about it.

Bad Bear sits on the snack bar.

BAD BEAR

Hey Morgan, down here.

MORGAN

With everything going on, it would mean a lot if we stayed in touch.

KESI

I understand.

BAD BEAR
Morgan, hey girl!

Kesi tilts her head towards Bad Bear. She wants her sister to play along.

MORGAN
Yes, Bad Bear?

BAD BEAR
(referring to Gabe)
How you going to marry this fool?
You know how I feel about you,
baby.

Gabe snickers. Morgan takes a deep breath.

MORGAN
Kesi, can I play with Bad Bear for
a second?

Kesi pulls Bad Bear closely to her chest, protecting him.

KESI
No.

MORGAN
Just for a second.

KESI
I said, No!

Morgan grabs the stuffed animal and they tug of war.

11 EXT. CYPRESS ESTATES - SECURITY GATE - DAY

11

Three haggard men (CHRIS, RON and BRUCE, all in their 50's or early 60's) sit in a Pick up Truck at the front gate. There is a cloud of cigarette smoke coming from the car. James won't let them in.

JAMES
I'm sorry, you're not in the
directory.

CHRIS
What is this? Nazi occupied France?
We're here for the memorial. Let us
through!

JAMES

You have to call Miss Cynthia and get your names added to the directory. All 3 of You.

BRUCE

Have a heart, man, my ex-wife just died.

CHRIS

Mine too.

RON

My ex-wife also died.

JAMES

All three of your ex-wives died?
Was it like a car accident?

12 EXT. CYPRESS ESTATES - SUBURBAN HOME BACKYARD - LATER 12

The 3 Ex-Husbands (Chris, Ron and Bruce) toss Igloo coolers over a brick wall in someone's backyard. They are breaking into Cypress Gardens. They all help each other climb over the wall.

13 INT. CYPRESS ESTATES CLUBHOUSE - LATER 13

CYNTHIA FLOREZ, 40's/50's, well dressed, put together, walks up to a guest at the memorial.

CYNTHIA

Did you sign the guest book? Oh, you don't have a name tag. I don't know you. I'm Cynthia. Shesanie was living with me. How did you know her?

CUT TO:

Cynthia talks to Morgan.

CYNTHIA (CONT'D)

Should I cling a glass or something? When do people normally start talking? Do you think everyone is here?

CUT TO:

Kesi stands at a podium with a microphone attached to it. She has everyone's attention.

Ron, Bruce and Chris smoke cigarettes, watching through the sliding glass door. They don't want to interrupt.

Eric holds hands with his 2nd wife, REBECCA, and their 2 children, TRENT and ABIGAIL.

KESI

I have some friends with me who
knew my Mom really well. They would
like to say something.

Kesi hides underneath the podium and brings the microphone with her. She props Delilah the Dolphin onto the podium. It gets a laugh. Delilah addresses the group.

DELILAH

I remember the day when Shesanie
rescued me from the drug store. I
was an impulse buy for her
daughter, Kesi. Maybe some of you
know her? Cute girl. Blonde hair.
On the drive home, Shesanie put me
on the dash so I could see the
outside world. I felt like I was
flying. That was my first time
seeing the sunlight. At first, it
blinded my tiny marble eyes, but I
got used to it. I knew I was going
to a good home and that she was a
loving mother. Thank you.

Everyone claps. They think this is cute. Lollipop the mouse jumps onto the podium and Delilah exits.

LOLLIPOP

I think we can all agree that
Shesanie was a really positive
lady. I never got to meet her. I'm
new. But From what I've heard, she
went through a lot of hard stuff in
her life and nothing ever seemed to
get her down--

Bad Bear hops onto the podium and speaks to the crowd.

BAD BEAR

Yeah, that's because she was loaded
all the time.

LOLLIPOP

That's not a nice thing to say--

BAD BEAR

It's true! I knew her the longest. That woman knew how to party! She was my hero. There was never a dull moment with Shesanie. And what's up with that name? Shesanie... Am I right? Grandpa are you here? Why did you choose THAT name?

Brandon Lettuce Tomato hops onto the podium. Lollipop exits.

BRANDON LETTUCE TOMATO

OK, this isn't a comedy club--

BAD BEAR

Yeah, it's a lot easier to get into a comedy club than this fortress. Did you see that the guard to this place had a gun?

BRANDON LETTUCE TOMATO

It's better that we focus on the good qualities, right? Always find the positive!

BAD BEAR

Who says it's negative? She has my TOTAL respect. The woman lived hard, loved hard, and drank herself into the ground. Speaking of which, when does the Cocktail hour start?

14 INT. CYNTHIA'S HOME - DAY

14

The memorial has moved to Cynthia's home inside Cypress Estates. People take turns singing on an old karaoke machine. The open bar is helping people loosen up.

Ron, Chris and Bruce each have personal igloo coolers, with their names written in sharpie across the tops. The coolers contain a private stash of ice cold beers.

Kesi is on the ground with 4 KIDS (ranging from 5-10) and playing with their stuffed animals. She plays with Trent, her step brother, who has a stuffed dinosaur.

KESI

What's their name?

TRENT

Crunchy.

KESI

Crunchy! Yesssss! What do they sound like?

TRENT

He just goes RAWRRRRR!

KESI

Well, every stuffy has a unique voice inside of them.

TRENT

Crunchy doesn't. He goes RAWRRR!

KESI

I think he sounds like this:
(in an Australian accent)
Hello there, they call me Crunchy!

The kids laugh. Kesi notices that Morgan is walking up to the bar. She excuses herself from the children and runs behind the bar. She puts on a cute bowler hat and plays the role of bartender. Bad Bear sits on the counter with a little bowler hat as well.

KESI (CONT'D)

Hey sis, what'll it be?

MORGAN

You know I'm not drinking.

KESI

How about the Shesanie-Special? Rum and diet coke minus the rum.

MORGAN

You don't think it's tacky to have an open bar?

KESI

I think Mom would be offended if there WASN'T one.

Kesi catches Gabe's eye from across the room. He wants to sneak a beer from one of the igloo cooler. Kesi signals a "go-ahead."

Morgan sees Kesi looking off and turns around. Gabe quickly feigns playing with the dog. Morgan turns back to Kesi. Gabe returns to sneaking a beer.

MORGAN

Dad and I are worried about you. You just live so far away.

KESI
I'm doing fine.

MORGAN
I wonder if that's you talking or
the stuffed animals.

KESI
They don't speak on my behalf and I
don't speak on theirs.

MORGAN
That's what I mean. You and I
haven't talked about it at all.

Gabe has a beer in his hand. He coughs and cracks the can
open.

MORGAN (CONT'D)
How do you FEEL? Are you angry? Are
you sad? You can talk to me.

KESI
I don't have anything to say right
now.

MORGAN
Does your Dolphin have anything to
say? Or the sandwich?

KESI
Brandon Lettuce Tomato.

Gabe chugs the beer in the background.

MORGAN
Are you curious about how I'm
feeling? Or what it was like to be
there when she died?

KESI
Sure.

MORGAN
Never mind. I'll stop trying to
force it.

Morgan turns to walk away. Gabe is still chugging the beer.

KESI
Morgan, wait. I do have something
to say.

Morgan turns back to Kesi. Gabe gives Kesi a thumbs up.

KESI (CONT'D)

I think Mom would want us to have fun.

Kesi makes a silly face at her Sister. Morgan makes one back at her.

MORGAN

I'll try.

Gabe lets out a huge belch.

CUT TO:

15 INT. CYNTHIA'S HOUSE - LATER

15

Ron, Bruce, Chris and Eric sing karaoke together. Kesi sits on the couch, looking through the laminated karaoke song book. Cynthia, with a glass of wine in her hand, sits next to Kesi. They yell over the music.

CYNTHIA

I was always impressed by the amount of ex-husbands your Mother had.

KESI

4 including my Dad. Hemet's most eligible Bachelorette.

CYNTHIA

I was going through your Mom's stuff and found this. Thought you might want it.

Cynthia gives Kesi a stuffed animal HUSKY. The husky has a cheesy Valentine's Day heart sewn between the paws that reads, "I Love You."

CYNTHIA (CONT'D)

And honey, seriously, there is absolutely NO RUSH to get all her stuff out of that room. Take your time.

KESI

Thanks.

CYNTHIA

You don't have a drink. What's wrong with you?

KESI

No. I'm OK.

CYNTHIA

Do you not want to drink because of what happened to your Mom?

KESI

It's not that. I'm not 21 yet.

CYNTHIA

Oh that doesn't matter. You're in my house. In your Mom's house. Let's go--

KESI

That's OK. I would rather wait.

CYNTHIA

Well... when do you turn 21?

The karaoke song ends.

KESI

Tomorrow.

16

INT. KESI'S CHILDHOOD BEDROOM - ERIC'S HOUSE - MORNING 16

Kesi sits on the floor surrounded by hundreds of stuffed animals. They form a ceremonial circle, with the new Husky in the middle.

New characters include: ANGRY PENGUIN, MURP THE SEAL and BOOGER BOY (a green monkey) and more. Each stuffy has their own unique demeanor and voice provided by Kesi.

DELILAH

Attention Cuddle Crew! It's nice to be back home and see so many familiar faces. We have a new member among us. It's time for the tag cutting ceremony.

The stuffed animals join in with a "here, here!"

DELILAH (CONT'D)

When we were all rescued by Queen Kesi...

CUDDLE CREW

(all together)
All hail Queen Kesi!

KESI

Thank you.

DELILAH

We were given the choice to accept or reject our given names. Many times that name came in the form of a tag. The tag must be cut!

ANGRY PENGUIN

Cut the tag!

DELILAH

As many of you know, my given name was Desmond, but now I am Delilah.

BOOGER BOY

I was Bananas... now I am Booger Boy.

DELILAH

Murp, please read the tag of our new friend.

Murp the Seal bounces over to the Husky and reads the tag.

MURP THE SEAL

"Pawz"... with a Z.

DELILAH

OK. Pawz... With a Z. What would you like your NEW name to be?

The husky stares blankly.

BAD BEAR

Let's cut off that cheesy valentine's day heart.

DELILAH

Yes, it's important that we no longer represent consumer holidays. We are people, not products.

Nods of agreement from a stuffed Santa Claus and Easter Bunny. Kesi lifts up a pair of golden scissors.

LOLLIPOP

The golden scissors... the legends are true.

Kesi cuts the "I love you" heart from the husky.

BAD BEAR
 (to Angry Penguin)
 I seriously don't trust this Husky.

ANGRY PENGUIN
 We used to jump people into the
 Cuddle Crew. We've gotten too soft.

MURP THE SEAL
 That's funny. Too soft.

Delilah addresses the Husky.

DELILAH
 Pawz, if you choose to keep that
 name, what do you want your voice
 to be?

The husky stares blankly.

KESI
 What do you sound like?

Eric knocks on the door, standing in the hallway.

ERIC
 You ready to go?

17 INT. ERIC'S TRUCK - DAY

17

Eric drives and Kesi sits in the passenger seat. Kesi wears a tiara and a sash that reads, "Birthday Girl." They drive past a liquor store.

KESI
 Oh! Can we stop off at liquor
 castle? That was Mom's favorite
 spot.

ERIC
 Oh, so you can talk about your Mom
 today, but I can't?

KESI
 That's exactly right. It's my
 birthday and I make the rules.

18 INT. LIQUOR CASTLE - DAY

18

Kesi, in full "Birthday Girl" regalia, throws a bunch of small liquor bottles onto the counter.

The LIQUOR STORE CLERK rings them up. She looks behind the counter and sees a handle of Light Rum.

KESI
And I'll take that handle of Rum.

LIQUOR STORE CLERK
Can I see your--

Kesi presents her ID inside the mouth of the BLT puppet.

KESI
BOOM!

19 EXT. PETTING ZOO - DAY

19

Kesi and her Dad walk around the petting zoo. The stuffed animals are curious and hesitant regarding the real life animals (goats, horses, rabbits, alpacas).

KESI
Hey Dad, you want some?

Kesi opens her tote bag full of small liquor bottles.

ERIC
I'm OK.

KESI
Pleaseeeee! Don't make me drink alone on my 21st Birthday.

ERIC
You're not alone. You've got your stuffed buddies.

Kesi gives her Dad a "be serious" look.

ERIC (CONT'D)
Ok ok. Give me that Tequila.

Kesi discreetly passes him a small bottle of tequila. They look around. The coast is clear. They down them. Kesi coughs.

CUT TO:

Kesi bottle feeds a goat and pets its fur.

KESI

Oh my god, their fur is so soft.
And they don't smell as bad as I
remember.

CUT TO:

Kesi leans over the goat cage, holding Bad Bear. She gives
Bad Bear a sip and then drinks some herself.

ERIC

If you keep mixing those, you're
going to get sick.

BAD BEAR

Hey back off, Gramps. It's her
birth---

Kesi accidentally drops Bad Bear into the goat cage. Kesi
screams!

20 INT. SHESANIE'S BEDROOM - INSIDE CYNTHIA'S HOME - MORNING 20

Kesi and Morgan sort through their Mom's stuff. There are
three piles laid out on the floor. Kesi has her face in a
pillow, suffering from a hangover. She moans in pain.

Morgan looks through a stack of books.

MORGAN

(reading titles)
How to Succeed in Multi-Level
Marketing... Astrology for Single
Mothers... California Real Estate
law... Early Hollywood Musicals...
(to Kesi)
Do you want any of these?

KESI

I don't read.

MORGAN

Never mind. These are all overdue
library books. I guess I'll go
return them.

Morgan finds a giant bag of Halloween candy.

MORGAN (CONT'D)

Old Halloween candy. Trash.

KESI

No no, I'll take that.

Kesi grabs the bag of halloween candy and cuddles it.

Morgan walks into the closet and pulls out a wedding dress.

MORGAN

Who knows what wedding it's from. I hate to get rid of it, but I've already got mine for September. Do you want it?

KESI

Donate it. I'll probably never get married.

Morgan stumbles upon a giant box that says "Bar None Nutrition."

MORGAN

And here is our inheritance. The last of Mom's money: 500 "Bar None" Nutrition Bars. I can't believe Mom bought into this...

(looks around, whispers)

Scam. I blame Cynthia.

Kesi looks at the pillow she has been laying on and motions to Morgan.

KESI

Hey, check this out.

Morgan sits on the bed and looks at the pillow. It has a printed picture of them as young girls, making silly faces.

KESI (CONT'D)

Definitely trash pile.

Morgan buries her head in the pillow.

KESI (CONT'D)

I was just kidding.

MORGAN

There isn't anything here that I want to keep.... or to remember her by. Just a bunch of random crap.

Kesi runs her fingers through Morgan's hair.

KESI

It's a mess, but Mom always knew how to have a good time.

MORGAN

I think you were too young to remember some of the not-so-good times.

The dog is heard barking from the front yard.

CUT TO:

21 EXT. CYNTHIA'S HOUSE - FRONT YARD - CONTINUOUS 21

Gabe and Cynthia sit in lawn chairs, eating Bar-None bars and drinking wine. The little dog, Lucky, barks endlessly. They mumble the "Bar None" jingle.

CUT TO:

22 INT. SHESANIE'S BEDROOM - CONTINUOUS 22

MORGAN

And oh my God, I hate her dog. Sometimes I think about putting it in a duffle bag and throwing it off a cliff.

KESI

Wow. I hope you never have kids.

MORGAN

I'm never going to. I hope you DO have kids.

Kesi points to her bag of stuffed animals in the corner of the room.

KESI

I have all the kids I can handle right now.

23 INT/EXT. CHEVY SUBURBAN - THE ANCHOR BAR - EVENING 23

Kesi sits in her suburban outside of The Anchor Bar. She gathers up the courage to go inside. The giant handle of Rum (concealed in a black plastic bag) sits between her legs.

Kesi is dressed up: hair, make up, outfit. The stuffed animals sit in the passenger seat.

She gets out of the car with the concealed Rum bottle in her hands. She closes the car door.

She looks at herself in the reflection of the window. She grabs the door handle and it's locked.

She panics, seeing she left the keys inside the car.

KESI

Oh no!

She runs to the passenger door and it won't open either.

KESI (CONT'D)

No. No. No. No.

Kesi looks at the stuffed animals locked inside. Delilah gives her a look of encouragement.

Kesi straightens herself out and walks into the bar with the bottle of Rum in a black plastic bag.

24

INT. THE ANCHOR - BAR - NIGHT

24

Kesi walks into the dark bar with the plastic bag in her hand. There are 10 BARFLIES scattered throughout the bar, playing pool, darts, drinking at booths.

There is a big wall of photographs, patrons of the bar.

Kesi sits at the bar. The Bartender JOE (60's, balding) sets down a coaster.

KESI

Rum and Diet Coke, please.

JOE

Can I see your ID?

Kesi digs through her pockets and pulls it out. Joe reads it.

JOE (CONT'D)

Kesi? Happy Birthday!

KESI

Thank you! You're the first person to say that to me today.

JOE

Aren't you going to school in...
San Jose?

KESI

Humboldt.

JOE
That's right. Long drive. You said
Rum and Coke?

KESI
With an umbrella, please.

JOE
I made a lot of those for your Mom.
How is she? I haven't seen her in
years. I know she was sick, right?

KESI
She's here. Right now.

JOE
You're kidding? Where is she? How's
my hair? Haha.

KESI
She promised we would go to the bar
together on my 21st birthday. So
I'm holding her to that promise.

Kesi moves the plastic bag with the handle of rum onto the
bar counter. Joe peels down the plastic to reveal Shesanie's
ashes inside of the empty rum handle.

JOE
Oh sweetheart, is that--

KESI
Have of them. My sister has the
other half.

JOE
(calling across the room)
Debbie! Come over here.

DEBBIE, a leather clad bar fly, walks over to Joe and Kesi
from the Pool Table.

DEBBIE
What's goin' on, Joe? That looks
like human ashes in a Rum bottle.

JOE
It's Shesanie.

Debbie feels instant heartbreak and looks over at Kesi,
recognizing her instantly.

Kesi finally lets it out and sobs. Debbie embraces her in a bear hug. Bar patrons gather around Kesi and comfort her in this moment.

DEBBIE

Shots! We're gonna need a lot of shots!

CUT TO:

25 INT. THE ANCHOR - BAR - LATER

25

An informal gathering has occurred. Kesi sits at a table with over a dozen bar dwellers. These were her Mom's friends. They each take turns holding the ashes and telling stories. Ron, Chris and Bruce (the 3 ex-husbands) are in attendance.

KESI

Apparently the heat is so high that it vaporizes all the flesh. All you have left are these pieces of bone. I used a funnel to get them into the bottle, but there were some chunks in there. I had to use a screwdriver to push some of them through. Hey! Are you guys hungry?

26 EXT. THE ANCHOR - BAR - NIGHT

26

The whole group is hanging out in the parking lot, many are smoking cigarettes. They surround Kesi's suburban. Bruce has a flashlight in his mouth as he uses a door lock opener to get into the suburban.

BRUCE

(with flashlight in mouth)
I can't tell you how many times I did this for your Mom.

CHRIS

I can't believe this thing is still running.

The car door CLICKS open. Kesi goes inside and grabs her stuffed animals.

Joe notices the Karaoke system in the back seat.

JOE

Does the karaoke machine still work?

27 INT. THE ANCHOR - BAR - LATER

27

Kesi dumps the case of 500 "Bar None" Nutritional bars onto a table. Everyone grabs bars and eats them.

The karaoke machine is running and people are singing songs. Kesi introduces the stuffed animals to the bar patrons.

KESI

This one is Bad Bear. He's had a rough life. No one messes with Bad Bear.

Ron grabs Bad Bear and makes him talk.

RON

I'm a Bad Bear and I got no underwear!

KESI

This is Brandon Lettuce Tomato, he is going to be a famous actor one day.

Shesanie's friends play with the stuffed animals and do poor impersonations of their voices.

Kesi feels sick and runs into the bathroom.

28 INT. THE ANCHOR - WOMEN'S BATHROOM - LATER

28

Kesi leans over the toilet and throws up. Her vomit looks like undigested nutrition bars: granola, cranberries, chocolate chips, et cetera.

The vomiting subsides and Kesi rests on the toilet rim.

The stuffed husky appears above the toilet rim and talks to Kesi.

HUSKY

Another beautiful day in Paradise.

Kesi turns her attention to the husky.

HUSKY (CONT'D)

Listen to your Dad. You shouldn't mix. You'll learn.

KESI

These bars taste even worse coming back up.

HUSKY

But they do taste better when you're drunk! I was practically living off those things.

KESI

Don't get high on your own supply, Mom.

HUSKY

I sent you a lot. Care packages for the college girl. You having a good birthday?

KESI

Yeah. I understand why karaoke is so fun now.

HUSKY

Right?

KESI

You just sing as loud and as obnoxious as possible. It doesn't matter if you sound good.

HUSKY

I always sounded good.

KESI

Are you mad that I put your ashes into a Rum bottle?

HUSKY

Not much I can do about it now. At least you got the brand right.

KESI

I thought you would think it's funny.

HUSKY

Not everything needs to be a joke. Maybe in the future... consider putting me into something else?

KESI

Like what?

HUSKY

The Karaoke machine...

KESI

I wish I could hear you sing one more time.

HUSKY

You can hear me sing anytime you want.

Kesi has a realization.

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EXT/INT. CHEVY SUBURBAN - US 101-N - DAY

29

Kesi drives the Suburban. The car is full of her Mom's stuff: Wedding dress, karaoke machine, nutrition bars, et cetera.

The stuffed animals sit in the passenger seat. The Husky sits next to the liquor bottle of ashes. Both are buckled up.

The dog, Lucky, hangs out in the back seat.

Kesi holds her cell phone to her ear. The phone is plugged into a charger. She listens to a voicemail from her mother while smiling through tears.

SHESANIE (V.O.)

(Singing)

You never answer the phone, my blonde haired demon child.

(stops singing)

It's Mom. Call me back when you can. Love you.

Kesi lowers the phone from her ear. She hits play on a different "unheard voicemail" and listens.

SHESANIE (V.O.)

(Singing)

Kesi! Why do you have a phone if you never answer it?

(stops singing)

It's Mom. Call me back. Love you.

Kesi keeps listening to unheard voicemails from her Mother as she drives along the US 101-North.

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