

VERTICALITY

INT. BEDROOM - DAY

BOBBY, 6'2, stands upright in a room with a 6' high ceiling. He takes a hit out of a tiny bong.

EXT. HAWTHORNE PLAZA - DAY

It's autumn. Bobby's girlfriend, HANNA, sits across from him on a vandalized wood bench. The bench is wet. Bobby's ass is wet.

HANNA

Ever since my birthday I've been thinking about how young I used to be. And I realized that I am much older now. And that a lot of my life contains remnants of the past that just aren't compatible with me anymore. I don't think I was ever truly in love with you. I think I was young, and I never sat down to ask myself that that actually meant. But now that I'm older, it means something much much different than what I thought it meant when I was young.

BOBBY

Bruh.

HANNA

What?

BOBBY

So are we breaking up or neh?

HANNA

I think we have to break up, yeah.

BOBBY

Shit, I'm sorry.

HANNA

Are you alright?

BOBBY

Yeah, I'll probably get over it eventually.

(MORE)

BOBBY (CONT'D)

I mean right now this kind of blows, but maybe I'll figure out what to do in a little while.

HANNA

Are you sure?

BOBBY

Yeah.

We slow zoom in on Bobby's face as he uses toxic positivity to navigate the rest of this conversation. Audio slowly fades out while low orchestral strings slowly fade in.

HANNA

You know, we can still talk about things if we need to, I was just --

BOBBY

I mean, of course, there are things I want to talk about but, it's not like I need any more closure, isn't it? Like, I mean, you spelt it out really detailed-ly, like in a lot of detail, and I'm probably just gonna need to sit with this a little while.

HANNA

Yeah, I understand. It was really hard for me, too. To be honest I was a complete wreck earlier.

BOBBY

Really?

HANNA

Yeah. Like all week. I was a mess. I kept crying just at random moments throughout the day. You know, that's actually why I was texting you about, like, how much I feel like we've gotten older.

BOBBY

Ohh, I remember that.

HANNA

I was trying not to sound upset, like, we were reminiscing about some of the funny things you used to say when we were in high school, but I was also realizing, and I don't know if it was the same for you, but I was realizing how long ago that was and how different everything is now.

BOBBY

Yeah, uhuh

HANNA

And how I'm not really the same person anymore

BOBBY

Yeah

HANNA

And how you're not really the same person anymore.

BOBBY

Yeah, I feel that.

HANNA

And I didn't know what was going on, and I--

INT. CAR - NIGHT

Bobby drives in silence.

He pulls into a Popeye's drive thru and begins by ordering modestly -- just the 3-piece -- but then ups the ante and orders about \$25 worth of food, including sides, a drink, and a special item.

He then proceeds to drive home. He begins eating his fries immediately, but after a minute decides to do something more daring. While attempting to eat his entre, he keeps taking his eyes off the road, swerving his vehicle, and spilling really good bites all over himself.

Bobby then spends an uninterrupted-on-screen 3 minutes finding someplace to park. He winds up outside of a Wal-Mart. While he eats, another car pulls up a few spots away from him. The driver and his passenger start having sex. Ashamed, Bobby fails to sink into his seat and hide.

HORIZONTALITY

EXT. BEACH - SUNSET

The sun sets along the horizon.

Bobby runs toward it as fast as he can.

We cut back and forth between these two images for about 45 seconds while the Verticality Theme plays.

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INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Bobby's friend JOHNNY WAQAR is over. They sit across a table, upon which Bobby has laid out at least a dozen different pints of Ben & Jerry's ice cream.

BOBBY

We're gonna put these into a tier list.

JOHNNY

Oh, okay.

BOBBY

Where should we start? What's definitely F-tier?

JOHNNY

I've only tried, like, 3 of these and I think I liked them all.

BOBBY

Oh. Well I've tried all of these.

This goes on through Bobby's completion of the tier list, to which Johnny does not contribute at all beyond polite nods and the occasional.

JOHNNY

Yeah I agree

Or

JOHNNY (CONT'D)

Ooh, that's interesting.

Bobby will often share a personal anecdote about a particular flavor. Many of these anecdotes are simply that he once consumed an entire pint of that flavor in one sitting.