

**2. You try to play a car game with me and it sucks**

(TESS wakes up from her anxiety nap intensely and remembers what her life is and realizes it's depressing. DAD is driving happily.)

TESS

I um...I'm awake.

DAD

Oh good! I got a little nervous.  
Is that like one of your symptoms you know,  
For like the disorder?

TESS

Ugh I dunno, I'm not a fricking doctor!

DAD

Ok...hmmm  
Oo do you know what's fun on a long car trip, a Tessitinni,  
A Tessitini with a big fat lime in it.

TESS

Letting your daughter drive  
Cause she looks hot while she drives.

DAD

Nope!  
A good old fashioned  
Car game!

TESS

Did you just say card game?  
Like playing cards while you drive cause that sounds  
Kinda like illegal?  
Like you'd probs crash into a lake or something  
And I'd have to put the clips on Americas Funniest Home vids.

DAD

No, it's better than a card game, it's a game of the mind!!  
I went to business school honey boop  
So I'm a little smarter than you think.

TESS

ya that's prob true.  
So how does that game work?  
Can I win hard cash?

DAD

No, but you can win appreciation  
And a smile from how well you did!

TESS

sounds lame.

DAD

Well listen to how you play first,  
Ok so it's like a getting to know you game  
Called two truths and a lie,  
So I tell you three facts about myself and you  
Have to guess which is a lie.

TESS

But like you're my father ,like I know everything about you.

DAD

Or dooo youuu ;) )

TESS

Um sketchy...  
Where did you find this game from?

DAD

oo this really cool blog  
Called "how to get your teenager daughter  
To like you."

TESS

Also his game sounds kinda sexy.  
I'm going somewhere pretty serious,  
Maybe I should like calm my thoughts  
And like focus on healing and shit.

DAD

Language Tessy!  
And get your mind out of da gutter!  
This is a respectable game  
For people of all ages or that's what it says on the blog.  
If your grandmother Janeen Rosenbaum  
Was alive, I would ask her to play with us  
As well because I think she would get a  
Kick  
Out of it.

TESS

Ugh this car ride sucks,  
Why is there like seven hours leftttt!

DAD

Probably only like an hour honey,  
Just distract yourself a little  
And think of more fun things like  
Lies I tell about myself in car game formmm!

TESS  
funnnn

DAD  
How about I go first??

TESS  
Fine-Ugh.

DAD  
Ok  
"Fact one: "  
My favorite color is periwinkle blue, not dark blue.  
"Fact two":  
When I was in high school  
I went out with the hottest gurl,  
She had long blonde hair  
And preferred whispering to speaking  
And she wanted me to run away to  
L.A with her to start a new life but  
I said no cause I had to go to business  
School to start a business  
And be a serious person  
And sometimes I think about her  
When I see hair as blond as the wind  
"Fact 3": My favorite burgers  
Have extra large bacon in them  
And hot sauce.  
Which is a lieeee?

TESS  
You just talked for a while...

DAD  
Hmm :/ ??

TESS  
I think I spaced out like seven times.  
But like was the lie the one about you and that sexy random chick  
Being into you.  
I feel like you dated like one chick in your life  
And it was mom  
Cause I can't see chicks wanting to date you.

DAD  
Nope. Try again.

TESS  
Was your first clue about your fave color a lie?

DAD  
Ya! Nice one Tessometer!

My favorite color  
Is dark blue,  
Periwinkle can suck it!

TESS

That's really rando,  
Like does anyone think about their fave color that much?

DAD

Wow look at us learning so much about eachother,  
So many facts,  
You know on that road trip  
~~We-can-play-this-game-over-and-over-Like-so-many-times-We-like-become~~  
~~eachother-we-have-so-many facts-And-knowledge-about-eachother.~~

TESS

Wait whaa?

DAD

Nevermind.  
Look whose turn it issss!!! It's yoursss!

TESS

Ew, I'm not going.  
Too lameee.

DAD

You sure, it'll help pass the time  
And put a friendly smile on that Tessie poos face?

TESS

No, ew. Wait so like  
Who was that chick with blonde hair you mentioned earlier?

DAD

Oh um her name was Lucinda,  
She was a teen model,  
She wanted me to run away with her but  
I had to stay in Pennsylvania.

TESS

That sounds like kinda hot,  
You shoulda left wit herrr.

DAD

you can't do everything you want Tess.  
You have to be practical.  
You have to go to school  
And date brunettes and marry at appropriate ages  
Cause that's just the way the world works.  
And I can't wait till I see your mom again,  
But at least

She sends me pics from Hawaii  
With pictures of her hugging sharks  
And smiling, and the fact that she's smiling,  
That's what matters to me.  
Should I put the A.C on more? It seems hot in here.

TESS

This A.C sucksss so much,  
Like your weird car gameee.  
I feel like Periwinkle blue and dark blue are like the same thing.

DAD

No they really aren't.  
Here's a little A.C, let it run through that great  
Teenage hair.

TESS

Eeep! Car sickkkkk!!  
Why are you soo annoying?  
You never listen to anything I say?

DAD

I listen to everything you say.

TESS

I don't get why mom isn't coming with us.

DAD

I told you sweetie panda babe,  
That she's in Hawaii,  
I'm sure she's thinking about us though  
And isn't that a nice thought.

TESS

I'll think about yo mamma! Boom!

DAD

Good! She should be thought of more.

TESS

Can we have some  
Good old fashioned car silence,  
I feel like I'm never gunna see mom again,  
Also I like don't wanna her your voice  
Cause the timbre of it is annoying.

(TESS stares at the window at the "not actually coconut trees" while DAD tries to smile but kinda looks hurt then like he wants to vom cause Tess is being harsh.)

**3. The Details about this center sound sketch, can we turn back?**

(TESS keeps looking out the window but is clearly bored from DAD not talking for 15 minutes.)

TESS

Ok I'm bored you can talk again.

DAD

Sounds good!

TESS

That card game was kinda weird,  
Like I feel like I learned too much about you.

DAD

Ha I don't think you can ever learn too much  
About your father Tess n boots.  
Now Tess, I wanted to tell you a little more  
About the center before you get there.  
First of all, You really should have seen this ad  
In the market, it was irresistible!  
Like 5 other parents were trying to take the free newspaper  
For themselves to look at this beautiful  
Ad but I snatched it for myself,  
I just knew it was perfect for you  
And your um issues.

TESS

Aren't all these places the same.  
Don't they just tell you to eat more  
And yell at you.

DAD

No, they're not the same!  
There are lots of different types,  
Some are on tops of mountains in glamorous locations or in space  
Or on cowboy ranches. But all of them can suck it  
Cause they didn't have a pic of a mermaid  
On their ad.

TESS

Wait why is there a mermaid?  
Mermaids suck.

DAD

Tess, you can't be a girl  
And not like mermaids.  
When you were little, we used to all watch "Little Mermaid" as a  
family  
And put you in a little baby mermaid onesie  
And have you fake swim through the air and it was as adorable  
As can be!  
So you should love mermaids.

TESS

Ew what?? I think I repressed that.

DAD

Don't worry I can show you the home vids when you're back.  
I'm sur you'll love this center though Tessy, it focuses on mermaid  
themed Eating disorder treatment methods Such as water therapy and  
mermaid themed online chat rooms.  
It's called "Little Mermaids in Distress", Isn't that a fun name?

TESS

Are you sure this is a real thing?  
I don't even get what water therapy is,  
Is that like water boarding?

DAD

No, of course not Tessie. I think it said on the  
Ad that it's throwing water intensely at you if you're not making  
progress.

TESS

I don't want rando men throwing water at me,  
That's like the patriarchy.

DAD

Tess, do you even know what that word means?

TESS

No, but it sounds angry  
And I heard a chick saying it on a bus once and she looked angry.

DAD

Tess this center seems so aimed at girls!  
I wish I could go myself  
But I don't have any issues  
And I'm too intent on my diet to get random people  
To try to make me gain weight.

TESS

You're taking me to a fricking weird  
Cult therapy center, I'm sure it's not even certified.  
Do they even have a website?

DAD

I think it needs to be renewed, cause the link didn't work.  
But no one uses websites anymore, right?  
I think they have a twitter so you can twitter at them or whatever.

TESS

Ew I'm not on twitter, I'm on Instagram,  
That's way better.

On Instagram you get to take as many pics of yourself as you  
Want.

I don't get why you didn't let me help pick the center.

DAD

Cause I'm here to protect you Tess,  
Cause that's what a dad does.  
He helps everything be easier  
And makes choices for you  
And tells you when you're words are offensive  
And hangs out with you 24/7.

(Conversation is starting to feel tense and heated and TESS  
is trying to make DAD wanna die.)

TESS

That's a weird definition.  
I would've been good at helping pick a center,  
You should have asked me.

DAD

you probably would have stalled on purpose and taken  
Like a year and you needed to go here  
Fast.

TESS

What makes you think you're even qualified?  
To even help me?  
You're on fricking parole,  
Like clearly you're not a fit parent or whatever!

DAD

Tess that makes no sense,  
I've always been fit to parent,  
And the orphanage I "supposedly" stole from  
Got a lot of their money back  
And they're fine and I drove by once  
And a little orphan boy  
Was throwing a little ball at a tree and smiling and it was so  
heartwarming And they seem fine!  
And just cause this happened, it doesn't have anything to do  
With me being a father!

TESS

I just don't get how you think you going to the clink  
Has nothing to do with us, like our family.  
Like how am I supposed to look up to you as a "Parental Figure"?

DAD

I don't even know where you  
Got all these fancy words from,  
Parental?

TESS

I'm in school daddd,  
That's the point of it, to gain knowledge.  
I feel like you're getting distracted  
And don't even want to answer my question.  
I just know if I have kids,  
I wouldn't do any of the stuff you're doing,  
I would fricking be so nice and not get in trouble  
And they'd be like obsessed with me.

DAD

Parenthood isn't as easy as it seems, you'll see one day!

TESS

You don't know what you're talking aboutttt,  
Uggggg.

DAD

I think you're fussy cause your hungry  
And having too much fun to want to mention it  
With your old pa here,  
Good thing I brought car snacksss!

TESS

What flavor?

DAD

Blueberry friendship!

TESS

Light calories?

DAD

Oh yaaa.

TESS

Fine I'll have one.  
Just cause that flavor sounds obscure yet also yummy.

(TESS and DAD eat weird looking crackers.)

DAD

I like eating with you.

TESS

Umm thanks.

DAD

And I feel better eating these car snacks  
Since they're light calories.  
Love that concept,

Don't exactly know what it means but it  
Feels so comforting.

TESS

uh huh. Totes.

DAD

God, remember those diet "Family themed" smoothies  
Your mom would make for us in the summer,  
So much diet pineapple and diet powder.  
I loved those.

TESS

Ya, they were pretty good.  
Wonder if she'll ever cook for me again.

DAD

Course she will Tesserella,

(Weird emo longing pause. DAD wants to say something but  
can't)

Wow, these car snacks  
Really are doing it for me.

TESS

I kinda want another  
But I don't think I should.  
Like I don't get why I need to get all hungry,  
And my stomach needs to rumble  
Like why can't I be above it you know.

DAD

You're thinking too much Tess,  
If you're hungry just have another.

TESS

Well what if I like thinking sometimes!  
What if thinking does it for me  
Cause I like processing things, cause I don't want to repress them  
Like you.

DAD

Just eat another cracker Tess bo beep,  
Oo want me to feed it to you?  
Like you're Cleopatra,

TESS

Ew don't feed me,  
I'm a legit adult, I can feed myself.

(depressing pause)

Maybe I'll just watch you eat for a while  
Instead of eating another,  
That sounds kinda calming.

DAD

Whatever does it for you...  
You sure you don't want one more though?

TESS

Yaaaa  
Wow I do feel a little better.  
Sometimes its better to just watch someone eat  
Than to eat,  
Definitely.

(TESS watches DAD eating. She really wants to eat the car  
snack. It is intense.)