

Reality Bites

Characters: 1w/1m

Subject: Lelaina (a hippie chick) and Michael (a square) sit on the hood of his car drinking Big Gulp slushies at the end of their first date.

LELAINA

The most profound, important invention
of my lifetime - The Big Gulp.

MICHAEL

Big Gulp.

LELAINA

Because see, no listen, you get one in
the morning, I'm talking 44 ounce,
not this 32, wimpy-

MICHAEL

44?

LELAINA

Yeah, 44!

MICHAEL

How can you ingest 44 ounces of
anything?

LELAINA

You get one, you have your essential
vitamins and nutrients for the entire
day.

MICHAEL

Oh, yeah, definitely, you're totally
covered.

LELAINA

I guess it doesn't really take much to
make me happy.

MICHAEL

Hey, I'm not, I'm not materialistic either. I mean I think I'd be working even if I wasn't getting paid. And I don't, like, want to get, you know, a big house, I just want like a nice house. I'm not into, like, cars and stuff, I mean I like my car...

LELAINA

(sarcastic)

You're probably not, really not into expensive, snazzy Italian suits-

MICHAEL

Oh, come on!

LELAINA

I'm just kidding, I'm just kidding.

MICHAEL

No no no, I'm not, wait a minute, I'm not like that, I'm really not, I mean, I know why the caged bird sings and everything.

LELAINA

Oh yeah, why?

MICHAEL

Because, he was... in a cage, and he was... I don't know, he had high hopes, or something. Okay, I dropped out of school before we got to that, alright? See I should have stayed in college and gotten a degree in astronomy.

LELAINA

Oh, I love astronomy.

MICHAEL

Really?

LELAINA

Yeah, I just, the math though—

MICHAEL

Yeah—

LELAINA

I got into class, and it was like, everything was three squared times pi equals the root of pi. And I just wanted to like, look at the stars.

MICHAEL

I remember being so happy, at my old house, just staring up at the stars. Do you ever have those moments in life where like, everything is ok? You know just for one moment everything is great?

LELAINA

Not since I graduated, but yeah, yeah, but when you catch yourself in a moment, and you saying, "wait, wait, I'm happy here in the moment!"

MICHAEL

Right, right! And then it just goes away—

LELAINA

Gone!

MICHAEL

Really quickly. I know I've had a couple of those. I always forget them, but I know I've had them.