

REALITY BITES

LELAINA

I'm making this documentary... about my friends, but it's really about... people who are trying to find their own identity... without having any real role models or heroes or anything.

MICHAEL

Wow. That... That sounds great. It seems like your friends would be perfect for that. Like, um... Like that guy Troy... -

LELAINA

Troy, yeah.

MICHAEL

So, Troy is... You guys just... It's like you guys living there, just the two of you?

LELAINA

No, no, no, no, no. It's me and Vickie, but he got fired from his job and so he needed a place to crash for a couple weeks. They caught him stealing a Snickers.

MICHAEL

He stole a Snickers bar?

LELAINA

Yeah. Somehow, he can rationalize it - like the establishment owes him a Snickers.

MICHAEL

Right, right. Well, I mean... I guess... you know... You know, you're very beautiful. I mean, Seriously, you're...

LELAINA

I'm, uh... I'm, uh... not really good with compliments. Um... but, uh... Um... Ha ha! Are you religious?

MICHAEL

Um... Ha ha ha!

LELAINA

Ha ha ha! I'm sorry.

MICHAEL

I guess I'm... I guess I'm, uh... a non-practicing Jew.

LELAINA

Hey, I'm a non-practicing virgin. Who's this again?

MICHAEL

Frampton. Peter Frampton.

LELAINA

Frampton...

MICHAEL

I can't believe you don't remember "Frampton Comes Alive. "
That album, like, totally changed my life.

LELAINA

The most profound, important invention of my lifetime - the Big Gulp.
And because, see... No, listen. You get one in the morning. I'm talking
forty-four ounce, not this thirty-two wimpy...

MICHAEL

Wait a minute. Forty four?

LELAINA

Yeah. Forty-four ounce.

MICHAEL

How can you ingest forty-four ounces of anything?

LELAINA

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

MICHAEL

Oh, yeah. Definitely. I'm sure you're totally covered. -

LELAINA

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

MICHAEL

Hey, 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 cars and
stuff. I mean, I like my car.

LELAINA

You're probably not really not into, like... expensive, snazzy Italian
suits, either.

MICHAEL

Oh, come on.

LELAINA

I'm just kidding.

MICHAEL

No, no, no.

LELAINA

I'm just kidding.

MICHAEL

Wait a minute. I'm not like that. I'm really not. I mean... I mean...
I'm... I'm... 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 so. I should have stayed in college and got a degree in astronomy or something.

LELAINA

Oh, god, I love astronomy.

MICHAEL

Really?

LELAINA

Yeah. I just... The math, though. It was the math that just, like... got me every time.

MICHAEL

I loved astronomy, too, and I got into class... and it was like... it was like everything was three-squared times pi equals the root of pi.

LEILANA

Yeah. A

MICHAEL

And I just wanted to look at the stars.

LEILANA

Same here exactly. I remember being so happy on the roof of our old house... just staring up at the stars.

MICHAEL

Mmm...I want to do that again. I want to just look up at the stars and take the time to smell the... everything. Because it's like... do you ever have those moments in life...where everything is OK? Do you know what I mean? Just for, like, one moment, everything is great.

LELAINA

Not since I graduated, no. But yeah... yeah. When you, like, catch yourself in a moment and you're saying, wait, I'm happy here in the moment.

MICHAEL

Right. And then it just goes away really quickly.

LELAINA

Gone.

MICHAEL

It just... It's... I know I've had a couple of those, you know. I always forget them, but I know I've had them.

LELAINA

Oh, me, too. Like right now... is one.

MICHAEL

Yeah... like now.