

GIRLIE THANGS

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SHERIFF GAILSFORD, 30s, sits on the edge of his desk talking to LUCY, 15.

GAILSFORD

What in tar-hill is wrong with you girl...

LUCY

I...

GAILSFORD

Did I tell ya to talk?

LUCY

No sir...

GAILSFORD

Then zip it! Good lord chile, your mama is gonna fall out and speak tongues over this one here, yes siree. I can just see her now, getting off her double at piggly, wrangling her feet out, and heading home to sleep, only to get my call to say her only begotten chile is here with me in my office because because she's ugh ugh ugh a vicious no good felony committing-

LUCY

Uncle--

GAILSFORD

What's that girl?

LUCY

I mean Sheriff Gailsford-- I'm sorry for stealing and all but it's the only way to get mama to let me come back home.

GAILSFORD

What kinda backwater thinking is that?

LUCY

She kicked me out last month in the middle of the night. No clothes, money or nothing... said she wouldn't 'llow no sinners in her house.

GAILSFORD

Last time I checked Thou shalt not steal was on the list of sins.

LUCY

It's a sin I knows it but, it ain't the worse kinda in mama's eyes... this is the lesser of two evils.

GAILSFORD

Speak straight English girl!

LUCY

I just need to get the answers to my test --

GAILSFORD

What ya needs to do is get to explainin' yo'self right good and plenty is what ya needs to do! Cause I just can't understand how you and that ugh Julia girl out there thought you was gonna run a way with a shopping cart full of ugh ugh of merchandise! The only reason you're not underneath the jail is cause Willie was at your christening...

LUCY

I can explain... I.. I

GAILSFORD

Oh you betta do more that young lady. This hear is a felony. FEL-O-KNEE! Ya hear me. This ain't no ju-vee-nile kiddie mularky ya'll done pulled. I don't know what kinda trickster shinanigans you two were hoping to do stealing all them there..ugh ugh ugh..

LUCY

Pregnancy tests...

GAILSFORD

Them...girlie thangs...but, I just won't stand for it ya hear. Not in my town. So ya besta get talking on the matter at hand and not give me no lip.

LUCY

Well...umm... I was... We were,.... Ummm

GAILSFORD

Stop chewing ya tongue and spit it out gal

LUCY

This is awkward...

GAILSFORD

More awkward then getting hauled in my office for grand theft of feminine ugh ugh products? And possibly a charge of conspiracy to to... well I don't know what's its in conspiracy of but, I can come up with something surely.

LUCY

I wasn't playin' no prank... I need them

GAILSFORD

You need an entire case of of of of

LUCY

Pregnancy tests..

Them thangs.
GAILSFORD

Yes...
LUCY

Needed?
GAILSFORD

NEED them...
LUCY

Need?
GAILSFORD

NEED!
LUCY

GAILSFORD
Sweet lord it's getting worse by the moment. A thief and a harlet? I mean...what was ya thinking girl...no don't answer that... How on earth did this happen? Did somebody attack you?

LUCY
No..sir nothing like that!

GAILSFORD
You did this willingly then? Well then spill it. I want all the details...

LUCY
Well the boy unzips his pants

GAILSFORD
Stop that..

LUCY
You asked how it happened.

GAILSFORD
I meant..his name what's his name and how'd you get caught up in this here mess!

LUCY
It was ugh peer pressure... yeah. And all that music on the radio like, the bumping humping stuff... it ugh got to me like mind controlling alien stuff like...and ugh

GAILSFORD
Who is he... the one that started all the mess

LUCY
You mean Julia?

GAILSFORD

I mean this juvenile delinquent you laid up with. He is a Juvenile right?

LUCY

Oh, him. Um...Alex.

GAILSFORD

Mrs. Daniel's boy?

LUCY

No..

GAILSFORD

Alex Williams?

LUCY

Listen uncle...I mean sheriff... can we skip all this here part cause it don't really matter one way or another... it wasn't all that great anyway.... I just needed a way to make mama let me come home is all!!!

GAILSFORD

The hell fire it don't matter. I will haul him in here too. For ugh ugh aiding and abetting...I mean conspiracy to ugh, ugh steal ugh girlie thangs or um well for something. SO give me his name NOW!

LUCY

I can't exactly do that.

GAILSFORD

And why not.

LUCY

It's a little complicated but, I just need to find out if I am or-- or not...ya see. That's more important than anything else. I gotta know before ya call my mama.

GAILSFORD

Yes siree ole Mary is worse then a pitbull with lockjaw on a mailman's hind parts when she's cross.

LUCY

You ain't never lied. Which is why I gotta know.

GAILSFORD

So you're not sure...

LUCY

I thank so but, I'm not entirely. I mean I only peed on... like... maybe...I dunno maybe twenty of them.

GAILSFORD

Does it take that many?

LUCY

Well I wanted to be sure...

GAILSFORD

Well that's a thang ya gotta be sure about...

LUCY

With my mama's wrath at stake.... Yeah.. I gotta be really sure.

GAILSFORD

And ya ain't sure after that many?

LUCY

No...I ain't seen the answer. I just lined them all up on the floor like and went down the line.

GAILSFORD

Down the line?

LUCY

Yeah, Julia was laying um down on the floor one by one and I just squated and walked right down the line. It seemed real efficient like.

GAILSFORD

Sounds pretty efficient to me.

LUCY

Well now you'd think so. But, I was still going down the line peeing on sticks when Willie walked in there. I never made it to the end of the line see. So, I didn't have time to go back to beginning to see what none of the test said...But I need to be sure, I gotta be completely ya know.... that's why I took the whole case...figured that many would tell me for sure.

GAILSFORD

Dear lord just stop...you're mama is gonna have a heart attack. You should be ashamed of yourself Lucy! Mighty shamed. You're gonna break my poor sisters heart.

LUCY

Naw Uncle Johnny! She'll be happy. She'll have to be.

GAILSFORD

Happy that her daughters a felony committing loose legged--

LUCY

She'll love me again.. I know she will.

GAILSFORD

I highly doubt that...

LUCY

Julia says she'll forget all about what she saw us doing in my room. She will have to...cause she will know I will have had to slept with a boy to have a baby...ya know..and she'll stop saying I'm going to hell...

I mean this here is a sin too but, this one I can get one of them get out of jail free cards on like the lady that they was stoning for sleeping with that man in the bible like. She did bad things and all but, he said cast the first stone and they all went away... well that's what Mrs. Harris said in Sunday school anyway...I mean I am pretty sure somebody threw one or two.

But, that's better then being burnt up like Sodom and Gomorrah momma say. For doing ungodly thangs with Julia.. She said wasn't no worse sin in the world then ungodly lust. SO she will have to happy ya know..cause she'll know what I did, I did with a boy and well...boys and girls is the normal way of thangs, and well she'll be happy right?

GAILSFORD

Wait... what did you say girl?

LUCY

She'll be happy...right?

GAILSFORD

Well ugh. I'm sure she'd be umm. Let's ugh ugh just ugh get back to the matter at hand. Your ugh felony activities and this her situation you're in. Well you can't possible be in the mothering way... Ya know, not from your first time anyway right?...your second? Third? Fourth...Fifth?

LUCY

Believe me, you don't want to keep counting...

GAILSFORD

Oh lord.

LUCY

So you hate me too uncle Johnny...

GAILSFORD

Hate ya? Lucy don't cry...come on chile don't cry now... I don't hate you now, Here. Here.

He hands her some tissues.

Gailford picks up the telephone.

LUCY

Don't call my momma please!

GAILSFORD

Ken. Naw, don't bring the wagon around yet. Just umm gimme a couple more minutes Ken. And um ugh brang me one of them there ugh ugh girlie thangs when you get a chance. I know they're evidence. Just brang me one.

He hangs up the phone. Black Out.

End of Play.