

**FREE, 25-MINUTE, 5-MILE RIDE**

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**CHARACTERS**

Sarah	A mom, carrying a baby in a light blanket
Josh	Her husband
Andy	In his sixties, wearing a suit and tie from '79.

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SARAH  
Block me so I can nurse.

JOSH  
Like this?

SARAH  
Be a meat wall —

JOSH  
They're just tourists —

ANDY  
(*Looking east, off the railing.*) I played football at Curtis High —

SARAH  
Last time I nursed on the boat — someone called me a teenage mom.

JOSH  
You look young —

SARAH  
I'm just short!

ANDY  
(*Taking out a cigar.*) Just a few blocks up the hill from the St. George terminal —

SARAH  
Sir, you can't smoke here —

JOSH  
I wish I looked as good as you —

SARAH  
(*Whispering.*) Is this guy on "The Soprano's"?

JOSH  
The city's aging me.

SARAH  
This lady says to me, just loud enough — Like that loud talk people do? She goes, "Look at that teenage mother who can't even afford formula!"

JOSH  
Picks-his-head-'til-it-bleeds-Guy would never say that.

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I haven't seen him in a while. SARAH

I hope he's okay — JOSH

After that, I played for NYU — ANDY

Is that pigeon limping? SARAH

That's just the way they walk — JOSH

I played Fordham with a broken arm! ANDY

I miss our car. SARAH

We have a car still. JOSH

Made team captain! ANDY

I miss *driving* — SARAH

We drove to the boat today. JOSH

I know — Big treat. SARAH

Okay — JOSH

Why did you buy kitty litter in the city? That's the dumbest — SARAH

We needed it. JOSH

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SARAH  
Now we have to carry it up the hill! So stupid —

JOSH  
That's not — Look — I know —

SARAH  
I need to switch sides.

JOSH  
Huh?

SARAH  
Meat bus! (*Points to boobs.*) *Other side.*

JOSH  
Like this? Are you blocked?

ANDY  
Came back to coach at Curtis!

SARAH  
Feels good out here —

JOSH  
Nice light —

ANDY  
Smash-mouth ball!

SARAH  
Why do people say that — “Nice Light”?

JOSH  
(*Interrupted by tourists.*) Yes, okay — I'll take your picture — Stand closer — Good —

ANDY  
Led Curtis against New Dorp in the annual Thanksgiving Game!

SARAH  
Why do they always ask you?

JOSH  
I have one of those faces —

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SARAH

You need to be more misanthropic —

JOSH

I don't mind —

ANDY

I knew my X's and O's and I loved my players!

SARAH

Maybe carry a machete.

JOSH

I need a hot dog —

SARAH

We'll have dinner soon.

ANDY

The water's choppy —

JOSH

But the walk up the hill?

ANDY

Winds are heavy —

SARAH

We brought the car!

ANDY

We're coming in too fast —

JOSH

We hafta walk all the way through the parking lot —

ANDY

Passengers are crowding the starboard side to disembark —

JOSH

Should we go?

SARAH

Let's take a jitney cab to our car!

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JOSH

We don't have her car seat —

SARAH

I miss my mom.

ANDY

The rules require two pilots during docking —

JOSH

I'm getting a hot dog — You want one?

SARAH

Don't leave me here! She's still nursing.

ANDY

They're gonna call it an Act of God —

JOSH

You'll be fine — See? They're grandmas —

SARAH

Excuse me! Don't touch her pants — She touched the baby's pants! Don't —

JOSH

The baby's not cold? What? A hat? No —

SARAH

I miss the suburbs!

JOSH

They all love this view —

SARAH

It's nice though, right? Lady Liberty? And people loving her? They all do.

JOSH

Okay —

SARAH

She's asleep.