DASHBOARD CONFESSIONAL

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A consumer-grade camcorder sits on the dashboard, facing both the car's passengers.

A PRIEST sits behind the steering wheel. He adjusts the camera.

A teenage girl, LISA, fidgets in the passenger seat.

PRIEST There. All set. Are you ready, Lisa?

LISA I don't know.

His hand on her knee.

PRIEST

If there's one thing I've learned over the years, it's that we need to mix things up now and then. Sometimes we need to get away from that stuffy old confessional box and talk face-to-face. Like friends.

Lisa considers, nods.

PRIEST Excellent. Let's begin.

Lisa makes the sign of the cross.

LISA Bless me Father, for I have sinned.

PRIEST How long since your last confession?

LISA This is my first time.

A lecherous grin from the priest.

Lisa proceeds to confess her sins. The tape speeds up as she speaks, slowing down for a handful of phrases.

LISA Lucky Pierre... Cincinnati Bowtie... Angry Dragon... Tony Danza...

The priest gets more and more excited. The tape returns to normal speed.

LISA For these and all the sins of my past life, especially for my sins of sexual indiscretion, I am truly sorry.

The priest is speechless.

LISA Father? Aren't you supposed to assign me a penance or an act of contrition or something.

Unable to restrain himself, the priest lunges at Lisa, kissing her full on the lips.

Lisa pushes him away.

LISA What the hell?

The priest kisses her again, groping her. Lisa resists at first, but only for a moment. She grabs the back of his hair and leans into him.

They make out with a passion that's borderline criminal.

The priest is the first to pull away.

PRIEST I'm sorry, my child. I have a confession of my own. I have been plagued with unclean thoughts. I mean, look at you. Those legs, those breasts. Are you ready for your penance?

The priest unzips his pants.

LISA Father, I have one last thing to confess.

The priest moans with pleasure.

PRIEST Oh, confess, Lisa. Confess.

Lisa removes her wig, revealing a head of short hair.

LISA

My name's not Lisa. It's Jeff.

The priest jumps back, flailing. He reaches for camera.

PRIEST Jesus Christ!

He finds the power button.

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