KING OF STATEN ISLAND

(Scott & Claire scene. Brother and sister. Claire gives Scott a gift)

CLAIRE

(Claire calls her brother Scott into her room. She has a gift for him. She calls out for him) Hey, Scott. (Scott enters her room) Sit down.

SCOTT

Ok. (he sits)

CLAIRE

(She hands him gift bag) I got you this.

SCOTT

(He opens it) So what is...what is this?

CLAIRE

It’s paintbrushes and some paint. (Pause. No reaction from Scott) Well, I know you’re into art, so I thought you could expand your horizons while I’m gone.

SCOTT

You got a gift receipt for this?

CLAIRE

You ok?

SCOTT

Fine, Yeah....what do you mean? Yeah.

CLAIRE

You going to be ok without me here?
SCOTT

What, you don’t think I can survive here without you?

CLAIRE

Ok, just don’t be a dick, okay? Like, be nice to Mom, okay? Don’t give her a hard time. She deserves a break.

SCOTT

I always give her a break. When am I gonna get my break?

CLAIRE

What are you talking about? All everyone ever does is worry about you. I was ignored my entire childhood because of you.

SCOTT

Yeah, I forgot that my childhood was so dandy.

CLAIRE

Ok, you don’t get to act crazy your whole life just ‘cause Dad died, ok? At least you got to know him.

SCOTT

Well, you’re lucky you didn’t get to know him, okay? ‘Cause that’s why you’re almost normal. If you got to know him, you would’ve known that

he was like, the fucking coolest guy ever, and that would’ve ruined the rest of your life.

CLAIRE

Okay, like, but what are you gonna do? Are you going to get a job? Are you going to leave the house?

SCOTT

I don’t know. I…I’m gonna open that tattoo restaurant.
CLAIRE

No, like, for real.

SCOTT

I am being real! It’s a great...It’s never been done before! I looked it up. I googled it. It’s never been done, not even as a joke.

CLAIRE

Because no one wants to go to a restaurant and watch people get tattooed, while they eat. It’s gross!

SCOTT

It’s the best idea ever. “Ruby Tattoosdays”, where everyone’s welcome. Chicken and tattoos.

CLAIRE

That’s not a business. You know you have to get your shit together! Time is passing by very quickly.

SCOTT

That’s why I smoke weed all the time. It slows it all down.

CLAIRE

Oh my God. See, I’m worried about you!

SCOTT


CLAIRE

You’re my older brother, you’re supposed to look out for me.

SCOTT

You’re just guilty, ‘cause you’re leaving? Now, all of a sudden, you’re afraid I’m gonna die? I was gonna die anyway, whether you stayed or not.
CLAIRE

Are you going to hurt yourself?

SCOTT

Probably. Yeah, I’m probably going to hurt myself. I don’t know how, but yeah. If anybody can do it, it’s me.

CLAIRE

This is why I don’t talk to you, ‘cause the one thing I know is you’re not going to listen to my advice. So.....

SCOTT

Yeah, well, why would I? You don’t even give a shit. You’re leaving. You’re not even part of the family.

CLAIRE

I’m the only fucking normal person is this family...You know...every second I’m away from you, I’m worrying about you. That’s what you do to people!

SCOTT

You should be worried.

CLAIRE

Ok, don’t fucking ruin college for me. Okay. (SCREAMS) GO! (kicking him out of her room)

SCOTT

Fine. (Goes to leave, stops and says) Hey, you should bring that chipper personality to college....guys will love it. (He exits)

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