

Feeling Cheated

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INT. DAY- AIRPORT

ALLY, wearing a cardigan, tank top, and yoga pants, stands with a sign that says "Lance Rodgers" with a heart on it. She starts looking around, and spots another woman, CAMERON, in an overall dress and a long sleeve shirt, with a sign that says "Lance Rodgers". Ally walks up to Cameron.

ALLY

Uh, hi. I'm here to pick up Lance, so he won't be needing a car. I can still pay you if you want-

CAMERON

Excuse me?

ALLY

He's my boyfriend and-

CAMERON

No no no, he's *my* boyfriend.

The women stare at each other for a moment.

ALLY

That cheating son of a-

CAMERON (CONT'D)

And I thought that he just had a really demanding job.

ALLY (CONT'D)

I wonder who else that jerk is cheating on.

CAMERON

(sarcastically and loudly)  
Anyone else here for an ass named Lance Rodgers?

ERIKA, wearing a leather jacket and jeans, walks up the them, confused.

ERIKA

Hi, I'm Erika, Lance's girlfriend, is everything okay?

Ally and Cameron stare at her.

CUT TO:

ERIKA (CONT'D)

Son of a-

CUT TO:

INT. DAY- AIRPORT

Lance walks up to Ally.

LANCE  
Hey babe,

Lance checks his phone.

LANCE COND  
You didn't need to pick me up, I  
could have gotten a cab.

ALLY  
Oh, but you're my one and only,  
Lance, just like I'm yours, right?

Lance nods.

LANCE  
My bag's on carousel six.

Ally's smile turns into a snarl as Lance looks away.

CAMERA STAYS ON LANCE.

CAMERON  
Your bag wasn't there.

Beat

Everything okay?

LANCE  
Yeah, I just- nothing. Where's my  
bag?

Cameron shrugs.

ALLY V.O.  
(through airport PA  
system)  
Lance Rodgers, cheating a-hole  
Lance Rodgers, we have your bag.  
Come to baggage control, cheating  
a-hole Lance Rodgers.

INT. BAGGAGE CONTROL OFFICE- DAY

Cameron and Lance walk into baggage control. Erika, in uniform, is at the front desk. Lance takes a step back.

LANCE  
What are you doing here?

ERIKA  
Sorry, do I know you?

Lance looks from Cameron to Erika, and then shakes his head.

LANCE  
No, I uh must have mistaken you for  
someone else.

Cameron walks up to the counter.

CAMERON  
We need a bag for Lance Rodgers.

ERIKA  
Okay, and where did you fly in  
from?

LANCE  
Chicago.

ERIKA  
Visiting your grandma?

Lance's eyes widen.

ERIKA COND  
I'll go see if we have your bag.

Erika comes back with a duffel bag. Lance takes it and looks at the tag. In pen it says "cheating a-hole Lance Rodgers" on it. Lance quickly tears off the tag and shoves it in his pocket. He starts to walk to the exit. Cameron grabs his arm.

CAMERON  
I gonna go to the bathroom, I'll  
meet you outside.

She nods to a bathroom next to the desk.

INT. AIRPORT- DAY

Erika, in her normal clothes, walks up to Lance.

ERIKA  
Okay babe, I'm all ready to go.

Lance jumps, and looks back to the baggage claim desk. Cameron stands at the desk on her phone.

ERIKA (CONT'D)  
You okay?

Lance nods and swallows.

EXT. AIRPORT BUS STOP- DAY

Erika and Lance sit at the bus stop. The bus arrives, they get on

INT. BUS- DAY

They are sitting, Erika gasps suddenly.

ERIKA  
My purse!

Erika rushes off the bus. Ally rushes back on.

ALLY  
Wow-y, that was close!

Lance stares at her.

ALLY (CONT'D)  
Everything okay? It looks like you're seeing double. Or triple.

Beat.

ALLY (CONT'D)  
You know, I always wondered how jugglers do it.

LANCE  
What?

ALLY  
How they kept three balls constantly moving in the air without dropping them. Or chainsaws. I don't know, seems risky to me. You should teach a class though.

LANCE  
What do you mean?

ALLY  
Well since you juggled in middle school of course! You wouldn't lie to me, right?

LANCE  
'course not.

INT. AIRPORT PARKING GARAGE- DAY

Lance and Ally wait with a group of people for the elevator. The elevator doors open. They walk inside.

INT. AIRPORT PARKING GARAGE- DAY

Lance and Erika get off the elevator. Erika rummages around in her purse.

ERIKA

My car's over here hon.

Erika clicks the keys and a car beeps.

LANCE

Couldn't you have taken your dad's car? You know I hate your car, Al-

Lance looks up and sees Erika. Erika cocks her head innocently.

INT. ERIKA'S CAR- DAY.

Lance and Erika get into her car. Erika turns it on and they start driving.

Beat.

Ally and Cameron pop up from the backseat.

ALLY

You jet-lagged babe? You seem pretty pale?

CAMERON

Yeah you look like you've seen a ghost.

Lance starts blubbering. The car comes to a halt.

ERIKA

Well! This is your stop.

Lance stares at her. Then scrambles out of the car. Erika's car drives away, leaving a disheveled Lance on the sidewalk.

End.