

# The Gas Station



## Synopsis

Happily ever after is what Lynette and Roger thought they were heading for on their way from Kentucky to Nevada. The daughter of a race track owner and the son of a stable manager believed that love could conquer all; but in a small town somewhere in the southwest they find themselves wondering if they have the courage of their convictions.

On a warm August night after eloping, the star-crossed lovers begin their journey across the states where Roger has been promised a job as a stable manager in Reno. En route, stopping at a gas station in a tiny, backwater town in Arkansas, Roger mistakenly leaves Lynette in the restroom. Back on the road Roger eventually discovers that Lynette is missing and u-turns back to the station. Yet due to an impending tornado that forced Lynette to seek shelter during the night, she is no longer there upon his return. Not knowing whether *she* ran back to her parents or whether *he* left her out in the middle of nowhere on purpose, the two spend three days weaving themselves in and out of the lives of those who inhabit the forgotten hamlet where transients and lost souls reside.

While waiting to see if Roger will return, Lynette hooks up with Susie, a waitress at the local diner who is passionate yet fiercely independent insisting that Lynette stay at her at the Cactus Corral Trailer Park. During her stay, Lynette reflects on her life back in Kentucky, what she was ultimately running from and where the future might take her.

Roger's search for Lynette leads him to Honey, another waitress from the diner. Her loneliness pushes her to lie to Roger about Lynette's whereabouts. In him, Honey finds a respite from her solitude and a fellow inmate at the Blue Moon Motel. And in her, Roger sees what regret can do to a soul and how redemption can sometimes come at a cost.

Eventually, a young man will realize that anything worth having is worth fighting for and a young woman will discover that in our hearts lays the courage to choose our own road and with time and patience, will eventually reveal where it will lead us.