

Visiting Mom's Family in Oklahoma

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The strangers say hi at the Piggly Wiggly grocery stores, compliment my gold necklace, tell me I'm as beautiful as a Southern Belle, ask where I got my Gucci shoes. "Wow, New York!"

"The people here are too fucking nice," I say to my mom.

"They're not really nice, hun," she says, handing me a glass of whiskey. "They're just Southerners."

