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BABS: Driving carefully is good.

BOB: Driving defensively is good.

BABS: Driving obsessed is something else entirely.

BOB: On the Road.

BABS: By Peg Ratliff.

A man and a woman are seated as in a car. The man is in what would be the driver's seat.

BABS: Oh honey, I'm so glad we're making this trip.

BOB: I think visiting your mom and dad's retirement center is a great idea.

BABS: (Settles in seat) I'm ready. Let's go.

BOB: Let me just—(reaches to “adjust” the mirror). There. (Takes hand away; reaches back up.) There.

BABS: It's a beautiful day for a trip.

BOB: I'll just make sure my seat is just right—(Pretends to adjust seat back, then forward, then back; looks at wife who smiles patiently.) Ready?

BABS: Ready, dear.

BOB: Oops—seat belt. (The woman smiles) Got the map?

BABS: And the directions. Right here. Let's go.

BOB: (Starts to drive, but stops.) Wait a minute.

BABS: What is it?

(Bob gets out and leans around as if he is over the windshield. He gets his thumb wet, pretends to rub the glass, and then rubs with elbow; gets back in the car.)

BOB: (To wife) Smudge.

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