

Casual Hotwire

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EXT. RESTUARANT

Three people exit a restaurant slowly. They are all laughing, but the laughter is slowly winding down into a silent preparation to leave.

Matt, mid-20's, steps apart from the group.

MATT

Well guys, I think I gotta head out. It was a great meal. I'll see you all early tomorrow for golf? If we can all make it after those bottomless margs!

ANDY

Yeah, of course man.

Matt daps up the other two and goes to head out. The other two, Andy and Devin, stand and order an uber together.

ANDY (CONT'D)

Matt you sure you're chill to drive back?

MATT

(Calling back)

Yeah, I'm good.

Matt meanders to a beat up green prius at the end of the parking lot. He eyes a shoe-sized rock on the ground and picks it up. He tosses it up and down in his hand for second.

ANDY

How long on the uber?

DEVIN

Five minutes. Why'd he pick up a rock?

ANDY

What're you talking about?

DEVIN

Dude look at Matt right now. He just picked up a rock. Kinda weird.

ANDY

Maybe he's a rock collector? I don't know. All my sister told me about him was that he likes WWE, loves riding his dirtbike, and always quotes Dane Cook.

DEVIN
That all was very evident.

Andy and Devin watch intently as Matt loudly coughs and with the cough smashes open the front window of the prius.

DEVIN (CONT'D)
(quietly to Andy)
Did he--Did he just//

ANDY
Yup. Yup he did.

DEVIN
Should we say something?

ANDY
We have to right?

DEVIN
(Shouting to Matt)
Hey man, everything good over there?

Matt confusedly looks back.

MATT
All good.

DEVIN
What're you doing?

MATT
Oh this. Yeah I just forgot my keys inside.

DEVIN
You could just go get them.

MATT
Oh nah man, this is fine.

Matt awkwardly crawls in through the shattered window.

ANDY
How's he going to start the car with no keys?

DEVIN
I have no idea.

ANDY
Is he...is he hotwiring it?

DEVIN

I thought that was only in movies.

The Prius revs to life.

ANDY

He seems to have gotten it.

Matt slowly wheels the prius around the lot to Andy and Devin, who both look on horrified. The half-shattered window is stained with blood and ripped shreds of shirt, but Matt has a big goofy smile. As raises his hand to wave goodbye blood gushes out. Andy points to his own hand attempting to alert Matt, but matt just waves him off mouthing the words "it's nothing."

Matt wheels out of the lot, and swerves onto the road haphazardly.

DEVIN

(Shouting after him)

Wait you left your keys inside!

ANDY

Really?

DEVIN

What?