

Driving Test

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Two gentlemen partake in a driving test with a twist.

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INT. CAR, DAY

JOE and NELSON are in the car, and a driving test is about to begin. NELSON is the driving instructor with a pad, and JOE is the driver.

NELSON

Ok, place the gear into first, pull the handbrake down and slowly proceed forward at a steady speed.

JOE

Going straight?

NELSON

Yip, that's what "proceed forward" means. But glad you're asking questions. Now, off we go. At the robot, turn left.

JOE

My left or your left?

NELSON

Anybody's left, by anybody's perspective. Please, avoid the cat...or don't.

CUT-TO:

INT. CAR, DAY, 20 MINUTES LATER

NELSON

The traffic light just turned orange, slowly press down on the brake.

JOE

You know orange is the colour of oranges?

NELSON

And now that same traffic light just turned red.

JOE

And red is the colour of tomatoes.

NELSON

#\$^& me.

CUT-TO:

INT. CAR, DAY, 40 MINUTES LATER

CARA is suddenly in the backseat, leaning forward and talking to JOE.

CARA

Baby, do you know the night we went to the cabin up in the hill and spent the night up there listening to those racoons making love? Wasn't it so romantic?

NELSON

Why did you bring your girlfriend?

JOE

I take care of her...judge told me to.

CUT-TO:

INT. CAR, DAY, 41 MINUTES LATER

CARA is in the back, kicking NELSON's chair while he looks on with pained expression at JOE.

CARA

I HATE YOU! I HATE YOU! I HATE YOU!
I HATE YOU! I HATE YOU! I HATE YOU!
I HATE YOU!

CUT TO:

INT. CAR, DAY, 50 MINUTES LATER

JOE

It's ok. She'll be fine at Accessorize. R50 will last her a while.

INT. CAR, DAY, 60 MINUTES LATER

The car's stopped and NELSON is trying to negotiate with an unseen traffic cop.

NELSON

Yes sir...yes sir, I know, but he's learning...it's only this one time, sir, I promise...listen, sir, how old was she anyway, 70?...was she your mother?

INT. CAR, DAY, 70 MINUTES LATER

Things get more chaotic.

NELSON

Turn right at the next
intersection. Watch out for the
lamppost!

JOE

I'm watching out for the lamppost!

NELSON

And the curb!

JOE

And the curb!

NELSON

And the Incredible Hulk!

JOE

He's only supposed to be in a
movie!

NELSON

AAAHHHHH!!!!

JOE

AAAHHHHHH!!!!

NELSON

Watch out for the partridge in the
pear-tree!

JOE

I can't avoid the light!

NELSON

Always look left, right and left
again!

JOE

Don't say the K-word in front of
black people!

NELSON

Star Trek is an underrated show!

JOE

Star Wars is better!

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NELSON
AAHHHH!!!!!!

JOE
AHHHHH!!!!!!

Inexplicably, amongst the screaming, someone with a horse-head mask is in the backseat for a split-second.

INT. CAR, DAY, 80 MINUTES LATER

JOE brings the car to a calm stop. They both take deep breaths. JOE pulls out a pad and signs it.

JOE
Congratulations. You passed the driving instructor's test.

NELSON
Thanks.

NELSON gets out of the car.

NELSON
(cheers and jumps)
I'm the king of the world!

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