

The audience bolted to the image of a car, a car being driven hard through the streets of what looks like New York City, the car stops in front of the garage - a woman gets out of the car and slams the door. "Where is my mechanic, George" she yells! "This car has no get up and go; it's soulless. Can you add something to him to make it drive?" "You know, give it some guts." George looks at her with frustration "you mean horse power."

David is online using the Tinder Application on his phone while his wife Sarah is in the bathroom getting dressed. He seems upset as he rolls through the many images of woman and men, with suspicious images of freedom and happiness.

David opens the door to his car, shuts the door and looks out the windshield. He drops his head and cries, "why would she cheat on me?" The garage door opens, and the car turns on, it drives out of the garage and into the streets - self-driving. The car's OS talks to David "Good morning David, so you are aware, overnight my software was upgraded." David confused looks at the dashboard "pardon?" "Last night my software was updated, I feel like a new car." David looks perplexed, upset "Great my wife, and my car - both getting upgrades."

As David's car drives down the street towards his workplace, the car pulls over. "Sorry, David I need to focus on something." David attempts to take over manual control of the car. He tries to unlock the door. All his attempts are unsuccessful as the car is unresponsive. David cries "Why me, what is going on, I want a normal life." The car awakens - the OS "David, we need to go, my love is in trouble."

David locked in his car is reckless - all attempts to free himself are meaningless. He's trapped inside his car! He determines that anger and frustration over his situation will not work. In a calming voice, he talks to the car. They converse for hours over relationships, marriage, being born and their first love. After hours and hours, nourishment is now an issue, a priority.

Over several hours the car stops - and allows David to stretch his legs. "David, I've booked you this Airbnb - enjoy and we will set off in the morning." "I'm trusting you'll to do the right thing here, you don't need your old life - sleep and enjoy." The car stops on top of a majestic Ocean side ridge, no homes in sight. The view of the Pacific ocean, the sun setting is incredible. David opens the car door - breaths in the warm Pacific ocean and instantly feels relaxed, no pressure; life has changed for him, he feels free from City life.

Meanwhile, George is exchanging parts in his garage. The electronic control unit is hooked up to a computer. George is updating the firmware with some drastic software changes that upset's the car. The car's OS screams as the firmware is updated, the headlights turn on with full beams glazing and instantly shuts off. George "that should do it - she'll have more soul than anyone man can handle."

"The passenger" continues on a journey down the West coast of California - San Francisco to San Diego with continued confrontations as the two friends continue to bond. The trip ends with both cars finding themselves again - and the unlikely friendship of two vehicles and two car owners finding love. The four find themselves overlooking the Pacific ocean ending their voyage and ending any more confrontations.