

Lukas - Mobility

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INT. CINEMA. MOVIE THEATER. DAY

You "wake up" in a movie theater with only the chair you are sitting on and some kind of box next to you. The lights fade off and a projection starts. A person appears on screen. LUKAS, 23 sits on a wheelchair and looks confident and relaxed. Behind him lies the main entrance of The University of Applied Sciences of Sankt Pölten.

LUKAS

Hey! My name is Lukas, nice to meet you! Oh and if you see me sitting here, don't think it's because I'm lazy. Well, I might be just a little bit, but...

Lukas laughs nonchalantly, shrugging it off in a joking manner. He recomposes swiftly and keeps talking.

LUKAS

I'm actually in a wheelchair.

He moves backwards a bit so the chair can be seen, gets back and resumes talking.

LUKAS

Yep, I've been like this for the last 5 of my 23 years of life, car accident.

He raises his arms in a joking manner and speaks sarcastically.

LUKAS

"Oh my God! Such a pity!" You must be thinking. Well, it's certainly a bummer, but it's not necessarily hell on earth. Also most people are really sympathetic and willing to help.

He grimaces.

LUKAS

Well, some people can get a little bit too friendly.

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Lukas is packing and getting ready to leave class. Suddenly someone grabs his wheelchair and starts pushing.

LUKAS(V.O)
Some people don't understand that
we may not like being touched
unprompted or without consent.

STUDENT
Here, let me help you.

Lukas tries to look around puzzled.

LUKAS
Wait, who are you? Erm, excuse me?

They get away from the tables and the student leaves.

STUDENT
You're welcome!

LUKAS
What?

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He ponders his next thoughts for a second.

LUKAS
You see, I have always been somewhat
of a healthy guy, I jogged, did gym
a bit and all that but I never
truly got into sports. However,
after the accident I obviously got
in a very bad spot.

He gasps and hesitates for a moment.

LUKAS
Nonetheless, I was recommended to
try basketball for rehab, and when
I did, somehow some joy came back
to me.

His eyes brighten and smiles confidently.

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LUKAS

I loved it! And I wanted everyone
to feel like me. And then it hit
me, I decided what I wanted to
study.

Lukas lays back relaxed.

LUKAS

And that's how I ended up here on
FH St.Pölten, I'm going to study
Physiotherapy and scoring some
points at the basketball court
while I'm at it.

He reclines looking right in front of him.

LUKAS

So, are you up to join me on a day
through uni and score some hoops?
Then you better put on those
glasses over there!

FADE TO GAME