

FDMAT - Week 6

By Three Kids in a Closet

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1 INT. OFFICE - CRAIG'S CUBICLE

Craig scrolls through a list of cars on sale on Craigslist. He finds a car he likes for \$700, and he's like,

CRAIG

Ooo.

2 INT. CHEAP CAR - DAY

Craig sits in the driver's seat, the owner in the passenger seat. The car is old and musty. The owner beams. Craig starts the car and puts it into gear, and it grinds a little bit. He looks at the owner.

OWNER 1

(still beaming)

It does that, but it's not a problem.

Craig, kind of satisfied with that answer, pulls onto the road. No sooner does he get started than the car makes another grinding sound, coasts to a halt, and pukes smoke from under the hood. Craig watches stupefied through the windshield as a tire rolls past.

Beat.

OWNER 1

(still beaming)

So what do you think?

3 INT. OFFICE - CRAIG'S CUBICLE

Craig scrolls through a list of cars on sale on Craigslist. He finds a car he likes for \$5,000, and he's like,

CRAIG

Ooo. Better.

4 INT. CAR - MIDDLE-CLASS DRIVEWAY - DAY

Craig sits in the driver's seat, smiling, the owner in the passenger seat.

CRAIG

So I have a question. Do the tires randomly come off?

The owner gives him a concerned look. Craig's smile falters, and he starts the car.

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TIME CUT

They pull back into the driveway. Craig turns off the the engine, breathes a sigh of relief, and smiles.

CRAIG

I'll take it.

(beat)

My favorite feature is the lack of smoke.

The owner gives him another concerned look.

5 INT. OWNER 2'S HOUSE - LATER

The owner hands Craig a couple of papers.

OWNER 2

I'll need you to sign these.

CRAIG

(taking the papers absently)

Can we talk about a payment plan? I can do, like, \$100 a month.

OWNER 2

(incredulously)

I was thinking payment in full.

CRAIG

(taken aback)

But I don't... \$5,000.

OWNER 2

What you need is a loan.

Craig mulls over this for a moment.

CRAIG

Can you make an exception in my case?

Beat.

OWNER 2

No.

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INT. OFFICE - CRAIG'S CUBICLE

Craig, at his computer, types "LOAN?????????????????" into a search engine. He scrolls aimlessly, looking dumbfounded.

Giving up, Craig pokes his head over the cubicle barrier to talk to Yong Man (not a typo; it's his name), the young man who helped him with Craig's report before. Yong is working on something at his desk.

CRAIG

Psst. Hey, Excel solves all things, right?

YONG

(looking up at Craig)

Well, in your case...

CRAIG

Can Excel give me a loan?

YONG

What do you need a loan for?

CRAIG

I need a car for some very good valid reasons.

YONG

Mm-kay. Well, it can help you create an amortization schedule to help you *pay off* a loan.

CRAIG

Oh, good. Can you show me how to do that?

YONG

(cheerfully)

Sure.

CRAIG

Also, can you loan me \$5,000?

Beat.

YONG

(blank-faced)

No.