

Episode 6 - Craig Takes a Test Drive

By Three Kids in a Closet

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INT. OFFICE - CRAIG'S CUBICLE

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

CRAIG

Ooo.

INT. CHEAP CAR - DAY

Craig sits in the driver's seat, the owner (Richard) in the passenger seat. The car is old and musty.

Craig starts the car and puts it into gear, and it grinds. Startled, he quickly releases the gear shift. He shoots the owner a concerned glance for confirmation.

RICHARD

Oh! Yes-yes-yes.

(gathers his thoughts)

You turn on the radio and you will
not even hear it, I think.

Craig, unconvinced, turns on the radio. Soothing classical music fills the car. Craig puts the car in gear. The grinding is still audible over the radio.

He pulls out onto the road.

CRAIG

Oh, it's not bad. Does it--

RICHARD

(quickly)

Yes, it does. I think.

The car grinds like a banshee. Coasts to a halt. Pukes smoke from under the hood. Soothing classical music still plays.

Craig watches stupefied through the windshield as his hub cap rolls past.

Beat.

RICHARD

(confidently)

So, you will love it, I think!

INT. OFFICE - CRAIG'S CUBICLE

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

CRAIG
Ooo. Better.

INT. CAR - MIDDLE-CLASS DRIVEWAY - DAY

Craig sits in the driver's seat, smiling, the owner (a well-put-together man in a polo, with a heavily defined part in his hair; we'll call him Polo Dave) in the passenger seat.

CRAIG
Do the hub caps randomly come off?

Polo Dave gives him a concerned look. Craig fakes a laugh.

CRAIG (CONT'D)
(turning on the car)
Of course they don't. What am I saying?

TIME CUT

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

CRAIG
I'll take it.

INT. POLO DAVE'S HOUSE - LATER

Polo Dave hands Craig a couple of papers.

POLO DAVE
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.

POLO DAVE
(incredulously)
I was thinking payment in full.

CRAIG
(taken aback)
But I don't... \$5,000.

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POLO DAVE
What you need is a loan.

Craig mulls this over for a moment.

CRAIG
(hopefully)
Can you make an exception in my
case?

Beat.

POLO DAVE
No.

INT. OFFICE - CRAIG'S CUBICLE

2-SECOND SHOT: Craig, at his computer, types
"LOAN?????????????" into a search engine.

INT. OFFICE - YONG MAN'S CUBICLE

Yong is working diligently at his computer. Craig pokes his
head in the cubicle.

CRAIG
Psst. Hey, Excel solves all things,
right? 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
(smiling indulgently)
Sure.

CRAIG
(hopefully)
Also, can you loan me \$5,000?

Beat.

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YONG
(blank-faced)
No.

FADE TO BLACK