

# **UBER PROBLEMS**

**Spec script for webisode**

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EXT. BUSY ROAD IN L.A. - DAY

An Uber taxi, actually a beat up car that looks 20 years old, pulls over to pick up a passenger, ALLIE. The driver is TANIA. For the whole scene, the camera is fixed so we are looking into the car through the front windshield. The driver and passengers are visible the whole time. The camera doesn't move during the scene.

ALLIE

(annoyed)

Hey, is it Tania? You're late.

TANIA

(stressed, talking fast)

Yeah hi, I'm so sorry, its my first day, and my car's been giving me Problems... and I've only got like 5% battery left on my phone, and left my charger at home...

ALLIE

Wait, it's your first day? You mean, first day on the job?

TANIA

(proudly)

Yeah I just started as an Uber driver today. You're literally like my first Passenger ever.

ALLIE

(to herself)

Ah, shit.

TANIA

Hey any chance you have an iPhone cable?  
My phone's totally out of juice.

ALLIE

(really annoyed)

Seriously? First you're late and now you're telling me your phone's gonna die?

TANIA

(sheepishly)

I know, my bad, I'll get it together. Working on it.

ALLIE

So we've got to get across town quickly. I'm late for an audition.

TANIA

Wait, you're an actress? No way, me too!

ALLIE

Oy vey. Just what I need, more competition.

TANIA

Let me guess, you're going to that open call for *Turd Journey*? That new show on Clomper?

ALLIE

(distracted, checking her phone)

Uh, yeah, that's the one.

TANIA

No way, I was gonna audition for that too, but my agent told me it's a shit role. And apparently the director is kinda rapey. So, I was like, hell to the no.

ALLIE

Rapey? What are you talking about? Is that even a word?

TANIA

Sure it is, hello, hash tag Me Too?

ALLIE

Yeah, but "rapey"... poor word choice. And also, I heard it's an amazing role, so your agent must be on crack.

TANIA

Whatever. Oh shit, I gotta pull over.

The car abruptly pulls over and another passenger, JESS, gets in. She's in the middle of a breakup phone conversation with her boyfriend.

JESS

(nearly hysterical)

I've been calling and texting for three days and now you decide to call me? You asshole! I hate you!

ALLIE

Hey! What the hell! Why are we picking *her* up?

TANIA

She's going to the same place, no biggie, we'll still make it on time.

ALLIE

I am so going to *bomb* this audition.

JESS

(still yelling hysterically)

Screw you! I don't care if you were in a coma or whatever! You should have known I'd be worried sick about you! You don't just ghost on me! Just man up and admit to what you did!

ALLIE and TANIA look a little shell shocked as JESS rants and raves like a complete lunatic.

ALLIE

Please god, are we there yet?

TANIA

Yep, if the traffic doesn't get worse.

JESS

Go to hell you prick! I am unfriending you from everything right now! Go back to your coma! You can die for all I care!!

JESS hangs up on the phone and tries to regain her composure.

TANIA

Hey, everything OK? That sounded *intense*.

JESS

Huh? Yeah. I guess. I just fucking hate men right now.

ALLIE

(gingerly)

Hey, so you're auditioning for *Turd Journey*?

JESS

Oh yeah, I am. At least I thought I was. I am in no condition to audition right now.

ALLIE

(trying not to sound too happy)

I totally understand. It's a pretty demanding role, you really need to bring your A game.

TANIA

Hey, we're here!

TANIA starts to slow the car down. At the same time, JESS gets a phone call.

JESS

You're calling me? Again? What is *wrong* with you Oleg? Do they teach all you guys in Russia how to totally piss off women? Drop dead you freak!

JESS hangs up the phone. TANIA takes her eyes off the road and looks back at JESS.

TANIA

Oleg? Your boyfriend's name is Oleg?

JESS

Yeah, he's a bastard. Says he went into a coma when he got drunk at his winery and hit his head on a wine barrel or something.

ALLIE

(to TANIA, a little nervous)

Hey, watch the road.

TANIA

(agitated)

No fucking way. Oleg the Merlot Man? I was seeing him too! When he was a bartender!

TANIA's still not looking at the road. Both ALLIE and JESS scream.

ALLIE AND JESS

Look out!!

Their car crashes full speed into the car in front of them. They sit dazed and confused. The driver of the other car gets out and starts yelling at them.

ALLIE

Yeah, I'm definitely bombing this audition.

The other driver is still yelling at them, and the cars behind them start honking their horns.

TANIA

So yeah... break a leg guys! And leave me a good review, that would be *awesome*... grab a mint on your way out, they're cinnamon Altoids, they're *the best*.

JESS

(dazed)

Thanks, I guess.

ALLIE

(to noone in particular)

I guess this would be a good time to share. Oleg was my boyfriend too. Before the bartending. Small world, huh?

JESS and TANIA stare at ALLIE in disbelief.

JESS

Fucking Russians.

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