

FRANNIE FINEMAN

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CLERK

Big foul up. Black River was left off all the drivers' itineraries so they've all been roaring right past on the interstate.

BO

How'd that happen?

CLERK

Nobody knows. Started yesterday afternoon, and they still haven't straightened it out. Seems a simple thing to fix, doesn't it? But people do what the paperwork tells them, and the paperwork says no Black River.

BO

Will there be a bus tomorrow?

CLERK

Oh yeah. This mess can't go on forever.

Bo is not so sure.

CUT TO:

EXT. FORD DEALERSHIP - DAY

The large sign advertises, new, used and rental cars and trucks.

INT. DEALERSHIP

Bo is trying to rent a car from FRANNIE FINEMAN. The paperwork has been done. Frannie swipes Bo's American Express card through the verification machine and punches in the expiration date.

FRANNIE

Now, I have a white Taurus and a green Taurus. Actually it's not really green but more of a teal. Very pretty.

BO

Either one would be fine.

FRANNIE

White then?

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BO
Yes, white, fine.

FRANNIE
Oh dear --

BO
What?

FRANNIE
I'm sorry but your card has been declined.

BO
That's impossible. Try again.

The phone RINGS. Frannie picks it up.

FRANNIE
Black River Ford. Yes. Oh. Ok.
Yes, I understand.

(hangs up)
That was American Express. They called to confirm that your card is indeed canceled. Very efficient.

BO
(sarcastic)
Very.
(takes out a Mastercard)
Try this one.

Frannie swipes it, punches a number --

FRANNIE
Nope. Declined too. I'm sorry.

BO jumps to his feet. This is crazy --

BO
This is crap!

Frannie looks hurt. BO gets his anger under control and sits back down.

BO (cont'd)
Is there a taxi company in this town?

FRANNIE
Yes.

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BO

Can I use your phone?

FRANNIE

(small-town helpful)

I'll dial it for you --

Frannie dials the number and hands Bo the receiver. It rings twice and then is picked up --

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Ray's Pizzeria!

Bo hangs up. This is getting bad. Panic rises in his throat. He swallows it back down.

BO

(thinking)

What's the cheapest car you have on the lot?

CUT TO:

EXT. FORD DEALERSHIP - DAY

Bo and Frannie stand in front of a 12 year old Ford Escort. It looks like it came by way of Sierra Leone. A sign on the windshield has the price slashed to \$1000. Bo opens his wallet and counts his money. No more than \$300.

BO

Take a check?

FRANNIE

Afraid not.

BO

I'll be back with the money. Please make sure the stinker runs.

CUT TO:

EXT. BLACK RIVER STREET - DAY

Bo is again marching down the main street. He's heading for the local bank at the end of the street.

THE PHONE

outside the pharmacy again starts to RING. Bo ignores it.