

Annoying Passenger

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INT. CAR - DAY

It is a sunny day. HARRY (25) in casual clothes is driving an affordable car with a plastic interior. In the passenger side is his FATHER (60) in a cardigan. They are passing through a straight, quiet country road. A lone tree approaches. A right turn is a few seconds away.

FATHER
Tree coming up...

A pigeon flies overhead.

FATHER
Pigeon...

HARRY, clearly annoyed takes the turn. Now houses on both sides of the road are seen.

FATHER
Turn just behind us...

HARRY
For God's sake I know!!

The FATHER looks offended.

FATHER
Just trying to help. That's all.

HARRY
How is telling me what I've done helping me?? And why point out the pigeon??

A cat is seen laying on a garden, ahead.

FATHER
Cat chilling out...

HARRY grips the steering wheel hard.

HARRY
I don't care!

A squirrel runs in front of the car, nearly getting run over.

FATHER
Squirrel.

HARRY shakes his head in disbelief.

HARRY
And why did you point that out?

FATHER
You could have run it over...

HARRY only gets madder.

HARRY
Good!!

FATHER
That's my boy!

HARRY widens his eyes.

HARRY
Sorry, what?

The FATHER shrugs his shoulders.

FATHER
Never mind.

A car approaches HARRY and his FATHER. It is soon seen the other DRIVER is a 50 year old man. He winds down his window and shouts to HARRY as he passes.

OTHER DRIVER
Car approaching!

The car soon disappears from view.

HARRY
This is getting too weird for me,
sorry.

FATHER
Fed up driver...

HARRY
Was that supposed to be funny?

FATHER
Driver asking rhetorical question...

Harry presses a button on the dashboard, turning on the radio. Pop music plays.

FATHER
Just pressed a button...

HARRY nods.

HARRY
Yep.

FATHER
Rubbish music.

HARRY
I disagree.

HARRY bops his head up and down in time with the music.

FATHER
Strange dancing...

HARRY
Strange dancing?? You dance then!

HARRY stops, but the FATHER wiggles his hands, arms and body in a funny way.

HARRY
What's that?

The FATHER continues.

FATHER
What's what?

HARRY
Why are you moving like you have mental difficulties?

The FATHER stops dancing and frowns.

FATHER
Mental difficulties??

HARRY
Yes.

FATHER
I'll show you someone with mental difficulties. Turn on the Lego podcast, it's on right now.

HARRY
No. I just want to drive without you bugging me.

FATHER
I'll do it, then.

The FATHER presses a button. JAMES is heard.

JAMES
Screw you, Dan! You doofus! You moron! Idiot! Fool! Pleb! Bleb!
(MORE)

JAMES (cont'd)
 Blebleb Bleb bleb bleb bleb bleb bleb
 BLEB! Bub bub bub bub bub bub bub bub
 bub bub bubble bubble bleb bleb
 bebble bibble bobble bleb!!!! Bleb
 bleb bleb bleb! Bub bub bub bob bob
 bob bib bib bib bob...

HARRY talks over the show.

HARRY
 Ok, I get the point.

JAMES continues. The FATHER looks serious.

JAMES
 Wubble bubble dubble fubble gubble
 fubble rubble kubble tubble pubble.

JAMES turns the show off.

HARRY
 Fine. You're not as annoying as him.

FATHER
 Sometimes I see James in my sleep.

HARRY looks scared.

HARRY
 You do?

FATHER
 Yes. Sometimes I wonder if I'm
 turning into him. Bleb.

HARRY
 I'm sorry?

FATHER
 I'm just bleb saying I wonder if I'm
 bleb turning into him bleb.

HARRY
 What does bleb mean?

FATHER
 I don't know!

A large building is seen on the right, getting closer. By its side is a car park. HARRY looks relieved.

HARRY
 Well look at that, we're here
 already. That wasn't so bad. Now
 let's not talk again.

HARRY parks by the building and the FATHER gets out of the car. HARRY drives off as his DAD walks inside the place. HARRY then talks to himself.

HARRY
Wow, with my dad not pointing things out, I'm going to have to concentrate extra hard...

A turn to the left is a few seconds ahead. HARRY keeps driving straight however, and crashes.

HARRY
Oh no. Ohhhhh bleb.

HARRY freezes with fear.

HARRY
AAAARGH!