

Hit and Run

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FADE IN:

EXT. SUBURBAN HOUSE - NIGHT

It's a quiet Sunday evening. It's dead silent, save for a single basketball THUMPING against the ground. MAIA (17) is shooting hoops repeatedly, continually getting more careless with her throws.

MAIA
(to herself)
She shoots, she scores!

She completely misses her shot. Her smile instantly fades. Maia gets the ball and walks back.

MAIA (CONT'D)
(sincerely)
It's okay Maia, you'll get 'em
next time.

An old car pulls into the neighbor's driveway. LILY (17) and her family get out of the car, they are all dressed in black. They make their way to the front door, holding each other close.

Lily looks over and sees Maia holding her ball, staring back at her. She waves at her with a small smile on her face. She gives a short, weak smile back and joins her family inside.

Maia backs up to the far end of the driveway. The silence builds around her as she prepares for her shot. Maia throws the ball at the hoop, but it bounces off the rim into the Lily's yard.

CRACK. Maia recoils. The damage isn't visible, but it's clear she knows what just happened.

MAIA (CONT'D)
Oh shit.

Maia runs over to her Lily's house, frantically looking for the ball.

MAIA (CONT'D)
Shit, shit, shit.

She sees the ball next to the car parked on the driveway and rushes toward it. She reaches down to quickly pick up the rolling ball.

Maia walks up the driveway to check out the sound. She pauses for a brief moment, taking in the newly broken windshield. She walks up to Lily's door and takes a deep breath.

As she hovers her finger over the doorbell, she sees Lily and her family through the window. They appear to be distraught. Upon seeing them, Maia goes back to her house.

EXT. SUBURBAN HOUSE - DAY

As Maia reverses out of her driveway, she sees Lily standing at the end of her driveway.

She immediately brakes, jerking the car to a halt. Lily skips to the driver's side door and KNOCKS furiously on the window. Maia hesitantly rolls down her window.

LILY

(quickly)

Hey, um, Maia right? Lily, you know, your neighbor. So my car's windshield is broken and I need to get to school, could you give me a ride?

Maia nods, motioning Lily to get in the car. Lily walks to the other side of the car and gets in.

LILY (CONT'D)

Thank you.

Maia nods again, reversing out of the driveway.

INT. CAR - MOVING - DAY

Maia and Lily are driving in complete silence. It's getting really awkward. Lily is visibly upset about her car. Maia notices and musters up the courage to ask her a question.

MAIA

(quietly)

So what happened to your car?

LILY

(flatly)

Well, my windshield somehow broke overnight.

Maia nods.

MAIA

Is it the old one?

Lily looks at Maia.

LILY

What is?

MAIA

Uh, your car.

LILY

Well, it's not my car, it's my grandpa's. It 's one of the last things I have of his.

MAIA

Oh. I'm really sorry, Lily.

LILY

I mean yesterday was already pretty shitty.

(sighing)

How does a windshield just... break?! Did you hear anything last night?

Maia purses her lips and shakes her head. They continue on in silence, Maia staring directly out the windshield and Lily staring nowhere in particular.

MAIA

(abruptly)

How'd you sleep?

Lily slowly turns to Maia. She's confused. It's quiet for a second.

LILY

What?

MAIA

Oh. I just, uh, asked how you slept.

LILY

No, I heard you. Um, honestly, not great. What about you?

MAIA
(awkwardly)
I didn't sleep too great
either...

Lily nods and stares out the window.

EXT. SUBURBAN HOUSE - DAY

Maia walks out of her house and sees Lily standing on the passenger side of her car. She is caught off guard.

MAIA
Oh, hey- what are you doing here?

LILY
(shyly)
My car's still broken...

Maia gives her a small smile and gestures for her to get in the car.

INT. CAR - MOVING - CONTINUOUS

Maia and Lily fasten their seatbelts. Maia turns the ignition to start the car.

MAIA
So when will your car be fixed?

LILY
Oh I don't know, it might be a
while.

Lily smiles out the window. Maia doesn't notice.

EXT. SUBURBAN HOUSE - DAY

Lily is waiting by Maia's car again, holding breakfast in her hands for the both of them. Maia grabs some and they both get into the car.

EXT. SCHOOL - DAY

Maia approaches Lily, who is standing with her friend. She welcomes her into the conversation. They all share a laugh.

EXT. SUBURBAN HOUSE - DAY

Maia is playing basketball on her driveway again. Lily walks by and holds her hands up indicating for Maia to pass her the ball. Maia hesitates for a second but still passes the ball. They shoot hoops together.

INT. CAR - MOVING - DAY

Maia and Lily are in the car together driving home from school. They are both looking forward.

MAIA

Yeah, I mean that pencil was stuck in the ceiling for like three weeks before she even noticed! Or, before it fell in her coffee.

Lily turns to face Maia and laughs. They pull up into Maia's driveway. Lily unbuckles her seat belt.

LILY

Thanks for the ride, see you tomorrow morning!

MAIA

Yeah! See you then!

She starts to get out of the car. Maia looks lost in thought for a second.

MAIA (CONT'D)

(quietly)

Um, hey Lily, can I tell you something?

Lily already has a foot out the door and her backpack in her arms. She doesn't hear Maia. She closes the door and walks away. Maia groans and hangs her head, accidentally knocking forward and hitting the horn.

EXT. SCHOOL PARKING LOT - DAY

Maia and Lily walk to Maia's car. As they get into the car, Maia asks her a question.

MAIA

Hey, do you wanna go get a coffee with me?

LILY

Uh, sure!

Lily smiles.

MAIA

Cool.

They get in the car and drive towards the coffee shop.

EXT. COFFEE SHOP - DAY

Maia and Lily are sitting at a table outside, holding their drinks.

MAIA

So, uh, how did you-

LILY

Sleep?

(laughing)

I slept great. How about you?

MAIA

(smiling)

Pretty great too.

They both take a sip from their drinks.

LILY

Thanks for inviting me.

MAIA

Yeah, of course.

LILY

No, I mean it. And thanks for taking me to school everyday. I've really enjoyed getting to spend time with you.

MAIA

Really it's no problem. I have too.

LILY

At least there's something good that came out of the broken windshield.

Lily chuckles. Maia sips her coffee and flashes a nervous smile.

MAIA

Yeah...

She takes a deep breath, then looks at Lily.

EXT. SUBURBAN HOUSE - EVENING

Maia pulls up to the curb and puts the car in park.

LILY

Thanks for getting coffee with me today. I had a lot of fun!

MAIA

No problem.

LILY

Alright, see you tomorrow!

Lily unbuckles her seatbelt and reaches for the door.

MAIA

Um, really quick. There's something I should probably tell you.

LILY

Yeah, what is it?

Lily turns back towards Maia with a confused look on her face.

MAIA

I was the one who broke your windshield.

Maia taps the steering wheel for a few seconds.

LILY

What?

MAIA

Yeah, I didn't know how to tell you so... I guess I just waited till now.

Maia smiles awkwardly.

MAIA (CONT'D)

Sorry...

Lily stares back at Maia. She is shocked, but doesn't appear to be angry. They sit in silence for a few seconds. Lily opens the door and exits the car. She leans back in to say one last thing.

LILY

Just so you know, my car's been fixed for a while now. It doesn't take that long to fix a windshield.

MAIA

Lily! Wai-

Lily SLAMS the door, interrupting Maia.

EXT. SUBURBAN HOUSE - DAY

Maia walks out to her car again. She looks over towards Lily's house and sees her pulling out of the driveway in her grandpa's car. She sighs and gets into her car.

INT. CAR - MOVING - DAY

Maia is driving alone, tapping the steering wheel with her fingers. She is focused on the road.

MAIA

So, how'd you sleep? I-

She looks right, but there's no one there. She refocuses on the road ahead.

EXT. SUBURBAN HOUSE - DAY

Maia sits on the sidewalk, waiting for Lily to come home. Eventually, she sees her car pull up to her driveway and immediately gets up. Lily sees Maia and tries to avoid her.

LILY

Go away Maia.

MAIA

Lily wait! Please just hear me out.

Lily pauses and turns to face Maia as she walks towards her.

MAIA (CONT'D)

I'm sorry about your windshield,
I really am.

LILY

Yeah, you said that already. Why
didn't you just tell me in the
first place?

MAIA

I know, I don't ... know. I
should've just said something,
but I didn't, you just seemed so
upset that day and I didn't wanna
hurt you more, so I'm sorry,
okay? It was stupid of me, I
know.

LILY

Hurt me more? What are you
talking about?

MAIA

The day I broke your
windshield... weren't you coming
back from your grandpa's funeral?

LILY

Yeah it was... but you still
could've told me. I think I
deserved to know.

MAIA

You're right. But I just didn't
want you to, like, hate me
forever.

LILY

Why would you think that?

MAIA

Because I like you.

Lily stares at her with a shocked expression.

MAIA (CONT'D)

And this might sound so messed
up, but I'm really glad I broke
your windshield. We got to spend
so much time together, and I
just, I really l...

Lily kisses Maia, cutting her off.

LILY

And I like you too.

FADE OUT.

THE END