

Tell Them NAPA Sent You
Or
There Are Two Ways To Do This

A Short Comedy
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Approx: 15 Minutes

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Description

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It took James Joyce 816 pages to retell the story of Odysseus. We do it in 15 minutes and throw in a few dwarves, wizards and auto parts sales people as well. What a deal.

Cast

Max Elliot: Everyman looking for every part for every car.

Sales Girl: Would rather be somewhere else and probably chews gum.

NAPA man: Fast-talking with an encyclopedic knowledge of car parts

Dwarf: Kind of sounds like Dustin Hoffman's Rainman.

Siren: Innocent and causes trouble at the same. This young siren may not have sent ships crashing on the reefs, but she's probably caused a few bicyclists to wobble.

Urchin: If you've got a fast-talking, smart aleck 12-year-old hanging around who complains he's got nothing to do, this is the part for him.

Wizard: If you've got a slow talking, smart aleck old guy hanging around who complains he's got nothing to do, this is the part for him.

Girl: 18-40 years old. Romance is in the air for Max when he meets this damsel in distress.

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1 **SCENE 1: Car Won't Start**

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3 SFX Grinding of Car That Won't Start – couple of tries.

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5 MAX ELLIOT: (GROANS UNDER CAR) Ohhh, for Pete's sake.

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7 SFX Shop Ding Dong Bell

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9 SALES GIRL: Hi. Welcome to Bob Dunkin's
10 Chevrolet/Ford/Jeep/Kia. How may I help you?

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12 MAX: Hi, yeah, I've got this thing. I'm not sure what it is,
13 but I think I need a replacement. It's for a 2001
14 Khyber Passé.

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16 SALES GIRL: I'm sorry this is the parts department.

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18 MAX: Yeah, well, this is a part.

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20 SALES GIRL: What model did you say it was?

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22 MAX: A Khyber Passé. The Impaler.

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24 SALES GIRL: We don't service cars we don't sell.

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26 MAX: But, I bought it here.

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28 SALES GIRL: What year did you say?

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30 MAX: Ah, two thousand and one.

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32 SALES GIRL: Oh, we don't carry anything back that far.

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34 MAX: What do you mean? It's only two years old.

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36 SALES GIRL: Well, I've only been here two weeks, so I wouldn't
37 know.

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1 MAX: Can you suggest anything, any place I could try?
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3 SALES GIRL: No.
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5 MAX: Thanks.
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7 SALES GIRL: Glad I could be of assistance. Thanks, come again.
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9 SFX Shop Ding Dong Bell
10 SFX Different Shop Ding Dong Bell
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12 NAPA: (TALKING ON PHONE) ...yeah Joe, no, that 684 was
13 replaced in 1987 by the 685W on the domestic
14 models only, but if you have the original mounting
15 brackets you could probably get by with the D418—
16 maybe the D412. You might wanna pick up a
17 conversion kit. And a universal gasket. Yeah, right,
18 bye. (HANGS UP PHONE.)
19 Yup, what can I do for you?
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21 MAX: Hi, yeah, I've got this thing. I'm not sure what it is,
22 but I think I need a replacement part.
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24 NAPA: That's a Pre-emissions Master Flow Valve Sensor Unit.
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26 MAX: It's for a--
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28 NAPA: Yeah, a 2001 Khyber Passé Impaler. Probably the
29 Hatchback.
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31 MAX: You're right. Great.
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33 NAPA: Yeah oh, well, we don't carry stuff for that model.
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35 MAX: What do you mean, why not?
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1 NAPA: Well you see, the Khyber Passé is pretty much a
2 Bosnian knock-off of a Taiwanese Tao TurnAround,
3 which was originally designed to park between fire
4 hydrants and handicap spots. Then they made the
5 engine a little bigger and trunk a little smaller. Or was
6 it the other way around. Anyway, basically, you're
7 dealing with a disposable car. It doesn't need parts.
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9 MAX: A disposable car?

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11 NAPA: Yeah, like razors or VCRs. You use 'em up and throw
12 'em out. You're not supposed to fix 'em.
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14 MAX: But this car's only two years old. It runs fine. All it
15 needs is this one master flow valve thingy.
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17 NAPA: Probably cost you more than the car's worth.
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19 MAX: But I like this car. My mother likes this car. She says
20 it fits my personality.
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22 NAPA: Well, I'll tell you what. I don't know why I'm telling
23 you this, but I know of a place that does pretty good
24 generic knock-offs. It's a little bit hard to find, but
25 they might be able to fabricate something for you.
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27 MAX: Great. Wonderful.
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29 NAPA: You've go out past the Dark Mall. There's a Pizza
30 King, a light. Then another Pizza King. Then a
31 another light. Then take a right. You'll see two
32 doors. Knock on the lower door. Don't try the high
33 one. Tell 'em NAPA sent you.
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35 MAX: Thanks.
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37 SFX Shop Ding Dong Bell
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