

TARGET PRACTICE

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EXT. LONELY ROAD IN THE WOODS, DAY

A typical Sunday afternoon, hot and quiet. For a moment we watch a RED WARNING SIGN on the fence that stretches along with the Road. The sign reads

PRIVATE PROPERTY, ALL TRESPASSERS WILL BE PROSECUTED

Suddenly the peace is disturbed by the sound of a speeding truck approaching. As the car comes into view we hear two voices singing at the top of their lungs

INT. TRUCK, CONTINUOUS

RICHARD (25), is on the wheel. Eyes are barely on the road. He holds the steering wheel with one hand while the other rhythmically points at LILY (23), his girlfriend whom he is singing to.

They sing so loud that we can barely hear the radio playing. They are equally bad and neither of them notices, this is just perfect

Richard sees the sign

RICHARD
we are here

He slams the brakes forcefully just as he steers off the road

EXT. TRUCK/ROAD IN THE WOODS, CONTINUOUS

A cloud of dust covers the whole area. Lily coughs as she jumps out of the car.

LILY
who brakes like that

RICHARD (O.S)
I saw the sign. I had to stop

LILY
ever heard of something called
reverse? Some drivers use it

Richard jumps out of the car, he reaches for a ladder from the back as he speaks

RICHARD
If I put my car in reverse, it
might never move forwards again

He slides a Duffel bag towards Lily. She picks it

LILY
you should probably get it fixed.
whoah! what did you put in this
thing

RICHARD
Food, guns and stuff, Come on let's
go

Richard carries the ladder and Lily the duffel bag. They walk
towards the red warning sign

LILY
I still don't understand why we had
to bring guns, It's just a picnic

RICHARD
It's called being cautious, If
something attacks you, you will be
glad we brought them

LILY
your dad is going to kill us if he
finds out

RICHARD
He would be more disappointed if we
get killed by wild animals because
we were too afraid to steal his
guns, we are just borrowing them.
What's the worst that can happen

LILY
you could kill me

RICHARD
And be single for the rest of my
life? Not a chance. And if I kill
you, noone will know it was me the
guns are totally untraceable

LILY
yeah right, that makes me feel a
lot better. Why did you pick this
place for a picnic anyway

RICHARD
I guess you will find out

Richard places the ladder on the fence and holds it firmly
for Lily to climb

EXT. WOODS, LATER

Richard and Lily have set up their little picnic. They drink, eat and laugh. Enjoying every moment

LILY

No way, If you were a billionaire
you would be dating a model that's
for sure

RICHARD

so you think I am that shallow

LILY

I don't think so, I know so. All
guys are shallow

RICHARD

unbelievable, And girls are not?

Lily Pauses

LILY

(whispers)
did you hear that

RICHARD

hear what

LILY

shh

They listen closely.

Something is moving in the woods crushing dead leaves

Richard points

RICHARD

A deer

An antelope grazes in a distance

LILY

It's Antelope. Now this feels like
a picnic

Lily draws a gun from the duffel

RICHARD

No Lily, we are not poachers. Just
let it go

LILY

We are in a private forest with
guns, If anyone sees us they will
call us poachers anyway

RICHARD

Good point. See, this is why I will
never leave you for a hotter model.
(Lily shrugs)
Come on, put the silencer on, we
don't wanna alarm the warden

A MOMENT LATER

The couple slowly approaches the deer making sure they do not
startle it

RICHARD (CONT'D)

On my mark we fire as many shots as
we can, in case we miss the vital
organs

Lily agrees

Richard counts down from Five with his hand. They fire as he
gets to zero. Several shots miss the antelope but the few
that hit sends it to the ground

Lily exclaims

LILY

Wooooooooo!!! Nice shooting baby!

They high five.

MAN (O.S)

He--lp

They pause

RICHARD

What was that

LILY

It's coming from that Shrub

beat

They approach the source of the sound.

Behind the bush lays a man, the WARDEN in a green uniform,
Three gunshot wounds on the Chest and he is dying

LILY (CONT'D)

Oh my God. We Shot a man. Oh my God

RICHARD

Oh my God, Are you okay sir.

The warden Coughs and blood comes out through is mouth

LILY

ouh, We will get you to a an ambulance

She takes out her phone

RICHARD

Lily No, you can't do that

LILY

He is dying Richard, we have to help him.

RICHARD

We are trespassers and we just shot a warden and a deer. Do you think anyone is going to believe it was an accident

beat

LILY

So we just leave him here

RICHARD

We have to, Unless you wanna spend ten years in prison for attempted murder. Look, noone knows we are here, we just leave everything the way it is and they will blame it on someone else

Lily's phone beeps. She looks at it

LILY

Actually everyone knows we are here

She holds out her phone and there is a selfie they took as they climbed over the fence near the private property sign. there are over a hundred instagram likes

LILY (CONT'D)

it's gone viral

They look at the warden and he is already dead

LILY (CONT'D)

And we are officially murderers.

she sighs

RICHARD

Why are you suddenly calm

LILY

murderers are supposed to be calm
Richard. Otherwise they make
mistakes and get caught.

RICHARD

Will you stop saying that, we are
not murderers.

LILY

So can we tell the police about
this

RICHARD

no

LILY

(firmly)

Then we are murderers and you
should start acting like it
otherwise we are going to get
caught. We need to be smart about
this

Richard weighs options in his head, Lily is right. He gets to
the victim's head to pick him up.

RICHARD

Fine. Come on get the legs

LILY

No, no, What are you doing

RICHARD

We need to bury the body. Come on
it's almost dusk

LILY

Don't touch him, You never touch
the victim that is like getting
away with murder 101. I said we
need to be smart

RICHARD

So. What, We are going to leave him
here?

LILY
Exactly

RICHARD
Okay fine, let`s go home

LILY
Not quiet yet, first we need to
Make ourselves witnesses not
killers, that will keep away all
the suspicions. You still have the
Ring right

RICHARD
Yes, wait. How did you know about
the ring

LILY
come on

EXT. WOODS, LATER

Back at the picnic spot Richard has set up a DIGITAL CAMERA.
He starts to record.

Lily sits enjoying wine, like nothing ever happened, they are
in character.

LILY
Why are you recording this

RICHARD
(smiling)
because I want this moment to last
forever

LILY
That is sweet, shut it down! We are
trespassing remember

RICHARD
I will, in a second. But first

Richard draws a ring from his pocket

LILY
(glows)
Oh my God Richard! Yes!

RICHARD
I haven't even asked yet

LILY
too late, I said yes

RICHARD
I have a speech

LILY
Firstly you put that thing on my
finger then you say your speech

MAN (O.S)
HE--LP

RICHARD
Did you hear that
they both look out

RICHARD (CONT'D)
Listen, there is someone out there
Richard Walks towards the voice

LILY
STOP
Lily stops the recording

LILY (CONT'D)
It`s never gonna work, you are
practically shaking. Nobody is
going to believe this.
Richard picks his phone from the ground, it is the one
playing the prerecorded '**HELP**' sound.

RICHARD
Well, I Just killed a man remember
(sighs)
Now what do we do
A rain drop falls on Lily's hand. She smiles

LILY
Now we call the police

RICHARD
Okay. Wait What

LILY
Come on grab our stuff let's go.
The rain will wipe our footsteps
They pack everything into the bag quickly

INT. TRUCK, LATER

It's raining. Lily and Richard sit there Calmly

RICHARD
you ready?

LILY
Not really, Just make the call

Richard dials

RICHARD
Hie my name is Richard, I'm sure
this is not a job for the police
but can you please get me any
contact information for a tow truck
company. Yes. My truck broke down
and I am in the middle of nowhere
please I need your help it's
getting scary out here and I think
I heard gunshots somewhere in the
woods. Yes I know they could be
hunters but I just want to be safe,
my girlfriend is freaking out. I am
not sure but i can forward a Google
location. Thank you officer

He hangs up. He sends a location on his phone

LILY
now let's break this thing down

Richards starts the car and shifts into reverse. A strange
mechanical sound comes from the engine. He kills the engine

RICHARD
See sometimes broken cars can come
in handy

LILY
just this once

Lily smiles

RICHARD
I am still impressed. How you are
so calm about all this

LILY
It's complicated

RICHARD
really, you are going to give that

LILY
I'm sorry, i wish I could tell you
more

RICHARD
you can if you want to

LILY
That is the complicated part. If I
tell you, you will never look at me
the same way

RICHARD
how do you know

LILY
because when I told my mother that
is what happened.

Richard start to guess randomly

RICHARD
are you a serial killer

LILY
no

RICHARD
Armed robbber

LILY
no

MOMENTS LATER

RICHARD
spy

LILY
no

Richard thinks a little

RICHARD
Robot send through time

LILY
(chuckles)
Really? no, will you just let it go

RICHARD
come on, we just got engaged. I
need to know

Beat

LILY
Technically that was an act so it
doesn't count. Did you delete that
video

RICHARD
No, it's in the bag

Lily reaches for the camera in the bag,
She can't find it

LILY
Richard, there is no Camera in here

RICHARD
what, It has to be

LILY
It's not, we have to find it

Sound Of a tow truck approaching
Police sirens

RICHARD
Oh no

LILY
If anyone finds it we are dead

EXT. WOODS, SAME TIME

The digital Camera is on the ground in the rain.

We see a man's boot approaching then he stops a few inches
from the Camera.

The boots wrinkle as the man kneels, then...

FADE TO BLACK

THE END