MISCOMMUNICATION

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INT. EDDIE’S CAR - NIGHT

Eddie, late 20’s, thin business man, sits in his car frustrated. His vehicle is out of gas. He hits his steering wheel in anger.

      EDDIE
      This cannot be happening to me right now.

Eddie exits his vehicle.

EXT. DARK ROAD - NIGHT

He hears a beep. He reaches into his pocket and pulls out his cell phone. The screen reads: “NO SERVICE.”

      EDDIE
      Piece of shit.

Eddie beats the cell phone onto the trunk of the car. He throws the phone into the distance.

He sees a small light in the distance. He runs towards the light. He notices a sign that reads: “GAS”.

      EDDIE (CONT’D)
      Oh thank God.

EXT. MILES GAS STATION - NIGHT

Eddie arrives at an old gas station with a single pump. An old man sits outside a store which looks like a shack.

MILES, late 60s, sits on a rocking chair in front of the entrance chewing tobacco and spitting inside a coffee mug.

      EDDIE
      Hey do you have a phone or something to communicate with the regular world, my car broke down.

      MILES
      I ain’t got no phone.

      EDDIE
      Of course not. Well, you gotta have a tow truck don’t you?

      MILES
      I ain’t got no tow truck.
EDDIE
Unbelievable, well, do you have something I can put gas in and take it to my car?

MILES
I ain’t got something to put gas in?

EDDIE
You got to be kidding me old man. Ok, is there anything I can do for you so that you can help me? Trade maybe?

MILES
Funny how y’all rich folks forget about the working man. Y’all have the nerve to come around and ask for some damn help.

Eddie pulls out his wallet. He takes out cash.

EDDIE
Look man, I have $100 dollars. What can that get me?

MILES
All of you rich folks are the same. Buying yourself out of trouble. Jebediah.

JEBEDIAH, 18, tall and lanky with dumbo ears, sporting dirty overalls with no shirt, comes outside.

MILES (CONT’D)
Show this man the two gallons of water in the back.

Miles sticks his open palm out to Eddie. Eddie hands him the money. He counts it. He gives Eddie a nod. Jebediah takes him inside.

INT. MILES SNACK SHOP - NIGHT

Jebediah takes Eddie to the back of the store. He points at the two gallons of water. Eddie waves him off and Jebediah quickly flees away.

Eddie sees a door slightly cracked. He slowly walks towards it. He hears a subtle sound of water dripping.

Eddie peaks through the crack. He sees a dimly lit room with BUZZING sounds. He sees an old rusted table with something human like laying on it.
Eddie sees a large sink overflowing with blood. He opens the door a little further. He walks toward the object on the table which gives off a rotten smell.

EDDIE
What the hell is going on in here?

Eddie tries to touch the object but Jebediah grabs him by the shoulder and pulls him out of the room.

EDDIE (CONT’D)
Hey creep get your nasty inbreed hands off of me.

Jebediah closes the door. He points at the water gallons.

Eddie bends down and grabs the gallons. His wallet falls out of his back pocket.

EDDIE (CONT’D)
Got them.

Jebediah makes a strange noise, a mixture of mumbling and moaning.

EDDIE (CONT’D)
What did you say?

Jebediah looks away.

EDDIE (CONT’D)
Weirdo.

Eddie grabs the gallons of water and walks outside. Jebediah grabs the wallet. He places it in his pocket.

EXT. MILES GAS STATION - NIGHT

Eddie walks past Miles. He walks towards the pump. He pours out the water out of the gallons. He grabs the pump and pours gas into them.

EDDIE
I can’t believe I gave that hick bastard $100 dollars to empty out two gallons of water and pour gas myself.

Eddie SLAMS the pump back into place. He grabs the two gallons of gas. He heads back down the road.
EXT. DARK ROAD - NIGHT

Eddie slowly walks down the road, carrying the two gallons of gas. He hears footsteps from his rear. He stops. He turns around and sees Jebediah.

Jebediah stands still and stares. He is holding a large stick. Eddie turns back around. He continues to walk.

Jebediah’s footsteps get faster.

Eddie grabs the two gallons of gas tightly to his sides. He runs away from Jebediah.

Eddie breathes heavy almost out of breath. He notices trees close to his vehicle. He drops the two gallons of gas. He hides behind a tree.

Jebediah runs past Eddie’s hiding spot. He notices the car. He examines the car. He kicks the tires. He tries to open the doors.

Eddie watches him from behind the trees. He feels a pile of large rocks next to his ankle. He grabs a rock.

Jebediah tries to open the hood of the car. He cannot open it. Jebediah bends down and goes under the hood.

Eddie quietly walks towards Jebediah, holding the rock above his head.

Jebediah gets back up on his feet. He turns around. WHAM. He falls to the floor. Blood is dripping from his head onto his face.

WHAM. Eddie continues to bash Jebediah’s head. Eddie stops immediately. He sees something inside the ear of Jebediah. It is a hearing aide.

EDDIE

No.

Eddie sees something inside the hand of Jebediah. He opens his palm and sees his wallet.

EDDIE (CONT’D)

No...no...what the hell have I done.

Eddie looks around, panicking. He quickly runs towards the two gallons of gas. He grabs them. He pours them into the car. He tosses them on the side of the road.
INT. EDDIE’S CAR – NIGHT

Eddie breathing heavily tries to turn on the car.

    EDDIE
    Come on dammit.

He exits the car.

EXT. DARK ROAD – NIGHT

A TOW TRUCK approaches Eddie’s car. Miles gets out of the truck with a SHOTGUN in his hand.

    MILES
    You rich folks always forget about the working man. You come around these parts and try to buy your way out of trouble.

    EDDIE
    I’m so sorry, it was a misunderstanding...I...I...

    MILES
    I don’t give a damn about the boy. He was not only stupid but useless. He didn’t have the balls to do what he needed to do to help us eat.

Miles COCKS the SHOTGUN.

    MILES (CONT’D)
    So now I have myself two weeks of food.

BAM. Miles shoots Eddie.

Miles struggles putting the bodies of Eddie and Jebediah inside the car.

He hooks the car onto the truck. He drives down the dark road.

    THE END