

TEST DAY

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FADE IN:

INT. CAR - OUTSIDE TEST CENTRE

Maureen an 80 year old woman is sitting in the passenger seat of her grandson Jordan's car.

MAUREEN

This is ridiculous I've been driving longer than you're alive.

JORDAN

You're lucky this is all they're making you do, I'm still baffled you talked that garda not to arrest you after your drink driving incident.

MAUREEN

You'd hardly count a few sherries as drink driving.

JORDAN

Please can we just go inside. Your test is in ten minutes.

Maureen pulls down the visor in front of her and starts applying lipstick.

MAUREEN

Just in case I've to do a bit of seducing.

The two get out of the car and walk into the test centre.

INT. - TEST CENTRE

Maureen and Jordan go into the waiting area inside the test centre. A man comes in and calls Maureen's name. She gets up and follows him out, stopping at the door to turn and wink at Jordan. Jordan puts his head into his hands in disappointment. Maureen follows the man over to his desk.

Maureen picks up a picture from Nick's desk of him with his family.

MAUREEN

Oh you're married?

NICK
Eh yes I am.

MAUREEN
Happily?

NICK
what?

MAUREEN
Nevermind.

NICK
Anyway, I'm Nick and you're Maureen is
that right?

MAUREEN
That's right yes.

NICK
Ah my nana's name is Maureen as well,
She would've been 90 this year.

A smirk appears on Maureen's face.

EXT. TEST CENTRE

Maureen and Nick walk to the car. Nick inspects the car checking the mirrors and lights. The two get into the car and Maureen starts the engine. The two are driving in the car and come to a stop at a set of traffic lights.

NICK
Now we're just going to take a right
at these lights and follow the road
from there.

The lights turn green and Maureen takes a left instead.

MAUREEN
Sorry love, I just need to run into
the shops to grab a few ingredients
for the dinner later, you don't mind
do you?

Nick looks down at his clipboard with a confused look on his face.

NICK
No eh, that's grand yeah.

Maureen and Nick are both in the carpark of the supermarket. Maureen opens her door but Nick doesn't move.

MAUREEN

What do you think you're doing. You're hardly going to let an old woman like me go in there by myself.

NICK

Oh no sorry, of course.

INT. SUPERMARKET.

Maureen is walking along the aisle with Nick walking behind her pushing along a shopping trolley with Maureen's handbag over his shoulder. Maureen stops to talk to another woman and they have a chat and laugh. Nick looks down at his watch and puts his hand to his head and blows out a sigh. He takes out his phone and starts scrolling through it.

MAUREEN

Nicholas! Will you get off that bloody thing you're supposed to be on the job. Throw that bag of potatoes into the trolley will you, we've to be in the chemist by 20 past to collect my prescription.

Nick opens his mouth to say something to Maureen but she turns the corner before he gets the chance. He walks over to the bag of potatoes and Maureen pops back out from around the corner.

MAUREEN

Remember, lift with your knees.

Nick and Maureen are at the till and the cashier is sliding the items to the end of the checkout where Nick is packing the bags. The cashier then tells Maureen the total for her shopping. She reaches into her handbag and starts moving her hand around it.

MAUREEN

Ah I'm after leaving my bleeding purse in the car. Nicholas will you pay for this and I'll fix you up when we get back to the car.

Nick tries to object but before he can get his first word out Maureen turns to the cashier.

MAUREEN

Awh he's a great young man, always
looking after me.

The cashier smiles at Nick and he lets out a nervous laugh. Maureen walks away from the till and Nick takes out his wallet to pay.

Back at the car Nick is putting the shopping in the boot and Maureen is sitting in the front seat. She sticks her head out the window and looks back at Nick.

MAUREEN

Will you come on I want to get this
test over with.

Nick gets back in the car and Maureen pulls off. Nick takes out his clipboard with a map of the route the test is done on.

MAUREEN

I just need to fly to the chemist for
two seconds and then we'll be back on
track. Me arthritis has been acting up
lately, haven't been able to do me wii
fitness or anything.

Maureen pulls up to the chemist and turns the engine off.

MAUREEN

Now this is the last stop I promise,
we'll just run in here grab my tablets
and be back out. Straight in no
kissing is that alright?

NICK

Well to be honest Maureen-

MAUREEN

Perfect come on then.

Maureen gets out of the car and Nick throws his hands in the air in frustration.

INT. CHEMIST.

Maureen walks up to the counter to collect her prescription. Beside the counter is a photo booth for passport photos.

MAUREEN

Nicholas! Come here quick.

Nick appears from behind one of the shelves.

MAUREEN

Come on we'll get a few photos so
we'll remember our day out.

NICK

I really can't do-

MAUREEN

Nicholas, what would your poor nana
say now if she heard you.

Nick rolls his eyes upwards and steps into the photo booth with Maureen. Inside the photo booth the two pose for photos. As the camera flashes we see Maureen smiling and Nick checking his watch, as it goes off again, Maureen kisses Nick on the cheek.

Back in the car Maureen is looking through the photos.

MAUREEN

Awh we're a gas pair aren't we? Next
week I've to get an ingrown toenail
removed do you want to come with me?

Nick has his head up against the window just staring out of it.

NICK

Just go back to the test centre. The
time is nearly up anyway.

MAUREEN

Ah Nicholas, don't be like that, we're
after having a good day don't ruin it
now.

Nick doesn't respond and keeps his head pressed up against the glass. Maureen stares at him and pulls away from the chemist.

As Maureen is driving Nick is still not looking at her.

MAUREEN

Well if you're not gonna talk to me
I'm sticking on the radio, the
Liverpool match is on and I have
twenty quid on them to win.

NICK

Awh I forgot the match was on.

MAUREEN

Ahhh you're a Liverpool fan?

NICK

Yeah I used to go to my nana's house for every match and watch them with her.

MAUREEN

I just want them to win cause I'm saving for a boob job and could do with the money.

Nick stares at Maureen and cracks a smile.

MAUREEN

Come on we pull in somewhere we'll watch the end of the match and then head back to the test centre.

NICK

No seriously we can't.

MAUREEN

Don't worry I'll be the designated driver, there's not long left anyway.

Nick looks at Maureen and she looks back with a smile on her face.

EXT. PUB.

Nick and Maureen stumble out of the pub with their arms around each other singing a song. They walk over to the car and Maureen helps Nick into his seat.

MAUREEN

Ah I told you Nicky, you're not able to keep up with the old folks, that was just my warmup for later on.

NICK

Right quick, if you go fast, but not too fast, we'll make it back in time.

MAUREEN

Don't you worry Nicholas, we've loads of time. I've been driving longer than you're alive you know.

INT. TEST CENTRE WAITING ROOM.

Jordan looks at his phone and checks the time. He hears laughing from outside and turns and looks out the window. He sees Maureen and Nick both laughing eating an ice cream. Nick has a confused look on his face as his eyes follow the two of them as they walk towards the entrance of the test centre. The pair come in and walk past the waiting area, Maureen looks at Jordan and stops, she points at Nick and starts thrusting her hips. Jordan puts his head in his hands and Maureen continues to follow Nick back to his desk.

NICK

Well Maureen that was definitely a test like no other. But the only thing is we never did any three point turn or reverse around a corner or anything like that, so unfortunately I don't think I can pass you.

Maureen looks at Nick in disgust she puts her hands on the table and leans in so the two are almost head to head. The two of them then break out into a fit of laughter.

NICK

Awh I thought I had you there, I thought I got you.

MAUREEN

Ah it'll take a lot more than that, I'm not that easy.

Nick hands over Maureen's certificate to her.

MAUREEN

I'll pick you up on Saturday about two O'clock yeah?

NICK

Sounds good to me.

Maureen walks back to the waiting room. She stops and looks at Jordan.

MAUREEN

Well, are you ready or what?

Jordan gets up and rushes over to Maureen and the two walk out of the centre.

EXT. TEST CENTRE.

Maureen walks over to the car with Jordan following close behind her.

JORDAN

What was that all about? Bleeding ice creams? Having the craic? You're supposed to be doing your test not going on a date.

MAUREEN

Will you get in the car and stop acting like such an owl one.

The two get in the car.

MAUREEN

And by the way, you're bringing me and Nicky to the pub on Saturday for the match so don't go making any plans.

Nick looks at Maureen with a confused look on his face. Maureen puts her head back and closes her eyes with a smile on her face, fanning herself with her certificate.

FADE OUT: