

LOTTERY JACKPOT MISHAP

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FADE IN.

INT.

RALPH'S LIVING ROOM

DAY

WE SEE: Fifty-five inch TV Screen with Toronto Maple Leafs playing Montreal Canadiens

CUT TO:

WE SEE: RALPH, 20, WHITE, 5'8", FACTORY WORKER, SITTING ON THE COUCH WITH 2 FRIENDS ON EITHER SIDE OF HIM. HE IS HOLDING A CAN OF BEER IN ONE HAND AND EATING POPCORN FROM A BOWL WHICH IS PLACED IN FRONT OF HIM ON THE COFFEE TABLE.

CUT TO:

WE SEE: RALPH TURN TO HIS FRIEND ON HIS RIGHT HAND SIDE

RALPH

It's rough working in the factory.
My night school courses are going well, though.

FRIEND 1

When will you graduate?

RALPH

Next Spring. Then, I will apply for jobs in Marketing promotion in the entertainment industry.

NARRATOR: (V.O.)

He has a social life, although he is not gregarious. Many hours are spent listening to Classic Rock artists on his IPod. He has a Home theatre system where he watches mostly pro sports and movies.

He dreams of one day becoming financially independent. He has an RRSP and puts aside 10% of his pay cheque to save for his retirement.

WE SEE: Ralph looking and talking to all his friends.

RALPH

I wish there was a fast-track way of becoming rich.

FRIEND 2

How about trying your luck at a
Casino?

RALPH

Forget that! You can be assured
that the house always wins!

FRIEND 1

Do you plan on settling down; even
if you don't win the jackpot in the
national lottery?

RALPH

Yes; of course. I plan on settling
down with a wife, kids, a
home...and even a dog!

MONDAY MORNING

INT. RALPH'S LIVING ROOM DAY

WE SEE: Ralph reading the front Page of the newspaper. He
then turns the page.

CUT TO:

PAGE 2 OF NEWSPAPER

WE SEE: An ad for a Lexus automobile. Ralph lifts his eyes
to the ceiling. He daydreams of being in the passenger seat
of that car. He looks at the lottery ticket next to him on
the side table. He nods his head 3 times wishing he could
win the lottery jackpot to buy that car.

INT. FACTORY CHANGE ROOM DAY

WE SEE: Ralph changing his clothes in front of his locker in
the change room. He arrives to the assembly line spot where
he works.

CUT TO:

ALARM CLOCK READING: 12:00 P.M.

WE HEAR: Alarm clock ringing.

CUT TO:

INT. FACTORY LUNCH ROOM DAY

WE SEE: Ralph reading the newspaper. He is looking at the winning numbers of Saturday's draw. He notices he has 2 of the 6 numbers required to win the Jackpot.

RALPH

Damn it! Not even three numbers! I needed that many numbers just to win \$ 200. At the rate I get paid, I'll get rich in the year 2021 after the second coming of Christ!

WE HEAR: The alarm ringing for the workers to get back to work.

WE SEE: Ralph rising from his seat to return to the assembly line.

INT. RALPH'S LIVING ROOM DAY

WE SEE: Ralph gathering his paraphernalia to attend night school.

NARRATOR: (V.O.)

This is the day of the week that Ralph attends his weekly night school course. He has been searching on a job website for many months. He has some idea of what companies' entry level jobs he will apply for. He knows he will undergo a more concrete job search when he graduates in the spring. Meanwhile he keeps buying lottery tickets and keeps dreaming of financial independence.

SATURDAY MORNING: 8:00 a.m.

INT. RALPH'S BEDROOM DAY

WE SEE: Ralph getting out of bed. He puts on a t-shirt with a "Rolling Stones" tongue logo on it. Next, he puts on his sweat pants.

CUT TO:

INT. RALPH'S KITCHEN DAY

WE SEE: Ralph eating his breakfast after he gets a box of cereal and bowl out of his cupboards. He takes a pitcher of milk out of the fridge. He pours some cereal into the bowl. He pours milk on it. He sits on the seat at the kitchen table to eat his cereal.

WE SEE: Ralph getting out of his seat at the kitchen table. He walks to the living room.

INT. RALPH'S LIVING ROOM DAY

WE SEE: Ralph getting into his reclining chair. He picks up the newspaper on the side table. He turns to the second page. He sees an ad for a vacation package.

RALPH

Boy! Do I wish I had enough money to take a winter vacation. But do I? Let's see; the bills have been paid this month.

CUT TO:

WE SEE: Ralph in front of his computer. He visits the website of his bank to log into his bank account.

RALPH (CONT'D)

Bonus! I can spend extra money on another lottery ticket because I have extra money in my account! That's it! I will spend 10% more money on lottery tickets this week than I usually do.

WE SEE: Ralph getting up out of his reclining chair. He walks to his den.

INT. RALPH'S DEN DAY

WE SEE: Ralph obtaining a lottery slip from the top of his desk. He opens the top drawer of his desk to get a pencil.

He sees a lottery ticket. The date on it is exactly a year ago today.

WE SEE: Ralph walk over to his computer. He visits the OLG website to check the winning numbers from last year's draw of that date to see if the winning numbers from a year ago match the ones on his ticket.

CUT TO:

RALPH'S FACE

He has a big smile on his face.

(Upon further scrutiny, Ralph realizes that the numbers listed for that draw date matched the numbers on that ticket exactly).

CUT TO:

RALPH'S WRIST

He looks at his watch and realizes the lottery prize office closes exactly 6 hours from now at 4:30 p.m. He must drive from Milton to downtown Toronto to collect his prize of \$ 5 Million.

EXT. RALPH'S DRIVEWAY DAY

WE SEE: Ralph getting into his car and sitting down in the driver's seat. He puts the key into the ignition and turns on his car. The radio is on ALL THAT MATTERS news channel.

NEWS ANCHOR

We will experience snow flurries within the hour when the wind moves in extending West to Milton. It could cause snow flurries and treacherous white-out conditions...

CUT TO:

SIGN THAT READS "TORONTO 30 KM" ON EASTBOUND 401

CUT TO:

INT. CAR DASHBOARD DAY

WE SEE: The speedometer indicating that Ralph is driving at 120 Km/hr

CUT TO:

EXT. HWY 401 EASTBOUND DAY

Wind is blowing so hard that it causes white-out conditions

CUT TO:

INT. CAR DASHBOARD DAY

WE SEE: Speedometer which indicates Ralph is still driving at 120 km/hr

CUT TO:

INT. CAR RADIO DAY

WE HEAR:

NEWS ANCHOR

The white-out conditions are so terrible that it has caused a 100 vehicle pile-up at highway 401 and Winston Churchill Boulevard...

EXT. HWY 401 AND WINSTON CHURCHILL BOULEVARD DAY

WE SEE: Ralph's car smash into the vehicle in front of him. Then, we see another vehicle smash into Ralph's car from behind.

FADE OUT.

FADE IN:

WE SEE: Police officers approaching Ralph's car.

(His body appears lifeless.)

He is lifted out of the car by paramedics. They lift him into the ambulance, and perform a few tests on him. After a few minutes, he is pronounced "dead".

CUT TO:

INT.

FUNERAL HOME

DAY

WE SEE: Ralph's corpse lying in a coffin.

NARRATOR: (V.O.)

Ralph never collected his prize money. He never lived to enjoy the good life he was going to experience with the lottery jackpot prize winnings. Even if money could buy happiness, sometimes to get or make more money, you might have to earn it by sacrificing your life.

END.