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

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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 moves 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

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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 may 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
Wooooooo!!! 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

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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

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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

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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

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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 robber

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

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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