

THE BRIBE

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EXT. PRIVATE PARKING LOT - DAY

SHANE (early 30's) shuts the door of a beaten down late 90's Honda decked out with a blue door that complements the rest of the red car. Shane looks over to see a police car pull into the parking lot. Shane swallows hard.

The cruiser comes to a stop and OFFICER ELIJAH (40) steps out of the car. He adjusts his belt and pulls up his pants. Elijah walks over toward Shane and puts his hands on his belt.

OFFICER ELIJAH

Afternoon.

SHANE

Uh, hi.

OFFICER ELIJAH

Your car alright?

SHANE

Uhhh...

Shane looks over the car for a moment then back at Officer Elijah.

SHANE

Yeah, it should be fine.

OFFICER ELIJAH

So then I guess you'll be on your way. This is a private parking lot.

SHANE

Oh! Uh sorry, I'm just meeting up with some friends and it's really packed out there.

OFFICER ELIJAH

It's packed everywhere, its new york.

SHANE

Is there anything we can do?

Shane motions around the empty parking lot.

SHANE

There's like, nobody here.

OFFICER ELIJAH

Doesn't matter, private lot.

SHANE

I mean, it's just going to be for an hour. No more I promise.

Officer Elijah raises his hand to stop Shane from talking.

OFFICER ELIJAH

Look, you're acting a little jumpy and it's starting to make me think something is not right here. Would you mind if I take a look around the car?

SHANE

I don't think you have the legal right to do something like that.

OFFICER ELIJAH

Oh, I do.

Officer Elijah begins to walk over toward the trunk.

SHANE

Come on, this is ridiculous.

Officer Elijah stops.

OFFICER ELIJAH

Are you really not going to do anything?

SHANE

What do you mean?

OFFICER ELIJAH

Every cop in this city knows that people park here when they shouldn't.

SHANE

Uhh...

OFFICER ELIJAH

I do this every day. You drive in, I follow, and you help me look the other way

SHANE

You mean like a bribe?

OFFICER ELIJAH

Well don't say it like that. Tip toe around it.

SHANE

Aren't you supposed to... not do things like this?

OFFICER ELIJAH

Son, I'm a New York City police officer. This is the same as breathing air to me.

Shane sighs and looks around for a moment. He looks back at Officer Elijah.

SHANE

Okay uh do you think maybe a friend of mine could help convince you to let me stay here?

OFFICER ELIJAH

A friend you say?

SHANE

Yes, I have a friend who maybe, might, could, maybe help you out?

OFFICER ELIJAH

Help me out, huh?

SHANE

You know, get you up and going?

OFFICER ELIJAH

Wait a second, Are you offering me a sexual favor?

Shane recoils back.

SHANE

What? No! God no! I was just trying to say I have a friend named Hamilton who wouldn't mind getting to know you.

Officer Elijah crosses his arms.

OFFICER ELIJAH

Um...

SHANE

He's a little shy though.

OFFICER ELIJAH

This is getting a little weird.

SHANE

His friend Andrew might be willing to join in too but he's really shy.

OFFICER ELIJAH

I thought you said this wasn't a sexual thing.

SHANE

No, this is the bribe.

OFFICER ELIJAH

Are you sure?

SHANE

Okay, look, let's start over okay?

OFFICER ELIJAH

Okay...

Shane composes himself for a second.

SHANE

I have a friend

OFFICER ELIJAH

Okay...

SHANE

Named Andrew Jackson

Officer Elijah motions upward with his thumb.

SHANE

Grant?

Officer Elijah nods his head.

SHANE

Ulysses S. Grant who noticed the bulge in your pants and would like to be inside that if you catch my drift.

OFFICER ELIJAH

It just got back to being sexual.

SHANE

No.

Shane smacks his hands on his thighs.

SHANE

I meant your wallet in your pants.

OFFICER ELIJAH

Why did you say it like that?

SHANE

I'm trying to be coy.

OFFICER ELIJAH

Well, Stop. It sounds like your trying to suck my dick.

SHANE

Jesus Christ, Why is this so difficult?

OFFICER ELIJAH

Can we just get this over with? I'm about at the end of my rope.

SHANE

Okay, just one more try. I got it this time.

OFFICER ELIJAH

Fine.

SHANE

For you trouble. Would my friend Benjamin Franklin be able to help you forget about seeing me for the rest of the night?

OFFICER ELIJAH

I think we can make that work.

SHANE

Alright, perfect. You're in luck because Benny swallows.

Officer Elijah nods his head and takes out his handcuffs.

OFFICER ELIJAH

Okay, I'm just going to arrest you.

SHANE

WHAT!?

THE END.