

OLD MAN DOWN

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EXT. HOLLYWOOD HILLS - AFTERNOON

Max and Ruby (humans) are walking around the suburbs of the Hollywood Hills. They're dressed in running attire. The Hollywood sign can be seen in the background.

MAX

(chill)

Yeah and they never found her body.

RUBY

Wow that's like-

MAX

Yeah I know, it's insane.

RUBY

Yeah I was gonna say crazy, but
yeah that's insane.

Beat.

RUBY (CONT'D)

Hey, you wanna race?

MAX

Sure!

Ruby takes off before Max can finish speaking.

Max is sprinting, close behind.

They turn into an alley and Max matches Ruby's pace beside her.

MAX (CONT'D)

Last one there is a rotten-

An old man swiftly veers around a corner and the two run into him. He's knocked onto the ground and takes a significant tumble.

OLD MAN

Wooaah!

The old man hits the ground. His head hits the pavement as well.

MAX

Oh my god!

RUBY

Jesus!

MAX
Sir, are you- are you ok?

RUBY
We didn't even see you I'm so
sorry.

The old man sits up.

OLD MAN
I'm good. I'm ok.

He begins to get up, stumbling a bit before he's standing
again.

OLD MAN (CONT'D)
(in pain)
Ohhhhhhhhh.

MAX
Sir? Are you ok?

OLD MAN
No yeah I'm good.

RUBY
You took quite the tumble back
there.

OLD MAN
Nah no, I'm probably fine.

RUBY
Probably?

OLD MAN
Ohhhhh my head. Yeah I'm good-

MAX
Nooo, no you just said 'my heaad'
like it really hurts.

OLD MAN
Hm? What's up?

MAX
No, you heard me.

The old man grabs his head and looks down.

OLD MAN
(quietly)
Something's wrong...

MAX

What?

OLD MAN

(a little louder)

Something's *really* wrong...

RUBY

What's he saying?

Max leans in closer.

OLD MAN

(screaming by the end of
his sentence)

Something's wrong with my HEAD!

When he says 'HEAD', he lifts up his arms and makes a scary face. Max and Ruby jump back.

MAX

Oh my god!

RUBY

Jesus!

MAX

Did you just try to jump-scare us?

The old man acts confused and furrows his brow. He points behind Max and Ruby.

OLD MAN

Oh look! What's over there?

Ruby looks where he's pointing. Max keeps looking at the old man.

The old man tries his best to get up and run, but can't even stand up.

MAX

Are you trying to run from us?

Ruby looks back to Max and the old man.

RUBY

What happened?

MAX

He tried to run.

RUBY

Seriously?

MAX

Yeah, when you turned around, he
tried to get up.

The old man suddenly changes his posture to forcibly relaxed.

OLD MAN

You know what, I'm good. I'm
actually really good right now.

MAX

No, you're not.

The old man crosses his arms, makes a proud face and starts
nodding.

RUBY

No, you don't look cool and
collected right now.

The old man gives a thumbs up.

MAX

You honestly look scared.

RUBY

Yeah.

OLD MAN

Ohhhhhh.

The old man falls back down.

RUBY

Hey!

MAX

Woah!

OLD MAN

It just looked so comfortable down
here.

RUBY

No you fell. Because you're
seriously hurt.

The old man looks at them from the ground and does an
exaggerated yawn with his hand over his mouth.

MAX

Noooo-

OLD MAN

I'm actually pretty tired. I think
I'm gonna take a nap.

RUBY

Noooo-

The old man looks at his wrist as if there's a watch there.

OLD MAN

Oh, look at the time! It's getting late.

The old man nervously side-eyes Max while still facing the 'watch'.

MAX

You're not wearing a watch!

OLD MAN

(announcing)

I could get up if I wanted to.

RUBY

Ok then get up.

The old man stares at Ruby with a very intense, very scared face.

Beat.

The old man struggles to try and get up. He falls back down.

OLD MAN

Actually I said I could get up if I wanted to. And right now, I don't want to! Ha!

When he says 'Ha!' He flinches and grabs his head.

OLD MAN (CONT'D)

(in pain)

Ohhhhhhhh.

The old man lies down.

MAX

Why are you trying to convince us you're not hurt?

OLD MAN

It's as comfy as my bed down here, hm!

RUBY

(to Max)

Let's just leave him.

MAX

Yeah. Hey, good luck man!

Max and Ruby jog away.

The old man stays where he is.

OLD MAN

(quietly)

Just gonna... take a nap...

The old man's head falls limp. He is dead.

THE END.