

Mannish Boys (working title)

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EXT. STUPENDSKY'S AUTO REPAIRS -- DAY

Paint is chipped from a white sign with blue lettering that says Stupendsky's Auto Repairs. Neglect and weather has erased the 'N' and muted three letters making the sign read Stuped's at a glance.

INT. STUPENDSKY'S AUTO REPAIRS -- DAY

Mechanics, LESTER STUPENDSKY, JR., white, 28, JIM DAGGOT, white, 40, and CHARLIE, white, 22, populate the windowless garage illuminated by harsh light from caged light bulbs. Lester and Daggot wear stained coveralls. Charlie's uniform is clean by comparison. Daggot works under the hood of a coupe, the only car in the three-bay shop, while Charlie attempts to start it. Lester talks on a telephone. Its receiver is blackened with his fingerprints. Lester holds a sandwich in his other dirty hand. As he talks, bits of his corn beef special fly from his mouth.

DAGGOT

Hit it again.

Charlie turns the key but nothing happens.

LESTER

[To the caller:] What year is your car?

CHARLIE

Dag, tap the starter a couple times while I give it another shot.

LESTER

[To the caller:] That'll be \$185. You won't find it any cheaper. Call around.

Charlie gives him an irritated look.

CHARLIE

You must be talking to a chick 'cause you know a rotation and alignment don't cost that much.

Lester covers the receiver.

LESTER

[To Charlie:] Shut up, man, she might hear you.

LESTER (cont'd)

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LESTER (cont'd)
[The the caller:] But you really
shouldn't drive it in that
condition.

CHARLIE
I hope she does hear me.

LESTER
[To the caller:] See you at noon.
We'll try and squeeze you in.

Lester hangs up the phone.

CHARLIE
Ohhh, that was shitty.

LESTER
When did you turn into Big Hearted
Jim? I saw you bang that red head
after you sent her sister, *your*
girlfriend, out to get a pack of
Luckies. Right here in the backseat
of *her* car.

DAGGOT
(Snickering)
It was her husband's car, right
Charles?

LESTER
You take the pussy, I take the
pocketbook, aye Charlie?

CHARLIE
You know, Lester, you're two
chromosomes away from a birth
defect.

Shocked, Daggot rears up so fast he drops his wrench.
Lester's mouth falls open. He looks to Daggot for support
but gets none.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)
Jesus, Les! It's not a compliment.

LESTER
Oh yyeah, wwwell, wwell, ssscrew
you.

Charlie mocks Lester's stammer.

CHARLIE

Duh, duh, duh, they got schools for that shit!

LESTER

If you're so smart, how come you work here?

CHARLIE

I've been wondering that myself, asshole.

LESTER

If you call me names again, I'll tell my dad and you won't have to wonder anymore.

Daggot retrieves his wrench and steps between his coworkers.

DAGGOT

Put it in neutral, both o' yours. Daggot walks over to the drivers' side and checks the dashboard readings.

DAGGOT (CONT'D)

[To Charlie:] What's eatin' you?

CHARLIE

Tap it again, Dag.

Daggot returns to the engine and taps the starter with the head of his wrench. Charlie turns the key. The engine comes to life.

CHARLIE

The starter's gotta be replaced.

END OF SCENE