

BREAKDOWN

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EXT. DESERT - AFTERNOON

In the middle of the view, we see a sagebrush blowing slightly in the wind. In the background are the Sierra Nevada mountains.

INT. CAR - CONTINUOUS

We are in a car, driving on a highway in the desert. There are two people in the car, Jørgen and Eirik, brothers, who chat about rock climbing.

EXT. DESERT - MOMENTS LATER

Jørgen and Eirik get out of the car and walk to the rock and look up. Jørgen points out a few different paths to Eirik.

They walk back to the car. Eirik stops a few feet from the car and turns around and looks up at the rock.

Jørgen opens that back of the car and fishes around with stuff.

JØRGEN
Where's the rope?

Eirik turns around toward Jørgen.

JØRGEN (CONT'D)
Did you forget the rope?

Eirik's shoulders drop a bit.

JØRGEN (CONT'D)
I told you to put it in the car!

EIRIK
Sorry.

Jørgen walks toward Eirik, who is still facing the car. Jørgen is right next to him looking the opposite direction, up at the rocks.

JØRGEN
We can do it without the rope, I guess.

EXT. DESERT - CONTINUOUS

We see some shots of the desert.

EXT. DESERT - CONTINUOUS

Jørgen and Eirik climb.

EXT. ROCK - CONTINUOUS

Eirik is sitting on a rock ledge eating. Jørgen approaches him from behind, panting. He sits next to Eirik and breathes heavily for a while.

Eirik is eating.

JØRGEN
What do you have?

EIRIK
Turkey. And cheese.

Jørgen looks at Eirik's sandwich.

JØRGEN
Is that cheddar?

EIRIK
(looking at his sandwich)
Yeah. So?

JØRGEN
Why are you eating cheddar?

EIRIK
I like cheddar.

JØRGEN
(slightly frustrated)
Why would you use cheddar when there was perfectly good Norwegian cheese in the fridge. The cheese mom brought back.

EIRIK
I wanted cheddar.

They are quiet for a time.

JØRGEN

You're becoming one of them. You know that?

EIRIK

What's that supposed to mean?

JØRGEN

You know what I'm talking about. You're unbecoming a Norwegian.

Silence for a time.

EIRIK

What's so wrong with... this?

JØRGEN

Nothing's wrong with it, but it's not our home. Don't you forget that.

EXT. DESERT - MOMENTS LATER

Jørgen and Eirik walk back to the car. The front left tire is flat. The two of them look at it for a moment.

Eirik leans against the car while Jørgen looks in the car for the jack. He pops his head out.

JØRGEN

Where's the jack?

EIRIK

(confused)

What?

JØRGEN

You took the jack out the other day so you could use it on the Mustang.

Eirik doesn't respond.

Jørgen stands silently at the trunk, then slams the door. He glares at Eirik with an evil look. Eirik looks at Jørgen, then looks away.

EXT. ROCK - MOMENTS LATER

Jørgen is standing on the rock, holding his cell phone close to his ear.

JØRGEN

Bob? Hey. We're stuck out here. We went climbing. Up by Lone Pine. No. Yeah. Ok. Thanks. No, turn left right before the mini-mart. Yeah, up in the rocks. It's just a few miles in. Thanks.

EXT. DESERT - MOMENTS LATER

Jørgen walks back to the car. Eirik is still in the same place, leaning against the side of the car. Jørgen leans against the car too.

JØRGEN

He's sending David.

Jørgen leans his head back against the car. We hear the sounds of them playing soccer.

EXT. DESERT - MOMENTS LATER

The two are playing soccer. They try and keep the ball away from each other, and they do tricks.

We see the mountains while they play.

Eirik gets the ball and stops. Jørgen stops too.

EIRIK

I kissed Angeline last night.

Eirik kicks the ball lightly to Jørgen. Jørgen's face is overcome with anger.

JØRGEN

(screaming)

You knew I liked her!

Jørgen kicks the ball at Eirik and then walks away.

EXT. DESERT - MOMENTS LATER

Jørgen stands 100 feet away from the car and pouts while Eirik is still standing where they had played soccer.

We hear Eirik get back into the car.

INT. CAR - MOMENTS LATER

Jørgen walks to the car and gets into the drivers seat. He closes the door. Eirik is in the passenger seat. They look at each other for a while.

JØRGEN
I'm not sharing her with you.

EIRIK
I'm not sharing her with you
either.

They are quiet for a while.

JØRGEN
I liked her first.

EIRIK
She likes me more.

Silence.

JØRGEN
Well, we're brothers, and we can't
share her.

Eirik looks at Jørgen.

JØRGEN (CONT'D)
You know we have to kill her now,
don't you?

EIRIK
Yeah. You're right.

David drives up and parks in front of them.

JØRGEN
We'll do it as soon as we get back.

Jørgen opens his door and gets out. Eirik gets out of his side of the car. They both close their doors and walk toward David's car.

Cut to black.