

## 329 Paradise Way (working title)

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**Synopsis:** BOBBY, a Wheelz (i.e Uber) driver lives in a rough Latino community, making a living giving people rides. He's a loner, strapped for money driver, with an addiction problem to prescription drugs. After dropping someone in the Malibu hills, he takes a nap overlooking a stunning ocean view. Meanwhile, a beautiful woman named CAMERON is running through a Malibu mansion home, looking to escape. VIKTOR chases her around the home. She secretly uses his cell to call a Wheelz car to 329 Paradise Way, Viktor's estate. Bobby receiving the ride request accepts the trip, to find Cameron sprinting from the home, jumping in the backseat. Viktor chases, shoots at Bobby's car and they just nearly escape.

Using an expensive ring as collateral, Cameron convinces Bobby to drive her to the Redwood Forest in Northern California. Unfortunately for them, Wheelz allows the account that requested the ride to be tracked in real time, so Viktor is on to them. He calls his main goon, LEO to assemble a team to return Cameron. Along the way Cameron explains her situation vaguely, in order to keep Bobby 'safe'. She says she saw something upsetting that she shouldn't have. The two get to know each other on the long ride north, always staying five minutes ahead of the pursuing henchmen, oblivious to the thugs' presence. Their demeanor is cautious, but grows mildly flirtatious.

When they reach the Redwoods, it's pouring. They're forced to walk a mile through the woods, in search for a lone cabin that Cameron knows. At the cabin, Cameron goes upstairs, pulls out loose floorboards to find large amounts of cocaine, cash and guns. Bobby, alarmed and confused decides to leave without the promised payment. A torrential thunderstorm and a weeping Cameron leads to Bobby staying. Cameron lets out a deep confession, admitting she and Viktor have been together for years and that Viktor is a seasoned criminal. After what happened she came to the cabin to steal the money and start a new life abroad. She says she'll give Bobby half of the money, one million, to help get her credentials and to the airport. Bobby ultimately agrees. They can't leave until the thunderstorm stops so they stay up playing cards and sipping whiskey. They end up sleeping together.

In the morning, they and see the henchmen approaching the cottage. Bobby attempts to grab one of the pistols but has a chilling flashback of his time in the military - causing him to freeze up. Cameron, surprisingly loads the pistol efficiently and takes charge. They henchmen go on a big chase of them through the forest where Cameron ultimately kills all the henchmen with the reluctant assistance of Bobby. Bobby aggressively insists Cameron explain what happened the day her picked her up. At Viktor's that day, Cameron finds a secret hallway, witnesses a murder and three 16 year old girls being held against their will. Cameron herself met Viktor at this age when he freed her from a human trafficking ring that he was involved with. He treated her to the good life and convinced herself Viktor had changed for the better.

Now it's Bobby's turn. Cameron learns Bobby is an Army Veteran who was discharged for mental reasons. He moved to LA for psychiatric resources, which led to an abuse in drugs and a job as a rideshare driver to get by. Cameron wants vengeance and returns to LA to attempt to free the three captive girls, with Bobby by her side. They search the city, going to various haunts of Viktor. That eventually leads Viktor to find them, beating them down and putting them in a van. Along the way the van picks up the three girls they were looking for. All in the back of the van together, the van arrives to a shipping dock where a large vessel is set for sail. Viktor's anger grows when he realizes Cameron's love has gone away and shifted to Bobby. He sends them both on the sex slave ship, along with a large number of other young people.

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