

## "Driver's Ed"

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Characters: 1 male, 1 female

Julie, female, 16-17

Mr. Morris, 25+

Synopsis: Julie has her 5th day of driving lessons from Mr. Morris. She soon discovers what she suspected to be true; Mr. Morris knows nothing about driving

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INT. STUDENT TEST CAR - DAY

MR. MORRIS enters the passenger side of the car and Julie enter the driver side. They both buckle their seat belts.

MR. MORRIS  
Okay Julie. What's first?

JULIE  
Start the car.

She reaches for the keys in the ignition. Mr. Morris reaches out and stops her hand from turning the key.

MR. MORRIS  
No no. We can't just fire the rockets and launch. We have to do a ...

JULIE  
...system check. Right.

She adjusts the side mirror, then the rearview mirror. She notices her face and begins to wipe the excess lip gloss from her lips.

MR. MORRIS  
Julie, focus. Seat adjustment?

She moves her seat.

JULIE  
Check.

MR. MORRIS  
Side mirror?

JULIE  
Check.

MR. MORRIS  
Rearview mirror?

JULIE  
Check.

MR. MORRIS  
Seat belt?

JULIE  
Fastened.

MR. MORRIS  
Okay. What's next?

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She reaches for the keys. He stops her hand one more time.

MR. MORRIS  
Don't start, yet. Just turn it halfway  
until the system lights go on.

She does.

MR. MORRIS  
What do you see?

JULIE  
The dashboard lights?

MR. MORRIS  
Right. You have to make sure you take  
notice of every light before you launch.  
(beat)  
What this one for?

JULIE  
That the oil level.

MR. MORRIS  
And this one?

JULIE  
That's the temperature gauge...and that's  
the fuel gauge, and that's the engine  
service light...

MR. MORRIS  
Good. When you see that light on, what  
does that mean?

JULIE  
The engine needs servicing?  
(beat)  
Mr. Morris. This is my 5th day of driving  
lessons and all we've done is go over  
these darn lights. When am I going to  
actually start driving the car?

MR. MORRIS  
Julie, Julie, Julie. You must have  
patience. You have to get to *know* the  
car, *respect* the car, before you can  
*handle* the car.

JULIE  
Do you have any other students? I mean, I  
never see anyone else at your office.

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MR. MORRIS

Of course I have other students. Lots of them.

JULIE

Tell you what. You drive. I'll watch. At least I can tell my dad we did something different.

MR. MORRIS

Okay, I'll let you drive to the end of the block. Just enough to get the feel of the propulsion and thrust of the vehicle.

JULIE

Propulsion and thrust? This is not a rocket ship. Do you even know anything about cars?

MR. MORRIS

(forced laughter)

What? Don't be ridiculous. I'm an expert.

JULIE

What does the letter "D" mean?

MR. MORRIS

Drive, silly.

JULIE

And what about "R"?

MR. MORRIS

Reverse. Now please, Julie. Can we get on with your lesson?

JULIE

What does the letter "P" mean?

Julie continues to stare waiting for an answer.

MR. MORRIS

What do **you** think it means?

JULIE

Really? How about the letter "N"?

MR. MORRIS

You want to play this game. Okay. You flunk! That's it! Get out of my car!

Julie starts the car.

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MR. MORRIS

What are you doing! Stop that!

She floors it and he goes into a panic.

MR. MORRIS

You flunk! You flunk! Stop!

JULIE

I'm going to my house and you can explain to my dad what we have been doing for the last five lessons.

MR. MORRIS

Oh, God! Reverse thrusters! Reverse thrusters!

JULIE

Oh, a red light! Wonder what that means...

She turns sharply sending him to the side.

MR. MORRIS

Okay. You pass! You pass!

She slams on the brakes and to a dead stop. She gets out of the car and turns to Mr. Morris...

JULIE

My dad will be calling you for his money back.

The car begins to roll and Morris begins to panic again.

JULIE (O.C.)

"P" is for PARK you, you jack ass!