

Script 2: Fatigue & Night Driving

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| <p>SFX:</p> <p>Sounds inside a hair salon, hairdryer going, voices talking softly, curlers and hair tools being taken from trolleys and put back, someone laughing, a radio playing in the distance</p> <p>Conversation is punctuated by sounds of Phuti working on Gloria's hair... walking around her...reaching for hair tools</p> <p>More sounds inside a hair salon, hairdryer going, voices talking softly,</p> | <p>V/O:</p> <p>Phuti: Good morning Gloria, it's good to see you again...</p> <p>Gloria: Hi Phuti, I've been looking forward to my visit...</p> <p>Phuti: I'm happy you see you're using the new conditioner you took last time, your hair is in really nice condition ne'...</p> <p>Gloria: Yes, I love it, but I'm going to need to take some more today ...</p> <p>Phuti: Ah sorry Gloria, we're out of stock, Patrick, the delivery guy was in an accident last night, and his van was written off...</p> <p>Gloria: (Shocked) No! What happened?</p> <p>Phuti: I heard he was delayed on the road, it was so dark...he was tired... and he fell asleep at the wheel. It seems he drove off the road and hit a tree!</p> <p>Gloria: Oh no! Is he OK though?</p> <p>Phuti: I'm not sure, they're keeping him at the hospital for tests...</p> <p>Gloria: That's the trouble with driving</p> |
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at night, especially when you're tired. You know how it goes...you've had a long day, you're feeling drowsy and you can't really see that well at night, or judge speed or distances...

Phuti: It happened to my poor cousin, Thabo, you remember, he worked for that removals company, and he often had to drive through the night...

Phuti: Well this one night, he knew he was tired because he kept on yawning and he couldn't concentrate so well, but he really wanted to get home, so instead of taking a break for a nap, he just pressed on...

Phuti: It was **such** a stupid mistake because he didn't see the cow in the road until it was too late... His reactions were slow, so he couldn't stop safely or slow down... and he hit the cow, the truck went off the road and rolled over the embankment. He hadn't seen the warning sign either. (Sadly) They said nothing could have saved him...

Gloria: If only he'd been sensible and stopped every 2 hours, had a snack or even a short nap, he'd be alive today.

Phuti: I know! It really upset Molefi... they were close. But Molefi told him often how dangerous night driving was; you don't see pedestrians or people on bicycles... there are lots of

drunk drivers out there... and criminals wait for you everywhere.

Gloria: Well it's not even safe to take medicines that make you sleepy, or eat heavy meals, and of course, no alcohol!

Phuti: I hate it when we have drive anywhere at night, it bothers my eyes, trying to get used to very dark roads and then bright lights on some...

Gloria: I always think that if you're going to drive long distances it's better to have a passenger you can talk to and share the driving with...

Phuti: It boils down to common sense though, doesn't it? Try not to drive at night, and if you have to, make sure you know what the risks are... I heard that 3 times more people are killed driving at night than in the day!

Phuti: And if you are tired, it's stupid to try and drive. Stop, rest, take a nap, have a snack, do some exercise. We all want to stay alive on the roads!

Gloria: You're right Phuti, I just wish everyone would think about the consequences – and there'd be less accidents and deaths on the roads.

MV/O: We choose not to drive tired.
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