

Free Parking

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EXT. VALLY ROAD MSU - ESTABLISHING

Car is driving up vally road. There are other activities going on campus. People walking to class. Cars driving by and standing at the light. All the daily activities that happen on university campus are shown.

EXT. MSU PARKING LOT

Car comes to stop sign. Moves forward and makes its way across campus. Belal is looking around to see if there are any empty spaces. Comes to his usual parking area and parks his car.

Belal looks to the other cars and notices the parking decals. Looks down to his dashboard to realize that his parking decal isn't there.

A flashback of him walking out of home shows that he left his parking decal in his mom's car.

BELAL (V.O.)

Oh man! I'm late for class and I left my parking decal in my mom's car. Okay, finish class, come straight back, move your car, and pray you don't get a ticket.

Belal gets out of his car and picks up his notebook from the back seat. He looks at his other text books for a moment thinking...

I'll get the text book after class.

Belal gets out of his car and makes his way up to the campus. Title comes on screen "Free Parking".

Scenes of campus happenings are shown. students in class, people working, tickets on cars, ticket envelopes on the floor, red cars going around giving tickets.

One hour Time laps of university hall, student center looking down at the quad, college hall bell, downhill parking lot, the sky, reflection on Belal's car, city skyline from 7th floor UN, entrance parking lot.

Belal comes out of Partridge Hall with his books in his hand. He walks toward Cafe Diem.

INT. CAFE DIEM

Farhan, Aman, and Shareef are sitting at a couch near a window talking and socializing.

BELAL

(Putting his notebook down on the table, emptying his pocket of his cell phone and keys. Putting his cell phone on his notebook and keys on the table.)

Asalaamu Alaikum. What's up guys?

SHAREEF

Walaikum Asalaam. Just chilling. Yo, did you start on the project yet?

BELAL

Not yet. I was planning on getting together with the guys later today at the library.

SHAREEF

You wanna start the project now.

BELAL

Not yet, I got some studying to do.

Belal remembers (flashback) his textbook in the back seat of his car. He remembers that he needs to move the car (flashback to decal)

BELAL (CONT'D)

(Picking up his notebook and cell phone, forgetting his keys on the table with other peoples stuff)

Ill see you guys later.

EXT. OUTSIDE CAFE DIEM

Belal quickly makes his way down to the parking lot.

INT. CAFE DIEM

Shareef looks down and sees Belal's car key.

SHAREEF

Uh oh. Looks like he left his keys.

AMAN

He said he was going to the library to study.

SHAREEF

Yea, I'll be back in a minute.

Shareef heads over to the library to give Belal the keys. He finds Kareem sitting down and studying.

EXT. LIBRARY

SHAREEF

Asalaamu Alaikum.

KAREEM

Walaikum Asalaam

SHAREEF

Did you see Belal come up here?

KAREEM

No. He called me up earlier today to do the project.

SHAREEF

He left his keys at the cafe. He said he was coming up to the library to study.

KAREEM

Here, gimmi the keys. I have an idea.

EXT. PARKING LOT

Belal gets to his car and put his hands into his pocket.

BELAL

No ticket. Excellent.

Realizes that he doesn't have his keys.

BELAL (CONT'D)  
Oh no! I left my keys.

Looking over up the hill where he came down. Begins to walk back to cafe diem.

INT. CAFE DIEM

Belal walks into the cafe and looks to where he was sitting. He sees only Farhan eating a cupcake. He looks over the table looking for his keys.

BELAL  
Hey listen, I left my keys right here. You know where they went?

FARHAN  
Yea. Shareef took it to the library thinking you were there.

BELAL  
Okay thanks.

Belal walks up to the library and sees Shareef and Aman walk out.

INT. LIBRARY

BELAL  
Hey, you have my keys?

SHAREEF  
I gave them to Kareem.

Belal walks over to Kareem sitting at the other end of the library.

BELAL  
Asalaamu Alaikum

KAREEM  
Walaikum Asalaam. What's up.

BELAL  
Shareef said that he gave you my keys.

KAREEM  
(Pulling out Belal's keys from his pocket)  
Yup, right here.  
(MORE)

KAREEM (CONT'D)

Listen, for the project lets go to the Village dorms. I have my stuff there.

Kareem picks up his bookbag and puts it on his shoulder.

BELAL

Not right now. I gotta move my car or they gonna ticket me.

KAREEM

Ok here

Kareem hangs Belal's keys by the chain on his finger. As Belal reaches out to take it, Kareem pulls his hand back and start running down.

Student sitting at the same table looks up at Belal.

STUDENT

Brotha just jacked your keys.

Belal runs after Kareem toward the stairwell.

INT. LIBRARY STAIRWELL

Kareem blasts through the double doors running and jumping down the stairs.

Belal then blasts through the door coming up behind him.

INT. LIBRARY LOBBY

Kareem quietly walks through the lobby and out the library main entrance.

Belal comes in to the lobby running.

DESK WORKER

Sir please dont run in the lobby!

BELAL

He's running away with my car keys!

EXT. OUTSIDE CAFE DIEM

Belal catches up with Kareem just as Kareem tosses the keys to Shareef.

## EXT. FINLY HALL

Shareef runs toward Finly hall and enters from its side. Belal is quickly catching up from behind him. Aman is coming around from under the building bridge.

Just as Aman enters into Finly by the stairwell, Shareef passes him the keys. Aman is running through Finly and Mallory hall through the double doors, and Belal is coming up close. Aman cuts across Mallory room 155 to the side exit door.

## EXT. STUDENT CENTER QUAD

Farhan is on the other side running. Aman tosses the keys to Farhan. Farhan runs toward the student center stairs leading down to the Rathskeller.

Belal jumps over the ledge and heads over to the Rathskeller

## INT. STUDENT CENTER

Farhan runs past the C-Store, past the bookstore with Belal close behind him. People turn their heads as they run by.

Kareem runs through the double doors into the student center. Farhan tosses the keys to Kareem. Belal continues to chase after Kareem. Kareem runs up the stairs exiting the student center.

## EXT. OUTSIDE UNIVERSITY HALL

Shareef pulls up with his car and Kareem jumps in driving away, just as Belal comes out the double doors.

Belal begins running down the ramp toward the parking lots.

## EXT. OUTSIDE OF HEALTH CARE CENTER

Kareem and Shareef are driving toward the parking lot and rec center.

## EXT. SHORTCUT HILL

Belal runs down, skipping and hopping though the trees and rocks down to parking lot.

Belal runs with momentum onto the street

INT. SHAREEF'S CAR

They see Belal run onto the street.

KAREEM  
Step on it.

Shareef puts the pedal to the metal.

EXT. PARKING LOT AND STREET CROSS

Belal steps back as Shareef's car passes by him.

Belal runs down the hill to the next parking lot cutting across cars. One car pulls out of its parking spot and he jumps over the hood.

Belal runs toward the Lot 40 stairs, runs across the baseball field toward the railroad tracks. He jumps the fence running across the tracks.

INT. SHAREEF'S CAR

They pass by the clove road campus entrance.

EXT. CLOVE ROAD

Shareef's car comes to a stop signs and turns onto the road.

EXT. CHILD CARE CENTER

Belal runs across the day care center play ground and over the fence.

EXT. LITTLE FALLS PARKING LOT

Belal is running across the parking lot.

Kareem and Shareef are driving down clove road toward the Village dorms.

Belal runs up to Clove road just as Shareef's car passes by. Shareef's car stops at the stop light.

EXT. OUTSIDE VILLIAGE DORMS

Belal runs up the side through the fence as Shareef's car pulls into the Village dorms. Shareef up to the dorm entrance and Kareem run out into the dorm.

INT. VILLAGE DORMS 1ST FLOOR

Belal runs in after him and grabs him by the back, pushing him into the lounge. Belal and Kareem wrestle until Belal puts him into a chicken wing.

BELAL  
Gimmi my keys

Belal begins to tickle Kareem.

KAREEM  
Hahaha, okay, okay...you win..haha.  
Here your keys.

BELAL  
Now drive me back to the campus.

KAREEM  
(smiling)  
I'm not the one with the car keys.  
Looks like you gonna have to take  
the shuttle back.

Belal puts his keys in his pocket and walks out. He waits for the shuttle bus untill it arrives. He gets on the bus and it drops him off at where his car is parked.

EXT. PARKING LOT

Belal walks over to where his car is, and notices a red envelope on the windshield.

BELAL  
Oh no...

Belal take the ticket into his hand, pulls out the keys and inserts it into his car. The key doesn't turn. An expression of confusion comes upon his face.

He looks to the rear of his car to make sure its his car. He sees that there is no tape on the rear bumper. Its not his car.

Belal carefully puts the red ticket envelope on the car's windshield. Belal looks around for his car. He walks up and down the school parking lots looking for his car.

EXT. YOGI BERRA PARKING LOT

Belal notices his car parked all the way toward the end of the lot.

Flashback when Belal was returning from his car in the beginning. Kareem tells Shareef his idea. Shareef comes down with Belal's keys and tells Aman to come with him. They drive down to Belal's car. Aman moves Belal's car to Yogi Berra stadium. Shareef and Aman drive back up to the library and give Kareem the keys.

BELAL

No, This is NOT cool. Ima kill em.  
That's it. They are done.

He reaches his car to find a red envelope on his windshield.

INT. BELAL'S CAR

He sits down into his car to find that his seat has been readjusted. He readjusts the seating, and pulls out the paper from the ticket envelope

The paper is not a ticket. Its a paper with a note saying, "Smile, let the little things go"

There is a knock on the driver side window. Kareem is standing outside with a camera and they take Belal's picture as he has a odd expression on his face.

FADE TO BLACK.

ON SCREEN

Words come on screen saying, "Smile, let the little things go."

End.