

INT. CAR - NIGHT

David (53) opens his eyes when he feels the vibration under the car get stronger. The first thing he sees is the concrete divider coming closer. Fast.

He looks over at Leah (18), with both hands still on the wheel and her head leaned back, resting on the headrest.

Her eyes closed.

David reaches for the wheel.

DAVID

Leah!

Her eyes fly open, her head jerks forward and she grabs the wheel and yanks it to the left, away from the concrete divider. She immediately loses control as her and David both struggle against each other trying to regain control.

Leah screams as the car veers violently from one lane to the other until finally it flips over and bounces over the steel guardrails and rolls down a steep embankment until it splashes down in the river below.

The car instantly begins to fill with water. Leah has stopped screaming.

DAVID (CONT'D)

Leah? Leah, baby, are you okay? Can you hear me?

David manages to undo his seatbelt but his foot is wedged between the floor and the crushed dashboard. He reaches over and shakes Leah who is unconscious and bleeding from her head.

DAVID (CONT'D)

Leah, you gotta wake up baby! Leah!

He continues shaking her until she finally opens her eyes. As she becomes lucid, panic begins to take over and she becomes frantic.

LEAH

(sobbing)

No, no, no, daddy, I'm sorry, I'm sorry daddy, I didn't...

DAVID

Hey, Leah listen to me, I need you to stay calm honey.

She realizes the car is filling with water.

LEAH  
Oh my God daddy, we're going to  
drown!

She tries to open the door but it doesn't budge. She throws  
her body into it but still nothing.

LEAH (CONT'D)  
It won't open!

Suddenly, the rear windshield explodes. They cover their  
faces as glass flies everywhere. David looks back and sees a  
man standing behind the car holding a crowbar.

BYSTANDER  
Hey, you gotta get outta there the  
car is sinking! Let's go!

He extends his hand through the window.

DAVID  
Leah, can you get your seatbelt  
off?

She tries and she does.

DAVID (CONT'D)  
Good girl. Now I need you to climb  
through the backseat towards that  
man okay. He's going to help you  
get out.

The water has risen to their chests and Leah is frozen with  
fear, shaking her head, no. David reaches over and gently  
steadies her head with his hands. He looks into her eyes.

DAVID (CONT'D)  
Listen baby, the car is sinking.  
You have to climb out. I know  
you're scared baby but what do we  
always say about fear?

LEAH  
On...on the other side...is  
victory.

DAVID  
That's right. On the other side is  
victory. I need you to climb to  
that man baby. Right now.

LEAH

Daddy...

DAVID

Go, I'm right behind you.

BYSTANDER

Let's go, you gotta get out!

She gathers the courage to finally climb over her seat towards the bystander. She grabs his hand and he pulls her out. She turns and sees that David hasn't moved.

LEAH

Daddy! Come on daddy, what are you doing?!

David makes eye contact with the bystander and subtly moves his head from side to side. The bystander understands and takes Leah's arm.

BYSTANDER

Come on!

He pulls her off the back of the car into the river. They swim to shore where there are several other people who pull them out of the water.

They turn back just in time to see the trunk pop open before the car submerges completely. Then, something floats out of the trunk at the last second.

The good samaritans watch as a rolled up carpet floats to the surface and unravels, revealing a lifeless female body that bobs up and down on the river's current.

Everyone turns towards Leah who is sobbing uncontrollably. They all slowly back away from her.

FADE OUT.