

ANGE - RENAULT

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VAMPIRE STATE BUILDING



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GREEN
FOUNDATION

... BUILT IN 1930, THE *EMPIRE STATE BUILDING* PEAKS AT 381 METERS AND COUNTS 102 STORIES. IT REMAINED UNRIVALED WORLDWIDE UNTIL 1967 ...



... BUSINESS OFFICES WITH AN EMPLOYEE-COUNT OF OVER 20,000... THE BUILDING ALSO WELCOMES TWO-AND-A-HALF MILLION TOURISTS EACH YEAR, FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE VISIT! ...



... CURRENTLY UNDER RENOVATION BY THE *GREEN FOUNDATION*, THE *EMPIRE STATE BUILDING* IS DESTINED TO BE A MODEL OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY. NATURE AND TECHNOLOGY HAVE FINALLY JOINED FORCES ...

OBSERVATION DECK, 86TH FLOOR

ALL THESE PEOPLE ...
STEALING
MY AIR.

COME ON...
NOBODY'S GONNA BITE
YOU. YOU SEE MARY
AND THE OTHERS
ANYWHERE?



NO.



TERRY!? WHAT'S UP WITH YOU? IT'S NOT LIKE THEY WERE NEVER LATE...

NO, IT'S NOT THAT. I'M JUST NOT SURE IT'S SUCH A GOOD IDEA --



-- FOR YOU TO GO SERVE IN AFGHANISTAN? TURN DOWN A SCHOLARSHIP? AND DISAPPEAR OVERNIGHT?

HEY, YOU'RE THE GOOD IDEAS EXPERT!



DAMN, ASHLEY. I'M TALKING ABOUT YOUR IDEA OF THROWING A FAREWELL PARTY.



LISTEN, I DON'T WANT TO ARGUE, BUT -- ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE DOING THE RIGHT THING?

WE'VE BEEN THROUGH THIS...



WE'RE COUSINS, CUZ, AND I'VE KNOWN HOW YOU THINK FOR 22 YEARS --

-- 21.



STOP SPLITTING HAIRS. WE'VE BEEN BUTTING HEADS FOR 21 YEARS. I KNOW YOU INSIDE OUT.

SOUND MORE LIKE YOU'RE RUNNING FROM SOMETHING.



ASHLEY...
PLEASE...

FOLLOWING IN YOUR
FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS WON'T
BRING HIM BACK...



IMAGINE WHAT
YOU'RE PUTTING YOUR
MOTHER THROUGH! SHE'S
STILL NOT OVER HIS DEATH...
AND NOW YOU UP AND RUN
OFF TO THE PLACE HE
WAS KILLED? ...



I GET IT.
YOU WANT HER
TO HAVE ANOTHER
NEATLY FOLDED
FLAG -- IS
THAT IT?

HELP ME HERE.
IT'S LIKE YOU'RE
THROWING YOUR
LIFE AWAY.



WHAT ABOUT
MARY? IS THIS
WHY YOU BROKE
UP WITH HER?



LOOK. I KNOW
YOU'RE ALL WORRYING
ABOUT ME. TRUST ME,
I'M TOUCHED. BUT I MADE
A DECISION AND I'M
GONNA STICK TO IT.

WE GOOD,
CUZ?



IS THIS BECAUSE
OF WHAT WENT DOWN
WITH RACHEL?

WHAT
ARE YOU --

AH! HERE
THEY ARE!
I FOUND
THEM!





ADMIRE THE VIEW, TERRY! WE WANTED YOU TO TAKE ONE LAST LOOK AT WHAT YOU'RE LEAVING BEHIND...

THE CITY WHERE DREAMS COME TRUE!



AMEN TO THAT! AND IF I FLUNK OUT, I'LL BE CRASHING YOUR BARRACKS IN KABOUL.

GUYS, THIS IS SWEET AND ALL BUT -- A BEER DOWN AT KIM'S WOULD'VE BEEN ENOUGH.



DON'T WORRY, IT DIDN'T COST US A THING! THE TICKETS ARE COURTESY OF "MR RENOVATION" HIMSELF... MARY'S DAD.

REALLY? LET ME GUESS... HE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE ME GO?

OUCH -- PROFESSOR DENT'S EARS MUST BE RINGING.



YOU'RE OFF THE MARK... DAD'S WAY TOO BUSY SUPERVISING RENOVATIONS. I FOUND A PILE OF INVITES, SO I TOOK SOME.

THEY FOUND SOMETHING WEIRD ON THE SEVENTY-FIFTH FLOOR, IN THE WALLS. EVERY VIP IN THE CITY IS INVITED TO SEE IT TOMORROW.



IN THE WALLS? WHAT? SOME KIND OF HIDDEN ROOM?

LIKE AL CAPONE'S VAULT?

75TH FLOOR



YEAH... A QUIET PLACE TO "INTERVIEW" SECRETARIES. ONLY THE HOT ONES!

YOU MEAN THE PLASTER HELD UP FOR EIGHTY YEARS AND NO ONE NOTICED WHAT WAS BEHIND IT?!

HELL I DON'T KNOW! FUCKIN' MYSTERY... ALL I KNOW IS WE'RE STUCK HERE DOING OVERTIME BECAUSE OF SOME GODDAMN EARLY MORNING PRESS CONFERENCE.







ARTHUR
SWEETIE,
COME ON...

THE MAN
WANTS TO BE
LEFT ALONE...













