

PHOTO OP

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FADE IN:

EXT. RIO GRANDE GORGE BRIDGE - LATE AFTERNOON

The mountains, the gorge, the bridge. A few people are on the bridge enjoying the amazing views.

A guy, TOM, has his phone out, taking selfies. Not satisfied, he deletes a couple, tries more.

Further down the bridge walkway, a couple is walking away from another man. This man, LARRY, walks toward Tom.

LARRY
Hey there!

TOM
Howdy.

LARRY
Want me to take that for you?

TOM
Uhh... yeah, that'd be great,
actually.

Tom hands Larry his phone.

TOM (CONT'D)
I'm having a hard time getting the
view in the shot.

LARRY
(during Tom's line)
Yeah.

Tom steps back to the railing. Larry gestures to Tom where to stand, then fiddles with his phone.

LARRY (CONT'D)
This should be good. Somethin' like
that...

TOM
Oh, it's just the white button,
there.

LARRY
Yep, yep, I got it... big smile...
Maybe not that big... Whoah, you've
got like 30,000 unread emails!

TOM
It's just... spam.

LARRY
I hear ya, a'right, I'm gonna try a
couple things here... let me try
one like that...

Larry shoots a picture.

LARRY (CONT'D)
Could be the winner, I'm just gonna
check that... yeah, mmmmm... hey,
you got a new Instagram follower!

TOM
(slightly nervous)
Cool.

LARRY
Yeah, nice.

TOM
So...

Tom steps forward.

LARRY
Here, get back there... uh, yeah...
just, like, look off in that
direction, like you've always
wondered what's over there and now
maybe you'll find out.

Tom looks off in the distance. Larry continues to fiddle with
the phone.

LARRY (CONT'D)
Okay. That could work.

Larry keeps fiddling with the phone.

LARRY (CONT'D)
Guess you're not really doin' much
on Facebook? Looks like you don't
have many friends?

TOM
Could you not go through my phone,
please?

LARRY

Uh huh... just one more, maybe an angle like this would be kind of, a, interesting variation... you may not care for this at all but I think it's worth trying...

Larry takes another photo.

SFX: faint text DING.

LARRY (CONT'D)

(looking at screen)

Oh hey, Cathy made a dinner reservation at the Bronze Rooster!

TOM

Okay, give me my phone.

Tom holds out his hand for his phone.

LARRY

I hear great things about that place.

TOM

Yup.

Tom TRIES TO GRAB HIS PHONE, but Larry holds it out over the edge.

Friendly Larry has been replaced by cold, scary Larry.

LARRY

Now look. That's a 600 foot drop.

Tom looks from Larry down into the gorge.

Shot looking down into the gorge, back up to Larry.

LARRY (CONT'D)

(smiling, creepy)

I sure would love to have dinner at the Bronze Rooster.

SMASH CUT TO:

INT. TOM'S CAR - MOMENTS LATER

Tom is driving. He's grim-faced. Larry is in the passenger seat, continuing to look through Tom's phone.

LARRY

LinkedIn... do you find that useful?

Tom doesn't reply. Larry scrolls through more on Tom's phone.

LARRY (CONT'D)

What's this Poker Deluxe... Bubble Level, come on, you never use that! You have too many apps! Your phone's probably not even working very well. I'm gonna get rid of some of these.

Tom doesn't reply as Larry begins deleting apps.

SMASH CUT TO:

INT. RESTAURANT - A WHILE LATER

Tom and CATHY are at a table for two, with Larry jammed in awkwardly, all finishing dinner. Tom and Cathy are silent and subdued.

LARRY

(cheery, mouth full)
... What a day! I keep having the best luck! I met this other couple in Taos while *they* were taking pictures, and I ended up... *tagging* along with them over to the Gorge Bridge, and that's where I met Tom!

Cathy makes a tight expression that's not quite a smile.

At a nearby table, another couple is having a romantic dinner. The guy has his phone out and is attempting to take a picture of them both.

Larry notices this. Smiles.

LARRY (CONT'D)

Ahhh... okay.

He takes Tom's phone from a pocket and tosses it onto the table. Tom, traumatized, grabs it.

LARRY (CONT'D)

Well, it's been a pleasure.

Larry wipes his mouth with the napkin, gets up. He approaches the other couple.

LARRY (CONT'D)
Hey, want me to take it for you?

SMASH CUT TO:

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EXT. NEW MEXICO HIGHWAY - LATE AFTERNOON

Exterior shot of Tom's van driving along.

LARRY (V.O.)
You know you can organize mail into
folders? This is a mess!