

**Title:** Meet Cute: Touch a Car Contest

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**Premise:** Love at first sight at the "Last Person Standing" car contest

**Setting:** A Touch a Car Contest

**Characters:**

CARRIE: A shy girl, rom-com energy

SARAH: Bossy friend, not interested in the contest

JEFF: He needs this car really badly

ANAKIN: He falls hard for Carrie, turned on by her mystique

RADIO DJ: Pushy and douchey

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*(Lights up on four people touching a car. Two women and two men are having separate conversations. One woman is doing the potty dance. A Radio DJ is talking to the audience/spectators.)*

RADIO DJ

Alriiight, spectators, it looks like we are down to our final four for K105's touch-a-car contest! (radio sound effects) The last person with their hand on the car wins this brand new Chevy Cruze. It's been 7 hours and 47 minutes. I wonder how much longer these people can last!

SARAH

Hey Carrie, how badly do you need this car?

CARRIE

I mean, it's been really hard relying on public transit in winters with my gig job. I am not taking my hand off of this car.

SARAH sighs.

CARRIE (CON'T)

Look, Sarah, I appreciate you sticking it through for me, but if you are too cold or have to pee-

SARAH

I'LL GET YOU A HOT COFFEE FROM THE DUNKIN' (loud whispers) Also, I am 95% sure that guy on the end has been staring at you this whole time.

RADIO DJ

Oh look, we have a quitter! (slide whistle) Only 3 contestants left!

DJ goes to interview SARAH.

RADIO DJ (con't)

Hey loser! You made it almost 8 hours, what made you quit?

SARAH

(At DJ) I clearly have to pee!!! Leave me alone! (SARAH shoves him)

CARRIE looks over at ANAKIN, he is staring at her while talking to JEFF, but not creepy. He gets embarrassed when they make eye contact. CARRIE blushes and scoots closer. JEFF is in the middle.

JEFF

Well it looks like it's just us!

ANAKIN

Yeah, (at CARRIE) it's just you and I.

CARRIE smiles. Beat.

JEFF

(looking at them) Haha, looks like you miscounted there, bud.

Long pause. JEFF clears his throat.

JEFF (CON'T)

Well, yeah... we were just chatting about movies.

CARRIE

Which movie?

ANAKIN

Armageddon.

CARRIE

I really enjoy action movies.

JEFF

Same! We ALL love action movies!

ANAKIN

Honestly, I am more into Armageddon for the love story.

JEFF

What?

CARRIE

It's the same reason I enjoy the Fast and the Furious Saga!

ANAKIN

SAME!

JEFF

But not the cars? But we're at a touch a car contest..?

CARRIE

(ignoring JEFF) In my opinion, Dom and Letty are endgame.

ANAKIN

(Vin Diesel RADIO DJice) "You go, I go with you."

CARRIE

"You ride, I ride with you. You-"

ANAKIN  
"You die, I die with you!"

Another long pause.

JEFF  
Wow. Okay. I'll pretend that moment of trauma didn't happen. (At  
Carrie) So, what do you do for a living?

CARRIE  
I'm an independent contractor.

JEFF  
Oh me too, I see why you need this car too!

ANAKIN  
I am a contractor.

JEFF  
(confused) No, you're not, Anakin. You're a real-estate agent.

CARRIE  
Your name is Anakin?! Like Star Wars?

ANAKIN  
(ashamed) Yes, my parents were big fans.

CARRIE  
Mine were too. My name is Carrie.

ANAKIN  
Like Carrie Fisher!? (beat) We have so much in common.

CARRIE  
Yeah. (beat)

JEFF  
I like the prequels-

ANAKIN/CARRIE  
For the love story!

JEFF  
(to himself) Oh fuck me.

CARRIE  
I mean, if you haven't seen the prequels, what are you doing with  
your life?

ANAKIN

100 percent. I would argue that they are *better* than the originals.

JEFF

...I probably wouldn't go *that* far.

CARRIE

I'm glad that I'm not the only one!

ANAKIN

Ha, What can I say? I love the way the romance just creeps up on you.

JEFF

(to himself) Yeah, if you like creepy, poorly-written dialogue.

CARRIE

Anakin Skywalker literally TURNS TO THE DARKSIDE to save Padme!

ANAKIN

I say this all of the time!

They lock eyes again. As they recite the lines, they get closer to each other. JEFF starts to slide down to the ground.

CARRIE

(impression) "Believe me, I wish I could just wish away my feelings."

ANAKIN

(impression) "I am haunted by the kiss you never should have given me."

They touch each other as much as possible without letting go of the car.

CARRIE

Hey, this may sound a bit forward, but after this do you want to go-

ANAKIN

-watch a movie? Yes!

CARRIE

I have *Shrek* on Blu Ray.

ANAKIN

Shrek is love. Shrek is life.

CARRIE

Forget the car! Take me now!

ANAKIN and CARRIE jump into the vehicle. We hear them banging around.

RADIO DJ  
We have a winner!

JEFF  
But at what cost? (sobs)

RADIO DJ  
Those losers are getting lucky in your new Chevy Cruze!

SARAH returns with Dunkin'.

CARRIE and ANAKIN now begin to be louder, you can hear them talking "dirty" and a golden Princess Leia bra is thrown back out of the car.

SARAH  
Again?! (Points at JEFF and sips on the coffee) Hey you! When they wrap it up, I'll need a ride home.

*Blackout.*