

EXT. APARTMENT - DAY

Jason and Quent (21) approach their snowy apartment. Quent fishes in his pocket for the keys.

JASON

All right, when Ari gets back from parking the suburban, we'll go grab something to eat - how does that sound?

QUENT

Delicious.

INT. APARTMENT - DAY

Jason and Quent walk into the apartment and go to their respective rooms. Jason plops down in his computer chair and turns on the computer. He turns and notices the window wide open, and everything on the window sill knocked over. He surveys the room.

JASON

(to self)

Where the hell did the laptop go?

QUENT

(shouting from other room)

Where the hell is my laptop?

Jason looks out his window and notices the THIEF with a backpack far down the alley that leads to his window. Jason's eyes go wide as he leaps out of his chair, which falls hard to the ground. He dashes for the door, catching Quent off guard.

QUENT

Do you think we were robbed - Jason? Whoa, Jason, what?!

Quent follows quickly.

EXT. STREETS - DAY

Jason runs full speed toward the thief, who catches on and picks up speed himself. Quent trails behind.

QUENT

(panting and yelling)

That's my backpack asshole! You can't sell a biology textbook for smack douchebag!

Quent stops, takes out his cell phone, and dials "911."

MEANWHILE

Jason and the thief continue their blurry chase down the road. From the opposite direction, ARI approaches Jason in her suburban. He stops, out of breath, to talk to her.

ARI
No parking anywhere...

JASON
TURN AROUND!

ARI
I can't, it's a one-way...

JASON
Then get in the passenger's seat!

CUT TO:

CONTINUOUS

Jason and Ari speed up a one way and catch up to the thief (with Ari screaming in fright).

ARI
Is this worth it?!

JASON
He stole my laptop!

Just as the car catches up, the subway parks right in the middle of the intersection that the thief runs across. The car comes to a screeching halt. Jason gets out to see if he can catch up, but is obscured by the sea of people getting onto the subway - but just when the subway doors close, Jason spots the thief on the subway.

Jason quickly leaps back into the car and speeds alongside the train, causing Jason to have multiple near misses with on-coming traffic.

TRAIN ANNOUNCER
Again to remind you ladies and gentlemen, this train is express to Watuchi Ski Lodge and Resort, this train is express to Watuchi Ski Lodge and Resort. No other stops will be made.

Jason floors the gas. The chase passes right by a police station. 3 cruisers slam their sirens on and pursue the action.

OFFICER 1
So much for that B&E that just got called in.

OFFICER 2 gets on the CB radio.

OFFICER 2
Stop the car - young man, what do
you think you're doing?

JASON
HE STOLE MY LAPTOP!

The subway goes underground while the suburban continues to get chased. Jason has lost the thief.

CUT TO:

INT. SUBWAY STATION AT SKI LODGE

The thief quickly gets off the train, confidently strolling out to the surface.

EXT. SKI LODGE

The parking lot is serene and quiet, as we hear families laughing on their way up to the lodge...until:

The suburban SCREECHES through a corner and BARRELS down the parking lot, the police in hot pursuit. The suburban continues full speed toward the snowbank in which the mountain slope begins. The suburban hops right over it and squeals up the mountain. The police follow but the snow stops all of their cruisers. They get out and RUN.

EXT. SKI SLOPE

The thief sits happily in a ski chair lift, and inspects the backpack: it's got THREE laptops. He zips it back up and laughs, but his laughter is broken when he hears the sounds of crowds screaming and diving for their lives. He turns to find:

The suburban plows a steady path and continues to drive quickly up the hill. The thief panics and inspects the distance from the lift to the ground. It's far: a good forty feet.

The suburban continues its stampede toward the lift. Jason has fire in his eyes. The thief notices that the snow rises, reducing the fall to maybe ten feet. He prepares himself for the fall, but just as he closes his eyes and lets go of gravity:

The suburban slams into the back of the lift, unhinging it and causing it to ride atop the hood of the suburban. The windshield smashes on impact, but Jason continues his fury.

Jason heads for the cliff on the opposite side of the slope to dispatch the thief. Just as they approach it, the suburban's tires BLOW out: the cops have shot out the tires.

The suburban takes a downhill plunge in the reverse - Ari and Jason leap out before it picks up too much speed. The lift (with the thief still inside) flips backwards, over, and behind the out of control vehicle. The thief struggles with the safety buckle and rolls out of the way just in time before the automobile crushes the lift. The cops DIVE out of the way as well.

The suburban makes a slow but seemingly safe slide into the now vacant parking lot. It sits there for approximately five seconds before EXPLODING into a thousand pieces.

EXT. SKI LODGE

The cops have Jason, Ari, and the thief all in handcuffs.

OFFICER 1

Why young man, why did you put
you and your girlfriend in
danger?

JASON

He...stole...my...laptop.

OFFICER 1

He did?!

The officer inspects the thief's backpack.

OFFICER 1

MY LAPTOP'S IN HERE TOO!

The officer uncuffs Jason and Ari and shoots the thief in the knee cap.

OFFICER 1

You almost cost me everything.