

People in a Can

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INT. ELEVATOR TUNNEL - NIGHT

BIRD'S EYE SHOT OF THE ELEVATOR DESCENDING

The elevator stops.

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Four people are standing inside the elevator.

CHATERINE is a 26-year-old caucasian woman.

RICHARD is a 45-year-old black man.

LUTZ is a 92-year-old caucasian man.

DANIEL is a 32-year-old Jewish gay man.

They all look casual as they stand and avoid eye contact.

Suddenly the elevator stops.

CATHERINE

Oh my God

RICHARD

What the hell?

Daniel is the one nearest to the elevator's buttons and tries to press them, the elevator doesn't respond.

DANIEL

Ok...

Lutz looks nervous.

Daniel presses the emergency button and waits for someone to answer. They get no answer.

CATHERINE

Fuck!

Lutz starts feeling bad and almost falls, Daniel grabs on to him and helps him sit down.

DANIEL

Calm down sir, it's going to be alright

Richard kicks the door really hard and yells really hard.

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RICHARD
Open this fucking door!

CATHERINE
Stop it, retard!

RICHARD
Shut up!

Richard kicks the doors even harder.

Catherine yells at him.

DANIEL
Hey!

RICHARD
What?

DANIEL
Be careful, man!

RICHARD
Of what?

DANIEL
Just relax, they must be working on
it!

RICHARD
They're not working on shit!

Catherine yells at Richard.

CATHERINE
Asshole!

DANIEL
Yo! You two! There's an old man
here who's not feeling well

Daniel speaks to Lutz who responds in a Germanic accent.

DANIEL
What is your name, sir?

LUTZ
Lutz

Lutz reaches out to his pocket and gets his pills.

Daniel speaks to Catherine.

DANIEL

Do you have some water?

CATHERINE

Yes

Catherine takes a bottle of water from her purse and hands the bottle over to Daniel.

Lutz takes a pill and Daniel gives him some water.

DANIEL

Everything is going to be ok, Lutz.

Richard starts pressing the alarm ring continuously, creating an annoying noise.

CATHERINE

Jesus! Will you stop it?

RICHARD

I suffer from panic attacks you fucking bitch!

CATHERINE

Who are you calling a bitch you nigger piece of shit?!

Richard advances towards Catherine as if he's ready to hit her, Daniel gets up and gets in the middle of the two.

DANIEL

Stop it! You two just stop it!

RICHARD

Did you hear what this bitch called me, nigga?!

CATHERINE

Stop calling me a bitch you chauvinist asshole

DANIEL

Listen up! We all want to get out of this elevator and there's an old man who needs to get help

CATHERINE

And what's your plan, Einstein?

RICHARD

Yeah

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DANIEL

I don't know, but maybe one of us
can get out through the top of the
elevator and get help

Daniel looks at Richard.

DANIEL

You're by far the tallest one, care
to try?

RICHARD

Sure

Richard stand on the side of the elevator and learns that he
can easily reach the top of the elevator, he touches the
wooden ceiling.

RICHARD

It's not that hard

Richard punches the ceiling.

DANIEL

Here, use my knife

Daniel hand's Richard a knife.

Richard starts sticking the knife through the wooden the
ceiling.

CATHERINE

Is this really a good idea?

DANIEL

It's the best we got

Richard is able to make a hole on the ceiling.

DANIEL

Yes!

RICHARD

Fuck yeah

Richard drops the knife on to the floor.

Richard goes through the hole on the ceiling.

DANIEL

How is it?

Ricard jumps and manages to go out of the elevator tunnel.

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RICHARD
Farewell you Trump supporting
mother fuckers!

CATHERINE
What?!

DANIEL
Hey!

RICHARD
Fuck you!

Richard leaves with no intention of getting them help.

CATHERINE
I knew it! We've just wasted time
with this nigger you dumb fairy!

DANIEL
Hey! Watch it! You're really
stupid, did you know that?

CATHERINE
Fuck off

Lutz starts feeling really bad and he hyperventilates.

Daniel gets down on his knees and holds on to Lutz.

CATHERINE
Oh God, Jesus Christ...

DANIEL
Just breath slowly, Lutz

Daniel opens Lutz shirt.

Daniel is shocked as he sees a nazi swastika on Lutz' chest
with a number underneath it, Daniel almost falls back with
the shock.

DANIEL
What the fuck is that?!

Lutz wants to respond but he can't as he's hyperventilating.

DANIEL
You were a nazi officer, weren't
you?!

CATHERINE

Help him!

DANIEL

Fuck you!

Daniel speaks to Lutz.

DANIEL

What is your real name?

Lutz doesn't answer.

DANIEL

That's the number of the
concentration camp you worked at
you son of a bitch!

Daniel holds Lutz by his shirt.

DANIEL

My grandparents died in a
concentration at the hands of
people like you!

Daniel holds on to Lutz neck and starts to choke him while
crying at the same time.

CATHERINE

Stop it, you maniac!

Catherine tries to pull Daniel away from Lutz, but is unable
to as Daniel slaps her.

Catherine falls on the floor, sees the knife next to her and
holds it.

Lutz is able to utter some words.

LUTZ

Judenschwein, Judenscheisse!

Lutz grabs a gun from his belt, but Daniel quickly kicks it
from his hand and holds on to him.

DANIEL

Die, mother fucker!

Daniel chokes Lutz really hard until he dies.

Catherine gets up with the knife on her hand.

Catherine stabs the knife on Daniel's neck.

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Daniel gets up and tries to walk towards Catherine, but instead, just falls on the floor.

Catherine falls to the floor and starts crying.

We hear the voice of a MAN through the elevator's emergency system.

MAN

Hello, is anybody there?

CATHERINE

Leave us alone!

MAN

Is everything ok, ma'am?

CATHERINE

Fuck you!

MAN

Ma'am, calm down, help is on the way

Catherine can't stop crying she crawls towards Lutz' gun and grabs it, she puts the gun in her mouth.

We hear a loud shot and the picture goes black.

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ASCENDING BIRD'S EYE SHOT OF THE ELEVATOR'S INSIDE, THE CAMERA GOES THROUGH THE HOLE ON THE ELEVATOR'S CEILING AND KEEPS GOING UP.

Everybody inside the elevator is dead.

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