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Episodes 1 – 20



### **Episode 1: *Off To a Bad Start***

It wasn't easy but team leader Lovie and his mechanic Tony somehow manage to scour Berlin's junkyards for wrecks that might just get to them across Africa. At least that's what they think; but just as they leave one of the cars breaks down. Tony's job as the sole mechanic starts much earlier than he expected. While he's busy trying to get the dilapidated French car running the other team

members arrive. They're shocked to hear that one car is already having problems. Lovie on the other hand is angered by the amount of luggage brought by some team members. Tony manages to get the car running, but it no longer has a petrol gauge. Shortly after the Ghetto Pimps work their magic transforming the cars from junkyard trash into works of art. As they prepare to depart divisions amongst the group become evident. Lovie takes the helm unravelling a plot to rig the team selection. At the last moment, Lucy confesses to not being able to drive a manual putting on the pressure on Rob, who stricken with a fever, to drive across all of Europe. Just when they are about to get on the road Lovie and Tony discover Rob's map. Despite being stolen from the airline he flew over on it becomes their map to Africa. Certainly not an ideal way to begin a massive journey.



### **Episode 2: *Its All Susan's Fault***

The team mistakenly lets Lucy guide them out of Berlin. It doesn't take long before she loses the map. This frustrates Lovie and Tony, who then take the lead. Just as the three wrecks make it onto the autobahn heading South, Rob begins complaining about his illness. The team knows he's being melodramatic but they deal with it. Lucy can't drive so they have to pull off to give him have a break.

Lucy has her first driving lesson when Susan admits it's her first time driving outside of the United States. Susan's driving shift is short-lived. Within moments her car is belching out black smoke. Forced onto the shoulder of the high-speed autobahn, Tony inspects the car shaking his head. It appears Susan was driving 120km/h in third gear. Tony suspects his worst fears have come true, that she's blown the head gasket. Determined not to cause any more damage, Lovie illegally tows the dead car down the autobahn, but before they can get to the next town their support vehicle blows a tire. It's too much for some team members to handle as they are left stranded on the side of the freezing autobahn. While Lovie and Tony search for help, JLH takes the one working car and speeds off. He returns to an angry Lucy and Rob. Meanwhile, Tony and Lovie still haven't returned from searching for a mechanic. Midnight passes before assistance finally arrives, but now the team has nowhere to sleep.



### **Episode 3: Another French Car?**

The team wakes up in a random field in their tents they pitched in the early morning. Lack of sleep, the loss of a car, and a night shivering in sleeping bags has taken their toll on everyone. Everyone is in a terrible mood so at breakfast Lovie and Rob attack JLH and Susan, blaming them for the car's problems. To make matters worse, just as Lovie and Tony are about to go and get estimates for

repairs to the French car they discover that JLH has walked off with the only set of keys. They have to wait for hours causing more delays and frustrations. Tony and Lovie spend most of the day searching the town for mechanics who may be able to fix the car. After receiving several estimates, the reality of the situation begins to set in. It is too expensive to fix, costing nearly eight times what they paid for the car. Their limited options soon escalate team tensions and Lucy walks off in frustration during a team meeting. Lovie and Tony soon come up with a plan. Without consulting the others they go off used car shopping and purchase the first one they find. It's the exact same model as the one that died. This may save them time if they can illegally swap the number plates and make it out of Germany without being stopped by the police. Surprisingly, everything goes to plan and the two return to the group with a new car! They follow up the good news with even more good news. They've also found a cheap guesthouse for the night. It seems that things might finally be going according to plan, but they're still not out of Germany yet and two days behind schedule.



### **Episode 4: Escape From Germany**

JLH wakes up the next morning to not only an angry homeowner but an angry team as well. They're being kicked out from the guesthouse early. Rob blames this on JLH and his late night drinking with Susan and Tony. JLH is desperate to solve the situation but speaks no German further irritating the homeowner. Lovie, the only German speaker, realises there is nothing he can do to calm down the

homeowner and they must leave. Dishevelled and frustrated the team must pull together to get everything transferred from the old car to the new one. Lovie ignores Tony's advice and spends hours attempting to get the old painted hood to fit the new French car. As a result they don't get on the road until late in the afternoon. It doesn't take more than a few hours before something else goes wrong. The team's worst fears are realized as they are pulled over by the police who suspect them of having drugs. Miraculously, the police don't check the only unpainted car with the illegally swapped plates. The delay forces them to do their first overnight drive, but they finally make it to France. They stop in Beziers to see Lovie's friend for their first proper lunch in 24 hours. The team is in good spirits, but the break is brief. They still have to get to Barcelona by evening. After getting lost on the rural French back roads they eventually arrive in Barcelona five hours later than expected. They have a full morning in the city, and then another overnight drive before reaching Africa.



### **Episode 5: Next Stop Africa**

The team spends a manic day in Barcelona getting shots and trying find elusive malaria medication. Without it, they're putting themselves at serious risk once they reach Africa. They haven't even left Europe yet and the journey is already beginning to wear on Rob. This concerns the others, especially when they lose Rob on the motorway in the middle of the night. Lovie suspects it was intentional. Rob

admits to being frustrated, blaming it on the constant driving, lack of sleep and calories. Tensions calm as they reach the balmy Southern town of Tarifa, where they'll take the ferry to Africa. No one knows what awaits them on the other side of the Strait of Gibraltar but they're all excited to get there. After a well-deserved night on the town, which nearly causes them to miss the ferry, they finally board. Emotions are running high, especially for the hunger stricken Rob who begins to cry at the thought of finally reaching the long awaited continent.



### **Episode 6: Lovie Loses it**

Landing in Morocco goes more smoothly than anyone could have anticipated, but they have a long drive ahead of them. Lovie stresses that they need to take advantage of the good roads to make up the time lost in Hof with the blown up car. Everyone agrees, but after just four hours Rob begins to complain forcing Lucy to finally attempt her first driving shift. Running behind schedule, the team can't make it to their destination and spends the night

in Marrakech which frustrates Lovie who sees them falling farther behind schedule. As they make their way South into the Sahara, his patience gives way to anger when they make an unnecessary stop followed by a ½-hour gas stop. JLH and Rob dismiss Lovie's anger as an overreaction while Lucy and Tony take his side. Divisions in the team begin to appear as they arrive in Tan Tan where Lucy breaks down in tears. To make matters worse, one of the cars won't start after dinner. It's Susan's birthday and while Tony attempts to fix the car she celebrates by herself with a bottle of wine.



### **Episode 7: Robbed and Denied**

Morning comes early in the Sahara for the exhausted team. As they prepare to depart rain looks imminent causing Tony to worry about flash floods. The rain never materializes, but they get lost attempting to find their way back to the single stretch of highway that runs South through the Sahara. The desert abruptly ends at some towering cliffs above the Atlantic. It's a perfect place to quickly celebrate

Susan's birthday. Much to Lovie's amazement and perhaps due to the lack of shops the team manages to drive all the day, arriving at their destination -Dakhla. The next morning, however, disaster looms with the discovery that JLH and Susan's car was broken into. It's a big blow for Susan who loses most of her luggage. While JLH sorts out the robbery, Tony oversees the car repair, essential to the team pushing forward to the Mauritania border the next day. Luck is not on their side. Upon reaching the border Lovie is informed that the visa policy has changed -they can no longer obtain visas at the

border, meaning someone is going to have to return to Rabat, over 2,000km away. With heads hung low the team returns to Morocco pondering if the journey is even possible.



### **Episode 8: Operation Rabat**

Flights to Rabat prove to be more expensive than the team's meager budget can afford, but without visas the journey is over. Despite it being almost as many kilometers as they have driven total to this point, Lovie and Tony volunteer to drive the entire distance backwards to Rabat and have only three days to complete the journey. The task is daunting, but oddly the boys are looking forward to driving unhindered by

the rest of the group. Within the first 15 hours of constant driving the boys begin to question their decision. While Tony and Lovie battle the long drive and heat of the Sahara, the rest of the team relaxes at Hotel Barbas enjoying the down time. Miraculously, everything goes to plan. However, as they head back to Hotel Barbas Lovie calls Lucy. He discovers that despite their driving efforts certain team members may not be ready when they return. This could cause them to miss the border. In addition, they have been warned against driving in Mauritania at night, but Lovie knows the later they arrive at the border the more likely it is they may not have any other option.



### **Episode 9: It All Goes Wrong**

Lovie's expectations of arriving at the border late become a reality. They eventually cross late into the afternoon forcing them to drive across Mauritania late into the night. Rob's worries of bandits and Al-Qaeda are echoed by Lucy, both of whom question Lovie's decision. Luckily, they arrive in Noukachott early in the morning without incident. Despite having no more than three hours of sleep, the team prepares to push

forward across the desert in an attempt to make Bamako before the weekend. Prior to leaving Noukachott, Lovie finds out his younger sister's leukemia may have taken a turn for the worse and now contemplates returning to the U.S.. This worries the team but it's quickly forgotten when JLH pulls off the road in the middle of the desert complaining of car problems. Tony quickly surmises that it looks as if the engine is blown. Hopeful that they may be able to get it repaired JLH and Susan are towed to the nearest town, while the rest of the team reels in disbelief that they have now blown up two cars in less than two weeks. The blame game begins and JLH is the scapegoat. A late night team discussion brings up the possibility that if the car is irreparable someone must go home.



### **Episode 10: Race To the Border**

The morning brings bad news. The car is dead. The car had no oil in it and some decide that JLH was responsible for not being more diligent about checking the fluids. Lovie wants to leave JLH and Susan behind, but a taxi to the border is too expensive. The team must somehow pack all their gear and themselves into two cars now. They have 400km to get to the border, which Lovie stresses

they must make the same day. Unfortunately the road ahead is littered with potholes. Tony fears flats tyres or worse, breaking an axle with all the extra weight they're carrying. It isn't long before Rob bends his first rim, followed by several more. They're

running out of time to reach the border yet JLH and Rob stop for snacks causing Lovie to lose it completely threatening to leave JLH there. Inevitably, they miss the border, which now Lovie blames on Rob and JLH. The following morning is tense. They have to make the border but the reality of losing a car and now the prospects of losing a team member is starting to sink. In their rush the cars manage to get separated resulting in all out chaos within the cars and the team at each other's throats.



### **Episode 11: *The Decision***

The Sahara has taken a toll on the team. They've lost another vehicle and there's no hope of finding a new one. It's now evident that someone must go home. Ultimately it's up to Lovie and he knows who he wants to kick off, but he'd rather have them volunteer before making the decision. They skipped getting Nigerian visas in Bamako and continue south because JLH told Lovie that he would be able to get

them in Ouagadougou. Unfortunately this turns out to be bad intel and everyone is left wondering whether the journey will continue without the possibility of getting Nigerian visas. In the midst of the chaos, JLH takes the team to AMPO a charity he used to work for. Despite their spiritual time at the charity they still face the difficult decision of who will have to go home. At the end of the night Tony startles everyone by making a surprise announcement which ultimately tackles the issue of who stays in Ouagadougou and who continues south.



### **Episode 12: *Stormy Beach Holiday***

After Tony's surprise announcement in the meeting, Rob decides he has had enough. Lovie is relieved and excited that the two people he wanted to go home willingly made the decision to leave. After they arrive in Cotonou, Benin for Nigerian visas Lovie's excitement quickly fades when they're denied them. They're forced to spend the weekend at a deserted beach resort where Lucy's attitude and Lovie's

sleeping habits start to frustrate the others. Despite being in paradise, everyone is frustrated by having to wait around. Without Rob and JLH, the usual scapegoats, the remaining team begins to turn on one another. Lovie and Lucy are once again denied visas and to make matters worse one of the cameramen comes down with malaria. Everything seems to be falling apart but Lovie and Susan struggle to remain optimistic. People are beginning to wonder if their epic adventure is now going to stop short in Benin.



### **Episode 13 *The Cops***

To their own amazement the team finally enters Nigeria, but because of the difficulty obtaining the visa they only have three days to make it across the entire country to Calabar; where they're hoping getting their Cameroon visas will be easier than their Nigerian visas. They have no money and the Nigerian roads confuse Lovie. Lost and broke the team runs into one police checkpoint after another

slowing their progress and infuriating Lovie. As he vents to Lucy, he fails to see a giant pothole resulting in yet another delay as he blows out the tire. The checkpoints and tire

blow-out take a toll on their time forcing them to drive through the night. Luckily, they breeze through the infamously dangerous Niger Delta region without incident. Once again the team surprises themselves actually making it to Calabar on time. Now, it's just a matter of whether or not things will go as smoothly with their Cameroon visas.



### **Episode 14 African Standards**

For a team usually plagued with visa issues and bogged down at borders, Cameroon is a welcome surprise. The visa took two hours and they cross from Nigeria with relative ease. Now they just have to get to Cameroon's capitol, Yaounde, to secure yet more visas. According to the map, it's doesn't appear to be a long drive but Lovie and Tony know better than to trust lines on a map. A local

reassures Tony that the road is indeed good and direct to the capitol, but it doesn't take long before the team realizes the African standard of a good road might differ from theirs. The road engulfs the team's wrecks with the Lovie's car continuously breaking down. Somehow they always manage to fix it and over the course of 24 hours of straight driving they make it to Yaounde; where they'll told visas will take two days to be issued. As they wait on visas Tony makes the decision to have mechanics repair the "Good" road's damage to their cars. The escalating costs are beginning to wear on a team on an already stretched budget.



### **Episode 15 Lovie tries to kill the "Croc"**

The team wakes up in Cameroon near the Gabon border. 700km stand between them and the Congo border. They hope to cross the distance in a single day, but Lucy is skeptical. Her skepticism proves valid as Susan nearly kills Tony with her driving and Lucy blows out a tire. The grand finale comes on a dirt road in the middle of the night when lack of sleep finally catches up with Lovie. Dust is billowing into

the VW Golf; its headlights - still sandblasted from the Sahara - provide no visibility. The combination of no sleep and lack of visibility almost prove deadly as Lovie drives straight into a bridge pylon, totaling the car. One meter to the left and he would have launched the car off an embankment into the river below. Lovie is shocked and the team can't believe their leader who criticized everyone else's driving has most likely totaled his car. The damage appears to be irreparable and most of the team sees it being a waste of time and money. Lovie, however, believing anything to be possible in Africa is adamant is can be fixed.



### **Episode 16: D.O.A. in Congo**

Somehow the Gabonese mechanics manage to repair Lovie's car. It doesn't look great but it does run. He's excited, but quickly gets irritated with Tony and Lucy when he overhears them talking behind his back. They depart in foul moods that don't last long because they soon have bigger issues to deal with. Tony's little car refuses to start.

Despite Tony and Lovie's efforts there is nothing they can do but wait for a mechanic to help the next morning. After catching the car on

fire, the resourceful mechanic gets it started. No one knows exactly what the problem was, however, with the car running they don't care. They need to get to the Congo. Lucy's attitude worsens as she realizes she's has nearly no money left. While ranting to Lovie, whom she blames, she blows a tire. It seems the team has finally lost it as everyone takes turns car surfing up to the border. They cross as the sun is setting and despite Congo being rumored to have the worst roads in Africa the team has little choice to push on. They haven't had great luck night driving and can only hope something else doesn't go wrong.



### **Episode 17: Carving The Brazza Road**

The Brazza Road is an absolute disaster of a "highway" linking Point Noire, Congo's only port, with its capitol city. No one knows what to expect other than everyone must drive. Susan's driving terrifies the others, especially Lovie who's already totaled car. They manage to make decent progress despite terrible road conditions only to receive news from locals that rebels have taken over the road ahead. The

only way forward is to pay to join a military convoy the following day thus trapping them for the night. The next day, the dust from the convoy swallows the team's cars limiting their visibility to less than a few feet. The team hits a yet another bridge, this time with Lucy driving only to realize that the tire looks like it's falling off the production vehicle. With the threat of rebels looming, they are forced to continue on. Everyone is covered in dirt, exhausted from the constant struggles and near cracking when they come to a river they must forge to make it to Brazzaville. No one knows if the truck tire will hold out, or if the little car will clear the deep water.



### **Episode 18: Separation Anxiety**

The team wakes up outside of Brazzaville with their vehicles in shambles. Two days on the "Brazza Road" took more of a toll than the previous two months on the road. They need to make it to the Brazza port to catch a ferry to Kinshasa where Tony's hoping they can get everything fixed while they attempt to obtain the elusive Angola visa. Their luck doesn't hold, within meters of the port the

production truck collapses forcing them to find a mechanic to fix it in Brazzaville. To make matters worse Lovie and Lucy discover that the vehicles' ferry is broken and will not be repaired for three months. As options are explored to cross the Congo River, Lovie comes down with Malaria forcing everyone to stay put for three days. As he recovers the hotel owner comes up with an expensive solution for the cash strapped team –to send the vehicles by a private barge. The problem is only one team member can ride along. Tony volunteers to stay, while Lovie, Lucy and Susan cross ahead of him. Two days later Tony still hasn't arrived in Kinshasa, which causes Lovie to panic. He has no idea what's happened to his best friend and doesn't know what to do to find him.



### **Episode 19: Day of Reckoning**

Tony finally arrives much to the relief of Lovie, who's happy to have the team reunited. However, Tony doesn't have the vehicles, posing yet another obstacle they must overcome. The next morning Tony returns to the port optimistic that he'll get the cars out. Meanwhile, Lucy, Lovie and Susan prepare to obtain the Angola visas. As they collect all of the passports Lucy suddenly realizes hers is nowhere to be found. After

hours of searching the hotel she can't find it anywhere. Tony returns with more bad news, its going to cost another \$400 to get the cars out. Lovie feels like the entire journey is falling apart around him. Days later after multiple attempts to get the cars out Tony eventually succeeds, but in doing so breaks the team's meager budget. Lucy, however, has exhausted all options and still can't find her passport. Her journey has finally come to an end. As Lucy attempts to work with the embassy for a replacement passport, Susan spends every waking hour applying for the Angola visas only to be declined at every turn. After days of waiting it appears she may have good news –that they will get it on Friday. It's the "Day of Reckoning", if they don't get it the journey will be the end for everyone.



### **Episode 20: Jailbird, Cape Town... The End?**

The "Day of Reckoning" is upon them. Lucy is still with them but is flying out that day with the hopes of being reunited with the rest of the team in Cape Town. Lovie and Tony stand by waiting anxiously to hear from Susan who's waiting for the final answer on their visas. After months on the road, overcoming every obstacle in their way it has come down to the Angola Embassy deciding their fate. The phone

finally rings bringing the answer to the question of whether they will be able to continue. Tony's face sums it up - Kinshasa is the end of the road, they will have to fly to Cape Town. Full of disappointment they book their flights as Lucy prepares to depart. She leaves on a sour note making everyone question whether they want to meet up with her in Cape Town. The next day as Lovie packs his bags Lucy's father calls with yet one more problem. Lucy never arrived in Cape Town. After frantically calling around Lovie discovers that she's been imprisoned in Johannesburg. It seems Wreck Trek will never end for the unlucky team.



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