



# “Crashers”

An Original Screenplay

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## Synopsis

How far would you go to get rich?

If you ever became desperate enough, due to circumstances beyond your control, would you resort to reckless and extreme measures to make ends meet?

Would you cut in front of a sparkling, new Mercedes on the busy L.A. freeway and slam on the brakes?

What if it were that easy?

Enter the world of Crashers!

The con is simple: Get in a car accident. Collect the insurance blood money. What could go wrong?

That's what Shari believed when she found herself in dire need of cash.

Nathan and Shari are engaged, happy and share a modest apartment in the San Fernando Valley. It is the heat of summer, and the young couple are blissfully unaware that their lives are about to suddenly change.

Everything seems to fall apart for them abruptly and concurrently. Shari is a film student at USC who lost her student loans and financial aid. She also lost her part-time waitressing job. Nathan is an ambitious, young accountant at a prestigious Beverly Hills firm, until a backstabbing coworker has him fired. Moreover, Shari winds up unwittingly involved in a staged car accident, which adds to her stress and strain.

Shari finds herself being sued from the victims of the staged car accident. Things snowball from there. They literally fall on very hard times, though no fault of their own, and become desperate. Bills and eviction notices are piling up and the couple have no idea where to turn.

Then Shari meets the sexy and mysterious Bryce, and he leads her into the world of crime and teaches her how to be a "capper". Their attorney, John Nastic, is the one who runs this underground crime ring. He's super intelligent and charismatic but has a dark underbelly to his personality. Bryce is his scout, and he finds vulnerable people and exploits them, trapping them in the downward spiral of crime and fraud by promising them lots of cash.

Soon Shari has more money than she knows what to do with. Nathan, however, is reluctant and won't resort to dangerous and careless behavior to survive. Bryce and Shari continue with committing the staged accidents and soon begin a sexual affair.

As Shari becomes increasingly obsessed with her strange new world, she ultimately drags the hesitant Nathan down with her. Shari and Nathan soon discover there's no such thing as easy money as their relationship gradually and bitterly falls apart.

The trio get greedy and decide to try their scheme on a fuel truck thinking they could cash out big time. This results in a deadly accident on the on the 405 freeway, which ends in a fatal explosion taking the life of Bryce.

Crashers is a gritty, action-packed story about a group of youths who get caught up in the seamy underworld of auto insurance fraud. After losing their "real" jobs, the avaricious trio stages car accidents to collect the insurance blood money.

Through a series of intertwined yet separate events, Crashers takes us from the contented lives of our young protagonists to a web of lies and corruption, leading to a lethal tragic ending. The story takes place during a blistering hot summer on the angry and crowded streets of Los Angeles, California. What starts out as a game turns deadly, as the characters change from productive members of society to greedy and sadistic criminals.