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ADVENTURES WITH AUSTIN
MOVING FROM THE PAST AND
INTO THE FUTURE

BY KATHARINE CUNNINGHAM
Look Johnny, it's an old beat up car! What a piece of junk!

Excuse me, but I'm not a piece of junk. My name's Austin...back in the day I was pretty snazzy.

I've gone through a lot of changes before looking like this, believe me.
I don't know if this is such a good idea...

Hop on in, I'll take you for a ride.

It'll be an adventure. I'll tell ya my story.

I don't know if this is such a good idea...

Come on Johnny, let's go!

An adventure? Cool!!!!!!

And off they went...
You see, when I was young, I used to be a fancy limo.

Here we go! Buckle up!

RRRRRRMm

This is sooo cool!!!!!!

WOoah, a limo?!

You see, when I was young, I used to be a fancy limo.

It’s so cool in here!

I know!! I wish I could be a limo... this is the life.
Well if everyone got to be a limo, it would be fine. But not everyone gets to be a limo, even the ones who work really hard to become one. Sometimes there are too many obstacles to overcome. That's the problem. I felt it was a bit unfair.

Plus, only some had the privilege of riding with me.

So I decided to be a race car. I longed for freedom and speed.

Racing was great. But soon they only cared about my speed, rather than my skill and agility. The faster I went, the more money I made. Then they replaced me with faster more efficient cars. That was the end of my racing days.

You should have stayed a race car, I love going fast!
So I decided to become a trash truck. Thought it might be fun, a change of pace. Plus I could help beautify neighborhoods.

But all anyone ever did was throw trash at me, I got no recognition for my hard work.

I never understood why they threw trash at me and all the other trash trucks... lots of prejudice.

I almost considered being a limo again, no one threw trash at them.

But since trash trucks weren’t allowed to be limos, I had to look into other options...

I figured I’d be a nice lookin car, one that would be better appreciated and cared for.

Boy was I a beauty.

I was capable of so much more, but they convinced me that out on the road wasn’t my place.

But they just kept me in the garage all day. They never let me drive around or anything. I felt so confined, so limited.

But they just kept me in the garage all day. They never let me drive around or anything. I felt so confined, so limited.
Yeah, but I don’t understand why you’re always trying to change. You’re never content with the way things are.

Exactly.

When things can change for the better, they should, they can, and they must.

We just need to stop fearing change so much.

Well, I don’t know about this whole change thing. It’s kind of scary.

A family car

So what did you become next?

Man, he’s been some pretty cool cars.

It was all fine and good until one day I realized I didn’t run well with the oil everyone else used. Everyone thought there was something wrong with me, that I needed to be “fixed”. But I said, that’s just the way I am.
So now I'm here, worn out and old, but not ready to quit. Hmmmm. Ewwww. Gross. I'm just not satisfied with anything else I've been. I'm thinking of going the erotic route. What a great adventure. Can't wait to tell mom and dad.

So which direction should I go now? So many paths to choose. I'm just not satisfied with anything else I've been. I'm thinking of going the erotic route. Ewwww Gross.
NOT GROSS. THE EROTIC CAN BE A FORCE FOR CHANGE, A FORCE FOR LIVING.

EVERYTHING I HAVE BEEN IN THE PAST HAS SHOWN ME THAT FOLLOWING CONVENTIONAL NORMS AND CONFORMING TO LIMITING EXPECTATIONS THAT ARE SET OUT FOR US IS JUST NOT THE WAY TO GO.

SO WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO NEXT?

I'M THINKIN...ECO-FRIENDLY, NON DISCRIMINATORY, RADICAL—FOOD DELIVERING—AMBULANCE—SCHOOL BUS—FREE OF CHARGE—UNCONSTRAINED—EROTIC—MOBILE...?

THANKS FOR COMING ON THE ADVENTURE WITH ME!

I'VE BEEN CHANGED ALOT, BOTH FOR BETTER AND FOR WORSE, SO MANY MORE CHANGES TO COME.
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