



## Friends Take a Car Out of Action

We come up with this idea that we have to do something around the car because there is no consequence and when there is no consequences N just does whatever she wants and J just accepts, just keeps saying the same thing - saying "I'm disappointed" trying to do the things you're supposed to do, say how you feel, blah blah blah – but it wasn't working. We'd seen the things we had done and we'd seen the level of impact and the lack of impact. And so, we decided that we had to do a car intervention. Because N's financial stuff was too risky, like the last thing, the level injustice for J's finances to be more messed up in addition to everything else was just unacceptable to everybody. So then, we think through like, you know, N knows that more and more people know about the car situation, she'll do something, based on knowing that more people know about the car and it's becoming a more urgent thing. So "She probably took your – the club that you guys both had off, and put her own club on." And so like J was like, "Oh yeah, what do we do we just drive there and find out it has a club on it and we just leave?" "No... if she put a separate club on it, then we just do too." And the point is just that, until, that you don't just drag everything out according to your own liking, that until it's sorted out, it's nobody's car, which is perfectly fine.

Anyway, we did it. It was totally anxiety provoking. It was all secretive, and we're driving in our car out there, to put a club on a club, on somebody else's, putting a club on J's car, but, while somebody is at work. And so we thought through, you know, J was gonna text her right away in the middle of the day, so that it wouldn't be like she learned it at night. So, she told her right away, you know and then N had put a different club on, and their club is right there in the back seat. You know, just took that club off and put her own club on so nobody, yeah... So then we put our new club on it and we drove away and J texted her right away to let her know. And she texted back too like, "What's going on" you know. Part of it was like "You can call anyone, all of our people are in the East Bay, the work is in the East Bay, so that you can like recognize this is, unexpected in your work day, but you know, you can call anybody for a ride." So then, N didn't contact any of us that day and J was actually not gonna say much about why she had felt like she had to take it to this level. But then I suggested that it might be good, and so we took that role. So, we sent an email, just saying like why, and that the idea was that it's because J was still open to N somehow coming up with this loan because she needs the car, blah blah blah, that that was still open, it's just that nothing was happening, and so we thought it should just be out of commission until everything is sorted out and the title and all that stuff is done. J totally felt better after the car thing. And it was like unlike any other phase, this was the first time that she actually like actively did something, to reclaim something. And she felt great and I would say that is the biggest turning point of the whole story is after we did that freaking car thing.

