

## PELICAN RADIO COLLECTIVE

### EPISODE 4: 'POWER OF THE PASSENGER'

**AMBER** Why do you get to sit in the front?! This isn't fair.

**ANDY** Amber, you got to sit in the front yesterday. I got to sit in the front Monday. So if you think about it, it's actually the *very* definition of fair.

**AMBER** Well, if *you* think about it ... SHUT UP!

**Rita** Amber, enough. Your brother is right, it is exactly fair. If you keep moaning, no popcorn at the cinema. Speaking of which, we should get ready to leave. Let's get our shoes on kids.

**ANDY** I've already got my shoes on Mum.

**MUM** Well done Andy. Hey, you can sit in the front on the way back for that.

**AMBER** What?! *(to Andy)* Ugh, *Goodie Two-Shoes!* This is so unfair. If he's in the front, he'll just put on the boring music stations ... like, who listens to Classic FM?

**ANDY** Nanna does.

**AMBER** Exactly my point!

**MUM** Well, count yourselves lucky. When I was young, the radio in our car was broken. So your nanna would just sing! And she never knew any of the right words.

**AMBER** Just like you then!

**MUM** Cheeky. Quick, quick - put your shoes on, Amber.

**AMBER** Alright.

**MUM** Are we all ready then? Let's go see Spiderman.

**ANDY** *(Nervous)* Spiderman?

**AMBER** Yes! Can't wait to see this. Jasmine said it's sick.

**ANDY** Uh. Just one thing. Is it scary? It's just ... I'm scared of spiders. And heights. And, uh, clowns.

**AMBER** Clowns is Batman! (*Whispers, to Andy*) Stop being a scaredy-cat, otherwise we won't be able to see it!

**MUM** I'm sure there won't be any actual spiders, Andy, don't worry. Come on.

*Mum grabs her keys. The front door opens and closes. Everyone gets into the car.*

**MUM** Okay, everyone seat belts!

*Andy's seat belt clicks straight away.*

**ANDY** Done!

**AMBER** Mum, we're not going far! The cinema's only up there! Plus, a seat belt is not a good look for my selfie, it'll ruin my look.

**MUM** Amber everyone should wear their seat belts. It doesn't matter how far or near we're going and it definitely doesn't matter what you look like!

**ANDY** Mum's right, Amber, they *considerably reduce the risk of serious injury* if anything were to happen.

**MUM** Well done, Andy, that's right! I'll never know where you store all this information.

**ANDY** In my brain.

**MUM** Yeah, I know. I meant ... (*Laughs*) don't worry, darling.

**AMBER** Okay, okay. Fine. I'm putting it on.

**MUM** Hey, what's with the face? It'll keep you safe. And you only told me last week how buckles were so in fashion.

**AMBER** Hm. I'll make it work.

*Everyone's seat belts click. The engine starts.*

**AMBER** Oi! Put some good tunes on for us to listen to!

**ANDY** I vote Classical!

**BOTH** NO!

**ANDY** Oh. But it's relaxing and quiet! Not at all distracting! Maybe we shouldn't have any music, just to stay as safe as possible!

**AMBER** *(Mumbled)* What!? That's boring. What about rap!? Turn it up loud!

**MUM** No, Amber! It's important when we're in the car not to have the music too loud. It'll distract the driver and prevents them from hearing their surroundings properly.

**AMBER** *Bor-ing!*

**ANDY** It's about staying safe, Amber!

*Different music stations flicker on and off in the background.*

**AMBER** Just pick a music station and just make sure it's a good one. I've got the funniest idea for a TikTok once we get to the cinema.

**MUM** Honestly, I'm *sick* of hearing about these TicTacs! You're going to have to show me this app soon Amber.

**AMBER** Maybe.

*Finally, a station is chosen.*

**ANDY** I love this song!

**AMBER** Yeah, not bad. I can handle this.

**MUM** Okay, perfect. Are we ready?

**ANDY** Yep!

**AMBER**      Yeah.

**MUM**      (to you) Now remember sitting in the front seat is a big responsibility. It's important to never distract the driver so they can focus on driving as safely as possible. Okay? So no mucking about and no turning that music up loud, because it helps keep us safe and everyone else on the roads safe too. Okay?

*The car pulls away from the driveway.*

**YOU SHOULD NOW BEGIN THE 'POWER OF THE PASSENGER' GAME.**