

New Race Car Experience

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Damien Racer is sitting behind the wheel of his Acura NSX. Right next to him is Marilyn Vercetti in her Saleen S1. Alice walks up to Damien's NSX and leans into it.

"You ready to race?" Alice asked.

"Damn right I am. I've raced against a Saleen S7 before and managed to beat it, and I'm sure I can take this one," Damien replied.

"That's what I want to hear, now be careful out there," said Alice as she gets back with the rest of the team.

Eleanor walks up to Marilyn's Saleen and leans into it.

"You sure you can take my brother?" Eleanor asked.

"He'll be a challenge to race against, but I'm going for it!" Marilyn replied.

"Okay, now stay safe," said Eleanor before she gets back on the sidewalk with the rest of the team.

Chester Black walks up and stands between the two cars.

"Alright, are you ready to race?" Chester asked.

"Hell yeah!" said Damien as he revved his engine.

Marilyn revs back at him.

"10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, go!" said Chester as he pulled out his Beretta M9 and fired a round into the air.

Damien and Marilyn launch out of the starting line, and leave skid marks and tire smoke behind them. Damien shifts into second, third, fourth, and fifth gear before making a hard right. Marilyn shifts into second and third gear before making a hard right and attempting to draft Damien. The two of them near miss a 2038 Ford Explorer and a 2036 Chevy Camaro before making a hard left. Damien shifts into sixth, seventh, and eighth gear as he near misses a 2011 Mitsubishi Eclipse and a McLaren GT before making a hard right. Marilyn shifts into fourth and then fifth gear before making the same maneuver. Damien and Marilyn near miss a '67 Ford Fairlane, a Lotus Evora, a 2025 Honda Odyssey, and a Porsche 914. The two of them make a hard left. Damien crosses the finish line first, and Marilyn crosses it three seconds later. Damien and Marilyn exit their cars.

"Man, I don't know how you do it, but you really know what you're doing out there," said Marilyn.

"Well, I have a lot of experience behind the wheel, and I can tell you that you gave it your best," Damien replied.

"Thanks, and to be honest, I didn't think I was gonna be able to beat you, but I still went for it," said Marilyn.

Damien's phone rings.

"Hello?" Damien asked as he answered his phone.

"Damien, it's Ray. I have a job coming up, and I also have a guy who is interested in joining your team. Apparently, he has connections with the old Blacklist. Get over here as soon as you can," said Ray.

"Alright, we'll be there. Wait for us," Damien replied before hanging up and putting his phone away. "That was Ray. He said that there's a guy interested in joining our team, and there's a job coming up."

"Then let's get the hell outta here," Alice replied.

The Blacklist get into their cars and head out. They soon arrive at Ray's mansion, park their cars in the garage, exit their cars, and walk past an orange 2020 Shelby GT500.

"I'm guessing that ride belongs to the new guy," said Darrell as he notices the Shelby.

"I've only seen these things at car shows, though I lean more towards the previous versions of the GT500," said Eleanor as she takes a photo of the Shelby with her phone.

Eleanor puts her phone away and the team walk to the meeting room.

"Hello, everyone. I see that you're all here," said Ray.

"Hello, Ray," Damien replied. "So who's the new guy you said was gonna be joining the team?"

"Eddie Spyker Raines, you can come in and introduce yourself," said Ray.

Eddie Raines (an anthropomorphic lynx wearing a blue casual jacket and green cargo pants) enters the meeting room.

"Hello, everyone. My name is Eddie Raines, son of Alex Raines and Marcus Spyker. I was born on May 17, 2019. June 20, 2019 was when my parents adopted me. I'm sure you know Marcus as the bassist for Exorcist, and Alex as the bassist/secondary vocalist for United States of Anarchy. My parents are the reason why I'm into cars in the first place. I know that you've seen my Shelby over in the garage. I just don't know why that thing left the factory with a top speed limited to only 180 mph," said Eddie.

"A car as powerful as the 2020 Shelby GT500 has no reason to have the top speed limited so low," Eleanor replied.

"That's exactly what I'm saying, and this prevents the car from reaching its true potential. I just can't help but feel that that iteration of the GT500 was rushed into development, and Ford couldn't even develop a stick shift that could survive the amount of power the engine is putting out. Compare that to GM, who were able to develop a stick that take the amount of power that the C7 Corvette ZR1 puts out," said Eddie.

"So Eddie, do you think you can tell us some stuff about your Shelby?" Damien asked.

"My Shelby has new pistons, a new intercooler, a new air filter, and a new exhaust system to bring the total power to 800 horsepower and 765 pound-feet of torque. As for the transmission, I had the old piece of shit dual-clutch automatic taken out and replaced with a 7-speed manual that originally came from a C7 Corvette ZR1 Prototype. Unfortunately, that Corvette was going to be crushed, which is exactly what happened to it. Then again, most prototype cars get crushed sometime down the line. It's just that the transmission is pretty much the only remnant of that particular Corvette. Another thing I need to mention is that my Shelby does 0-60 mph in 3 seconds and has a top speed of 220 mph," Eddie replied.

"That's pretty interesting," said Darrell. "So can you tell us a little about yourself?"

"I am going to let you all know that I am gay just like my parents. Of course, this made me an easy target for bullies when I was in school. Unfortunately for the bullies, I ended up taking Japanese jiu jitsu, Brazilian jiu jitsu, and standing judo by the time I was in middle school. Whenever some dickhead decided to target me for being gay, I would

just open up a can of whoop ass on them. Because of that, no one ever decided to fuck with me," Eddie replied as he smiled.

"That's great to know that you were willing to defend yourself," said Damien.

"Yeah, and little known fact is that my parents named me after Eddie Vedder, who is one of my personal favorite musicians," said Eddie.

"That's cool. My parents named me after Marilyn Manson," Marilyn replied.

"Awesome," said Eddie prior to approaching Sean.

Eddie looks up at Sean.

"So you're Sean Gavagan?" Eddie asked. "I heard you got to fly an A-10 Warthog a while back, that you killed a bunch of mercenaries with it."

"Yeah, but the problem is that I didn't have a pilot's license at the time, and that was my first time flying a plane, specifically a military plane primarily used for ground attack.

Luckily, my experience with various flight simulators helped me prepare for that," Sean replied.

"Congrats to Sean for finally getting his pilot's license!" said Damien.

"So Sean, I'd like to say that you're a very handsome guy. Maybe we could have some paw fun later," said Eddie.

"Oh, we'll do more than have some paw fun," Sean replied while smiling at Eddie with a seductive look on his face.

"You must really like paws," said Eleanor.

"Of course I do, I am a lynx after all," Eddie replied as he turned to Eleanor.

"It's lynxes united by paws!" said Darrell as he smiled while high-fiving Damien.

"Alright, now you've all gotten to know each other, I'd like to go over today's heist. You will be heading to Las Vegas to steal this bare carbon fiber 2017 Honda NSX GT3 from an auction. To get there, you will be boarding my plane, Blacklist One. As you can see, this is a Boeing 747-8 that has been modified to carry up to 20 cars in the rear, and seat up to 40 passengers up front. The old Blacklist used this plane back in the day to pull off heists around the country and in other countries. Ever since the old team retired, the plane has been used by Raceconn Auto Parts to import parts from around the world," said Ray as he showed everyone photos of the NSX and Blacklist One on the screen. "I'll be the one stealing the NSX," said Alice.

"I was originally gonna be the one going after that car, but I'll let you have this one," Damien replied.

"Thanks. Besides, you already have two NSX's, so I figured that I should get one for myself, and what better choice than a race car variant of the Honda version," said Alice.

"Then it's settled. Alice, you'll be riding with Damien in his NSX until you all get to the auction. Keep in mind that there are cops in the area of where you'll be stealing that NSX. If they catch anyone who is a member of the Nazi Hunters, then that team member will be set free since that organization is under FBI protection," said Ray.

"Thanks for the heads up," Damien replied.

"I may need to remind everyone that law enforcement in this country use EMPs and spike strip release mechanisms in their cars. However, the EMPs that they use are low-tech compared to the ones that the NSRO use because we use military grade EMPs that will certainly fry any system that they hit," said Ray as he showed everyone photos of the EMP weapons that law enforcement and the NSRO use on the screen.

"That's great to know. C'mon team, let's go!" said Damien as he the rest of the team exited the meeting room, entered the garage, got in their cars, and head out.

The Blacklist soon arrive at the Los Angeles International Airport. The gate opens up and they drive to the hangar housing Blacklist One. The Blacklist exit their cars and are greeted by the pilot (an anthropomorphic tanuki wearing a typical pilot's uniform).

"You must be Ray's people. Hello, my name is Rob Draiman," said Rob as he shook hands with Damien.

"Hello, Rob. My name is Damien Racer, leader of the Blacklist," Damien replied.

"Yeah, Ray told me you people are heading to Las Vegas to steal a Honda NSX GT3. Get on board so the crew can get your cars onboard," said Rob.

The Blacklist board the plane and strap themselves in. The cars are loaded and secured in the cargo bay. The plane is taxied out of the hangar and takes off. The Blacklist soon arrive at the Las Vegas Airport. The plane lands onto the runway and is taxied into a hangar. The cars are unloaded, and the Blacklist exit the plane. They get into their cars and head out.

"Welcome to Las Vegas," said Damien.

"I've never been here before," said Chester.

"Remember, no casinos. We have a mission, and that mission is to steal that NSX," said Eleanor.

"Thanks for reminding everyone," Damien replied.

"You're welcome, brother," said Eleanor.

"Hey, since Las Vegas is pretty close to Area 51, why don't we just use our cars to break in and see what the government is hiding there?" Darrell asked. "Our cars can take a lot of hits after all."

"We're not doing that. Besides, we have a heist to pull off," Damien replied.

The Blacklist soon arrive at the pavilion where the auction is taking place, and then park their cars outside.

"Here, you'll need this," said Damien as he gives Alice an earpiece.

"Thanks," Alice replied as she puts the earpiece on.

"Stay safe," said Damien before kissing Alice.

"I will," Alice replied as she exited the car.

Alice walks up to the entrance.

"Alice Tromler?" one of security guards asked.

"Yes, that's who I am," Alice replied.

"So you're here for the NSX?" the guard asked.

"That's right," Alice replied.

"Here's the key. The car is over in tent 7," said the guard as he gave Alice the key.

"Thanks," Alice replied as she put the key in her pocket and walked straight in.

"Alright, she's in," said Chester.

"We just have to wait for her to get to the car," Damien replied.

Alice walks over to tent 7. She walks up to the NSX, gets in the driver's seat, puts the key in the ignition, and starts the car up.

"Okay, she's got the car," said Marilyn.

Alice drives the car to the gate. The security guards open the gate, and Alice drives through.

"C'mon, let's get the hell outta here!" said Alice.

The Blacklist head onto the street. They speed right past a cop in a 2038 Corvette.

"Dispatch, some exotic cars just sped right past me! I need backup ASAP!" said the cop.

"Roger that. State troopers are en route," the dispatcher replied.

Several state troopers driving 2038 Corvettes, 2038 Mustang GTs, 2038 Lincoln Navigators, and 2038 Ford Taurus SHOs engage in the pursuit.

"Shit, we got cops after us!" said Eddie.

"Keep them away from Alice! We need to make sure she doesn't get hurt, and so that car is delivered intact," Damien replied.

"Got it!" said Eddie before sideswiping a Corvette, causing it to crash into a light post.

"We just lost a unit," said one of the cops.

"Roger that. Use of EMPs and spike strips is authorized," the dispatcher replied.

A cop in a Mustang attempts to lock onto Sean with an EMP. He fires the EMP, and it has no effect. Sean deploys a spike strip, which shreds the tires of Mustang. The cop in the Mustang loses control and crashes into the rear of a Tesla Model 3. Damien hits the left side of the rear bumper of a Navigator, causing it to spin out and roll over. A Taurus SHO crashes into the Navigator. Eleanor fires an EMP at a Corvette, completely frying its system and causing it to crash into a Google Street View Car. Chester accelerates towards the rear left wheel of a Navigator, causing it to roll over. Marilyn fires an EMP at a Mustang, disabling it and causing it crash into the rear of a Toyota Tundra. A cop in a

Taurus SHO uses a spike strip, shredding the tires of Eleanor's Aston Martin. Her tires reinflate and she rear-ends the cop, causing it to t-bone a sixth generation Volkswagen Golf. Damien deploys a spike strip, shredding the tires of a Mustang and causing it to collide head on with a fourth generation Toyota Prius. Sean sideswipes a Taurus SHO, causing it crash into a light post. Eddie sideswipes a Corvette, causing it to crash into a stop sign. Eleanor rear-ends a Mustang GT, causing it to t-bone a 2020 Corvette Stingray.

"That was the last one," said Eleanor.

"Excellent work, now let's head back to LA," Damien replied.

The Blacklist head to the airport. They drive to the hangar housing Blacklist One. They exit the cars and board the plane as the cars are loaded and secured in the cargo bay. The Blacklist strap themselves in before the plane is taxied onto the runway. The plane takes off. They soon return to the Los Angeles International Airport. The plane lands onto the runway and is taxied into the hangar. The Blacklist exit the plane as the cars are unloaded one by one. They get in the cars and head back to Ray's mansion. They soon arrive at Ray's mansion, park their cars in the garage, exit the cars, and walk to the meeting room.

"Welcome back, everyone," said Ray. "So how did it go?"

"The Nevada Highway Patrol tried to take us down, but they failed. I gotta say, for the first heist where we had to steal a car, that was actually pretty intense," Damien replied.

"One those pigs tried using an EMP on my car, but it didn't do shit," said Sean.

"I see, and here are your rewards," Ray replied as he gave everyone--except for Alice--a check for \$40,000. "Alice gets the biggest reward since she stole the NSX."

Ray gives Alice a check for \$50,000.

"Thanks, now let us know when something else comes up," said Alice.

"I will, and that NSX GT3 is gonna have to stay here for a while so my mechanics can modify it," Ray replied.

"Sean, you know that since this heist was a success, why don't the two of us head back to your place for some fun," said Eddie with a seductive look on his face.

"All you have to do is follow me," Sean replied as he smiled.

"You do that. Meanwhile, me and Alice are gonna hit the bong and listen to loud metal music," said Damien as he smiled.

"Have fun with that," Sean replied.

The Blacklist walk to the garage, get in their cars, and head out. Meanwhile at the LAPD headquarters. Harley Leitch is walking to Carrie Mason's office with a folder in his hand.

"Chief Mason, it's Lieutenant Leitch," said Harley as he walked into Carrie's office.

"Hello, Leitch," said Carrie. "So what do you have for me today?"

"You know that heist where that team of coordinated drivers stole a Honda NSX GT3?" Harley asked.

"Do you have any info on who did it?" Carrie asked.

"We managed to get dashboard and streetview photos of the cars. Apparently, these cars are fitted with license plates that are not in any local or national databases," said Harley as he showed Carrie photos of the cars.

Carrie takes a look at the Aston Martin DBS.

"You see that black Aston Martin?" Carrie asked. "Michael Racer used to have a car exactly like that one."

"There's no way Michael and his team could have done this. Besides, Michael is in Jersey City doing another movie, and Diane is with The Karen Fisher Project, who are currently on tour," said Harley.

"That's exactly what I'm saying, and whoever did this heist must be trying to be like The Blacklist," Carrie replied.

"Do you think this might be some of next generation Blacklist?" Harley asked.

"That is entirely possible. After all, these cars have custom license plates that say 'Blacklist' on them," Carrie replied.

"Okay, I'll let you know if anything new comes up," said Harley prior to exiting the office.

"Thanks," Carrie replied as she looked at the photos. "Whoever you people are, you are gonna be taken down one way or another."

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