

Slightly Buzzed

Leaving the party early in the morning, the boy is exhausted. He had gone over at 8pm yesterday, and partied hard all night. He isn't worried about driving home, because he made sure not to drink anything besides water. Friends of his said he was being too careful, and it would be fine, but he isn't stupid. Before leaving, he texts his parents telling them he would be home soon, even though they are asleep at this hour. Hopefully they won't worry. He made sure to shut his phone down before driving, as to not be distracted by it. "Texting is the number one killer on the road," his parents always tell him.

After about 20 minutes, he hears his phone buzz. The phone was turned off, so this confuses him. Another few minutes go by and it buzzes again. Silence. Buzz. Silence. Buzz. The noise is driving him crazy, slamming spikes of pain into his brain. Deciding to open his windows to try and drown out the noise, he realizes how dark it really is outside. He cannot see anything that isn't within his headlights, and starts getting freaked out. His palms sweat all over the steering wheel, his foot shaking on the pedal. The phone keeps buzzing. Having enough of all this, he picks up his phone, just to check quickly. Hundreds of messages fill his screen saying "WAKE UP!"

A hard bump wakes him up. He glances down at his phone to see that it was shut off the whole time. Only a dream. Then the realization hits: He had fallen asleep at the wheel. After how careful he had been all night, he was so exhausted and couldn't handle driving. The darkness is engulfing everything around him. It seems like his headlights are fading. He strains his eyes hard to try and see, while they keep trying to droop down. His head feels like a fifty pound weight. Looking over at the phone one last time to make sure it is off, he looks up to see a large round object reaching to the sky, a

giant tree rapidly approaching. The car hurdles into the tree, making a ginormous crashing sound in the eerie silence of the early morning.

His parents woke up that morning not knowing where he was. The last thing he said to them was “Be home soon.”