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It'll be Quick!

CLAIRE

Claire is a 16 year old sophomore finishing her classes at South High School. Their class had a presentation about "Arriving Alive", distracted driving and all the dangers. Claire uses her phone all the time when she drives and she hasn't crashed so the presentation "doesn't apply to her". Getting in her car to head home she receives an urgent text from her best friend about the new boy. Replying quickly, she pulls out of the parking lot and heads on her way. Music pumping and the occasional quick text about the cute new boy kept her distracted, but she's a pro driver, she'll be fine. She's drifting...she's drifting...she's...

OWEN

Owen is 43, recently divorced, and late for his new job. He's a typically grumpy guy but today is the worst of all days with everything seeming to go wrong. He sprints out the door running to his car to get to work as soon as possible. Speeding from the driveway he gets stuck behind a 90 year old woman going 35 in a 50. Of course it happened today of all days. He passes her quickly, on a double yellow, and speeds on his way. He leaves for work around the time school gets out, buses everywhere stopping every block to drop kids off. Owen grabs his phone from the

backpack in his passenger seat to send a quick text to his boss. He speeds up as the bus begins to go again but he hasn't finished his text. He's drifting...he's drifting...he's...

They happened to send a quick text at the same time. So tell me. Did they arrive alive?