

Stop him!

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EXT. PARK - DAY

FRED, 20s, sits on a park bench sipping a cup of coffee and flicking through messages on his phone. The park is empty, a big expanse of green before him, trees in the distance.

A guy in a TRACKSUIT runs out from the trees and runs across the green towards him. This guy is maybe 18.

Another man runs out from the trees a few seconds later after the man, following him, evidently chasing him. This man is bulkier, wears a yellow HI-VIZ jacket and a work helmet and is about 40.

Fred sees them from the corner of his eye and looks up.

The two of them are running slowly, panting heavily, their faces red with exertion, like the chase has been going on for some time. They are about 20 feet apart. Hi-viz looks particularly flustered. Tracksuit is pulling away from him, opening the distance.

They are nearing the bench. Fred looks on a bit bewildered at their chase.

HI-VIZ  
(calling out)  
Stop him.

Fred tenses. Hi-viz is addressing HIM.

Tracksuit gets closer.

HI-VIZ  
Stop him. Stop him.

Fred is being called into action. He doesn't know what to do. He puts away his phone.

He sees Tracksuit getting nearer, almost right on top of him.

HI-VIZ  
Stop him.

Fred stands up, uncertainly looking at Tracksuit.

Tracksuit angles away from him, but he is running on empty now.

HI-VIZ  
Stop him.

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Fred makes his decision. He leaps into action, runs at Tracksuit and rugby tackles him to the ground. Tracksuit hits the ground with a thump. The fall winds him, he lies there panting. Fred pins him to the ground.

Hi-viz arrives, catching his breath.

HI-VIZ

Thanks.

Fred gets up off the guy.

Hi-viz hunkers down beside him.

Hi-viz produces a knife from inside his jacket and stabs Tracksuit multiple times in his chest, blood spurting up.

Fred stares in disbelief.

Hi-viz wipes the knife in the grass, looks up at him.

Fred backs away.

Hi-viz stands up.

Fred turns, runs.

Hi-viz gives chase.

CUT TO:

MONTAGE

Shot of Fred being chased through the empty park by Hi-viz. He runs through long green expanses, rounds thickets of trees. All the while glancing behind him, seeing Hi-viz on his tail, a renewed energy and vitality about Hi-viz now. Fred rounds another thicket of trees, runs into an open green space.

POV FRED

There is a guy ahead sitting on a blanket on the green reading a book.

HI-VIZ (O.S.)  
(Calling out)  
Stop him.

Book guy looks up from his book, sees the two of them running in his direction.

ANGLE ON FRED

(CONTINUED)

Fred shakes his head at him, tries to call out but is tongue-tied.

Behind him Hi-viz calls out again.

HI-VIZ  
Stop him. Stop him.

Book guy looks undecided. As Fred nears him he gets up, moves across Fred's path.

FRED  
No. no.

Fred angles away from him.

But it's no good. Book guy has made up his mind. He's going to be a hero today.

POV FRED

Book guy runs towards Fred, ready to rugby tackle him.

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