

The road hummed under the wheels of the reproduction semi-truck and beneath Dude's hands the steering wheel vibrated with life. Why the hell had people given up driving? Sure, automated cars were useful, but there was nothing like the freedom of the open road. Ahead of him, a self-driving car was going exactly the speed-limit.

With a grin, Dude put on his turn signal and sped up. Past the speed limit. Yeah, baby. This was life. This was what he was meant to do.

1. All the self-driving cars and automation, mean that there's very little for people to do. Artisanal trucking has given back his sense of purpose. Then he hits a dog. Horrified, he pulls the truck out of traffic and races back. The dog dies as he is trying to carry it back to the truck. He hears puppies whining from the side of the road. He feels even worse when he realizes that there are puppies. One of the puppies darts into traffic. Returning to the road, he takes the puppies with him.
2. At a gas station, he offers a puppy to the attendant.