

THE ANYTHING KEY

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EXT. HOUSE - DAY

ANNOUNCER (V.O.)  
Has this ever happened to you?

JOE enters a key into a door handle, but the key breaks.

JOE  
Ah, shit. This is the third time  
this advertising block. I'm locked  
out.

ANNOUNCER  
No, you're not.

JOE  
God?

ANNOUNCER  
Nope.

JOE  
Katt Williams?

ANNOUNCER  
What, no.

JOE  
A miracle product ad announcer?

ANNOUNCER  
That's right, Joe.

JOE  
I didn't say my name. How do you k--

ANNOUNCER  
Now introducing, the anything key.

A benign metal key falls from the sky into Joe's hand.

ANNOUNCER (CONT'D)  
The anything key can open anything.

EXT. STREET - DAY

ANNOUNCER (V.O.)  
A car!

Joe inserts the key into a beat-up 2001 Nissan Altima, gets in, and drives away. An angry woman chases after him with a balled-up fist.

INT. KITCHEN - DAY

ANNOUNCER (V.O.)

Toasters!

Joe angrily shakes a toaster that fails to yield delicious toast. He enters the key into the center, opening the toaster and freeing the blonde crunchy carb.

He stabs the toast with the key and takes a bite.

JOE

Yum.

INT. CORPORATE LOBBY - DAY

ANNOUNCER (V.O.)

Office buildings!

Joe stands in front of a SECURITY GUARD.

SECURITY GUARD

Sir, you don't work here and we've asked you to leave four times now.

JOE

I didn't want to do this.

Joe turns the key into the security officer, ripping a hole in them and opening a portal into an office space.

Joe walks in and closes the portal behind him. Everyone in the lobby loses their shit.

EXT. STREET - NIGHT

ANNOUNCER (V.O.)

The anything key can get you into or out of -- any situation.

Joe jumps out of a key portal, hitting a Terminator pose behind a dumpster. Police sirens flash.

Joe turns the corner when he-- runs into a leather-jacket wearing dystopian Joe holding up a similar benign God key.

ANNOUNCER (PRE-LAP)

Accidentally steel yourself through the hardest parts of your marriage, leaving you with a broken home and damaged liver? The anything key solves that too!

INT. HOUSE - DAY

Joe kicks down his own door.

JOE  
Key! Where are you, key?? I know  
you're in here!

Joe frantically knocks down a coat hanger. He starts opening  
and rummaging through drawers.

JOE (CONT'D)  
Haha, are you here?! Here?!

His eyes flash across family photos: his daughter and son  
next to the key, his wife kissing the key, the key and his  
family at a beach in Turks & Caicos.

JOHN (O.S.)  
Dad?

His family is standing behind the key.

JOE  
John? John. Come here, John.

JOHN  
Mom, I'm scared.

SARAH  
Joe. You need to leave. You left  
us, remember? Key is just picking  
up the pieces.

JOE  
(pointing at Key)  
You. You took everything from me!!

The key turns with Joe's family, leaving him alone.

ANNOUNCER (V.O.)  
Introducing: The Anything Key.