

The Hearing Cowboy

Suddenly, the world changes forever! Arthur is a middle-aged man, who walks like a dull looking cowboy... he lives in a Deaf world and unfortunately, he is hearing. If the Deaf people found out that he can hear, he will get arrested. On that chaotic day, Arthur was hungry, so he went to the fuel station near the city to buy something he needed. When he went to the check out, he could not understand what the cashier (who was a pretty, young Deaf girl) who screamed when shocked by the man. The worker then realised Arthur was hearing. The worker was Deaf and signed in shock "he is HEARING!!!" She pushed the alarm and called the Deaf police to come and arrest him. Arthur escaped from the shop, went out on the street walking like a cowboy to find the black market where he could have surgery to remove his hearing. This procedure was called Hearbuster surgery.

Arthur walked around the back of the petrol station and stumbled into an underground doctor's surgery "how can I help you?", signed the formal looking doctor. Arthur explained that everyone was signing and the girl in the petrol station had called the police. The doctor described how Deaf people had taken control of the world and now had the power to control anyone who was hearing. Arthur asked the doctor if he could provide the operation and Arthur promised to pay the one-million-dollar fee later. From the doctor's office Arthur went to the black market to find an Auslan teacher. He found one for \$10 an hour. Arthur stayed a few hours to learn.

After that, Arthur went to a stable nearby and stole a horse, a hat, mask, clothes and guns to use as a disguise. Arthur then galloped to the Bank of Deaf where he double kicked the front door open but fell to the ground. Feeling silly he quickly got back up to his feet, stood in the doorway and held up his guns. People inside the bank all looked and were scared. Arthur signed to one of the workers to take him to their safe. The worker looked at him back and started to open the lock. Arthur signed to him "HURRY UP!!"

Once the lock was open, Arthur shot the worker in the foot so he couldn't follow him. He went into the safe and collected one million dollars into a bag, then he ran out of the bank and jumped onto his horse to ride away. While riding away Arthur saw the police cars chasing him. One car tried to crash into the horse to stop them, but they crumpled against the horse while Arthur and the horse were fine. Arthur was shocked that this horse was so strong like steel. They continued to ride away into the sunset.

Arthur arrived back at the doctor's office, and he gave him one million dollars and the doctor said "wow that was quick!" both men felt a shock run through them just as the SWAT team SMASHED the door in they immediately sprayed the ceiling with bullets. The police surrounded and arrested them both. Lots of police were surrounding the office with men on foot, in cars and even helicopters. The president of Deaf people stepped out of the crowd of police and said to Arthur (standing face to face with only 1cm in between them) "you should NEVER FAKE BEING DEAF!!" If you are a real Deaf person then you have it in your blood; you live Deaf; you ACT DEAF; you think

like a Deaf person and you are involved in the Deaf community and Deaf culture. Being Deaf is a gift and we are all very proud to be DEAF!

The end.

Epilogue: Arthur ate bread and water for 20 years in jail to make up for his horrible crime. The doctor ended up in a luxury jail for breaking the law because he is Deaf and Deaf citizens get punished less than hearing citizens since the government values them more than the hearing. The doctor, who was stripped of his licence, had tried to do the right thing; to make hearing people to be Deaf. At this moment, he is swimming in a pool and having hot dogs or anything he wants.