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## RUN FORBIDDEN

On Friday evenings, in the car park of the "Carrefour Parinor" shopping centre in Seine-Saint-Denis, you can watch a hundred or so vehicles gather. Many young people, addicted to mechanics and speed, come to admire the BMWs, Mercedes, Citroëns, Golfs... Many of them live in the "9-3" but not only. A young couple sitting in their car is watching a film on their DVD, further on another group is discussing modifications, techniques and the power of their engines. At the same time, a hi-fi competition is taking place, where subwoofers, rear speakers and power capacitors are being admired. They push their installations to the limit. And then, in the distance, you can hear the backfire of the exhaust pipes.

Here the young people are among themselves, they discuss mainly about cars, they are looking for the meeting place to attend the next wild race... A crowd forms around a 205 GTI which broadcasts through its rear trunk, where a huge subwoofer is enthroned, a flood of rap music. Around 11pm, the cars start to rumble their engines, then a car breaks away from the lot and goes towards the back of the deserted car park. The driver begins to make heads or tails, then turns in a circle, squealing his tyres. At this point, the police intervene, arresting the vehicle and its occupants, for them the evening is over. At worst, they will get a fine. But in the meantime, the race is already underway. Everyone is trying not to lose sight of the fastest cars. So do the police. They know that these young people are looking for a deserted place where they can challenge each other: line races, head to toe, controlled skidding, spinning tops (spinning the car on the spot) or burn competitions (spinning the rear wheels of the car on the spot), the aim of which is to blow out the tyres.