

A sudden, very sudden, ^{rotation} movement left of the steering wheel, straightening-up & look on the floor brought the Toyota past the van ^{with} the ^{straight} headlights towards the headlamps of the oncoming traffic (top of the road on the right), another source ~~of~~ brought it even further left ^{to} avoid hitting a pedestrian on the crossing - cars have right of way everywhere. By now these oncoming headlamps were getting impossibly close and our closing speed ever increasing as both suicidally inclined drivers accelerated towards each other. Our cars deflected back to the correct side of the road with a lick of paint to spare before we were thrown forward under violent braking ~~assault~~ in order to stop the car inches in front of the stationary vehicle ~~in~~, waiting at the lights. This was just one of many ~~similar~~ near misses on a typical taxi journey in Manila.

- ① (checking the mirror to see if the poor pedestrian was still standing in the slipstream)

Taxi Ride in Manila

A sudden, very sudden, rotation left, of the steering wheel, straightening-up and foot on the floor brought the Toyota past the van onto the short straight heading towards the headlamps of the oncoming traffic (they drive on the right). Another swerve brought us even further left to avoid flattening a pedestrian on the crossing (the driver checking his mirror to see if the poor pedestrian was still standing in the slipstream). Cars have right of way everywhere!

By now, those oncoming headlights were getting impossibly close and our closing speed ever increasing as both suicidally inclined drivers accelerated towards each other. Ours detoured back to the correct side of the road with a lick of paint to spare before we were thrown forward under violent braking in order to stop the car inches in front of the stationery vehicle waiting at the lights.

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