

A DEAL TO DIE FOR

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INT. KIRKMAN'S HOME- HALLWAY AND BEDROOM- DAY

Young boy HENRY, is being chased down the hallway of his house by an unknown creature. Moving boxes are present along the hallway.

HENRY

(panting out of breath) Help!!

He reaches the end of the hallway and stumbles into the bedroom on his left. He hides in the closet and looks through the cracks at the creature outside.

HENRY

(whimpering in fear)

He sees the shadowy creature turn away from the closet, but at the same moment, Henry shuffles away from the closet door and knocks over a box. He pauses and looks at the creature, now approaching the closet. The doors fling wide open.

HENRY

AAAHHHH!!

The creature is revealed to be his older brother, HAYDEN, wearing a dinosaur costume. He lunges at Henry and starts tickling him.

HAYDEN

RAWR!! Gotcha!

HENRY

(playfully squealing) Haha, good one!

Their mother, ELIZA, calls for the two of them.

ELIZA

Boys, come say goodbye to your father!

INT. KIRKMAN'S HOME- ENTRANCE- DAY

The two boys walk up to their mother and father, VERNON, to say goodbye to him before he leaves for work for the day. He is dressed in a suit and holding a black suitcase. His expression looks slightly nervous. He gives Hayden a hug.

VERNON

Have fun today boys. Grab lots of candy for me!

HENRY

Wait you have to stay late for work?

Vernon neals down and puts his hand on Henry's shoulder.

VERNON

(flustered) Sadly I do. This new position has given me a hefty workload but it got us this nice new house and is gonna be better for all of us in the long run.

HENRY

Okay... I'll be sure to save you a big chocolate bar.

He gives his dad a hug.

VERNON

(chuckling) Thanks kiddo!

His expression goes slightly blank before giving Eliza a kiss and walking out the door.

(Time Passes)

The doorbell rings around midday. Eliza walks from the living room and answers the door. A man with a painted face wearing a magician's outfit is at their door.

ELIZA

Hello? Can I help you?

MAN

Do you have the case?

ELIZA

Pardon me?

MAN

The case? I believe someone in this household has possession of it.

ELIZA

Um... Well sorry I believe you have the wrong place.

She slams the door on the man's face, and shakes her head. Henry, now in his wizard costume, walks up to Eliza.

HENRY

Who was that at the door?

ELIZA

(puzzled) I don't know. Probably some stupid Halloween prankster. Well it's starting to get late, why don't you boys start carving your pumpkins?

INT. KIRKMAN'S HOUSE- DINING ROOM AND ENTRANCE- SUNSET

The family plops some pumpkins down on the table, and the boys begin to carve at their pumpkins. Eliza sits at the end of the table and starts to watch TV. She changes the channel to a local news station.

REPORTER

(through TV)

So make sure you check your children's candy tonight before-

The reporter puts their hand up to their ear and makes a puzzled face. They then nod their head and begin talking again.

REPORTER

This just in, we have reports of a car crash that occurred about 15 minutes ago. The driver was identified as Veron Kirkman, a local resident, who was pronounced dead after the accident.

Eliza puts her hand over her mouth, shocked.

ELIZA

What? That's not...

REPORTER

Viewers of the accident explained that the car careened off of the road and into a tree. A suitcase in the car flew out of the window and onlookers reported that at one point it burst into flames and disappeared. Details are still be-

At that same point, a giant spider crawls out of Hayden's pumpkin and tries to bite his hand.

HAYDEN

AHH! What the heck?!

Henry grabs a broom leaning against the wall and tries to hit the spider. He misses twice, and hears it mumble "It's not over," before it scurries off. Puzzled, The two boys then see their mother crying and see their father on the TV screen.

HENRY

What happened to da-

The doorbell rings as kids begin to start
trick-or-treating.

ELIZA

Your... your father is gone...

The boys give their mother a hug and start to frown before
the doorbell rings again. Eliza gets up and answers it. A
small child dressed up in a gargoyle costume is at the
door. He holds up his bucket to Eliza and grins.

BOY

(menacing) Trick or Treat!

A hand thrusts out of the bucket holding a knife. It goes
right through Eliza's chest. The boys turn to see her fall
to the floor.

HENRY

(whimpering) M-M-Mom?!

HAYDEN

H-Henry stay back.

The costumed boy begins to walk into the house, glaring at
the two boys. That's when a man dressed in a suit walks in
behind the boy, followed by the magician man from before.
Hayden grabs the mop on the floor next to them and points
it at the group.

HAYDEN

(scared) W-Who are you p-people? And w-why did y-you kill
my mo-

MAN IN SUIT

Oh don't mind us we're just here to collect our dues.

Hayden turns to Henry on the steps.

HAYDEN

Go.

HENRY

B-Bu-

HAYDEN

Just go! Get out of here!

Henry runs up the steps while Hayden confronts the group.

HAYDEN

(with force) What do you want?

MAN IN SUIT

Oh nothing much. Just know that your father made a deal that has run up.

HAYDEN

Wh-What do you... mean?

He begins to lower the mop.

MAN IN SUIT

How do you think your father got this new house for your family? It was all thanks to me. However he disobeyed the contract we made, and that's where things went wrong.

The man makes a gesture with his hand, prompting the magician man to bring out Vernon, kneeling and in fiery chains.

VERNON

(exasperated) H-Hayden... I'm so sorry...

HAYDEN

Dad!? How... This doesn't make any... Who are you?!

VERNON

Hayden look at me... This house, the new car, my promotion, it was all thanks to Lucifer here, but in return, he... he needed for me to give him a certain payment... That's when I was given a contract that was in that suitcase, but the date ran up on it... I figured if he never got his hands on it, we'd be fine, but... I... I'm so, so sorry...

LUCIFER

Well that worked out well, didn't it?

Lucifer pulls out the case from behind his back.

LUCIFER

Alright, you've let him know. Now say goodbye!

The magician man pulls out a scythe and hands it to Lucifer. Vernon begins to cry and Lucifer proceeds to hack off Vernon's head.

HAYDEN

Nooooooooooooooooo!

The head rolls over towards Hayden. Hayden then tries to run up the steps, but something tugs at his leg. He looks down at another fiery chain holding him back. He then looks back up the steps again, at the spider from before who lunges at Hayden's face.

HAYDEN
AAAHHHHH!!

The spider finishes off Hayden and Lucifer walks towards the steps. The other two minions follow.

LUCIFER
No. You two can stay here. I can collect the last one on my own.

INT. KIRKMAN'S HOUSE- HALLWAY AND BEDROOM- NIGHT

Henry is hiding in the closet to his parents' bedroom as Lucifer begins to search for him.

HENRY
(scared and confused) Wh-what's g-going on?

Lucifer is walking down the hallway searching for his final victim.

LUCIFER
Come out little, one. I won't hurt you.

Lucifer walks past a door on his right and punches it down. It reveals an empty bathroom. Henry cowers in the closet after hearing the loud crash of the door.

LUCIFER
Well, let's try the next room.

In the boys' room, he lights up a fire in the middle of the room but heras nothing.

LUCIFER
Ah. I see, you want to win this game now do you.

Henry is crying silently in the bedroom.

LUCIFER
(from distance)
Well nice try, boy!

The doors rip off of the closet, revealing Henry inside.

HENRY

AHHHH!! Go away, you evil man!!

Lucifer lifts his hand and Henry starts to choke slightly as he is lifted towards Lucifer. He reaches Lucifer who grabs ahold of Henry by his shirt and lets him hang there.

LUCIFER

Game over, boy!

HENRY

Noooo!! Help me please!! Somebody help!!

A portal of fire opens behind Lucifer, who proceeds to step into the portal. Then camera falls and lays on the ground sideways. The viewer is left watching the hallway burst into flames before the screen fades to black.