

regards, unknown

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1 OVER BLACK:

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FELIX (V.O)

Are you sure this is a good idea?

JOSH (V.O)

Of course it is. The best idea I've ever had.

FELIX (V.O)

Somehow I doubt that...

JOSH (V.O)

Whatever man, you're not gonna regret this! Trust me.

2 INT. KITCHEN - DAY

2

A KNIFE slices through the black. Four box-flaps open to reveal two faces peering in. Both boys hold onto the edges of THE BOX with latex gloved hands.

FELIX (20) is the more dubious of the two. His slight stubble ages him, and with his eyes he gives off the aura of being more mature. JOSH (21) is the opposite. He has a boyish grin, and floppy hair, adding to his childish personality.

Felix looks to Josh. Josh pays him no mind and reaches into the box. He starts to pull an item out.

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3 INT. KITCHEN - DAY (STREAM FOOTAGE)

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A streaming page similar to Twitch, shows the two boys in the kitchen. On the right side of the screen is a COMMENTS SECTION. A few COMMENTS pop up:

MysteryM1nd: Ooo yes! I love shit like this.

TrainJuz88: These 'mystery' boxes are always so fake.

Phant0mz: waddup felix !!

Web2Free: Y wuld any1 think they r real?

The two boys stand behind a kitchen island. The counter is covered in a plastic sheet. On the counter the battered cardboard box is placed beside them. The kitchen appears neat, decorated sparsely.

Josh peers at the screen briefly.

JOSH

Of course this shit is fake. Try
telling that to this guy though.

Josh gestures to Felix with his thumb. Felix rolls his eyes playfully.

JOSH (CONT.D)

Just 'cause I bought it from the
spooky scary dark web, he suddenly
thinks we're in for it.

Felix shakes his head as Josh laughs.

4 INT. KITCHEN - DAY

4

Ignoring him, Felix starts to inspect the tattered BOOK that Josh had pulled from the box. It appears to have been read many times. He picks it up and turns it over in his hands to read the front.

FELIX

"Loose lips, lose tongues." A crime
thriller...strange.

JOSH

What's strange about it? Old guy
probably picked it up from a charity
sale. Don't blame him for tossing it,
looks shite.

Felix starts to flip through the pages of the book. Josh snatches it from Felix's hands and waves it in front of the camera.

JOSH (CONT.D)

Look guys! A super scary book! Bet it
was read by a murderer, ahhh!

Josh chucks the book on the counter and rubs his hands together.

JOSH

C'mon then what's up next!

With a grin, Felix reaches into the box. His hand closes around some fabric. Slowly he pulls it out of the box in front of the computer screen for the camera to see.

As he holds it he notices blood stains. They cover the shirt in splatters, with one big stain towards the bottom.

FELIX

What the fuck...

Felix points the bloody shirt towards the stream.

5 INT. KITCHEN - DAY (STREAM FOOTAGE)

5

The blood stained shirt encompasses the screen. Felix pulls it away. Some more COMMENTS pop up:

TrainJuz88: Is that blood!?!?

Bakenwake: LOL

MysteryM1nd: Oh shit wtf!!!!

FELIX

Dude this is fucked.

JOSH

Oh shit! Looks like someone had too much fun on Halloween.

FELIX

That's some pretty decent looking fake blood man.

Josh comes closer to peer at the shirt.

JOSH

C'mon Felix, they're not gonna use some cheap pound store crap are they? The more realistic the better I always say.

FELIX

You would say that.

6 INT. KITCHEN - DAY

6

Felix continues to inspect the shirt when he hears a noise from behind him.

MADISON (16) is stood next to the box. In her bare hand she holds a BLOODY POCKET KNIFE. Her preppy style offsets the item she's holding, her hair sways as she places a hand on her hip.

MADISON

What the hell are you two up to now? I know you like terrorizing old ladies but I never pegged you for the murdering type.

Felix's eyes go wide. He drops the shirt to the floor and steps toward his sister.

FELIX

(Hushed)

Maddi what the fuck are you doing! Give me that *now*.

MADISON

Why? Am I ruining a new prank or something?

Madison rolls her eyes, she holds the knife closer to her face to get a better look. She wrinkles her nose.

MADISON (CONT'D)

It smells kinda funky.

Felix snatches the item from her hands.

MADISON (CONT'D)

Jeez bro, what's your problem!? I was just looking.

FELIX

You see us wearing gloves right? This shit could be dangerous.

Madison pointedly walks over to a box of latex gloves. She pulls out two. She keeps eye contact with her brother as she tugs them onto her hands.

MADISON

Fine. I'm wearing gloves now. Happy?

JOSH

Um no, not really, why are you-

MADISON

This is my house too *jerk*. I could always snitch to Mum.

Felix and Josh share a glance between them. A few seconds pass and Josh sighs. Felix turns back to Madison.

FELIX

Fine, you can stay, but don't touch anything else.

Madison grins. She joins the two boys and watches as Felix grabs another item from the box.

In his hands he holds a WORN LEATHER WALLET. The brown material is flaky, the edges frayed. He rubs his finger against it and looks toward Josh.

JOSH

How exciting! A wallet. I've been needing a new one.

Felix gives Josh a pointed stare. Josh goes to grab the wallet but Felix holds it away from his reach.

FELIX

Ha ha. Very funny.

JOSH

Nah I'm serious, would be nice if this guy bothered to actually take care of these items though.

Felix starts to look through the wallet. Inside is an ID CARD, a couple of BANK CARDS and some LOOSE CHANGE.

MADISON

What is all this junk anyway?

Madison peers between the items on the table and the wallet in Felix's hand. Her eyebrows furrow. The boys ignore her.

FELIX

Guys this looks kinda legit.

Josh comes closer to Felix to peer over his shoulder at the ID in the wallet.

JOSH

Mate that's probably a fake ID. Do you know how easy that shit is to forge? Bet he's cancelled the cards as well. Dickhead. Could've done with some extra cash.

Felix continues to stare at the ID. The mans face stares back at him.

Suddenly Josh elbows him. He points to the stream still playing on the computer.

JOSH

Dude, these people ain't gonna stick around to watch you stare at some dumb ass wallet.

Felix snaps his head up. He nods and places the wallet on the table.

FELIX

You're right. Okay...lets see.

The next item he pulls out is a wad of newspaper. Small dots of blood litter the sheet.

FELIX

Weird...it's crumpled up newspaper.

MADISON

Maybe there's something inside?

Felix starts to unwrap it carefully. His fingers peel away at the damp paper.

Slowly he reveals what looks like a SEVERED TONGUE. Blood stains the paper around where the tongue sits.

MADISON

What the fuck. Ew that's proper grim.

Josh picks up the tongue with a grin on his face. He waves it in front of the screen.

7 INT. KITCHEN - DAY (STREAM FOOTAGE)

7

The tongue wiggles in front of the camera. A stream of COMMENTS appear on the screen:

TrainJuz88: That doesn't look like a prop guys...
Gnarly3dg3: WTF THAT'S FUCKING MESSED UP!!
FrightM8: where did they even get the box from? surely not ebuy?
ghxstkid_: what the actual fuck is that. that's so realistic!
6an9el6: is that a fucking TONGUE WTF

JOSH

Get a taste of this! That's a proper gnarly prop, this dude ain't playing around.

Josh pulls it away and sticks his tongue out while holding the severed tongue next to his face.

Next to him Felix holds the newspaper clipping. His eyes are wide.

8 INT. KITCHEN - DAY

8

Josh comes closer to Felix. Felix opens his mouth to say something but stops as he eyes the tongue still in Josh's hand.

JOSH

Mate, what's got you so *tongue-tied*. Spit it out. I know its on the tip of your *tongue*. Get it, ha ha, because...it's...

Josh trails off. He notices the look on Felix's face.

JOSH

What...

FELIX

This isn't a prank. I think it's real.

Josh scoffs and snatches the newspaper from Felix's hands. As he reads his face pales. The headline states: "DEADLY SLIP OF THE TONGUE - MAN FOUND DEAD WITHOUT TONGUE TWO DAYS AFTER POLICE REPORT".

The tongue drops to the floor.

The three of them gather around it and look down. The tongue doesn't move. They stay frozen for a few seconds.

JOSH
(Under his breath)
Fuuuuuuuuck...

Josh is the first to move. He takes a step back, and runs his hands through his hair.

JOSH
Nah, this can't be real, he's gotta be
fucking with us. There's no way.

Felix looks up. He has no emotion on his face.

FELIX
What have you done?

Josh whips his head round to stare Felix down.

JOSH
I ain't done nothin'.

FELIX
This was your idea. You suggested the
dark web. This was all you.

JOSH
You fuckin' agreed. Plus I'm sure it's
all just an elaborate-

FELIX
An elaborate what! Because from where
I'm standing this seems pretty fucking
authentic. The guy in the newspaper is
the same fucking guy as the ID.

Madison starts to edge towards the box as the two boys continue their argument.

JOSH
Dude you gotta calm down. I'm sure
there's a reasonable explanation.

FELIX
Since when has the dark web ever been
reasonable!

Madison examines the box. Her face pales. On the side big red messy letters are scrawled.

MADISON

Guys...

The boys continue to argue.

FELIX

I just don't understand why
you aren't getting the
severity of this shit!

JOSH

Why's everythin' always
gotta be my fault y'know!
You wanted to go viral!

MADISON

GUYS!

Both boys whip their heads round to look at Madison. Tears
have started to appear in her eyes.

MADISON (CONT'D)

Why is our names and address on the
side? It's from the dark web right?
Why would our names be on it?

Felix's face drops. He slowly paces over to where Madison
stands to have a closer look.

FELIX

(Hesitant)

What?

Josh looks down. His eyes focus on the floor, unable to look
at Felix or Madison.

FELIX (CONT'D)

Josh? You didn't give away our address
right?

Josh fiddles with the glove on his right hand.

JOSH

I mean...I wasn't gonna get it sent to
mine...so

FELIX

So you figured you'd send it to ours
instead then? Throw us under the bus?
What happened to fucking anonymity!?

MADISON

What does this mean? Are we gonna get
in trouble?

FELIX

Not now Madison! Just shut the fuck up
would you?

Madison takes a step back. Felix's eyes soften.

FELIX (CONT'D)

Wait, Maddi, I'm sorry I didn't-

Before he can finish, Madison has taken her gloves off and thrown them on the floor at his feet. She is about to dash out of the kitchen when a loud KNOCK echoes through the house.

The three of them exchange panicked glances. Madison rushes next to her brother. He moves her to stand behind him.

The knocking sounds again.

KNOCK KNOCK.

MADISON

What the fuck was that!?

Both Felix and Madison take a step back away from the source of the noise. Josh takes a step forward instead.

JOSH

C'mon its clearly just someone at the
door. You guys are so dramatic.

FELIX

Surely that's even *more* concerning in
our current situation?

Josh rolls his eyes. He approaches the window and starts to pull back the curtain.

FELIX (CONT'D)

(Hushed tone)

Josh what the fuck are you doing!?

Josh looks back at Felix.

JOSH

Checkin' to see who it is dumbass.

Madison moves closer to her brother.

Josh pulls the curtain back just far enough to glimpse outside.

9 EXT. FRONT DOOR - EVENING

9

A MAN (35) dressed in a pizza delivery uniform stands in front of the door. He holds three boxes in one hand, and raises his other wrist as if to check the time. A cap placed on his head obscures most of his face.

10 INT. KITCHEN - EVENING

10

Josh lets the curtain fall back into place. He turns with a grin on his face, the situation they're in seemingly forgotten.

JOSH

It's just the pizza guy!

(Mockingly)

Unless you're both scared by a slice of Hawaiian.

Felix looks confused.

FELIX

Dude. We didn't order a pizza?

Josh doesn't listen and instead starts to approach the front door. Felix turns to Madison. He crouches down slightly and places his hands on her shoulders.

FELIX

Hide in the cupboard.

Madison looks at him confused.

MADISON

What? Why?

FELIX

I have a bad feeling. Please don't argue just do it.

Both siblings stare at each other for a moment. They look towards the hall where Josh is. He reaches forward and unlocks the door.

11 INT. HALLWAY - EVENING

11

Josh swings open the door and starts to rummage in his pockets for some cash.

PIZZA GUY

Hi. You ordered a slice, right?

Josh looks up confused before letting out a laugh.

JOSH

A slice? I mean I was kinda hoping for a whole pizza y'know.

The pizza guy smirks and drops the boxes onto the ground. In his hand is a PIZZA CUTTER.

Josh's eyes widen. Before he gets a chance to say anything the man lurches forward bringing the weapon down the middle of Josh's face. The pizza guy swings again to slice across the boys neck.

Josh slowly starts to raise his hands to grasp at his throat, his eyes still wide. Blood pours down his face and body as he falls backwards. He lands on the floor.

12 INT. KITCHEN - EVENING

12

Felix and Madison watch in horror as Josh's body collides with the floor.

Felix turns back to his sister who watches over his shoulder still in shock.

The man is knelt by the boys body. He hasn't noticed them yet as he rummages through Josh's pockets.

FELIX

Maddi listen. You have to go.

MADISON

Please don't leave me.

FELIX

I won't. I promise. I'll be right here.

MADISON

I-I can't. I didn't...I'm sorry-

FELIX

Mads. I love you. Please do this for me. He doesn't know you're involved. You have to hide. Please.

Madison searches her brothers eyes, tears stain her cheeks. Weakly she nods and hugs him. She pulls back and Felix ushers her over and into the nearby cupboard. There's only room for her, the items inside leave little space as she clammers to safety.

Felix gives her one last glance before closing the cupboard door.

Silence.

Carefully he moves forward to peek round the door into the hallway. The man is nowhere to be seen. Josh's body is still on the floor. A pool of blood around it.

Felix closes his eyes, his breaths strained.

He opens them again and stares at his friend. Tears start to appear in his eyes. He raises his hand to cover his mouth. A strangled sob escapes.

He continues to stare, unaware that behind him a figure starts to move closer. The figure raises his arm. Felix goes to turn.

13 INT. KITCHEN - EVENING

13

Felix is on the floor. His eyes are wide. A flicker of guilt, regret and pain flashes across them. Blood starts to trickle from his head and down his face.

Madison watches silently from the cupboard. She shakes as she attempts to stay quiet.

A boot comes into view. A hand gently reaches down to cut a small clump of hair from Felix's head.

The hand sprinkles the hair into a small plastic bag.

The boots walk away.

14 INT. KITCHEN - EVENING (STREAM FOOTAGE)

14

An empty kitchen. The box is nowhere to be seen along with all of the contents. COMMENTS flood the right hand side of the stream:

MysteryM1nd: Damn this is entertainment, the production value was insaneeeeeee

TrainJuz88: LMAO WTF DID I JUST WATCH

Phant0mz: felix !! u okay man!?

Web2Free: God, so fake. Lame.

Gnarly3dg3: Brb getting more popcorn!!!

FrightM8: shuld we call 999???

ghxstkid_: its like a murder mystery!! glad we couldn't see the 'killer' adds to the suspense!!

6an9el6: nah @FrightM8 it's like an ARG. watch them b back nxt week! dunno how they'll top this.

Bakenwake: LOL LOVE IT

Slowly Madison emerges onto the screen. She walks like a robot. Her movements heavy.

She looks lost. Her face is empty. Hesitantly she stares down at her feet where he brother lays.

Tears start to fall.

15 INT. UNKNOWN LOCATION - NIGHT

15

Various items are laid out on a table on top of a plastic sheet - most notable are two wallets, a cracked phone, some plastic bags containing hair, teeth and nail clippings, and a bloodied pizza cutter.

A gloved hand drags along a shelf full of books before stopping on one in particular. The title reads: MEMORABLE AT WHAT COST.

The hand picks it from the shelf and lays it down next to the other items.

The figure carefully starts to select different items. He places each one in a CARDBOARD BOX that rests next to him.

He pauses to pick up a red pen. Messily he scrawls two new names onto the side of the box: MELLISA & JOHN.

Behind him is a computer screen. Two tabs are open. One is a playback of Felix's stream, the other a listing on an obscure site.

The man - same one as the pizza guy from earlier - starts to smile as he picks up the final item, the book. The smile fades and he places the book in the box.

Reaching over he folds the flaps in and closes the box.

Tape can be heard sealing the box shut.

CUT TO: BLACK

END.