

BATHWATER

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FADE IN:

EXT. ABANDONED HOUSE - NIGHT

A house that looks ready to fall down. Its bottom floor windows are shattered, and its front door is held up with little more than caution tape and a paper sign that reads, 'Condemned. Stay out. Any injuries occurred inside will be the full fault of the individual.'

Three kids (13)—Andy, Emma and Darren—hover at the front door.

ANDY

We've got to go in.

EMMA

No, we don't have to.

DARREN

It's fucking creepy.

ANDY

My older brother told me about this place, but he was too fucking scared to go in. Pussy. If I go in, I'll be able to hammer him with it.

EMMA

It looks ready to fall down.

DARREN

We're going in.

ANDY

Yeah.

EMMA

No.

DARREN

It's not even locked.

Emma points at the caution tape and the paper sign.

EMMA

Then look at this. You can both fucking read right?

Andy smiles at Darren.

ANDY

Kick it.

Darren delivers a solid kick to the front door and it falls off its hinges and lands with a BANG!.

Andy and Darren give each other a high five then move inside.

ANDY (CONT'D)
Like a Kung Fu master.

DARREN
You know, I once punched a hole through a brick wall.

EMMA
No you didn't.

Andy and Darren enter. Emma watches them.

EMMA (CONT'D)
This is so fucking stupid.

ANDY
No, it's cool.

EMMA
And if it was on fire, would you still go in?

DARREN
Depends on how big the fire was.

EMMA
You're both fucking idiots.

Andy and Darren turn a corner, disappearing out of view.

EMMA (CONT'D)
Why the fuck am I friends with you two?

She reluctantly follows them inside.

INT. ABANDONED HOUSE - BATHROOM - NIGHT

The door to the bathroom opens. A hand flicks on the light. A single cracked bulb flickers on, casting a dim light over the bathroom. Dirty and dusty.

The toilet is broken. As is the sink. Only the bathtub remains undamaged.

Andy, Emma and Darren all enter.

EMMA

What the hell are we even looking for?

ANDY

Every room. I want to see every room.

DARREN

We need to find the worse room and get a picture of all three of us in it.

Andy moves over to the bathtub for a closer look.

EMMA

Come on, we've seen this room let's move onto another.

ANDY

Look at this water.

The water sits stagnant, black and unmoving.

Darren now comes over, standing next to Andy.

DARREN

I dare you to touch it.

EMMA

No.

Darren glances back at Emma, grinning.

DARREN

I dare you to drink some.

Emma gives him the middle finger.

EMMA

Fuck you.

Suddenly, large angry sounding bubbles rise up from inside the bathtub.

They all turn to face the water.

The bubbles get faster and faster and faster until....PLOP. A crown appears. Gold and gleaming with bright gemstones.

The three friends just stare at it. All of them in a state of utter disbelief.

Andy reaches out for the crown, his hand hovering over it.

EMMA (CONT'D)
What are you doing?

ANDY
I want it.

EMMA
Don't touch it.

DARREN
But looks at it.

ANDY
I've got to have it.

The water moves. A grey WOMAN, (80's) rises up out of the water. Gaunt and sickly.

She suddenly grabs a tight hold of Andy's wrist. She opens her mouth, yellow teeth snap.

GAUNT WOMAN
(Chanting)
Your father doesn't love you, your
father doesn't love you, your
father doesn't love you...

Andy falters. His fingers tremble.

ANDY
(Crying)
That's not true.

She pulls Andy into the bathtub with her. Both of them disappearing under the black water.

The crown remains, floating. Waiting.

Emma and Darren are frozen.

After a moment, Emma snaps out of her daze. Her whole body shaking.

EMMA
He's not coming back.

DARREN
The crown. It's still there.

She turns on him.

EMMA
What the fuck are you talking
about?

DARREN

The crown.

EMMA

Andy has just been dragged down
into that water by some....THING!
And he's not fucking coming back
up! What the fuck just happened!

Darren is still staring at the crown. He licks his lips.

DARREN

I can get it. He was too slow.

EMMA

Darren, have you lost your fucking
mind!

Darren step forward, teeth clenched.

DARREN

I can do this.

He reaches for it.

The bathwater bubbles. It rises again. She grabs a hold of
Darren by the arms.

GAUNT WOMAN

(Chanting)

You're thick. You're stupid. You're
dumb. You're thick. You're stupid.
You're dumb.

Darren's whole body becomes limp. His face, drained of all
colour. Finally his knees give out.

She drags him into the water. He disappears below. She's
claimed another victim.

The crown remains.

INT. ABANDONED HOUSE - HALLWAY - NIGHT

Emma runs, breathing heavy. She stumbles and falls. Hitting
the floor, hard.

The front door ahead of her is in touching distance.

She stands up, a shake of the head.

EMMA

I can't. It's crazy.

She still hasn't moved. Glancing back towards the staircase.

EMMA (CONT'D)

That crown.

(Swallows hard)

It was beautiful.

She turns around. She walks towards the staircase, slowly at first but soon speeds up.

EMMA (CONT'D)

I can get it. I can get the crown.

I know I can.

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THE END