Castle Trouble

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FADE IN:

Ext. Scottish Castle - Night Thunder and lightning crash across the sky.

A horse drawn carriage waits near the heavy wood and Iron door.

The castle is obviously abandoned. The flicker of candlelight can be seen in an upper window.

It starts to rain.

FADE TO:

INT. SCOTTISH CASTLE - NIGHT

Danny and Connor walk slowly down the long hallway. They are carrying a large bag between them and admiring the suits of armor and various treasures that line the hallway. Though they are in their late twenties the bag is straining them.

> DANNY Connor, this place gives me the creeps. You have got bad timing to suggest these trips.

Danny drops his half of the bag. It lands on his foot.

DANNY (CONT'D) Ouch! That bag is heavy.

Connor is trying not to laugh.

CONNOR Why did ya drop the bag you weakling?

DANNY Cause it's heavy!

Danny puts a hand up quieting Connor.

The thud of heavy footsteps comes from just out of their candle light.

DANNY (CONT'D) What is that Connor?

Thunder rolls in the distance and rain is blown against the window.

Connor holds his candle in the space between their faces.

CONNOR It's the weather little brother.

There is a rolling crash of thunder. During the thunder a voice is heard.

GHOST LEAVE THIS PLACE , NOW!!!!

Connor's candle begins to shake.

Danny nods in approval.

CONNOR That sounded like a voice.

Connor drops his half of the bag.

DANNY Who's scared now big brother?

CONNOR Come on! Help me pick this up and lets get out of here!

They pick up the bag and turn. There is a flash of lightning.

In the mirror is the reflection of a Scottish Noble in full Kilt and dress. Everything about the man is regal except the features of a long dead man. Cheek bones like razors, death gray skin and the major fact that he is transparent.

Danny and Connor look at the mirror then each other. The ghost disappears.

DANNY

Connor.

CONNOR

Yes Danny

DANNY Was there just a man in the mirror that disappeared?

CONNOR I saw it too brother.

There is a huge thunder crash. A nearby window blows

open. Danny and Connor glance at each other, stark terror in their eyes.

### DANNY & CONNOR

Lets go now!

Danny and Connor hobble down the hallway struggling to hold on to their bag.

An orb of light appears in front of Danny and Connor. It slowly transforms into the ghost.

Danny and Connor are transfixed by the amazing sight. They are now standing face to face with a long dead Scottish noble. A GHOST!

A bony finger points at them. The ghost speaks in a booming tone that travels the whole castle.

GHOST Leave now. Or die here and walk these halls in cursed eternity!

The Ghost draws his sword and screams a battle cry in an unknown tongue.

### GHOST (CONT'D) I will summon more. Leave now!

The Ghost glides toward Danny and Connor. They run back where they came. Flashes of lightning illuminating every step. The ghost follows as Danny and Connor knock down suits of Armor and various other treasures in their panicked run. They shoulder block a door trying to force it open. Danny points to an open door across the hall.

#### DANNY

# There Connor!

They trip over their bag landing on the rich carpet with a **THUD.** Terrified beyond words they look at the approaching ghost then their bag.

#### CONNOR

Grab the bag!

Grabbing their hand holds Danny and Connor crawl into the room and slam the door. There is heavy breathing and silence. The room disappears into blackness.

BIG GAME TROPHY ROOM

There is a flash of lightning which illuminates the

illuminates the murky depths. Big game of every variety adorns the room. A full size bear is standing over them.

DANNY & CONNOR

### АНННННН!

REALIZING THE animals are dead they both stop screaming. Danny and Connor look around the room embarrassed though they are alone. Their attention stops on the door. It's big, heavy and old. Enough to stop a strong man in his tracks.

> CONNOR That door would stop any man. But there is no way it will stop a ghost.

The Ghost floats through the door.

Danny slowly turns to Connor.

DANNY You're right about that. Lets go!

GHOST You can't hide from me!!!

Danny and Connor struggle with their bag.

CONNOR I think he's right!

Danny and Connor get the bag up to their shoulders and run out of the room knocking over the bear on the way.

CUT TO:

#### CASTLE KITCHEN

Danny and Connor heave the bag over a large stone counter and dive over after it.

DANNY You're the older brother Connor. What in bloody blazes do we do?

There is a huge ruckus of pots , pans etc crashing against stone.

P.O.V. - CONNOR - LOOKING OVER THE COUNTER. THE GHOST BREEZES THROUGH THE ROOM. EVERYWHERE IT GOES THE METAL FLIES ; RICOCHETTING OF THE WALLS AT NEAR DEADLY SPEED. Connor ducks behind the counter. The Ghost gives a bone rattling scream. Danny and Connor cover their ears wincing in pain.

# GHOST

You will die!

CONNOR No death for us tonight thanks. Grab the bag Danny!

They run out of the kitchen dodging the deadly kitchen projectiles.

CUT TO:

CASTLE - HALL

Danny and Connor drag the bag down the hall. Their foot falls heavy with fear and exhaustion.

DANNY

Connor.

CONNOR Yes my dearest brother!

DANNY If we get out of here Connor ; I'm gonna kill you.

Violin music creeps into the background. Danny and Connor proceed without noticing it.

Danny stands up straight , a confused look on his face.

DANNY (CONT'D) I hear Violin music.

Connor drops the bag and slumps his shoulders.

Danny jumps back from a foot crushing.

CONNOR Bloody Hell! Where is it coming from?

They look to the banquet room doors at the end of the hallway. Lightning flashes silently. They simultaneously point to the door.

# DANNY & CONNOR

There!

Now dragging their bag they begin to walk. Lightning increases as they get closer to the doors.

#### DANNY

Stupid question Connor but why are we walking toward this?

CONNOR We have to go through there to get to the other side of the castle little brother.

Thunder crashes sending them running through the doors.

SMASH CUT TO:

#### CASTLE - BANQUET HALL

An undead Waltz is in full swing. The band, dancers and guests are all ghosts.

Danny and Connor try to walk through the party. Danny catches a female ghosts eye. She is beautiful aside from the fact she is transparent and glowing.

## FEMALE GHOST How about a dance Mister?

With a scream Danny and Connor hoist the bag and run toward the doors on the far side of the hall.

The Female ghost cackles as she transforms into a near skeleton. The other ghosts join in an undead laugh that chases Danny and Connor out of the room. Danny and Connor slam the heavy door behind them. Castle - Stair case

They are in a stair case and not the anticipated from room/exit. The spiral stair case goes up , way up.

DANNY Where did you take us Connor? We can't get out!

Connor looks upward at the impressive stair case.

CONNOR

We go up!

They grunt as the hoist the bag to their shoulders. Danny in front and Connor in back. Slowly, they start up the stairs.

CUT TO:

## EXT. CASTLE TURRET - NIGHT

The full moon shines on the open tower. Danny and Connor stumble out of the stair case barely holding onto their prized bag.

Danny and Connor put the bag down and begin looking for a way out.

P.O.V. - CONNOR - LOOKING OVER THE SIDE AND SEEING A VERY SHALLOW HALF DRY MOAT.

CONNOR It's a long shot but there's a moat! Lets jump Danny!

DANNY

I love you brother. But you're crazy!

The ghost rises through the floor.

Danny and Connor jump back almost falling over the side.

GHOST You will never leave here!

CONNOR What do you want?

The Ghost gestures at the bag. It splits revealing Gold mugs , jewelery and other impressive treasures.

GHOST You stole from me. Now you are cursed!

DANNY

We're sorry!

GHOST

# CURSED I SAY!

CONNOR

I'm jumping!

Connor leaps over the side with Danny close behind.

P.O.V. - CONNOR- THE PATHETIC MOAT IS COMING UP FAST. CUT TO BLACK.

### FADE TO:

## INT. CASTLE - BANQUET HALL

The undead waltz is in full swing. Danny and Connor are at the center of it all . Only now they are the same glowing pallor of death. The female ghost glides to Danny.

> FEMALE GHOST You couldn't stay away from that dance could ya?

Danny and Connor notice their new complexions then look at each other.

## DANNY & CONNOR

## Ahhhhhh!

Cut to black over Danny and Connor's scream.

FADE OUT: