Unboxing

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BUFFERING WHEEL

INT. GEMMA'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

Devilish decorations. Cobwebs. Giant spiders. Horror posters. Boxes piled high across the floor.

GEMMA (20), zombie smurfette. MAGGIE (25), zombie cheerleader.

GEMMA (addressing us) Good evening...What was it?

MAGGIE 'Smurflings'.

GEMMA Good evening, smurflings. And welcome back to another...

MAGGIE 'Unboxing'.

Maggie rolls her eyes at us.

GEMMA D'you wanna go again?

TAKE TWO.

GEMMA Good evening, smurflings. And welcome back to another 'Unboxing'. Muawahahaha!

Suddenly a black box falls off it's pile, startling Maggie.

MAGGIE

Shit!

Gemma slings her head back, laughing.

GEMMA Alright, let's get started.

Gemma slices through the first box. Removes a small card.

GEMMA Okay so this is from Rossferatu22.

MAGGIE (blowing a kiss) Hi, Ross. If you want to do the monster mash my number is--GEMMA (laughing) Mags! Sorry, Ross. She's slightly pissed. MAGGIE Let's do the next box, baby! Gemma picks up another box, shakes it. MAGGIE I hope it's makeup girl cause you are hella pale. Gemma gasps. MAGGIE (snatching knife) Give it here. I can't wait any longer. GEMMA Do you see what I have to put up with? She notices Maggie struggling to open the package. GEMMA Be careful, babe. MAGGIE Ssh. I got it. GEMMA Use your teeth, maybe? Maggie stops, gets on her knees, close to us. MAGGIE Oh. Let me tell you a story about Gemma and her teeth. It takes a moment for Gemma to realise where Maggie is going.

GEMMA No. Mags they don't need to--

MAGGIE --A story involving a sweaty college frat boy, Miss Smurf Slut over here and her titanium tee-ahh!

Maggie has accidentally sliced through her finger.

MAGGIE Oh my god. Oh my god. Oh my god. What do I do? What do I do, Gems?! GEMMA O-okay, don't panic. Go to the bathroom, there's dressing in the cabinet. Maggie stands, shakily. Whimpering as she races out the room. GEMMA Oh my god, guys. Look. Gemma stares at the carpet, breathy. She slowly dips her finger into blood. Sucks it. Head back. Eyes closed. Bliss. MAGGIE (0.S.) "I will survive!" Maggie enters. Notices Gemma crouched down. MAGGIE Dropped something? GEMMA I'm thirsty, Mags. MAGGIE What did you spill red wine or somethi--are you hiding red wine from your best friend?! Gemma wipes her mouth clean. Turns to face Maggie. MAGGIE Have you taken something? Suddenly, Gemma starts to have a fit. MAGGIE Shit. Fuck! Gemma?! Maggie grabs her phone. Dials. Gemma stops convulsing. GEMMA (monstrous voice) Leave. It. MAGGIE Gemma? Wh--what's going on?

The phone flies out of Maggie's hand, smashes through the window. Maggie rushes to the door. It slams shut. Gemma moves to her wardrobe. Takes out a huge box.

MAGGIE I don't like this. Stop the video.

Gemma glides her finger across the box. It opens by itself and a child gagged and unconscious flops to the floor.

> MAGGIE What the hell?! What have you done, you bitch?!

Gemma opens the rattling black box, releasing a horde of bats.

GEMMA Now we can feast.

An earth-shattering scream leaves Maggie as we...

FADE OUT.

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INT. GEMMA'S BEDROOM - DAY

Gemma sat with Maggie and SAM (8), Maggie's brother.

GEMMA

Hi guys. So this is just a short video to say thank you to everyone who watched our film.

MAGGIE It's been exhausting, guys. How do you think it went, Sam?

Sam shrugs, shy.

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INT. MAGGIE'S BEDROOM - DAY

Makeup tools strewn across bed. Gemma sat opposite Maggie.

MAGGIE Now today I have got the gorgeous Gemma in for a makeup tutorial.

SAM (O.S.) I'm thirsty. MAGGIE Not now, Sam. Video?

MAGGIE Sorry about that. So first of all I'm going to be applying the...

GEMMA Moisturiser.

MAGGIE Yes. Right here we go.

She removes too much, applying it vigorously to Gemma.

GEMMA Ow! Mags! You have done this before haven't you?

SAM (O.S.) I want a drink!

MAGGIE Go and wait outside.

He stomps out the room.

MAGGIE Next step is the...um...

GEMMA

Primer.

MAGGIE Primer. Great. Let's just apply this.

Maggie opens the bottle, pours the entire contents into her hands.

GEMMA Woah. Woah. Stop.

MAGGIE

No good?

GEMMA Are you mad, girl? You can't put that on me.

SAM (O.S.) Please can we do it now?

MAGGIE (huffing) I guest it's time.

GEMMA What's this now? Won't take long, Gems. I promise.

Sam comes into shot, stands beside Maggie. The pair bow their heads, shut their eyes.

GEMMA

Maggie? Sam?

No response. Gemma faces us, mouths "what the fuck?" Maggie and sam open their eyes...now piercing red.

GEMMA Wow. Okay. Er, Halloween's been and gone, guys.

Cold, uncomfortable silence. Gemma looks more and more concerned. Then they open their mouths...to reveal fangs.

GEMMA Was this your idea, Sam?

Sam slowly reaches out, grabs Gemma.

GEMMA Oh. That's it. He's got me, guys. I'm done for.

Sam tightens his grip...

GEMMA Really getting into character there aren't you, Sam?

And takes a monstrous bite out of Gemma's neck. Gemma screeches, blood flying all over the makeup products.

MAGGIE (0.S.) (demonic voice) How does she taste, master?

SAM (demonic voice) Delectable.

FADE OUT.

THE END.