

COINS OF BEWILDERED

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FADE IN

INT. CONDO - EVENING

Two friends clean and inspect the condo they've recently purchased.

GEORGE BÉKE, 27, tall and skinny with dirty-blond hair and glasses, moves lazily but carries a quiet wisdom.

MONTY RAVISTELLA, also 27, is bulky, brown-haired, sophisticated, and slightly nervous.

They tidy the bedroom. While searching the closet, Monty discovers a small wooden chest decorated with purple markings tucked into a corner.

Monty hesitates. George doesn't. He opens the chest.

Inside are four golden coins etched with strange purple symbols.

The two exchange puzzled looks. George shrugs and closes the chest.

INT. CONDO HALLWAY - NIGHT

Monty yawns as he heads toward his bedroom. George clutches his stomach, groaning due to bad food. The hallway light flickers four times. George grabs a ginger ale and some stomach medication. The roommates head to their separate rooms.

INT. CONDO - NIGHT MORNING

A LOUD KNOCK at the front door.

George wakes up, groggy, and opens the door.

No one is there.

He shrugs and closes it.

A few minutes later. KNOCK. KNOCK. KNOCK.

Monty hears it this time. As he approaches the door, faint festival music begins to play. He opens the door.

Nothing.

Monty closes it and walks away.

Suddenly KNOCKING. MUSIC. LOUDER.

The roommates cautiously open the door together.

Standing there is a PLAYFUL JESTER, dressed in purple and yellow, smiling while dancing.

The smile slowly stretches into a horrifying grin of sharp teeth. The jester growls. George and Monty slam the door shut.

Silence.

After a tense moment, George slowly opens the door again. Nothing. He shuts it and wedges a chair under the handle. Monty nods nervously. They return to their rooms.

-INT. CONDO KITCHEN - MORNING

George and Monty prepare breakfast.

George takes eggs from the fridge and places them on the counter.

Monty as grabs one. The egg suddenly ignites in purple flame and bursts. Both men jump back, covering themselves.

George grabs a fire extinguisher and puts out the flames. The kitchen settles. The two friends stand there, covered in ash. They exchange uneasy looks.

-INT. CONDO - EVENING

George and Monty return home from work, exhausted. They toss their bags down. They order pizza, set up the videos games

Suddenly the entire condo shakes.

Green sparks of light flicker in the air. Then FLASH! A burst of green light explodes in front of them. The two shield their eyes in shock. A swirling iridescent whirlpool of energy forms in the living room.

From it emerges the ghost of a woman in a flowing white dress wearing a gold-and-purple necklace. She laughs maniacally. More spirits appear. Including the JESTER. Chaos fills the room.

George and Monty slowly back away.

Monty notices the necklace. The purple colors.

Suddenly Monty remembers the coins. Monty sprints to the closet. He grabs the chest and rushes back to the living room. George realizes what he's thinking. He helps Monty hurl the chest into the whirlpool.

The chest bursts open. The gold coins are sucked into the vortex. The ghost woman, the jester, and the spirits grin as they are pulled back inside.

The portal collapses. Silence. George and Monty collapse onto the couch, breathing heavily. Still stunned.

GEORGE & MONTY
Holy 8-bit!

Monty turns to George.

MONTY
What the heck was that about?

George sighs.

GEORGE
People leave cursed objects sealed up for the next owner.

FADE OUT

THE END