

TERRIFYING RENOVATIONS

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Character List

Isaac Elegant

Johnny Boldog

FADE IN: EXT. FOREST PATH - AFTERNOON

A jeep is driving down on a forest path. The camera zooms in to show two friends in the car. The driver is ISAAC ELEGANT, a light tan, curly-haired smart man. Riding Shotgun is JOHNNY BOLDOG, white, blonde, mullet positive man.

JOHNNY
How much longer, Isaac?

ISAAC
Three minutes, Johnny.

JOHNNY
Still wild you inherited a house
from you Great Uncle Keith

ISAAC
Yeah... didn't see that coming.

JOHNNY
What is your Uncle like?

ISAAC
Rough. Jolly. Navy guy-eye patch
and all. Fun... but strict. He died
from fright, which is odd Great
uncle Keith is never afraid except
going to a vegan restaurant.

The Jeep pulls into a quiet meadow. A worn medium size two floor 1935 Victorian style house including basement and attic sits alone. Overgrown grass. Patches of mushrooms nearby.

Johnny exits the car with a expression of amazement, while Issac has a nostalgic feeling. Isaac has flashback of him and Great Uncle Keith playing go fish and swing on a tire swing.

JOHNNY
You okay?

ISAAC
I'm sorry. Good memories!

JOHNNY
I'm here for you.

Johnny rubs Isaac back, then hugs him. The two friends head to the house.

As the two enter the house and turn on the light to see, moldy, broken furniture, and a knife on the wall. The two friends are in shock.

JOHNNY (CONT'D)
Great Cheese wheels! It's a mess!

ISAAC
You think so.

Isaac went from bewilderment to an idea.

ISAAC (CONT'D)
We fix it, then sell it. I got
\$2,050.

JOHNNY
Good idea. I got \$701.62.

INT. HOUSE - AFTERNOON

The next three hours the friends call people to deliver the materials and a REPAIR GUY to fix up the house, starting tomorrow.

As Isaac looks around the house to sees more mushrooms, Johnny goes to a unknown room on the first floor. Isaac hears Johnny scream, then rushes to him.

ISAAC
Are you okay? What happened?

JOHNNY
Your uncle has a pinball machine,
and it's in such good condition.

ISAAC
Yes, he has a pinball machine from
the 80's and played with me.

Johnny starts play with it with a grin from ear to ear. Isaac continues to look around the room, but kept looking at the pinball machine until he joined Johnny to play

As the two played the pinball machine, a cracking sound is heard

ISSAC
What is that noise?

JOHNNY
Maybe a random dog walking around.

ISAAC
Yes, that's the most logical
reason. A dog opened the door and
is walking around the house.

The Pinball machine light flashes as the game ends.

ISAAC (CONT'D)

Let's go back into town and find a motel. We'll start tomorrow.

JOHNNY

I'm taking this when we're done.

ISAAC

Agreed.

The two friends leave the house and head for a motel.

BEGIN MONTAGE

Isaac and Johnny talk to a few repair people about the house and the repairs begin. Isaac and Johnny clean the trash and dusting around the house. Johnny sees Mushroom shaped foot prints and looks worried.

ISAAC

Stay focused

JOHNNY

I finds new mushrooms in a spot where they weren't yesterday.

Isaac turns around to see the mushroom spots and starts to look worried. The friends look where the foot print goes, which lead to a wall.

ISAAC

This doesn't make sense. It ends at the wall.

Johnny gets distracted by lose wires creating electric sparks and the mushroom slightly burned. Isaac pulls Johnny away from the wires.

ISAAC (CONT'D)

Those wires are still live.

JOHNNY

Sorry.

ISAAC

Just be a little careful and focus in the future, dude.

The two friends proceed to clean the house and see if some objects are worth selling.

MONTAGE - REPAIR AND CLEANING

Johnny takes the job of fixing the kitchen since he works in a kitchen. First day of fixing and cleaning takes several hours. Isaac and Johnny leaves the house for the evening.

EXT. FRONT OF THE HOUSE - MORNING

As Isaac and Johnny return with the CARPENTER, they open the door to see more mushroom almost everywhere. Isaac and Johnny expression are of shock.

ISAAC

Okay... that's not normal. It is almost clean.

JOHNNY

Mushroom don't grow this fast. Someone is either playing a prank on us or this is a mushroom infection?

ISAAC

I'm looking up and calling a hazard or cleaning crew? Maybe both?

Isaac turns around and is starting to look up and call someone. A strange howl echoes. Johnny looks up. A shadow moves upstairs.

JOHNNY

Look someones on the second floor!

Isaac quickly turns around to the person on the second. Both friends immensity rush up to the second floor as the figure disappears into the room. The two friends open the door to find the room empty and More footprints—ending in a cluster.

JOHNNY (CONT'D)

A secret passageway?

ISAAC

No. I know this place inside and out.

Isaac and Johnny decide to clean the house again, leaving the carpenter to handle the structural repairs.

EXT. PORCH - AFTERNOON

The carpenter sands the wooden porch, the steady scrape of sandpaper filling the quiet air. He pauses. Footsteps. Slow.

Heavy. Getting Closer. He turns something towering stands over him. His eyes widen in horror. A muffled scream is cut short. A wet grotesque slurping sound fills the silences.

INT. KEITH'S BEDROOM - EVENING

The house is quiet. Johnny and Isaac sit in the dim room, waiting. Listening. They speak in hushed voices.

JOHNNY

If this fails... we're done.

ISAAC

What happened to the positive guy I know?

Johnny exhales.

JOHNNY

If it fails... I don't know what we'll do. Losing my job was bad enough.

ISAAC

How did you lose it, anyway?

JOHNNY

My boss didn't like when I entertained customers while cooking. Maybe I should've stayed quiet and kept my head down.

Isaac shakes his head.

ISAAC

No way. Your personality brings people in. That's your strength.

Beat.

ISAAC (CONT'D)

I lost my coding tech job because someone framed me because I was doing well maybe too well.

JOHNNY

You're one of the smartest people I know. That company messed up not backing you.

Isaac softens.

ISAAC
Thanks. I needed that.

JOHNNY
Anytime, pal. You've always had my
back.

They share a quick, genuine moment—patting each other on the shoulder. Isaac finds a journal. He picks it up and flips through it. Concerns grows.

ISAAC
This explains it..

JOHNNY
What do you mean?

They read together. A note about illegal dumping in the nearby forest. A radioactive barrel leaking into the soil. A mushroom touched by the substance. Rapid growth. Strange noises. Footsteps. Fear creeping into the house.

JOHNNY (CONT'D)
So that thing... came from toxic
waste?

Before Isaac can respond. A faint FOOTSTEP behind them. Johnny slowly turns. His face goes pale. He gasps, tugging on Isaac's sleeve.

ISAAC
Not now. I'm almost—

Johnny tugs harder. Annoyed, Isaac turns and freezes.

Standing in the doorway is the MUSHROOM FIEND. Over six feet tall. Eggshell-brown flesh. Four arms. Thick, uneven body. A massive purple-green mushroom head with four vertical slits that twitch and growl. The monster was holding a carpenters belt. The room goes silent. Johnny and Isaac scream. They back away slowly, then RUN.

INT. HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

The creature lumbers after them.

ISAAC
That's what caused Uncle Keith's
heart attack—a mushroom fiend!

JOHNNY
What do we do?!

ISAAC

I don't know. You're the chef!

JOHNNY

Nothing in the kitchen prepares you
for THIS!

ISAAC

Great. So now we're running through
a house like a horror movie?

The creature grabs a chair and HURLS it. A vase strikes Johnny's left shoulder, knocking him to the ground. He quickly recovers. It narrowly misses them. They fight back—throwing objects, anything they can grab. Nothing works. Johnny throws a knife. It BOUNCES OFF the creature's body. They scramble into a corner. The creature closes in. Isaac frantically searches a nearby drawer. He finds a TASERGUN. He fires. The creature SCREAMS and recoils. A burned mark appears on its torso. The friends stare and come to a realization.

ISAAC & JOHNNY

Electricity hurts it!

JOHNNY

The wires burned those mushrooms
earlier!

ISAAC

But the wiring's inside the walls,
so we can't access it!

They run again. Then Isaac spots his car through a window. An idea sparks.

ISAAC (CONT'D)

The car battery.

Johnny grins.

JOHNNY

So we're cooking the mushroom?

ISAAC

Let's just survive first.

They sneak outside.

EXT. DRIVEWAY - EVENING

Storm clouds gather. Isaac and Johnny quickly set up jumper cables, a metal pipe, and insulated gloves.

Isaac steps forward, shouting. The Mushroom Fiend emerges slowly from the house. Closing in. Johnny turns the key. Nothing.

ISAAC

Bro.

JOHNNY

It won't start!

The creature closes in. Isaac grabs the metal pipe and jabs it into the creature.

The engine finally ROARS to life. Johnny revs it hard. Electric current surges through the cables into the pipe into the creature.

The Mushroom Fiend screams. The creature convulses, BURNS, collapses to ash. Silence.

JOHNNY (CONT'D)

Is it over?

Isaac stares at the smoking remains.

ISAAC

...I hope so.

The ashes scatter in the wind.

EXT. DRIVEWAY - DAWN

The friends sit in the car, having fallen asleep. They wake to morning light. The creature is gone; only faint residue remains.

MONTAGE - REPAIR AND RECOVERY

A montage of the house being restored over several days. Walls repaired, floors cleaned. Mushrooms were removed completely. The pinball machine was carefully transported.

EXT. HOUSE - DAY (ONE WEEK LATER)

A SOLD sign stands. Johnny and Isaac stand side by side.

ISAAC

It was a long, rough road... but we did it. Thanks, Great Uncle Keith.

JOHNNY
Yeah... we really did.

Isaac sheds a small tear. Johnny smirks. They share a high five. They drive off toward a fresh start.

FADE OUT