

HAT, BROTHER OF MINE

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INT. HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - SUBURBS

OSCAR and MARCH, two brothers sit on a living room couch, staring at the walls.

OSCAR  
I can't believe you set the papers  
on fire.

MARCH  
I just did it, bro.

OSCAR  
Can't you go longer than five  
minutes of being normal?

MARCH  
How can I act normal, if I'm not  
actually normal?

OSCAR  
But you knew how important those  
papers were for us, didn't you?

MARCH  
I did.

OSCAR  
And you know that those papers  
would have led us to a fortune...you  
realize that?

MARCH  
And?

OSCAR  
You threw them in the fire!

MARCH  
I had an urge. You told me that I  
should always act on my urges.

OSCAR  
Not literally, March. Not  
literally. It's my fault cause I  
should have never of said that  
shit to you. There's no  
rationality floating around in  
your brain, so of course- (pause)  
That was our chance.

MARCH  
What chance?

OSCAR

Our chance to get rich, idiot.  
You're such a idiot. Where did I  
find you?

MARCH

That's stupid cause you didn't  
find me. I'm your brother, ain't  
I?

OSCAR(TO HIMSELF)

I'm cursed.

MARCH

So? Everybody's cursed? We're all  
diseased and cursed. I have a boil  
on my asshole.

OSCAR

What?

MARCH

I think I have one of those—

OSCAR

Forget it. I don't want to hear  
about—your out of your mind.

MARCH

What?

OSCAR

You burned the papers! I have no  
way of navigating to where the  
money is buried. I can't go back  
to the guy who gave it to us  
because we already killed him.

MARCH

It's not like we can go dig him up  
or anything.

OSCAR

Exactly.

MARCH

I mean, that would be pointless.

OSCAR

Yes, it would be.

MARCH

I wonder what he looks like  
now...you think worms are eating  
him?

OSCAR  
I don't know.

MARCH  
You don't think worms are eating  
him?

OSCAR  
Yeah man, whatever. Who cares?!

MARCH  
He was a pretty large guy. Bet we  
made a lot of worms super  
happified.

OSCAR  
Happy, you don't need to say  
happified, it's weird. Sounds  
weird.

MARCH  
Happified is the past tense of  
happy. So if we buried him three  
days ago, I am sure there are  
worms who were completely  
happified and satisfied. Right?

OSCAR  
Right now I'm pissedoffified and  
can give a shit less.

MARCH  
Pink.

OSCAR  
I'm just ignoring you now.

MARCH  
PINK.

OSCAR  
...what's...pink, March?

MARCH  
Changing topic. So you don't get  
pissedoffified anymore.

Oscar stares at March.  
Did it work?

Oscar continues staring at March.  
What? (beat) Blue. Yellow. Beige.  
Back to pink...red.

Oscar sits down.

You look...white. You okay, Oscar?  
Oscar??

OSCAR

Just shut your face for a minute.  
I'm about to have a heart attack.  
I'm trying not to have a heart  
attack.

MARCH

Want some water?

OSCAR

If you could just not speak,  
another word, I will be okay.

March grabs a monopoly board game and slams it down at the  
table in front of Oscar.

What are you doing, March?

March starts to pantomime that they can play monopoly  
together.

OSCAR (CONT'D)

Speak! Say it! WHAT?

MARCH

We can play monopoly. You don't  
need to talk for monopoly.

OSCAR

Why would I want to play monopoly  
with you, right now? Huh?

MARCH

We got all the pieces. We can play  
anytime.

OSCAR

Listen, you Rain Man son of a  
bitch of a brother. I'm about to  
have a stroke and you're putting-

MARCH

One round.

OSCAR (TO HIMSELF)

I am alone in this world. Doesn't  
anybody else see me? I'm here,  
right here, tortured and miserable  
in this life of hell and shit and  
I don't know what, I want to ffff,  
ffffkill someone today.

Oscar is pacing in the room and conducting short jerky movements.

Mmmmmm and mmmmmm. I just wanna  
ffff—mmmmmmmmMMM! MAN! Alright?!  
Alright??!!

MARCH

..Alright, so...uh...bro, you ah, you  
wanna be the boat or the hat?

OSCAR

Hat! I'll be the hat, brother of  
mine.

Oscar sits down violently and smiles a wide shit eating grin of eery 'Joker' madness.

MARCH (LAUGHING)

You look like the Joker, bro? Hold  
on, let me get my phone...(March  
snaps a photo of Oscar with his  
phone) Yo! Look at that!

March shows Oscar the photo he just took.  
That's crazy. How did you do that  
face?

OSCAR

How?

Oscar throws the monopoly board game across the room.  
That's how! You like that? Want to  
see more?!

MARCH

Oh shit! Yeah, hold on, hold on.  
Okay, go.

OSCAR

I—WAS—JOKING!!!

Oscar makes a crazy face accompanied with a body flex and March snaps photos wildly.

MARCH

Sick! That was incredible. Wow,  
man. Dude. You could play the  
Joker. Like, for real man. Shit  
was intense.

OSCAR

I'm gonna go out for a walk.

MARCH

I'll come with.

OSCAR

Alone! I need to walk alone. By myself. Without you. Solo. Me, myself and I. Just by my lonesome.

MARCH

Why can't I come?

OSCAR

Because I need to not choke you to death.

MARCH

Wait, you're mad at me right now, bro? What did I do? I just wanted to play some monopoly with you.

OSCAR

Yes, I know you did. Of course you did because you're you and I'm me and we're family. Aren't we? Aren't we LA FAMILIA?

MARCH

Is that Italian?

OSCAR

I'm going for a walk. Don't bother me.

Oscar walks out of the room. The door is heard slamming shut. March burps and puts on the TV set.