

MOODY SPIRITS

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The moon is bright and eerie over a high rise apartment.

INT. BEDROOM-NIGHT

Mary and Fred are sleeping in the bed.

The room is quiet then a shadow appears and moves closer to the couple.

Mary sits up and starts arguing with somebody next to her that is not there.

MARY

Get in! - (Louder) get in! (Angry)
I want to play--- (Evil) fine!

The spirit leaves her body and Mary passes out back onto the bed.

CUT TO:

INT. KITCHEN - MORNING

Fred is making them breakfast. Mary stumbles into the kitchen.

FRED

Another restless night?

MARY

Yeah,

Mary had to a plate of food on the counter.

MARY (CONT'D)

Is this mine?

FRED

Of course.

Mary picks up the plate.

MARY

I wish I could remember why?

Fred puts his cup in the sink and shakes his head, blinks his eyes like something has happened to him.

FRED

I wanted to play remember, you didn't, so we will try again tonight. (Louder/Evil) Have a good day.

MARY

What?

Fred grabs his briefcase then gets close to her.

FRED

Love you dear!

He kisses her and leaves for work.

Mary confused. She searches the cabinet for medicine

FADE OUT.

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

Fred walks in happy and whistling then stops in his tracks and takes out his cell.

MARY

How was your day?

FRED

Better now I just sent the picture of one of my body parts to your sister she's hot!

MARY

What's wrong with you?

Fred shakes his head.

FRED

Nothing I may have to get a new phone. It hasn't been working all day.

MARY

Is this you acting out to trying to end our relationship? I heard about this type of stuff before.

FRED

Whoa! Calm down you are so sensitive. What did I say wrong now?

The doorbell goes off.

Mary stares at Fred for 2nd and walks off to go find out who's there.

FRED (CONT'D)
Get the door woman!

Paulette looks cautiously at Mary when she opens the door.

PAULETTE
Are you guys okay?

MARY
Of course, why?

Paulette starts to walk in.

PAULETTE
I've been calling you guys every night for the last week and you just say hello and then hang up the phone. When I come over you pretend not to be home.

MARY
That was you?

Mary looks over to a part of the room that nobody is there.

MARY (CONT'D)
Hey look it's her night caller.

Fred is looking around the room to see who Mary is talking to.

FRED
A think you are right to be worried. There is something wrong with her.

MARY
Hey Paulette when did you get here?

Paulette smiles and backs up.

PAULETTE
Now I understand. Whoever it is? They are trying to get in me. I can feel it.

She closes her eyes.

PAULETTE (CONT'D)
Isn't not going to work.

FRED
Great! Two nut jobs. Now I see
where you get it.

MARY
Did you put her up to --

PAULETTE
- Shhh! I have experience this
before. I know someone who can
help.

She backs up to the door.

PAULETTE (CONT'D)
He can help you guys, I promise.
Stay strong.

She leaves.

FRED
(Loud) stay off the drugs.. That's
your friend.

Mary shuts the door.

MARY
Not anymore. She needs help.

FADE TO:

Paulette returns with Jimmy.

MARY (CONT'D)
Who is he?

JIMMY
Who I am is not important. How I
can help is..

He looks around and sees the spirit. But he pretends not to
see it.

JIMMY (CONT'D)
Now our mutual friend tells me you
guys are having some problems.

FRED
Some! (Smiling)

MARY

All couple goes through difficult times but we are working it out.

JIMMY

Good good!

Jimmy isn't really paying attention. He knows that there is a spirit coming up behind him. He jumps around just in time.

JIMMY (CONT'D)

You like sneaking up on people.
Well this is my response to that.

Jimmy punches and knocks the spirit down.

(The couple and Paulette only see Jimmy fighting nothing they can't see what he sees.)

JIMMY (CONT'D)

I'll be with you in a minute.
Someone needs a lesson in manners.

Paulette sees Mary and Fred being very scared.

PAULETTE

It's okay, this is what he does.

MARY

Oh my God this guy is crazy why would you bring them here.

PAULETTE

Trust me this will help.

FRED

I think we better get some weapons.

Fred runs to the other room followed by Mary and Paulette.

Jimmy turns in their direction. He is holding a spirit in a headlock.

JIMMY

Yeah you guys go in there I'll be in there when I'm done.

CUT TO:

INT. DINING ROOM - SAME

Fred is searching around for a weapon.

FRED
What can we use?

PAULETTE
For what?

MARY
To knock your friend out.

FRED
Finally! We are on the same page.

CUT TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM - SAME

Jimmy picks the ghost up and goes to throw him out but he is caught by a giant ghost. Who then puts him down and a third spirit hits Jimmy from behind.

CUT TO:

INT. DINING ROOM - SAME

Mary hands Fred a weapon.

PAULETTE
You guys don't understand. We are helping you.

FRED
I say we take her out too just to be on the safe side.

MARY
I'll get the duct tape.

Mary runs to the kitchen.

CUT TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM - SAME

Jimmy is being dragged across a floor to the front door.

JIMMY
It's an infestation.

One ghost kicks him in the face and knocks him unconscious.

They try to throw his body out but the door is shut so he falls back down floor. The ghosts open the door and throw him out.

INT. HALLWAY - SAME

Jimmy is passed out on the hallway when Paulette comes running out.

PAULETTE
What happened?

JIMMY
It was more then one - did I win?

He passes out of her arms. She slaps him awake and help him up to dragged him away.

FADE TO:

INT. JIMMY'S HOUSE- DAY

Paula walks in to see Jimmy getting up.

PAULETTE
Feeling better?

JIMMY
You have to get them out of the apartment. I have two get back in there.

PAULETTE
How? They won't let me explain and I can not see the spirit so can't help you. What am I supposed to do?

JIMMY
Look! Just be their friend apologize and then take them out for lunch. I'll have everything taken care of when you get back.

PAULETTE
And what if you don't?

JIMMY
This is what I do? When you have a gift you have to use it.

CUT TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

Jimmy breaks into the apartment. He sneaks up on a spirit.

JIMMY
Round two buddy!

Jimmy starts to fight with it.

CUT TO:

INT. HALLWAY - SAME

Paulette is walking to the door with Mary and Fred.

PAULETTE
It's true! You guys have to believe
me. His wife and him argued all the
time.

FLASHBACK: (Jimmy and wife "Tina" arguing, two scene over
dishes and a remote, then Tina face changing with crazy moods
on each.)

PAULETTE (CONT'D)
It wasn't until they separated that
he saw the moods in his son. One
day....

(Show spirit entering son and Jimmy shaking the spirit out
and beating him down)

FRED
That's crazy. He can see them and
hit them.

Fred opens the door for Mary. They see Jimmy hanging halfway
out underneath a flipped over couch.

JIMMY
Don't worry I have them right where
I want them.

He gets pulled by a unseen force under the couch.

They all go back out to the hallway as fast as possible.

PAULETTE
Oh no! I have to get help.

She runs away.

MARY
What do we do?

FRED
Only 2 choices run or fight.

MARY
I'm sorry I thought you're going
crazy.

They hear stuff breaking in the apartment.

FRED
I think we both are crazy for doing
there.

MARY
That's our home.

FRED
And you did say you wanted more
excitement.

Mary smiles. Fred opens the door.

FRED (CONT'D)
You first.

Fred pushes her in then he gets pulled in the door shuts.

CUT TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM - SAME

Each person is being attacked which help Jimmy fight a ghost
one on one. He pulls the ghost off of Fred and Mary then
beats them thru the floor.

Jimmy is helping them up after the fight.

(We see how much F/X we can pull off.)

DAN
Man! They are making a lot of
noise, we should complain.

NANCY
No you should go up there and get
them to stop.

(Second spirit comes in then they take over the bodies.)

NANCY'S BODY

Run or fight?

DAN'S BODY

Planning. It's not over maybe we
can use them.

NANCY'S BODY

I like it.

DAN'S BODY

Come on

They leave the bodies. Dan and Nancy go back to themselves.

DAN

Did you drug me?

NANCY

I was about to ask you the same
thing.

CUT TO:

INT. JIMMY'S HOUSE- DAY

Jimmy walks in to see Paulette waiting.

PAULETTE

Thanks for calling me I didn't know
what to do so I came back to try to
find or get help from Bob.

JIMMY

He's in the other room but it's
cool, I kicked him out.

The door opens and Lukas comes in with his mother.

JIMMY (CONT'D)

Hey buddy

TINA (LUKAS MOM)
Remember what I said

LUKAS
I will

She leaves giving Jimmy a dirty look and pointing her fingers at him and then back to her eyes as to say that she is watching him.

Lukas comes up the steps.

JIMMY
You okay

LUKAS
Yeah she just wants me to tell her
if you do something crazy. --

Lukas waves to nobody in the other room.

LUKAS (CONT'D)
Hey Bob

JIMMY
Be careful with him and you

Jimmy points to Lukas.

LUKAS
I know I know. Don't tell mommy.

Lukas goes in and gets picked up by Bob so he's actually floating in the air.

PAULETTE
So that's it.- Those spirits just
moved to someone else apartment.

Jimmy is watching Lukas play fight with the spirit Bob.

JIMMY
Pretty much- we can't kill them
they're already dead. The only
thing they thrive on is emotions.
Bad seeks bad.

Jimmy points at Lukas and Bob playing.

JIMMY (CONT'D)
- And good finds good. I told your
friends to think happy thoughts to
keep the good spirits around and
then just enjoy life.

PAULETTE

Positive thinking is the key to a peaceful living?

JIMMY

Always has been.

A spirit appears behind Paulette and quickly dissolves her into the shadow and then disappears.

Jimmy to try to jump for her but she's gone he's too late and he falls down.

JIMMY (CONT'D)

Never saw that before.

Bob and Lukas run to Jimmy to help him up.

LUKAS

What do we do?

JIMMY

I don't know.

They both look at Bob who raises his hands as to say that he doesn't know either.

Smoke to fade them out.

FADE IN:

INT. JIMMY'S HOUSE- DAY

Jimmy is trying to make Lukas understand he needs to leave.

JIMMY

It's my fault, I know you don't understand but I must go.

LUKAS

What's more important?

JIMMY

It's not like that buddy. You will always be number one but I have the power to help someone. Good guys do the right thing don't they?

LUKAS

I guess!

JIMMY

Besides Bob is going to take me in.

Jimmy gets up and ready.

JIMMY (CONT'D)

I am going to grab her and get out,
What could go wrong?

(Bob takes him in.)

CUT TO:

THE ROOM CHANGES A LITTLE. PAULETTE AND JIMMY APPEAR.

PAULETTE

We are back, you save me.

JIMMY

Had to I kind of need you around.

PAULETTE

Need or want?

JIMMY

It's the same.

They get ready to kiss.

OLDER LUKAS

Welcome back.

They jump.

JIMMY

Who are you and where are we?

OLDER LUKAS

I'm your son, you have been gone
awhile.

JIMMY

What?

PAULETTE

No way!

OLDER LUKAS

By the way your Uncle Ralph died,
there he is.

Lukas points to Ralph.

RALPH

Hey buddy! You look good.

JIMMY
I can't say the same.

RALPH
Are you kidding, I have not felt
this alive in years.

OLDER LUKAS
You are dead.

RALPH
He knows what I mean.

Ralph turn to a spirit orb next to him.

RALPH (CONT'D)
Hey no face you want to double
date. I have a line on two hot
spirits down the street.

PAULETTE
This is weird.

JIMMY
Do you mind filling us in?

OLDER LUKAS
The family business pop.

JIMMY
How?

OLDER LUKAS
Wasn't easy, when you didn't return
I convinced mom to take over the
house. And basically people needed
help and like you I am able to help
them

Jimmy rugs his head in disbelief.

JIMMY
I knew I was going to be screwed
coming for you but this is a lot to
handle.

PAULETTE
What? You saying you wouldn't of
come if you had another chance.

Jimmy looks at her

JIMMY
I did not say that.

PAULETTE

Then don't dwell on it.

PAULETTE (CONT'D)

You know we can't do anything about it. If we go back and change this who knows maybe Lukas doesn't live this long.

JIMMY

Hey!

OLDER LUKAS

Dad! She is right. Don't look back and appreciate everything. That's what you taught me.

TINA/MOM

Lukas -I will be back.

She see Jimmy

TINA/MOM (CONT'D)

Jesus crisis!

JIMMY

No, I can't say I met him yet but where we were I don't think he hangs out.

TINA/MOM

I can't take this anymore.

She goes to leave.

TINA/ MOM

Lukas whatever your Dad is real or not. Tell him I don't ever want to see him ever again.

JIMMY

Nice to see you too!

OLDER LUKAS

She has a point.

Lukas pinches Jimmy.

JIMMY

Ouch!

OLDER LUKAS
Just checking.

Bob appears and picks up Jimmy.

JIMMY
I thought you were going to help me
get out.

OLDER LUKAS
Hey - he tried and it tore him up
he couldn't get you out.
Bob helps me get clients.

OLDER LUKAS (CONT'D)
As a team we added,
Johnny, uncle Ralph

Jimmy is puzzled

OLDER LUKAS (CONT'D)
And now you guys.

PAULETTE
I think I'll set this one out.. You
guys have fun.

JIMMY
Why?

PAULETTE
Um! Maybe because it took -

She turns to Lukas for the answer.

OLDER LUKAS
-Seven years

PAULETTE
Seven years of our lives, and.-

JIMMY
- But Why?

PAULETTE
I am trying to tell you.

Jimmy Puts his finger up to Paulette to quiet her.

JIMMY
No! If he couldn't get us out, why
are we out?

PAULETTE

Oh Shit!

Both Jimmy and Paulette fall in pain coughing up spirits.

Lukas tries hitting some of them.

PAULETTE (CONT'D)

You had to ask.

Lukas help Jimmy and Paulette up.

LUKAS

Well the good news is you guys are home but the better news is business is about to be booming.

Ralph comes back in.

RALPH

What about the bad news?

OLDER LUKAS

What happened?

RALPH

My two hot spirits just joined them. I guess even in death the hot girls still prefer the bad boys.

Carla appears.

CARLA

Don't act like you are a good guy.

RALPH

Carla! You finally passed?

CARLA

Yeah and I got to see my sister again. Guess what I found out?

RALPH

Whatever she told you was a lie. Being dead can change a person. Her mind is all messed up.

CARLA

She had good details.

RALPH

Lukas call me when we have a job.

Ralph fades out running away.

Carla chases him.

PAULETTE

I don't think uncle Ralph is going to be much help. A woman scorned, even in death, now that shit last.

OLDER LUKAS

Its Okay. Grand pop will be joining us any day now.

JIMMY

Really! Anything else I need to know?

OLDER LUKAS

Grandma passed to but she was to nice for this business. She decided to just keep going.

JIMMY

Perfect.

Jimmy paces back and forward to take all the news in.

PAULETTE

Hey! We are here, it's now so let's go do what we can.

JIMMY

I thought you wanted out of this.

PAULETTE

Spirits hiding in my body tends to piss me off. Besides I am safer with you.

JIMMY

Well this is what I know how to do so I guess we better get back to work.

OLDER LUKAS

Bob, Johnny - Rally the troops, we have spirit butt to kick.

Older Lukas leaves with Bob and Johnny.

JIMMY

You sure you are okay with this?

PAULETTE

Women are turned on by danger.
Besides how much worse can it be,
look at what we have already been
through.

JIMMY.

Funny! That was my thoughts before
I went in after you. I have a
feeling this is only the beginning.

Jimmy smiles at her

PAULETTE

Promises promises.

He puts his arm around her.

JIMMY

Wait!

Jimmy with his free hand he grabs and punches a ghost that
appears.

PAULETTE

Damn! You are good.

JIMMY

I have been told that before.

She smiles. They walk out.

Fade to black.

Fade back in to see a lot of spirits walking through a portal
let is still open from their return.