

STONE COLD

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CAST:

ROCKEY - lead singer, kinda full of himself, constantly looking in mirror

FLINT - drummer, hot temper, kinda mean

CRYSTAL - keyboard player, kinda a Debbie downer

COAL - bassist, acts kinda dumb but is actually an evil mastermind

STONE - recording studio owner and producer, says suspicious things often

SCENE 1 - INTERIOR, RECORDING STUDIO, DAY

ROCKEY, FLINT, CRYSTAL, and COAL walk into the recording studio carrying their instruments. They look around as if they are looking for someone.

COAL

Are you sure this is the place? I don't see anyone.

ROCKEY

(looking at himself in the mirror)

This should be it. The letter in the mail said we were supposed to meet here for a recording session at 21 Gravel Road.

CRYSTAL

Man, this is schist. We came all this way there's nobody here. We're never gonna get a gig. We'll be on rock bottom forever!

FLINT

If he's not here in the next five minutes lets roll out of here. He obviously has no respect for underground bands.

ROCKEY

Aw c'mon guys, he'll be here. Why don't we just start rehearsing. We have some kinks to work out before the owner gets here. Crystal, have you been working on the piano riff for "I'm in Love With My Boulder"?

CRYSTAL

You know I've been working on it
but I just don't think I can get
it.

The band begins setting up their instruments when STONE walks
in.

STONE

Hey you guys must be the band Rock
Hard. I'm so sorry about being
late. My daughter just wouldn't
stop complaining until I went to
the store to get her some Fruity
Pebbles. Anyway, I'm here now so
let's rock!

Stone exits into the recording booth. The band starts playing
their song. As they are playing, very subtly Coal tips his
sunglasses and looks at Crystal. A little bit into it Crystal
freezes.

STONE (CONT'D)

(over microphone from
recording booth)

Cut! Wow you guys really are a chip
off the old block.

COAL

Yeah that sounded gneiss!

FLINT

No it didn't, the piano never came
in.

ROCKEY

Flint don't be mean to Crystal, she
was doing her best.

COAL

But he was mean to me too, what
about me.

FLINT

Shut up Coal, no one cares.

ROCKEY

Let stop fighting guys. Let's focus
on the issue at hand. Crystal, can
you try playing the riff again?

Crystal stays frozen and doesn't respond.

ROCKEY (CONT'D)
Crystal? I know sometimes you crack
under pressure but nows not the
time to be sedimentary.

The band members begin walking towards Crystal to see what's
wrong.

ROCKEY (CONT'D)
Crystal?

FLINT
Stone what the hell is wrong with
this place? She's completely stone
cold!

ROCKEY
No seriously, she's actually turned
to stone!

STONE
(over microphone from
recording booth)
What? I've never seen this happen
before, at least not recently.

FLINT
Recently?!?!

STONE
Don't worry about it. We can keep
recording until she's back right?
Just record her parts later.

FLINT
Heck no, I'm getting out of here!

Flint tugs on the door and it's locked.

COAL
(jamming on his bass)
Uh I think it's a pull door.

FLINT
No it's just locked. Shut up you
idiot, you just play bass.

ROCKEY
Again do we really need to be
fighting. What we gotta do now is
figure out what... or who caused
Crystal to turn to stone.

FLINT

Well it's obviously gotta be Stone.
I mean it's in his damn name and
he's been hiding out in the
recording booth the whole time.

ROCKEY

Then again Flint, you jumped to a
quick conclusion almost like you
knew about this beforehand.

Unnoticed by Rockey, Flint, and Stone, Coal freezes up.

FLINT

Are you actually accusing me of
this, your bandmate for the past
ten years, over some random
producer you just met?

ROCKEY

Well to be honest Flint, you've
been nothing but rude to the other
band members since the day the band
was formed. It was only a matter of
time before you pulled something
like this.

FLINT

Well Crystal just wasn't on the
level of musical talent that the
rest of us are and idiot Coal over
here just says the stupidest stuff.

ROCKEY

Don't call Coal an idiot! Can't you
see he's just.....

Rockey turns to Coal and gestures at him.

ROCKEY (CONT'D)

ROCK HARD?!?!?!?

FLINT

See what was I telling you? That
whole time I was distracted by us
arguing, where would I have had
time to turn him to stone?

ROCKEY

I don't know what it takes to turn
someone to stone. I only know rock
and roll.

FLINT

Only know rock and roll huh? Sounds like you know a whole lot about rocks?

ROCKEY

What are you saying?

FLINT

I'm saying you're doing a lot of accusing but not a lot of confessing to the crime! All you ever do is look in that damn mirror. You don't actually care about anyone in this band but yourself and maybe Stone too seeing as how you've been defending him this whole time!

ROCKEY

(mockingly)

Are you actually accusing me of this, your bandmate for the past ten years, over some random producer you just met?

FLINT

(ready to throw a punch)

You think you can mock me?!?!?!
Come here you little bitc.....

Flint freezes just as he's about to punch Rockey in the fucking face. Rockey is shocked and observing Flint in his frozenness. Finally it hits him that Flint is actually rock hard and not faking.

ROCKEY

Stone I knew I shouldn't have trusted you! Get out here!

Stone sheepishly comes back out to talk to Rockey.

ROCKEY (CONT'D)

It has to be you! You're the only person left! Why have you been turning all my band members to stone? What do you gain from this?

STONE

I'm just as confused as you are. I was speechless seeing all this go down from the sound booth. I seriously don't know what's going on!

ROCKEY

You say that, but I noticed that your sound mixing board is labeled Rockifier-3000! Care to explain that?

STONE

That's just its name! It has a good ring to it! It has nothing to do with your band members turning to stone... probably?

ROCKEY

What do you mean probably? I've given you the benefit of the doubt this whole time but now it's just you and me and I've caught on to your little shenanigans! It must be you!

STONE

No, I'm serious! I know wh...

Stone freezes and turns to stone.

ROCKEY

Don't try and fool me! I know you're faking it!

Rockey tries to wobble Stone a bit and break him out of his act. However, he realizes Stone is legit stone.

ROCKEY (CONT'D)

What?

Coal suddenly unfreezes and approaches Rockey.

COAL

Hello Rockey.

ROCKEY

Coal?! How did you turn back?

COAL

Well... I didn't!

ROCKEY

What?

COAL

You see, I was never rock. In fact, I have been the one turning people into Stone this whole time.

(MORE)

COAL (CONT'D)

Years and years I have sustained
your insults and your
patronization. But no longer! My
heart has gone black like charcoal
and I fuel my flame with the agony
of those who doubt me.

ROCKEY

Well how are you doing this?

COAL

You see, my friend, every time I
look at someone without the shield
of my sunglasses, they turn to
stone. Some might say I'm a modern
Medusa.

ROCKEY

Oh my god dude, that's terrifying.

COAL

And now I'm going to complete the
deed by turning you to stone as
well. Goodbye Rocky, prepare to be
truly rocky now! Bwahahahaha!

ROCKEY

No wait man, you don't have to do
this. I'm willing to talk to our
bandmates and make things fair. Are
you willing to undo this all and
get back to our life of music?

COAL

Nope.

Coal starts to pull down his sunglasses and Rocky
immediately whips out his mirror and points it at Coal. Coal
gasps and then turns to stone.

ROCKEY

Well, time to start my solo career.

Rockey flips his hair and gets the hell out of there.