



50 States of McMansion Hell: Scottsdale, Arizona

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Hello friends! I want to say that choosing one house out of all of the houses in Arizona was perhaps one of the hardest decisions I've ever made in my McMansion career. Despite being the home of Frank Lloyd Wright's masterpiece Taliesin West, Arizona (or as I call it "Beigeturretstan") is mostly what we in the industry like to call "hella tacky."

But, after a few days of searching, I think I have found "the one".



beige...



This house, built in 1996 and boasting around 4,000 square feet can be all yours for just!

Let's take a closer look:



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Also, yes, yes I know the shutters are interior blinds. That should be the least of your concerns.

The Sitting Room

Sadly, there is no lawyer foyer here, this (like most houses in the area) being a one story house. However, there is still a useless sitting room, which I have provided below:



bucolic sea
imagery in the
desert =
metaphor for
longing?

Today in "things that would
totally SUCK to move"

an arts

If furniture
could be
"lo-fi"

Gotta make up for
that lack of beige
on the outside somehow.

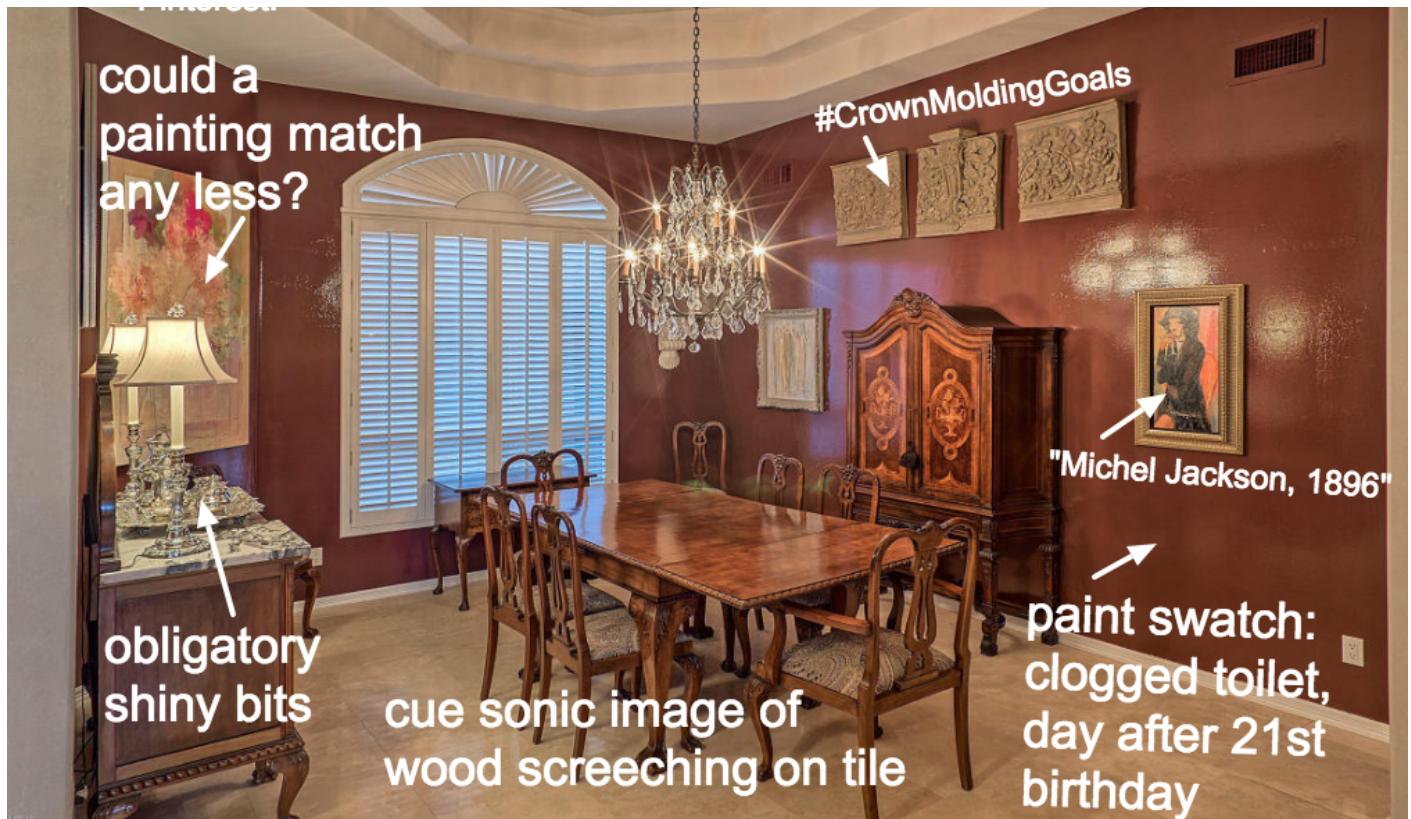


When furniture is perfectly taut, you know it has seen no butt contact. Also, I'm just going to assume the plant is fake.

Dining Room



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"Honey, can you pick up some spray paint? I think I have a project!"

(Husband's face falls when he realizes his wife has circumvented the child block he put on Pinterest.com)

Kitchen



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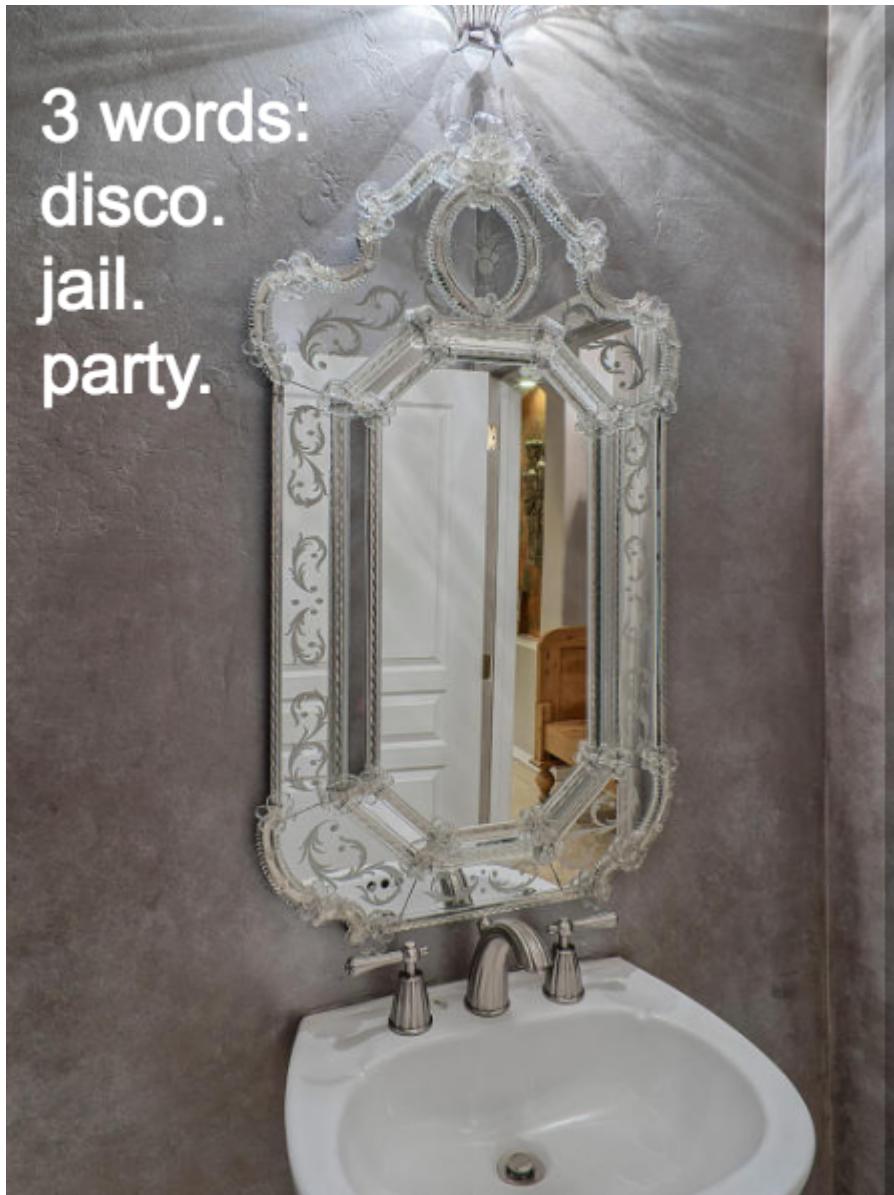


This was a really difficult photo to draw on top of. I'm most perplexed by the pink vent grills - what a strange detail.

Powder Room



3 words:
disco.
jail.
party.

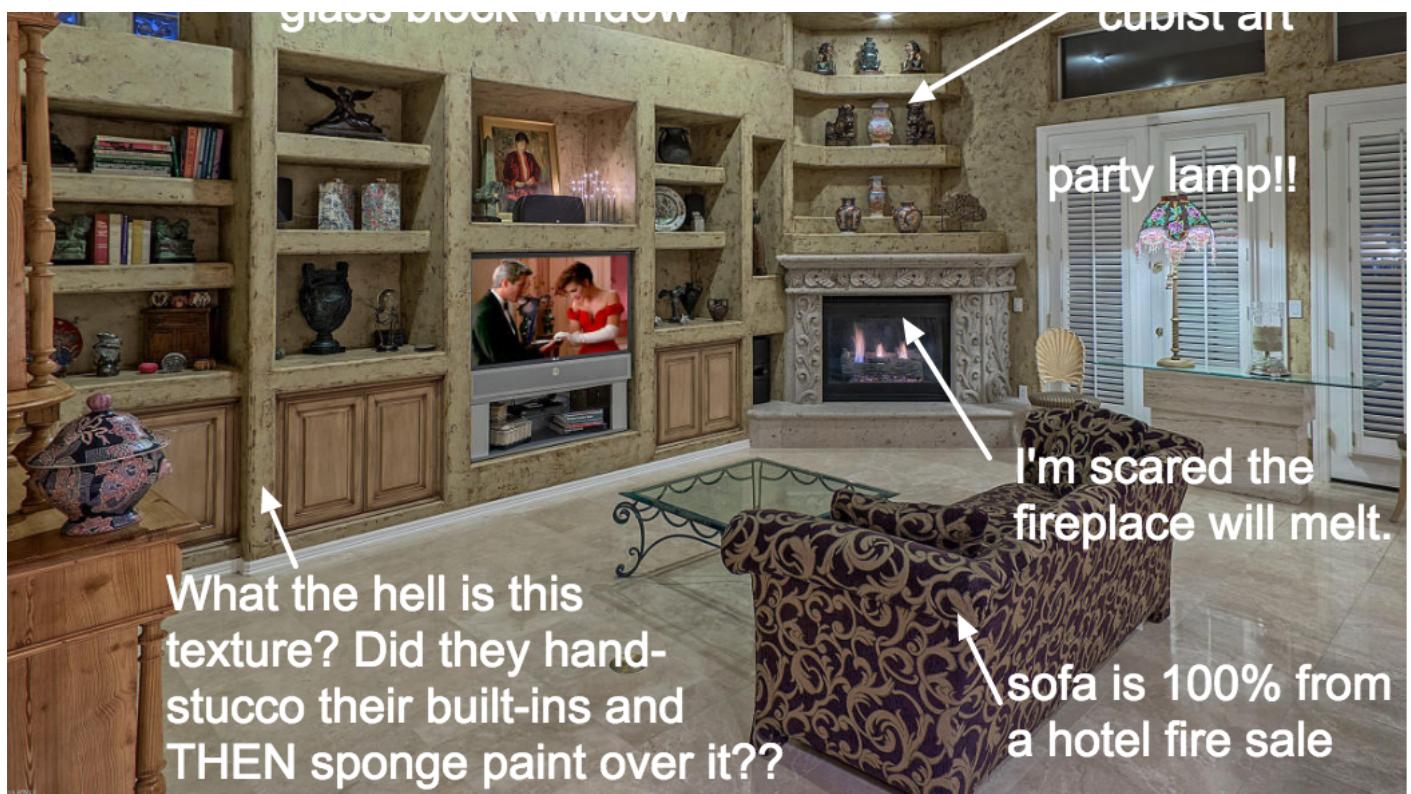


That's not paint, it's silver sharpie.

Living Room



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I love being able to spot hotel fire sale furniture. It's like - come on, that obviously came from an old Best Western located in the nice part of town near the office park.

Master Bedroom



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Apparently behind the wall tetris is a bar. A bedroom bar. Now *that* I can get behind.

Master Bathroom



I don't know about you, but I don't want any statues staring at me during my morning ablutions. I am self-conscious enough, thank you.

Vague Sitting Area #1



I feel like if Twin Peaks were made during the 2000s, this would be the aesthetic



Seriously, how much do you have to hate light to have Venetian blinds for your fanlight window?? Also, it's rooms like this that make census room calculations difficult. It's not a bedroom, or a living room. It's just...a room.

Vague Sitting Room #2



a gray room so people know
we're with the times!"

zone

"You know what else is in?
Nihilism."

seriously have you
seen a sadder collection
of neutral objects?



This room is how I've felt this week.

Bathroom 2



one fateful day of Kirkland
Home binging

The only thing that could make this room more 90s is a celestial shower curtain.

Bedroom 2



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MARINA STEWART'S

"Secret Garden"

an botanic bed

an botanic
art

(insert joke about
exploring the secret
garden because I am
secretly a 12 year old boy)



Can you even open those fanlight blinds??? Also, if whoever owns this house dreams about green gardens and the ocean so much maybe they should move away from the desert! Oh wait! This house is for sale!

And finally, our favorite part (sadly there were not too many pictures from this beaut)

Rear Exterior



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The bills must be OUTRAGEOUS



**every time I see a house in the middle
of the desert with a pool I think about Dune.**

"Water everywhere in this room - on a planet where water was the most precious juice of life. Water being wasted so conspicuously that it shook her to inner stillness..."

"She recalled the report that many Arrakeen houses were sealed by airlock doors and windows to conserve and reclaim interior moisture..."

"But this room embodied a statement far more significant than the lack of waterseals on outer doors. She estimated that this pleasure room used water enough to support a thousand persons on Arrakis - possibly more."

- Frank Herbert, *Dune* (p. 71)



Well, that's it for our wonderful Arizona home! (I am extremely distraught about the lack of photography, but the RED EXTERIOR WAS WORTH IT AM I RIGHT????) Stay tuned for Sunday's post on Canadian McMansions, and Thursday continues our 50 states with Arkansas!

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