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FADE IN:

INT.BAR - NIGHT

We start outside a bar in Pennsylvania. It's dark so the only light seen is a dim light from the bar

The Thief walks into the bar. The bar is empty. The Thief sees the barkeep tending to some glasses

Thief

(Thinking)

It's empty but yet the barkeep is still here. This makes no sense

(The Thief sits down. The barkeep turns around and to his surprise there is someone in the bar)

Barkeep

It's been a long time since I've seen someone here at this time.

Thief

What do you mean? It's only 11pm.

Barkeep

People round here don't go out when the sun goes down.

Thief

(Sarcastic)

Let me guess, Vampires.

Barkeep

Maybe, something around here must be scaring them.

Thief

I didn't see a thing while walking here. At least I don't think I did.

Barkeep

Paranoia I guess, so what's your name.

Thief

I don't have a name.

Barkeep

(Sarcastic)

Oh, so you are one of those types.

Thief

I forgot my name while I was in hell.

Barkeep

Whatever you say stranger.

Thief

(The thief stands up and shouts)

Do you take me as a joke? An old crazy man. I just spend 15 YEARS in hell because I was declared not fit for society. They thought I was insane. I KNEW WHAT HAPPENED AND I KNOW WHY. But no, someone was pulling the strings behind the scenes. I was sent to hell because I knew the truth.

Barkeep

(Shocked)

You're scaring me know stranger. Calm down and have a drink, on the house.

The thief calms down and drinks the drink

Barkeep

Ok, now you are calm let me ask a question? What do you mean by "they sent you to hell?"

(The thief takes a deep breath)

Thief

15 years ago, I was a successful Texan businessman. I lived a happy life with my wife and kids. One day while working an extra shift I was called by my best friend. He told me that my house was burned down. He said they found 2 bodies in the wreckage, my wife and my son. After that I had a mental breakdown, I insisted that it was not an accident like the investigators said. After 6 months of fighting with the legal system I was declared insane and sent to a mental

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Thief (CONT'D)

hospital. It took 15 long years for me to be declared sane. When I left I had nothing left so I took to stealing. It's the only way can live now. I can't work again after that

Barkeep

I can't blame you for one moment stranger; I'd be the same. I'm sorry for your loss. I'll tell you what. Have this.

(The Barkeep hands the thief a piece of paper)

Thief

What is this? A map?

Barkeep

Yes, I've kept this map for years now.

Thief

Is this a joke? A map leading to "buried treasure"?

Barkeep

Something like that.

Barkeep

They say that there is a huge piece of gold hidden inside a mansion around.

Thief

Yeah "they say", Very funny. There is no way in hell that a piece of gold can be so known yet untouched. If this was real the piece of gold would have been taken by now

Barkeep

That's the thing. Anyone who has gone in there looking for it has never been found.

Thief

What? Is this a ghost story now?

Barkeep

Might be. No one knows. After the first couple of people went and never came back people got spooked.

Thief

Right. So, what's the story behind this "gold" anyway?

Barkeep

They say the man who lived there was a duke. Not much was known about the duke. He seemed to stay in the mansion without human contact from others. They say they found a note and a dagger drenched in blood in his study. The note said about how the duke did not wish to live among the people of this world, so he killed himself. The only strange thing about it was they found a heart, cut out with the dagger on the desk with the note and dagger but the duke's body was never found.

Thief

And the gold?

Barkeep

They say he has a secret vault inside the castle with all his riches and gold. When the person who discovered him looked inside the vault they said there was only 1 piece of gold in the vault. She described the piece of gold as being the size of a human heart.

Thief

Wait a sec, she?

Barkeep

His maid

Thief

So let me get this straight. His maid found a human heart, a note and dagger covered in blood in his study with no body, but yet she checks the vault. The duke must have trusted her alot to even let her know about the vault let alone its location and a way to enter it. Your story is skewed. This whole duke thing is a lie, isn't it?

Barkeep

No it's not, and I'll tell you why. The maid ran into this building right here and told my grandfather about what happened. The maid you see is my grandmother. Her and my grandfather's plan was to let my grandmother gain his trust. When he trusted her enough she would go into the vault whilst he slept and take as much gold as she could

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Barkeep (CONT'D)

and run back to my grandfather. The problem was when she went to his study to see if he needed anything. That's when she found his heart, the dagger and the note on the table. She was shocked and didn't know what to do. She knew the location of the vault and the key so she took the key from what was his favourite book and went into the underground cellar and found the vault which is where the golden head was. She said that the eyes of the golden head started to bleed which made her freak out. She ran back to my grandfather and told him about what happened and insisted on their departure. They left the next day and moved as far away as they could. When he died he left my the property he had here. I came in and turned it into a bar and here I am.

Thief

Alright then. Even if what you are saying is true how would I get into the vault.

Barkeep

You're the thief. Shouldn't you know?

Thief

I've never dealt with old locks before.

Barkeep

I'd bet most of it would of rusted through about now.

Thief

Good point.

Barkeep

What are you waiting here for then?

The thief gets up from his stool with the map in hand. He turns to the door and starts waking to it. He opens the door and when he shuts it there is a massive BANG.

BANG

FADE OUT

FADE IN

ROOM IN MANSION - NIGHT

As the bang from the last scene happens the thief wakes up. He is on the floor of a dark room in the mansion. Not much can be seen in the room. The thief gets off the floor in a daze.

Thief: (thinking to himself) This REALLY is not the time to go to sleep.

The thief turns on his flashlight. To his surprise he does not recognise this room.

Thief: (thinking to himself) I don't remember ever going into this room. My mind must be playing tricks on me.

A growl can be heard from outside of the room.

Thief: This place is sending me insane. Now I hearing thin

A load bang comes from the door. Growls can be heard again.

The thief, shocked, turns off the flashlight and tries to hide. He gets into a corner as the final bang is heard from the door, the monster smashes the door down. The monster walks into the room and growls as if he knows someone is in here. The thief is frozen in fear as the monster looks around the room. The monster leaves the room through the opening it made by smashing down the door. The thief stands up.

Thief: What the hell was that? I'm getting too old for this shit. I don't care about the gold anymore. I just want to get out of here.

The thief walks out of the opening and turns on his flashlight. He enters to

THE MIRROR ROOM

The room is dark like the last room. It seems that these two rooms are connected, as there seems to be no way out of these two rooms. The thief sees something on a desk covered in cloth. He walks up to it.

Thief: what is this

The thing covered in cloth starts to glow. It's a golden glow. The thief, curious, takes off the cloth to reveal a mirror.

The mirror has stopped glowing and is now acting like a mirror.

The thief looks on in horror as part of his chest has been cut off and the heart is missing. The thief thinks he is seeing things. So he tries to touch the part of the chest showed as cut open by the mirror.

He feels nothing on the missing part of the chest. He puts his hand deeper into the wound until he finds that he can't feel or hear his heartbeat.

A dagger and a still beating heart appear on the desk.