

CLOWNIN'

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FADE IN:

INT. DINING ROOM-MORNING

LIAM(45) moves his spoon around in the bowl of cereal. He takes a spoonful of cereal and eats it. KATHERINE(43) walks in setting down two brown paper lunch bags and one plastic one. Liam stares at them for a moment.

KATHERINE

Are you almost done Liam?

Katherine pats Liam's shoulder as a sign to rush him. Liam wipes his mouth off with a napkin and gets up from the chair.

LIAM

Hold on I got something for Mitch.

Liam goes to the other side of the dining table and gets a bag from the ground. He reaches in and pulls out a ronald mcdonald lunch bag.

LIAM

Look! Got Mitch a new lunch box and this time he won't be able to break it. It's great huh?

KATHERINE

Liam are you kidding me?! I am not letting my son carry that around.

LIAM

Well I don't want out son carrying around a paper bag.

KATHERINE

Then you shouldn't have gotten him a bag with a clown on it. You know how I feel about this.

LIAM

And you know I feel about it too.

KATHERINE

Can you not plant foolish ideas into my son's head? I don't want him to turn out like you.

Liam huffs out, defeated by his wife. He drops the bag on the

dining table.

KATHERINE

Now chop chop you don't want to be
late do you?

On the way out Liam grabs his briefcase and brown paper bag.
Katherine follows him. He opens the front door but turns
around.

LIAM

At least let him use it till he gets
another lunch bag.

KATHERINE

Bye now Liam.

LIAM

(Disappointed)
I'll see you once I'm off work.

Liam gives her a quick peck on the side of her head
hesitantly and walks out.

Katherine now leaning on the open door looks at him. Right
before he enters his car Katherine quickly shouts out at him.

KATHERINE

(shouting & waving)
Remember what you work for!

Liam nods his head and gets into the car. Katherine has an
irritated look on her face.

Katherine walks back in the house closing the door behind
her. Still near the entrance, she looks back at the lunch bag
hanging off the side of the dinning table.

INT. LIAM'S CUBICAL - DAY

MONATGE BEGINS:

--MONDAY: Liam is at the office sitting at his cubicle desk
working. He looks fine & is determined to get work done.

-- TUESDAY: Liam continues this looking a little bit tired &
slow.

-- WEDNESDAY: Liam is on a call in clown costume making
jokes, he has a big smile.

LIAM

No problem Lindsay, believe me I completely understand you. I bought a ceiling fan from them once; complete waste of money. He would just stand there saying, "Ooh, I love how smooth it is."

Liam leans back in his chair, laughing.

LIAM

Yes, yes, I promise you ours will do much more than that! Hey, and remember we got a 30-day money-back guarantee. Alright, have a good day. Say hello to the Mr for me!

Liam snaps his fingers.

--LATER WEDNESDAY: In the office kitchen, Liam stands with a few collages, they are in a semi-circle and he is the center. Liam is making jokes, funny facial expressions, and basic magic tricks. Everyone laughs, and he smiles greatly. LAUGHING SOUNDS can be heard.

--THURSDAY: Liam's tired & groggy head slightly bopping fighting sleep.

-- FRIDAY: Liam is sleeping at his desk.

MONTAGE ENDS.

INT. OFFICE WORK SPACE(LIAM'S CUBICAL)- LATER

SANTIAGO is walking by Liam's desk with their BOSS.

BOSS

So it's official, huh?

Both stop walking, still near Liam's desk, facing each other.

SANTIAGO

Yeah, I just can't believe it's finally happening I mean it's been a dream for years now.

BOSS

Well, I do hope the best for you Santiago it was a blessing having you work here.

The Boss pats Santiago's back and both continue walking.

Liam eavesdrops and gets an idea, he quickly gets out of his chair and leaves.

INT. LIAM'S HOME-AFTERNOON

Liam drops down a clown costume with accessories on the coffee table, Katherine walks out of the kitchen wiping her hands off with a towel and puts it on the dining table. She walks to the other side of the table

KATHERINE

Liam what is this??

LIAM

Katherine, I want to do it.

KATHERINE

Do what?

Liam grabs Katherine's hands and holds them.

LIAM

I want to live the life I want!

KATHERINE

(Disbelief, shaking head)

No. No. No.

LIAM

(Desperate)

Katherine, you know how long I've been wanting this.

Katherine drops her hands from Liam's grasp.

KATHERINE

Ho-how are we going to continue affording the house?

LIAM

Don't worry I've got everything figured out.

KATHERINE

What about the kids? Huh Liam have you put all of us in your thoughts? I know this is your dream but come on! be realistic. I thought you left this behind years. Ago.

LIAM

Excuse me? Have I thought of you,
Mitch and Leah? Why yes I have. What
type of father would I be if I didn't?

KATHERINE

(Stern)

A clown, you would be a clown.

LIAM

And would that be such a bad thing?

KATHERINE

Yes, Liam it would. Kids are going to
be terrified of you! You are going to
drive this family to bankruptcy.

Pause

KATHERINE

(Scoffs & disbelief)

I knew it was a bad idea to marry you,
you're such a joke. I had men lining
up for me but for some pathetic
reason, I still choose you. What I
would do to go back in time.

Liam opens his mouth to say something but quickly closes it,
he looks to the ground. Liam grabs the costume and storms out
of the house, and throws them away. He shuts the front door.
He walks back to be in front of Katherine and looks her
straight in the eyes. She has her arms crossed, he mimics
her.

LIAM

Happy now?

Kathrine raises her head and chin to seem more intimidating.

FADE TO BLACK:

FADE IN:

INT. LIAM'S HOME-AFTERNOON

Liam is sitting on the couch having a drink and watching the
tv with Kathrine. The tv can be heard.

KATHERINE

My god! There's no way she got that by
herself! she probably slept with the

host to get the answer.

Liam, paying no attention to her reaches for his pocket. He finds the clown school flyer once again. He fidgets with it. He suddenly gets up startling Katherine.

KATHERINE

(Baffled)

Liam where are you going?!

Liam rushes to the front door and opens it, he reaches for the thrown-away costume and scurries back inside closing the door and going upstairs.

LIAM

I'm going to continue my foolish ideas!

KATHERINE

Liam! If you continue this, you know what it means!

INT. LIAM'S BEDROOM

Liam locks the door and changes into his costume, once ready he looks at himself in the mirror he dusts himself off. He grabs the giant portable phone and begins dialing the number from the flyer. While the phone is ringing he takes a deep breath. The school answers.

LIAM

Hello, I would like to become a clown.

Banging sounds on the door can be heard.

CUT TO BLACK: