A 48 Hour Film by Product 12

"Pastry Problems"

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QUINN and LAWRENCE run down the street, carrying a birthday cake. Quinn is holding a cake. HENRY is chasing after them. Quinn and Lawrence throw the cake at Henry's face.

FREEZE FRAME ON CAKE IMPACT

HENRY (V.O.) You're probably wondering how I got into this situation. Well...

INT. HOUSE - VARIOUS

MONTAGE:

Henry, eyes closed, blowing out birthday candles. Quinn steals the cake when Henry's eyes are closed.

HENRY (V.O.) My friends one year decided it would be hilarious to steal my cake on my birthday.

Henry locks a cake in a hard case. Lawrence uses some wrenches to break open the lock.

HENRY (V.O.) (cont'd) And they never really stopped.

Henry wakes up in a panic and walks to the fridge and looks into his fridge, happy to see the fridge is safe. He closes the fridge. Quinn and Lawrence are lurking in the shadows.

> HENRY (V.O.) (cont'd) No matter what I do to save my precious cake...

Henry is asleep, cuddling a cake beside him. Quinn uses a pillow to re-enact the 'Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark' treasure swapping scene. Lawrence does the 'oooh, he's gonna get it'.

HENRY (V.O.) (cont'd) They always take it.

Henry opens the fridge, holding a plate and fork. The cake pan inside the fridge is empty besides a handwritten note that says "Thanks!".

END MONTAGE

Henry pulls eggs and milk out of the fridge in a different outfit in a match cut from the montage. He sets it on the counter next to flour and baking soda.

INT. GARAGE - DAY

Quinn and Lawrence stand beside a table In the dimly lit garage. TERRY rolls out some blueprints on the table.

LAWRENCE I heard through a back channel that Henry is planning something *big* this year, Terry.

TERRY Right. Thanks for bringing me into this... tradition?

QUINN We'll come into the backdoor here...

Quinn points at the blueprint.

INTERCUT

INT. HOUSE - DAY

Henry rolls saran wrap along the kitchen doorway at face height.

INTERCUT

INT. GARAGE - CONTINUOUS

Lawrence, Terry, and Quinn stand around the table.

LAWRENCE We could go in the windows instead. Might catch him off guard.

INTERCUT

INT. HOUSE - CONTINUOUS Henry rubs butter on the windowsill.

INTERCUT

INT. GARAGE - CONTINUOUS

Quinn, Lawrence, and Terry stand around the table.

QUINN I think if we go in the front door it

would be best. Y'know, be unpredictable by being predictable

INTERCUT

INT. HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

Henry drops a single banana peel on the ground in front of the door.

LAWRENCE (V.O.) Piece of cake.

INTERCUT

INT. GARAGE - CONTINUOUS

Quinn, Lawrence, and Terry stand around the table.

QUINN

Literally.

Quinn and Lawrence laugh among themselves. Terry looks confused.

TERRY

Wait, what?

Quinn looks at Lawrence as if to say 'you didn't tell him?'

TERRY (cont'd) We're stealing cake?

QUINN What else would we steal?

TERRY

Money?

LAWRENCE Why would we do that?

TERRY Wha- This is so stupid!

Terry rolls his eyes and walks out of the garage.

INT. HOUSE - DAY

Henry stands at the oven, pressing buttons. The oven isn't working. BUBBA walks in and stands beside Henry.

BUBBA

What's wrong?

HENRY The damn oven isn't working.

BUBBA Have you tried turning it off and on again?

HENRY Like that's gonna...

Henry presses a few buttons and the oven turns on with a CLICK.

HENRY (cont'd) Well, I'll be damned.

INT. HOUSE - EVENING

The front door clicks with a lock pick. The front door unlocks and swings open. Quinn stands up and pockets the lock pick. Lawrence steps through the door and slips on the banana peel and falls to the ground with a loud THUD.

> QUINN Well, he knows we're here.

Lawrence and Quinn sneak into the kitchen and easily crouch under the plastic wrap trap. The kitchen is full of cakes on all surfaces.

QUINN (cont'd)

Oh, damn.

Lawrence walks to a cake and presses his finger into it.

LAWRENCE

It's styrofoam!

QUINN Shit, one of them has to be right one.

LAWRENCE Wait... he wouldn't hide it in the kitchen. We've done this for 6 years, he should've learned by now. It's gotta be upstairs!

Lawrence and Quinn dash towards the stairs. Henry is nowhere to be seen. Lawrence and Quinn creep slowly up the stairs, avoiding some tripwires.

INT. HOUSE 2ND FLOOR - NIGHT

Lawrence and Quinn open the bedroom door and peek inside. Bubba is inside, snoring loudly. Quinn and Lawrence slide out of the room. Lawrence points towards a second bedroom. Quinn grabs a case and a golden light spills out. He slams the case shut and tosses it aside.

QUINN

Not the cake.

Quinn and Lawrence walk into Henry's bedroom. Henry is lying in bed and jumps up at their entry.

> LAWRENCE Where the hell is it?

Lawrence and Quinn corner Henry.

QUINN

Cough it up.

HENRY You fools. I've been practicing slight of hand. It's been right behind your ear!

Henry produces a cake from behind Quinn's ear. Lawrence and Quinn look at each other and grab the cake and run out of the room.

HENRY (cont'd) Oh shit! BUBBA! DO SOMETHING!

Bubba pokes his head out of his room and watches Quinn and Lawrence dash down the stairs. Henry follows Quinn and Lawrence out of the front door. Quinn and Lawrence high five as they run into the street. Quinn and Lawrence run through the kitchen, and under the plastic wrap trap. Bubba clotheslines himself on the plastic wrap and falls onto his back.

EXT. STREET - DAY

QUINN and LAWRENCE run down the street. Quinn is holding a cake. Henry is chasing after them. Quinn turns and throws the cake behind him, hitting Henry in the face.

THE END