

## Synopsis

Two young men break into a supposedly empty, isolated vacation home in search of quick thrills and easy thriffts, but what they find is more than either of them asked for.

## CHARACTERS

Ryan

21. Canadian. Reckless and easily bored. The type to skip game instructions and then get angry when he doesn't know how to do something. Either thinks he's invincible or that everything is just a bit of a simulation. Craves the adrenaline rush of a good scare paired with a bit of danger, even more so when subjecting someone else to it. Has a very soft punk style going on, with a large leather jacket.

Ben/Benjamin

20. Asian American. A bit obsessed with antiques, but mainly tech and woodwork. Allergic to failure, so he either puts all of his focus into one thing or rejects the notion to try. Refuses to go anywhere alone, for fear of being a loser. Reckless as well, but not as bad when around Ryan. Hates horror, but puts on a brave face so as to not encourage more jump-scares from his friend. No matter how cold, he refuses to zip-up his new, blue puffy down vest.

Baby, You're a Haunted House

SCENE 1

BEN

You forgot the flashlights? Just like that? They're huge, man. How could you just - forget them?

RYAN

W - well, I saw how precious and expensive they were so I wasn't just gonna bring them to eat Macky Dee's - and - and I needed space for snacks and the //phone charger so -

BEN

You knew we were coming here after eating - I even gave you a quiz on the whole operation and you remembered everything. So how, at the moment it matters, did you just forget?

RYAN

(Strained)

I - ih... They were... too heavy for me.

(BEN sighs. A moment passes.)

BEN

You... you do know that I would never actually rob someone, let alone a homeless guy, right?

(Pause)

Do I come off as that desperate? Am I a... a bad person?

RYAN

I don't think so? I mean - there's a lot easier ways to steal from people that don't require a hike to nowhere, soo - you're probably good?

BEN

I - I guess, when you put it that way//

RYAN

Of course when I put it that way! Now, none of this - this insecure Robin Hood crap, lets see if there are even goods worth sellin'!

BEN

Yeah - yeah! Okay! I'm gonna search everywhere in this place, there's def gonna be something here, I know it!

RYAN

(Quietly)

Uh - Oh no, I regret so much. Goodbye, my sweet St. Louis Cemetery nightmares. Au revoir, random sewer tunnel we saw on the way here.

(Beat)

We're gonna be here forever. God.