

**Broken-Hearted Monsters**

**“Episode 2: The Vampire’s Castle”**

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**Episode Two: Vampire's Castle**

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**1. INT. CAR – DAY**

**SFX: Car idling.**

**DRACULA**  
**(matter of fact)**  
**We are lost.**

**FRANK**  
**(matter of fact)**  
**We're not lost.**

**DRACULA**  
**We are parked at an intersection in**  
**the middle of the desert.**

**FRANK**  
**Ok, we might be a little off course.**

**Uh, why don't you crack the glove**  
**compartment**

**DRACULA**  
**What is in the—**

**SFX: SOUND OF GLOVE COMPARTMENT POPPING AND**  
**SEVERAL ITEMS OF CLUTTER FALLING.**

**DRACULA**  
A giant unfolded map.

**SFX: CRINKLING OF MAP.**

**Torn in two?**

**FRANK**  
Yeah, I tried to refold it, but they  
make 'em so you can't.

**DRACULA**  
Well, that is not true.

**FRANK**  
Babe, babe, babe. Times have  
changed since you were a little bat.

**DRACULA**  
Do tell.

**FRANK**  
You see, back in olden times—

**DRACULA**  
Olden times?

**FRANK**  
You had real craftsmen, who made  
things for the love of the craft.

These days, everything is made to be  
a piece of crap, so you have to buy a  
new one when it breaks.

**DRACULA**  
The 15th century was not exactly an  
artisanal craft fair.

**FRANK**  
But you had your pride.

**DRACULA**  
(deadpan)  
**We had war and starvation and maps  
that barely resembled the thing they  
were supposed to look like.**

**[PAUSE]**

**FRANK**  
**Yeah, but I bet they didn't explode  
when you folded them.**

**Dracula folds the map as he speaks, pausing after each fold as  
he starts to spot all these marks on the map.**

**DRACULA**  
**The map is fine, you just need to fold  
it... the right... way.**

**Frank. What are these marks all over  
the map?**

**FRANK**  
(giddy)  
**I dunno, you tell me.**

**DRACULA**  
**Alligator petting zoo, doll head  
museum, sarsaparilla mystery  
house... Taxidermy Derek's Bone  
Emporium?**

**FRANK**  
(excited)  
**Surprise! We are going to hit every  
roadside attraction with a Roadside  
USA rating of bizarre, off-putting, or  
perverted between here and the  
castle!**

**SFX: FRANK REACHES OVER AND POINTS TO A MARKER ON THE MAP.**

**Did you see the “statue of a normal man?”**

**DRACULA**  
(stunned)  
This is... the trip.

**FRANK**  
You know me. I hate breaking a promise.

**DRACULA**  
But this is... so much. Do we even have time?

**FRANK**  
Don't worry your pretty little head, babe. I've got it all worked out. We can hit every death trap on this map – maybe swing by a couple hot doggeries for old Frankie — and get to the dead dad thing with time to spare.

**DRACULA**  
I do not know if I should be totally charmed or utterly furious.

**FRANK**  
I have a strong preference for “charmed” but you're cute when you're furious too.

**SFX: MAP CRINKLING**

**DRACULA**  
(big sigh)  
We are not as lost as I thought we would be. The first attraction is just up ahead.

**FRANK**  
**Oh, which one is it!?**

**2. INT. ROADSIDE ATTRACTION, VAMPIRE'S CASTLE – DAY**

**SFX: Creaky old castle door opening. Spooky noises inside: stereotypical laughing monster sounds, rattling chains.**

**RIDE WORKER**  
**(Igor impersonation)**  
**Welcome, oh doomed souls, to the**  
**horrifying realm of the Vampire's**  
**Castle.**

**DRACULA**  
**Hello.**

**FRANK**  
**Yo.**

**RIDE WORKER**  
**(Igor impersonation)**  
**Before you go any further, I must**  
**warn you thusly: the castle contains**  
**a myriad of unspeakable horrors and**  
**monstrosities.**

**No cage nor chain shall stand**  
**between you and the most**  
**abominable horrors these lands have**  
**ever seen.**

**DRACULA**  
**Ok.**

**FRANK**  
**Gotcha.**

**RIDE WORKER**  
(impersonation fades)

**Go now and please refrain from  
touching the actors. Seriously, it's  
not cool.**

**SFX: THUNDERSTRIKE. THROUGHOUT THE SCENE, WE HEAR  
THE SOUNDS OF A HORROR RIDE, SPOOKY NOISES THROUGH  
BAD SPEAKERS, JETS OF PRESSURIZED AIR, VISITORS AND  
ACTORS SCREAMING.**

**FRANK**

**Hmmm. So, this is what a real  
vampire's castle looks like.**

**DRACULA**

**Yep.**

**SFX: JET OF PRESSURIZED AIR, WITCH SCREAMING.**

**DRACULA**

**(sarcastic)**

**Just like home.**

**FRANK**

**Huh, I thought there'd be more anime  
crap everywhere.**

**DRACULA**

**The vampire aristocracy did not  
invent anime girl statuettes and  
pastel wallpapers until the 17th  
century.**

**FRANK**

**(laughing)**

**SFX: PRESSURIZED AIR. GHOST LAUGHING.**

**FRANK**

**You know, when we were together,  
you never really talked about...**

**DRACULA**

**Olden times?**

**FRANK**

**Yeah, olden times.**

**Beat.**

**DRACULA**

**It was so long ago, sometimes it feels like someone  
else's memories.**

**(Warm)**

**I loved my homeland... for a time.**

**FRANK**

**Wallachia, right?**

**DRACULA**

**(surprised)**

**Hello. Look at you knowing stuff.**

**FRANK**

**I've been known to Google things  
from time to time.**

**DRACULA**

**(melancholy)**

**It was known by many names. Even  
during my human years, the land was  
constantly changing hands.**

**My brothers would jokingly ask each  
other, "who rules this land?" and the  
answer was always "That depends!  
What day is it?"**

**SFX: HOWLING OF A WOLF.**

**FRANK**

(laughs)

I never knew you had funny brothers.  
Or brothers in general.

**DRACULA**

(warm)

Yes. I had a whole funny family. A lot  
of rowdy boys, but they could be  
quite sweet at times.

I loved weddings and... weddings  
and funerals. The whole family would  
come home and eat and dance and  
just... be together.

For a time, I could not imagine living  
anywhere else in the world.

But then I... I stopped getting invited  
to weddings.

**FRANK**

Your family didn't take the vampire  
thing well?

**DRACULA**

Hmm? No, they had a problem with who I was long  
before I was a creature of the night.

**FRANK**

Oh.

**DRACULA**

Yeah.

**SFX: DISTORTED CRACK OF THUNDER OVER  
THE LOUDSPEAKERS**

**FRANK**  
**Sounds lonely.**

**DRACULA**  
**The first few years were definitely the hardest.**

**FRANK**  
**Is that when you (Frank makes psycho sound effect) enk, enk, enk enk?**

**DRACULA**  
**Is that when I what?**

**FRANK**  
**You know. All the impaling?**

**DRACULA**  
**(taken aback)**  
**God! No. What!? I'm not Vlad Tepish!**

**FRANK**  
**(awkward)**  
**Sorry! You never talk about this stuff!**

**DRACULA**  
**(mildly offended)**  
**I cannot believe you thought I was VLAD THE IMPALER the whole time and you still dated me.**

**FRANK**  
**It was so long ago and you were hot!**

**DRACULA**  
**Frank!**

**FRANK**

**Oh, I'm sorry! I didn't realize I needed  
a masters in medieval history to  
appreciate a little snack in tight black  
jeans.**

**DRACULA**

**Frank!**

Both men laugh.

**SFX: PRESSURIZED AIR**

**RIDE ACTOR 2**

**(Evil dead possessed woman  
impression)**

**Fresh Souls! Fresh Souls! I smell  
Fresh Souls!**

**[pause]**

**FRANK**

**Would you ever go back? To visit?**

**DRACULA**

**No. It is too painful to stand  
somewhere that once felt like home  
and feel... nothing.**

**FRANK**

**Well, now you've got a new home.**

**DRACULA**

**California? God no. I just live there  
because that is where all the  
monsters are.**

**FRANK**

**(offended)**

**You don't really feel that way.**

**DRACULA**

**Come on, you know I hate all the sunshine and superficiality and woo woo.**

**FRANK**

**Yeah, but all your friends are there.**

**DRACULA**

**And?**

**FRANK**

**Dracula, they love you. We're...**

**DRACULA**

**Do not say it.**

**FRANK**

**We're family.**

**DRACULA**

**No, my “family” died 500 years ago and each and everyone of them hated me.**

**FRANK**

**You know what I mean.**

**DRACULA**

**No. I know the meaning that you are trying to force on me. And it sticks in my craw every time.**

**FRANK**

**You're telling me that Wolfie and Pucey mean nothing to you?**

**Camilla!?**

**DRACULA**

**We shared some good times together  
and now we have moved on. Is that  
not enough?**

**FRANK**

**Nobody else has “moved on”, Dracula.**

**DRACULA**

**It has been months since I have seen  
any of them.**

**FRANK**

**(reproachful)**

**And who's fault is that?**

**DRACULA**

**I do not know! Maybe it is nobody's  
fault.**

**FRANK**

**You shut them out and went on a  
siring bender!**

**DRACULA**

**I... I was alone.**

**FRANK**

**No! You wanted to be alone!**

**You got one whiff of possible rejection and bolted!**

**DRACULA**

**You know it is more complicated than that!**

**FRANK**

**(monster voice building)**

**We're disposable to you, aren't we?**

**SFX: A FUZZY RECORDING OF A THEREMIN PLAYS A SPOOKY  
RIFF.**

**DRACULA**  
(cautious)  
Uh, Frank! Take it down a peg.

**FRANK**  
(monster voice)  
You're a fucking tourist.

**SFX: FRANK PUNCHES THROUGH PLYWOOD WALL. GROUP OF CHILDREN ON THE OTHER SIDE RUN AWAY SCREAMING.**

**DRACULA**  
(hissing)  
Get yourself under control right now or I will-

**FRANK**  
(monster voice)  
You'll what?! Leave me?! Too late, Dracula. You already did that.

**SFX: SOUND OF FRANK TEARING APART THE SET. COUPLE SCREAMING AND RUNNING AWAY**

**DRACULA**  
(direct)  
Calm down Frank, you are scaring people.

**RIDE WORKER 2**  
Hey man! You can't be rampaging in here.

**FRANK**  
(monster voice)  
RAAAAARGH.

**DRACULA**  
(monster voice)  
NO!

**SFX: DRACULA PUNCHES FRANK SENDING  
HIM FLYING THROUGH SEVERAL PLYWOOD  
WALLS.**

**DUST AND RUBBLE SETTLES. RECORDING OF  
CACKLING WITCH WARPS AND FADES AS IF  
RUNNING OUT OF BATTERY.**

**DRACULA**  
(monster voice)  
**FRANK! ARE YOU OK?**

**RIDE WORKER 2**  
I think you killed it.

**DRACULA**  
(serious)  
I hope not. He has a funeral to get to.

**3. EXT. ROADSIDE ATTRACTION, VAMPIRE'S CASTLE – DAY**

**SFX: SOUND OF DRACULA DRAGGING  
FRANKENSTEIN, ACROSS THE DIRT AND  
GRAVEL, TO THE CAR.**

**FRANK**  
(dazed)  
Ugh, what happened.

**DRACULA**  
(direct)  
You happened, Frank.

**FRANK**  
(ashamed)  
Aw no. I rampaged, didn't I?

**DRACULA**  
You sure did.

**FRANK**  
**Did I hurt anyone?**

**DRACULA**  
**You put the fear of god in some Girl Scouts and wrecked a perfectly good vampire castle.**

**But no. You did not hurt anyone.**

**FRANK**  
**That's good.**

**DRACULA**  
**Yes, real awesome, dude. I had to give a sixteen-year-old my leather jacket to keep him from calling the cops.**

**FRANK**  
**Noooo, your favorite jacket.**

**I'm so sorry, Dracula.**

**DRACULA**  
**(growls)**

**FRANK**  
**Maybe I should go back there and apologize.**

**DRACULA**  
**No.**

**FRANK**  
**No?**

**DRACULA**  
**No. Apologizing would mean paying for damages. Paying with money you do not have.**

**FRANK**

I could have money.

**SFX: DRACULA DROPS FRANK.**

**FRANK**

Oof.

**DRACULA**

Frank, in my protracted existence, I have never known a person worse with money.

**FRANK**

Hey, maybe you don't know me as well as you think you do, old man. Six months is a looong time for us little folk.

I've been busy four-exing and... and compounding... and putting my assets to work for me.

**DRACULA**

(skeptical)

Oh apologies. I had no idea. Then by all means, head back there and pay for the extensive structural damages you made.

**FRANK**

(hesitant)

Oh. Structural, you say?

**DRACULA**

Load bearing.

**FRANK**

Uh right, do you think they take bitcoin?

#### 4. INT. CAR - DAY

**SFX: Car top up—muffled sounds of a car on the open road from the inside of the car.**

**FRANK**

**-you see, I've diamond hands (that means I can HOLD better than anyone) and when it all goes to the moon, I'll be able to buy you as many leather jackets as you want.**

**DRACULA**

**Podcasts were a mistake.**

**FRANK**

**Hmm?**

**DRACULA**

**I thought you had your rampaging under control.**

**FRANK**

**No, yeah, I do! Totally. It's barely a thing anymore.**

**DRACULA**

**You threw a section of drywall at that girl scout troop.**

**FRANK**

**I guess... I guess I've been... a little off since the breakup.**

**DRACULA**

**Define "a little off."**

**FRANK**

**I tossed an old man out of a window at Camilla's wedding.**

**DRACULA**

**Frank!**

**FRANK**

**He was fine! He was possessed by a cat demon at the time. And he was being a transphobic dick.**

**Still... It wasn't my proudest moment.**

**DRACULA**

**I had no idea it had gotten this bad.**

**FRANK**

**Like I said, it's fine. I've just reached a dip on the way to the peak of Sigma mountain.**

**DRACULA**

**Ok. You are banned from consuming straight-people media for the foreseeable future.**

**Why did you not tell me any of this?**

**FRANK**

**Well, you broke up with me because of my rampaging. I thought maybe if I had my shit together...**

**DRACULA**

**I did not break up with you because of your rampaging. I broke up with you because of the things you did while you were rampaging.**

**FRANK**

**Is that... different?**

**DRACULA**

**Yes.**

**FRANK**

**I don't get it.**

**DRACULA**

**(sad)**

**I know.**

**(silence)**

**SFX: INDICATOR, CAR PULLS IN.**

**DRACULA**  
**Why are we stopping?**

**FRANK**  
**Alligator Hank's Unauthorized Euphoria Dioramas.**  
**We're at the next thing.**

**DRACULA**  
**We have been on the road for twenty minutes. Can we skip this one?**

**FRANK**  
**Oh, yeah, no worries.**

**We still good for the Dirt Pits in fifteen?**

**DRACULA**  
**Fifteen minutes? How many stops are we making on this thing?**

**FRANK**  
**You know. All of them.**

**DRACULA**  
**All of them?**

**SFX: SOUND OF MAP UNFOLDING**

**DRACULA**  
**(exasperated sigh)**  
**Frank. Now that I am really looking at this, I do not think we have the time to hit all... of... oh my god.**

**FRANK**  
**What.**

**DRACULA**  
**Oh my god.**

**SFX: DRACULA OPENS THE DOOR, SOUND OF SEARING FLESH AS SUN BURNS HIS ARM.**

**FRANK**  
**Wait! Daylight!**

**DRACULA**  
**(in pain)**  
**Arggggghhhh.**

**FRANK**  
**(concerned)**  
**Put on your ring.**

**SFX: DRACULA SCRABBLES TO GRAB RING FROM THE CUP HOLDER AND PUTS IT ON.**

**DRACULA**  
**(monster voice)**  
**I got it!**

**SFX: BOTH DOORS OPENING. DRACULA SLAMS HIS DOOR.**

## 5. EXT. DESERT HIGHWAY - DAY - CONT.

**SFX: FROM INSIDE OF THE CAR—MUFFLED SOUNDS OF THE OPEN ROAD.**

**DRACULA**  
**(animated)**  
**You have no intention of going to any funeral.**

**FRANK**  
**(hesitant)**  
**What, that's crazy, haha.**

**SFX: DRACULA SHAKES THE MAP AT FRANK.**

**DRACULA**

**Look at all these stops. This would take months.**

**FRANK**

**(lying badly)**

**Dracula, the funeral is the whole reason we're on this wild trip. Why would we not go!?**

**Unless... you didn't want to go?**

**DRACULA**

**Oh my god.**

**FRANK**

**I thought you'd like all this weird stuff.**

**DRACULA**

**(scolding)**

**The selection of mystery shacks and giant household items is not the problem! You have very much captured my taste with almost insulting accuracy.**

**FRANK**

**Then the problem is...**

**DRACULA**

**(furious)**

**The problem is I agreed to attend a funeral and you have turned it into an extended hostage situation with a gift shop.**

**FRANK**

**Whoa, babe! This isn't a kidnapping. I was just trying to show you a good time.**

**DRACULA**

**Can you hear the actual words  
coming out of your mouth right now?**

**FRANK**

**OK! I admit that sounded a little like  
something a serial killer would say.  
But I'm not a serial killer. I just love  
you is all.**

**DRACULA**

**Jee-zus Christ, Frank. Do not do this  
to me.**

**FRANK**

**(flustered)**

**That's not what I meant to say.**

**DRACULA**

**What was the plan, Frank? Did you think I would get  
so swept up in the fun that I would just forget the  
whole dead dad thing?**

**FRANK**

**Something like that...**

**DRACULA**

**And in your head I was fine with this?**

**FRANK**

**In my head... we would have laughed  
it off... 'cause of how happy we  
were... together.**

**DRACULA**

**I am not going to say this again  
Frank. In fact, if a situation occurs  
where I feel the need to say this  
again, I am going to hurl you into the  
sun.**

**We... are not getting back together.  
Do you understand?**

**FRANK**  
**Dracula, I...**

**DRACULA**  
(monster voice)  
**Say it, Frank.**

**FRANK**  
(defeated)  
**I understand.**

(shocked)  
**Holy shit, Dracula, your arm!**

**DRACULA**  
(nonchalantly)  
**It is fine. It just caught a little sun.**

**FRANK**  
**It's not fine. It looks like rib tips!**

**SFX: FRANK POPS TRUCK AND RETRIEVES  
FIRST AID KIT.**

**DRACULA**  
(annoyed but the raw fury has subsided)  
**We are in the middle of something  
here.**

**FRANK**  
(concerned, repentant)  
**You're right... about everything. And  
I'm going to look at your arm while  
you continue to be right.**

**DRACULA**  
(sighing)  
**Fine.**

**FRANK**  
Roll your sleeve up.

**DRACULA**  
Here...

**SFX: SOUNDS OF A LARGE BOTTLE OF WATER BEING POURED OUT ONTO ARM.**

**DRACULA**  
(winces in pain)

Conversation continues as Frank applies lotion and bandages Dracula's arm.

**FRANK**  
I'm sorry. I don't know why I'm like this.

Dracula sees Frank is hurting and pivots to a more understanding tone.

**DRACULA**  
I think you care a lot about people.  
And you want to show them.

**FRANK**  
Raise your arm a little.

**DRACULA**  
(wincing)  
You have a hard time meeting people at their level. And zero impulse control.

**FRANK**  
(ashamed)  
Like when you told me you didn't want a birthday party, but I organized a giant surprise party anyway and

**when everyone jumped out, you  
cried?**

**DRACULA**  
**Do I really need to answer that  
question?**

**FRANK**  
**(dejected)**  
**No.**

**It's just... these things bubble to the  
top of my head. And if I don't follow  
through, it feels like I'm letting  
someone down.**

**DRACULA**  
**(direct)**  
**Look, I do not hate big romantic  
gestures, Frank. It is actually one of  
your more endearing qualities.**

**FRANK**  
**I have endearing qualities?**

**DRACULA**  
**(teasing)**  
**Some.**

**My most cherished memories would  
not have happened if you had not  
oafishly nudged me out of my  
comfort zone.**

**(direct)**  
**But you get that I am not a person  
you can make big romantic gestures  
for anymore, right?**

**FRANK**  
(wounded)  
I guess.

(a little surprised)  
You have favorite memories of us  
together?

**DRACULA**  
Of course, Frank. The bad times take  
a little of the shine off the good. But I  
would be lying if I said my happiest  
memories were not with you.

**FRANK**  
(half joking)  
That's kinda sad. 600 years of living  
and your happiest moments are with  
a sack of body parts that broke your  
heart.

**DRACULA**  
(playfully)  
The sack had his good days.

Can we get back in the car? I can feel  
a magic ring migraine coming on.

**FRANK**  
One Second.

**SFX: FRANK FINISHES BANDAGING UP DRACULA'S ARM.**

There we go.

**SFX: FRANK CLOSES THE TRUNK AND THE TWO GET BACK IN  
THE CAR.**

**6. INT. CAR - DAY - CONT.**

**SFX: INSIDE THE CAR, CAR IS OFF AND STATIONARY. CREAKS OF CAR SEATS.**

**FRANK**  
(matter of factly)  
I have favorite memories too.

**DRACULA**  
(wry)  
Well, keep them to yourself. This road trip is strictly PG.

**FRANK**  
(jokingly defensive)  
I wasn't talking about the horny stuff!  
I have a little more emotional intelligence than you give me credit for.

**DRACULA**  
Ok, ok. I am sorry.

**SFX: FRANK STARTS THE CAR.**

**FRANK**  
(sly)  
Do you remember when I found that old traveler's chest of lacy black underwear in your crawl space?

**DRACULA**  
(scandalized)  
Frank!

**FRANK**  
(wistfully)  
My favorite memory was Pucey's birthday at the Moldy Lemon.

**DRACULA**

**The stickiest bar I have ever been in.  
Wait, Pucey's Birthday? I do not think  
we were going out then.**

**FRANK**

**(fondly)**

**Nope. We hadn't even kissed yet. But  
it was one of three occasions,  
possibly in the span of human  
history, that the dark lord sang  
Karaoke in public.**

**DRACULA**

**(warm)**

**I cannot believe you remember that.**

**FRANK**

**How could I forget? You sang a love  
ballad right at me.**

**DRACULA**

**I absolutely did not.**

**FRANK**

**Well, maybe not right at me. But  
that's what it felt like.**

**The whole world melted away... and  
it was just you and me, alone in a  
sticky void.**

**DRACULA**

**(gentle laugh)**

**FRANK**

**That was the moment I realized we  
were going to be a thing.**

**DRACULA**  
(deep sigh)  
**Do you remember the song?**

**FRANK**  
**It was... oh god... it was an old-timey  
love song, right? Why can't I  
remember it?**

**DRACULA**  
**It is ok. I do not remember it either. It  
was a long time ago.**

**FRANK**  
(disappointed)  
**Yeah but it was supposed to be one  
of my favorite memories. The least I  
could do is remember the song!**

**DRACULA**  
(soft)  
**It does not matter if you remember  
the song. It just feels good to know  
that you noticed the moment also.**

**FRANK**  
**AH! I knew you were singing to me!**

**DRACULA**  
**Just drive the car, columbo. We need  
to get to this funeral before the  
Stockholm Syndrome sets in.**

**FRANK**  
**Heh heh.**