Finding The Mask

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FADE IN:

INT. LARRY'S ROOM - DAWN

It's a bright morning the birds are chirping and Larry is overall a happy guy in a great mood.

LARRY (Breathes in and out very loudly) Good morning Walpole!

Larry gets out of bed and gets changed all jolly and is dancing around the room just overall a great morning.

INT. HALLWAY

Larry goes down the hallway from his room and down the stairs.

INT. KITCHEN

Larry strolls into the kitchen where his MOM is cooking him some breakfast.

MOM Sit down, Larry, and I'll bring you your breakfast.

Larry goes across the kitchen to the kitchen table and sits down at the table.

LARRY

What did you make, Ma?

The mom brings over a plate of pancakes and bacon with a cup of orange juice.

MOM

I made your favorite pancakes and bacon with some orange juice.

LARRY

(happily) Your the best, Ma.

Larry proceeds to eat all of it and and downs the orange juice.

MOM When is Ryan coming to pick you up for school?

LARRY In like five-ish minutes. I have plenty of time I just have to brush my teeth and I'm all set.

MOM Well then go finish getting ready.

LARRY I will but don't worry I have plenty of time.

INT. BATHROOM

Larry walks into the bathroom and starts to brush his teeth then walks out of the bathroom.

INT. HALLWAY

Larry walks down the hall and then walks into his room...

INT. LARRY'S ROOM - CONTINUOUS

...and looks at his desk, and suddenly stops with a look of confusion on his face.

LARRY (under his breath) Where's my mask?

Larry shuffles things around on his desk and looks even more confused.

INT. LIVING ROOM

Larry hustles down the stairs and goes to the window. He looks out the window to see...

EXT. DRIVEWAY

A Honda Civic pulls into the driveway.

LARRY (Under his breath) Oh crap, where are my other masks? (yelling) MA! DO YOU KNOW WHERE ALL MY MASKS ARE?

MOM (0.S.) They are all in the wash, honey.

INT. LAUNDRY ROOM

Larry runs into the laundry room and opens the washer machine and looks down them with a sad look and reaches in and pulls out a blob of wet masks.

INT. KITCHEN

Larry storms into the kitchen. His mom is at the sink washing dishes.

LARRY Why did you wash my masks?

MOM

What? They were dirty! I put one clean one with your clothes this morning. Where is that one?

LARRY It's missing! And Ryan is outside waiting for me! He's probably getting real heated that I'm not out there right now!

INT. RYAN'S CAR

Ryan bangs the dashboard with his fingers as if it is a piano. Beethoven's 5th blares from his stereo.

INT. KITCHEN

Larry's mom turns back to her dishes.

MOM Well, where was the last place you had it?

LARRY Well if I knew that, Ma, I would have my mask wouldn't I.

MOM Fine. If you want to give me attitude, I won't help you.

Larry's mom put in her air pods and starts humming.

Larry storms off.

MOM (CONT'D) (Under her breath) What type of loser loses their mask anyway?

INT. BASEMENT

Larry runs down the stairs into the basement.

LARRY Maybe I left in down here!

Larry starts to look near the TV and can't find it so he starts to lose it a little bit and he starts to rip off the cushions on the couch and pulls off the cover pool table and there's nothing there besides the empty pool table.

Larry give up and runs back up the stairs.

INT. KITCHEN

Larry busts back into the kitchen.

LARRY Maybe I put it back with my food by accident.

Larry starts to go through the cabinets and take out the food but yet finds absolutely nothing but food.

Now there's boxes and cans of food everywhere on the ground and Larry's mom walks in and sees the mess he just made. MOM (obliviously singing) Jump, jump, jump around.

LARRY Ryan is probably out there right now losing his mind!

INT. RYAN'S CAR

Ryan is calmly doing q crossword puzzles in his car with Moonlight Sonata playing in the background.

INT. STAIRWELL

Larry bombs back up the stairs.

INT. LARRY'S ROOM

Larry runs into the room and looks around. He starts to call it out like a dog.

> LARRY (CONT'D) Here Masky Mask Mask!

Nothing happens.

LARRY (CONT'D) Fine you wanna do it the hard way. I'll do it the hard way.

Larry proceeds to throw items off of his desk in search of the mask but still can't find it. Then he looks at the closet and pauses for a moment.

> LARRY (CONT'D) Are you hiding in my closet because if you are I'll find you.

Larry goes into the closet and rips everything out of the closet and still finds nothing. He looks to his bed and there is a stuffed whale sitting there on his bed.

> LARRY (CONT'D) Oh I see Mr Whale your trying to hide my mask. WELL GUESS WHAT YOU WON'T BE HIDING IT ANYMORE.

Larry throws the whale out of the way and yet there's no mask there.

Larry sits on his bed, defeated.

LARRY (CONT'D) Whatever. Maybe they won't even notice at school.

INT. LIVING ROOM

Then slumps down the stairs, grabs his coat and walks out the door.

EXT. DRIVEWAY

Ryan sticks his head out the window all happy.

RYAN Hey, Larry! How are you? What took you so long?

Ryan then stops for a second and takes a hard look at Larry and his smile fades away.

RYAN (CONT'D) Hey, Larry where's your mask?

LARRY

I lost it man.
 (beat)
I thought maybe you could still
give me a ride...

Before Larry can finish, Ryan pops back into his car and puts it in reverse and leaves the driveway.

> RYAN (out the window) NO MASK NO RIDE!

Ryan's car then speeds down the street.

INT. LIVING ROOM

Larry with no expression on his face just walks back into the house and back up the stairs

INT. LARRY'S ROOM

Larry plops down into his desk chair with his whole mess behind him and his whale on his lap.

His mom walks in.

MOM (Annoyed) Why haven't you left yet.

LARRY Ryan left me because I didn't have my mask.

MOM Hmmph. That's what you get for being rude to your mother. Now clean your room.

Larry's mom leaves the room and Larry slaps his leg with frustration but then pauses a moment.

Then he puts his hand into his pocket and pulls out a MASK.

LARRY

SON OF A...

THE END.