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Dear Set Constructors,

My wife and I recently celebrated our 7th anniversary. It's hard to believe she's stayed with me for that long, but it's true. I remember that we almost didn't get married because I got pretty liquored up the night before the wedding and my buddy, Jimbo, drove me out into the middle of the woods and dropped me off, passed out, with no money, no cell phone, and very little clothes.

My wife's family planned a full formal church wedding and fancy reception. I'm not sure how much money they spent on the food and decorations. From the best I can figure, it was just about the time everyone was seated in the church and guests began to wonder if I was running late that I was first waking up in a pile of leaves. Needless to say, the ceremony and reception were both cancelled and I had to do a tremendous amount of sweet talking to get my bride to take me back.

It took quite a few promises and a lot of walking around with my tail between my legs, but my bride finally agreed to forgive me and we got married in a small private ceremony. Seven years later, it was still the best decision I've ever made!

Now, it turns out that Jimbo – who always vowed to be a bachelor for life – got hit by cupid's arrow and he and his lady are planning to be married in the fall of 2014. He still knows how much trouble I got into after his practical joke on me. My in-laws still hardly speak to me! Because of that, Jimbo decided that I am to have nothing to do with planning his final party. He has turned everything over to his cousin, Bob from Texas. Bob used to live in Ohio as a kid, but moved to Texas when he was in middle school.

What Jimbo doesn't know is that Bob and I reconnected on Facebook a few years ago. Bob always had a thing for my sister when they were kids and they kept in touch. So, although Jimbo doesn't know it, Bob is my ally and is on board to help me get back at Jimbo.

So Bob and I got together on Facebook. Bob has some connections in Texas and knows a guy who owns some large parcels of vacant property out in the Arizona desert. We got the owner's permission to landscape and build on the property as long as we don't use any illegal fillers or do anything that will get him into trouble with the local authorities. I want to construct a replica of the current layout of downtown Sandusky Ohio, but flip it to be a mirror opposite. So rather than walk south on Columbus Avenue and make a right turn to get to the Carousel Museum, you would make a left turn instead! Instead of the State Theatre being on the right side of the street, it will be on the left. I will need someone to dig a reservoir to match the contours of the water and I need to fully

replicate the exterior of all the downtown buildings. I will need maybe a half dozen or so buildings to have fully constructed interiors, but for most, just an exact exterior façade will suffice. I will also need most of the trees and shrubbery to be copied, but those do not need to be “exact,” as long as they closely resemble the current layout.

The plan is to have Jimbo’s bachelor party at his favorite bar downtown. We’ll have some regular fun and toast to old times, but when Jimbo finally goes out for the night, we are going to fly him out to the fake Sandusky in Arizona and put him into a booth inside the bar to wake up on his own. He will wake up with his wallet and ID and clothes – everything that he took away from me seven years ago, he will still have on him. But he is also going to wake up with a tremendous hangover and some serious disorientation.

There are a few businesses in the real downtown Sandusky where Jimbo is a regular: two restaurants, the bar where the party will be, a grocery store, and the bank. I will need interiors built for each of those locations. By the time he stumbles out of the bar to try to get home, he will likely hit those places to try to get some money or make a phone call. The other storefronts he will recognize as he walks to the bank and grocery store, but if I know Jimbo, he won’t bother to stop and notice that they aren’t real inside.

As Jimbo wanders around the deserted “opposite-town” Sandusky, Bob and I and his other friends will be hiding away in some side building nearby. When Jimbo finally figures out that he has entered the Twilight Zone and starts ranting and raving like a lunatic, we’ll come out of hiding and let him off the hook.

So that is the plan, I have the “opposite town” location already lined up, I just need someone to build it. Please review my idea and let me know if we can work out a deal. I’d also like to know how much this will cost to build. Once this prank is over, Bob’s friend in Arizona plans to secretly market “opposite-town” Sandusky to other pranksters in my town and charge a hefty fee to play similar pranks on other people, so he is going to help finance the construction. I imagine he will also have plans to slowly replace the empty façade buildings with full interiors so that future guests can pick and choose which buildings they need to be “real.” So if you do a good job on the initial layout and construction, you can probably get a lot of future expansion work on this project.

Please let me know if this is something you are interested in. I have about 22 months until show time.

Sincerely,



Rusty Lucas

p.s. Do you have any Atomic baseball caps? Given the large price tag I expect this project will have, I wonder if you could send me a free Atomic baseball cap in the mail.