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Dear Movie Magic Makers:

It is ironic to me that I am writing to you on Friday the 13th (in the year 2013 no less). Do you do set or scenery design for any of the horror movies? You know, I once worked with a guy named Jason Krueger. Talk about a great horror movie character name!

Speaking of horror movies, my buddy, Jimbo, is getting married in a little over a year. My wife and I will soon celebrate our own 8th anniversary. We almost didn't get married because I got pretty hammered the night before our wedding and Jimbo drove me out into the middle of the woods and left me there, passed out, with no wallet or cell phone, and stark naked. Have you seen the TV show *Naked and Afraid?* Picture that, without any survivalist training, partner, or take-a-long tool.

My wife's family planned a full formal church wedding and fancy reception – the whole works. About the time all the guests were being seated at the church, I was just waking up in a pile of leaves. The wedding and reception were both cancelled and I still have no idea how I got my wife to take me back. Her family certainly didn't want her to!

Jimbo always said he would never get married. But some poor woman thought he would make a good mate and got him to change his tune. They are planning a fall wedding for next year. Jimbo knows how much trouble I got into after his practical joke on me, so he will not let me take part in any bachelor party planning. Instead, his cousin Bob from Texas is in charge. Bob used to live in Ohio as a kid, but moved to Texas when he was in middle school.

Jimbo doesn't realize that Bob and I reconnected on Facebook a few years ago. Jimbo is one of those conspiracy nuts, so he has no interest in joining Facebook. He thinks it is a secret project brainstormed by the NSA, the CIA, and the FBI to keep all of America under their thumb. Bob always had a thing for my sister when they were kids and they kept in touch even after he moved away. So I have an ally in Bob and he is willing to help me get back at Jimbo if it means him getting a chance to hook up with my sister.

Bob knows a guy who owns acres and acres of vacant land out in Yavapai County, Arizona. (I like to joke with him when we Skype chat. I'll say to him: "What's the name of that county out in Arizona?" He says: "Yavapai?" and I respond with: "No thanks, but I'll take some cake if you have any!")

So 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. I want to construct a replica of the current layout of downtown Sandusky Ohio, but flip it to be a mirror opposite, so that everything from the east side flips over to the west and vice versa! Instead of the State Theatre being on the right side of the street, it will be on the left – that kind of thing. 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. (Jimbo will be drunk and/or hung over for this, so some imperfections will be okay).

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 "mirror" 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: a few restaurants, the bachelor party bar, a grocery store, a bank, and the food pantry. Each of those locations will need full interior replication that Jimbo can go inside. If I know Jimbo, he will go to those places to try to get some money or make a phone call and figure out why everything is so backwards. He will notice and recognize the other buildings and storefronts, but he won't bother to stop and notice that they aren't real inside.

There won't be any people or cars in the deserted "opposite-town" Sandusky. Bob and I and Jimbo's other friends will hide 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 eventually come out of hiding and let him off the hook.

In addition to the buildings, I will need surveillance cameras placed throughout the area to record Jimbo's "experience."

I have the site location already lined up, I just need someone to build it. Please let me know if this is something you can handle. If not, I need to find someone else quickly or convince Jimbo's lady to put off the wedding for another year. How much would this cost? Once this prank is over, Bob's friend in Yavapai County, 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'm sure he will have phase 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." If you do a good job on the initial layout and construction, you will 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 13 months until show time. I did run this past another set design company earlier this year, but I haven't heard back from them. Rather than wait until the last minute, I decided to look elsewhere. Can you help me?

Sincerely,



Rusty Lucas

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