BATZ\$HIT INSANITY (The Curse with No Name)

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INT. THE WEST: BLASTED CAVERNS- DAWN

FADE IN

We see a network of caves, the dripping of water, and a puddle as someone steps over it. The darkness brings in strange sihlouettes of animalistic statues with one taking steps out of shadows. Batz (23) leers on as he sees an unwarranted victim (63).

BATZ (V.O.) (hesitantly thinking) I'm in control.

He slowly walks as the sound of dripping with each step.

FOOL

Finally that cadaver was useful for something and I all I had to steal was this stupid thing.

FOOL 2

I can feel it, the winds of change.

FOOL 3

Keep your voice down ghost haunt these mines.

FOOL

Don't believe in Cal superstitions if you want him to be at his grasp.

He glances away only for his goons to disapear

FOOL

(scared)

Huh, guess they made a tail and split more for me.

A quick gust of wind blows through.

FOOL

Who's their?.

BATZ

(throws the fool towards
 the wall)

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FOOL

(Scared)

What cat got your tongue, we can split the reward I take 90 percent and you take 10 percent. Aw heck with it I'm going to blow this dang cavern. I mean it.

He slams his giant weapon as the fool shuts up and the eye stares deep into his soul.

BATZ (V.O.)

(thinking) I'm in control.

BATZ

What you got their dynamite?

BATZ

Dynamite isn't cheap in these parts of the west.

BATZ

(he leans in and lights the fuse)

Like an old grandfather clock. With all the little piece ticking along, but it's a tool of patience. Until the clock strikes. You can try to run all you want, but in the end the clock strikes.

FOOL

(scared)

You're going to blow us up.

BATZ

Looks like your time is up.

The dynamite is finally reaching its last wick. He gets up as the cave is silent, and the fool is not in sight.

BATZ

(picking himself up)
Mmmm a sweet sundae taste for
wicked souls. Now on to more
important matters. Where is that
cursed instrument?

He takes out his wishbone, which points to a cave opening.

PIK

(Faintly through the cave)
We'll make sure to find that cursed
instrument. Well stop Lord Mar
shallo.

He continues to walk through only to hear a faint voice. As he walks over.

BATZ

(thinking)

That voice.

INT. THE WEST: RUINS OF THE FORGOTTEN - DAWN

Batz soon comes across an ancient ruins of a lost battle, corpses, and medieval castle laid for centuries. Pik (20), a well loved folk hero, and his sidekicks. Axel (31), and Ex(calliope) (25) below him searching for the cursed instrument.

AXEL

Do you think we are close to the cursed instrument? Pik

PIK

Mar shallo is preparing something; I can feel it in my rabbit foot.

EX

(frustrated)

As the princess of RoCoacoa Chanel, heroes shouldn't be parading in dirty, foul-smelling caves.

AXEI

The only thing foul is your temper.

ΕX

At least I'm channeling my anger into being a hero.

BATZ

(thinking)

Pik's probably after the instrument too. Mar shallo is still going through with it. Now what was his plan? Destroy the world, collect all instruments, and become allpowerful..

PIK

Found it!

BATZ

(loudly)

SH#\$

BAT7

Don't let him get it. Don't let him get it. Don't...

Batz then proceeds to show himself to the trio and grab the instrument.

BATZ

Well, well, if you wanted a grave, I could've dug you one.

ΕX

(annoyed)

Batz

PIK

Im sorry who are you...

BATZ

Batz, the worst person you've ever met.

PIK

Are you sure I don't recognize your face?

BATZ

(astonished)

You still don't remember.

PIK

I have a great memory; I know all the faces I meet, but not you.

BATZ

(agitated)

Shallo Gate.

PIK

Oh, you're one of Mar shallo henchmen, Vats.

BATZ

(confused)

What?? No Its Batz

BATZ

(groans)

Sharp as ever Pik, but...

BATZ

I realized he was holding me back. So I quit, but I made sure to get a severance package.

He shows off his Mar shallo right stone arm with an eye watching them, all fingers blunted off only to look like a bat.

It does wonders what you could do when you take matters into your own hands. If you are still curious about what it does, I can give you all a demonstration.

AXEL

(pumped)

Pik look, if we can get Mar shallo hand, we can even stop this all right here and now.

BATZ

(intimidating) Go ahead and try.

Axe lunges his axe towards Batz as he readies his bat, blocking and parrying each swing.

Axel swings his axe into where his neck would be getting it stuck. Batz then walks away.

BAT7

You know, I don't have a neck right?

Ex then reveals her Excalibur and goes for his stomach; he stumbles around the ruins, dodging her fury until he's pinned.

BATZ

So you still want to dance cupcake.

ΕX

(Angry)

I'm going to wipe that smile off your face.

BATZ

I still see you need some space.

Proceeds to trip exs and stops.

He takes a moment. Until Pik comes in swinging his pickaxe. As it grabs rocks and throws at Batz making him fall to the floor, he proceeds And grabs the instrument from his hand. As they grabbing at each other he rips off his mask...

AXEL AND EX

(gasp)

BATZ (horrified)

He glances at his hand as he see the mask Pik wears is off.

Batz proceeds to stop in horror as he zones back into reality a sense of regret.

PIK

(excited)

Oh, I remember you now. It's hard to see with that mask on.

PIK

But, you're not him.

Pik proceeds to put on his mask back on.

His head starts to flame as he having a flurry of emotions, as he starts screaming and punching his fist to the ground

BATZ

(screaming)

I am BATZ BATZ BAAAAAAATTTTTZZ

BATZ

(screaming)

Remember my name its BAAAAATZZ

He starts lashing out in the cave as it starts crumbling down.

EΧ

(concern)

Pik, we gotta get out of here.

The room caves in as Batz is stuck in the ruins. As they escape to through the tunnel as it closes.

Batz proceeds to mope inside the ruins.

BATZ

(dissapointed)

Lost my temper again.

He notices his bat eyeing something

BATZ

Why don't you try sign language while you're at it?

He then sees a feint glow picks up a black war horn with mysterious sigil on it, an echo is feintly heard.

Better not leave empty handed maybe cal won't notice.

Batz is pulled in to the horn. As the echo rings loudly.

EXT. STOCKWELL POPULATION (14): CURSED KING ANTIQUITIES - DAY

Cut to Batz at Cal's Cursed King Antiquties as Cal (1XXX) is scolding Batz. An empty decrepid shop littered with mysterious artefacts with Batz holding the artifact.

CAI

(furious)

Stop staring at it you stupid golem? It's not even a horn of plenty.

BATZ

(confused)

What happened. How did I get here?

CAL

(direct)

Doesn't matter our next customer is looking for the Gauntlet of Mar Shallo. Since you lost your control on the last one, I'm taking it out of your pay.

BATZ

The wishbone did I lose it!

CAL

Is that so? Then how did you find the cursed instrument? It seems familiar.

BATZ

(hesitant)

Uh... guess I'm attuned to curse energy?

He slowly puts his bat behind him.

CAL

Well, as long as you're honest, truth be told, I think finding the cure isn't worth your time. You're more profitable here with me.

BATZ

Don't you get tired of everyone being afraid of you?

CAL

Keep that to yourself. I'm not a
shrink. I sell Contraband.

BATZ

I only got a few days of rations left.

CAL

Use the horn for all I care, The only energy coming off of it is weak.

CAL WALKS UP TO BATZ AND GETS TO HIS FACE.

CAL

(angry)

If were good, now go find a new wishbone and get out of my face.

Batz is pushed out as the door suddenly slams in front of him. He slumps and walks away.

Batz proceeds to shamble his way towards the fountain in the center of town.

BATZ

(struggling)

Why do I feel so tired? I wasn't that far from town.

He then slowly stumbles towards the fountain picking up more quarters inside the and falls in from the extreme heat. We pan to Gingers Family Saloon, We see it lively with 4 people playing poker and 2 people at the counter, with everyone knowing Ginger, as a mysterious bandit comes in and quiets the room walks toward the bar.

RANDO 1

Ginger, can you fix me up with nice cold drink please.

GINGER

(sweetly)

Anything for you, Pumpkin, and your family at Ginger Snaps Sassparilla.

RANDO 2

Your ma and pa would be proud you. It's sad that Stockwell never gets enough travelers because of the bad press.

BANDIT

Hey Shortcake, Where are the drinks, Lousy comman couldn't even go through with his side.

A tall rugged Bandit tries to imidate her for a drink.

GINGER

Hold on a second.

GINGER

(sternly)

You know the rules; all I ask of every customer is some decorum.

BANDIT

And why should I listen to you?

GINGER

It's not me you should worry about; I'm just here to serve my customers honey. But Batz, he serves pain.

BANDIT

You expect me to believe that, most people tend to stick around with curse people for long.

GINGER

People say a lot of things about him, but I know two things: he has a burning heart, and he doesn't take kindly to those who are rude. So what do we say to ask politely?

BANDIT

You're making a grave mistake.

GINGER

Alright your funeral he'll be here any minute now, he has good ears.

BATZ

(A wild animal makes a nosie)

GINGER

Oh I hear him right now. Batz, you wouldn't believe what he said about me.

The bandit glances over the saloon doors as he here large and heavy steps, sweat dropping from his face.

BANDIT

(scared)

Can I have a drink please?

GINGER

(condescending) Sure thing Pumpkin.

GINGER

No matter, I will make sure our name is heard across the west. Just imagine everyone screaming my name.

MOLLY

(screaming)

Ginger, someone needs help!

GINGER

Molly, you better not bring another dead animal home again.

MOLLY

He just needs a drink, and I promise he's not dead this time.

Molly proceeds to drag Batz into the view of the saloon door.

Batz enters the saloon as it goes silent, everyone staring as he limps over to the counter

BATZ

(Depressed)

Hey Ginger,

(looks at the bandit) What are you looking at.

The bandit is filled with fear as he averts his eyes from him.

GINGER

(Angry)

Molly, He needs to come through the backdoor; we have a reputation to keep.

EXT GINGER SALOON - BACK ALLEY - AFTERNOON

BATZ

Thanks Ginger what do I owe you

GINGER

(blunt)

A tab that still isn't paid.

BATZ

I mean I pay in compliments, I always loved your pouty face. It's like your trying to be angry.

BATZ

Luckily for you I scrapped some money from the fountain. So its on me this time.

MOLLY

(curious)

Batz you look awful, did you kick someone ass!!

(happy)

Maybe we should wash your mouth with some soap.

MOLLY

Aw come on.

GINGER

(sarcastic)

Your such a great role model Batz.

BATZ

Hey Ginger, can I get another one, please?

Ginger proceeds to go back in to get him a drink. Batz looks onto the drink with hesitation as he drinks it.

MOLLY

Why does Ginger help you when she screams your name in her pillow every night?

BATZ

(spit takes and coughs)
Geez, this root beer is bitter.
Molly, did Ginger ever bring up
that we knew each other?

MOLLY

Sometimes.

BATZ

I remember when we were little, we would go into the woods to hunt for moose, and the best way to find droppings So I would grab some cocoa cereal. And every time I had some, I would drop some on the floor and pretend I found it. She freaked out every time.

MOLLY

Was it from the moose or the droppings? You thought she would bring you up.

BATZ

I'm not sure... All I know is to burn things, which is why it's better for you and her to keep a distance from me.

Batz takes a drink and shivers.

(retching)

It would be nice to taste something sweet. My curse make everything taste burnt?

Ginger overhearing comes back with another drink, overhearing from the kitchen.

GINGER

Molly come inside and help with the dishes.

MOLLY

Aw man, Later Batz.

BATZ

Sweet Kid. She's defintely need to stop saving dead animals.

GINGER

Doesn't help that this town is trouble. Their aint nothing for her here. Especially that no good Cal Vera.

BATZ

As detestable to work with, he's known across the klondike. The Catacomb Saint. If anyone knows anything about my curse its him. Which is strange as he can't even tell what this is?

He pulls out the ominous horn as ginger look at it. As the feint echo rings back in.

GINGER

You look beat up enough already, you should go rest.

BATZ

Fine, but keep Molly out of trouble.

Batz heads out

MOLLY

Did you tell him.

GINGER

(angry)

I don't hear any dishes.

EXT. THE WEST: BATZ VAN - NIGHT

Batz proceeds to walk up to the door. Inside is a semi-tidy room full of vintage heroes and pulp fiction, and wanted poster as The Bat lies across from the bed.

BATZ

Home sweet home...

He slumps onto the bed as the Bat stares at Batz

BATZ

What are you trying to say, I don't understand you.

The bat emits whispers as Batz grabs the horn.

BATZ

It would probably be easier to be understood? Does Cal even want to give me the cure, I know Molly has no sense of self-preservation yet, or Ginger know what happened that day?

BATZ

I just don't want to be a monster.

We stare into the Bat as it whispers eldritch into his dreams, as he sees visions of a grave, a crow, and a ball of fire covered by a small eclipse enveloping the world.

INT. STOCKWELL POPULATION (14): CURSED KING ANTIQUITIES - NIGHT

Cal looks into his arcanum and discovers a grave mistake he has made as he stumbles, and the book falls under the title Bran Horn.

CUT TO BLACK

THE BAT

The veil will crack at dawn.

EXT. THE WEST: BATZ VAN - DAY

Batz proceeds to enter Stockwell, only to find it quieter than usual. He proceeds to head to Cal door.

BATZ

(groggy)

Ugh, why do I have this splitting headache.

BATZ

Where is everyone?

Hey Cal, I've got your wishbone.

BATZ

(agitated) Cal open the door.

He forces the wishbone into the window and opens the door. And then proceeds to enter and notices it's empty. He walks through town until he stops at the church. Where most of the town is gathered, panicking.

INT. STOCKWELL CHURCH - MORNING

CAL

The temptation is simple pleasure. Please, Maria, forgive me. I promise I'll try to do better.

BATZ

What with the town.

CAL

(shocked)

You blew the horn.

BATZ

(sternly)

I don't even remember if I washed my socks.

CAL

(angry)

You blow the horn and he's coming for me.

BATZ

(angry)

What are you on about, yesterday you didn't care for it.

CAL

(scared)

"Bran the Jawbreaker"

BATZ

And how do you know?

Cal proceeds to show Batz the thousands of crows with 4 eyes on the church, and continues to panic.

BATZ

Those are some ugly birds.

CAL

Not that the sky.

We then proceed to see a tear in the sky.

BATZ

You're saying the crows came out of the sky?

THE BAT

The correct term is Murder.

BATZ

Sounds about right. Wait who said that.

THE BAT

Use me to murder them; murder them all.

Batz grabs his Bat and is shocked to speak.

BATZ

(worried)

Cal, you heard that.

Cal proceeds to quiver as the Crows soon circle overhead as they were vultures in the sky.

CAL

It's an omen from the Ancient Ones.

As the Birds soon gather on the floor entering as a shadowy figure. And soon the Crows disperse, and a knight appears with sharp teeth.

SIR JAWBREAKER

Interesting, brought back to a court of sinners.

People flee, as the crows form into Sir Jawbreaker.

SIR JAWBREAKER

Who holds the horn now.

BATZ

What do you want eyeball.

SIR JAWBREAKER

(laughs)

I didn't know Mar shallo chose a jester and a funny one.

Proceeds to crow in and out.

SIR JAWBREAKER

Allow me to introduce myself I am Sir Bran and Callaghan has made a deal and slander it.

Callaghan?

SIR JAWBREAKER

Don't worry I'm here in good faith, my mission is simple: to reclaim an object he has stolen. I'm willing to take it and be on my way.

BATZ

Go ahea...

CAL

(angry)

Batz, don't trust him their is no soul in that thing. What I had to do to get it. I am the cursed king, the King of 1000 Curses, the freakin catacomb saint.

Sir Jawbreaker proceeds to lunge towards him only to be block by \mathtt{Batz}

BATZ

Excuse him. He's never been a great negotiator.

SIR JAWBREAKER

Very well, may I speak to authority in these parts.

BATZ

We've got no sheriff; the positions cursed.

BATZ

If you want to talk to someone who isn't cowering, it's me.

INT. THE WEST: GINGER SALOON- NOON

They sit by a table as Batz, and Sir Jawbreaker proceed to negotiate.

GINGER

(worried)

Here you go a glass of Rootbeer.

GINGER

(whispering)

Batz whatever you doing, I don't want a part in this.

BATZ

I promise it won't be long.

SIR JAWBREAKER

(Drinks and proceeds to throw it on the floor) My what ambrosia this is, can we partake more. I haven't had mead since my jousting days.

Ginger looks in despair as a family heirloom is broken through the glass shards.

GINGER

(nervous)

Great... Coming right up

A long awkward silence fills the air as we don't know who is in control of the situation.

THE BAT

I know we don't see eye-to-eye. But lets use this opportunity to destroy him.

BATZ

Stop trying to pick a fight.

SIR JAWBREAKER

I see you finally connected to Mar shallo Tulpa.

BATZ

What's a Tulpa?

Brings out his weapon

SIR JAWBREAKER

A Tulpa is our connection between the veil stringed to an object, per say my Lance. Hearing of a connection leads to true unification. Powers of madness and enlightenment. Only the Court of Dawn and a few others can connect to the higher powers.

BATZ

So I cut his connection.

SIR JAWBREAKER

To be connected means the curse is in its final stages simliar to me.

BATZ

This is alot to register.

THE BAT

With our power we can free you from your emotions and see pure entropy.

So you're not interested in getting the Mar shallo gauntlet.

SIR JAWBREAKER

Sadly, He went on his own path, but a blessing in disguise he found a successor. What I'm after is the Abstractra Caldera.

SIR JAWBREAKER

And with you as my squire I will make sure you become fully one.

BATZ

(declining)

No thanks.

SIR JAWBREAKER

(confused)

What?

BATZ

Listen Jawbreaker, I'm just interested in getting you out of here, what does it take for that knightly code to leave, a duel.

SIR JAWBREAKER

If you insist, we can bet on it. I will leave, but if I win, I will take the caldera and you. I will not let your potential go to waste.

BATZ

Fine, were doing it at High-Noon.

They proceed to shake hands. As Sir Jawbreaker leaves, ginger walks up to him.

GINGER

Batz what are you doing.

BATZ

Something.

Dawn hits Sir Jawbreaker proceeds to draw a line, on the floor as rips through the middle of the town past the fountain and the church.

SIR JAWBREAKER

The rules are simple: knock the opponent down to win, three rounds.

BATZ

(thinking)

I can do that.

THE BAT

Be warn, as his Weapon has range compared.

The clock is striking as its afternoon, as both stand far We see Sir jawbreaker gets on his Chimera Crow, the small town watches from the windows with ginger looking off at the entrance of the saloon with Molly

MOLLY

You can do it Batz, me and ginger believe in you.

CAL

I don't, Everyone take your bet on who will win rompe huesos, or el paria.

The clock strikes as they proceed to charge as Batz gets close he whines up the Bat only to be pierced in the stomach and pushed back.

SIR JAWBREAKER

1st Lesson Squire, Pain is a lesson.

THE BAT

You seem to foolish to throw your freedom, when we can easily destroy him with your powers.

BATZ

(thinking)

I've never been free, its always been a person, a setback, a problem after another, always chained to the idea of being free. No more.

The clock strikes again, as they proceed to clash only for Batz to stop and throw up sand and knee him.

BATZ

Got him.

SIR JAWBREAKER

(agressive)

2nd Lesson is to avoid falsehoods of truth.

BATZ

Anything goes.

BATZ

(thinking)

Im tired of setbacks, so that why Im going to make sure I'm in control.

THE BAT

I knew you were right choice. Shallo knows nothing about the power that lies beyond. The many who fight for that chance of rebirth. What are you willing to do get what you want.

They proceed to line up as they go into the last strike as they start running into the middle. Only for Batz to think for a minute to get beaten in the face.

SIR JAWBREAKER

(Glee)

Well Squire kneel and plead fealty, if I keep going you would have to take another life and you wouldn't want that.

Molly proceeds to run up to him.

GINGER

(Gasp)

MOLLY

(angry)
Leave Batz alone.

BATZ

(v.o.)

I'm under control.

SIR JAWBREAKER

(angrily)

I'm tired of these games we have a world to conquer in the name of the abstract.

Proceeds to throw molly at Ginger as Batz tries to get up.

SIR JAWBREAKER

Wench take your wailing pig, and bother off

GINGER

(angry)

Don't you ever touch my sister and get out of here

SIR JAWBREAKER

I shall not take such words from a bastard.

Sir Jawbreaker proceeds to slap ginger as he stares blankly. He slowly gets up.

(thinking and staring at Ginger)

I'm...

BATZ

(sternly)

You shouldn't have done that.

His head is embellished with fire as he proceeds to slowly walk forward into a run.

SIR JAWBREAKER

Now listen squire.

BATZ

Oh, I'm listening.

BATZ

(angry) Loud and Clear

He proceeds to bluntly hit him as he is getting pushed to the edge of the town. Sir Jawbreaker backs up and charges to stun him only for him to not fall and release a guttural roar, as fire envelops near him. As he goes super.

SIR JAWBREAKER

(Furious)

You are the upmost despicable. A deal is a deal and I will make sure this place you call the west be burned by your very hands. For the instruments, for the caldera, for my masters.

BATZ

If you want an instrument you can take it piece by piece. I hate instruments, I hate this Curse, and I hate anyone who hurts my freinds.

He holds Bran horn as he is about to throw it.

SIR JAWBREAKER

Stop

He stares at the Instrument realizing he is filled with fear.

BATZ

Get out of here, and I'll make sure no harm comes to it. Now get out.

SIR JAWBREAKER

Very well, we will meet again, squire. Pray death doesn't find you because I will be right behind him.

Sir Jawbreaker dissipates into a murder of crows. He proceeds to turn around to see fire picked, and the town torn in half as he is flashing back.

GINGER

Everyone get out fire.

CAL

My money....

Ginger proceeds to shake some sense into cal, as the fire spreads.

GINGER

Your money won't matter if there isn't a town.

CAL

You're right.

Cal rushes into the store and grabs a tarot in hand, and dispels the fires.

The town stares at him feeling a confusion of thanks, fear, sorrow seeing someone who stand up for their own only to be a force of nature.

Batz looks from afar cover in fire.

BATZ

(whispers)

Im sorry...

He proceeds to disappear as the dust bellows.

EXT. THE WEST: BATZ SHACK- NIGHT

The door is shut smoke still lingers in the air, as a mysterious man goes up to the door and knocks.

BATZ

What do you want, Cal

CAL

I've came over because I am here for the money you owe me for my window.

BATZ

You got your wishbone, go make a wish on it.

CAL

Batz I need your help. Can I count on you.

You still want me to do your dirty work.

CAL

This is serious, meet with me at the break of dawn, I got lead on the next instrument we only have 30 Days.

BATZ

I'm going to go to bed, you should too.

Cal proceeds to walk away only for a note to fall.

BATZ

(picks up note)
Hey Cal you drop this note.

CAL

(grumpy)
Bah, its nothing.

Its a letter to Batz

GINGER

(reading voice)
Batz I just want to say thanks. I
don't know if this note gets to
you. I've always watched you from
afar and saw your kindness in
others. Even though others would
see your curse. I'm still not sure
if your past is haunting you since
you disappeared. All I can say is
burn bright and make others shine.

BATZ

(Questioning) Who is this from?

THE BAT

I'm not sure the name is smudge. Do you really believe this drivel.

BATZ

Honestly I don't, but I hope.

Batz stares out at the stars onto the veil piercing as we fade into Mar shallo Castle.

MAR SHALLO

What brings you to my domain. It was beyond my reach, util that rat stole my connection.

SIR JAWBREAKER

The Stars Align, my brother. Fear not as we will soon bring the Abstract into reality.

MAR SHALLO

(Questioning)

But don't we need a host.

SIR JAWBREAKER

We have found a host, but he is not ready. You might remember him.

Lance orb produces batz staring out.

MAR SHALLO

I will not be partake in this mutiny.

SIR JAWBREAKER

Your chance may be gone, but your knowledge is abundant. We will make him do our bidding.

Mar shallo ponders for a minute creating a fist with his left hand.

MAR SHALLO

Very well if my dragon, will not work for me then he will in chains.

SIR JAWBREAKER

Very well I will call upon our fallen brothers.

MAR SHALLO

We will make him suffer.

Lingers on Batz in the Orb staring up to the sky.