THE ESCAPE ROOM FROM HELL

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INT. STEEL BOX - DAY

Two men and two women stand inside a steel cube as they look all around.

SCOTT
There's no doorknob on this side.

LULY
Just perfectly smooth stone cold steel.

ANNE
They didn't give us anything.

WINSTON
No items not even a stool for my bum.

LULY
This is very discount.

SCOTT
It is pretty stark.

WINSTON
This is genius complicated.

ANNE
This is hell.

LULY
There's no clues. You can’t figure out an escape room with no clues.

WINSTON
There are clues somewhere, we just don't notice them yet.

LULY
How much did you pay for this?

SCOTT
You don't want to know right now.

LULY
Remember how I always refuse to go to White Castles to get your awful ass smiling sliders?

SCOTT
A fast food road trip classic to die for.

LULY
I would rather be cooking them now, living in White Castles, raising children in the kitchen.

WINSTON
Well I'm going to smoke a J.

ANNE
Great, faced with adversity lets do drugs. Lets do all the drugs.

WINSTON
Just one drug. Just one joint. Laced with...

SCOTT
I'll take a hit.

LULY
Geez...

ANNE
Well lets just open an opium den right here in the escape room. We just need to think and you can't think high.

WINSTON
I can think high, I design skyscrapers high don't I?

ANNE
I'll alert the irony.

LULY
No drugs, I wanna get the hell outta here.

SCOTT
Fine.

WINSTON
Maybe we ask for a clue, there has to be an intercom.

ANNE
Hello, can we get some kind of clue please?

LULY
Hello?!

SCOTT, LULY, WINSTON, ANNE
Hello!!!

They all just look around. Some shake their heads.

WINSTON
Maybe we can tap out Morse code on the walls.

ANNE
Do you know Morse code?

WINSTON
That SOS thing.

ANNE
Is it three shorts the longs and three shorts?

WINSTON
Or three longs, three shorts and then three longs?

LULY
(patients running thin)
Just try it both ways.

Winston taps on the wall with both rhythms with Neil Peart intensity.

SCOTT
Wait, wait, it stands for save our ship, we're not on a boat. It won't do us any good.

LULY
You smoked up before we left didn't you.

SCOTT
There's no way you could know that.

Luly stares at Scott with arms crossed.

Winston smacks the steel wall.

ANNE
Maybe the clue is to push.

SCOTT
That’s it we’re saved.

They each quick pick a wall and push hard.

LULY
Not working.

WINSTON
Yes, escape rooms are about teamwork.

ANNE
Right lets all push on one wall together.

SCOTT
Nope

Next wall.

SCOTT (CONT'D)
Nope.

Next wall.

SCOTT (CONT'D)
Nopers.

Next wall.

SCOTT (CONT'D)
Nope.

LULY
We get it...

SCOTT
Pull then.

LULY
How in the hell are we gonna pull?

WINSTON
What do we do now stomp?

SCOTT, LULY, WINSTON, ANNE
STOMP!

They all stomp up and down until they are exhausted and lying on the floor.

SCOTT
Is it getting hot in here?

ANNE
We were just jumping up and down like idiots.

LULY
The ceiling! That's our way out.

WINSTON
Has to be it. That's the only thing left.

SCOTT
I’m afraid of heights.

LULY
Then you’ll be the bottom like usual.

They all get on each others shoulders and push on the ceiling.

WINSTON
It's not budging.

ANNE
Push!

WINSTON
I'm pushing!

SCOTT
Nothing.

LULY
Push!

WINSTON
Push it real good.

ANNE
Oh just shut up! It's useless.

They all get down dejected.

SCOTT
Maybe it's an electrical thing and we have to get the walls wet for a current contact.

LULY
Lick away, get to it.

SCOTT
Well I for one have to pee.

WINSTON
I do to now.

ANNE
II you both takes you penis' out I'm tying them in a sheep shank knot, and I was a girl scout.

WINSTON
I am so hungry for those cookies right now.

ANNE
The munchies is your chronic condition.

LULY
I've been thinking it for a while and I'm just gonna say it now.

SCOTT
A clue you found a clue. What is it?

ANNE
Alright it's finally happening.

SCOTT
What's the clue?

LULY
You are clueless.

SCOTT
Well we already know we don't have any clues silly bean.

LULY
I want a divorce.

SCOTT
How is that a clue?

WINSTON
So are you saying your available now?

ANNE
And why are you asking if she's available now? I just threw the condoms out so you could have your precious raw dog.

WINSTON
Oh a hot dog with ketchup and relish would be so, so good right now.

LULY
Not to cause more drama but yes if we ever get out of this hell hole, I will be available sorry.

ANNE
For Christs sake, lets just get the hell out of here.

SCOTT
I don't get it the guy said we wouldn't need anything to figure it out.

WINSTON
What was the name of this escape room again?

SCOTT
The Tomb.

ANNE
What did they guy look like?

SCOTT
Muscular fellow, had a peculiar laugh almost evil.

LULY
Uh huh...

SCOTT
Oh, Oh, he was bright red and had horns growing out the top of his head. Great costume.

LULY
Did you sell your soul to him by any chance?

SCOTT
Yeah, but it doesn't count 'cause I'm an atheist.

BLACKOUT