

The Curse of the Clown

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EXT. COUNTRY FAIR - DAY

Groups of teenagers mill about talking loudly. A group of three loud teenagers is playing carnival games. BRAD shoots a basketball, trying to win a prize, misses by a lot. His friend LUKE stands nearby dressed in a hoody and sweatpants. CHARLOTTE, Luke's girlfriend, is standing by Luke.

LUKE

Dude, you suck at that.

BRAD

Shut up dorkface. You couldn't do any better.

CHARLOTTE

Come on, guys! Let's get something to eat, I'm starving.

LUKE

Nah, I wanna beat Brad at this game.

CHARLOTTE

(Rolls her eyes)

You can be a real asshole sometimes.

Luke continues to miss each shot until he runs out of cash. He curses. The group makes its way to the other side of the fairgrounds where a clown is juggling while riding a unicycle. He is wearing brightly colored clothes and pale white face paint. There is a sign that said CALVIN THE CLOWN! with a picture of him to the side.

LUKE

Bro clowns are so lame! And they look so stupid in their weird costume, and they're creepy.

BRAD

I know! I dare you to go mess with him.

LUKE

You're on.

CHARLOTTE

You guys suck.

Charlotte walks away to go find her friends. The boys barely notice.

CALVIN THE CLOWN

(singing)

Oh! My name is Calvin and I'm a clown.
Go on and turn your frown upside down.
'Cause Calvin the clown is back in
town!

Luke throughs an empty plastic water bottle at the wheel of the unicycle sending the clown sprawling on the pavement

LUKE

(laughing)

I told you, Brad! Clowns are lame.

CALVIN THE CLOWN

You scumbag teenagers! The curse of
the clowns shall be upon you!

Electricity spews from the clown's fingertips sending Luke into convulsions.

INT. LUKE'S BEDROOM

The scene cuts to the next morning. The camera swivels to reveal Luke lying in bed. As the alarm goes off he jumps out, throws on a shirt and some jeans, and goes to the bathroom to brush his teeth. As he looks in the mirror his expression changes to pure horror at the sight of his appearance. He looks like a clown. LUKE'S MOTHER is down in the kitchen preparing breakfast.

LUKE

(shouts terrified)

Mom!! Help!!

LUKE'S MOTHER

What is it darling? is everything-

LUKE'S MOTHER

Ahhhhh! My baby what happened to you!?

LUKE

I don't know Mom! Just get this makeup
and these super weird clothes off!

The scene cuts to Luke's Mother furiously scrubbing at his face.

INT. BATHROOM

LUKE'S MOTHER

What is this stuff? And I can't get these clothes off you!

LUKE

I don't know mom! Just get it off.

LUKE'S MOTHER

I think you might just have to go to school like this, honey.

INT. NOVATO HIGH

Luke is walking down the halls with his head low. He is trying to keep a low profile but his red hair and pale white face stand out in the halls. Luke didn't see Charlotte walking down the hall and bumps into her.

CHARLOTTE

Luke? Is that you? What heck are you doing in a clown costume and weird makeup?

LUKE

I don't know! I just woke up like this!

CHARLOTTE

Really? Aren't you just making fun of clowns?

LUKE

No! I'm not!

LUKE tries to hug CHARLOTTE like he always does but CHARLOTTE slaps him.

CHARLOTTE

Don't come near me in that weird stuff! It's creepy! I can't believe I was dating such a weirdo!

Charlotte storms away. Luke looks confused and sad. As Luke continues to walk to his next class several kids snicker at him.

BRAD

Dude! You look like a freak.

LUKE says nothing and keeps walking.

EXT. COUNTRY FAIR - DAY

Luke is back at the fair by the clown, who is singing the same song as the day before.

LUKE
(Yelling at clown)
Help me! Look what you've done!!

Calvin ignores Luke and continues singing.

LUKE
(Under his breath)
Stupid clown!

Calvin finishes his song and walks over to Luke.

CALVIN THE CLOWN
You have violated the ancient contract
of the clowns. You shall pay the
price!

LUKE
Unclown me you asshole!

CALVIN THE CLOWN
The only way to undo the curse is to
embrace it.

LUKE
what the hell does that mean?

CALVIN THE CLOWN
To undo the clown curse you must
become on of us.

LUKE
(Suddenly realizes what the clown
means)
Oh, come on. You don't seriously
expect me to act like a clown...

EXT. COUNTRY FAIR - AFTERNOON

Luke is riding the unicycle and looking like quite the fool when a group of kids from his school walk by.

STUDENT 1
Dude, you are so lame.

STUDENT 2

You're a creep.

STUDENT 3

You are an insult to humanity.

LUKE

How much longer do I have to do this
Mr. Clown?.

CALVIN THE CLOWN

Please call me Calvin. You shall ride
the unicycle until you realize the
impact of your cruelty.

INT. NOVATO HIGH

BRAD

Thank god you don't look like suck a
clown anymore. Wanna go glue the
chairs to the floor?

LUKE

The clown taught me the importance of
being nice and respecting clowns.

BRAD

You're lame bro.

Luke bumps into Charlotte in the hall.

CHARLOTTE

Luke! You're unclowned! I hope you
learned your lesson!

LUKE

Yes, I did! Will you please forgive
me?

CHARLOTTE

Yes, I forgive you.

Charlotte leans over and kisses Luke. Luke smiles like a
lunatic and the scene fades away.

THE END!

