

FADE IN:

INT. CASTLE - MORNING

MADDY (ugly, 20s) is trying on her best velvet dress. It's pink with dots.

Her brother, MARCUS (15, short) comes into her bedroom. He swings the door open. *

MADDY
Marcus! When will you learn to knock?

Marcus drops on her bed. It's covered in pizza boxes.

MADDY (CONT'D)
I'm talking to you, you little ogre!

MARCUS
Shut up, woman.

Maddy is frustrated. She goes into her closet.

Marcus notices a lantern on Maddy's nightstand, almost as ugly as Maddy.

MARCUS (CONT'D)
Woah, where'd you get this ugly lantern from?

MADDY
It's all yours. Now, can you leave my room?

MARCUS
Why?

MADDY
Because I'm trying on my best velvet dresses.

MARCUS
Why?

MADDY
To go out.

MARCUS
Why? Is there an ugly people convention in town and did they ask you to speak?

Maddy throws a shoe at him.

MADDY

Get out!
(beat)
And take the lantern!

Marcus takes Maddy's lantern.

INT. CASTLE - DAY

Marcus is in his room, staring at the ugly lantern.

MARCUS

(to himself)
Hmm, what can I do with you?

He carefully places it on his desk.

MARCUS (CONT'D)

I don't want to look at something so ugly. It's bad enough I have to look at my ugly ass sister every day.

Marcus looks out the window.

EXT. CASTLE - CONTINUOUS

Outside the castle, there are hills, a forest and a huge volcano.

The birds fly.

INT. CASTLE - CONTINUOUS

Marcus looks at the volcano for a minute. A hit of realization.

MARCUS

I know! I will go up to the volcano and destroy this ugly lantern! I'm sure there's a crater I can dump it into!

AVA (40s, messy bun), Marcus's mom comes into his room.

AVA

Well, Marcus, any plans for today?

MARCUS

Just gonna go destroy Maddy's lantern in the crater of the volcano.

AVA

Ah! What a fantastic idea! I love my creative small child!

THE END