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Narrator:

TITLE: Jaws of Death

Oct 31st 1957 is day with no beginning because it ended with the end of all beginnings.

As seniors at Fillmore High, we were typical middle American teens liking Rock and Roll, 57 Chevys, Ice Cream and Necking at Battery Point. The boys acted and dressed like Jimmy Dean and Marlon Brando, the girls; Annette and Sandra Dee.

We had the wild boys, like Earl (Fish) Fowler, thrown out of school for hanging the Math teacher out the Class room window. We had the quite boys, like Doug (Stoneface) Carlton whose Father owned and operated the Carlton Funeral Home. We had the Car thrillers like Eddy (Zeke) Zykwowski and Bobby (Cappy) Capperelli who were always dragging their 57 Chevy's down Center Street. And always the new boy Pete, what's his name.

The Girls, not to be undone had their wild ones like Sharron (Cookie) Gibson, known for sneaking boys into her bedroom while her widowed mother was working the grave yard shift at the hospital. They had their quite ones like Sandy Carlton, Doug's twin sister. Their thrill seekers, Patty Dempsy and Maryanne Darcey who teased but never quite gave in. And always the new girl Wanda, Wanda Kane.

A week before Halloween the boys decided to do something really scary to impress the girls. Several suggestions were made from appearing as ghosts to making a haunted house. Stoneface came up with staging a funeral, something he had a deep insight for, and all agreed.

CAST:

In order of appearance

Doug (Stoneface) Carlton

Bobby (Cappy) Capperelli

Earl (Fish) Fowler

Pete (What's his name)

Patty Dempsy

Eddy (Zeke) Zykwowski

Sandy Carlton

Wanda Kane

Maryanne Darcey

Sharron (Cookie) Gibson

Narrator:

Sat. Oct 24th, 11 AM

Scene 1: Fowler's Auto Repair Shop (Hangout for the Boys)  
Fish, Stoneface, Cappy, Pete

Fish:

Hey Stoneface, how we gonna stage a funeral? Your old man gonna donate some stiff?

Stone Face:

No stupid; one of us stiffs is going to be the stiff

Cappy:

Not me man! The only one getting me stiff is Cookie

Fish:

Hey Bobby; I told you, ^ don't talk about her that way

Cappy:

Yea Fish, got some kind of love...

Stoneface:

The two of you; cut the crap. ^ We got some planning to do.

Cappy:

Pete you work at the Hospital. ^ How bout sneaking down the morgue and borrowing.....

Pete:

Come on Guys! we only got a week to put this together.

Fish:

We need Eddy. Our "Hot Shot" "A" student. I think he's home. His car ain't running again.

Cappy:

Yea the genius puts this record player in his Chevy and it keeps killing the battery. Imagine he keeps two sets of jumper cables in his trunk so he can get a jump start from a block away. ^ Cool, ^ real cool.

Pete:

I'll go get him.

Narrator:

Sat: Oct 24th, 12:30 PM  
Scene 2: Broadway Beauty Salon  
Patty, Sandy, Maryanne, Wanda

Patty:

Maryanne, Should a girl let a boy take her to Battery Point on their first date? ^ Ow! ^ your pulling my hair.

Narrator:

Just then Zeke pops his head in the door

Zeke:

What time you want me to pick you up tonight?

Sandy:

If your talking to me Edward, tonight will never come.

Patty:

Seven will be fine.

Wanda:

Eddys real good looking and I love his car.^ Nothing like Cappy ^ He's really mean. ^ Especially what he did to you ^ Maryanne

Maryanne:

I'm trying to put that behind me now.^ Although I still wake up in the middle of the night ^ screaming.

Sandy:

I think all the guys are the same. ^ Even Eddys got more hands than an octopus. ^^^^  
Oh no, ^ here comes Cookie.



Cookie:

Hi Girls, any juicy gossip you want to share? ^ Present company excluded. ^ Patty I hear ya got a date with Zeke tonight.

Patty:

How did you find out?

Cookie:

If there's anything to know, ^ the boys tell me all.

Sandy:

Thats because ^ if there's anything to see ^ you show them all.

Wanda:

I don't know why you girls are always so catty. ^ Where I come from, ^ all the girls are like sisters.

Sandy:

You must come from the moon. ^ And the way you dress, ^ the dark side, at that.

Patty:

Where 'DO' you come from Wanda?

Wanda:

You wouldn't understand. ^ Come-on Sharron, we'll be late.

Narrator:

Wanda and Cookie leave.

Sandy:

Do you believe those two. ^ One a fruitcake and the other a cheesecake.

Narrator:

Sat. Oct 24th, 1PM

Scene 3: Fowler's Auto Repair Shop

All the boys

Zeke:

I hear you guys are looking for me:

Fish:

Yea we're planning a spooky Halloween party for the girls.

Cappy:

Boy ^ We're ^ going to scare the pants off of them. ^  
Well maybe not Cookie. ^ She probably don't have any on.

Fish:

I told you Bobby, ^ Lay off her.

Cappy:

Yea man, ^ I'll lay off of her but some other Dude will just  
climb back on.

Narrator:

This provokes a shoving match between Fish and Cappy until Zeke  
steps in to break it up.

Stoneface:

You guys gotta stop this crap. Now lets get down to  
business. ^ My Father has this old metal casket down in the  
basement. It hasn't moved for years. We can use it.  
^ Now ^ who's going to die?

Cappy:

I told you man ^ not me!

Stoneface:

Fish?

Fish:

No way ^ gives me the creeps.

Stoneface:

Zeke?

Zeke:

How about Pete?

Pete:

Hey ^ if I'm dead ^ the girls won't even care. They don't  
even know me. Remember, ^ I'm new. ^ Well maybe Wanda would.

Stoneface:

Okay ^ lets take a vote

Narrator:

While no ones looking, Pete makes a gesture to Fish to vote for Cappy.

The boys vote in a secret ballot. Stoneface 1. Fish 1. Zeke 1. Cappy 2. Pete 0.

Stoneface:

Cappy looks like you bit the old bul...let.

Cappy:

It's bull....#### I ain't doing it.

Fish:

Chicken, ^ little Bobby?

Cappy:

I'll show you who's chicken!

Narrator:

Cappy and Fish get into a real shoving match.

Zeke steps in, again, to break it up.

Stoneface:

Come-on Cappy, ^ the vote was fair and square.

Cappy:

I'll do it. Man ^ I'll be so dead that even the dead will be scared.

Fish:

Let's have the funeral here in my Brother's garage he's got a couple of rooms upstairs. ^ He don't do nothing here on Saturday nite.

Stoneface:

Guys ^ we need ideas.

Pete:

How about if we have the girls spend 10 minutes each alone with the stiff. I remember my Mom forced me to do that at my Uncle's funeral ^ and believe me was I scared

Stoneface:

Yea ^ I like that. What if after they all do that we bring them all back in the room and when it's real quite, we have the Stiff pop ^ straight up.

Fish:

How we gonna do that?

Zeke:

I can handle that. ^ I'll get some plywood, hinges, a garage door spring and a latch and a lever. ^ We'll pull down the spring and attach it to the lever. ^ One of us guys will have his hand on the lever and when the girls are all around the Coffin. ^ ! he pulls the lever and up comes the Stiff.

Fish:

Hey, ^ we can have it real dark and put candles all around the coffin.

Pete:

What if we have the Stiff's face lit.

Cappy:

With a candle? I ain't gonna like that. I can catch on fire and die.

Fish:

That would be great. ^ why should the Irish have all the fun at funerals?

Pete:

No stupid ^ with a little lamp. We can hide it inside your clothes, put some tin foil around the bulb ^ so it won't burn you.



Stoneface:

Too bad we can't have a storm Saturday nite. You know lighting and rain and thunder.

Pete:

I can do that. My old man has all the junk in the universe in our cellar. Listen to this.^ We can hang a couple of his old windows, put up a big black curtain, yea he's got that too.^ I've got this Washing Machine pump,^ we can hook up a hose to it and spray in on the windows.

Cappy:

Thats dumb ^ real dumb.

Zeke:

Hey wait! ^ This can work.^ Spose, I can make the pump come on and off so it hits the windows with a gush and spose at the same time I can get a light to come on and off when the water hits? ^^ It will look like a storm.

Cappy:

I like that.^ That takes care of the rain and the lighting ^ but what about the thunder?

Fish:

Eat some beans.

Narrator:

Sat. Oct. 24th, 9PM, Battery Point. Patty and Zeke.

Patty:

You can kiss me Eddy, ^ but keep your hands out of my sweater.

Zeke:

That's what I love about girls.^ They ~~where~~<sup>wear</sup> these tight sweaters and they stick ^ their you know whats out ^ touch them, ^ and your dead meat.

Patty:

If you don't like it,^ there's always ^ Cookie.

Zeke:

Speaking about Cookie. ^ Fish has the Hots for her, ^ real bad. ^ I swear he's going to kill Cappy one of these days over her.

Patty:

And well he should.

Zeke:



Do I detect a little friendship for Cookie?

Patty:

I was talking about what he did to Maryanne. The only female friend Cookie has is Wanda

Zeke:

Yea there's a doozy. ^ Why does she always dress that way? She reminds me of Pete.

Patty:

There's something weird about those two. I think it's contagious ^ even Maryanne is starting to dress that way.

Narrator:

Mon Oct 26th 3:30 PM, The Big Dipper Malt Shop.

The Boys and Girls. Jute Box Playing three Bobby Vinton songs, 3 in a row.

Patty:

Maryanne, ^ Look what I got Saturday nite.

Narrator: Patty shows Maryanne Eddy's ring dangling from a chain, around her neck.

Maryanne:

I think thats great ^ I so oo happy for you.

Cookie:

She must have gone all the way. ^ to get ringed.

Sandy:

If that were the case ^ Cookie ^ you would have so many rings around your neck ^ your head would hit the ground.

Wanda:

Sharron isn't like that any more ^ she's one of us.

Patty:

No ^ she's not ^ one of us.

Wanda:

That's not what I mean.

Maryanne:

I know what she means.

Sandy:

Will someone please tell me ^ what...

Narrator: Just then Pete asks Sandy to dance.

Bobby Vinton is singing Blue Velvet.

Cappy:

How about dancing with me Maryanne? ^ you know ^ for old times:

Narrator: Maryanne walks away from him.

Cappy turns to Zeke

Cappy:

How bout that Dame. ^ give her a real doll to play with and she gives you dagger eyes.

Zeke:

Cappy ^ you make me sick.

Narrator: Fish and Cookie start dancing.

Cookie:

Imagine the nerve of Cappy asking Maryanne to dance?  
I can't stand him. ^ He's always saying things to hurt  
people. ^ especially me

Fish:

Don't worry, ^ I'm going to nail that jerk.

Narrator: Tues Oct 27th, 12:15PM High School Cafeteria.  
The Girls.

Patty:

Hey ^ did you hear the guys are throwing a Halloween party  
Saturday nite?

Sandy:

Yea ^ it's suppose to be scary. ^ I can't wait.

Maryanne:

I don't want to go.

Narrator:

Wanda and Cookie walk in. Cookie has changed her appearance

Patty:

What the hell did you do to your hair? ^ Cookie ^ and your  
eyes? ^ you look like a Witch.

Wanda:

I think she looks delightful.

Sandy:

You would!

Maryanne:

She does look good.

Patty:

Maryanne ^ have you completely lost your taste.^ Well anyway  
^ she's set for Saturday nite.

Wanda:

All yea! the Boy's Halloween party.

Maryanne:

I'm not going.

Wanda:

I think you ought to go. ^ It will be ^ rewarding for you.

Narrator:

Tues Oct 27th 4PM, Fish meets Pete after School at the Track Field.

Fish and Pete

Fish:

Hey Man^ thanks for giving me the eye to vote for Cappy as the Stiff.^ You still work at the Hospital?

Pete:

Yea.

Fish:

Do me a favor. ^ Call Cookie's house when her old lady shows up for work tonight?

Pete:

I get your drift.

Fish:

What do you do at the Hospital?

Pete:

I work in the Pharmacy.

Narrator: Wanda and Maryanne come over to the boys.

Wanda:

Come on Pete ^ we're going to be late.

Pete:

Gotta go ^ Fish.

Narrator: Fish talking to himself.

Fish:

Weird man ^ really weird.



Narrator: Saturday Oct 31st 9AM,  
The boys are starting to set up their mock funeral.  
The Boys.

Stoneface:  
Everybody here?

Cappy:  
I'd answer but I'm dead. ^ remember?

Zeke:  
I can't figure this out? I've got these lights and pump  
wired ^ I knows there's juice ^ I just got bit ^ the dumb  
thing won't come on.

Pete:  
That's because you ain't got it grounded ^ Genius.

Zeke:  
I knew that.

Stoneface:  
Hey ^ someone give me a hand with this coffin. ^ it weights  
a ton.

Narrator: The boys all clap.

Stoneface:  
Very funny. ^ Come on Fish ^ grab a handle.

Narrator: Zeke starts working on putting the plywood and the spring  
in the Coffin

Zeke:  
#### I forgot the hinges.

Pete:  
Let me borrow your car. I'll go down to the hardware store and  
get them.

Zeke:  
Don't use the record player. ^ and Oh ^ the jumpers are in the  
trunk.

Narrator: Pete leaves to get the hinges.

Stoneface:  
Everything looks great, the water hitting the windows , the  
lights coming on and off and Oh yea ^ the thunder, ^ don't  
forget the beans ^ Cappy.

Narrator:

Cappy climbs in the coffin

Cappy:

How do I look Fish? I wonder if Cookie ever made it with a Stiff?

Fish:

Bobby I swear ^ you may never see tomorrow.

Stoneface:

Guys! we got to get our act together. ^ Fish ^ close the doors ^ it's getting cold in here. This room is so small why the Hell does your brother have an outside and an inside door?

Zeke:

The way I see it ^ the only thing left is who's going to pull the lever to pop up the Stiff?—It's my design, I'll do it. You guys would probably screw it up.

Pete:

I think we ought to try it. He may come flying out of the coffin.

Narrator: The boys try pulling the lever and sure enough Cappy comes flying out of the coffin.

Fish:

Looks like we're going to have to strap you in ^ Cappy.

Narrator: Sat. Oct 31st 10PM. Party going on full blast, The girls are starting to go in to sit by the Coffin, one at a time for their 10 minute watch. Pete and Fish challenge each other to see who can bring back the most City stop signs.  
The cast.

Fish:

Zeke can I borrow your car?

Zeke:

Don't forget .....

Fish:

Don't tell me. Ain't gonna play the record player and the jumpers are in the trunk. Who's car you gonna take ^ Pete?

Pete:

Cappy's

Narrator: Zeke's car won't start, Pete gives him a jump start.

Narrator: Sat Oct 31, 11:59PM. They all gather around the Coffin.  
The Cast.

Stoneface: in a whisper to Zeke.

What happened to the lite glowing on his face? ^ That was  
a nice touch.

Zeke:

The bulb must have burned out.

Sandy:

Ouch! what's on this handle ? It cut my hand. Douglas  
^ if you ruined this coffin, Daddy's going to get mad.

Stoneface:

Be quite, have some respect for the dead.

Narrator: Zeke stands by the lever and when it's dead silence, he  
pulls the lever. Cappy sits straight-up in the coffin, the girls  
scream, the boys laugh.

Stoneface:

Okay Cappy! it's all over. You can stop playing dead..

Zeke:

Knowing Cappy, he probably fell asleep.

Stoneface:

I don't think so he don't look so good. Someone turn on the  
lights.

Narrator: The lights come on. Stoneface puts his hand on Cappy's  
neck to find a pulse.

Stoneface:

Oh my God! he's dead.

Zeke: trembling as the girls are screaming

What happened? why is there water in the coffin. how did it  
get there? what's that green stuff on the pillow? what are  
we going to do?

Stoneface:

Oh God! he must have been electrocuted. That water pipe  
above must have leaked into the coffin and with the lamp plugged in  
^ Oh No. no ^ no ^ no.

Fish:

There ain't no water in that pipe. Never has been.

Narrator: Sounds like murder to me, what do you think?  
Cast take your bows. Audience, who killed Cappy?