

Mario Party: Fun for the Whole Family!

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FADE IN:

INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

We open on a living room. RON (20) boots up the console. Mario Party flashes on the screen. His parents TASHA and KEVIN (40s), sit on the couch.

TASHA  
Is it done honey?

RON  
Yeah, yeah.

TASHA  
Alright Kevin, drag him in here.

Kevin gets up and leaves the room. We hear screams of terror, Kevin drags their other son, LANDON (16) into the living room. He's clawing at the ground.

Ron hands out controllers, he chucks one at Landon.

TASHA  
(To Landon)  
It's one hour, you'll live.

Landon grumbles and grabs his controller.

RON  
All right, its Mario Party time!

Ron presses the start button. The console starts to make a weird noise. The world starts to spin and distort. The family is sucked into a large green pipe.

EXT. PEACH'S BIRTHDAY CAKE - DAY

We open to a board shaped like a giant pink cake. The green pipe erects from the ground and shoots out the family. Somehow entering behind them is TOAD, a small creature with a mushroom head.

TOAD  
Welcome to Peach's Birthday Cake.  
Is this your first tim-

TASHA  
What's the meaning of this?

TOAD  
Let's roll the dice block to decide  
the turn order!

Four identical dice blocks spawn over the family's heads. Ron and Kevin hit it with gusto, Landon slaps it with a grunt. Tasha on the other hand, stares at the block.

LANDON  
This is gonna be a long night.

CUT TO:

EXT. PEACH'S BIRTHDAY CAKE

We open on a wide shot of the board. Overly happy, sweet music plays in the background.

Landon hits the dice block and rolls a 4. He stomps over to a blue space and grunts at getting coins.

Tasha passes an item shop, and manages to start an argument with the NPC.

Ron learns how to check the map and takes his time looking over it, much to everyone's annoyance. It gets worse when he lands on an event space and deliberates on whether or not he should set a trap for even longer.

Kevin lands onto the trap Ron placed. He gets chomped up by a piranha plant, losing half of his coins.

TOAD  
It's minigame time!

CUT TO:

EXT. MUSHROOM MIX-UP - DAY

The family stands over the water on multiple differently colored mushroom platforms.

GAME ANNOUNCER (V.O.)  
Start!

TASHA  
Ron, how does the minigame work  
again?

LANDON  
It's simple. How do you not get it?

Toad raises a red flag, everyone rushes to the red mushroom. Except for Tasha, who stands frozen, eyes darting around.

The platforms sink and Tasha falls into the water. She screams as she is dragged away by a blooper. Landon facepalms.

CUT TO:

EXT. PEACH'S BIRTHDAY CAKE

We're back at the main board. Tasha, covered in squid ink, is glaring at her family.

TASHA  
Why didn't you tell me how the game works? It's poor sportsmanship, I thought I raised you too better!

Ron glances at his coin count, now ten coins larger.

RON  
It's just strategy.

LANDON  
(To Tasha)  
The rule is: go on the same color mushroom. It's not that hard.

Tasha scoffs.

TASHA  
Talk to me like that again, and I'm beating your ass when we get out of here.

KEVIN  
Calm down dear, it's just a game.

Tasha swings her head towards him.

TASHA  
And you need to start disciplining your children!

Kevin sighs.

KEVIN  
Yes honey.

The game continues. Landon uses boo to steal a star from Ron.

RON  
This is why no one's gonna miss you after you die.

TASHA  
 Ronald Douglas Spelman! I know I  
 raised you better than that!

RON  
 S-sorry, ma.

TASHA  
 I'm not the one you should be  
 apologizing to.

RON  
 (quietly)  
 Sorry, Lan-

TASHA  
 What was that?

RON  
 Sorry Landon.

Landon smiles smugly, crossing his arms and nodding.

TASHA  
 Good, now. We're gonna have a nice,  
 friendly, family game night. No  
 matter the weird situation we're  
 in, all right?

The two boys nod.

Tasha rolls for her turn. She passes by boo and steals a star  
 from Landon with no hesitation.

Kevin rolls a one and lands on a bowser space. He loses a  
 star. Now he's at zero stars and zero coins. Kevin curls up  
 and cries.

CUT TO:

INT. HOT BOB-OMB

We cut to the family facing each other in the corners of a  
 cage. A bob-omb falls into Ron's hands.

TASHA  
 What are the ru-

LANDON  
 Don't hold the exploding bomb.

TASHA  
 Get ready for the belt after this.

While Tasha's distracted, Ron tosses the bob-omb to her. She screams and just barely manages to catch it.

TASHA

We're in the middle of something!

She tosses the bob-omb back to Ron, who passes it to Landon. His brother immediately tosses it back to him. He shoots to Kevin, who passes it back to Ron.

RON

Uh, why're you all going for me?

LANDON

Uh, you're winning.

RON

Skill issue.

Ron passes the bob-omb to Landon. It blows up on him, leaving him dazed and on fire.

RON

Suck on that, peanut head!

The bob-omb is passed back to Ron. His parents still only pass it back to him. Ron sweats nervously.

TASHA

Ron, you need to learn how to be a better sport. We're trying to become closer as a family. Not tear it apart.

An evil grin grows on Ron's face. He tosses the bob-omb to Kevin.

RON

The only things that would tear the family apart are your encounters with Jimmy Holden.

His parents freeze. Kevin stares at his wife, while Tasha avoids eye contact.

KEVIN

Tasha, what is he talking about?

TASHA

Nothing, he's just splitting us apart.

RON  
Like how Jimmy's splitting those  
legs apart.

Kevin chucks the bob-omb at Tasha. His eyes start to tear up.

KEVIN  
After all these years of me trying  
to change for you, you're just  
gonna go and cheat on me? With  
Landon's Math teacher?

Tasha tosses the bob-omb back to Ron. Who passes it back to  
Kevin with an innocent smile.

TASHA  
Well, sometimes I was...  
dissatisfied with you. I was just  
looking for someone else who had  
what I wanted.

Kevin grits his teeth and veins pop at the top of his head.  
The bob-omb grows red.

KEVIN  
Well, I want a fucking divorce!

He chucks the bob-omb at her with all of his strength. It  
explodes on Tasha. It goes back to Ron.

Kevin holds his knees, panting. He falls to his knees and  
starts crying.

RON  
Dad, are you okay?

KEVIN  
I'm ... not okay sport. It hurts,  
after spending all of these years  
with her.

The bob-omb starts to glow red in Ron's hands.

RON  
Yeah, it sucks. But you just have  
to move on.

Kevin turns towards Ron with a soft smile.

KEVIN  
Thanks son.

RON  
Aw, don't mention it Dad.

Ron shoots the bob-omb at Kevin and he explodes.

CUT TO:

EXT. PEACH'S BIRTHDAY CAKE

We see the family gathered at the start space. Everyone except for Ron is on fire. They glare at him, while he smiles.

TOAD

And the superstar is ....

Dramatic music plays, multiple spotlights move around before shining on one person.

TOAD

Ron!

Triumphant music plays and confetti shoots through the air. Ron cheers and does starts a victory dance consisting off: moonwalking, shuffling, and twerking.

The rest of his family flips him off.

LANDON

Can we leave now?

Toad slowly turns towards them like a demon.

TOAD

(Demonic)

No leaving until we have a fun,  
wholesome Mario Party.

Ron stops dancing and everyone stares wide-eyed at Toad.

TOAD

Let's go to Yoshi's Tropical  
Island!

Everyone wails in despair.