

THE REAL BAD PLACE

A one-minute play by Jake Lewis

Two of Satan's minions, CHAD and STEVE, are sitting at their desks. There is a small TV on one of their desks.

CHAD: So. now that we've ruined democracy, what shall we do next to sow discontent in the hearts of all Americans?

STEVE: Well, they do love their TV and movies. More so than justice and freedom sometimes.

CHAD: You've piqued my interest.

STEVE: What if we took one of their favorite TV shows and made the last episode just plain awful?

CHAD: What about a movie franchise they hold dear? Like, *Star Wars*?

STEVE: Too late.

CHAD: Right, of course. Do you really think this will work?

STEVE: There's nothing worse than a person who does not like the finale to their favorite TV series. Trust me! Ask Michael Richards down in the torture pit!

CHAD: I see. Ooh! Even better...what if we made the whole *final season* a trainwreck?

STEVE: But wouldn't they stop watching after a bad episode or two?

CHAD: Didn't you ever watch *Lost*? I believe they will hold out hope it will get better by the last episode, but, alas....it only gets worse!

STEVE: It will make them hate the entire series!

CHAD: They will realize they've wasted all those precious hours of their lives on a TV show when they could have been using it to greater purposes, like spending time with their family!

Both demons laugh hysterically. Then, CHAD goes to pick up a remote control and turns the TV on.

CHAD: Ooh this one looks good!

The theme to "Game of Thrones" plays as lights fade to black and the demons continue to laugh.