

GOOP!

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It all starts with a DRIP.

INT. FINN'S APARTMENT - DAY

FINN (20s) stares out his window while washing a sink full of dishes. Although he's more focused by a bug crawling on his window. The bug wanders around the window until it finds something in his way: GREEN GOOP. In an attempt to consume, the bug instead gets swallowed by the goop. When--

FINN

Ow!

He looks down. Blood. Knife in sink.

He exits, re-entering with a freshly Band-Aided fingertip.

On the window, the goop and the bug are gone. He stares at the window when--

DRIP! A Brownish green droplet falls from the ceiling onto his shoulder.

Above him, a leaky PIPE in the ceiling. He looks up.

DRIP! Another droplet hits him square in the eyeball.

He exits, re-entering with a STEP-LADDER.

Climbing up, he adorns the hole with a couple strips of TAPE. Satisfied, he starts climbing back down when--

His upstairs neighbor's muffled shouts ECHO through the floorboards.

They're mostly unintelligible until he shouts at his loudest:

NEIGHBOR (O.C.)

Stop! Why won't you stop!

Finn presses his ear against the ceiling. Then--

BANG! Something hits the floor.

Finn recoils from the sound--hits his head on the ceiling.

He sits on the edge of his bed, holding an ice pack to his head.

INT. FINN'S APARTMENT - MORNING

A coffee maker roars to life, a MUG sits underneath its spout.

Finn, wearing his morning PJ's (blue plaid pants and a grey t-shirt) grabs the MUG after it's done brewing.

Sipping the coffee, he looks out the window through cracked blinds.

POV Finn: His NEIGHBOR (30s) walks out his front door and gets in his car. He drives away.

Finn sips the coffee.

INT. LOCAL BAR - NIGHT

Finn sits at a table with JONESY (20s)

FINN

It's just weird. Why would a man who lives alone be shouting like that?

JONESY

Why is that so weird? I shout a lot when I'm playing video games.

FINN

Yeah but is your Xbox in the kitchen? I only hear it coming from the kitchen.

JONESY

Maybe he's just a weird guy.

FINN

That's why its so strange. He's completely normal. I've been watching him for a while now, and I've never seen anything like this. He's pretty boring but definitely a normal dude.

JONESY

Your overthinking it, my boy. Just call a plumber or something.

FINN

Yeah. Guess so.

INT. FINN'S APARTMENT - LATER

Finn lays in his bed, eyes open and a PILLOW over his ears.

The shouting and banging from upstairs can only be muffled so much.

He gets up, following the noise to the kitchen when--

The tape holding back the dripping breaks.

The same brownish-green liquid spills all over the floor.

Finn cleans up the mess. He strategically places a bucket on the ground.

INT./EXT. FINN'S APARTMENT - MORNING

Finn is once again at the window.

POV Finn: His neighbor's car turns down the street and out of sight.

Finn walks out the door and up to his neighbor's door.

KNOCK! KNOCK!

FINN

Hey! Anybody home?

No answer.

KNOCK! KNOCK!

FINN (CONT'D)

Hello?

He presses his ear against the door.

From inside, he can faintly hear strange, rhythmic HUM sound. It almost sounds like breathing.

He backs away from the door and continues down the sidewalk.

EXT. FINN'S APARTMENT - EVENING

Finn returns home--he sticks his key in the lock--

NEIGHBOR

Excuse me.

Finn is startled. He gulps and slowly turns around.

FINN

Oh. Hey, what's up?

NEIGHBOR

I was just wondering if you happened to see my keys around here somewhere. I must have dropped them. I'm such a silly billy sometimes.

FINN

Nope. Haven't seen any keys. Sorry.

NEIGHBOR

Oh...

(awkward pause)

Well thanks anyway.

He walks up to his door--reaches under a POTTED PLANT--pulls out a SPARE KEY--unlocks the door.

FINN

(under his breath)

It's ok. Take a deep breath. He's just a weird guy. A night owl who plays video games and shouts in his kitchen.

He opens up his door and enters.

Inside, the leak has gotten worse. The ceiling is turning brown and the bucket is almost completely full. Its still dripping.

He empties the bucket by throwing the contents outside.

SSSS! The liquid steams when it hits the grass.

INT. FINN'S APARTMENT - MORNING

A loud BANG! From upstairs.

Finn's eyes open--he jumps out of bed--races to the window and peers out.

His neighbor is being dragged away by 2 MEN IN SUITS. He is shouting but they are covering his mouth.

Finn runs out his front door. His neighbor looks at him dead in the eyes. Fear.

Finn lurches forward, trying to help when--

A third man in a suit side steps in front of him.

AGENT KRUEGER
Your discretion about the situation
would be appreciated.

He flashes a badge (Department of the Unexplained).

AGENT KRUEGER (CONT'D)
We would recommend staying away
from your neighbors place.

FINN
Can you at least fix the leak in my
kitchen?

AGENT KRUEGER
Call a plumber.

They drive away.

MONTAGE:

Multiple days of Finn walking past the caution tape covered door and entering his apartment. Each day the leak gets worse, filling the bucket more.

One day, he returns home to a huge puddle in his kitchen. His bucket is knocked over. The water is spilled all over his floor.

END MONTAGE.

He grabs a TOOLBAG. He's fed up. He's gonna fix this mess.

INT/EXT. NEIGHBOR'S APARTMENT - LATER

Finn stands outside his neighbor's door.

He grabs the spare key from under the plant and cautiously opens the door.

He puts the caution tape back in place behind him.

He stands in the doorway, silhouetted. Intense music intensely intensifies.

The same rhythmic breathing grows louder as he sneaks across the takeout trash littered floors.

He walks into the kitchen, a GREEN GLOW comes from the cabinet under the sink. He opens it up, the green light shines on his face.

REVEAL: **THE GOOP.**

A disgusting mound of viscous sludge growing out of a JAR. The green brown goo leaks onto the floor. A rat scurries by, the Goop consumes it.

Finn is entranced by the creature. He has an intense existential moment. The gears are turning in his head. The music is climaxing.

FADE TO BLACK.

INT. FINN'S APARTMENT - MORNING

People in HAZMAT SUITS file into his neighbors house.

Finn looks out the window.

They carry a BIOHAZARD bag into a van.

Finn smirks, he finishes his coffee.

As he walks to put away his mug, he passes a JAR. Camera lingers.

Inside the jar is a small piece of GREEN GOOP. It breathes.

FIN.