

Frank & Hope Sides

Hope looks at a shelf and back at her clip board.

HOPE
What's this?

FRANK
What?

HOPE points to a CHEST on the bottom shelf.

HOPE
I don't have this listed as part of
the collection.

FRANK
Hmmm...let's have a look.

Frank tries to lift it by himself and finding it to heavy.

FRANK
Give me a hand.

They both lift the chest and place it on a nearby table. It is an antique chest but has a modern padlock on it.

HOPE
Why would a new lock be on an old
chest?

FRANK
I'm going to guess it's because of all
the treasure inside. Should we open
it?

HOPE
Do you have a key?

FRANK
Hang on.

Frank exits the room. Hope looks the chest over. Then turns towards the cardboard box as she starts to move. SOUNDS start coming from inside the chest. She leans in to get a better listen and is startled when Frank suddenly appears next to her with a set of bolt cutters.

FRANK
How 'bout this?

HOPE
I don't know if we should. I heard something...

FRANK
Let's do this.

Frank cuts the lock and removes it. He places his hands on the chest to open it.

WE NOTICE A SLIGHT GLOW UNDER HIS HAND BUT NEITHER OF THE ACTORS SEEM TO CATCH ON.

FRANK
You ready Pandora?

Frank lifts the lid and looks inside. Hope flinches.

FRANK
Oh my God!

HOPE
(fearful)
What?

Frank turns towards Hope. She gasps.

FRANK
It's...
(Franks steps from in front of the chest)

FRANK
...empty.

Hope exhales.

FRANK
(small laugh) Well that was anticlimactic.