



Scarymount Manor



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Medussa



She stands tall, her snake-like body erect, her dark eyes glow and seem to look right through you. . . right when you become consumed by her ugliness, without warning, she springs to life and scares the living daylights out of you.



This prop is a pop-up that, when triggered, unexpectedly shoots up about a foot in height while her tongue and the snakes on her head stand out and hiss at you. Its really quite effective in the right lighting.

Brother Lucian's labor of love. . . this, was not an easy prop to build. He became obsessed with the idea of having a Medussa at the Manor. His perseverance paid off.

He used PVC to build the body frame and a styrofoam wig head with a mask we picked up at Walmart during the after Halloween sale for about \$4. The original mask resembled a witch of sorts with a cotton multi-colored scarf over her head and a tuft of hair sticking out the forehead. As you can see, the mask was re-worked; the hair and scarf removed, and her long, witch-like nose cut off and tucked under. Her eyes are taxidermist's Elk eyes. They were a little expensive but worth it as they fit the mask perfectly and give her an evil stare.

We went on a hunt for snake skin fabric and were lucky to find lots of it in the mark-down isle.

Two empty plastic spring water gallon containers give her some form (shoulders) and are light enough to pop up.



Her tail is a clothes dryer vent hose covered in snake skin fabric. The pictures do not do this prop justice. The fabric is light enough that you can actually see the curls of the dryer vent hose - it really looks cool.



Here is a shot of the back of her head. The wig form was painted green to match the mask and you can see where the air tubing runs up to the snakes on top of her head. It was a chore to find lightweight rubber snakes whose underside would allow the tubing to be attached, so Brother Lu cut off the snake's heads and attached them directly to the air hoses. When the prop is triggered, several (not all) of the snakes stand out and hiss. Her tongue is a long, skinny, red balloon with the tip cut into a V shape. It also stands straight out and hisses.



Here is her heart (so to speak). A screen door cylinder, tubing, and a manifold. This is best left for Brother Lucian to explain since he is the Mastermind behind her creation.



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