

AUDIO PLAY

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SCENE 1

Phone rings.

SARAH

Hello?

TODD

Hey Sarah, it's Todd.

SARAH

Oh, hello Todd. I wasn't expecting you to call this late.

TODD

Well a couple of us were gonna head down to that fair down by the corn field. Chad's dad just got him this bitchin ride and he's gonna take us out for a spin. You in?

SARAH

Oh, I don't know Todd it's kind of late. And is the fair even open yet? I thought it didn't open until next weekend?

TODD

It does but we were thinking of getting a little sneak peak. What do ya say?

SARAH

Gee Todd, it sounds mega cool but I don't think I should. It's already late and my parents want me to stay in tonight. They would totally flip if they knew I went out.

TODD

Then don't let them find out. C'mon it'll be like a secret adventure.

SARAH

I don't know Todd. I just have a bad feeling about tonight.

TODD

Aw c'mon Sarah, it'll be fun. We can hang out, go on some rides, and I really want to spend some time with you. Please?

SARAH
Okay, Todd.

TODD
Awesome. Chad and I will swing by
in about 20 minutes to pick you up.
Cool?

SARAH
Cool.

They both hang up.

SCENE 2

Sarah gets into the car with Todd and sees Chad, his girlfriend Val, and Todd's other friends Scooter and Jennifer. The pulls off.

TODD
Hey babe, glad you could make it.

SARAH
I didn't know that you invited
other people too.

TODD
I thought it would be fun to go as
a group. That's Chad's girlfriend
Val.

SARAH
Hey.

VAL
Hi.

TODD
And this is Scooter and his
girlfriend Jessica. Everyone this
is Sarah.

JENNIFER
Hi Sarah. I am so psyched for this
carnival adventure. Aren't you
babe?

SCOOTER
Yeah. It'll be even more fun once
we get, "rollin" on those coasters.

Jennifer laughs.

VAL

Wow guys this is a great idea. Or at least it would have been if Todd didn't invite the burnouts.

SCOOTER

Jeeze Val cool it. Maybe if you smoked a bud every once in a while you wouldn't be so uptight.

VAL

I am not uptight. And unlike you and your stoner girlfriend, my Chad and I would never stoop to such a low level. Right baby?

CHAD

Whatever you say doll.

JENNIFER

Ugh, who invited the prep princess?

CHAD

So I have a treat for you guys? I have the new Duran Duran CD. Wanna give it a listen?

SCOOTER

I don't wanna listen to that crap, play Hall and Oates.

TODD

No man, play Aerosmith.

SARAH

We could listen to Blondie.

JENNIFER

No The Human League.

SCOOTER

Yeah!

VAL

Who would want to listen to that?

JENNIFER

People with good taste.

Sarah listens to the radio.

RADIO DJ

Hey this is FM 28.1, providing all the most bitchin jams of the most popular artists since 78. Just a quick 411 for all you youngsters out there who are cruising around or looking for a place where you and your date can mash, there is a county wide safety notice. Be on the lookout for a large animal like creature.

Sarah tries to shush everyone but no one is listening.

RADIO DJ (CONT'D)

Witness have said this creature is very hostile, do not attempt to approach it and if seen you should barricade yourself inside the nearest building and call the cops immediately. Again there is a large animal creature running loose in the county and everyone should be on high alert. Now back to the newest track by Michael Jackson.

SARAH

Everyone listen!

Everyone goes silent just in time to hear Thriller.

VAL

Oh I love this song. Good choice new girl.

Chad continues driving.

SCENE 3

Chad pulls up to the fair. Everyone gets out of the car.

SCOOTER

Oh yeah, now this is what I call a good time. Hoppin on all the rides, munching on some popcorn, maybe munching on a little somethin else.

Jennifer laughs. Everyone gets out of the car. Todd gets a pair of fence cutters from the trunk and cuts the fence so everyone can get in.

SCOOTER (CONT'D)

Nice Macgyvering dude.

TODD

Hey I try. Now why don't you kids
run along and play. We can meet
back in like two hours.

JENNIFER

Two hours? Is that even enough time
to-

SCOOTER

Don't worry baby, we got it.

Scooter and Jennifer leave.

VAL

C'mon darling, I want to go on the
Ferris wheel.

CHAD

Well actually I was kind of
thinking of the "love" tunnel if
you catch my drift.

VAL

Um, like no Chad. As your date I
need to be properly pampered. Now
the Ferris wheel.

CHAD

(Groaning)
Coming.

Chad and Val leave.

TODD

Don't worry I know a private place.

Todd and Sarah walk into the field and sit down.

TODD (CONT'D)

Beautiful isn't it. All the stars.

SARAH

Yeah, they're gorgeous. You don't
get views like this in the city. If
you look close you can see the big
dipper.

Todd begins to kiss her.

SARAH (CONT'D)

Not exactly what I meant, but go
on.

Todd and Sarah continue making out. Todd tries to unzip her top.

SARAH (CONT'D)

Whoa, Todd. I like you and all but this is going a little too fast for me.

TODD

Really? I thought I was taking it slow?

SARAH

Listen Todd can't we just stick to kissing. I don't know if I'm ready to go all the way yet.

TODD

C'mon babe. We're at the carnival, the sky looks beautiful, you look beautiful. So what's the matter?

SARAH

The timing just feels wrong. I think I need some water.

Sarah gets up and walks away.

TODD

You can grab a water from one of the concession stands.

SARAH

I have a water bottle in the car.

Sarah leaves and goes to the car.

Scene 4

Scooter and Jennifer are getting high.

SCOOTER

See Jen, I told you I would take you on high roller tonight.

They both laugh. They hear a loud scream followed by a roar.

JENNIFER

Oh shit. What was that?

SCOOTER

I don't know. The wind?

Jennifer laughs. They hear a whoosh sound.

SCOOTER (CONT'D)
What was that?

JENNIFER
(Laughing)
The wind.

SCOOTER
I don't know that one didn't feel
as windy.

They hear the grass move.

SCOOTER (CONT'D)
I think that grass is talking to
us.

JENNIFER
We should smoke it too.

Scooter walks into the grass. Jennifer continues laughing. Her laugh is cut off when she hears a loud roar followed by a violent scream and a rip. Scooter's arm is ripped off. Scooter cries in pain and Jennifer panics and runs away. The beast kills Scooter.

Chad is trying to get the Ferris wheel to work while Val waits.

VAL
I thought you said you knew how to
work this thing. You said you
worked at a carnival?

CHAD
I did. But that was like a year
ago.

The Ferris wheel starts to move.

CHAD (CONT'D)
See I told you I could-

They see Jennifer running and screaming. They go to her. Todd catches up with everybody.

CHAD (CONT'D)
Jennifer are you okay?

VAL
Are you having one of your visions
or whatever they're called?

TODD
Is everyone okay? I heard
screaming.

JENNIFER
(Disoriented)
Scooter, it got Scooter. Scooter.

TODD
Whoa, Jen just breathe, what is
going on?

CHAD
And where's Scooter?

VAL
Is that blood?

TODD
Jen just tell us what's going on?

They all hear a loud howl.

VAL
What the hell was that?

TODD
Jennifer, tell us what happened?

JENNIFER
It....got.....Scooter!

VAL
What did?

CHAD
The Bay City beast.

TODD
The what?

VAL
Oh that's just a myth.

CHAD
You haven't heard the reports on
the news?

VAL
It's probably just like a coyote or
something. Nothing to really be
worried about. Quit buggin.

CHAD
Then why would it be on the news?

TODD
Hold on, you think this beast,
could have eaten Scooter or
something?

JENNIFER
It did. It did.

VAL
Yeah right. She's probably just
hallucinating and made the whole
thing up. I bet Scooter is hiding
out in the field and this is all
some big prank.

JENNIFER
Why would I make that up? Look at
me?

VAL
Yeah like it's that hard to get
your hands on fake blood.

TODD
Oh no, Sarah. She went to the car
to get her water bottle.

Todd runs to the car.

CHAD
Todd wait.

VAL
Chad?

JENNIFER
Wait where are you going?

Chad and Val run after Todd.

SCENE 4

They see the car is destroyed.

CHAD
Oh man my dad is gonna kill me.

TODD
(Panicking)
Sarah! Sarah! Explain away this one
Val.

VAL
I don't know. Special effects?

CHAD
It got the tires and everything.

VAL
How the hell are we supposed to get
home?

TODD
Sarah? It got Sarah. And now it's
probably gonna get all of us.

VAL
Whoa buddy! Chill with the melo-
drama for a second. I refuse to die
in the middle of the night in some
field by the hands of whatever that
thing is. We are gonna stay
together, and when morning comes,
try to find our way back home.

CHAD
Easier said than done babe. Where's
Jennifer?

SCENE 5

Jennifer is still in a panic. She hears a growl.

JENNIFER
Hello? Is someone there? Todd if
this is a joke it's not funny.

Jennifer presses her back to a wall hoping to remain unseen.
She feels something heavy breathing next to her, it is the
beast. She screams as she is attacked. Todd and the others
return to see Jennifer getting killed.

TODD
Still think this is a movie Val?

VAL
No, it's real. Run!

Everyone runs off. The beast begins to chase after them.

VAL (CONT'D)
It's right behind us!

CHAD
Val, the house of mirrors. Come on.

Val and Chad run into the house of mirrors. The beast goes after them.

SCENE 6

Val and Chad run into the house of mirrors to hide from the beast.

CHAD
Don't worry we'll be safe here.

They hear a loud crash. Val and Chad become more scared.

VAL
(Scared)
Chad.

CHAD
It's okay babe. Just stay close to me.

They hear a thud from behind one of the mirrors. The thud gets louder and louder until there is a loud crash. Val screams and makes her way to the exit. Val escapes and sees Chad banging on the glass and calling for help.

VAL
Chad! This way! Come this way!

CHAD
Val get me out of here.

VAL
Go around.

CHAD
I can't. It's behind me.

VAL
Chad!

Chad screams as the beast bites him. Val watches her boyfriend get killed and eaten. The beast breaks through the glass and runs after Val.

SCENE 7

Val runs to the Ferris wheel with the beast right behind her.

VAL

Help me! Someone please help me!

Val jumps into a carriage and rides it upward as the beast gets further away. The ride goes back around and the beast becomes closer again. Val tries to climb upward but falls and lands on the ground, breaking her arm and leg. Val screams as the beast stands over her.

SCENE 8

Todd hears the beast and Val's screams for help as she is eaten. Todd locks the door.

TODD

(Scared)

It's okay Todd. It's gonna be okay.
You'll survive this and then you
can go home and play Galaga on your
Atari and pretend none of this ever
happened. Yeah that's good.

Sarah is banging on the door.

SARAH (O.S.)

Todd! Todd let me in! Todd please
let me in!

TODD

Sarah?

SARAH (O.S.)

Todd please! Please let me in Todd!

Todd opens the door and lets Sarah inside.

TODD

Sarah what the hell happened?
Is...is that blood?

SARAH

(Scared)

I don't know. I was getting my
water bottle and I felt something
grab me and it dragged me away and
it starting biting me and
scratching but I got away. I got
away.

TODD

It's okay Sarah, you're okay now.
We're gonna be okay. We just gotta
stay here until sunrise and we'll
be safe.

SARAH

Safe, yeah right just look what it
did to Scooter.

TODD

If we stay inside....how do you
know about what happened to
Scooter?

SARAH

What?

TODD

Jen was the only one who was around
when. You know what forget it.
Everyone's gone. It's just us Sarah
but if we stay together. We'll make
it out of here.

SARAH

You seem confident about that?

TODD

I'm sure. I promise you will get
out alive.

SARAH

I will. Too bad you won't.

TODD

What are you talking about Sarah-

Sarah roars at him before killing and eating Todd.