

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 then 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 confidant 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.