

ATTACK ON ANT HILL

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EXT. BACKYARD - NIGHT

We open on a backyard; a rusty swing set is seen in the corner. Bushes and trees are void of color. The grass has brown blotches randomly. In the house lights are on. A porch light illuminates the backyard.

Laying on the blotchy grass is a young kid, no more than eight. He's using a stick to continuously poke at an Ant hill. Here and there the kid uses the stick to wrack whole parts of the Ant hill off.

As Ants try escape their now destroyed home the little kid precedes to kill each and every Ant that dares to escape his wrath.

The way the porch light mixes with the moonlight makes the little kid seem horrifically evil.

WOMAN (O.S.)

Time to come inside sweetie. It's
bedtime.

The kid picks up an Ant and stares blankly at it. The Ant squirms trying to get free. Smiling menacingly the kid squeezes the life out of the helpless Ant. Wiping the blood off on the blotchy grass the kid gets up.

KID

Coming Mommy.

The kid runs to his mom and goes inside.

The destroyed Ant hill looks like the remains of a battle field.

FRAME ZOOMS IN:

EXT. ANT HILL - CONTINUOUS

The Ant hill is now much larger. Looks like a building that has half of it's structure torn off.

Ants are running back and forth. Some are carrying half dead Ants back to the remains of the Ant hill. Ants screaming is heard ringing into the night sky.

Two worker Ants walk by and grab a dying Ant and drag the body back to the Ant hill.

The song "MAD WORLD" is heard coming from the house.

The two Ants pass by ANDREW ANT, a tiny nervous looking Ant.

ANDREW

Every night for weeks the monster
has been attacking. I think I know
how to stop it.

The two Ants ignore him as they go inside the Ant hill.

In the distance Andrew sees water in a clear plastic cup, the cup is huge to the Ants. In the cup is hundreds of drowned Ants.

Some Ants are climbing to the top of the cup only to find it blocked off by the lid. The Ants wander around the bottom of the lid trying to find a way out. Most don't and these Ants fall to the water and the hundreds of dead Ants below.

Andrew closes his eyes and shakes his head, turning around he goes inside the Ant hill.

The light turns off and shortly after so does the music. The only sound now is the screaming of the Ants.

The stars are shining, the moon big and bright. It all makes this destroyed Ant hill, and the surrounding area, look like a scene from a World War Two movie.

INT. ANT HILL PASSAGEWAY - COUPLE MOMENTS LATER

Andrew is walking down a passageway. The passageway is filled with injured, dying and dead Ants.

Andrew squeezes into a side room where voices are heard.

INT. SIDE ROOM - CONTINUOUS

In the room is a group of Ants all looking at one big Ant at the front. The big Ant is MAJOR ANT. Standing by Major Ant is STEVEN ANT. Steven Ant is huge, even bigger than Major Ant.

Steven sees Andrew, he waves. Andrew waves back.

Major Ant is shaking his head thoughtfully.

MAJOR ANT

We can't do full on war with the
Monster by ourselves.

Only murmurs are heard. No one knows what to say.

Looking around the room Andrew nervously raises one of his arms.

ANDREW

I know what we can do.

Every Ant turns their attention to Andrew.

Andrew swallows hard. He clears his throat.

ANDREW (CONT'D)

Grasshoppers.

MAJOR ANT

Grasshoppers?

ANDREW

Grasshoppers want food. They're always short. We have food. We always have plenty. Send a couple of us to parlay with the Grasshoppers.

MAJOR ANT

And say what to them?

ANDREW

If they help defeat the Monster they get half our food.

All at once all the Ants start talking really loud.

Major and Steven are looking at Andrew, Steven is smiling while Major has no emotion on his face. Andrew is shuffling his six feet awkwardly.

While still staring at Andrew; Major, raises his arms to quite everyone.

The other Ants slowly, one by one, stop talking. When there's silence in the room Major lowers his arms.

MAJOR ANT

You think Grasshoppers can defeat the monster?

Andrew shakes his head.

ANDREW

No. I think together we can defeat the Monster.

Andrew licks his lips nervously.

ANDREW (CONT'D)

Even when it's laying down, we can't get to all of it.

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ANDREW (CONT'D)

A couple bites but nothing major.
We need an air attack combined with
a ground attack.

Andrew glances around the room, all eyes are on him. Andrew makes eye contact with Steven. Steven gives him a thumbs up.

ANDREW (CONT'D)

When the Monster lays down that's
when he's most vulnerable. We wait
till...

MAJOR ANT

It's killing us.

Andrew sadly nods his head.

ANDREW

Yes. But the Monster laying down is
the only way to defeat it. We have
to make it think that it's
invincible. That's when it'll be at
it's weakest.

Andrew wipes sweat from his brow.

ANDREW (CONT'D)

We attack the bottom of the head
while the Grasshoppers attack the
top. Together as one, one organized
attack, we can defeat the Monster.

Every Ants eyes turn to Major. Major nods and points to Steven.

MAJOR ANT

Ok. You leave at first light.
Steven go with him.

Andrew jerks in surprise.

ANDREW

What? No, not...

Steven cuts Andrew off.

STEVEN

Yes sir.

Steven walks up to Andrew, towering over him. Steven is at least three Ants taller than Andrew.

ANDREW

What just happened?

STEVEN
Andrew buddy, you and I are going
to save our home.

Andrew gulps.

ANDREW
I'm not a soldier.

Steven shrugs.

STEVEN
Tomorrow you will be. Just do as I
say when I say it and you'll be
fine. I'll keep you safe.

Andrew looks terrified. Steven smiles and hugs Andrew.

STEVEN (CONT'D)
Come on, let's get some rest.

Steven walks out the room followed by a confused and scared
Andrew.

EXT. ANT HILL - MORNING

The Sun is rising in the East casting a Orangeish glow across
the yard. The Orange glow makes the many dead bodies of Ants
shimmer, giving it a spooky feel.

Andrew and Steven slowly walk down the Ant hill towards the
rusty swing set in the distance. They cross over a small
ridge and out of sight.

EXT. GRASS - HOURS LATER

Steven and Andrew are walking thru the blotchy grass. The Sun
is higher in the sky, shining down making them sweat.

ANDREW
How much longer?

STEVEN
Be quite. This is the wild. We
don't want to be noticed.

Andrew glances around him.

ANDREW
I don't see anything noticing us.

STEVEN

Be quite! They're out there. Bees.
Termites. Birds. You ever seen a
bird up close?

Andrew shakes his head.

STEVEN (CONT'D)

I've seen a bird the size of an Ant
hill fly down and gulp up hundreds
of Ants. Right in front of me. So
when I say be quite. Be quite.

Andrew, frighten beyond belief, nods his head silently.

They walk in silence for a couple moments. Andrew nervously
looks around him.

EXT. GRASS - HOURS LATER

The Sun is even higher in the sky now. Steven and Andrew are
walking silently across the grass. Not far in the distance
they see the rusty swing set.

STEVEN

That's the Grasshoppers territory.
Let's hope they don...

A Bird is heard squawking in the distance, making Steven stop
suddenly. Andrew, walking with his head down runs into the
back of Steven, bouncing off of him.

ANDREW

Ow.

STEVEN

Did you hear that?

ANDREW

Hear what?

A Bird is heard squawking, this time very close.

STEVEN

That.

Andrew, with all of his senses heighten, nods his head over
and over.

ANDREW

Yep. I certainly heard that.

A shadow passes over them.

STEVEN

Run!

Steven and Andrew start sprinting towards the rusty swing set. They're running as fast as they can but the shadow of the Bird keeps getting closer.

They can see the shadow of the claws descending towards them. Andrew is starting to lag behind Steven.

STEVEN (CONT'D)

Andrew! Faster! Faster!

The rusty swing set is seen over a small hill; they're close. A swarm of Grasshoppers rises from the grass.

Steven dives under the swarm. He looks back and sees Andrew a couple paces away.

STEVEN (CONT'D)

Come on! You can do it!

The Bird dive bombs at Andrew.

Andrew jumps to a waiting Steven. Steven catches Andrew and they duck behind the now rushing Grasshoppers.

Hundreds of Grasshoppers charge the Bird. Squawking, the Bird halts it's dissent, turns around and flies to the house as fast as it can.

The Bird smacks right into a window, dieing from the impact.

The Grasshoppers return to the rusty swing set.

EXT. RUSTY SWING SET - MINUTES LATER

With the rusty swing set rising above them; a group of Grasshoppers are shoving Steven and Andrew into a big empty ice cream jar. Steven and Andrew have their hands in the air as they walk into the jar.

INT. ICE CREAM JAR - CONTINUOUS

Steven and Andrew are lead to two seats. They are forced to sit down. In front of the seats is an old stiff piece of gum. Seated on tin foil behind the gum is OG GRASSHOPPER. A gangster looking Grasshopper.

OG

You know who I am?

Andrew and Steven nod.

OG (CONT'D)

Good so you know not to mess with me. Grasshoppers and Ants, we have an agreement. You don't mess with us, we don't mess with you. So, please tell me why you're messing with me.

STEVEN

We're not messing with you. I swear it. We come on a parley.

Steven nudges Andrew. Andrew shakes his head.

STEVEN (CONT'D)

Andrew here has a proposition for you.

Andrew glares at Steven.

OG nods for Andrew to start talking.

OG

Go on Andrew.

Andrew gulps.

ANDREW

We need your help. Grasshoppers think they don't need anyone. So do Ants. Something has come and by ourselves we can not defeat it. For your help we offer you something that you do not have.

OG smiles.

OG

Oh yea, what's that?

ANDREW

Food. Lot's of it. And if you help us. We'll give you half of what we have.

OGs eyes light up.

OG

Half?

Andrew nods.

OG (CONT'D)
What do you want?

Andrew gulps nervously.

ANDREW
Help with defeating the Monster.

OG laughs and stares at Andrew.

OG
Do you know what OG means?

Andrew and Steven shake their heads.

OG (CONT'D)
It means Original Grasshopper. And
for half your food not only will
this OG help defeat the monster,
this OG will kill it for you.

Andrew and Steven smile at each other.

EXT. ANT HILL - HOURS LATER

The Sun is starting to set. Night is coming.

Major Ant is standing on the top of the Ant hill looking out
in the distance. Trying to see any sign of Andrew and Steven.
Major takes a nervous glance at the back door to the house.

MAJOR ANT
Where are you guys?

As if on cue the sound of Grasshoppers wings is heard coming
over the small ridge.

After a couple seconds Andrew and Steven is seen heading over
the ridge with OG and hundreds of Grasshoppers behind them.
Major smiles and runs down the Ant hill to meet them.

EXT. RIDGE - HOUR LATER

The Sun is now set and the Moon is out in full force. It's a
full Moon. The Monster(the kid)is stomping around in a circle
around the Ant hill.

Andrew, Steven, Major and OG are standing in front hundreds
of Grasshoppers.

Andrew has his arms out signaling the Grasshoppers to hold.

The Monster moves a little closer to the Ant hill.

ANDREW

Hold.

A light turns on in the house. Music is heard. It's "SLITHER" from Velvet Revolver.

The Monster moves right next to the Ant hill.

ANDREW (CONT'D)

Now!

Andrew, Steven and Major rush towards The Monster. The Grasshoppers rise into the air and rush straight for the head of The Monster.

The Monster sees hundreds of Grasshoppers flying towards him. Right then hundreds of Ants rush out of the Ant hill at him. The Monster is overwhelmed.

The Grasshoppers start attacking the top of the head voraciously. While the Ants attack the bottom.

The Monster screams. Lights turn on all over the house, the Monster no longer seems like a Monster but now seems like a kid.

The music is turned off in the house. The Kid runs towards the house crying.

The Ants and Grasshoppers are high fiving each other. Smiling. Hugging. They did it. They defeated the Monster.

Andrew and Steven hug each other.

STEVEN

You did it!

ANDREW

We did it!

Major smiles at them. OG gives them a thumbs up.

They all hear a noise coming from the backdoor. A human man comes running out. He grabs the hose and rushes to the Ant hill.

OG frantically starts flying up.

Andrew turns to Steven as they both get whisked away by the on coming avalanche of water.

FADE TO BLACK.