Great destruction

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FADE IN.

EXT. FOREST - DOWN

Sun rises above a landscape where the mixture of exotic trees create a picturesque scene. Colorful birds fly from tree to tree singing.

As we zoom in to the biggest tree in the middle, a shiny leaf on top of it grabs our attention. It is LILY, crown of the forest, the most beautiful leaf in the land.

EXT. FOREST - GROUND

All kinds of animals pasture on the land and drink crystal water from the rivers that flow under the trees. They live and play in harmony.

A LION brings a baby deer with his mouth and puts it next to an adult deer.

LION
Watch your baby lady.

Dear smiles to Lion and pushes her fawn to the pride.

In the river an elephant fills his trunk with water and splashes the resting crocodiles, tigers, antelopes, ostriches.

Some baby antelopes play on top of a crocodile. As if they were massaging him.

MOTHER ANTELOPE
(to her baby)
Stop playing kids. You are hurting his back.

CROCODILE
Let them be, miss. Let them be.

Baby rodents use another crocodile as a boat and cross the river.

Crocodile reaches the bank and opens her mouth. A rodent throws in a mushroom, crocodile eats it and rodents walk to the ground.

A tiger and a bear play with a baby monkey throwing and catching him with their mouths.
Some other baby monkeys play with baby anacondas and their parents chat sitting and laying under the shades of trees.

An array of hedgehogs come to the river and call for elephant.

HEDGEHOG#1
Uncle Fill. Uncle Fill.

ELEPHANT
What’s up?

HEDGEHOG#1
Can you please splash as? It was a hot day.

Elephant fills up his trunk with water, splashes them and the steam rises from their bodies.

Some water splashes a clump of dirt, and half of it turns into clay. This is MUD, the cleanest piece of dirt in the forest. He is romantic too.

Mud is not interrupted. He looks up at Lily with a smile and hope in his face. He is in love.

Wind blows the leaves on the trees slightly, making them seem even more joyful. They shake as if they were dancing around Lily.

Lily starts to dance to the soft melody of their shaking bodies.

Mud is excited, imagining it is all for him. He closes his eyes and dreams.

EXT. FIELD - DAY - MUD’S DREAM

In a field covered by beautiful flowers. The blue sky with rainbows and rare clouds above. Mud and Lily dance a hot and passionate tango.

Other leaves with some other CLUMPS OF DIRT dance around them.

Lily opens her arms wide and wraps Mud in her hug. They look at each other and are about to kiss --

Suddenly Wind stops blowing. Leaves stop shaking. The music plays no more, and Mud’s dream is interrupted.

Angry Mud turns his face down and sees his reflection on the river.
COAL (O.S.)
She will never be yours.

Mud turns around and sees an ugly, brown, and burned clump of dirt. It is COAL, the dirtiest clump of earth in the forest.

MUD
Come on Coal. Give me a break.

COAL
Look at yourself. You are just a dirty piece of earth and she... she is Lily, the most beautiful leaf in the whole forest...

Coal looks up at a CACTUS TREE and a big, fat, and thorny leaf of it catches his eye. It is CATHY she looks at Coal and smiling and throws him a kiss.

Coal makes a disgusted look, then turns back to Mud and continues...

COAL (CONT’D)
... Because of your looks, I think you and Cathy make a great match.

MUD
What’s wrong with my looks?

COAL
Sorry to say that, but you are very ugly.

MUD
I am ugly?! There’s nothing in this forest as ugly as you are. Half brown, half black, half whatever the hell that color is called.

COAL
First of all, I am cool. Not Coal. Secondly don’t you touch my colors. They show my experience, my struggles. I’ve survived two great--

Suddenly an EAGLE soars high calling.

EAGLE
HUMANS. HUMANS.

WONG! WONG! Suddenly the sound of an electric saw is heard and BAMP! BAMP! BAMP! trees start falling.

Crocodile runs to the river and joins his girlfriend.
CROCODILE
See you guys. Knowing you has been a pleasure.
(to his girlfriend)
Let's go honey.

They get into the river and plunge down.

Lion climbs onto a rock and gives orders.

LION
My fellow inhabitants of the forest... get your babies and run from the forest as fast as you can, as far away as you can... The moment of great destruction has come upon us once again.

All the animals gather together and run in one pack.

Ostriches run fast and are in the front. Then they get tired and slow down. Others reach and pass them one by one. First the big ones, then the small ones and lastly the old ones.

Ostriches try to catch up, but they can’t. They burnt all their energies. They look around hopelessly and sticks their heads into the ground.

Lion comes back and grabs them one by one.

LION (CONT’D)
This trick of yours doesn’t work with humans.

Mud, Coal, and other clumps of dirt watch them. Tears in their eyes. The terrified leaves shake out of horror and cry.

Mud looks up at Lily and her saddened face makes him even more sad.

WONG! WONG! The sound of saws and falling trees gets louder and closer.

Mud looks at Lily. Finally the big tree falls down, and the forest turns into a desert.

Complete silence. No sound of the saws, no singing of the birds, no chattering of baby monkeys.

MUD
That’s it. It is over.

COAL
Now get ready for the worst.
HUMANS come and chop the trees in many pieces, load the needed parts on trains, trucks, ships and take them away.

Mud looks at Lily who is laying on the ground crying.

A MAN grabs the branch that holds Lily and pulls it to one of the numerous HEAPS

they made out of branches and the rest of the wood.

MUD
No! Leave her alone! You murderer!

Man throws the branch to the heap, pours gasoline on the top and sets up a FIRE. Mud looks around at the burning forest with tears falling down his face.

Fire rages and leaps from shrub to shrub consuming and destroying everything in its path. It leaves the land scorched.

MUD (CONT’D)
Help! Somebody, help!

COAL
Save your voice body. They don’t hear us.

WIND comes to help blowing strong and saving many leaves from Fire. It tries hard to save Lily. Fire approaches her fast and furious. Wind screams and pushes harder.

Finally he succeeds right before Fire catches Lily. Lily is blown away. She flying passes above Mud, who just looks at her hopelessly. Coal looks at Mud and laughs.

Suddenly Wind blows Lily back and brings her straight to Mud.

This time Mud tries his best and turns himself over as Lily passes by him. He reaches for the tip of Lily and grabs as if his life depended on it.

Coal sees that and stops laughing.

COAL (CONT’D)
You lucky pig.

Wind blows more, but Mud holds Lily tightly and doesn’t let her go. Mud looks at Lily and smiles. It is the happiest day of his life. Lily smiles back. She is in love at first sight.
LILY
(concerned)
How are you?

MUD
Much better now.

They look at each other and forget about Fire, Wind, Humans and all the destruction surrounding them.

Coal is jealous and angry. Mud looks at Coal from the corner of his eye.

MUD (CONT’D)
Watch your back, Coal.

Coal turns back and sees Kathy rolling down at high speed straight to him.

COAL
Oh my --

Cathy crashes into Coal, and her sharp THORNS pierce into his body.

COAL (CONT’D)
OUCH!

CATHY
Oh, I’m sorry. I didn’t see --

Cathy stops talking and just looks at Coal with the eyes full of love.

CATHY (CONT’D)
What’s your name handsome?

Coal is upset and his body is in pain.

COAL
Coal... I’m Coal.

CATHY
Can I call you... Cool?

COAL
No. My name is Coal --

MUD
He is lying. He actually likes to be called Cool.
COAL
You shut up. Nobody asked for your opinion.

Mud, Lily and Cathy laugh, but Coal is upset.

Wind keeps fighting Fire, but the more it blows the stronger Fire becomes.

The river turned black of ash.

Suddenly, Wind looks up at the SKY

and sees a big, dark CLOUD wandering around. He goes to the cloud and blows it to the forest.

Cloud arrives and RAIN starts to shower the forest. Lily wraps herself around Mud and protects him from Rain. Mud is full of bliss now. He is in the arms of his dream.

Cathy opens her thorny hug and pulls Coal closer.

CATHY
Come to my hug baby. You are dissolving.

Cathy covers Coal with her hug and her thorns pierce the rest of his body.

COAL
Ouch! Stop hugging me! You are so thorny!

Wind almost blows Lily away, but Mud risks it all and gets on top of Lily. Rain gets stronger and stronger causing Mud to dissolve on Lily. Coal dissolve too. Tears in the eyes of Lily and Cathy.

LILY
(to rain)
Stop please!

Fire is finally defeated, and dies out. Wind stops blowing, Rain stops pouring and dark cloud turns into a colorful RAINBOW.

EXT. FORREST (YEARS LATER)

Lily grows into a small tree with Mud supporting her in the core.
Cathy grew as a Cactus tree with Coal in her core.

Mud looks at Coal and smiles.

COAL
What the hell are you smiling --

Cathy moves her roots and her thorns pierce into Coal’s body.

COAL (CONT’D)
Ouch! What?

CATHY
(smiling)
Be nice!

MUD
Yeah. Take it easy... Mister Cooltus?

As the trees grow, we see that the same process was going on all over the forest, giving it a new life.

EXT. FOREST - DOWN (MANY MORE YEARS LATER)

Sun rises above a landscape where the mixture of exotic trees create a picturesque scene. Colorful birds soar in the sky singing. The biggest tree in the middle catches our eyes.

As we close in the shiniest LEAF, blinds us with its beauty.

EXT. FOREST - GROUND

Animals pasture in the fields and drink from the rivers --

WONG! WONG! Suddenly the sound of an electric saw is heard once again and leaves start shaking in horror.

FADE OUT.