

The Beast

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FADE IN:

INT. MATH CLASS - END OF SCHOOL

It's almost time for school to end and there is a student sitting staring at the clock. This is Owen. Owen is a small, skinny kid. He is with his friends Mikey and Zander. Owen looks nervous and scared.

MIKEY

Owen it will be fine. We will leave out the backdoor as soon as the bell rings and Clarence won't see you leave.

ZANDER

Yeah Owen it's not like he can bully you for the 4th day in a row. Even a bully needs a dayoff.

OWEN

As soon as the bell rings we make a break for it. I can't be picked on again.

MIKEY

I don't think we have to run for it Owen. We just need to...

The bell rings and Owen sprints out the door down the hall. Mikey and Zander trail behind. As Owen turns the corner he runs into a large student who is eating a sandwich and drinking a drink. This is Clarence. Owen falls to the ground and his belongings scatter all over the place.

CLARENCE

Where do you think you are going Owen? You weren't trying leave school without saying goodbye were you?

OWEN

Oh no no no of course not. I was practicing for my track meet. Mikey what was my time?

CLARENCE

Are trying to funny little man
(as he shoves Owen). We are going
to fight at Duffy's Point
tomorrow after school. And plan a
funeral for the next day.

Clarence throws his sandwich on Owen. It bounces off Owen's
face and onto the ground. Clarence then laughs with his
friends and walks away.

OWEN

I'm a dead man. I have to plan my
funeral. What music will be
playing? Who will come?

MIKEY

Owen stop.

OWEN

Where will the funeral be? Will
someone play Kanye West? Or Bruno
Mars?

MIKEY

Owen enough snap out of it!

Mikey then slaps Owen and Owen snaps out of it.

MIKEY (CONT'D)

Let's go to my house and make a
plan.

INT - MIKEY'S HOUSE - DAY

The boys are sitting in the living room of Mikey. The camera
zooms in on Owen who looks upset.

OWEN

What am I going to do guys? I am
a dead man. I can't fight
Clarence.

ZANDER

Owen you have to move to a
different country. Clarence is a
beast and will bury you at
Duffy's Point.

MIKEY

Wait did you say beast? And Duffy Point? I think I have an idea. Follow me.

INT - MIKEY'S DAD'S OFFICE - DAY

The boys follow Mikey into a room with maps, pictures and diagrams.

MIKEY (CONT'D)

My dad has been trying to hunt down what he calls a Beast and his son that lives in the town forest. He has been after it for years and thinks he has the secret to finally finding them. All we have to do is find this Beast's son and convince him what a great kid you are Scott and beat up the bully.

OWEN

Oh ya Mikey what a fantastic idea. Let's just hunt down a beast in the town forest and have him help me. You sound insane. You know how crazy that sounds? I'm going to plan maybe an open casket. Maybe a ...

ZANDER

Owen, Mikey is right. It's your only chance. What do we have to lose.

Just then a big chair turns around and Mr. St. Martin is sitting in it. He is talking in a weird accent, wearing glasses and has a fake pipe.

MR. ST. MARTIN

So you want to hear of the tale of the Beast me lads. I can tell you the story of long stormy nights and cold winter days and...

MIKEY

Dad please stop with the accent. We don't have time we just need to find the beast and have him beat up a bully picking on Owen.

MR. ST. MARTIN

Well I have been hunting him for years in the town forest with no luck of finding the creature. But I recently found out the secret to getting close to this beast is to lure him with his favorite candy.

Mr. St. Martin leans in really close to the boys and stares over his glasses. It is an awkward pause.

MIKEY

Dad please stop with the drama and accent and tell us!

MR. ST. MARTIN

Okay fine...It's Circus Peanuts!

ZANDER

Nobody likes circus peanuts. They are disgusting.

OWEN

Great so we chasing down a mythical clown beast and putting my life in his hands?

MIKEY

Guys yes we are doing this. It's our only hope.

MR. ST. MARTIN

Good luck. And I heard the son is hairier than the dad. I have a few bags of circus peanuts you can use.

Just then Mr. St. Martin opens a bag of circus peanuts and takes a bite. The boys look disgusted.

MIKEY

Dad I don't think I can be your son anymore.

EXT - TOWN FOREST - DUSK

Owen, Mikey and Zander are in the woods wearing flannel. They have some rope, a net, circus peanuts and other materials.

ZANDER

We have been wondering these woods for a few hours now with no Beast in site. Lets just stop here and set up this trap to catch this creature.

OWEN

I mean your dad has been hunting this Beast for years and we are going to catch it in one day?

MIKEY

Owen stop worrying. My dad is a bald basketball coach not a hunter. We got this.

ZANDER

I saw in a movie of a way to trap a beast. We put the rope on the tree and tie it to a net and put the circus peanuts down on the ground. When the beast grabs the peanuts, we pull the rope and it gets caught in the net. I'll set it up.

Zander goes to spot and sets the trap. He comes back to the others.

ZANDER (CONT'D)

Now we wait.

OWEN

This might work. What did they do in the movie after they caught the beast?

ZANDER

Oh it didn't work. The trap was set wrong and the net didn't hold the monster and the monster killed them. It was awesome...and brutal.

OWEN

What? Are you serious Zander? This might not work? Great, we will all be this beast's dinner.

MIKEY

Owen relax. This is going to work. If not I know I'm faster than you guys so I will not be caught.

The boys wait in silence. A few minutes goes by and the boys are staring at the trap. Then out of nowhere the Beast's son appears right behind the boys and leans in. He looks like a teenage boy but bigger, stronger and harrier. You can tell he has lived outside.

BEAST'S SON

Hey what are you trying catch?
And are those Circus Peanuts?
Yum!

Just then the boys turn and see the Beast and scream.

MIKEY

Oh my God it is hideous and hairy
just my dad said.

ZANDER

And his breath smells so bad I
hope he farts.

Everyone including the beast pause and stare at Zander.

MIKEY

You have some serious issues.

OWEN

Please don't kill us. Please
don't kill us.

BEAST'S SON

Slow down there everybody. I'm not going to kill anybody. My name is Harrison. I live out here in these woods with my dad. I smelled some Circus Peanuts and just wanted to have some.

OWEN

You speak English? And you are not going to kill us?

HARRISON

Yes I speak English but my dad doesn't. And I will only kill you if you are mean to me.

MIKEY

Makes sense. Here have some
Circus Peanuts.

Mikey grabs the Circus Peanuts and gives him to Harrison.

HARRISON

So what brings you out here to
try to capture me.

OWEN

Well there is this bully in
school named Clarence who wants
to fight me at Duffy's Point
tomorrow. He has been picking on
me all year. We thought the only
person who could fight him is
you.

HARRISON

I'm not sure my dad will like
this. I need to ask him.

Just then Harrison climbs up on rock and starts yelling and growling. The boys look a little scared. They hear ruffling in the leaves and then a large man comes walking out of the tree line. He is the biggest person the boys have ever seen. He sees the boys and walks toward Harrison growling.

HARRISON GROWLING AND SUBTITLES

Dad they are really nice kids.
The skinny kid is being picked on
and a bully is going to fight him
at Duffy's Point tomorrow. I want
to protect him.

DAD

Have they ever done anything for
you except feed you Circus
Peanuts? Stay out of it and let
them fight their own battles.

HARRISON

Come on dad. They can be my
friends. I don't have any
friends.

DAD

We don't need human friends. Its
time to go.

The dad starts to walk away and Harrison follows. Harrison then turns to the boys who have a look of fear in their eyes.

HARRISON

Sorry guys I have to go. Good luck tomorrow.

Harrison and his dad walk off into the sunset. Harrison looks back but keeps walking.

ZANDER

Well I'll go find the cheapest funeral home in our area.

MIKEY

Sorry Owen we tried. My dad will at least be happy we found the beast.

OWEN

Yeah great...let's go home.

INT - SPANISH CLASS LAST BLOCK FRIDAY - AFTERNOON

The clock shows 2:04. The boys are staring at the clock and Scott looks very nervous.

ZANDER

It's not too late to back down Owen. You can make a run for it. I don't think anybody knows you are fighting Clarence anyway.

OWEN

Really Zander you didn't think anybody noticed Clarence shadow boxing at lunch and screaming Owen is a dead man? This is bad.

MIKEY

Well you are not going to run Owen. You are going to show up and fight your battles. A dead man is better than a coward.

OWEN

It is?

MIKEY

Probably not but it sounded good for my pep talk.

Just then the bell rings and the boys get up and walk out the door.

OWEN

Well here goes nothing.

EXT - DUFFY POINT - DAY

A crowd is gathered around Clarence and Owen. Clarence is doing pushups and shadow boxing. Owen is praying.

CLARENCE

Praying is not going to help you little man. Time to face the music.

OWEN

Are you sure you want to fight Clarence. Can't we settle like real men by a game of chess?

CLARENCE

You got jokes little man huh. Let's do this.

A VOICE

Why don't you pick on someone your own size Clarence?

The crowd turns and see Harrison coming through the crowd. Harrison stands beside Owen and is staring at Clarence.

CLARENCE

Step aside hairy boy this is not your fight.

HARRISON

Oh it is all of our fights. It's time your bullying stops. And one thing beasts hate is a bully. So lets do this Clarence!

Harrison then walks over toward Clarence and slaps him across the face. Clarence is stunned by the strength of the slap. Harrison then punches Clarence a few times. Clarence falls down and looks at Harrison and starts to cry.

HARRISON (CONT'D)

If you ever pick on anyone at the school again I will hunt you down. Especially my friend Owen here. Is that understood!

Clarence nods his heads and runs away. The crowd cheers and Harrison walks over to the boys.

OWEN

Why did you come back Harrison?

HARRISON

My dad said that he remembers Clarence and his dad leaving trash all over the forest. He also hates bullies and wanted me to stick up for you.

OWEN

Well thank you Harrison. I don't how to repay you.

HARRISON

Well there is something you can do.

INT - HISTORY CLASS - MORNING

OWEN

I think the students will like this new substitute teacher.

ZANDER

Yes and nobody will fool around.

HARRISON

Yes and thanks guys for getting me into school and welcoming me into your friends circle.

The camera pans over to the new substitute teacher. It is the Beast

DAD (GRUNTING)

Thank you for getting me this job.

THE END