

AWAKENING

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FADE IN

INT: BEDROOM - EVENING

DAVEY, a young boy, gets into bed. He turns off the light, and drifts off to sleep.

CUT TO:

INT. BASEMENT - NIGHT

A horrific MONSTER awakens in a dark and dirty basement. It's chained to the wall via a collar around its neck.

Just beyond a closed door atop the stairs, the MOTHER and FATHER are arguing viciously.

Amidst this, the SISTER opens the door and walks down the stairs towards the monster. She's carrying a plate of bones with a half-eaten supper on it.

SISTER

Here, eat up.

The Monster snatches the plate from the Sister's hands and devours its contents in a few seconds.

SISTER (CONT'D)

Mom and Dad are arguing again about whether or not to send you over to the laboratory.

MONSTER

I no like lab.

SISTER

I know, but no matter what they do to you, I'll always think of you as my little brother. How about I sing you to sleep?

MONSTER

I like singing.

The Sister sings a lullaby to the monster, who seems to calm down as it goes on.

The Sister then reaches out her hand to touch the monster, who gazes at it hungrily. Suddenly the basement door slams open and the FATHER emerges from it.

FATHER

Get away from him! He'll try to eat you!

SISTER

But dad...

FATHER

No buts! That thing may be your brother, but he's like a wild animal. His hunger will always get the better of him. Now get to bed!

SISTER

Ok dad.

The father steps back upstairs, the sister starts to follow. She drops a key in front of the monster. When the monster notices, she looks back at him. Her finger pressed to her lips, indicating that he stay silent.

The sister goes upstairs and shuts the basement door. As soon as it shuts, the monster picks up the key.

He unlocks his shackles, and leaps up to the basement window. It barely manages to squeeze through.

EXT. FOREST - NIGHT

The monster runs through the woods. It sees a couple of squirrels under a tree. It precedes to pounce on them and devours them, raw and on the spot.

It wanders a bit further into the woods. It looks around for any danger, then relaxes on the ground, going to sleep.

CUT TO:

INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

Davey wakes up with a scream. His MOTHER rushes in.

MOTHER

What's wrong Davey?

DAVEY

I had that nightmare again.

MOTHER

What nightmare? What do you mean again?

DAVEY

I've been having it for months now.
I just didn't say anything
because...

MOTHER

It's ok Davey. Just tell me what's
wrong.

DAVEY

Ok, I been having a dream where I'm
this horrible, scary monster. And
this family keeps me locked in the
basement, because their afraid that
I might eat people. This time, I
broke out of the basement and got
lost in the woods.

MOTHER

Well, if you've been having this
same dream for so long, maybe we
should talk to a doctor about it?

DAVEY

No, I don't want to see the doctor.

MOTHER

Well, at least think about it.

DAVEY

Ok.

The Mother turns to leave.

DAVEY (CONT'D)

Wait, can you sing me that lullaby
again?

MOTHER

Don't you think you're getting too
old for that?

DAVEY

I just can't go to sleep without
it. Please?

MOTHER

Fine.

The Mother sings to Davey the same lullaby that the Sister
sang to the Monster. Davey drifts back to sleep.

CUT TO:

EXT. FOREST

The Monster wakes up from it's nap. It gazes around the forest. It runs off.

EXT. ROCK QUARREY

The Sister is huddled under a small fort built with branches leaned against a large rock. The Monster sees her and runs over to her.

SISTER

You remembered our secret place!

MONSTER

I remember place.

SISTER

Mom and Dad have just found out that you're gone. They gathering a bunch of other grown-ups to find you.

MONSTER

They find me?

SISTER

No, don't worry, they don't know about my secret fort.

MONSTER

I scared, even though this dream

SISTER

That's right, it's all just a fantastic dream.

The Monster's belly rumbles. It hugs itself in discomfort. It gazes over at the Sister, who sits back against the rock, staring up at the stars.

MONSTER

Just dream, just dream. Fantastic dream.

The Monster lunges at the sister, ripping her open before she can even scream. He proceeds to messily devour her flesh.

The Monster then breaks down weeping. It curls up next to the sister's remains, and cries itself to sleep.

CUT TO:

INT. BEDROOM

Davey wakes up screaming, even louder than before. His Mother rushes in.

MOTHER
What is it? What's wrong?

DAVEY
That nightmare again. I was the monster again. And this time I, I...

Davey chokes up before he can describe it.

MOTHER
It's okay Davey, it was just a dream. But your awake now.

DAVEY
I think I would like to see the doctor about it.

MOTHER
Ok, I'll call their office in the morning.

DAVEY
Thanks Mom. Would you please...

MOTHER
Sing you to sleep again?

DAVEY
Yes please.

MOTHER
Fine.

The Mother sings the lullaby again. Davey drifts back to sleep again.

CUT TO:

EXT. FIELD - DAWN

The Monster wanders out of the woods into a field. In the field he sees a small wooden shed.

It hears the lullaby being sung from the shed.

MONSTER
Sister? Mommy?

The Monster creeps towards the shed. Suddenly two men jump out and throw a net over it. The Father emerges from the shed, followed by the Mother, who looks just like Davey's mother. Out of the woods, a mob emerges armed with guns and pitchforks.

FATHER

I've kept you alive for far too long, you little bastard. I should've shot you on sight.

MOTHER

And now your sister is dead.

Someone from the mob hands his gun to the Father. The Father starts aiming it, but the Mother grabs it.

MOTHER (CONT'D)

I birthed him, I should be the one to kill him.

FATHER

Ok Dear, go ahead.

The Father hands the gun to the mother. She aims the gun at the Monster.

MONSTER

Mommy?

The Mother shoots the monster repeatedly. It collapses, bleeding out rapidly.

A MAN and a WOMAN in the mob watch this grizzly scene unfold.

MAN

How many more of these things are we gonna have to deal with?

WOMAN

Who knows? I heard that more and more families keep having them. I heard that some scientists think that these things are destined to replace us. That they're stronger and smarter than us.

MAN

If they're so smart, why do we keep catching them so easily?

MONSTER

Where Mommy? Why I not wake up?

MAN

Like, what's it talking about? And why didn't it even try to get away?

WOMAN

I heard about this from one of those scientists. They've all got this crazy mental disorder where they think that their dreams are all real. And that their whole lives are just dreams.

MAN

Really? Now that's a scary thought.

The Monster bleeds out and dies. Zoom in on it's dead eye, where there's an image of Davey lying in his bed, sleeping peacefully.

THE END