

PRIMAL FURY

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FADE IN:

INT. LAB - NIGHT

Doctor ARCHIE FURICALDI (45) gestures over to his assistant JOANNE (female, 26).

Joanne switches on a giant machine.

A monkey trapped on a table with laser heads pointing at it.

The laser heads spray electricity at the monkey.

The monkey screams in pain.

ARCHIE

Enough!

Joanne turns the machine off.

ARCHIE (CONT'D)

It is done. The first ever monkey with a human brain!

JOANNE

Doctor. Are you sure using this particular brain is the right choice?

ARCHIE

Only one way to find out.

EXT. ZOO - AFTERNOON

SUBTITLE: 6 Hours Earlier...'

The Zoo is packed with people. A family; JERRY (dad, 60), JANE (mum, 56), Tim (son and hero, 18) and SAMANTHA (daughter, 16) are walking and eating ice-cream.

JERRY

What animal do you want to see next kids?

JANE

I don't want them going to see hippos. It's too dangerous.

Tim looks at his sister and winks.

Sam winks back.

TIM
Geez, mum - stop making it sound
lame.

SAM
Yeah, mum!

JERRY
Fine.

Tim and Sam look at each other and smile.

JERRY (CONT'D)
Go... just stop yelling at each
other.

INT. HIPPO PEN ENTRANCE - AFTERNOON

Tim and Sam are waiting in line.

Tim is pulling faces at the other attendees waiting in line.

Sam laughs and also pulls a face.

She's caught.

Tim LAUGHS and points at Sam.

EXT. ZOO - NIGHT

Jerry and Jane are sitting and eating ice-cream.

JERRY
Remember when we use to come here
honey? That time we fooled around
on the Ferris wheel.

Jane playfully hits Jerry on the shoulder.

JANE
(bashful)
Honey. There's kids around.

A loud POWER SURGE.

A sudden BLACKOUT occurs throughout the whole Zoo.

Jerry and Jane nervously look toward the Hippo pen.

INT. HIPPO PEN ENTRANCE - NIGHT

Tim and Sam along with other attendees are restless and a little scared.

TIM

The hell's going on?

INTERCOM

Zoo attendees. Please remain calm as we try to sort out the power issue. The Zoo is on lock down. We are trying our best to solve the problem as quickly as possible...

EXT. ZOO - NIGHT

JERRY

Dammit. Now we're stuck here for god knows how long.

JANE

Let's go find the kids, Jer. The Hippo pen is through Crocodile Creek.

EXT. LAB - NIGHT

ARCHIE

Okay Jo... let Monkey out.

Joanne pulls a lever and...

Monkey is released.

ARCHIE (CONT'D)

Hello, John.

JOHN (Monkey, 33) nods.

ARCHIE (CONT'D)

Good, John... good.

(beat)

It's your lucky day.

(beat)

Kill whoever you like. However you like.

Archie hands John a massive wrench.

INT. HIPPO PEN ENTRANCE - NIGHT

TIM

Let's try and find a way out, Sam.

SAM

Are you sure, Tim? They told us to wait here.

TIM

I don't give a shit. You coming or not?

EXT. CROCODILE CREEK - NIGHT

Jerry and Jane are walking through the walkway of Crocodile Creek. A COUPLE is walking in front of them.

JERRY

Did you try Tim's cell, again?

JANE

Nothing. I hope they're okay.

Jerry worryingly looks at Jane.

A female SCREAM.

Jerry and Jane quickly turn toward the couple.

A silhouette leaps from a tree and onto the woman (part of the couple). The shadow begins SMASHING the woman's face with a wrench, repeatedly. The woman's husband begins punching the shadow. The shadow is unfazed. It grabs the woman's husband by the neck and slowly squeezes until the his eyes POP out of their sockets.

JANE (CONT'D)

Oh my god, Jerry!

JERRY

Run! Toward the Hippo pen!

Jerry and Jane begin running.

Jerry slides under a branch and helps Jane under.

Jane SLIPS.

Jerry helps Jane up and they race off.

INT. HIPPO PEN MAINTENANCE ROOM - NIGHT

Tim and Sam are exploring the maintenance corridor of the Hippo pen.

SAM

Tim. We've been searching for an hour. We should head back.

TIM

Are you crazy? Head back and do what? Wait forever?

Sam looks down.

TIM (CONT'D)

The map said the emergency exit is around here, somewhere...

Tim pulls out the map.

They both scan it.

Sam notices something.

SAM

Tim. Look at the door. It's on the wrong side.

TIM

Shit!
(beat)
That means...

Tim walks to the opposite side of the corridor and pushes against the bricks. One pushes in. A secret passage.

Tim and Sam smile at each other, eyes wide.

INT. HIPPO PEN ENTRANCE - NIGHT

Jerry and Jane are waiting in line.

JERRY

What the hell was that, Jane?

JANE

I dunno but it was strong... and fast.

JERRY

We need to find the kids.

Jerry hops up onto a step and addresses the crowd:

JERRY (CONT'D)
Guys! Listen up, please. Our kids
have gone missing and we need to
get through to find them.

CROWD MEMBER 1
We all got problems!

CROWD MEMBER 2
Wait like everyone else!

The crowd begin BOO-ING.

Jerry steps down.

JERRY
(to himself)
God dammit.

Jerry begins pushing his way through the crowd.

One massive man staunches him:

LARGE MAN
Hey. Wait your turn Mr... ain't
nobody goin' nowhere, any how.

JERRY
Get out of my way... NOW!

The large man grabs Jerry by the collar.

Jerry kicks him in the nuts:

JERRY (CONT'D)
Anyone else?

INT. SECRET PASSAGE - EARLY MORNING

Tim and Sam push through spider webs.

SAM
This is sooo gross.

TIM
Grow a pair.

SAM
I'm a girl. That's impossible.

TIM
Then-- just-- shut up!

MUMBLING echoes.

Tim gestures shush to Sam.

They lean against the wall and peek around the corner:

INT. SECRET LAB - NIGHT

JOANNE

He's already taken out two.

ARCHIE

It's working. Keep an eye out. How are the attendees?

JOANNE

Like pawns waiting to be taken.

ARCHIE

(chuckles)

And they shall be. Fools!

Sam SCREAMS.

Tim covers her mouth.

ARCHIE (CONT'D)

What was that? Look around.

INT. HIPPO PEN ENTRANCE - EARLY MORNING

Jerry is showing a picture of his kids to the people waiting in line.

JERRY

You sure, ma'am?

The woman shakes her head.

ANOTHER LADY (O.S.)

Hey! That's the kid that pulled faces at me!

Jerry rushes over to the OTHER LADY.

He shows her the photo:

JERRY

You sure?!

JANE

Help us, please. They're our kids.

LADY
I saw 'em sneak off toward the
maintenance room.

JERRY
Thank you.

CRASH!

A shadow drops from the roof. It moves quickly.

SERIES OF SHOTS:

1. Smashes an attendee's head with a wrench...
2. Throws the wrench at another attendee...
3. Bites another one's head off...

JERRY (CONT'D)
It's an ape.

JANE
Jer, what the hell is going on?

JERRY
We gotta get outta here!

Jerry grabs Jane's hand.

INT. SECRET LAB - NIGHT

JOANNE
The death toll's now at five.

ARCHIE
(laughing)
A great candidate!

JOANNE
A serial killer brain was all your
idea, sir.

Tim and Sam look at each other in shock.

ARCHIE
Do you have the Termination
protocol remote?

JOANNE
Yes, sir. You just press this and
nano-machine I placed in his heart
will explode--

ARCHIE
Causing a heart attack. Brilliant.

Tim and Sam stop peeking:

TIM
We need that remote, Sam.

SAM
But they'll see us.

TIM
Remember what we do to get dad to
say 'yes'.

Tim winks at Sam.

Sam winks back.

Archie is typing on his computer.

JOANNE
I'm going to get another update.

ARCHIE
(typing)
Fantastic.

Joanne leaves.

CRYING.

ARCHIE (CONT'D)
What the?

Archie stands and heads toward the CRYING.

Archie walks around the corner and sees Sam.

SAM
Ouch! He keeps hitting me!

Archie turns and sees Tim.

TIM
She started it!

ARCHIE
Alright enough!

Archie grabs the kids by the ears and drags them to his desk.

The remote is next to Archie's computer. Tim spots it.

ARCHIE (CONT'D)
How did you both get down here?!

Tim slowly reaches for the remote.

ARCHIE (CONT'D)
Your parents are probably worried
sick!

Archie turns to look at Tim.

Sam CRIES louder.

Archie turns back to face Sam

ARCHIE (CONT'D)
And do you always have to cry in
public?!

Tim grabs the remote.

SAM
(stops crying, instantly)
Nope. Thanks.

ARCHIE
Oh... I see. Then run along and
don't let me catch you down here,
again!

TIM
Yes, sir.

Tim and Sam leave.

Archie stares at the door angrily.

INT. SECRET PASSAGE - EARLY MORNING

Jerry and Jane are making their way through the passage:

JANE
They had to of come through here.

JERRY
Let's hope.

Tim and Sam enter suddenly.

They all SCREAM:

JANE
 Geez. You scared us!
 (beat)
 Come here!

Jane hugs Tim and Sam.

JERRY
 Thank god. What happened?

SAM
 A Monkey...

TIM
 The owner of the Zoo transplanted a
 serial killer's brain into one.

JANE
 What?!

JERRY
 That's what's been killing people.

TIM
 We stole this remote. It will stop
 the Monkey.

JERRY
 (to Tim and Sam)
 I'm proud of you both.

JANE
 (to Tim and Sam)
 We both are.

INT. LAB - SUNRISE

Archie is watching the monitors. The Monkey is killing more
 people.

ARCHIE
 I'm such a genius.

JERRY (O.S.)
 Hold it!

Archie turns and is mortified.

ARCHIE
 What the he--

TIM
 We're back, chump.

ARCHIE

For gods sake. Can't you people
just leave me be. I'm trying to win
a Nobel prize.

JANE

At the risk of killing innocent
people!

SAM

We won't let you!

ARCHIE

Just try and stop me!
(beat)
Joanne!

Joanne enters with John - the Monkey.

JOANNE

You called.

ARCHIE

Ah, yes.
(to John)
How are you John? Tired or do you
have room for some more?

John BANGS on his chest.

The family look scared.

ARCHIE (CONT'D)

Finish them!

TIM

Not so fast!

Jerry pulls out the remote.

ARCHIE

NO!!!

Jerry presses the button on the remote.

John goes SILENT.

ARCHIE (CONT'D)

What have you done?!!

Archie charges toward Jerry.

Jerry ducks and punches Archie. Knocking him out.

