

HANDS IN THE RIDE

EXT. AMUSMENT PARK - FRONT ENTRANCE - DAY

A MAN (40, overdressed for a hot day, soggy fishing hat pulled low over his eyes, watches the front entrance/ticket booths at an amusement park.

He picks a line. Buys ticket from cute TEENAGE GIRL (16). CLOSE on hands exchanging cash for ticket.

YOUNG TEENAGE GIRL

Enjoy your stay at the park.

EXT. AMUSMENT PARK - DAY

MAN strolls past PARK MAINTENANCE WORKER (35) in Burgundy jumpsuit. Worker is spraying vomit off sizzling asphalt as rinky-dink park music tinkles hypnotically.

MAN passes male/female bathrooms, enters FAMILY BATHROOM. LOCKS door.

INT. FAMILY BATHROOM - DAY

MAN quickly strips off outer layer of clothing, revealing Burgundy Jumpsuit. Pulls up pant legs, yanks tape and hair off legs to release collapsible hiking pole, sharp tin snips. He pulls bright yellow rubber gloves on his hands.

INSPECTS his hands, flexing them with a rubbery SQUEAK.

MAN expands the hiking pole, examines sharpened tip.

EXT. PARK - DAY

MAN strolls through park, garish plastic rides and booths everywhere, like ice cream melting in heat. He stabs a greasy funnel cake trashed on a tuft of crispy grass.

He drops the trash in a burgundy trash can nearby. Looks around a second, quickly opens the trash can lid, pulls up the black trash bag, dumps all its contents back inside the can. Carries the black bag with him.

EXT. PARK/ROLLER COASTER RIDE - DAY

MAN walks past a huge line of sweating people corralled in a sticky metal maze, waiting to ride the roller coaster.

COMPRESSED long shot of a hundred hands holding metal barriers sliding slowly along towards the ride.

Wiping sweat from his face, MAN walks past security camera, and beet-red-burnt teenage KID (17), half-asleep in garish sun. MAN enters into "SECURE AREA" fencing underneath metal roller coaster.

Coaster cars FREIGHT-TRAIN past, shaking MAN'S teeth as he works his way under girders, poking an occasional piece of trash with his pole, stuffing it into the black trash bag.

He stops right next to the tracks, waits.

FAINT ANNOUNCEMENT HEARD underneath RUMBLING rides:

NON-AFFECT TEENAGER (O.S.)  
Please keep your hands inside the  
ride at all times. Enjoy the ride.

INSERT: Cars training over the top of the first, highest peak of the track, PEOPLE SCREAM as they pick up speed down the first hill, HANDS high in the air.

AS SOON AS THIS TRAIN OF CARS PASSES violently:

MAN goes to work, Pulls long piano wire from pocket, with clip on one side, sturdy metal ring on other.

He leaps onto the shaking track, looping piano wire high around a girder, CLIPS it in place. Jumps back up to where he stood earlier, loops wire around another girder, inserts his pole into the ring, leans back, and pulls HARD.

Wire is TIGHT across the track.

He waits.

CLOSE on MAN'S FACE as he strains, hears the next cars coming, leans straight back with full weight, both feet high on the girder.

SOUND of CARS deafening as MAN is violently jerked. MIST OF PINK in the air. MIST on his spectacles.

AS SOON AS THE CARS PASS:

He releases the wire, inspects, opens and closes his banged-up hands in yellow rubber gloves, jumps under the track.

MAN collects dismembered hands and arms. Inspects a crappy digital watch with broken glass, tosses it aside. Sees a ROLEX, smiles as he wipes the blood on his burgundy jumpsuit. The blood blends right in.

He pulls a diamond ring off of a quite beautiful hand and forearm. MAN admires the fingers a minute, tosses the hand.

Using his hiking pole, he stabs one of the twitching arms and pulls it up.

Tries to pull large diamond ring off a brown-spotted wrinkled old lady arm, can't. He tosses it in his black trash bag along with six or seven other arms, gathered with the trash pole.

Picks up one more bloodied watch with his pole.

IN DISTANCE AGAIN:

NON-AFFECT TEENAGER (O.S.)  
Please keep your hands inside the  
ride at all times. Enjoy the ride.

MAN pulls wedding band and watch off of hairy man arm.

MAN rolls out from under coaster tracks just before another set of cars quakes past.

Grabs two more arms, stuffs them in sack as he goes to EXIT.

Walking right up past the ride exit, trash bag in tow over his shoulder, MAN pulls hat down over his eyes, steps short security fence right beside the ride controls.

As he EXITS ride platform...

FOCUS follows MAN EXITS ride area.

In B.G.:

A BLURRY train of cars HISSES to quick stop at end of ride. SCREAMING doesn't stop though. Safety harnesses HISS open and some riders scatter, SCREAMING, others lull out of the ride, all OUT OF FOCUS behind MAN.

EXT. PARK - DAY

MAN strolls along, poking a dried piece of pizza with his stick. Takes a bite. A few security guards scramble about, BLURRY in B.G.

MAN opens the door to the FAMILY BATHROOM again. As he is closing the door a hand violently grabs it.

A YOUNG FATHER (26), sweating in shorts, holds the door open. Curled over his arm: a TODDLER (2) with crap creeping up his back out of his diaper.

MAN struggles to close the door anyway, LOCKS it. Through the door:

YOUNG FATHER (O.S.)  
Asshole.

INT. FAMILY BATHROOM - DAY

QUICK MONTAGE: Using tin snips, fingers and rings quickly come off hands. Tosses body parts into black trash bag. Man drops rings in a paper sack along with six nice watches.

MAN strips off burgundy jumpsuit to reveal Bermuda shorts and tacky Hawaiian shirt. He rolls up jumpsuit and tools, tucks them in with the flesh in the black trash bag.

MAN buries trash bag deep below fetid green-turd-filled diapers in the family bathroom trash can.

He wipes down sink. Gloves off, he SPLASHES water on his face.

EXITS.

AS BATHROOM DOOR CLOSES:

Under the counter:

The yellow rubber gloves, folded like praying hands.

EXT. AMUSMENT PARK - FRONT ENTRANCE

Man exits the park, hat over his eyes again. The sound of ROLLER COASTERS, dingy park MUSIC, SCREAMING, distant ambulance SIRENS.

HAPPY ANNOUNCER VOICE (O.S.)  
We hope you enjoyed your visit to the  
park with us today! Come back soon!

CREDITS

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