

APARTMENT



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A young couple CLAIRES and JIMOTHY are being led through a house by a real estate woman JOYCE

JOYCE

So on our left you'll see the master bedroom, it's very spacious, and it even has a walk in closet!

CLAIRE

Lovely! Does the room need any furnishing?

JOYCE

None, this apartment comes with everything, you will have to pay one small deposit, but that's the only upfront fee!

JIMOTHY

Fantastic! This place looks great, how much are we looking at?

JOYCE

This particular apartment is running for 300 a month base rent.

CLAIRE

That is phenomenal.

JIMOTHY

Wow.

CLAIRE

Man, this place looks great, we'll save a fortune on moving costs, it's in the middle of the city, even the price is perfect! I think this is too good to pass up!

JIMOTHY

It really is! Joyce, are there any downsides to this place?

JOYCE

Hmmmm, well it being in the city means that this won't be as quiet as other apartments

CLAIRE

But we can deal with a little noise if it means being this close to both of our jobs

JOYCE

Absolutely! Also, the furnished apartment means that whenever you move out of here, you'll most likely have to find furniture for the next place

JIMOTHY

But we won't be moving for a while

JOYCE

Fantastic! And also, the Ants.

CLAIRE

What?

A screaming man's voice is heard offstage

SCREAMING MAN

THE AGONY

JIMOTHY

Who is that?

SCREAMING MAN

THE ANTS MY GOD THE ANTS

JOYCE

Oh, that's the last resident

SCREAMING MAN

THEY'VE LEARNED. THE ANTS HAVE LEARNED.

CLAIRE

Should we be worried about these... ants?

JOYCE

Oh no, it's just a minor infestation, nothing major.

SCREAMING MAN

THEY HAVE TAKEN EVERYTHING FROM ME. DEAR GOD ALL MIGHTY
END MY SUFFERING.

JIMOTHY

Are you sure?

SCREAMING MAN

THE ANTS ARE PLAYING MIND GAMES

JOYCE

Yes, everything is completely under control

SCREAMING MAN

THEY HAVE NO MORALS. THEY HAVE NO CAUSE. ALL THEY HAVE
IS MALICE.

CLAIRE

Where is he?

JOYCE

Well, there may be an underground series of tunnels that the ants have made. But that could also serve as an extra living space in the future!

SCREAMING MAN

MY LORD HOW THIS LABYRINTH TWISTS AND TURNS. THE ANTS HAVE TAKEN MY WIFE, MY CHILDREN, AND NOW MY WILL TO GO ON.

JOYCE

I hope this doesn't affect your interest too much?

JIMOTHY

Well it has given us something to think about

CLAIRE

Definitely.

JOYCE

I'd need an answer as soon as possible for this space before it's no longer available. Are you interested or should we move on?

SCREAMING MAN

THE TERROR. THE PAIN. THE ANTS. ONCE I WAS A SIMPLE MAN. A HAPPY MAN. BUT THAT WAS LONG AGO. NOW I AM SIMPLY A TOY IN THEIR GAME, I'VE BEEN DOWN HERE FOR SO LONG THAT THESE BEASTS NO LONGER WANT TO KILL ME, THEY ONLY WANT TO MAKE ME PAY. SO LONG HAS MANKIND LIVED IN HARMONY WITH NATURE, BUT NO MORE. I'VE HEARD THEIR PLOTTING. THE ANTS ARE GOING TO RISE UP, GOING TO TAKE THE WORLD OVER TENFOLD. OUR ARMIES WILL CRUMBLE UNDER THEIR MIGHT, HIDE THE CHILDREN, FLEE WHILE YOU CAN.

JIMOTHY

How much did you say the rent was?

JOYCE

300 a month.

The couple looks to each other

JIMOTHY & CLAIRE

We'll take it!