

Utilitarianism: The Truth About *Monsters, Inc.*

“The end may justify the means as long as there is something that justifies the end.” - Trotsky

A Necessary “Evil”

- Although it may be seen as immoral to scare children, **it would be more unethical to leave the entire city of Monsteropolis without power**
- Before the discovery of laughter as an energy source, scaring children was the only way to keep Monsteropolis and the greater Monster society functioning
- It was clear the city was incredibly dependent on the energy from screams. Cutting off scream energy (when they were unaware of the power of laughter) would have been catastrophic
- For an idea of what cutting power could do to Monsteropolis, just look at Texas. When winter storms resulted in a loss of power, between 200 and 700 people were killed — energy is vital to society

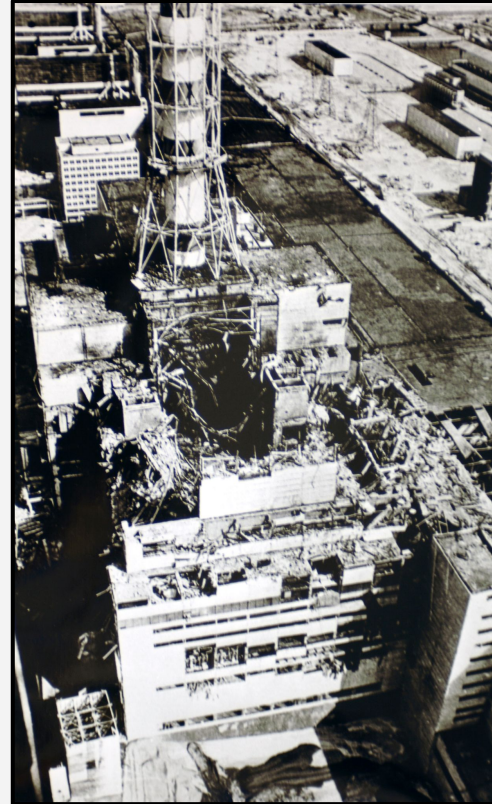
An Incredible Source of Power

- Even assuming the absolute worst case scenario human screams are an incredible source of energy.
- Assuming 1000 kids per night, 1 canister per child on average, and powering only the immediate city.

$$\frac{600,000 \text{ MWh}}{365 \text{ Days}} \approx 1644 \frac{\text{MWh}}{\text{Day}}$$

$$1644 \frac{\text{MWh}}{\text{day}} / 1000 \frac{\text{kids}}{\text{day}} \approx 1.64 \frac{\text{MWh}}{\text{kid/scream}}$$

- This is comparable to the energy of 1g of uranium, 3 tons of coal, or 600 gallons of fuel
- This is the equivalent energy required to power a family home for a month
- Makes real-life energy sources look primitive
- *It would be stupid not to use this safe, environmentally friendly, and spectacularly efficient energy source!*



The Need for Energy is of Critical Importance

- Humans are a lesser species; human children are at the whim of Monster society
- Collecting children's screams gives the city power in all sectors
- Human children are NOT monster children
- Monsters need to scare human children just as humans raise livestock to later be eaten and/or use their resources.



We Find 'Worse' Things Acceptable

- Do you eat meat? **If so, you believe that morally debatable practices for necessary goods are acceptable**
- An overwhelming majority of the world — 86% — eats meat. While killing animals is a sad truth of society, it is necessary for society to function
- In comparison, scaring children is relatively benign
- If factory farming is ethical and acceptable because it is necessary, scaring, which is not nearly as bad, must also be ethical



86% of the world eats meat.

That means that over 6 billion people accept the process of killing animals to eat meat, because meat is necessary for society.

Do You Eat Meat? If So, YOU Find This...



“Necessary”



Do you really think simply *scaring* children is worse?

Job Creation and Company Satisfaction

- The CEO created thousands of jobs: a strong economy is critical for society
- Employees appeared to show high energy and excitement for their job
- They often crowded around the top scarer, showing appreciation for their work!
- Monsters, Inc. as a company is highly approved of by Monster society, not seen as immoral in their world



Conclusion

There are absolutely zero credible arguments against supporting Monsters, Inc. for the following reasons:

The CEO had the following in mind:

- Screams are an incredible source of energy, absolutely and unequivocally unrivaled by anything that exists in real life in terms of efficiency and environmental friendliness
- Much more moral than many things humans do that we find acceptable on a daily basis.
- They didn't know about laughter at the time - before they did, screams were justifiable



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