



'MONTY BIGGS'
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Subtitles read – 1972

BLACK SCREEN:

The sound of a air machine can be heard followed by a ting and thud.

Poooh.....ting..thud.....Poooh.....ting..thud.....Poooh.....ting..thud
this continues in a steady pattern.

PULL FOCUS: Extreme closeup of a baseball on top of a pile of other baseballs. As the pooh sound is heard the balls move down to empty the container. The camera remains on the last remaining baseball as it rolls into some spinning wheels and fired out towards a young teenager. The teenager turns quickly and hits the ball square in the center smashing the ball and the camera into the back of the batting cage.

The sounds stops leaving silence – the teenager is walking around collecting the baseballs and putting them back into a slot. The teenager puts his hand into his pocket to retrieve some change then places the coins into the coin slot at the side of the cage, he puts his helmet back on and sets himself up to continue hitting. The camera starts to pull back and out of the cage, over a series of baseball batting cages all of them empty except the one with the teenager in it. It's night time and the moon can be seen high in the sky illuminating all the empty cages with a blue light. The teenager cage is lit up with flood lights.

As the camera pulls away from the cage and points towards the moon. The initial sound starts up again

Poooh.....ting..thud.....Poooh.....ting..thud.....Poooh.....ting..thud.
FADE OUT TO BLACK

CUT

A newspaper lands to fill the frame and the headline reads

“HIGHEST PAID ROOKIE EVER.....WELCOME TO THE BIGS BIGGS”

The picture in the paper is of the rookie teenager smiling and holding a Demons jersey. Standing next to the rookie and wearing a white suit is the demons owner, a slick looking short and stocky character smiling with a golden tooth. The Rookie is also presented with a special bat from the Demons owner as part of the contract sponsorship deal.

FADE IN: EXT. BASEBALL GROUND – GAME DAY

Subtitles read – 1973 Last Game of the Season for the Demons

COMMENTATOR

“Well folks it's the last game of the season and Monty is yet to hit a ball. The number one pick Highest paid rookie ever has gone the entire season without so much as even grounding out”

“This is insanity....Couch Lugrid has got to bite the bullet – Monty has nothing to offer and even though he has been signed if Monty doesn't hit the ball in this game he is for sure going to be dumped out in the cold, contract or no contract”

Monty the young rookie baseball player is standing in the batters box awaiting his pitch.

MONTY (thoughts)

“it's easy, step and hit, just like in practice”

The pitcher stands on the mound about to deliver his pitch. The ball flies down towards Monty – his eyes are focused on the ball. Just like in the batting cage Monty swings but this time instead of Monty hitting the ball, the ball goes straight through the bat as the ball continues it's trajectory into the catchers glove”

UMPIRE

“Strike 3.....Batters Out”

Monty starts walking back to the dugout with his head held low and ashamed. You can read his name on the Baseball Jersey – “BIGGS”

MONTY

“arrrrrgh...I don't get it....why can't I hit the ball”

COMMENTATOR

“Yeah welcome to the Bigs ‘Biggs’, and goodbye”

The crowd laughs.

The game continues as if Monty had no impact on the game. Monty sits down with an ashamed expression from disappointing his team mates and coach.

Monty looks back at the game on the edge of an emotional breakdown as the game goes into the final innings.

The mascot of Monty’s baseball team ‘the Demons’ is a Demon holding a pitchfork. . This Demon Mascot is gesturing evil movements towards the opposition when a puff of smoke is barely seen coming out of the gaps in the Demon outfit. The Mascot stops the gesturing and turns towards the dugout, as he walks the ground has singe marks following every footstep. The Mascot walks by everyone to stop at Monty, then pulls up a seat and begins to whisper in Monty's ear. Monty looks around as if he has heard something that would shock anyone that heard it, he continues to show interest and leans in more to hear what the Mascot has to say. Monty looks around at the crowd cheering, as he does this the Mascot slides a pen into Monty's hand. Monty smiles and signs the papers. The Mascot then stands and walks back to performing to the crowd. Another puff of smoke is seen spilling out of the costume before the Mascot gets back into his duties of trying to put off the opposition. Fade out.

EXT. BASEBALL GROUND ESTABLISHING – DAY (Same baseball ground – five years later)

Subtitles read – 1980

We see a strong powerful All American Baseball player walking and swinging a handful of baseball bats – He drops all the bats except one, then waves to the crowd and does a few point and winks as he walks to the batters box, the crowd is going ballistic chanting.

CROWD

“Monty, Monty, Monty”,

It’s Monty but he has changed dramatically as he is now is the focus of everyones attention. On the first pitch faced Monty turns and belts the ball for a home run and starts to trot around the bases without a care in the world. The footage then cuts to a montage of Monty in the batters box smashing the ball for a home run again and again and again.

The Montage is time lapsed with a Newspaper headline appearing in the frame announcing the incredible talents of “Monty Biggs”. The headlines change with every baseball record millstones being smashed with the Year subtitle – going from 1974 to 1990, the last headline reads “that’s 999 Home Runs for Monty” the montage fades out and we go to real time of the final headline.

Subtitles read – 1990

We now see the super powerful batter in the batters box, the crowd is going crazy

COMMENTATOR

“999 runs in a career – could today be the day, insanity folks, absolute insanity, nobody has even come close to a thousand home runs in a career.....this is All Star history in the making ”

ECU on Monty’s face

He doesn’t look powerful and confident anymore – in fact he looks terrified. As the ball comes down we see Monty swing and totally miss the ball.

UMPIRE

“Strike 1”

The crowd starts rumble in shock. The ball comes down and again Monty swings and totally missing the ball with a loud SOOOOSH at the bat travels.

UMPIRE

“Strike 2”

The crowd tension is at boiling point

The cheering gets louder – and they start to chant “Monty, Monty”

The pitcher wind's up again and throws the ball towards the plate - Monty starts to swing. The camera zooms into Monty's eyes and we see Monty has his eyes pressed shut – he swings and strikes out". The crowd is gasp with the outcome, the shock renders them all speechless with only a few mumbles being heard. The Demon Mascot can be seen in the background stomping around very angrily. As Monty walks back to the dugout he seems strangely upbeat and happy about the strike out. The piercing eyes of the crowd do not faze Monty one little bit.

FADE OUT.....

.....FADE IN

INT. SMALL KITCHENETTE – DAY

Establishing Shot – we are in a very small kitchen where you can see a fat slob of a man wearing an apron, lean over a frying pan cooking bacon and eggs. He looks sad and pathetic. ECU - A small very old radio is squawking on a window ledge

Subtitles read – TODAY

RADIO

“The local Demons are in the championship today – WOW !! the Demons haven't won let alone played in the championship for over a decade. Come to think of it that was about the time Monty Biggs stopped hitting home runs at the astonishing figure of 999, if you don't know what I am talking about then well it's a sad story alright, Monty was the greatest ever to grace the field and I even recall the owner of the demons promising the fans that Monty would have a spot in the team until he breaks cracks 1000 drought or no drought, that was a decade ago and still nothing from the so called legend, whats he doing anyway folks maybe someone could call in and let us know where he is”

The fat older slob mans turns and you can see under the apron the man is wearing a baseball jersey with the name “BIGGS” written on it .

RADIO

“Hot off the press – yep Monty is still on the team, doing what I don't know”. chuckles can be heard from the radio presenter and producer

Monty scoops out his oily breakfast into a massive bread roll – oil and grease splatter everywhere. He grabs the roll with one hand and grabs a baseball cap with the other. He turns and walks towards the door. He is wearing boxer shorts with no pants.

EXT. SMALL COURT YARD

. The door swinging opens to a roof top court yard with a small shack in the corner. There's a banana lounge and a small clothes line, A memorial statue of Monty is leaning in the corner of his yard, worn and neglected, the court yard is very dilapidated with weeds growing more then grass. Monty grabs some baseball pants off the rickety line,

chucks them on and walks towards a metal wall, he then pushes a sheet of metal out of the way and walks through the opening.

EXT. BELOW SCOREBOARD

REVEAL- Monty is living underneath the Demon's scoreboard within the Demon stadium grounds.

Monty slides the sheet of metal back into place, the stadium is starting to fill. Monty walks the hundreds of steps down through the stands, jumps over a railing and into the dugout.

CUT

INT. DEMONS DUGOUT

Monty strolls into the Dugout where everyone is preparing for today's championship game. Everyone in his team ignores him – Monty finds his seat in the corner leans back and pulls his cap down

A small girl runs around everyone and finds a seat next to Monty.

GIRL - DEMY
“Hey Monty.”

MONTY
“Hey Demy”

GIRL - DEMY
“you going to play today Monty”

MONTY

chuckle

“I don't think so Demy, how many times have you asked me that”

Monty chuckles again to himself

GIRL - DEMY
“Monty this is your chance to show them you were the best”

MONTY
“was....was.....WAS”

GIRL - DEMY
“Kafooy Monty your better then all these hacks”

Some of the players overhear Demy's comments and get angry but do nothing about it

FADEOUT

EXT. BASEBALL GROUND ESTABLISHING – DAY (few hours later)

FADEIN

The crowd is packed to the rafters in the stadium and is now cheering for their beloved Demons. Monty is still sitting in his corner with his cap drawn low. Demy is the BatBoy of the team (Batgirl) and is running around collecting bats and helmets as there being used in the game.

As the game continues you can see Monty and Demy discussing all matters of the game and basically enjoying each others company.

ECU STADIUM MICROPHONE

COMMENTATOR

“Can you believe it folks - it's taken 10 years to get here again. I can remember the last time I tasted the sweet nectar of victory and folks I want it back, more then ever.
Common Demons - bring it home”

CROWD

"Cheers, yeah"

COMMENTATOR

“It’s a tie ball game – bottom of the ninth. Troy Hally the relief pitcher for Mudcats is doing an excellent job not giving up a run since he came in.”

UMPIRE

“Strike 3”

COMMENTATOR

Looks like we will be going into the 10th inning unless the coach can get something to happen.

CUT – DEMONS DUGOUT

We cut to the dugout were we see a coach angry and throwing bats and helmets.

GIRL - DEMY

“Monty are you going to win this game or not”

MONTY

“Demy even if I wanted to the Coach wouldn’t give me a shot – it’s been 10 years since I hit the ball, your just dreaming kid”

GIRL - DEMY

“Do it for me Monty”

MONTY
“it ain't gonna happen”

Monty reflects for a moment and turns to the Coach

MONTY
“Hey Coach how about it”

Coach turns to Monty

COACH
“It’s a championship game bottom of the ninth and you want me to put in a washed up, fat, lazy, green toothed, lazy bum LIKE YOURSELF – YOU MUST BE DREAMING, why are you even here, I didn’t select you, you’re a has been, GET OUT OF MY SIGHT!!!” he yells

In that instant the dugout phone rings next to the coaches ear – he picks it up listens for a moment and then starts to scream into the phone, a puff of smoke comes out of the phone - quickly the coaches anger turns to fear and he starts to whimper. The coach looks scared and pale, he steps back from the phone and turns to Monty

COACH
“Your IN”

Monty looks up in total shock but starts to shake his head in disagreement

MONTY
“But I...but I, I wasn't being serious”

GIRL - DEMY
“Told you so”

COACH
“YOUR IN – GET UP AND HIT THE BALL”

Monty looks around

Demy starts a little dance on the seat

GIRL - DEMY
“Common Monty win the game”

The crowd starts to chant, they can taste the victory in the air.

Monty Bigg's name lights up the scoreboard – a giant photo fills the screen of Monty in his heyday. Monty looks up and urns to return to those days were everyone loved him.

Demy starts a chant

GIRL - DEMY

“Monty...Monty...Monty...MONTY...MONTY”

the crowd pickup the chant and it gets louder and louder as they join in

Monty's is very hesitant and proceeds 2 steps then turns around to back out when he see Demy cheering which stops him in his tracks. Everything is silent – as he stares at Demy smiling and cheering the crowd noises start to get louder. Monty looks up at the crowd – it's huge, the stadium has never looked so big and exciting, thousands of fans cheer his name, then on the Giant screen a Picture of Monty stands 4 stories high – this moment is everything he has missed for the last decade. The cheering gets louder and louder until Monty stands up straight and takes a large slow breath then turns back towards the batters box.

EXT. BATTERS WARMUP CIRCLE

Monty picks up a few bats to swing as a heavy weight - he does this once but feels exhausted so he stops to catch his breath.

Monty picks up a hand full of dirt and rubs it between his hands for grip.

UMPIRE

'Let's have a batter'

Monty walks from the warmup circle towards the batters box. As he steps into the batters box he starts his pre-batting ritual of scuffing the dirt around under his cleats trying to smooth out and already smooth surface, satisfied and calm Monty starts to stare at the pitcher awaiting the first delivery.

MONTY (internal voice)

"wait...oh crap....should I.....I have too"

Before he can realize the pitcher winds up for the pitch and throws the baseball straight down the guts. Monty is frozen still staring at the traveling ball. Just as the ball gets to Monty everything stops motion and the sounds of the game stop (except a loud fast heartbeat noise) - Monty is standing there looking at this ball - in that instant his body starts to change. All the muscles in his arms start to bulge, stomach fat moves up to form an upper body, the fat in his wrists moves up into his biceps, his thighs bulge into muscle, the blood shot eyes retract back into his head, his double chin turns into vain snakes and even the stubble gets sucked back into his chin. He stands as he did 10 years ago - and absolute beast of power and poise. He grips the bat tight and snarls. Back into real time the swings comes around super quick and smashes the ball over the home run fence.

Monty starts trotting towards first base - still maintaining his powerful body – the crowd is going crazy, fireworks are being fired, cheering becomes a constant blur of noise as it is so loud. “1000 Home runs” fills the giant screen. Monty is smiling from ear to ear, as he turns first, a few steps past first base and a twang noises is heard and **PUFF** of smoke shoots out all directions from one of his arms – this one arm is now as it was prior to his

batting appearance, fat and not muscular; Monty looks down at this arm. His face is now full of panic, he starts to pick up his pace to a slow run, the sound of Monty's heart starts to beat louder but a little irregular, another **PUFF** as the neck muscles subside, he looks down with a worried expression, again Monty picks up his pace to full steam. As Monty turns second **PUFF** his chest muscles fall back into his fat gut - this makes it harder to run - but he continues, wobbling as he runs.

MONTY

“what is this.....you have got to be kidding me”

PUFF His other arm shifts from muscle back to fat as well - he is now a top half fat and overweight with a bottom half powerful and strong. His heart pounds harder. When he turns third base **PUFF** his legs give way and he is back to his old fat self running very slowly and wobbly from side to side. Monty starts to clutch at his heart, his head falls forward, as he stumbles towards home plate everything becomes blurry and disorientating. Monty cannot focus properly and all sounds become muffled, just before home plate Monty's body shudders and collapses falling short of the home run base by an inch.

The crowd goes silent. Everyone is looking at Monty lying face down in the dirt.

OPPOSITION COACH

“It's not a home run until he touches home” he yells from the opposition dugout

The crowd starts to rumble, and discuss the possible outcomes of this event between themselves

CROWD

“Get up Monty”

“Cummon MONTY”

Both coaches and the umpire meet standing over Monty's body to discuss the outcome.

As the argument over the outcome of the games is happening Monty's spirit body can be seen separating from body and start floating up towards heaven, then out of nowhere **PUFF** a hole in the earth opens up and the body is quickly sucked down into the ground.

INT. HELL – LAVA, lots of screaming,

Monty's body floats down into the middle of a rocky, lava arena resembling a demons baseball field but the pitching mound has been replaced with a massive fiery throne with the Devil sitting in it. On one side of the devil is the same style phone that was in the baseball dugout. Also in the shot is the Devils right hand man which happens to be the Demons Mascot, but the Mascot has the top half of his suit off and underneath the suit I is in fact a real demon dressed in a demons costume .

The Mascot holds the contract up to Monty - the camera zooms into the contract Marked “1000 runs = AllStar”. The Mascot is shaking the document in disgust.

DEVIL

“Do you really think you can chose whether to play or not – I am the BOSS – I
CHOSE !!!”

The flames around the chair increase as the Devil stands up to look intimidating.

Monty’s is trembling.

MONTY

“but I didn't even score the final run – I didn't make it, it's not a home run”

in the background you can see a door open within the Hellish baseball dugout. It’s Demy
and she’s is holding a Demons flag but throws it down and stomps towards the Devil.

GIRL - DEMY

“I didn't agree for that to happen”

The flames subside leaving the devil to look less intimidating.

DEVIL

“I changed my mind”

The devil turns his head away from Demy.

Monty is in total shock as to why Demy is even here.

MONTY

“What are you doing here, whats going on, did we all die”

DEMY

“Dad you have to at least give him his 1000th run”

Monty starts to arch up

MONTY

“DAD !!!!.....what the hell”

Monty pauses for a moment then turns to the Devil

“yeah we had a deal”

DEVIL

“I wouldn't be the devil if I didn't break deals from time to time – plus he wouldn't even
be there if it wasn't for me”

Demy and Monty laugh together in unison.

DEMY

“hes the best there has ever been and you know it”

Monty turns to look up to the devil

MONTY

“So it was you that made me not hit the ball my rookie season, you tricked me”

DEMY

“DAAAAAAD !!!!, thats a new low even for you”

“and I wanted to go into the family business”

DEVIL

“tell you what Monty buy if you can hit one of *my !!* pitches I will send you back”

MONTY

“bring it on”

DEVIL

“So how will we do this – firstly we need a catcher” The Devil points at the mascot
PUFF the Mascot outfit changes into a catchers uniform.

“an umpire, surely I can call my own pitches”

DEMY

“Like Monty can trust you dad, I will umpire”

DEVIL

“so be it”

PUFF of smoke surrounds Demy leaving her standing dressed like an umpire

DEVIL

“And finally we need a pitcher's body, cause clearly I can't pitch like this”
the devil stretches his arm through the rocky roof. The arm appears out of the baseball
ground above as championship continues. Everyone is still arguing around Monty's
lifeless body. The umpire can be seen feeling Monty neck for a heart beat.

UMPIRE

“Yep hes dead alright – get a stretcher out here”

COACH

“No WIAT !! Can't I pick him up and carry him, he hit the homerun, cummon we have
won, hes only an inch short”

OPPOSITION COACH

“He can't do that, he has to make it himself for the run to score”

COACH

“This is ridiculous”

the argument continues between the coaches and the umpire.

The giant ghosted hand starts to feel around the diamond until he gets hold of the Mudcats pitcher, who was standing on the mound. The hand surrounds his body and pulls his spirit briskly into HELL. The pitcher's body collapses in a lifeless heap. The camera follows the hand back into hell.

DEVIL

“just a moment”

The devil stomps on the pitcher's body and shrinks down into it. The devil is now in the pitcher's body. The thrown ball disappears leaving the mound and the Devil (in the pitcher's body standing there with glowing red eyes).

DEVIL

“Well this is a tad weird”

“Monty would you like to use my bat”

PUFF the bat given to Monty as a Rookie appears in the devil's hand.

MONTY

“so that's how you did it”

Demy pulls out a yellow card and warns her dad

DEMY

“DAD don't think I won't throw you out of the game for cheating”

PUFF Demy gives Monty a bat.

“Monty use this one”

DEVIL

“Can we get on with this please, I am due in the lawyer's chamber in 5 mins ”

DEMY

“well Play ball !”

The devil prepares himself. The mascot catcher drops three fingers down below his mitt. Devil knods in agreement and winds up for the pitch - camera cuts to behind the traveling ball and tracks it down towards the Mascots glove.

ECU - Monty's face - he goes through many emotions as the ball comes down – his eyes are bug-eyed as he swings and misses.

DEMY

“Strike one!!!!!!”

CU - Monty's face – the expression is of shock as he can't believe he has missed the ball.

MONTY

“but I meant to hit it”

DEVIL

“baahahahahah, how good do you really think you are”

DEMY

Demy whispers privately to monty

“Cummon Monty”

ECU Mascots fingers - he asks for a number 4 (Knuckle ball) - devil nods in agreement.

Devil winds up for the pitch - the movements are intense and very very elongated - the movement is fast but the ball release is super slow.

Camera follows the ball doing a dance in the air - rolls left then right - spins back then forward - its a crazy pitch.

Monty's eyes light up in glee this ball is floating in front of him waiting to be hit. He swings and watches it float by - his head tracks the ball - he has a painful worried face .
Ball hits the catchers glove - dust puffs out

DEMY

“Strike 2 !!!!!!!!!!!”

Monty starts to shake his head and mumble encouragement to himself

EC Devils face – it goes from amused to serious. Mascot asks for a number 2 – Devil shakes him off - Mascot asks for a number 3 - same again the Devil doesn't want that, 4 - nope, he then tries 5 fingers, Devil shakes slowly, Mascots does one finger – this signal please the Devil as he knods one sharp and clear knod.

Cheering from the crowd above starts to break through the roof rock

“monty monty monty MONTY MONTY !!!”

Monty hears this which in turn empowers a new level of focus.

Super slow mo action as we track the Devil windup - every fiber of his being is put into this pitch - he lunges towards Monty. When the ball is released for a fraction of a second we go into normal speed as the ball flys towards the Mascot, back into super slow mo, the ball catches on fire and takes the form of a burning skull laughing as it flies through the air. Monty is frozen still staring at the traveling skull fire ball. Just as the ball gets to Monty he turns to square up the bat with a powerful swing, the laughing skull stops laughing and mouths a swear word – back into real time the swings comes around super

quick and smashes the ball over the rocky homerun fence. The expression on the Devils face is one of total shock. Monty starts to run around the HELLish baseball field, whilst running his body starts floating back up towards the championship game happening above.

DEMY
“baaaaahahahaha”

As Monty floats up he turns towards Demy

MONTY
“will I see you up there again”

DEVIL
“Nooooooooooooo he couldn't have hit that, this is rigged, no-one could have hit that, Demy what did you do”

DEMY
“Dad just face it, he beat you”

As the camera follows Monty up back to the championship the conversation in HELL starts to fade.

DEVIL
“Your grounded”

DEMY
Demy's face gets serious
“thats it – your out of the game”

Demy pulls out a red card from her pocket.

DEVIL
“You can't throw me out.....”

fades out totally.

Back at the championship the crowd is still cheering!

CROWD
“Monty Monty Monty”

A stretcher is placed next to Monty with some ambulance officers assessing Monty's body. The argument between the coaches and the umpire continues.

Monty's spirit enters his lifeless body – making it start to twinge. Someone in the crowd sees this the starts the cheering, the cheers get louder and louder. Monty's body starts shaking, the officers fall back in shock and Monty drags himself into the standing position

Monty spins slowly around taking in the applause then turns towards home plate and steps on it. A flash of light fills the screen and time stands still with everything in black and white print. Camera pulls back on a newspaper - headline reads

“GIFT FROM HEAVEN”

Credits roll.

SATAN
CONCEPT

