

Film Title and Release Date: *Hunger* (1973)

Length of Film in Minutes: 11 minutes

Film Genre: Short/Animation

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Peter Foldes' short film, "Hunger" is a metaphor for greed, selfishness, and eventually, the consequences they bring... The film begins showing a very slim man working diligently as he answers phone calls. It even depicts him splitting his head into two in order to answer a second call while he continues the first one. Proceedingly, he looks to an armchair in front of his desk as a woman appears in it, telling him that it's now 5 o'clock. He leaves the office and goes to a small food store. Grabbing a relatively small bag of consumables, he eats it right outside the shop. Getting a taste of the goodness, he goes straight to a restaurant and orders even more food. As time went on, he consumed everything he could find; ranging from an entire supermarket to tables after tables piled with food. He was engulfed in an endless cycle of sleep, eat, and sleep again. He gains more and more weight, yet his desire to take in more never stops. So much so that he grew more mouth on his face and body along with more arms and hands. He snatches everything on the table and his many mouths slowly disappear as his face is replaced by the mouth of a bulldozer. After a meal, the man is now bigger than he has ever been. As he followed his routine of going to back sleep, his weight broke his bed in half. Then, instead of falling onto the floor, he fell into deep darkness. Slowly pairs of eyes appears in the dark and as the room lightens up, the man sees that he is surrounded by thousands upon thousands of people. Malnourished people whose food he took. These people run towards him, piling on top of him, and devouring him.

How did you find the film on Kanopy (by title search, subject search, casual browsing, etc.)?

I found the film by casually browsing the "short film" section in the "Oscar Winners and Nominees" section in the Kanopy app.

Did the plot (for fictional movie) or presentation of information (for documentary) keep you interested?

I found the plot very interesting. what I liked most about it is how even though it was clear that the animation is depicting greed, i didn't really know where it was going with it (in a good way).

Was the pace of the film too fast, too slow, or just right?

The pace of the film was just right. I believe that it was able to effectively capture the progression of the protagonist's dangerous desires and how it eventually was his demise.

What grade level(s) is this film appropriate for?

This film is appropriate for grade levels 6 and above for im that it does contain some potentially disturbing scenes.

4 stars: I enjoyed this film and found it worthwhile to watch.

In just ten minutes, this short film was able to carry out an important heme in a very witty way, I think what was interesting is that the title, "Himger", can be used to describe the hunger of the protagonist to take as well as the feeling that he leaves to the people he took from. Other than that, I also enjoyed the animation style. This creepy, eerie style with each change of perspective and motion just being the stretching, contraction, or shifting of the same lines is really fitting for the film.