

THE AMITYVILLE HORROR (1979)

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1. THE MURDER – NOV 13, 1974 – FAMILY MURDERED in AMITYVILLE
 - a. Kids shot execution style –
 - b. Detectives arrive – crime scene –bodies etc...
2. [2:30] ONE YEAR LATER – LUTZ FAMILY & REALTOR
 - a. Young family – just married
 - b. Huge house etc...
 - c. Nothing like it at this price
 - d. KNOB falls off banister
 - i. JOKE – RE: Wonderful Life movie
 - e. INTERCUT MURDER FLASHBACKS as they tour the rooms
 - f. Already have a family – 2 Boys and a Girl
 - i. Kids MURDERED
 - g. Master bedroom
 - i. WIFE SHOT IN BED
 - h. THIRD FLOOR BEDROOM WITH EYE WINDOWS
 - i. KIDS SHOT IN BEDS
 - i. They Talk- \$80,000
 - i. House worth \$120,000 easy
 - j. Wish all those people hadn't died here
 - i. Houses don't have memories
 - k. [8:30] THEY MAKE OFFER
 - l. REALTOR ALONE IN HOUSE AFTERWARDS –
 - i. NOISES – papers blow off table
3. [9:20] MOVING IN DAY – KIDS FROM SEPARATE MARRIAGES
 - a. What to do with CRUCIFIX?
 - i. Put in wall by window – family room/hall
 - b. THEY GO OUTSIDE – BEERS – watching kids play - fun
4. FATHER DELANEY ARRIVES
 - i. House empty – door open
 - b. Walks upstairs –
 - i. Hears kids GIGGLING
 - c. Opens door – enters bedroom
 - d. Looks out window sees LUTZ family outside having fun by boat
 - e. Tries to unlock window – locked
 - i. FLIES gather on window
 - ii. DOOR SLAMS behind him
 - iii. Sweating –nausea
 - f. Puts on purple stole – prepares for blessing house
 - i. Flies all over window [13:33]
 1. Coughing uncontrollably
 - a. Getting Sick
 - g. LUTZ FAMILY GOES OUT ON THEIR BOAT
 - h. FATHER DELANEY COVERED IN FLIES
 - i. DOOR OPENS BY ITSELF
 - i. GET OUT! [15:00]
 - j. EXITS HOUSE – SICK
 - i. Stumbles to car – vomits in driveway
5. NIGHT – FAMILY CALLED TO EAT DINNER
 - a. AMY asleep in boxes
 - b. KIDS come in for dinner
 - c. AMY put to bed

- d. FATHER DELANEY CALLS KATHY
 - i. BAD CONNECTION
 - 1. DELANEY SICK AGAIN
 - a. BURNS ON HAND FROM PHONE
- e. GEORGE IN KITCHEN WITH KATHY
 - i. George not hungry – COLD IN HERE [19:05]
 - ii. Draft from basement
- 6. GEORGE GOES IN BASEMENT – LOOKING FOR DRAFT
 - a. SON falls down steps following dad
- 7. LATER – KATHY PRACTICES BALLET IN MIRROR
 - a. GEORGE WATCHES HER – SCARES HER
 - b. They kiss – intimate etc... [22:00]
 - c. AMY wakes up - standing at the bedroom door
 - i. I wanna go home [24:00]
 - d. KATHY puts AMY back to bed
 - i. LOCKS her window
 - 1. Same window Priest couldn't unlock
 - ii. ROCKING CHAIR IN AMY'S ROOM
 - e. BACK IN BED – GEORGE AND KATHY PILLOW TALK
- 8. [25:34] 3:14 AM – ALARM CLOCK – GEORGE WAKES UP
 - a. Hears Whispering in AMY'S BEDROOM
 - i. Window OPEN
 - 1. Sees ROCKING CHAIR - not rocking
 - b. OUTSIDE - WALKS HARRY THE DOG
 - c. Inspects Boat House
 - d. Has a SMOKE ALONE in HOUSE
 - i. CAT SCREECH JUMP SCARE [28:33]

ACT 2

- 9. 4th DAY – THURSDAY – GEORGE CHOPPING WOOD
 - a. Kathy drops groceries
 - b. George SNAPS at her with the AX
 - i. You've got enough wood here to heat the south shore
 - 1. George looking haggard
 - a. Helps with groceries
 - c. AUNT is coming over – George makes an off comment to her
 - d. KATHY smells something BAD in kitchen
 - e. Follows scent
 - f. AMY scares her in Kitchen
 - i. INVISIBLE FRIEND JODY wants to play [31:45]
- 10. KATHY CALLS FATHER DELANEY – He's asleep – sick
 - a. Was supposed to come by and bless the house
 - i. Expecting him but never showed up
 - ii. FATHER BOLEN SUSPICIOUS
- 11. [33:40] BLACK GOO IN TOILETS
 - a. AUNT HELENA ARRIVES
 - i. She's a NUN
 - 1. She pinches cheeks!
 - ii. Kids let her in – then go outside to play
 - b. HELENA ALONE IN FOYER – GETS SICK
 - i. CHANDELIER MOVES
 - 1. SHE CAN'T STAY
 - a. LEAVES SUDDENLY

- c. KATHY UPSET
- d. HELENA Drives down road and pukes
- 12. 5th NIGHT FRIDAY – KATHY PAINTS A CERAMIC MARY
 - a. George builds a fire – stares into it
 - b. KATHY tries to connect with George by fire
 - i. Acts distant
 - 1. Gotta stay healthy for your brother’s wedding
 - a. He snaps at her about work
 - c. IN BED LATER – GEORGE CAN’T GET IT UP
 - i. Kathy consoles him
 - d. LATER- SLEEPING – KATHY WAKES UP SCREAMING
 - i. She was shot in the head!
- 13. [40:00] 6th DAY SATURDAY – FATHER DRIVING TO HOUSE
 - a. CAR LOSES BRAKES WHILE DRIVING
 - i. Hood flips up
 - ii. Crashes into road sign
- 14. DOG BARKING AT HOUSE – KIDS TIE CANS TO CAR
 - a. INSIDE JEREMY COUNTS MONEY FOR CATERER
 - i. \$1500 only takes cash
 - ii. Kathy’s brother getting married today
 - 1. She’s happy for him
 - b. GEORGE LOOKS TERRIBLE –
 - i. He’s the best man
 - c. BABYSITTER ASKS about what time to put Amy to bed
 - d. MONEY IS GONE –
 - e. Kids start blowing horn outside
 - f. We’ll look for it when we get home
 - g. George will take care of the caterer
 - i. Write him a check
- 15. DISSOLVE TO HOUSE- NIGHT – BABYSITTER
 - a. Freezing in here –
 - b. Time for bed – gotta give you an aspirin
 - c. AMY complains – not sick
 - i. Wants to play with JODY
 - 1. ROCKING CHAIR MOVES
 - d. BABYSITTER STUCK IN CLOSET [46:00]
 - i. CRIES FOR HELP
 - 1. AMY watches from bed
 - a. Babysitter freaks out banging on door
 - i. Lights in closet Go out
- 16. AT WEDDING – PEOPLE DANCING – KATHY WITH AUNT
 - a. She apologizes - got violently ill
 - i. Everyone is sick
 - b. IN MEN’S ROOM – GEORGE GIVES CATERER CHECK
 - i. George sick – looks like hell [49:00]
- 17. DRIVE HOME IN VAN – GET IN HOUSE – KIDS COMPLAINING
 - a. Go upstairs – hear Babysitter crying
 - b. Open door – no lock on door
 - c. Yells at AMY
 - i. JODY wouldn't let me
 - 1. Who’s Jody
 - 2. George yells at kids
 - ii. JODY Doesn't like George

18. [51:30] GEORGE LOOKS FOR MONEY DOWNSTAIRS
 - a. Finds empty money clip
 - i. Where the hell is it!
19. 8th DAY - MONDAY – FATHER DELANEY PLEADS HIS CASE
 - a. He checked into the murders
 - i. Voices in the house – he heard them too
 1. That family is in trouble
 - b. FATHER RYAN YELLS AT HIM – puts him in his place
 - i. You think your secular education gives you the right to question the church?
 - ii. Seen plenty of phenomenon- never turned out to be SATANIST
 1. Everything you've seen can be explained with reason
 - c. They force him to take a vacation
20. GEORGE CHOPS WOOD – KATHY WATCHES – WORRIED
 - a. 11th day – THURSDAY – FRIENDS JEFF & CAROLYN ARRIVE
 - i. CAROLYN afraid of house
 1. It gives me the creeps – won't go in [57:20]
 - b. GEORGE sharpens his ax
 - i. JEFF tries to connect with him
 - c. Nobody's seen you for days at work
 - i. Has the checks from payroll to be signed
 1. IRS called
 2. Some guy called about a bounced check
 - a. Don't you have any good news?
 - i. Bought you spot light for your boat
 1. I'll help you put it on
 - ii. They go toward boat house –
 1. George THROWS AX into tree
21. BOYS TEASE AMY WITH SPIDER ON FISHING POLE
 - a. WINDOW SLAMS ON BOYS' HAND
 - i. Window feels nailed shut
 - b. AT HOSPITAL – AFTER – NOT ONE BROKEN BONE
22. LATER THAT NIGHT – THUNDER CRACKS
 - a. IN BED – GEORGE PRETENDS TO BE ASLEEP
 - i. Kathy has to talk to him
23. DISSOLVE TO – 3:15 AM - GEORGE GETS UP
 - a. WALKS TO BEDROOM -
 - i. FLIES COVER WINDOW
 1. WINDOW STUCK SHUT
 - b. FRONT DOOR BLOWS OUT[1:03;30]
 - c. DOWNSTAIRS – THEY INSPECT DOOR
 - i. Amy sneaks up on them
 1. Call police I want to check on something
 - d. GOES BACK UP – FLIES ALL GONE
 - i. Window opens easy
24. COPS ARRIVE [1:04;48] – NIGHT LATER
 - a. SARGENT from opening there curious
 - i. Sees door blown out
 - b. TALKS with the Lutzes in house
 - c. What way is the basement
 - d. George takes Sargent to basement
 - e. BASEMENT DOOR BLOWN OUT
 - f. DOG scratching at bricked up wall in basement

- g. Are you related to the family that lived here before?
 - i. You look a lot like him
- h. Door broken outward from inside
 - i. Burglars break In – your doors broke OUT
 - 1. No windows broken down in basement
 - a. No possibility of burglars
 - ii. Call us if anything happens
- i. AFTER – They sit on porch worried
 - i. Kathy cries
 - 1. We have to do something
- j. SARGE watches form his car

MIDDLE OF ACT 2

- 25. 12th DAY – FRIDAY – JODY SAYS EVERYTHING GONNA GET BETTER
 - a. KATHY ASKS AMY ABOUT JODY
 - b. She tells me about the little boy that used to live here
 - i. He got hurt and died
 - 1. She wants me to live here forever – so we can all play together
 - c. GEORGE leaves on his Harley
 - d. GOES TO TOWN HALL – LIBRARY
 - e. IN LIBRARY – GEORGE STEALS BOOK ABOUT OCCULT
- 26. KATHY CALLS FATHER DELANEY – he answers
 - a. STATIC on phone
 - b. DELANEY SHAKES – CHOKING – hangs up [1:13;00]
 - c. KATHY ALONE – FEELS BREEZE IN KITCHEN
 - i. Hears scratching at back door
 - d. WEIRD NEIGHBOR COMES OVER TO WELCOME THEM
 - i. PHONE RINGS – STATIC
 - 1. WEIRD NEIGHBOR IS GONE
- 27. [1:15;00] GEORGE AT BAR – MEETS PARTNER JEFF
 - a. Are you all right? – You look terrible
 - b. Bartender says George looks just like the kid who killed his family
 - c. Jeff REVEALS they are losing the business
 - i. Talk to me!
 - 1. George hostile to Jeff = drop it!
 - ii. JEFF'S REVEAL – you marry a woman with 3 kids
 - a. Mortgage up to your ass
 - b. Change your religion
 - c. And your business tanks
 - iii. George PUNCHES Jeff
 - 1. Now can we talk
 - a. He apologizes
- 28. HOUSE - NIGHT – AMY SINGING JESUS LOVES ME
 - a. KATHY listens from hallway
 - i. Rocking chair MOVING by itself
 - b. Kathy enters room – who you singing to ?
 - i. You SCARED JODY!
 - 1. Rocking chair stops
 - ii. Where'd she go?
 - 1. She went out the window
 - a. Kathy goes to window to see
 - b. JUMP SCARE – BLINKY RED EYES [1:17;45]
- 29. GEORGE REVEALS SUPERNATURAL HAPPENINGS TO JEFF

- a. CAROLYN FLIPS THROUGH BOOK – KETCHUM HOUSE
 - i. REVEAL HERE IT IS – JOHN KETCHUM
 - 1. Was a witch in SALEM
 - a. Built his house exactly where you are living
 - i. Devil worship
 - ii. Death
 - iii. Sacrifice
 - 2. ONE RULE - ENERGY CAN NOT BE DESTROYED –
 - a. Can only change forms
 - b. JEFF plays reason card – tells her to shut up
 - i. Rational suggestion
 - 1. Go home get cleaned up take Kathy out
 - a. We'll watch the kids
 - i. Then we'll talk things through
30. [1:20:00] THEY DRIVE TO HOUSE - NIGHT – PARK IN DRIVEWAY
 - a. I'll go talk to Kathy you guys wait here
 - b. CAROLYN freaks out –
 - i. I've got to see the basement
 - 1. She is PSYCHIC about these things
 - a. I know about these things
 - c. INSIDE – GEORGE THINKS KATHY SAW A CAT
 - i. She is freaked – not a cat
 - 1. Lets get out of here for a couple of hours
 - ii. I've got to check the fire first
31. JEFF & CATHY SNEAK INTO BASEMENT
 - a. DOG scratching at floor – paws bloody
 - i. That's where it is...
 - 1. CAROL starts to feel it [1:22:30]
 - a. There are people buried here
 - b. CAROLYN GRABS PICK AX – starts smashing wall
 - c. GEORGE comes down – what the hell are you doing?
 - i. That's where it is
 - 1. Inspects wall – bricked up
 - a. There is something here
 - d. GEORGE smashes through wall bricks
 - i. RED LIGHT inside
 - e. KATHY comes down – have you all gone mad?
 - f. THE RED ROOM REVEALED – [1:24:23]
 - i. George sees himself as a GHOSTLY SPECTER
 - g. CAROLYN BECOMES POSSESSED DEMON VOICE
 - i. THE PASSAGE TO HELL
 - 1. Screaming
 - h. CROSS CUT - FATHER DELANEY – FREAKING OUT
 - i. Phone ringing
 - i. Picks it up – no one
32. DOG AT RED ROOM LATER – GROWLING
 - a. KATHY confronts George – about the voice
 - i. You heard it I know you heard it!
 - ii. We have to do something!
 - b. POLICE SARGE OUTSIDE WATCHING HOUSE
 - c. George finds cross UPSIDE DOWN IN HALL
 - i. Covered in BLACK TAR
 - 1. He wipes it off

33. THEY WALK THROUGH AND BLESS HOUSE WITH CROSS
 - a. SARGE WATCHES FROM street as they bless house
 - b. CHANDELIER tinkles as they pass by
 - c. George walks up stairs with cross
 - d. Cross falls out of his hands
 - e. Kathy picks it up
 - i. Hands burned
 - f. She runs away – to bedroom with mirror
 - i. Face looks scarred in mirror
34. 17th DAY – WEDNESDAY – FATHER BOLEN CONFRONTS DELANEY
 - a. At Church – Father Delaney does a prayer
 - b. Cuts around church as he prays
 - c. Statue of and ANGEL BREAKS APART AND FALLS
 - i. BLINDING FATHER DELANEY
35. 18th NIGHT – THURSDAY – 3:15 AM GEORGE GETS UP
 - a. Walks through upstairs hall
 - b. Down stairs
 - c. Trips and FALLS OVER DRAGON STATUE
 - i. What do you want from us
 1. This is my house!
 - d. Rolls out RUG
36. UPSTAIRS – KATHY WAKES UP – THUNDER – GEORGE GONE
 - a. Gets out of bed – checks on KIDS
 - b. KIDS MURDERED
 - i. GEORGE HAS AX
 1. GEORGE SPLITS HER HEAD OPEN
 - c. KATHY WAKES UP – NIGHTMARE – GEORGE THERE
 - d. DISSOLVE TO DAY
37. 19th DAY – FRIDAY – GEORGE IN LIVING ROOM – FIRE
 - a. I'm coming apart!
 - b. KATHY runs down – George crying
 - c. George has BITE marks on ankle
 - i. Would you stop nagging at me
 - ii. Always so cold in here
 - d. THEY FIGHT – YOU'RE THE ONE THAT WANTED A HOUSE
 - i. THIS IS IT – SO JUST SHUT UP!
 1. You Bastard
 - a. He SLAPS HER
 - i. Nose bleeds
 - ii. He goes back to fire
38. LATER – KATHY AT CHURCH – LOOKING FOR FATHER DELANEY
 - a. Father Bowen tells her Delaney is on vacation
 - b. SARGE watches Kathy with priest
39. SARGE Watches Bowen get into car
 - a. FOLLOWS BOWEN – dressed all in black as he meets FATHER DELANEY
 - b. FATHER DELANEY IN BLACK BY A SANCTUARY BRIDGE
 - i. Delaney does not speak
 1. Despondent
 - ii. SARGE watches as BOWEN walks back to car
 - c. SARGE CONFRONTS BOWEN ABOUT DELANEY
 - i. There is no story to get right
 1. Bowen excuses himself
 - a. Sarge observes Delaney

- 40. [1:42:04] KATHY VIEWS MICROFICHE FILES AT PAPER
 - a. Looks at day after murders
 - i. SEES GEORGE'S PICTURE
- 41. AT HOME – GEORGE SHARPENS HIS AX
 - a. KATHY RACES HOME
 - b. George digs in yard
 - c. Dog paces
 - d. RED ROOM MAKING NOISES

ACT 3

- 42. [1:44:30] THE LAST NIGHT – THUNDER – RAIN STORM
 - a. Kathy racing home
 - b. George in boat house
 - c. STORM – RAIN – THUNDER etc...
 - d. KATHY sees George with AX from top floor of house
 - e. GEORGE looks up at window –
 - i. SEES FLOATING RED EYED PIG DEMON
- 43. GEORGE RUNS INTO HOUSE WITH AX
 - a. Amy!
 - b. Searches house for AMY
 - c. Heads up stairs
 - i. Black blood from walls GAG
 - d. George BREAKS DOOR with AX
 - i. KIDS scared – hiding in room
 - e. KATHY grabs George in HALL
 - f. KATHY LOOKS OLD
 - i. George swings and MISSES HER
 - 1. Kathy?
 - g. She tells him about the picture in newspaper
 - h. George acts normal
 - i. I wouldn't hurt you
- 44. BLEEDING HOUSE GAG
 - a. RED ROOM ERUPTING
 - i. Dog in basement watching
 - b. EYE WINDOWS SHATTER IN FROM STORM
 - c. FAMILY ESCAPES – runs down
 - i. BLOODY STAIRS
 - d. FRONT DOOR LOCKED
 - e. They get out – rush to VAN
 - i. They are safe [1:49;17]
 - 1. Where are the keys?
 - a. Kathy has them
 - ii. What about the dog?
 - f. George drives off in rain
 - g. George parks car down street
 - h. Runs back to house alone
- 45. GEORGE IN HOUSE [1:50;30]
 - a. Harry?
 - b. George heads to BASEMENT STAIRS
 - i. Falls through stairs
 - 1. INTO BLOOD PIT UNDER HOUSE
 - c. CUT TO KIDS IN VAN WATCHING
 - d. GEORGE CRAWLS OUT OF PIT

- i. Covered in blood
 - 1. HARRY pulls George out of RED ROOM BLOOD PIT
- e. Heads up stairs with dog
- f. Front door LOCKED CLOSED
- g. George SMASHED window –jumps out with dog
- h. Heads to VAN
- i. SAFE IN VAN with dog
- j. Drives OFF in RAIN STORM - ESCAPE
- k. FINAL HOUSE SHOTS – EVIL EYE WINDOWS
 - i. Somehow not broken now
 - 1. THUNDER CRACK END [1:54:00]

