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# THE MONSTERS IN THE CLOSET OF MONSTERS INC

## Monsters INC. Ethical Issue or Justified?

the classic pixar movie Monsters Inc raises a great ethical dilemma in what to do when your society relies on your company to provide them with the very thing that keeps that society going. In the monsters inc universe it is not a fact but it is heavily implied that Monsters inc is the only energy company in the city. So if the energy company fails, as it was already doing. The city would face a complete perma blackout instead of just having to ration energy. The thing that the company owner did to try and save his company and in turn the city is also the thing that brings up the issue of ethics, he started kidnapping children to try and extract the energy from them.

The issue is definitely illegal by the laws of that monster society, however I believe that it can be ethically justified even if waternoose didn't have the intent of saving the city. The reasoning behind this is because again, if the company goes down, the society will be without energy and will probably collapse as well. Waternoose may have cared for the city. He may not have. There isn't enough evidence for either side. However one thing is for certain, even though it was illegal. And even though he might have only cared for his company, it was a necessary evil.

The plan that waternoose used in my opinion, was the best possible option. Monsters at that time didn't think that humans were capable of emotions so they did what they had to. The same things humans do to other animals. But instead of farming

meat or milk, the monsters would farm the screams from the children. This is truly the best way because of several reasons. The first reason is that it is a far more efficient system than what they already had. They could extract more energy and use less energy while working. The second reason is because at the time there was no other way that was known to collect energy. The laughing energy was not known about yet so there was no way that he could have used that instead. All in all the director not only made the right choice. But the best choice for society.

Personally I disagree with the decision to blow the whistle. Again, at the time there was no knowledge that laughter could be used as an alternate fuel source. With them blowing the whistle it could have ended up in disaster with society as they knew it collapsing. The fact that things went the way they did was nothing but pure luck. Them blowing the whistle could have gone very wrong and ended in massive economic collapse and starvation resulting in thousands if not millions of deaths.

In conclusion, the actions taken by Waternoose and the company, may not have been legal, but they were definitely justifiable and important for that society. On top of that, Mike and Sully blowing the whistle ended well only because of luck and otherwise would have ended extremely badly.