

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

"BEAUTY AND THE BOGBEAST"

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FADE IN:

EXTERIOR: LAVA FLATS - GLOOMY DAY

The scene is forboding. Miles of bubbling and steaming lava oozing up from jagged cracks. Eerie trees protrude up out of the baked ground, branches dead and angular, like spikes warning intruders to STAY OUT! A deathly mist floats between the trees and lava. SFX: BUBBLING LAVA. CAMERA PANS and PUSHES IN deeper into the bubbling deathtrap.

CLOSER ANGLE

The MUSIC BUILDS as we suddenly see a footprint "appear" in the steaming lava ground, as if some invisible beast were moving toward us. Then another footprint...and another. The MUSIC THROBS in unison to the appearance of each print. As the footprints get closer we cut to:

ANGLE ON CLUMP OF DEAD TREES

where Hank and Diana are crouched and ready, weapons in hand. As they watch the o.s. footprints Hank gestures Diana to get ready, then signals to someone o.s.

SHEILA, BOBBY AND UNI

wait behind another clump of dead and gnarly trees (facing the other direction). Uni watches nervously, as does Sheila. Bobby flashes an okay sign to o.s. Hank, thumps his club into his hand, ready to maul the s.o.b. Sheila stops him, puts her finger to her lip.

ERIC AND PRESTO

are crouched behind another clump of dead trees, nervously watching as:

THE FOOTPRINTS

move closer, making their ominous impressions in the steaming lava, SIZZLING with each step. The MUSIC THROBS LOUDER.

* (CUTS OMITTED)

* (CUTS OMITTED)

CLOSE ON UNI

as her teeth begin to chatter.

CLOSER ON FOOTPRINTS

as the MUSIC BUILDS the footprints stop! There is a SCREAMING CRESCENDO as:

HANK

rises to his feet, draws back a flaming bolt.

HANK

NOW!!

He lets loose with an arrow of light! FWOOSH!

ON FOOTPRINTS

as the arrow streaks into shot, erupting like a flare about the footprints. As it glows brilliantly we can barely make out a silhouette of the beast. It is rather small and squat.

BOBBY

raises his club, rushes toward camera, club overhead...

BOBBY

(Viking war cry)

YAAAAAAHHHHH!!

PRESTO AND ERIC

rush forward together, Eric hiding behind his shield.

PRESTO/ERIC

(half war cry; half
frightened scream)

AAAAHHHHHHHHH!!!

FULL SHOT - ALL

The six of them converge on the footprints.

HANK ET AL
(misc. war cries)

PUSH IN as they circle the footprints, aiming their weapons: Hank poised with bow cocked; Bobby waiting with club overhead; Diana with javelin at the ready; Eric still somewhat hiding behind the shield; Presto with hat in his hand. A split-second before they unleash their barrage on the invisible beast...POOF!...the Dungeon Master appears in the footprints before them.

DUNGEON MASTER
Good afternoon!

PRESTO/ERIC/SHEILA
(panicked shrieks)
EEEEYYYYYAAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHH!!

Eric, Presto and Sheila tumble backwards in a panic.

ANOTHER ANGLE

HANK
Dungeon Master! What are you
doing here?

DUNGEON MASTER
Looking for you!

PUSH IN as Dungeon Master hops up onto a boulder, wiggles his feet before him. They smoke!

DUNGEON MASTER
(pleasureful sigh)
Ahhh! Nothing like a stroll over
* hot lava to soothe the feet.

WIDER - TO INCLUDE OTHERS

ERIC
* I wish you'd soothe my nerves,
* and tell us how to get out of
* this crazy world.

DUNGEON MASTER
* That's precisely why I've come,
* Cavalier. I've discovered a way
* for all of you to get back home.

Eric and the others whip their heads around in reaction to Dungeon Master's words.

SHEILA

Home?

PRESTO

You mean like, no more dragons,
or nine eyed monsters?

* Dungeon Master nods.

CLOSER - FAVORING ERIC

* Eric smiles, putting his arm around Dungeon Master.

ERIC

(excited)

* Well, what are you waiting for
* Dungeon Master, ol' buddy. Just
* point the way so we can out of
* this dump!

DUNGEON MASTER

I'm afraid it's not that easy.

SHEILA

I knew it! There's always a catch!

FULL SHOT

DUNGEON MASTER

Not a catch! A river! You must
find "The River That Rains Upsidedown!"

BOBBY

The what?

ERIC

(jerks thumb at DM)

I think his brains are upsidedown!

ON DUNGEON MASTER AND HANK

* (LINE OMITTED)

DUNGEON MASTER

* Once a year, for just one minute,
the waters of this mystical river
flow into the sky...

PUSH IN as Dungeon Master opens his hands, palms upwards.
A spray of sparkling energy flows upwards out of them,
like a fountain.

DUNGEON MASTER

They will take you wherever you
want to go!

The energy sucks back into Dungeon Master's hands, disappearing.

WIDER ANGLE

DIANA

But where will we find this river?

Dungeon Master points down a creepy looking path that leads through the smoking lava flats.

DUNGEON MASTER

Just follow that path...

CLOSE ON DUNGEON MASTER

DUNGEON MASTER

...but beware! You must never touch the beauty that breathes the beast!

* CLOSE ON ERIC

ERIC

Beauty that breathes the beast?
* What is that...Cinderella with
* bad breath?

* (CUT OMITTED)

FULL SHOT - ALL

They react to the lack of Dungeon Master.

SHEILA

He's gone!

ERIC

(burning)

* Well, I'm not taking one
* step until he comes back and
* explains that stupid riddle!

* (LINE OMITTED)

DIANA

* You can wait here if you want.
* We're going to find that river
* that rains upside-down.

* She starts off. The others follow.

* (CUTS OMITTED)

FULL SHOT - LAVA FLATS

As our heroes march off through the deadly looking lava flats, Eric lifts his feet up (alternating), reacting to the hot ground.

ERIC
Ow! Oooo! Aaahhh!!

DISSOLVE TO:

FURTHER DOWN THE PATH - STILL GLOOMY DAY

Hank and the others suddenly stop.

BOBBY
Look!

WIDEN to reveal a fork in the path before them.

SHEILA

Oh, great! Which way do we go, now?

ERIC

* Whichever path we take will be the
* wrong one!

BOBBY

* Then let's take 'em both!

* (CUT OMITTED)

WIDER ANGLE

Hank is standing beside Bobby, Sheila and Uni. Diana,
Eric and Presto are on the other side of shot.

* (LINE OMITTED)

DIANA

* Good thinking, Bobby! I'll go with
Eric and Presto down that path.
(points down path)

SHEILA

And we'll take the other. Come on!

As the two groups take different pathes we...

WIPE TO:

EXTERIOR: CREEPY OVERGROWN VINES - DAY

Bobby clubs his way through the vines. Diana does the
same with her javelin. Hank and Uni are behind them.

DIANA

Are you sure we're still on the
path, Hank?

HANK

The only thing I'm sure of is
that I'm not sure of anything!

CLOSER ON BOBBY

as he pounds his club into the vines once again. But
instead of cutting through the vines there is a DEAFENING
METALLIC GONG!

Bobby reacts as the vibrations go through him. PUSH IN on Uni as she holds her ears, rattling off her feet.

WIDER ANGLE

BOBBY
OoOooohhh!! What did it hit?

Hank pushes away the vines to reveal a metallic wall with rivets in it. It looks like a ship's bulkhead. He wraps on it with a low CLANG, CLANG, CLANG!

HANK
It's a metal wall!

DIANA
What's it doing in the middle of nowhere?

CLOSER ON HANK

HANK
* I don't know.

Hank continues to push the vines away until we can see that it is not a wall at all...but a giant metal foot (with a Roman looking sandle on it, also metal).

HANK
I don't like the look of this!

EXTREME UP ANGLE

on vine covered mountain. You're right! It's not a mountain at all. It begins to move, tearing the vines off itself, revealing it to be an IRON GOLEM (see Monster Manual, page 48). CAMERA ZOOMS IN on its angry face as it looks down past camera...

IRON GOLEM
(loud metallic roar)
Who goes there?

REVERSE DOWN ANGLE - OVER THE SHOULDER

as the golem looks down at Hank, Sheila, Bobby and Uni far below in the vines.

BOBBY
* Bobby the Barbarian! Who are you?

* Suddenly the iron golem lifts its huge metal foot above
* them. They just have time to scatter as it CRASHES into
* the earth with REVERBERATING THUMP! It continues after
* them.

PANNING WITH HANK, SHEILA, BOBBY AND UNI

as the huge iron feet crash into the ground, gaining on our guys.

HANK

Hurry!

CLOSE ON GIANT FOOT

as it bashes into the ground with a scene shaking THUD.

ON BOBBY AND UNI

as they are literally bounced off the ground by the quaking thud. Bobby trips and Uni rolls over him. PUSH IN as Bobby looks up, reacting to:

HIS POV - EXTREME UP ANGLE - IRON GOLEM

It leans down, reaching right into camera...

ON HANK AND SHEILA

They stop, turning, reacting.

SHEILA

Bobby!

BACK TO BOBBY AND UNI

as the giant golem picks them up in its huge hand, lifting them up, o.s.

UNI

(frightened bleat)

CLOSER ON GOLEM

PUSH IN as it holds Bobby and Uni up to its metal face, leans closer.

IRON GOLEM

Golem destroy intruders!

BOBBY

Yeah...well, not before I do a Steve Garvey number on your nose!

Bobby swings his club like a baseball bat, smashing the golem's metal nose with a REVERBERATING CLANG-ANG-ANG! His head vibrates.

IRON GOLEM

(furious)

I crush you like fly!

The iron golem holds its other hand up over Bobby and Uni, getting ready to slam it down on them.

ON HANK AND SHEILA

Hank draws back a flaming bolt, aims upwards.

HANK

Magic bow, don't fail me now!

He releases! WHOOSH!

BACK TO GOLEM

Just as it slams its hand down the flaming bolt of energy shoots into shot, coiling into a laserlike spring around Bobby and Uni. The golem's hand slams down, hitting the glowing spring and sproinging back, slapping the golem in the kisser.

BOBBY

Way to go, Hank!

UP ANGLE ON GOLEM

as it looks down at Hank and Sheila, showing his angry metal fangs.

IRON GOLEM

(angry metallic roar)

SHEILA

Uh-oh! I think you got him mad!

* The golem raises its fist and reaches for them.

CLOSER ON SHEILA AND HANK

* Hank dives out of the way. Sheila raises her hood,
* disappearing as the huge hand reaches down where they
* were standing. It stops, making an angry fist.

ON BOBBY AND UNI

in the golem's hand. Bobby swings his club up, bashing the metal thumb before him. Uni covers her ears with her hooves as the CLANG REVERBERATES LOUDLY.

CLOSE ON IRON GOLEM

IRON GOLEM

(angry groan)

ON HANK

as Sheila appears beside him with a twirl of her cape.

SHEILA
That things indestructable!

PUSH IN on Hank as he aims his bow...

HANK
If you can't beat 'em...join 'em!

He fires another flaming bolt.

ON GOLEM'S FEET

The glowing energy bolt streaks into shot, striking between the feet (which are touching). It flares up like an arc welding torch, melting the two feet together with a red hot, glowing weld.

* BACK TO HANK

HANK
Okay, Sheila...do your stuff!

* SHEILA

* gives a nervous look, pulls up her hood and disappears.

FULL ON GOLEM

* SHEILA (VO)
* Hey, tin grin!

* The golem looks around in confusion.

* SHEILA (VO)
* Down here!

* Suddenly Sheila appears on the road before him. He looks down at Sheila, reacting with a scowl. He moves toward her, reaching out with his free hand.

CLOSE ON GOLEM

as he reacts with surprise to:

HIS FEET

welded together.

WIDER ANGLE

as he teeters precariously.

IRON GOLEM
Aaahhhh!!!...Aaaaaahhhh!!!...

ON HANK

HANK
Bobby! Catch!

Hank fires another bolt.

UP ANGLE ON GOLEM

* as Hank's flaming arrow streaks up toward the iron hand,
* carrying Bobby and Uni out of shot.

UNI
(panicked bleat)

PUSH IN on the golem as he teeters more, then falls o.s.

IRON GOLEM
AAAAAAAHHHHHHH!!!...

WIDER ANGLE

as the golem hits the ground with a SHUDDERING CRASH. He
breaks into pieces with a RIPPING METAL SOUND.

ON SHEILA AND HANK

ducking as the huge metal hand crashes before them.

ON BOBBY AND UNI

as the golem's hollow head THUDS to rest a few feet away.

FULL SHOT - ALL

Hank and the others react to the sight of the broken
monster before them. PUSH IN on them...

SHEILA
I wonder what he was guarding.

* BOBBY
* Maybe that upside-down river
* thing. I'll go look.

Bobby scrambles over the hulk of the iron golem, to the
end of the jungly vines.

HANK
Well?

CLOSER ON BOBBY

He looks past camera with disappointment. Sheila, Hank
and Uni join him, their faces looking about the same.

* BOBBY
* Nope! No river!

REVERSE ANGLE - PAST HANK AND OTHERS

CAMERA WIDENS to reveal a vast desert before them, the sun blistering overhead.

HANK

...at least we'll get a nice suntan!

* (LINE OMITTED)

DISSOLVE TO:

EXTERIOR: SMALL BROOK - DAY

The water babbles over the rocks past grassy banks.

ERIC (VO)

Forget it!

WIDEN to reveal Eric, Presto and Diana standing on the bank, looking at the brook.

ERIC

* Do you think this might be that
* river that rains upsidedown?

CLOSER ON PRESTO AND ERIC

as he puts his hands and head on the ground, pushes up into an awkward headstand.

PRESTO

(off balance)

* Well, I'm upsidedown...and it's
* not raining!

ERIC

Quit clowning, Presto!

Eric gives Presto's wobbling feet a shove, knocking him into a heap.

DIANA (VO)

* Hey, guys! Look at this!

ON DIANA

looking at an incredibly beautiful flower that is wrapped around a tree trunk with vinelike branches and leaves. Eric and Presto enter.

PRESTO

* What is it?

PUSH IN on the flower.

DIANA

* The prettiest flower I've ever seen.

ANOTHER ANGLE

as Eric moves to the flower.

ERIC

* You think this is beauty...you should
* see my garden back home.

He snaps the flower off the vine, holds it out to her.

ERIC

* This is nothing!

* Presto reacts with a worried look, stops Eric.

PRESTO

* Eric! Wait a minute! Did you
* say beauty?

CLOSER ON ERIC AND PRESTO

ERIC

* Yeah! What of it?

PRESTO

* Beware of beauty that breathes
* the beast!...Remember?

Eric does a take, looks at the flower. POOF! It shoots out a blast of powdery pollen into his face.

ERIC

(coughing)

Eric puts his hands over his face, bending down as he continues to cough. When he straightens up we see that he is now a hideous looking BOGBEAST! They're not in the Monster Manual, but as its name implies, it's a hunchbacked, soggy, warty, boney, large eyed, yucky looking creature; perhaps a cross between a frog, a lizard and a fly...perhaps not! (Note: Eric still has his shield.)

ERIC

(croaky, bubbly)

Now you tell me! It's a good thing for you nothing happened!

FULL SHOT - ALL

Diana and Presto look with wide-eyed shock at Eric.

ERIC
 (another cough)
 What are you guys staring at?

Diana and Presto, point at Eric, speechless.

DIANA/PRESTO
 (hysterical laughing)

ERIC
 Some friends you are.
 (another cough)
 Just because I've got a little
 frog in my throat is nothing to
 laugh about. --- I've got to get
 some water!

Eric moves off.

PRESTO/DIANA
 (more laughing)

ON BROOK

as Eric moves into shot, stopping at the bank.

ERIC
 (muttering to himself)
 Twirps!

CLOSER ANGLE

as Eric kneels at the edge of the water, sticks his face
 down to get a drink. He sees his reflection, goes wide-
 eyed with panic.

ERIC
 Yiii!!! A monster!

He leaps to his feet, looking around him every which way.

ERIC
 It was hideous! Quick! We've
 got to get out of here!

WIDER ANGLE

as Diana and Presto move to Eric.

DIANA
 (containing her
 laughter)
 Uh, relax, Eric...

ERIC
 Relax!? Are you nuts? We've
 got to split before it gets us!

PRESTO

* Don't worry! It's not gonna
get us! It's already got you!
(laughs again)

Presto points at Eric's face. Eric reacts, puts his hands to his face, feels it. His eyes widen. He blinks.

ANOTHER ANGLE

as Eric leans back over the water, looks at his reflection. He reacts with a startled jerk.

ERIC

Aaahhh!!

He gains his nerve, looks once again.

ERIC

Huh?

He feels his face again.

ERIC

* No! It's not...(croak)...possible!
I'm...I'm...

ANGLE ON ALL

PRESTO

* Disgusting?
(laughs)

Diana puts her hand over her mouth to keep from laughing.

ERIC

* What am I going to do? I can't
go around looking...(croak)...like this!

PRESTO

* Why not?

DIANA

* Come on, Presto...Eric's got a
real problem here.

ON ERIC AND PRESTO

ERIC

* Yeah! This isn't...(croak)...funny!

PRESTO

* Sure it is! I mean...you're right,
it's not funny...
(cracks up)
It's disgusting!

Eric takes Presto's hat off, hands it to him.

* ERIC
Come on, Presto! (Croak)...Change
me back to me!

PRESTO
But, uh, I don't know if I can!

* ERIC
* Could you at least...(croak)...try,
* please!

PRESTO
(reluctant)
Oh, okay!

Presto runs his hand around the upturned rim of his hat.

PRESTO
Uh, lips of lizard, ear of elf...
please make Eric look like himself!

There is a sudden POOF of magical smoke. WIDEN to reveal Eric. He wears a lady's wig, hat and dress, looking somewhat like E.T. in drag.

* WIDER - TO INCLUDE DIANA

* DIANA
Well, that's different.

ERIC
I'll tear you apart, Presto! I
swear, I'll tear you apart!

* PRESTO
Relax! I'm just warming up!

Presto runs his hand over his hat, faster!

CLOSER ON PRESTO

* PRESTO
(nervous)
Abracazim...abracadoo...make me
a potion that'll know what to do!

Presto reaches into his hat, pulls out a bubbling flask of pink liquid. He reacts with a smile.

PRESTO
Hey! I did it!

WIDER ANGLE

as Eric grabs the flash from Presto.

ERIC

Gimme that!

He chug-a-lugs it, reacting as if he'd just drank a garlic milkshake.

ERIC

Yuch! What was that?

PRESTO

(shrugs)

* I don't know!

PUSH IN on Eric as he begins to shake and shiver. He suddenly grows horns and breathes flame. He shoots an even angrier glance o.s.

ON PRESTO

PRESTO

* Sorry! I'll try again.

Before he has time to even do anything a lightning bolt erupts from his hat, shooting o.s. with a crackling THUNDERCLAP. Presto looks o.s., reacting.

WIDER ON ERIC AND PRESTO

to reveal Eric, smoking, the ground charred around him.

ERIC

* Put that hat back on before you
kill me!

Eric rips Presto's hat out of his hands, shoves it back onto his head.

ERIC

There must be a way to...

CAMERA WIDENS as Eric turns, reacting with a startled froglike leap at the sight of Dungeon Master, standing in front him.

ERIC

(frightened croak)

CLOSER ON DUNGEON MASTER AND ERIC

DUNGEON MASTER

I see you did not heed my warning!

ERIC

(pleading)

* Oh, Dungeon Master...am I glad to
* see you. Change me back...please!

PUSH IN on Dungeon Master as he rubs his chin, shakes his head sadly.

DUNGEON MASTER

* I did not create this spell, Cavalier,
* therefore I cannot undo it!

CLOSE ON ERIC

DUNGEON MASTER (VO)

* In fact, if you do not undo the spell
* soon, you will remain a bogbeast...forever!

ERIC

* Forever??...A bogbeast??? Is that what
* I am...a bogbeast? Oh, no!

WIDER ANGLE

* (LINE OMITTED)

DUNGEON MASTER

* There is one way to undo the spell...
* and that way will be found in what
you dislike the most.

CLOSE ON ERIC

ERIC

* This is no time for (croak) riddles...

WIDER ANGLE

to reveal Dungeon Master is gone. Eric reacts.

ERIC

* Where is he?
* (looks at himself)
* I hate looking like this! (Croak)
Not to mention sounding like this.

CLOSE ON DIANA

DIANA

That's it! What you dislike the most is being...

(wrinkles her nose)

* ...a bogbeast!

FULL SHOT - ALL

PRESTO

* Yeah! So maybe if we find some
* more ugly guys like you, we can
* break the spell.

* (LINES OMITTED)

WIPE TO:

CLOSE ON BLISTERING SUN

burning in the noon sky the CAMERA PANS DOWN to reveal Hank, Sheila, Bobby and Uni trudging over the sand dunes.

CLOSER ANGLE

as they stop, thirsty and exhausted.

SHEILA

* There's got to be water around
* here, somewhere.

ON UNI AND BOBBY

Uni reacts with wide-eyed delight to the sight of a puddle of water before her.

BOBBY

* Look! There's water!

UNI

(happy bleat)

Uni races toward it, diving in. THUD! The water dissolves away, just a mirage. Uni's head is stuck in the sand. Bobby pulls her out. She spits sand.

UNI

Ptew!

BOBBY

Nice try, Uni!

ON HANK AND SHEILA

SHEILA

If I don't find something to
drink soon, I'm gonna dry up
and blow away.

PUSH IN on Hank as his bow begins to quiver (no pun
intended).

HANK

Hey! What's up?

Eric holds up his bow as a flaming arrow appears. He can
barely control the bow as it jerks about in his hand, as
if trying to point to something.

CLOSE ON BOBBY

BOBBY

Maybe it's trying to point out
where the water is!

*

WIDER ANGLE

The bow gives a big "nod" at Bobby's words.

HANK

I think you're right, Bobby!

Then the bow suddenly points straight up.

SHEILA

I think you're wrong, Bobby!

The bow lets loose with its arrow, sending it skyward.
The three of them stare upwards at:

THEIR POV - EXTREME UP ANGLE

as the flaming arrow goes up, up, up...then turns around,
falling down, down, down, toward camera.

BACK TO HANK, SHEILA, BOBBY AND UNI

They all dive out of the way as the arrow shoots into the
ground where they were standing, exploding with a blast
of sand and light, blowing a hole in the sand.

SHEILA AND HANK

are knocked off their feet.

BOBBY AND UNI

(facing the opposite way) are also knocked down.

WIDER ANGLE

as we see the four of them slipping down toward the hole in the sand, like sand draining into an hourglass.

HANK

I don't understand it! That
bow's never let me down before!

CLOSER ON SHEILA

slipping toward the hole.

SHEILA

Well, there's always a first...

She falls into the blackness of the sandy hole.

SHEILA (VO)

...tiiiiiiiiiiiiimmmme!

ON BOBBY AND UNI

BOBBY

Sheila!

They slide into the hole...

BOBBY (VO)

Helllllllppppp!!...

UNI (VO)

(trailing bleat)

ON HANK

He slides into the hole, disappearing. The MUSIC STINGS and we cut to:

SUBTERRANEAN CANVERN

The place looks like a cross between Carlsbad Caverns and a tropical rain forest. Lush ferns and vines dangle from the ceiling of stalactites. Mosses and flowers cover the stalagmites below. CAMERA PUSHES IN on the top of the cavern as Hank, Sheila, Bobby and Uni tumble from a hole in the rocky ceiling.

ANGLE ON SHALLOW STREAM

It runs along a wide dry river bed. There is only pockets of water. Suddenly our four heroes splash into the water. PUSH IN as they poke their heads up.

BOBBY

Look! It found the water!

They all drink happily, splashing about.

CLOSER ON UNI

playfully splashing water up with her horn, catching it in her mouth. She ducks her head down again, this time pulling up a little LIZARD FISH, wrapped around her horn. She crosses her eyes, reacting in panic in as the little lizard lashes its tongue out at her.

UNI

(frightened bleat)

Suddenly two, gnarly looking legs step into shot before camera. Uni forgets about the lizard fish on her nose, blinking at the "owner" of the legs.

UNI

(suppressed bleat)

WIDER ANGLE

Hank, Sheila and Bobby react to the sight of a half-dozen of the strange creatures. They circle our guys, their ominous silhouettes obscuring all but their hunchbacked shapes. As the MUSIC STINGS we...

FADE OUT

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

FADE IN:

ON HANK, SHEILA, BOBBY AND UNI

still half-submerged in the stream water, the strange, silhouetted creatures surrounding them.

HANK

Don't look now, but I think we're surrounded!

SHEILA

* Yeah! But by what?

THEIR POV - BOGBEASTS

They all look like Eric...or like Eric now looks: slimey, warty, smelly beasts, holding crude, spearlike weapons with trident tips, and nets. They slowly move toward camera...

BOGBEAST #1

(low, soggy croak)

ON OUR GUYS

Bobby starts to raise his club.

BOBBY

* Who cares? Wait till I get through with 'em!

Hank grabs Bobby's club, pushes it down under the water.

HANK

* Hold it! Let's see what they want.

ON BOGBEASTS

continuing toward camera, raising their nets and spears.

BOGBEASTS

* (low croaking growls)

ON SHEILA

SHEILA

* I don't think they want our lunch money.

ON UNI

waiting...and shaking.

ON BOGBEASTS

They raise their nets overhead, draw back their spears...

* BOGBEASTS
* (louder croaking growls)

* WIDER ANGLE

* As the bogbeasts move in it looks like the end for our
* guys.

* CLOSER ON BOBBY

* He covers his ears with his hands, then makes his most
* horrible kidface, screaming:

* BOBBY
* (fiendish war cry)

* (SCENES OMITTED)

ON BOGBEASTS

still surrounding our guys. They look at Hank, Sheila,
Bobby and Uni, standing before them, then glance at one
another nervously. In a startling instant they turn tail
and run in panic.

BOGBEASTS
(frightened croaks)
YAAAHHH!! CROOOAK! BURRRPPP!!

HANK, SHEILA AND BOBBY

react in surprise to:

A BOGBEAST

as he leaps into a mass of ferns, disappearing.

ANOTHER BOGBEAST

dives into a puddle of water. It's so shallow his back and head stick out as he tries to swim away, getting nowhere fast.

MORE BOGBEASTS

scramble away into the shadows of the surrounding stalagmites. PUSH IN as they peer around the stalagmites, blinking nervously.

BOGBEASTS
(low, frightened croaks)

BACK TO OUR GUYS

standing in the stream. They give one another a surprised take.

ANGLE ON FERNS

Hank enters shot, reaches into the fern, pulling out one of the bogbeasts. He reacts with panic, covering his face with his wiggling, webbed fingers.

BOGBEAST #1
No! Don't hurt! Don't hurt!

HANK
Don't worry! We mean you no harm!

WIDER ANGLE

The bogbeast peeks out through his fingers.

SHEILA
Who are you?

BOGBEAST #1
Me are bogbeast! Me friendly!

The bogbeast smiles, revealing his disgusting set of twisted and missing teeth.

BOBBY
If you're so friendly, how come
* you scared us?

CLOSE ON BOGBEAST

BOGBEAST #1
* Not scaring...fishing! You in
fishing water!

FULL SHOT - ALL

The other bogbeasts begin to move closer. Bogbeast #1 points at the shallow patches of water.

BOGBEASTS
(less friendly;
misc. croaks)
You evil!...Kawamung send you to
scare fish away!

SHEILA
Kawamung? Who's he?

ON BOGBEASTS - FAVORING BOGBEAST #1

BOGBEAST #1
* He bad!

BOGBEAST #318
* He dam up river, make fish go way!

BOGBEAST #6½
* Make bogbeast family go hungry.

PRESTO
* But why?

BOGBEAST #1
* Kawamung want be rid of bogbeasts forever!

WIDER ANGLE - TO INCLUDE DOZENS MORE BOGBEASTS

BOBBY
* But there's so many of you! Why
don't you just clobber the guy?

Bobby swings his club as he speaks. The bogbeasts all step back in fright.

* (LINE OMITTED)

SHEILA
* I think that's your answer.

As the bogbeasts huddle together in fear we...

WIPE TO:

EXTERIOR: MUDDY BOG - GLOOMY DAY

CAMERA PANS CLOSE with Presto's feet as they slosh through the mud. Diana's feet gain into shot, sloshing along behind him. Then Eric's feet gain into shot, looking yuckier than the mud. CAMERA WIDENS to reveal the three of the walking through what looks like a prehistoric swamp.

DIANA

* Dungeon Master was wrong. I don't
* think anything in this world looks
* as bad as you.

ERIC

* Cut it out (croak) will ya. If we
* don't find those bogbeasts soon, I'll
* look (croak) like this forever.

CLOSER ON PRESTO

as he looks about, reacting in surprise as a totally
disgusting looking, snakelike serpent pops its head out
of the bog before him. It opens its mouth, dripping
slime down its tongue.

PRESTO

* I th-th-think I've found something
that looks worse than Eric!

SERPENT

(deadly hissing)

WIDER ANGLE

as the others react to the slimey serpent.

ERIC

Aaaahhhhh!!!

DIANA

Run!

They run thru the mud, the serpent slithering after them.

ANOTHER ANGLE

as Eric, Diana and Presto trip in a wetter part of the
bog, falling waist deep into the murk. The serpent
slithers up to them as they begin to sink.

ERIC

Hey! I'm sinking!

CLOSE ON SERPENT

It opens wide, fangs bared, tongue whipping ominously.

SERPENT

(more hissing)

BACK TO OUR GUYS

as they sink up to their shoulders in the mud. The
serpent is coiled before them.

* (LINE OMITTED)

The three of them sink out of sight. PUSH IN on the muddy murk as it bubbles with doom, then cut:

BACK TO HANK, SHEILA, BOBBY AND UNI

standing before the bogbeasts, who are now in their little village. There are dozens of grassy huts in the jungly cavern (along the dried up river bank). There are all kinds of bogbeasts, men, women and children, standing by their huts, looking very sympathetic.

HANK

There must be something you can do to stop this Kawamung fella!

BOGBEAST #1

We stop Kawamung...as soon as our leader come!

HANK

Who's your leader?

CLOSER - FAVORING BOGBEAST #1

He takes a dirty, rolled up parchment out of a sack that hangs from his shoulder.

BOGBEAST #1

Him legend!

The bogbeast unrolls the filthy parchment.

BOGBEAST #1

Sacred scroll say Him like us,
but not like us!

(looks up reverently)

Say Him drop from sky...lead us
to victory over Kawamung!

The bogbeasts bow in reverence to the legendary words.

TIGHT ON HANK AND SHEILA

SHEILA

(sotto)

Something tells me these guys are
about as smart as they are handsome.

As Hank nods the two of them look up, reacting to:

ERIC/DIANA/PRESTO (VO)

OOOOHHHHHHHH...!!

WIDER ANGLE

as Eric, Presto and Diana tumble into shot, landing in the ferns and undergrowth beside Hank and the others. PUSH IN as Diana pops up out of the ferns, a bit dazed.

SHEILA

Diana!

Presto pops up next, his hat comically askew.

BOBBY

Presto!

Eric pops out, looking just like the other bogbeasts.

ERIC

(dazed croak)

Hi, Hank!

HANK

Eric??

ANOTHER ANGLE - FAVORING BOGBEASTS

as they react to Eric.

BOGBEAST #1

Our leader has come!

They drop to their knees, bowing reverently.

BOGBEASTS

(reverent croaking)

CLOSER ON ERIC, HANK AND OTHERS

Eric points a webbed thumb at the bogbeasts.

ERIC

Now these guys know a born leader
when they see one!

(to self)

*
*

What am I saying?

SHEILA

*

What am I seeing? Eric...is that you?

ERIC

(disgusted)

*
*

That's (croak) me!

ANOTHER ANGLE

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*

BOGBEAST #1

You leader!

Bogbeast #1 hands Eric a crude trident spear. Eric pulls his hand away.

ERIC

Don't touch me, you disgusting beast!

BOGBEAST #1

We ready!

WIDER TO INCLUDE ARMY OF BOGBEASTS

* all lined up like a marine platoon.

BOGBEAST #1

You lead us to victory over Kawamung!

ERIC

What's he talking about?

SHEILA

They expect you to conquer the evil
ogre that's damming up their river.

Eric looks at the disgusting bogbeasts, winces.

ERIC

Well, forget it! Tell 'em to call
the department of water and power!

CLOSER - FAVORING HANK

HANK

* We can't just let these guys starve!
* Besides, they might be able to lead
* us to the River That Rains Upsidedown!

WIDER - TO INCLUDE BOGBEASTS

BOGBEAST #1

* This is River That Rain Upsidedown.

BOBBY

* It is?

DIANA

* Great! We can help the bogbeasts
* and still find our way home.

ERIC

* I can't go home looking like this.

ON ERIC AND BOGBEAST #1

ERIC

* I'll lead your army of bogbeasts
* if you find a way to change me back
* to normal!

BOGBEAST #1
Normal? You normal now!

ERIC
(slaps his forehead)
Oh, brother!

The bogbeast smiles, puts his arm around Eric. Eric reacts as if he's just been given the "kooties."

BOGBEAST #1
(nodding)
Brother.

WIPE TO:

DRIED UP RIVER BED

CAMERA FOLLOWS the almost totally dry river bed up to a huge dam, made of tree trunks, boulders, etc. PUSH IN to reveal our guys and the bogbeasts, moving up a trail toward the top of the dam.

CLOSER ANGLE - PANNING

Eric leads the rest.

* ERIC
* (disgusted)
* Hmph! Some army! How are we gonna
* beat this guy with a bunch of (croak)
* losers, like this?

* BOGBEAST #1
* You take medallion away. Kawamung
* have no power without medallion.

ON HANK AND BOBBY

Hank raises his hand to warn the others to be quiet. He and Bobby stop, look over the top of the dam.

BOBBY
Holy cow!

THEIR POV - VALLEY

* There is a lake dammed up at the side of a lush, green
* valley. The dam is a crude power station of sorts
* (perhaps in the same fashion as an old water wheel).
* There are several trollish slaves, making crude weapons.
Kawamung, a giant OGRE MAGE, is wading in the lake (see
Monster Manual, page 76). He scoops out a huge handful
of lizard fish, gobbling them down.

BOBBY (VO)
That dude looks real mean!

* ON BOGBEASTS

* BOGBEASTS
* (frightened gasps)

* ON HANK AND DIANA

* DIANA
* It looks like Kawamung has dammed
* up the water to power some sort of
* factory.

* THEIR POV - CLOSER ON TROLLS

* making crude weapons under the duress of Kawamung's whip.

* HANK (VO)
* And he's got those slaves making
* all sorts of weapons for him.

* ON HANK AND OTHERS

* PRESTO
* He's probably getting ready to
* invade the bogbeasts.

* HANK
* We'll give him a little invasion of
* our own. --- Eric! Tell your bogbeast
* friends...

ERIC
(interrupting)
They're not my friends!

HANK
Okay! Okay! Just tell them to
keep quiet until we need them.

CLOSER ON HANK, SHEILA AND UNI

HANK
Sheila! You remember what to do?

* SHEILA
* Right!

* Hank sneaks o.s. PUSH IN on Sheila as she raises her
* hood, disappearing. Suddenly Uni reacts with surprise as
* if stepped on.

UNI
(startled bleat)

* SHEILA (VO)
* Sorry, Uni!

* Uni smiles, as if given an invisible pat on the head.

ON KAWAMUNG

* He lashes his whip overhead, bellowing at the trolls.

KAWAMUNG

* Faster! I want those weapons done
* so we can drive the bogbeasts out
* of the valley for good.

SHEILA (VO)

Guess again, Kawamung!

* Kawamung reacts with surprise, looking around.

* KAWAMUNG
* Who said that?

* Suddenly Sheila appears, standing before him.

* SHEILA
* I did, your ugliness!

* As Kawamung looks at Sheila in surprise we cut to:

HANK

as he steps out from behind a tree, draws back his bow.
He fires a flaming arrow o.s.

ON KAWAMUNG

as the arrow streaks into shot, circling the medallion
that hangs from his neck. Kawamung is startled as the
energy bolt tears the medallion from his neck, taking it
back o.s. like a boomerang.

WIDER - TO INCLUDE HANK

Hank grabs the medallion out of the air as the flaming
arrow returns to him, then vanishes.

HANK
Thanks, Kawamung! Now that your
magic's gone, perhaps you'll let
the bogbeasts live in peace.

KAWAMUNG
(bellowing laughter)
* HA-HA-HA-HA! Stupid fool!...

Kawamung turns around, revealing another identical orge
face on the back of his head. This one is wearing
another medallion (and his back looks just like the other
side).

* ON ERIC AND BOGBEASTS

* ERIC
* You didn't say anything about him
* being a "two-faced" monster.

* BOGBEAST #1
* Every bogbeast know that.

* ERIC
* Arggggh!

* Eric slaps his face with his webbed hand, then suddenly
* reacts to his hand with a "yuck-like" expression.

* FAVORING KAWAMUNG

KAWAMUNG

This is the real magic medallion!

Suddenly the medallion fires a glowing beam o.s.

ON HANK AND TREE

Hank dives out of the way, but the tree doesn't flinch.
It just evaporates as the beam hits it!

ON PRESTO, DIANA AND BOBBY

PRESTO
I think Hank's in trouble!

DIANA
Let's go!

They dash o.s.

ON ERIC AND BOGBEASTS

Eric, shield in hand, is in front of the bogbeast army.

ERIC
Oh, well...when in Bogland, do
as the bogbeasts!

He suddenly stands up, raises his shield.

ERIC
(ala John Wayne)
Forward...ho-ooooo!

He rushes off over the dam, the bogbeasts following.

KAWAMUNG

reacts as the bogbeasts pour over the top of the dam.
PUSH IN on him as he raises his medallion.

* KAWAMUNG
* Not even an army of bogbeasts
could scare Kawamung!

He shoots another blast o.s.

ON BOGBEASTS

as the magical beam shoots into shot, freezing several of
them in a solid layer of ice.

CLOSER ON KAWAMUNG

as he smiles with evil delight. Suddenly the medallion
starts to pull away from his neck.

SHEILA (VO)
I've got it!

He reaches out, grabbing something invisible. A
beat...then Sheila's cloak dangles off her and she comes
into plain view, in Kawamung's hand, hanging from the
medallion.

KAWAMUNG
And I've got you!

WIDER ANGLE

to reveal little Bobby, standing at the bank beside a towering tree.

BOBBY

Leggo my sister!

Bobby bashes his club into the tree, sending it falling toward Kawamung. PUSH IN on the ogre as he sidesteps the tree, which splashes into the water.

CLOSER ON KAWAMUNG

as he bares his teeth, firing another magical bolt o.s.

ON BOBBY

Eric "hops" into shot, holding his shield before Bobby. The magical bolt hits it, ricocheting back o.s.

ON KAWAMUNG

as the magical bolt hits him in the chest, sparkling like the 4th of July.

KAWAMUNG

AAARRRRGGGHHH!!

He staggers, releasing Sheila...

SHEILA

Oooooohhhh!!

...who splashes into the water.

ON ERIC AND BOGBEASTS

* Eric practically has to push them forward.

ERIC

* Come on, you guys...Forward ho!
* Forward ho!

* The bogbeasts reluctantly charge o.s.

BOGBEASTS

(wild croaking)

*

ERIC

* I don't believe I'm doing this.

* Eric trots off after them.

ON KAWAMUNG

He smiles without concern as the bogbeasts rush toward him. Suddenly he raises his hands like a boogeyman.

KAWAMUNG

(scarey roar)

YAAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHHHH!!!

THE BOGBEASTS

react in panic, falling over one another in the water.

ON ERIC

standing ankle deep in the water, reacting as the other bogbeasts retreat past him.

ERIC

Hey! Stop! Where are you going?

* As Eric looks off in the direction they're coming from,
* we cut to:

* HIS POV - KAWAMUNG

* making a horrible face and gesture.

* KAWAMUNG

* AAAAHHHHHHHHH!!!

* BACK TO ERIC

as he reacts with a take, then runs off with the others.

ERIC

Wait for me!

PRESTO

hides behind a boulder. He takes off his hat.

PRESTO

* Come on, Presto...all those bogbeasts
are counting on you this time! Don't
screw up!

He runs his hand around the rim.

PRESTO

Hocus, pocus...abracadabra...
etcetera, etcetera..

He reaches in and pulls out a frisbee.

PRESTO

(disappointed)

Great! Just what I needed!

Presto flips the frisbee o.s. to get rid of it.

ANGLE ON DAM

* as the frisbee lazily sails into shot, disappearing
* inside an open door.

* INSIDE THE DAM

* There are several crude gear mechanisms that convert the
* water motion to some sort of power for the weapons
* manufacture. The frisbee sails into shot, right into the
* meshing gears. They grind to a stop, sparking and
* GROWLING and collapsing...

* EXTERIOR: ON DAM

* as it RUMBLES, then KABLAAAMMMM! The dam explodes with a
* blinding flash of light.

BACK TO PRESTO

ducking as debris falls into shot. He looks up, smiles.

PRESTO

* Wow! An exploding frisbee!

BACK TO DAM

as the lake water gushes through like a tidal wave,
washing several of the bogbeasts with it.

ON DRY RIVER BED

The water cascades down the dry bed, continuing o.s.

ON PRESTO, ERIC, HANK AND DIANA

DIANA

Way to go, Presto! You busted
the dam!

Eric sees something o.s., reacts.

ERIC

(awestruck)

Hey! Look! That's it! That's it!

THEIR POV - THE RIVER VALLEY

as the water continues to flow past the bogbeasts'
village. Suddenly the water flows up at the end, like an
inverted waterfall, pouring skywards into the top of the
cavern. The water at the end of the inverted falls goes
through a magical looking "warp" where it disappears.

HANK (VO)

* The river...it's raining upsidedown!"

BACK TO HANK, ERIC, PRESTO AND DIANA

ERIC

We're finally gonna get back home!

BOBBY (VO)

Help!

They all react, turning to see:

THEIR POV - KAWAMUNG

Kawamung holds Bobby, Uni and Sheila in his hands with
several more of the bogbeasts cringing beneath him.

KAWAMUNG

HA-HA-HA-HA!

BACK TO HANK AND OTHERS

HANK

Come on! We've got to get them!

Hank, Diana and Presto rush o.s. PUSH IN on Eric as he
looks back at the o.s. river.

ERIC

* But what about the river? We've
only got a minute to get home!

He looks back at the others, stomps his foot, then runs after them.

ON KAWAMUNG

as our guys run up to the lake shore beside him. Kawamung points an evil finger at them.

KAWAMUNG

* Put back that dam or you'll never see your friends again!

CLOSER ON HANK AND DIANA

Diana takes out her javelin, extends it to full length.

DIANA

Cover me, Hank!

She races o.s. like a pole vaulter. Hank raises his bow, fires an flaming bolt o.s.

KAWAMUNG

dodges the flaming bolt as:

DIANA

runs to the edge of the lake shore, plants her javelin, arcing up and o.s.

BACK TO KAWAMUNG

as Diana sails into shot, doing a triple flip, then landing on his shoulders piggy-back. He struggles to get at her, his hands filled with Sheila, Bobby and Uni.

KAWAMUNG

(angry roar)

YAAAAHHHHHH!!!

DIANA

* I'll take this, thank you!

* Diana reaches down, taking the medallion off his neck.
* Suddenly Kawamung reacts in shock.

KAWAMUNG

* NOOOOOOOOOoooooooooooo....
* (tailing off)

* He shrinks in size, magically transforming into a
* bogbeast. The others splash into the water around him.

* CLOSER ON KAWAMUNG (BOGBEAST)

KAWAMUNG

* (frightened croak)

ANOTHER ANGLE - ON WATER

* as Diana, Sheila, Bobby and Uni tread water.

* SHEILA
* Looks like Kawamung was just
* another bogbeast all along.

* DIANA
* That's it!

* Eric, Hank and Presto float into shot on a large log.
* Diana holds up the medallion to Eric.

* DIANA
* Eric! If this medallion could
* change that bogbeast into Kawamung...
* maybe it could change you back to you.

* ERIC
* Later! Just grab on! We've still
* got thirty seconds to make it out
* of this rotten place!

The others grab onto the log. Eric uses his shield to
paddle. Presto uses his hat. As they drift downstream
we cut to:

THE COLLAPSED DAM

as they move over it, continuing toward:

THE END OF THE RIVER

as the log floats downstream toward the inverted falls.

ERIC
Faster! Faster!

CLOSER ON INVERTED FALLS

The log moves into the falls and shoots upwards along
with the water.

HANK
Hang on!

DRAMATIC UP ANGLE

as they all shoot up with the falls, through the strange
"warp." PUSH IN as they disappear and we cut to:

EXTERIOR: ON WATER - DAY

A beat...then Hank pops up through the water, treading. The others follow, with Eric (still a bogbeast) appearing last. They all look o.s., reacting in surprise. Suddenly smiles break onto their faces. CAMERA WIDENS to reveal they are in the amusement park, in the water at the base of a log ride.

PRESTO

We made it!

SHEILA

We're home!

BOBBY

Yippee!

Uni, in Bobby's arms, reacts to her new surroundings.

CLOSER ON ERIC AND HANK

as they dance about in the water.

ERIC

We made it! We made it!

Suddenly Hank stops dancing. He looks at Eric with a concerned stare.

*

HANK

*

Eric! The medallion!

*

WIDER ANGLE

*

as Diana hands it to Eric. He looks at it nervously, then puts it on. Nothing!

*

ERIC

I'm...I'm...still a bogbeast!

FULL ON OUR GUYS

*

Eric looks at the surrounding amusement park.

ERIC

*

I can't spend the rest of my life (croak) looking like...this!

PRESTO

But the magic warp is only going to stay open a few more seconds.

DIANA

If you go back...you'll never be able to come back through!

Eric pauses a beat...looks at his friends. He suddenly takes a deep breath, disappears back under the water. PUSH IN as the others react.

SHEILA
He'll be lost back there without us!

HANK
Well...what do we do?

They all look to each other for an answer. After an uncomfortable beat we cut to:

ANGLE ON INVERTED WATERFALL

as the falls shut off, slowly dropping back down until the river flows normally. PUSH IN on the bank as Eric splashes up out of the water. He shakes off like a dog, then looks about, all alone in the huge cavern.

ERIC
I wonder what it'll be like
spending the rest of my life
here...alone!

BOGBEAST #1 (VO)
You not be alone...

ANOTHER ANGLE

as the bogbeasts move toward Eric. Bogbeast #1 puts his arm around Eric again. Eric recoils.

BOGBEAST #1
...brother!

ERIC
(practically crying)
Nooooo!

WIDER - TO INCLUDE WATER

as Hank and the others pop up to the surface beside the bank where Eric stands with the bogbeasts. Eric pulls away from bogbeast #1, moves to the bank, helps the others out of the water.

ERIC
Guys! You came back!

HANK
We just couldn't leave you here
all alone!

* (LINE OMITTED)

* Suddenly the medallion begins to glow. Eric transforms back to normal, not realizing it. The others react to his pouting face, smiling with joy.

DIANA
Eric! Your face!

ERIC
(waves them away)
* Please! Don't remind me. I'll
* probably have to look this way
* forever.

CLOSER ON ERIC

as Hank moves to him.

HANK
* I'm sure you will. Look!

Hank takes Eric's shield, holds its mirrored surface up before his face. PUSH IN as Eric reacts to his normal face, smiling with joy.

ERIC
It's me! I'm not a bogbeast
anymore! I'm back to my normal
great looking self!

He dances with joy, turning a half-turn. WIDEN to reveal he's facing the Dungeon Master. Eric reacts with a startled leap.

ERIC
Yaaahhhh!!
(composes himself)
Dungeon Master!

Eric grabs Dungeon Master, dancing around with the startled little wizard.

ERIC
I'm back to normal! I'm back to
normal!

DUNGEON MASTER
Naturally!

Eric reacts, stops dancing.

ERIC
What do you mean, naturally?

DUNGEON MASTER
I told you the answer will be found
in what you dislike the most...

FULL SHOT - ALL

DIANA
Of course! Eric hates this
world more than anything!

* DUNGEON MASTER
* Precisely! And this world is the
key to the magic of the medallion.

PUSH IN as Eric looks to the others.

ERIC
I'm sorry I messed up your chance
to get home!

HANK
That's okay, Eric. There will be
other chances...right, Dungeon
Master?

WIDER ANGLE

to reveal Dungeon Master is gone.

BOBBY
He's gone!

Presto looks o.s., reacting.

PRESTO
But they're not!

They all react as several bogbeasts enter shot, stopping
before Eric.

BOGBEAST #1
We come to thank great leader,
and to say we sorry!

ERIC

Sorry! You mean because I didn't
make it home?

BOGBEAST #1

(silly smile)

No! Because you turn so ugly!

The bogbeasts point their webbed fingers at Eric,
gafawing wildly.

FULL SHOT - ALL

Eric just stands there, deadpanned, as the bogbeasts and
his friends laugh hysterically.

BOGBEASTS

(croaking laughter)

HANK ET ALL

(more laughter)

ERIC

(not amused)

Ha...ha...ha!

FADE OUT

THE END