

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

"THE TRAITOR"

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FADE IN:

EXTERIOR: TOWERING FOREST - NIGHT

Huge Sequoia trees, some of them perhaps as tall as the Empire State Building, tower into the black, starry sky. CAMERA PANS DOWN to the forest floor, far below, where we see Hank and the others moving along the giant root base of one of the trees. SFX: HOWLING WINDS.

CLOSER ANGLE - PANNING

Hank is in the lead. Heavy winds blow through shot as they move over the giant tree roots. Diana carries the only torch. It is suddenly blown out by the wind, the scene becoming very dark.

DIANA
(over wind)
It's no use. The torches just
won't stay lit.

CLOSER ON BOBBY AND UNI

Bobby takes a step, practically walking over Uni.

UNI
(startled bleat)

BOBBY
Sorry, Uni. I can't see.

WIDER ANGLE

as they continue to move through the darkness.

HANK
Dungeon Master said he'd meet
us as soon as we reached the
other side of the Moon Forest.
We've got to keep moving.

ERIC
Keep moving? Are you kidding?
I couldn't see my hand if I held
it up in front of my...

Eric trips and we cut:

CLOSE ON ERIC

as his face comically slams down into the mud, with his hand scrunched into his face.

ERIC
...face.

FULL SHOT - ALL

Hank pulls back his bow, shooting a glowing arrow into the air like a flare, lighting up the surrounding trees. Diana helps Eric to his feet.

HANK

Okay! We'll bed down here and continue in the morning.

ON SHEILA, BOBBY AND UNI

Bobby kneels down with Uni beside a giant root, getting out of the wind. Sheila takes off her cloak, lays it over Bobby like a blanket, tucks him in.

SHEILA

Here, Bobby. This'll keep you warm.

BOBBY

Thanks.

ON PRESTO AND ERIC

Eric curls up beside another root, using his shield to keep the wind away.

ERIC

I'd trade my shield in a second for a heated hotel room.

PRESTO

Don't worry about a thing, Eric.

(takes off hat)

From the valleys of Krelm to the hills of Zorm, conjure me something to keep us warm.

Poof! Presto pulls an electric blanket out of his hat.

PRESTO

Wow! I did it. An electric blanket.

ERIC

Great! Now all you need to do is whip up a hydro-electric plant so we can plug it in.

Presto lies down, pulls the blanket over himself.

PRESTO

If you don't want it I'll take it.

Eric grabs the blanket, pulls it over him, leaving Presto out in the wind.

DISSOLVE TO:

LATER THAT NIGHT - FULL SHOT - GIANT ROOTS

Hank and the others are all bedded down in the giant tree roots, surrounded by forest undergrowth of bushes and ferns. The wind HOWLS as we cut:

CLOSER - FAVORING HANK

sleeping beside the bushes. He suddenly reacts to the sound of RUSTLING leaves. As he cautiously reaches for his bow we cut:

CLOSE ON BOW

As Hank's hand reaches it another hand enters. The MUSIC STINGS. WIDEN to reveal Dungeon Master standing over Hank.

HANK

Dungeon Master! But I thought you were going to meet us...

DUNGEON MASTER

Things have changed, Ranger. I came to warn you.

ANOTHER ANGLE

HANK

About what?
(looks about)
Are we in danger?

DUNGEON MASTER

Your friends will find great jeopardy. But you will face the most difficult trial of your life.

CLOSE ON DUNGEON MASTER

DUNGEON MASTER

Be strong, Ranger. And listen to your heart.

WIDER ANGLE

to reveal Dungeon Master is no longer there.

HANK

Dungeon Master...wait!

As the WIND HOWLS Hank curls up, going back to sleep.

FULL SHOT - ALL

The kids are asleep. As the wind continues the CAMERA PANS UP the giant trees, silhouetted against the full moon. As the MUSIC BUILDS we cut:

CLOSER ON BUSHES

There is another RUSTLING sound and movement of leaves. The MUSIC CONTINUES TO BUILD as we PUSH IN on the bushes. Suddenly two hairy paws reach out, separating the leaves. The MUSIC STINGS! Only it isn't a threatening creature at all. What we see is the hairy face of a cute little teddy bear-like creature by the name of BO-JAMA. He wears a scarf tied around his forehead. He looks about cautiously, then signals with his paw to someone o.s.

ANGLE ON FERN

as two more Cloud Bears poke their heads up. One of them is a female, with several feathers in her hair. She is TAKA-TOO. The other is a rather dumpy looking bear by the name of BOM-BAM. He wears a funny looking Viking-like metal hat with two little horns on it, sort of like Bobby's. Bom-Bam waves to o.s. Bo-Jama, pointing to something. (Note: All of the Cloud Bears wear a glowing red stone on a leather thong around their necks.) As Bom-Bam and Taka-Too sneak out of the ferns we cut to:

ERIC AND PRESTO

sound asleep. Bom-Bam and Taka-Too enter shot, glancing cautiously at the two kids. For the first time we can see that they are only about two feet tall. Bom-Bam cocks his head like a dog, as if he'd never quite seen this variety of beast before. Suddenly Eric rolls over his in sleep and Bom-Bam does a funny startled jump.

BOM-BAM
(sudden squeal)

Taka-Too quickly slams her paw over Bom-Bam's mouth. They relax as they see Eric settle in his sleep.

CLOSER ANGLE

as Taka-Too gives a firm look to Bom-Bam, gesturing to Eric's shield. Bom-Bam nods, then quietly walks to the shield, picks it up, straining under it's weight. As he waddles away with it, following Taka-Too, we cut to:

BO-JAMA

tip-toeing up to Diana. A twig cracks under his paw and he stops at a precarious angle, leaning forward almost at the point of falling over. After making sure she hasn't heard, Bo-Jama slowly continues forward, stopping over her javelin which is still partially under Diana's arm. Bo-Jama comically peeks over Diana's head, making sure her eyes are closed, then he leans over the javelin, putting his paws on it. He gives a slow tug on the javelin, checking Diana again, then another tug. Suddenly Diana makes a noise, rolling in her sleep.

Bo-Jama dives for cover behind a thick root as Diana settles back into sleep. A beat...then Bo-Jama pokes his head up over the root, eyes blinking widely.

ANGLE ON HANK

He's asleep, his bow lying beside him. Taka-Too enters shot, sneaks to Hank's bow. She picks it up, starts to carry it off, then drops one end of it. Hank rolls in his sleep. Taka-Too dives into the bushes (with the bow). Hank awakens, looking at the moving bushes.

HANK
Dungeon Master?

CLOSER ANGLE

as Hank reaches for the leaves.

HANK
I need to talk to you.

He parts the bushes, reacting in surprise as the frightened face of Taka-Too stares out at him.

TAKA-TOO
(frightened squeal)

HANK
Hey!!

She jumps out of the bushes, racing o.s. with Hank's bow.

ANGLE ON DIANA

She awakens to find Bo-Jama hanging onto the end of her javelin, caught in the act. He lets out a squeal and races off.

BO-JAMA
(frightened squeal)

DIANA
Hey! Come back with my javelin!

WIDER ANGLE

as the others awaken, reacting as the three little bears race in panic, criss-crossing the scene.

ON PRESTO AND ERIC

Bom-Bam, still carrying the shield, runs right over Eric's head and o.s.

ERIC
Ow! Something ran over my head.

CLOSE ON BOBBY

as he looks o.s., reacting with a smile.

BOBBY
Wow! Living teddy bears.

PANNING WITH BOM-BAM

running with Eric's shield. Eric gains into shot,
running after the little fella.

ERIC
Give me back my shield, you
thieving fuzzball!

Eric dives for the bear, catching a handful of weeds.

ANGLE ON BOBBY

standing in the path of Bom-Bam, as he runs into shot.

BOBBY
(raises club)
Hold it right there!

Bom-Bam skids to a stop, racing back the other way.

ANGLE ON PRESTO

He brings his hat down on Bom-Bam, catching him.

PRESTO
I got one!

BOM-BAM
(muffled cries)

ANGLE ON UNI

She reacts in surprise as Bo-Jama, carrying Diana's
javelin, races into shot, leaping on her back.

BO-JAMA
Heyahhh! Giddyap!

Bo-Jama gives Uni a kick with his little feet, riding her
like a pony, looking quite silly.

UNI
(nervous bleating)

ANOTHER ANGLE - DIANA

reaches down, grabbing the javelin as Bo-Jama rides past.

DIANA
I'll take that!

Diana holds up the javelin, with Bo-Jama hanging on, high off the ground.

BO-JAMA
Lemme go! Lemme go!

TAKA-TOO

runs with Hank's bow, which she holds sideways, extending out a foot or so on either side of her. She tries to run between two little seedlings, stopping short as the bow hits on either side. Hank enters, grabbing her.

TAKA-TOO
(frightened squeal)

FULL SHOT - ALL

Hank holds Taka-Too; Presto holds Bom-Bam, Diana has Bo-Jama, who kicks and struggles.

BO-JAMA
Lemme go! Bom-Bam, bite them!
Bite them!

Bom-Bam struggles in Presto's hat.

BOM-BAM
(muffled)
How I bite them? I can't see them!

Presto dumps Bom-Bam out of his hat. Diana and Hank release their captives, who are now surrounded by the kids. The little bears back into each, in the center of the circle.

ERIC
Alright, you little kleptos,
start talking.

CLOSER ON THREE CLOUD BEARS

They look at each other nervously, then all begin to talk at once in a comical cacophony.

CLOUD BEARS
(all at once, fast)
We didn't do anything...You were going to hurt us...We were only defending ourselves...Let us go!

WIDER ANGLE

HANK
Whoa! One at a time. Who are you?

TAKA-TOO
We are Cloud Bears. I am Taka-Too.

BO-JAMA
 (bows like Samurai)
 I am Bo-Jama!

BOM-BAM
 (salutes)
 Corporal Bom-Bam of the Cloud
 Bear Patrol.

FAVORING DIANA

DIANA
 Why were you trying to steal our
 weapons?

CLOSE ON TAKA-TOO

TAKA-TOO
 We thought you planned to harm us.

WIDER - FAVORING ERIC

BO-JAMA
 And we need them to defend ourselves.

ERIC
 From who...the forest ranger?

CLOSE ON BOM-BAM

getting into his description with comical body gestures.

BOM-BAM
 No! From the green ones. They
 have ugly, flat noses and tusks
 that stick up and mean eyes...

By the time he's done describing, Bom-Bam is making a
 face that equals his horrible description.

FAVORING PRESTO

PRESTO
 Wait a minute! I know that
 description. Green faces.
 Flate noses. Big teeth. It's
 coming...it's coming...

Suddenly an ugly green ORC drops down, landing right in
 front of Presto, spear in hand, ugly tusks bared.

PRESTO
 (panicked)
 IT'S HERE!!

WIDER ANGLE

to reveal the kids are surrounded by Orcs.

ERIC

ORCS!!

Eric holds up his shield as a nearby Orc swings his club, bashing the shield, knocking Eric onto his derrier.

ANOTHER ANGLE

as several more Orcs storm out of the bushes.

ORC #1

Get them!!

FAVORING HANK

as he draws back his bow, firing a flaming arrow.

ANGLE ON BO-JAMA

He reacts with a wide-eyed take, ducking as the flaming arrow streaks over his head and o.s.

ANGLE ON TWO ORCS

as the arrow shoots into shot, striking one of their shields, blowing them backwards with a blast of light.

ON SHEILA

standing beneath an overhanging tree branch as a mean looking Orc approaches her.

SHEILA

Now you see me...

Sheila raises her hood, disappearing before the Orc.

SHEILA (VO)

...now you don't!

ORC #2

(with a snort)

Hey! Where she go?

Suddenly the ugly beast reacts with a startled expression as he is mysteriously kicked from behind, flopping forward into the bushes.

ORC #2

YAARRRGHH!

A beat...then Sheila reappears (her hood falling off her head). She is hanging from the tree branch, swinging.

ORC #3

moves toward little Taka-Too, who holds a coil of vine.

ORC #3
You my prisoner.

Suddenly Bom-Bam drops down from above, landing piggy-back on the Orc's shoulders. Bom-Bam puts his paws over the Orc's eyes.

ORC #3
Hey! Get off me!!

Taka-Too quickly steps forward, running around the Orc's legs, tying them together with the vine.

BOM-BAM
You my prisoner, now! He-he-he!

FAVORING PRESTO

holding his hat before him, wiggling his fingers over it.

PRESTO
Alacazim...alakazast! Make me
a weapon, and make it fast!

Suddenly a huge Orc steps into shot before him. Presto holds out the open end of his hat like a cannon, pointing it at the Orc. But the hat just sputters with a ffffft! Presto smiles sheepishly as the Orc angrily grabs the hat. PUSH IN as the ugly Orc looks into the open hat. KABLAM! It flashes like a cannon, blowing the Orc's helmet off, knocking him over backwards. The hat floats back into Presto's hands. He glances into it cautiously.

PRESTO
I didn't think it was loaded!

BO-JAMA

grabs a rock which is almost as big as he is. He struggles, just getting it up over his head, comically staggering. Suddenly another Orc (#4) steps into shot, stopping before him, looking down at the little bear.

ORC #4
Ha-ha-ha! Careful. You hurt
yourself.

Bo-Jama staggers back and forth, trying to throw the rock, but it's just too heavy. He practically falls forward as he drops the rock...right onto the Orc's foot.

ORC #4
YYYYEEEEOOOGGGGHHH!!

The Orc grabs his foot, falls backwards into the bushes. Bo-Jama looks up, not sure what happened.

ANGLE ON DIANA

as another Orc (#5) steps into shot before her. She quickly shoves her javelin into the side of a tree so that it sticks out horizontally between them. As the Orc holds out his shield, ready to lunge, Diana pulls back the javelin, letting it snap right into the shield. There is a LOUD, METALLIC GONG as the Orc is knocked on his back, spinning around like a wild break dancer.

DIANA

Who would have thought Orcs
knew how to break dance.

ANGLE ON BOBBY AND ANOTHER ORC

Bobby faces off the ugly Orc, his club cocked and ready.

BOBBY

One more step and I'll turn you
into bacon, hog-face.

The Orc takes another step. Bobby smashes his club down onto the ground, shaking the scene, knocking over the Orc. As the young lad smiles triumphantly another Orc steps into shot, grabbing him from behind.

BOBBY

Hey! Let me go!

Uni bites at the Orc's boot.

UNI

(angry bleating)

CLOSER ON BOBBY AND ORC

As Bobby struggles, he drops his club, which rolls o.s.

BOM-BAM

picks up Bobby's club. He lifts it up over his head, ready to take a swing, but falls over backwards from the weight. (Note: From hence forth, Bom-Bam will carry Bobby's club.)

BOM-BAM

Ooofff!!

FAVORING SHEILA AND HANK

SHEILA

They've got Bobby!

HANK

Stay here! I'll get him!

As Hank moves off we cut to:

ANOTHER ANGLE

Hank rushes the Orcs, tries to grab Bobby. Before he can, two more Orcs pop out of the bushes and grab him.

ON DIANA AND ERIC

DIANA

Hank!

(to Eric)

We've got to stop them.

ERIC

(stops Diana)

Are you nuts? Look!

THEIR POV - ORCS

At least of a dozen of them stampede from the forest undergrowth, heading toward camera.

ORCS

(snorting mad)

There they are! Get them!

ANOTHER ANGLE

on Diana, Presto, Eric, Sheila, Uni and the Cloud Bears.

SHEILA

We can't just abandon them.

ERIC

We can't win against an army of Orcs, either.

FAVORING CLOUD BEARS

TAKA-TOO

No time! Hurry! This way!

As the little bears move off into the undergrowth Diana and the others hesitate a beat, then follow. PUSH IN on Sheila as she hangs back.

SHEILA

(calling to others)

I'll catch up with you guys later!

WIDER ANGLE

Just as the Orcs enter shot, Sheila raises her hood, disappearing. The Orcs look around in confusion.

ORC #1

This way!

They move into the bushes, following after the others.

PANNING WITH OUR GUYS AND CLOUD BEARS

as they scurry over the mammoth tree roots.

PRESTO

We'll never be able to outrun
those pigs.

ANOTHER ANGLE

as the Cloud Bears stop at the base of another giant tree. Bo-Jama points up, hopping with excitement.

BO-JAMA

Not outrun! Outclimb!

Eric and the others look up.

THEIR POV - UP ANGLE SHOT - TOWERING TREE

The tree extends all the way up into the clouds.

ERIC (VO)

Oh, great! We'd need a rocket
ship to climb that tree.

BACK TO OUR GUYS

BOM-BAM

Hurry! Hurry!

The three bears start to climb up the side of the huge tree. Presto follows them.

CLOSER ON UNI

as she struggles to climb the tree, failing miserably. Diana grabs her, starts to climb.

FULL ON BASE OF TREE

The others continue to climb as Eric just stands there.

ERIC

You guys can get all the splinters
you like. I'm stayin' right here.

Eric folds his arms, then reacts to the o.s. sounds of THUMPING and SNORTING. He looks o.s. at:

HIS POV - THE ORCS

moving through the undergrowth right toward camera.

BACK TO ERIC

ERIC

Hey! Wait up!

Eric starts to claw madly at the side of the tree, slowly climbing up the twisting bark. The Orcs storm into shot, grabbing for him, just missing as he kicks their hands away. The Orcs try to climb, clumsily falling back onto one another as we see they cannot climb.

DRAMATIC UP ANGLE - CLOUD BEAR TREE

towering into the night sky. CAMERA PUSHES IN on the tiny figures of our guys climbing toward the clouds. (Note: The bark is so heavy they easily get footholds.)

PANNING WITH BEARS ET AL

as they continue upwards on the vertical bark.

PRESTO

H-How much further?

BO-JAMA

Not far! Not far!

TAKA-TOO

Just few hundred feet more.

CLOSER ON PRESTO

PRESTO

I can't go any further. I've got to turn back.

He looks down, reacting in shock to:

HIS POV - DOWN ANGLE

the forest floor below. You can barely see it. The other trees look like toothpicks in comparison to the trunk that drops down like a skyscraper. (Note: There is another tree as tall as this one, running alongside it.)

PRESTO (VO)

Oooooohhhh!!

BACK TO PRESTO

as he covers his eyes with one hand, continues to climb.

PRESTO

Tell me when we're there!

WIDER ANGLE

as the bears lead the others right up into the clouds.

REVERSE ANGLE - OTHER SIDE OF CLOUDS

as they all emerge. Diana and the others stop, reacting to what they see ahead of them.

DIANA

Guys! Look!

THEIR POV - UP ANGLE - CLOUD BEAR COLONY

It looks like a combination of Swiss Family Robinson's treehouse and the Ewok's domain from "Revenge of the Jedi." There are little wooden huts with thatched roofs and wood and vine walkways criss-crossed all over the forking upper trunk of the tree. We can see several more Cloud Bears waving from above.

CLOSER ON CLOUD BEAR COLONY

as two more Cloud Bears turn a makeshift crank on a little wooden elevator, lowering it o.s.

BACK TO OUR GUYS

as the elevator lowers into shot, stopping. It is a very small elevator. The three Cloud Bears get in first.

BO-JAMA

Come! Take elevator!

ERIC

What!? Why didn't you tell us
you had an elevator!?

BO-JAMA

You didn't ask!

As Eric slaps his forehead we...

WIPE TO:

THE CLOUD BEAR COLONY - FAVORING TWO BEARS

cranking up the elevator to the wooden landing. As Bo-Jama, TakaToo and Bom-Bam climb out they are met by a very old looking Cloud Bear with white hair and a golden crown. He is KING KAMALA. He looks with concern as Diana and the others squeeze out of the elevator. The other Cloud Bears in the colony peek out nervously.

KING KAMALA

I send you for weapons to fight
the green ones and you bring these
creatures?

BO-JAMA

They friends, King Kamala.

TAKA-TOO

They helped us escape green ones.

FAVORING KING KAMALA AND OUR GUYS

KING KAMALA

So be it. The Cloud Bear Colony
welcomes you.

The King bows. The other bears in the b.g. bow.

CLOSER ON ERIC AND KING KAMALA

Eric spots the glowing red charm around the King's neck.

ERIC

Excuse me, your fuzziness. But
why do all of you bears wear these
little glowing charms?

KING KAMALA

Why, for good luck, of course!

WIDER ANGLE

They are all surprised as the scene shakes with a
ryhthmic THUNK! THUNK! THUNK!

PRESTO

What's that?

CLOSE ON KING KAMALA

He moves to the wooden railing, peering down through a
crude, brass telescope.

KING KAMALA

It is the green ones!

HIS POV - DOWN ANGLE (TELESCOPE MATTE)

At the base of the tree we can see several Orcs, swinging
a huge wooden beam with an axelike metal end, taking
small chips out of the huge tree trunk.

KING KAMALA (VO)

They attempt to cut down our tree.

BACK TO OUR GUYS AND CLOUD BEARS

ERIC

So much for your good luck charms!

PRESTO

We've got to stop them.

KING KAMALA

But how? We have no weapons.

DIANA

Well, what do you have?

BOM-BAM
 (with a shrug)
 Only fruits and nuts.

CLOSER ANGLE - PRESTO AND ERIC

They give each other a slow take, then smile.

WIPE TO:

EXTERIOR: CLOUD BEAR COLONY - NIGHT

PUSH IN on the wooden walkway where Eric, Presto, Diana and the other Cloud Bears stand beside several baskets of fruits and nuts. The rhythmic THUNKING continues.

ERIC
 Okay! Cloud Bears, ten-hut!

The Cloud Bears snap to attention.

ERIC
 Ready!

Bo-Jama, Taka-Too and Bom-Bam each grab pawfuls of fruit and nuts. Presto, Eric and Diana do likewise.

ERIC
 Aim!

They hold their paws (and hands) out over the railing.

ERIC
 Bombs away!

They all begin to drop their loads. And cut to:

THE ORCS

at the base of the tree, rhythmically stroking their giant axe into the bark, taking out small chips. Orc #1 stands beside the others, leading them.

ORC #1
 Heave! Heave!

CLOSER ON ORC #1

ORC #1
 Hea...

Suddenly a piece of fruit drops into shot, splattering on his helmet. He reacts, feels his head, looks at the fruit on his hand, then looks up. SPLAT! Another piece gets him right in the kisser.

ORC #1
 Blayh! Ptew!

WIDER ANGLE

as more fruit and nuts rain down on them. The Orcs drop the giant axe, covering their heads as the multi-colored fruits splatter down on them. SPLAT! SPLOOSH! KERPLOP!

WIPE TO:

EXTERIOR: ORC ENCAMPMENT - NIGHT

CAMERA PANS the camp, past campfires and tents. Several Orcs move about, some eating (in their usual slovenly manner), others arguing over military matters. PUSH IN.

ORC

Once others cut down big tree
we get little bears. Venger be
happy then.

(pleased snorts)

CLOSER ON ORC TENT

as Sheila lowers her hood, appearing beside the tent.

SHEILA

(sotto)

Bobby and Hank have got to be
around here somewhere.

She sneaks off.

INSIDE A TENT

There is someone under a blanket, sleeping. Sheila steps inside, looking at the figure.

SHEILA

(whisper)

Bobby?

The figure sits up, facing the other way. It is an Orc.

SLEEPING ORC

Huh?

Sheila quickly raises her hood, vanishing. The Orc turns around, reacts as the tent opens and closes by itself. He scratches his porkish head, yawns, goes back to sleep.

ANGLE - ANOTHER PART OF ORC CAMP

Suddenly Hank marches into shot, flanked by two mean looking Orc soldiers. They stop beside several more Orcs who are preparing a harpoon cannon (with several harpoons attached to long ropes).

ORC SOLDIER #1

We shoot harpoons into tree...

ANOTHER ANGLE

as Sheila lowers her hood, reappearing beside another tent. She watches Hank and the Orcs in the b.g. She smiles with a look of hope.

ORC SOLDIER #1
...then climb ropes, get bears.

HANK
Good. But make sure you wait till I fire the signal arrow. I want the others to be asleep before you attack.

The Orcs nod their understanding.

CLOSE ON SHEILA

SHEILA
(shocked, sotto)
Hank. No. Not you.

WIDER ANGLE TO INCLUDE HANK AND ORCS

HANK
Tell Venger not to worry. I'll take care of everything.

Sheila watches as Hank moves off from the Orcs.

SHEILA
I've got to warn the others.

She raises her hood, disappearing.

WIPE TO:

EXTERIOR: FULL ON CLOUD BEAR TREE - NIGHT

The Orc army is gathered at the base of the tree. CAMERA PANS UP and PUSHES IN on the top of the tree.

ANGLE ON CLOUD BEAR COLONY

Diana, Presto and Eric are with our four main bears, looking down over the edge of the railing. King Kamala looks down through his telescope.

ERIC
Well, what are they up to?

KING KAMALA
They're just waiting.

DIANA
For what?

The others shrug.

FAVORING PRESTO

PRESTO

We've got no more ammunition. If they attack again we're finished.

FAVORING KING KAMALA

still looking down through telescope.

KING KAMALA

Wait! There's someone climbing up the tree.

DIANA

Who?

KING KAMALA'S POV - THROUGH TELESCOPE

We can barely see a figure climbing up the side of the trunk through the clouds.

KING KAMALA (VO)

I can't see well through the clouds.

WIDER ANGLE

Diana and the others look over the railing. Suddenly Hank climbs up the side of the tree into view.

PRESTO

It's Hank!

CLOSER ANGLE

as Diana helps Hank onto the wooden landing.

DIANA

Are you alright?

HANK

Yeah! Thanks.

FULL SHOT - ALL

PRESTO

What happened?

HANK

(tired from climbing)
The, uh, Orcs took Bobby and me to their camp. I escaped but Bobby...couldn't.

SHEILA (VO)

That's a lie!

The others react as Sheila lowers her hood, appearing beside them. She points accusingly at Hank.

SHEILA

I went to the Orc encampment
and saw him talking with them.
He's a traitor!

FAVORING HANK

HANK

No! It's not true!

SHEILA

Then how'd you know where to
find the Cloud Bear Colony?

CLOSE ON HANK

HANK

Uh, I followed the Orcs back here.

ANOTHER ANGLE

PRESTO

That makes sense.

DIANA

You could have followed the Orcs
to the tree, but how did you get
past them?

ERIC

Yeah! They've got the whole
place surrounded. I knew you
were a traitor all along.

HANK

No! I, uh, snuck past them.

CLOSE ON TAKA-TOO

She cocks her head with a sympathetic yet curious glance.

ANGLE ON SHEILA AND HANK

SHEILA

He couldn't have. I could barely
get past them, and I was invisible!

HANK

Sheila, we've all been under a lot
of strain. You're imagining things.

He puts his hand out to her but she pushes it away.

SHEILA

Don't touch me!

FULL SHOT - ALL

SHEILA

He's working for Venger and I can prove it. When he fires a signal arrow the Orcs are going to attack.

Hank reacts with sudden surprise.

DIANA

Well, Hank, is it true?

Before Hank can make a sound Eric grabs his bow.

ERIC

There's one way to find out.

DIANA

Eric, no!

Eric draws back the bow, firing a flaming arrow o.s. They watch as the arrow sails down into the darkness, fading away. They wait. Nothing.

PRESTO

He's innocent. I knew it.

DOWN ANGLE - PAST HANK ET AL

Suddenly, far below, we can see the torches surrounding the tree. There are DISTANT SOUNDS as the harpoons fire.

BACK TO SCENE

as the harpoons fire up into shot, sticking into the tree, trailing ropes.

ERIC

He's a traitor alright. I knew I should have been the leader.

Diana looks down over the edge, reacting anxiously.

DIANA

Leader, my foot.

HER POV - DOWN TREE

to reveal the Orcs climbing up on the ropes.

DIANA (VO)

You just signaled the attack!

BACK TO OUR GUYS

More harpoons streak into shot, sticking into the tree.

ERIC
(gulps)
I did?

The Cloud Bears begin to chatter and scatter.

CLOUD BEARS
(misc. shouts)
Take cover! The green ones come!
We're doomed! Doomed!

DOWN ANGLE ON ORCS

as they scale the tree, moving straight toward camera.
As the MUSIC STINGS we...

FADE OUT

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

FADE IN:

DRAMATIC ANGLE - TREE - ORCS

The Orcs continue to scale the tree, torches and weapons in hand, moving toward the Cloud Bear Colony above.

ANGLE ON OUR GUYS & CLOUD BEARS

DIANA

Nice going, Eric. You fixed us good, this time.

Eric looks down over the railing, then grabs Presto's hat off his head, hands it to Presto.

ERIC

Don't just stand there, Presto! Start conjuring!

PUSH IN on Presto as he points the open end of his hat downwards, over the railing.

PRESTO

Uh...flim, flam, alacazan. Turn those Orcs into Spam in a can!

The hat just SNEEZES. Presto looks into it, reacts.

PRESTO

Gezundheit!

FULL ON TREE

as the Orcs climb their ropes, moving closer.

CLOSER ON OUR GUYS

SHEILA

Is this the way you planned it, Hank...all of us captured at the hands of the Orcs?

Hank just looks at her, then looks down.

FAVORING CLOUD BEARS

King Kamala and several other Cloud Bears gather in a circle and begin to play patty-cake with their paws.

CLOUD BEARS

(chanting)

Cloud Bears call to clouds so high. Help us save our home in sky.

Upon finishing their chant they all grab their glowing red charms and hold them out before them, bowing down.

FAVORING ERIC

ERIC
(sarcastic)
Now why didn't I think of that?
A game of patty-cake will stop
an army of raging Orcs.
(shakes head)
Good grief!

TAKA-TOO
Not game! Cloud Bears protected
by cloud spirit.

ERIC
Oh, sure! Next thing you'll be
telling me is how he wields
lightning bolts in his bare hands.

Suddenly a flash of lightning illuminates the scene, followed by a THUNDERCLAP. Taka-Too nods yes, runs off.

WIDER ANGLE

KING KAMALA
Hurry! Storm about to start.
Take cover!

The Cloud Bears scatter, disappearing into their little huts. More lightning and THUNDER. Diana and the others squeeze into the huts (which are quite small).

UNI

scrambles along the wooden planks as the rain starts. Her feet comically slide out from under her. Bo-Jama helps her up, leads her into a hut.

DRAMATIC UP ANGLE - NIGHT SKY

as dark clouds move in front of the full moon. Suddenly a jagged lightning bolt rips through the sky.

ANGLE ON CLOUD BEAR TREE

as the lightning shoots into shot, striking right above the Orcs, knocking some of them off the tree.

ORCS
YAAAAHHH! - HELP! WHOOOAA!

ANOTHER ANGLE

as a torrential rain pours down through shot, causing several more Orcs to slip down their ropes.

ORCS
 AAAARRGGHH! YAAAAAAAHHH!!

ANGLE ON SKY

as more lighting flashes...

AND MORE ORCS

fall off the side of the tree.

ANGLE ON BASE OF TREE

as the Orcs tumble down the sloping roots, splashing into the now muddy forest floor.

UP ANGLE - SKY

The dark clouds pass away, revealing the full moon.

ANGLE ON CLOUD BEAR COLONY

The bears, and our guys, exit the huts as the rain stops. The little Cloud Bears dance a happy jig of thanks.

CLOUD BEARS
 Cloud spirit saved us! Cloud
 spirit saved us!

FAVORING SHIELA, DIANA AND HANK

SHEILA
 We may be safe from the Orcs...
 (points at Hank)
 ...but not from him.

SHEILA
 What have you done to Bobby?

Diana holds Sheila back as she tries to attack Hank.

DIANA
 Sheila! No!

ANOTHER ANGLE

Eric gives Hank a condescending glance.

ERIC
 What do you think we ought
 to do with this traitor?

PRESTO
 Just a minute! We're civilized
 people. A person is innocent
 until proven guilty.

FAVORING DIANA

DIANA

Presto's right. Before we pass judgement on Hank we've got to have a trial.

ERIC

A trial? What does this look like, the Supreme Court?

ANGLE ON KING KAMALA

KING KAMALA

You are welcome to use our council hut.

Eric grabs Hank's bow from him. Diana prods him along with her javelin as they all follow King Kamala.

ANOTHER ANGLE

to reveal Shadow Demon watching from the branches above. As he drifts off into the night we...

DISSOLVE TO:

EXTERIOR: VENGER'S CASTLE - NIGHT

PUSH IN on the creepy castle as we see Shadow Demon whisk through the air and into one of the castle windows.

INTERIOR: CASTLE - ANGLE ON VENGER

Venger stands before a stone wall. He is dwarfed by the shadow of a giant barbarian with his arms outstretched.

VENGER

It won't be long now before the Ranger and the Orcs destroy your friends and return with the Heart Stones.

WIDEN to reveal Bobby, tied spread-eagle, with a flickering fireplace behind him, casting the shadow.

BOBBY

I'll get you first, Venger!

He struggles futilely with his bonds.

ANOTHER ANGLE - SHADOW DEMON

drifts into shot, stopping beside Venger, bowing humbly.

VENGER

Well, is the battle over?

SHADOW DEMON

Yes, my lord.

(Venger smiles)

But it is the Orcs who have lost.

VENGER

What!?

FAVORING SHADOW DEMON

SHADOW DEMON

The Cloud Bears used their glowing charms to bring a storm!

VENGER

Again they use the Heart Stones to defeat me.

CLOSE ON VENGER

VENGER

Those foolish bears possess the only element in this world that I am totally powerless against... and they don't even know it.

WIDER - TO INCLUDE BOBBY & SHADOW DEMON

VENGER

The Ranger had better not fail me next time or the young Barbarian will suffer.

CAMERA PUSHES IN on Bobby as he struggles.

WIPE TO:

EXTERIOR: CLOUD BEAR COUNCIL HUT - NIGHT

CAMERA PUSHES IN on the squat little hut.

INTERIOR: COUNCIL HUT

Although the room is fairly wide, it is somewhat short. There is a crude judge's bench. Diana is seated with Hank at one small table. Eric is with Sheila at another. There is a jury box full of bears, including Bo-Jama, Taka-Too and Bom-Bam. There is a HUB-BUB from the bears. Suddenly Presto enters, bumping his head on the low threshold. He wears his magicians robes and hat, looking somewhat like a judge. The room quiets.

ERIC

All rise for the honorable Judge Presto.

They all rise. So does Eric, banging his head.

ERIC

OW!

The Cloud Bears begin to laugh.

FAVORING PRESTO

as he takes a seat behind the small judge's bench, looking somewhat too big for it. He picks up the gavel, BANGS it on bench.

PRESTO

Order in the court!

They quiet once again. Presto puts the back of his hand by his mouth, whispering to Eric...

PRESTO

Eric. What do I do now?

ERIC

(whispering back)

I don't know. Fake it.

The Cloud Bears laugh again.

WIDER ANGLE

Presto bangs his gavel.

PRESTO

The prosecution will now present his case.

Eric stands up again, making sure not to hit his head. He strikes a pose like Patrick Henry.

ERIC

Your honor.

(turns to jury box)

Gentleme...uh, gentlebears of the jury. The prosecution charges the defendant, Hank...

(slimy)

...alias, the Ranger.

DIANA

(stands up)

I object! Dungeon Master gave us all new names and Eric's trying to use that against Hank.

PRESTO

(bangs gavel)

Objection is stained!

ERIC

No it isn't. It's perfectly clean.

DIANA
Not stained! Sustained!

PRESTO
Oh! Right! Eric, get to the point.

WIDER ANGLE

ERIC
Where was I? Oh, yeah. The
prosecution charges Hank with
treason.

PRESTO
Hank. How do you plead?

Hank just sits there.

DIANA
We plead innocent, your honor.

SHEILA
(upset)
He's not innocent. He's guilty.

ANGLE ON PRESTO

PRESTO
(bangs gavel)
I'll be the judge of that!
(realizes what he
just said)
Hey! That's a good one. I'll
be the judge of that. Get it?

DIANA
Presto!!

PRESTO
Sorry.
(to Eric)
Eric. You may call your first
witness.

FAVORING ERIC AND SHEILA

ERIC
The prosecution calls Sheila.

Sheila gets up, moves o.s.

ANGLE ON JUDGE'S BENCH

Sheila takes a seat beside Presto. Eric steps up to her.

ERIC
Tell the jury what you saw when
you visited the Orc's camp.

SHEILA

I saw Hank walking with the Orcs
and telling them...

DISSOLVE TO:

MATCHING SHOT - HANK ON WITNESS STAND

Diana stands before him.

DIANA

Come on, Hank. If you're innocent
then you've got to be able to tell
us what really happened.

HANK

I...I can't.

The Cloud Bears begin to murmur with excitement.

FULL ON COURTROOM

PRESTO

(bangs gavel)

Order! If that's all the
defendant has to say, it's
time for the jury to make
their decision.

CLOSER ON JURYBOX

The Cloud Bears whisper and chatter amongst themselves.

ANGLE ON ERIC AND SHEILA

watching, waiting anxiously.

ON DIANA AND HANK

also watching.

FULL ON COURTROOM

as Bo-Jama stands up.

BO-JAMA

Cloud Bears make decision.
Find Hank...guilty!

Hank doesn't look surprised. Eric jumps up.

ERIC

I won!

(bangs head)

Ow!

Diana gives Eric an angry glance. He rubs his head.

FAVORING PRESTO

PRESTO

Uh, now that he's guilty. We've got to pass sentence.

SHEILA

I say we banish him.

FAVORING ERIC

ERIC

(thinks)

Say! If Eric's gone...I'll be head man.

(a shout)

Banish him!

FULL ON COURTROOM

CLOUD BEARS

Banish! Banish!

FAVORING PRESTO AND DIANA

PRESTO

Do we have to?

(Diana nods yes)

FULL ON COURTROOM

PRESTO

(bangs gavel)

Hank, this court finds you guilty of treason and sentences you to banishment.

The Cloud Bears surround Hank, continuing their chant of "Banish! Banish!" The bears and the others lead Hank out of the courtroom.

EXTERIOR: CLOUD BEAR COLONY

Hank is led to the edge of one of the walkways, stopping before the small makeshift elevator.

ERIC

So long, traitor!

Eric tosses Hank's bow over the railing.

DOWN ANGLE - ALONG TREE

as the bow sails down into the forest below.

ANGLE ON HANK, DIANA AND PRESTO

Hank gives them a silent stare.

PRESTO

Take care of yourself.

Hank nods, moves into the elevator.

CLOSER ON HANK

as Taka-Too moves to him. She takes off the glowing red stone that hangs around her neck, hands it to Hank.

TAKA-TOO

Cloud Bear custom. Heart Stone
bring luck.

HANK

(faint smile)

Thanks.

WIDER ANGLE

as the Cloud Bears turn the crank, lowering the elevator.

CLOSE ON UNI

as she looks down, o.s., a tear in her eye.

UNI

(saddened bleat)

ANGLE ON ERIC, PRESTO, DIANA AND SHEILA

ERIC

Okay! Now that he's gone, I'm
head man around here and I think...

DIANA

Can it, Eric! This isn't the time.

Diana, Sheila and Presto walk away. Eric looks down at the little bears around him. They stare up at Eric.

ERIC

What are you looking at, you
little furbags?

The Cloud Bears move away and we cut to:

THE BASE OF THE CLOUD BEAR TREE

as the elevator lowers to the roots. Several Orcs react with laughter as Hank steps out.

ORCS

What's the matter, human? Got
no friends, no more?
(laughs, snorts)

ANGLE ON HANK'S BOW

as Hank reaches into shot, picks it up. WIDEN as he puts the bow over his shoulder, moves off into the forest.

DISSOLVE TO:

PANNING WITH HANK - NIGHT

as he walks along the dark forest floor.

HANK

(to himself, echoing)

Why couldn't I have made them understand? I had no choice.

(a shout)

I'm not a traitor!

DUNGEON MASTER (VO)

Oh, but you are, Ranger.

Hank stops, striking a defensive pose.

WIDER ANGLE

to reveal Dungeon Master seated on a branch above him.

HANK

Dungeon Master! You think I'm a traitor, too?

DUNGEON MASTER

Not in the way the others do. You are a traitor to your own courage and insight.

ANOTHER ANGLE

HANK

But Venger has Bobby. If I try to stop him there's no telling what might happen.

DUNGEON MASTER

True. But if you don't try to stop him you know what will happen.

PUSH IN on Hank as he just thinks a minute.

FAVORING DM

DUNGEON MASTER

There is an old saying in these parts. He who has the answer and doesn't know it...is just as lost as he who never knew.

DM hops off the branch, moves to Hank.

DUNGEON MASTER

You have the answer, Ranger. It is as close to you as the wind.

CLOSER ON HANK

He reacts as a breeze blows past him.

WIDER ANGLE

Hank looks back, reacting to Dungeon Master's absence.

HANK

Dungeon Master?

CAMERA PUSHES IN on a somewhat confused Hank, then...

WIPE TO:

EXTERIOR: FULL ON CLOUD BEAR TREE - NIGHT

CAMERA PANS OVER to the huge tree beside it. PUSH IN on the base of the giant tree where we see the Orcs wheeling a strange looking vehicle along one of the huge roots.

CLOSER ON STRANGE VEHICLE

It is a large vehicle, with four wheels, each with sharp, hooked spikes on them. There is also some sort of folded, metal arm. A half-dozen Orcs stand on the sides of the contraption as it slowly arcs up along the root until it is climbing the vertical side of the tree, the hooks clawing into the bark. The MUSIC BUILDS...

ORCS

We get them this time!
(wild snorting)

CLOSE ON PRESTO'S EYE

CAMERA WIDENS to reveal he is looking down through King Kamala's telescope.

PRESTO

Oh, no!
(looks up)
The Orcs are climbing the tree next door.

WIDER ANGLE

to reveal the other guys and Cloud Bears.

DIANA

We've got to rig up a line of defense.

ERIC

Good idea. Women and teddy bears first.

Eric steps behind the Cloud Bears, crouches down, as if using the bears as A barricade. They nervously scatter, leaving him high and dry.

ANGLE ON UNI

as she looks o.s., reacting with a nervous bleat.

UNI

(nervous bleat)

HER POV - TREE NEXT DOOR

as the Orc vehicle claws its way up the side the tree.

ORC #1

Halt!

PUSH IN on the menacing looking Orcs as they stop.

ORC #1

Extend arm!

Two of the Orcs crank a crank and the folded arm begins to rise, then telescope out of shot. The MUSIC BUILDS.

WIDER ANGLE

as the sinister arm extends toward the Cloud Bear Tree.

BACK TO OUR GUYS

ERIC

They'll be here any minute. We've got to do something.

PRESTO

Stand back! I'll try my hat again.

PUSH IN as Presto takes off his hat.

PRESTO

Come on baby, don't fail me this time. Hocus pocus, uh, no. Abraca, dab... No! That didn't work, either. Oh, what the heck.

(aims hat o.s.)

Just blow those suckers away.

Suddenly Presto's hat begins to RUMBLE. Presto squints, as if waiting for a cannon to fire. POP! A cork shoots out of the hat, dangling on a string. Presto takes.

WIDER ANGLE

ERIC
Hey! Heavy firepower.

SHEILA
I don't suppose you could do any better.

ERIC
You're darn right I can.

Eric takes Presto's hat.

CLOSER ON ERIC

as he waves his hand over the hat.

ERIC
Hocus pocus, this ain't no bluff.
Show those Orcs we got the "right stuff."

Suddenly the hat begins to grow, larger and larger, until Eric is covered in yards of material.

ERIC
(muffled)
Hey! Cut it out! Stop!

WIDER ANGLE - ALL

The Cloud Bears giggle, then stop as the scene is suddenly jarred.

ANGLE ON BOTH TREES

to reveal the Orcs have extended their arm all the way across to the Cloud Bear Tree.

ORC #1
Attack!

The Orcs move slowly along the arm, crossing the deep casym between the trees.

ANOTHER ANGLE

Some of the Cloud Bears throw pine cones and sticks. The Orcs block the barrage with their shields, proceeding across the arm.

BACK TO OUR GUYS

SHEILA
We'd better think of something fast or we're gonners.

Presto tries to gather his enormous hat.

PRESTO

Oh! Look what you've done to my hat. It's big enough for a blimp.

DIANA

Blimp! Of course!
(kisses Presto)
You're a genius, Presto.

PRESTO

I am?

ANOTHER ANGLE

DIANA

Come on, you guys, grab the hat!

Sheila and the others grab the hat, which is almost as big as a circus tent. As they drag it away we cut to:

EXTERIOR: VENGER'S CASTLE - NIGHT

CAMERA PUSHES IN as Hank enters the castle.

INSIDE THE CASTLE

Bobby continues to struggle with his bonds. A beat, then Hank enters from a nearby door.

BOBBY

Hank! Hank, you came back for me.

WIDER ANGLE - TO INCLUDE VENGER

Shadow Demon hangs in the air behind him.

VENGER

Well, Ranger. Shadow Demon tells me you failed to help capture the Cloud Bears.

HANK

(angry)
I blew it. So sue me.

FAVORING VENGER AND BOBBY

Venger moves closer to Bobby, raises his hand toward him.

VENGER

I'll do worse than that.

HANK

No! Stop! Don't hurt, Bobby.

CLOSER ON VENGER

VENGER

No harm will come to him...as long you continue to do as I say. But cross me once and...

WIDER ANGLE

as the flames shoot up in the fire place, casting eerie shadows of Bobby, which appear to writhe in pain.

HANK

I won't cross you, Venger. I... I swear.

VENGER

Good. -- Now go. Go and help those incompetant Orcs capture the Cloud Bears.

CLOSER ON HANK

as he turns toward the door, then stops. PUSH IN as he takes the glowing red stone from his pocket.

HANK

Some good luck charm you are.

He throws it o.s. (back into the room) as he exits through the door.

ANGLE ON VENGER

The glowing red charm slides across the floor, stopping at his feet. Venger rocks with pain, reeling backwards.

VENGER

Aaarrgghh! A Heart Stone! Get it away! Get it away!

Shadow Demon swoops past Venger, picks up the stone.

CLOSER ON SHADOW DEMON

as he drifts over a grate, dropping the stone into it.

SHADOW DEMON

It's gone, my lord.

FULL SHOT

Venger gasps, regaining his strength.

VENGER

Yes. But I won't rest easy until I have destroyed all of the stones.

CAMERA PUSHES IN across the room to reveal Hank peeking back in through the door. He reacts to what he has just seen, then disappears. And cut to:

EXTERIOR: CLOUD BEAR TREE - NIGHT

CAMERA PANS UP the towering tree, PUSHING IN on the thin layer of clouds above. We can barely see the Orcs as they continue to cross the metal arm.

CLOSER ANGLE

as the Orcs move out across the arm, approaching the Cloud Bear Colony. Several of the little bears continue to defend the colony with their sticks and stones.

ANGLE ON OTHER SIDE OF COLONY

where we see Diana and the others rigging up Presto's giant hat to make a hot-air balloon. Ropes connect the rim of the hat to one of the Cloud Bears' huts (the roof has been removed to make the little hut into a gondola of sorts). There is a small fireplace in the center of the hut with a fire burning in it. The smoke rises into the open hat above, which is filling up like a hot-air balloon. Bo-Jama runs into shot, skidding to a stop.

BO-JAMA

Hurry! Green ones almost here.

ANGLE ON ORCS

as they move across their metal arm, using their shields to push back the Cloud Bears. The Orcs move onto the walkway, pushing further into the colony.

BACK TO THE BALLOON

It is fully inflated.

DIANA

Everybody, get aboard!

Diana, Sheila and Presto climb into the hut attached to the giant inflated hat.

CLOSER ON UNI

as she comically leaps in, flopping forward clumsily.

UNI

(bleating "ooof!")

ANOTHER ANGLE - THE CLOUD BEARS

pile into the hut like a basket full of teddy bears.

ANGLE ON ORCS

as they run toward camera.

ORC #1
Don't let them escape!

BACK TO THE HOT-HAT BALLOON

ERIC
Cut the rope! Cut the rope!

Presto cuts it. The hat-balloon starts to drift upwards. The Orcs enter, reaching for it, unable to stop it.

WIDER ANGLE

as the hat-balloon drifts up and away from the Cloud Bear Colony, leaving the Orcs stranded.

ERIC
So long, Porky!

PANNNG WITH HAT-BALLOON

Diana tossles Presto's hair.

DIANA
You did it, Presto! Your magic hat really saved us, this time.

PRESTO
Yeah! It did, didn't it?

ANGLE ON ORCS

standing at the railing of the Cloud Bear Colony. The head Orc points o.s., ordering his men.

ORC #1
Fire!

Several of the Orcs fire arrows o.s.

ANGLE ON HAT-BALLOON

as one of the arrows pierces the giant hat. Hot air starts to whoosh out of it.

ANGLE ON OUR GUYS - IN HUT/GONDOLA

ERIC
Oh, no! We've been hit.

The hat-balloon starts to drift downwards.

SHEILA
And we're going down.

DOWN ANGLE - ON ORCS BELOW

waiting expectantly. PUSH IN as they shake their spears.

ORCS
(distant warcries)

BACK TO OUR GUYS

Presto tries to stoke the fire.

PRESTO
Come on! Rise, you stupid hat!

ANGLE ON GROUND

as the hat-balloon lowers to the awaiting Orcs. The Orcs reach up to grab the bottom of the hut/gondola which drifts just out of their reach.

SHEILA
We're finished!

ORC #1
Get them!

CLOSER ANGLE

Uni looks out, reacting as an Orc reaches up to grab her.

UNI
(frightened bleat)

BACK TO SCENE

Just before the Orcs can grab the gondola a flaming arrow streaks into shot, exploding, knocking them back.

ANGLE - TO INCLUDE HANK

as he fires another flaming arrow, knocking several more Orcs out of the way.

CLOSE ON PRESTO

PRESTO
Hank!

ANOTHER ANGLE - FAVORING HANK

as rushes to the gondola. He reaches his hand out.

HANK
Help me up!

SHEILA
No way! Go back to your
Orc friends, traitor!

FAVORING ORCS

as they rush toward Hank. Presto finally reaches down just in time, hauling Hank aboard.

DIANA

Presto! What are you doing?

CLOSER ON GONDOLA

ERIC

Hey! I'm leader now and I order you out of my ship!

HANK

There's no time to argue. Diana, throw your javelin up there and plug that leak.

DIANA

But you...

HANK

Just do it! I'll explain later.

ANGLE ON ORCS

as they try to grab the drifting gondola.

FAVORING DIANA

as she throws her javelin up, o.s.

ANGLE ON HAT-BALLOON

The javelin sails into shot, piercing the hat, holding the gaping gash together.

WIDER ANGLE

as the hat-balloon gains altitude, floating away just before the Orcs can get it.

PANNING WITH HAT-BALLOON

ERIC

Nice try, Hank. But you can't fool me into trusting you just because you faked that escape.

HANK

It wasn't a fake. And if you don't do exactly as I say, we may never see Bobby again.

Hank grabs the balloon ropes, guiding their direction.

FAVORING DIANA

DIANA
Where are you taking us?

HANK
(points down, o.s.)
There!

Diana and the others look, reacting in shock to:

THEIR POV - DOWN ANGLE - VENGER'S CASTLE

PRESTO (VO)
It's Venger's castle!

BACK TO OUR GUYS

Sheila tries to grab the lines from Hank.

SHEILA
I knew he was a traitor! He's
trying to take us all prisoner!

HANK
No! You've got to believe me.
I never betrayed you.

CLOSE ON HANK

HANK
The Orcs captured Bobby and me
and took us to Venger. At first
I thought I had to obey him, to
protect Bobby. But Dungeon Master
taught me otherwise.

FULL SHOT - OVER CASTLE

as the floating hat-balloon drifts over the castle,
lowering to the courtyard below.

CLOSER ON HAT-BALLOON

Hank jumps off, landing in the courtyard.

HANK
(to Cloud Bears)
Quick! You must all follow me.

KING KAMALA
But we are not strong enough
to face Venger.

HANK
You are stronger than you know.
Hurry!

Hank holds out his hand, helping the Cloud Bears down. Bom-Bam leaps down, still carrying Bobby's club. Diana and the others leap after him.

FULL SHOT - HAT-BALLOON - DIANA

Diana holds up her hand and her javelin magically slides out of the tear in the hat-balloon, zipping back into her hand. As she moves off we...

WIPE TO:

ANGLE - CASTLE ENTRANCE

Hank, leading Diana, Sheila, Eric and Presto, sneaks through the shadows and into the castle. (No bears!)

CLOSE ON DOOR

It opens. Hank, Sheila and Diana peek in.

SHEILA
(sotto surprise)
Bobby!

CAMERA WIDENS to reveal Bobby, secured before the flickering fire. He appears to be asleep. Hank, Sheila, Eric, Presto and Diana sneak into the room.

ANOTHER ANGLE ON BOBBY

Sheila moves to Bobby, raises his head.

SHEILA
(whisper)
Bobby! Are you okay?

Bobby's eyes open. He smiles.

BOBBY
Sis! I knew you'd come.

VENGER (VO)
Fortunately, so did I!

As they all react we cut:

WIDER TO INCLUDE VENGER

with several Orcs, standing at the other end of the room, in an open doorway.

VENGER
Well done, Ranger. I didn't expect you to bring them all so soon.

Diana and the others look to Hank.

DIANA
Hank! How could you!

HANK
(angered)
NO!

Hank draws back his bow, fires a flaming arrow right at Venger. Venger just holds up his hand, deflecting it.

CLOSER ON VENGER AND ORCS

VENGER
Get them!

The Orcs rush forward, o.s.

ANGLE ON ERIC AND PRESTO

Eric holds up his shield, flinching as an Orc bashes into it, tumbling o.s.

ERIC
Don't just stand there, Presto.
Use your magic!

PRESTO
(feels his head)
How? I don't have my hat!

DIANA

swings her javelin like a baseball bat, clonking an Orc in his shield, jarring him backwards. His helmet flies off, sailing o.s.

ANGLE ON PRESTO

as the Orc's helmet sails into shot, landing on Presto's head with a CLANK. He reels, then looks up, reacting.

PRESTO
That's not exactly what I had
in mind.

FAVORING HANK AND BOBBY

HANK
Bobby! Heads up!

Hank draws back his bow, fires a flaming bolt at the bonds that hold Bobby, freeing him. PUSH IN as Sheila and Uni rush to Bobby. Bobby hugs his sister and Uni.

UNI
(happy bleat)

Sheila looks up to Hank, gratitude in her expression.

SHEILA

Thanks.

Hank nods, then suddenly ducks as a flaming bolt of energy sails through shot, erupting in the b.g.

ANGLE ON VENGER

VENGER

Fools! You'll never get away!

Venger fires another energy bolt from his hand.

ANGLE ON OUR GUYS

as they duck the next blast. Hank quickly stands up.

HANK

(a shout)

Okay...NOW!!

He fires a flaming arrow up and o.s.

UP ANGLE - ON HIGH WINDOWS

as the arrow streaks into shot, slicing off the locks of several windows. PUSH IN as the Cloud Bears shove the windows open from the outside. They lean in, throwing their glowing red charms into the room.

CLOUD BEARS

(misc. shouts & squeals)

Get him! Throw! Yahoo!

ANGLE ON VENGER

He reacts in horror and pain as the little glowing stones drop into shot around him, some bouncing off his cape.

VENGER

No! Stop! Keep them away from me!

FAVORING HANK AND OTHERS

HANK

Hurry! Back to the balloon!

As they move off we cut:

WIDER - TO INCLUDE VENGER

backing away as the bears continue to pelt him with the glowing stones. As Hank and the others exit we...

DISSOLVE TO:

EXTERIOR: CLOUD BEAR TREE - DAWN

The early morning sun is just beginning to shine through the branches of the towering tree. PAN UP and PUSH IN on the Cloud Bear Colony. The hat-balloon drifts at the top of the tree, tied off with a rope.

CLOSER ON CLOUD BEAR COLONY

Hank and the others are with King Kamala, Bo-Jama, Bom-Bam and Taka-Too.

KING KALAMA

Thank you for saving our colony.

The little bears bow down. King Kamala takes a glowing red charm from around his neck, offers it to Hank.

KING KAMALA

We want you to have our last Heart Stone to protect you from Venger.

HANK

No! We have our weapons. You'll need the stone to live in peace.

CLOSER ON HANK AND OTHERS

SHEILA

And I want to appologize for calling you a traitor, Hank. I'm sorry.

PRESTO

Yeah. I guess I wasn't such a great judge after all.

ANOTHER ANGLE

to reveal Dungeon Master, seated beside the Cloud Bears.

DUNGEON MASTER

At least you gave the Ranger a fair trial.

BOBBY

Dungeon Master!

FAVORING DUNGEON MASTER AND ERIC

DUNGEON MASTER

There are some who make judgements without ever looking for the truth.

ERIC

Yeah, well I'm still not convinced we can trust Hank.

Eric moves o.s.

WIDER ANGLE

To reveal Eric standing in the hat-balloon gondola.

ERIC

Are we going, or aren't we?

CLOSER - FAVORING PRESTO

PRESTO

Say, Dungeon Mas...Dungeon Master?

(realizes he's gone)

Aw, shucks! I wanted to ask him
to shrink my magic hat for me.

FULL SHOT - TO INCLUDE ERIC

standing in the hat-balloon gondola. He reacts in wide-eyed panic as the gondola vibrates.

ERIC

Presto! No!

Suddenly the giant hat shrinks down to normal size and the gondola, with Eric in it, drops o.s. like a rock.

ERIC

Yaaaaaaahhhhhh....!

DIANA

Eric!!

DOWN ANGLE - GONDOLA

Hank and the others, including the Cloud Bears, look down over the railing to see the gondola, hanging from its tether, with Eric holding on for dear life. The Cloud Bears giggle.

ERIC

Come on, you guys. Throw me
a line.

HANK

I don't know, Eric. You sure
you can trust me to throw you
a line?

ERIC

I trust you! I trust you! Just
get me up, will ya?

As Hank and the others drop a line to Eric the Cloud Bears continue to giggle and we...

FADE OUT

THE END