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CAST LIST

MERMISTA

ADORA/SHERA

HORDAK

SHADOW WEAVER

TROOPER #1

TROOPER #2

FISHERMAN #1 - an Eternian peasant. A few lines.

FISHERMAN #2 - as above.

MERSIA - Mermista's father, king of the submerged Kingdom of Salineas.

BABY WHALE - expressive squeaks, etc.

SUBJECT - middle-aged male subject in kingdom of Salineas.

SHERA, PRINCESS OF POWERTHE PEARLPP #67072ACT ONE

FADE IN:

1 EST SHOT - THE SHORES OF BRIGHT MOON

A small wooden pier extends out into the water. A number of men with nets are wading around in the water on either side. At the end of the pier is a throne-like chair constructed from a large clamshell. In this throne sits MERMISTA, in her human (with legs) form. Beside her stands ADORA, watching. Mermista has her arms extended out over the ocean and is emitting a strange HUMMING CALL.

MERMISTA
(strange humming call)

2 LOW ANGLE

Looking up at Mermista past several of the fisherman in the FG. The fishermen scan the waves, anxiously. Mermista's HUMMING CALL continues.

MERMISTA (con't)
(strange humming call)

3 ON MERMISTA

Her eyes closed and her arms extended toward the distant ocean. Visible LINES of POWER emit from her headdress.

MERMISTA (con't)
(strange humming call)

4 BACK ON THE FISHERMEN

Still scanning the waves anxiously. Suddenly, one of them POINTS OS.

FISHERMAN #1
There! Look!

5 POV

From far out in the ocean, we SEE swarms of fish leaping and splashing TOWARD CAMERA.

FISHERMAN #1 (con't)

Here they come!

6 ON THE FISHERMEN AGAIN

REACTING as the fish splash past them.

FISHERMAN #2

Get your nets ready!

The fishermen lift their nets.

7 WIDE

The fishermen are encircling the leaping, splashing schools of fish.

FISHERMAN #2 (con't)

Throw!

The fishermen cast their nets.

8 ON ADORA AND MERMISTA

Adora is looking at the OS fishermen. (SFX) OS SPLASHING. She turns back to Mermista as the mermaid STOPS the strange call and opens her eyes.

ADORA

The fishermen of Bright Moon will have a good catch today, thanks to you, Mermista.

Mermista smiles.

MERMISTA

Long ago, my people made a pact with the fishermen of Etheria. So long as they do nothing to harm the sea or its people...

9 ON THE FISHERMEN

They are sloshing from the sea, carrying nets laden with fish.

MERMISTA (con't, VO)

...we will help them catch all the fish they need.

10 ON ADORA

She looks at Mermista curiously.

ADORA

How about the fishermen who work
for the Horde?

11 ON MERMISTA

She frowns.

MERMISTA

We do not interfere with them.
My father, King Mersia, does not
want to start any trouble.

12 ON ADORA

Nods.

ADORA

I understand. But it's too bad.
Your people would be very
valuable additions to the Rebellion.

13 ON MERMISTA

Trying to explain.

MERMISTA

You know that I support the Rebellion,
Adora. But my father worries for the
safety of his people.

14 TWO SHOT

Mermista shrugs, helplessly.

MERMISTA (con't)

So long as the Horde does not bother
him, he will not bother the Horde!

ADORA

Well, I hope they never bother
him but -

She BREAKS OFF as Mermista suddenly WINCES, clasping her
hands to her temples.

ADORA (con't)

Mermista! What's wrong?!

15 ON MERMISTA

Teeth gritted in pain.

MERMISTA

Distress signal...from a whale!

Suddenly, the distress noise is CUT OFF, as though turned off like a light.

MERMISTA (con't)

Oh!

She straightens painfully.

MERMISTA (con't)

It stopped -- just like that!

She snaps her fingers.

MERMISTA (con't)

Something happened to the whale!

16 ON ADORA

Concerned.

ADORA

Could it have been stunned?

17 ON MERMISTA

Grim.

MERMISTA

Stunned...or worse! I have to find out! Excuse me...

18 WIDE

Mermista springs gracefully out over the water from the dock. While she is in the air, she undergoes the TRANSFORMATION from legs to fishtail. She splashes into the water.

19 UNDER THE WATER

As a mermaid, Mermista swims away into the distance.

20 ON ADORA

Looking around. The clamshell throne prevents her from being seen from shore.

ADORA

Sounds like there could be trouble!

She lifts her sword aloft.

ADORA (con't)

For the Honor of Grayskull!

ZOWIE! She becomes Shera!

SHERA (con't)

I am Shera!

21 NEW ANGLE - ON THE END OF THE PIER

Shera RUNS IN and looks at the water. Her sword is still in her hand.

SHERA

Time for a swim! Sword to helmet!

ZING! Her sword becomes a diving helmet. She puts it on.

22 UNDER THE WATER

There is a SPLASH! and Shera DIVES INTO SCENE, wearing the helmet. She hovers for a second in the water.

SHERA

(taking a deep breath)
Good! This diving helmet works perfectly!

She turns and begins swimming after Mermista.

SHERA (con't)

Now to catch up with Mermista!

She swims OS.

ZIP TO:

23 A HORDE SHIP - OUT IN THE OCEAN - DAY

It has captured a baby Hornwhale and has it chained to the side of the ship. The baby is almost as big as the ship. TRUCK IN as we HEAR:

HORDAK (VO)

As usual, we caught no fish. But we did manage to catch this baby Hornwhale.

DISS THRU TO:

24 HORDAK - ON DECK

Flanked by two Troopers, he is looking over the deck railing at the baby whale below.

HORDAK (con't)
That stunbeam will keep it asleep
for hours.

25 CLOSER ON HORDAK

Looking down.

HORDAK (con't)
We were lucky to find a baby.
An older one would have been
too big to handle.

26 UPSHOT

Past the dazed Hornwhale to Hordak, looking down.

TROOPER #1
What are you going to do with it,
mighty Hordak?

27 ON HORDAK

He grins evilly.

HORDAK
I'm going to give it to Horde Prime
as a present. He collects strange
animals.

28 ON A TROOPER

He looks puzzled.

TROOPER #1
But...will Horde Prime have a tank
big enough to keep it in? Especially
when it grows up --

29 ON HORDAK

Cuts the Trooper off.

HORDAK
Who cares? That's not my problem --

He is INTERRUPTED by an OS VOICE.

MERMISTA (VO)
Oh, yes it is, Hordak!

Hordak REACTS.

30 POV

Mermista is in the water just beside the baby whale. She glares at Hordak.

MERMISTA (con't)

You're not taking this baby
Hornwhale anyplace!

31 ON HORDAK

He glares back as his arm TRANSFORMS into a cannon.

HORDAK

Sez who, Fishtail?!

ZAP! he fires down at Mermista.

32 ON MERMISTA

MERMISTA

Says me!

She gestures. A WALL OF WATER rises up to intercept the blast, then SHOOTs UPWARD toward Hordak.

33 ON HORDAK AND THE TROOPERS

They are DRENCHED with the wave of water.

HORDAK

Blast!

34 ON MERMISTA

She turns to the whale.

MERMISTA

You poor little thing! I
have to get you out of here!

35 ON HORDAK

He turns to Trooper #2

HORDAK

She's trying to free the
Hornwhale. Start the engines!

As Trooper #2 runs OS, Hordak turns to #1, whose head is SHAKING VIOLENTLY.

HORDAK (con't)

And what's wrong with you?

The robot takes its head off and shakes it. A fish DROPS OUT and falls OS with a SPLASH. The Trooper replaces its head.

TROOPER #1
(explaining)
Had a fish in my head.

36 ON HORDAK
Disgusted.

HORDAK
You should have left it there.
It probably had more brains
than you!

37 TIGHT ON MERMISTA

She pulls on the chains that bind the whale to the side of the boat.

MERMISTA (con't)
(grunts)
If I can just get you loose!

Suddenly, she REACTS as another hand REACHES IN and grabs the chain.

MERMISTA (con't)
What?!

WIDEN to SHOW Shera gripping the chain.

MERMISTA (con't)
Shera!

SHERA
I thought you could use a hand!

She pulls on one of the chains. It SNAPS easily. Just then the SOUND OF OS ENGINES is HEARD.

MERMISTA
Oh, no! Hordak is starting the
engines! He'll get away before we
can free the Hornwhale!

38 ON SHERA

Still wearing the diving helmet.

SHERA
I'll stop him!

She dives beneath the water.

39 UNDER THE SHIP

As it starts to MOVE, Shera swims THROUGH SCENE toward the rear of the ship.

40 EXT SHIP - MED. HORDAK

Hordak is almost knocked to the desk as the ship jars and stops.

HORDAK
We've stopped!

He looks over the side.

41 MED SHERA - UNDERWATER

She is holding the propeller in her hands. As we WATCH, she begins to tug.

SHERA
(grunt of effort)

With a (SFX) CRACK! Shera breaks off the propeller. She tosses the prop away and swims back.

42 THE SHIP - ON HORDAK

Glaring over the rail.

HORDAK
Drat it all, it's Shera! She's broken our propeller!

43 POV

On the Hornwhale. The chains that bind it are breaking, one by one. No one is visible.

HORDAK (con't, VO)
And now she's freeing the Hornwhale - from underwater!

44 ON A TROOPER

Standing nearby.

TROOPER #1
Should we blast her, sir?

Hordak turns on him in fury.

HORDAK
Fool! Our blast beams don't work under water!

He snatches the Trooper's head off and shakes it. A quantity of sand falls out.

HORDAK (con't)
Keep the sand out of your
memory circuits!

He replaces the head, then REACTS TO:

TROOPER #2 (OS)

Hordak!

45 ON TROOPER #2

Pointing over the rail. FOLLOW POINT to SHOW the now-free
whale drifting away from the ship.

TROOPER #2 (con't)

Shera and Mermista have freed
the whale!

CUT TO:

46 UNDERWATER

The whale, still stunned, is moving away under the influence
of Shera and Mermista, who are each pushing against a fluke.

SHERA

The whale's still stunned. We
have to get it away from the ship!

MERMISTA

Let's take it to my father's kingdom!
We can care for it there!

They move the whale OS.

CUT TO:

47 CLOSER ON TROOPER

He gestures toward some large missile launchers.

TROOPER #2

Should we use the missiles?

48 ON HORDAK

Eyes narrowing.

HORDAK

(thoughtful)

No. I have a better idea.

He gestures. His arm forms into a rocket launcher as a
plate in his chest SLIDES OPEN. He reaches inside and takes
out a small smooth missile. He inserts this missile into
his rocket-launcher arm.

HORDAK (con't)

We'll let the whale be a spy
for us!

He extends his arm and FIRES. The missile WHOOSHES AWAY.

49 ON THE MISSILE - TRACKING

It splits in half. A small tracking device DROPS OUT,
smooth on top and flat on the bottom, like one of those
freeway dots. It tumbles down OS.

50 ON THE WHALE

The dot descends onto the whale's tail and sticks there.
It is barely visible. The whale slides beneath the surface
of the water and VANISHES.

51 ON HORDAK AND A TROOPER

The Trooper turns to Hordak.

TROOPER #2

A perfect shot, master! What was
that device?

HORDAK

A limpet-spy, Trooper.

He turns.

HORDAK (con't)

Now let's see if it's working.

52 ON A VIEWSCREEN

Hordak WALKS IN and pushes a button. The screen SHOWS
STATIC, then clears to REVEAL Shera and Mermista pushing the
whale.

MERMISTA

(filtered)

Thank you for helping save the
whale, Shera.

SHERA

No thanks necessary, Mermista!
Let's just get this poor baby
to your father's kingdom right away!

53 ON HORDAK

He grins in evil anticipation.

HORDAK

Ha! The spy device is working
perfectly! This could prove
very interesting...

54 ON THE SCREEN AGAIN

TRUCK IN over dialogue.

HORDAK (con't, VO)
Very interesting indeed!

DISS THRU TO:

55 MATCH SHOT

Shera and Mermista are swimming along, pushing the whale.

SHERA
Just where is your father's
kingdom anyway, Mermista?

56 ON MERMISTA

She points ahead.

MERMISTA
There!

57 ON SHERA

She looks and REACTS!

SHERA
Oh, Mermista...

58 POV

Ahead of them, built within the cavity of an underwater volcano, is an incredible DOME CITY, replete with light and glassine spires. On top of it is a huge PEARL.

SHERA (con't, VO)
It's beautiful!

59 ON MERMISTA

She points.

MERMISTA
The entrance is over there.

60 ON A NATURAL CAVERNOUS OPENING IN THE VOLCANO

Shera, Mermista, and the whale swim toward it.

MERMISTA (con't)
I can't wait for you to meet
my father!

WIPE TO:

61 INT THE DOMED CITY

Our heroes have surfaced in a pool that is in the center of the underwater city. Shera is already out of the water and standing on the stone walk surrounding the pool. A man who is obviously KING MERSIA and two guards stand nearby.

Mermista is sitting on the stone walk, her tail still in the water. The baby whale floats in the water. As we WATCH, the baby whale makes a (SFX) GROANING NOISE and moves its tail a little. Mermista smiles.

MERMISTA

Oh, good...

62 CLOSER ON MERMISTA

She lifts her tail from the water and gives it a shake. Her tail TRANSFORMS into legs and feet.

MERMISTA (con't)

The stunbeam must be wearing off.
The Hornwhale's waking up.

63 ON KING MERSIA

He looks down at his daughter sternly.

MERSIA

I would have words with you,
daughter. You know it is forbidden
to bring a drylander into the
Sunken City!

64 ON MERMISTA

Standing.

MERMISTA

But this is no ordinary drylander,
Father! This is Shera!

65 ON MERSIA

Reacting to the name.

MERSIA

Shera! So you are Shera.

66 WIDER

Mersia approaches Shera.

MERSIA (con't)

Forgive me, Shera. I have heard
much of your goodness. You are
welcome here.

67 ON SHERA

Puzzled.

SHERA

But why are drylanders forbidden here?

68 ON MERSIA

He shrugs.

MERSIA

We fear their greed.

69 ANGLE ON THE WHALE - FEATURE THE SPY DEVICE

MERSIA (con't, VO)

The Sunken City holds many great treasures...

70 BACK ON MERSIA

MERSIA (con't)

...the greatest of which is the Power Pearl. Look!

He POINTS UPWARD. FOLLOW PAN up to the roof of the glass dome, where we SEE an enormous pink PEARL, mounted on the peak.

SHERA (VO)

Wow! I've never seen a pearl that size before!

71 ON MERSIA AGAIN

MERSIA

The Power Pearl was created when the oceans were formed. It is the source of all the merfolk's power.

72 ON MERMISTA

Kneeling by the edge of the pool, patting the whale on the nose. The baby whale makes pleased squeaking noises.

BABY WHALE

(squeaks)

MERMISTA

That's right, Shera. The Pearl is what gives us our power over the oceans.

73 ANGLE ON SPY DEVICE

We SEE Mersia in the BG.

MERSIA

We do not want the Horde to find out about it.

74 TIGHT ON SHERA

She smiles.

SHERA

Well, never fear, King Mersia. Your secret is safe with me!

WIDEN TO REVEAL that she was on Hordak's viewscreen and that Hordak has been listening to all this. He turns.

HORDAK

But not with me!

He shouts OS.

HORDAK (con't)

Robots! Prepare my submarine!

He grins, leering INTO CAMERA.

HORDAK (con't)

I'm going to do a little pearl diving!
(evil laughter)

TRUCK OUT on his evil laughter and:

WIPE TO:

75 WIDE - THE DOMED UNDERSEA KINGDOM OF SALINEAS

TRUCK IN as we HEAR Shera speaking.

SHERA (VO)

We should really try to find the mother of this baby Hornwhale.

DISS THRU TO:

76 INT DOME

On the pool, as before. Shera is standing beside the pool, looking at Mermista, who is in the water with the Hornwhale. She is stroking the baby whale's nose.

BABY WHALE

(gratified squeaks)

SHERA (con't)
I'm sure she's very worried.

77 ON MERMISTA

With the baby whale.

MERMISTA
We'll find her, Shera. The Power
Pearl will help us.

She strokes the baby's nose again.

MERMISTA (con't)
I just want to make sure Baby
here has completely recovered
from Hordak's stun ray.

The baby whale chirps and wiggles, splashing water over
Mermista.

BABY WHALE
(happy sounds)

78 ON SHERA

She laughs.

SHERA
Looks like Baby is just fine.

79 WIDE - ON MERMISTA

She laughs.

MERMISTA
(laughter)

Mermista then dives beneath the water. After a BEAT she
SHOOTS completely out of the water (like a dolphin),
TRANSFORMING her tail back into human legs in the air. She
lands gracefully beside Shera on the side of the pool.

80 CLOSER ON MERMISTA

She TURNS to give the baby whale a final look.

MERMISTA (con't)
Yes, Shera, I think she's all
better -- wait!

She narrows her eyes at something OS. She starts forward.

81 ON THE BACK OF THE BABY WHALE - ON THE SPY DEVICE

Mermista LEANS IN and plucks the device from the baby's back.

MERMISTA (con't)

What's this?

82 ON SHERA

Looking concerned as Mermista show her the device.

SHERA

It's a Horde spy device!

She takes it and CRUSHES it in her hand.

SHERA (con't)

There. That takes care of it.

Hordak won't be able to spy on us any more.

83 ON MERMISTA

Looking worried.

MERMISTA

Yes -- but how about before? Shera, do you think Hordak knows about the Power Pearl?

84 ON SHERA AND MERMISTA

Suddenly, both REACT to an OS THUD and CAM SHAKE! An ALARM SOUNDS. Shera looks up.

SHERA

Uh, oh! Unfortunately, Mermista --

85 ON THE DOME

Through the glass, we can SEE Hordak's submarine clutching the Power Pearl in its steel claws. The sub WHINES and with another LURCH and CAM SHAKE breaks the pearl free of the dome. Glass CRACKS and water begins to pour into the dome.

SHERA (con't, VO)

I think the answer is "Yes"!

86 ON SHERA AND MERMISTA

Looking upward. Around them, other Merfolk are gaping upward in shock.

MERFOLK

(ad lib)

Look! Oh, no! The Power Pearl! Etc.

MERMISTA

Hordak's stealing the Power Pearl!

SHERA

And he's cracked the dome!

87 ON THE CRACKED DOME

Water is pouring in.

SHERA (con't)

The whole city will be flooded!

TRUCK IN on the pouring water and:

FADE OUT

END ACT ONE

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SHERA, PRINCESS OF POWERTHE PEARLPP #67072ACT TWO

FADE IN:

88 ANGLE ON THE CRACKED DOME

Water is pouring in.

SHERA (VO)

When Hordak stole the Power Pearl,
he cracked the dome!

89 NEW ANGLE - ON SHERA AND MERMISTA

Looking up. King Mersia races up to them.

MERSIA

Mermista! This is a terrible
disaster!

90 CLOSER

Mersia glares at Shera.

MERSIA (con't)

I knew a drylander would
bring us trouble!

91 ON MERMISTA

Frowning.

MERMISTA

Father! This is the work of the
Evil Horde! Shera had nothing to
do with it!

92 ON MERSIA

Calming, he looks ashamed.

MERSIA

You are right, daughter. My
apologies, Shera. I'm just so
worried...

93 ON SHERA

She cuts him off, gently.

SHERA

I understand, King Mersia. But there is no time to waste! Can your people repair the dome?

94 ON MERSIA

Worried.

MERSIA

I fear not, Shera. Without the Pearl, our legs will not become fins. We are as helpless as drylanders!

95 NEW ANGLE

The king looks up at the water pouring in.

MERSIA (con't)

Fortunately, we can still breathe water. We will not drown. But the city has many art treasures that will be destroyed by the sea!

96 ON SHERA

She looks determined.

SHERA

Then I must stop the water!

97 ON MERSIA

He looks worried.

MERSIA

But how? I know you have great strength, Shera, but to work underwater requires a tail!

98 ON SHERA

SHERA

Well, since I don't have a tail, I'll have to borrow one!

She leaps OS.

99 ON THE BABY WHALE

Shera lands neatly on its back.

SHERA (con't)
And this one should do nicely!
(to the whale)
How about it, Baby? Will you
give me a ride?

The baby hornwhile whistles its assent.

BABY
(cheerful whistles)

100 ON MERMISTA

Reacting.

MERMISTA
Hold on! I'll go with you!

She jumps OS.

101 ON THE BABY WHALE

Mermista lands behind Shera. Shera draws her sword.

SHERA
Sword to helmet!

ZING! her sword becomes a helmet. Shera puts it on and
glances back at Mermista.

SHERA
Ready, Mermista?

102 ON MERMISTA

She nods.

MERMISTA
Ready, Shera!

103 ON SHERA AND MERMISTA

Shera leans forward.

SHERA
Then let's go, Baby!

The whale starts forward.

104 WIDE

The king and several Merfolk watch as the whale and its two passengers disappear below the surface of the pool.

105 ON THE KING AND A SUBJECT

SUBJECT

(nervous)

Do -- do you think they will be successful, Sire?

106 CLOSER ON KING MERSIA

Grim.

MERSIA

They must be -- or Salineas is...doomed!

CUT TO:

107 UNDERWATER - THE UNDERSEA ENTRANCE

The baby whale and its passengers SWIM OUT into the open ocean and TURN UPWARD toward the dome.

108 ON THE DOME

The bracketed mount that held the Power Pearl is twisted and broken. From the crack in the glass beside it comes a steady stream of bubbles. The whale swims in and stops, the two women looking at the damage.

SHERA

That's a big crack. We have to plug it with something...

109 CLOSER ON THE TWO WOMEN

Shera frowns.

SHERA (con't)

...but what?

Mermista POINTS OS.

MERMISTA

Look!

Shera LOOKS to SEE:

110 POV - A ROCKY UNDERSEA LEDGE

A large creature, vaguely clamlike, but with a huge sucker foot like a snail's is sticking to the ledge.

MERMISTA (con't, VO)
A giant sucker-clam! Its sucker
foot will stick to anything...

111 ON THE WOMEN

Mermista looks at Shera worriedly.

MERMISTA (con't)
...but they're impossible to pry
loose from a rock!

Shera looks determined.

SHERA
Perhaps we don't have to. Let's
go, Baby!

112 ON THE SUCKER CLAM

The baby whale swims up to it and stops. Shera swims off
and down to the clam.

113 CLOSE ON SHERA

Putting her hands to her helmet, she concentrates. NO MOUTH
MOVEMENT.

SHERA (VO)
(reverb - no lip movement)
Clam, please listen. I am
Shera. I will not hurt you, but
it is very important that I move
you to a new place. Will you release
your grip?

114 ON THE SUCKER-CLAM

Its sucker-foot LOOSENS with a squelch.

115 ON MERMISTA - WATCHING

MERMISTA
It worked!

116 ON SHERA - CONCENTRATING

SHERA (VO)
(reverb - no lip movement)
Thank you so much, my ocean
friend.

117 WIDE

Shera LIFTS the giant clam of the rock.

SHERA (con't)
Take it, Baby!

Shera pushes the clam up and OS.

118 ON BABY

The whale grips the edge of the clamshell gently in its mouth as Shera swims back to rejoin Mermista.

119 ON SHERA

As she settles back onto Baby's back.

SHERA
Back to the dome, Baby!

They move OS.

120 WIDE

Carrying the sucker clam, the baby whale SWIMS toward the dome.

121 ON THE DOME

Bubbles are still fountaining from the crack. The baby whale SWIMS IN and carefully positions the huge clamshell just above the crack.

SHERA
A little farther...right there,
Baby! Let it go!

The baby whale releases the clam, which settles gracefully onto the dome and STICKS, covering the crack. The bubbles STOP!

122 INT DOME - LOOKING UP

Through the glass, we SEE the two women aboard the whale, and the giant suckerclam STICKING to the glass, covering the crack. The water pouring in dies to a TRICKLE, then STOPS.

MERFOLK (VO)
(cheers)

123 ON THE KING AND HIS SUBJECT

Looking up, pleased.

SUBJECT
They did it, your majesty! They
stopped the water!

MERSIA
That they did...

He looks down again, more somber.

MERSIA (con't)
...now we must pray that they
can recover the Power Pearl!

CUT TO:

124 LONG - ON HORDAK'S SHIP - DAY - TRUCK IN

HORDAK (VO)
Haaaaa...the Power Pearl!

DISS THRU TO:

125 DECK OF SHIP - ON HORDAK

The Power Pearl is mounted on a pedestal on the deck.
Hordak is gloating over it. A Trooper stands beside him.

HORDAK (con't)
The source of all the Merfolk's
power! Now it is mine...mine!

The Trooper looks at him curiously.

TROOPER #1
Do you know how to use it?

126 CLOSER ON HORDAK

He glares.

HORDAK
Of course not, you iron fool!
But I know someone who does!

127 WIDER

Hordak calls out into the air.

HORDAK (con't)
Shadow Weaver! Get here, NOW!

Even as he says the last word, Shadow Weaver appears on the
deck with a POOF!

SHADOW WEAVER
I am here, Hordak.

HORDAK
(irritable)
What took you so long? Never mind --

He gestures.

HORDAK (con't)
Just take a look at --

128 POV - THE POWER PEARL

HORDAK (con't)
-- this!

SHADOW WEAVER (VO)
Ahhhhh...

129 ANGLE ON THE POWER PEARL

Shadow Weaver drifts up to examine it.

WEAVER (con't)
...the Power Pearl. Long have I
wished to see this. With it, one
can command all the creatures of
the sea.

130 ON HORDAK

Impatient.

HORDAK
I already know all that! What I
want to know is: Can you control it?

131 TWO SHOT

Shadow Weaver hedges.

SHADOW WEAVER
I don't know, mighty Hordak...It
is a very old magic, and unfamiliar
to me...

HORDAK
(darkly)
You don't know how?

She REACTS nervously as Hordak's arm becomes a blast cannon.

SHADOW WEAVER (con't)
(quickly)
...but I'm sure I will have no
problem!

HORDAK
You'd better not.

His arm changes back to an arm.

HORDAK

Get to work. I want to see
a demonstration of the
Pearl's powers within an hour!

He turns OS.

SHADOW WEAVER

At once, Mighty Hordak.

She turns to the Pearl and begins making magical gestures as
we:

ZIP TO:

132 UNDERSEA - ON BABY - TRACKING

The whale and its two passengers is speeding through the
water.

SHERA

Hordak must have taken the Pearl
back to his ship.

133 CLOSER ON SHERA

As they speed along.

SHERA (con't)

And since I broke the ship's
propeller off...

134 WIDER - INCLUDE MERMISTA

SHERA (con't)

...it's probably still right where
we left it!

Mermista TAKES at something ahead.

MERMISTA

Shera! Look!

135 POV - SLOW TRUCK IN

The hull of Hordak's ship is visible in the distance ahead.

MERMISTA (con't, VO)

There it is! Hordak's ship!

136 CLOSE ON THE HULL

WE SEE a spy camera looking out through the water.

HORDAK (VO)

Here they come...

137 ON HORDAK

On deck, looking at the viewscreen. It shows the whale and the two women APPROACHING.

HORDAK (con't)

Shera and the fish lady.

138 ON HORDAK

Grinning

HORDAK (con't)

Well, they're in for a surprise.

He turns.

HORDAK (con't)

Weaver!

139 NEW ANGLE - INCLUDE WEAVER

Still working over the Pearl.

HORDAK (con't)

Have you got that Pearl working Yet?

WEAVER

I - I think so, mightly Hordak...

140 ON HORDAK

Evilly pleased.

HORDAK

Then use it. Now!

141 ON SHADOW WEAVER

WEAVER

Yes, Hordak

She turns to the Pearl and begins to make magical gestures. Smoke from her hands FILLS SCREEN and:

WIPE OFF REVEAL:

142 ON THE WHALE, SHERA, MERMISTA

They have come to a stop not far from Hordak's ship.

SHERA

Now, here's my plan.

143 ON MERMISTA

Reacting in TERROR to something OS.

MERMISTA

Oh, no! Shera! LOOK!

144 POV

A nightmare shape is rising from the depths towards them. Malice aforethought gleams from its eyes. In shape it resembles a crab crossed with a squid, but it is considerably larger than either. It is at least the size of the baby whale.

MERMISTA (con't)

A crabulous!

145 ON SHERA

Reacting.

SHERA

They're ugly, but usually peaceful. Hordak must be controlling this one with the Power Pearl!

She swims off the whale's back.

146 WIDE

Shera looks back at Mermista and the whale.

SHERA

I'll handle this. You and Baby get to safety!

She swims OS.

147 ON THE CRABULOUS

It swims TOWARD CAMERA.

148 NEW ANGLE

Shera swims to meet it.

149 WIDE

The Crabulous reaches out and wraps Shera in a tangle of tentacles.

150 ON SHERA

Wrapped tightly in tentacles.

SHERA

Goodness! That's quite a hug!

She strains.

SHERA (con't)

But I'm afraid I'm pressed
for time!

With a BLOOP! Shera breaks free.

151 WIDER

The Crabulous looks surprised, then angry. As Shera swims
OS, it goes after her.

CUT TO:

152 ON HORDAK

Looking at his viewscreen. He rages.

HORDAK

What is this?! She's getting
away! Stop her!

153 ON SHADOW WEAVER

Looking a bit taxed.

SHADOW WEAVER

I'm trying, Hordak!

She gestures at the pearl again.

CUT TO:

154 UNDERWATER

Shera is hovering between two stony underwater spires. The
Crabulous approaches.

155 CLOSE ON SHERA

Concentrating, hand to forehead.

SHERA

I can't reach the Crabulous'
mind. The Pearl's power is
too strong.

156 WIDER

SHERA (con't)
I'll have to try something else!

As a tentacle GRABS for her, she grabs it instead and lunges OS. The tentacle goes TAUT -- and Shera SWIMS BACK IN. Another tentacle REACHES, she GRABS, and swims OS in the opposite direction.

157 ON HORDAK

He TAKES at the screen.

HORDAK
(shocked)
What?!
(angry)
Why, that blasted female.

158 ON SHERA - UNDERWATER

Looking proudly at her work. WIDEN to REVEAL that the Crabulous is now spreadeagled between the two rock spires, tied by the tentacles.

HORDAK (con't, VO)
She's tied up the Crabulous!

159 ON SHADOW WEAVER

Sweating now.

SHADOW WEAVER
I will summon another monster,
Hordak, but it will take time.

She starts to gesture, but Hordak cuts her off.

HORDAK
We have no time! I'll handle this
my way!

He TURNS and YELLS OS.

HORDAK (con't)
(yells)
Launch torpedo!

160 ON UNDERSIDE OF SHIP

A port OPENS and a TORPEDO zooms out!

161 ON SHERA

Reacting.

SHERA

A freeze torpedo!

162 POV

The Torpedo CHURNS toward CAM.

SHERA (con't VO)

And it's headed this way!

163 WIDE

Shera turns toward the tied Crabulous.

SHERA (con't)

I have to free the Crabulous...!

164 ON SHERA

As she swiftly unties a tentacle.

SHERA (con't)

After all, it didn't mean to
attack me. Hordak made it. There!

The tentacle comes free. Shera TURNS, and TAKES!

SHERA

Oh!

165 WIDE

As the Crabulous SWOOSHES OS, the torpedo CHURNS IN and
IMPACTS on SHERA! CHOOM! A HUGE CHUNK of ICE forms
instantly around Shera and starts to float to the surface.

166 ON HORDAK

Exulting.

HORDAK

Ha-haaa! I got her!

167 OTS - LOOKING PAST HORDAK TO THE OCEAN

The gigantic CHUNK of ice BOBS to the surface.

HORDAK (con't)

Shera is mine! MINE! -- UH!?!

168 ON SHERA

Frozen in ice.

SHERA

Have to keep...cool...must...
crack...ice...

She strains. We HEAR (SFX) ICE CRACKLING.

169 EXT ICEBERG

As cracks form.

170 ON HORDAK

He REACTS as:

171 ON THE CHUNK OF ICE

It shivers, then EXPLODES, revealing Shera in a triumphant pose atop a floating chunk.

HORDAK (con't)

DRAT! She's too strong. She
broke free!

172 ON HORDAK AND WEAVER

Hordak turns to Weaver.

HORDAK

My weapons didn't work.
Summon another monster, Weaver!

PAN AWAY to show MERMISTA and BABY floating on the surface nearby. TRUCK IN.

HORDAK (con't VO)

A BIG one, this time!

173 ON MERMISTA AND BABY

MERMISTA

Shera can't fight every monster
in the ocean, Baby! We have to
get that pearl!

BABY

(whistled agreement)

174 ON MERMISTA

She looks down.

MERMISTA

And I think I know how to get it!
Are you ready, Baby?

175 ON BABY

The whale nods as much as possible.

BABY

(whistles)

176 WIDE

MERMISTA

Then...go!

With a RUSH, the two dive beneath the surface.

177 ON HORDAK AND SHADOW WEAVER

Hordak is yelling.

HORDAK

Did you hear me, Weaver? Get
me a BIG monster. I want
Shera stopped!

178 ON MERMISTA AND BABY

Deep under the water. Baby TURNS, and starts back up.

179 ON HORDAK AND WEAVER

Weaver is gesturing.

HORDAK

And I want her stopped NOW!

180 ON MERMISTA AND BABY

Rushing upward toward the surface.

MERMISTA

Go, Baby! Go!

181 ON HORDAK

HORDAK

As long as I have the Pearl -- Hunh?!

He REACTS OS!

182 POV - OVER THE RAILING OF THE SHIP

With a huge SPRAY of water, Baby and Mermista SHOOT from the depths into the air.

183 ON THE PEARL

As Baby SOARS OVER the ship, he GRABS the Pearl in his mouth.

HORDAK (VO)

Noooooo!

184 ON THE OTHER SIDE

Whale, Pearl, and rider SPLASH back into the water.

185 ON HORDAK

Raging.

HORDAK

Get them! Launch the stun charges!
Get them!

186 ON THE WEAPON LAUNCHERS

Stun Chargers begin to SPLASH into the water.

187 ON SHERA

Swimming.

SHERA

Uh, oh...

188 OTS

The canisters are dropping through the water.

SHERA

Stun charges!

BAROOM! The canisters EXPLODE.

189 NEW ANGLE

Shera is tumbled head over heels through the water.

190 ON A DARK FORM

Shera THUMPS against it and RECOVERS.

SHERA

Whaaa...what a blast...

WIDEN TO REVEAL she has bumped into Baby.

SHERA (con't)

Baby!

191 NEW ANGLE

Baby is holding the Pearl and Mermista is touching it. There are muffled OS BOOMS and CAMERA SHAKES. As we WATCH, Mermista's legs TRANSFORM into a tail again! Shera REACTS.

SHERA

Mermista! You have a tail again!

MERMISTA

Shhhhhh!

192 CLOSE ON MERMISTA

Touching the Pearl and concentrating.

MERMISTA (con't)

I'm calling for help.

193 ON SHERA

As there are more BOOMS OS.

SHERA

Help? Who...

Suddenly, she REACTS as a DARKNESS begins to slide OVER SCENE.

SHERA

...Whaaaaa...?

194 ON MERMISTA

Smiling.

MERMISTA

Here she comes.

195 ON SHERA

Big eyes gaping at something OS.

SHERA

Who...who is it?

MERMISTA

(lightly)

Who else, Shera?

196 REVERSE ANGLE

Mermista, Shera, and Baby HOVER in the water as an immense DARKNESS slides by. An EYE the size of the Capitol Building passes.

MERMISTA (con't)
Baby's mother!

197 ON HORDAK'S SHIP - FLOATING ON THE SEA

Suddenly, with a BOILING of water, an IMMENSE HORNWALE the size of an island rises ponderously from the depths.

198 ON HORDAK AND SHADOW WEAVER

Hordak looks up at the huge Hornwhale, impressed.

HORDAK
You sure called a big one,
all right, Weaver!

WEAVER
But...Hordak...

199 UPSHOT ON HUGE WHALE

WEAVER (VO, con't)
That's not the one I was calling!

200 ON HORDAK AND WEAVER

They look at each other.

HORDAK
You mean?

They both REACT.

HORDAK/WEAVER
Yaaaaa!

Weaver VANISHES in a POOF of smoke. Hordak TRANSFORMS into a ROCKET and BLASTS OFF.,

201 WIDE AGAIN

As Hordak (in Rocket form) ZOOMS PAST CAMERA, WE SEE the huge Hornwhale OPEN its immense mouth -- then close it. Hordak's ship is gone. The whale begins to sink beneath the surface.

202 ON SHERA AND MERMISTA

Huddling beside Baby.

SHERA

Well, that takes care of Hordak's ship, all right!

MERMISTA

And Baby has his mother back again.

203 WIDE - AS BEFORE

The huge eye in the darkness blinks at them kindly. And Baby, still holding the Pearl, wriggles excitedly.

BABY

(delighted squeals and whistles)

LONG DISS TO:

204 THE DOMED CITY OF SALINEAS - LONG

The Pearl has been restored to its position on top of the dome. TRUCK IN on it as WE HEAR:

MERSIA (VO)

And for your help in recovering the Power Pearl, Shera...

DISS THRU TO:

205 INT DOME - NEAR THE POOL

Mersia is placing a medal around Shera's neck.

MERSIA (con't)

...we of Salineas give you this medal as a token of our gratitude.

206 ON SHERA

She smiles.

SHERA

I was glad to help, King Mersia, but I think Baby deserves a medal, too.

207 ON MERSIA AND SHERA

Mersia smiles back.

MERSIA

So do I, Shera. Look!

Shera turns.

208 ON BABY

Head out of the water in the pool, he proudly displays his own medal, hung wherever the Model Department makes it convenient. TRUCK IN on it.

BABY
(proud whistles)

209 ON SHERA

She laughs.

SHERA
That's wonderful, King Mersia.
If only Baby's mother were here
to see it!

210 ON KING MERSIA

Looking up as the SCENE grows MUCH DARKER.

MERSIA
Oh, don't worry about that, Shera.

211 LONG REVERSE ANGLE

Past Mersia, and Shera, and the assembled crowd, and the pool, and through the dome, a VAST EYE blinks proudly.

MERSIA (con't)
She wouldn't have missed it for
anything!

He laughs and everyone joins in.

SHERA, MERSIA, MERMISTA
(laughter)

As we:

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THE PEARL

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FADE IN:

ON LOO KEE

LOO KEE

Hi! I'm Loo Kee. Did you find my hiding place today? If not, take another look!

SCENE FROM SHOW - HOLD FOR VIEWERS TO LOOK

LOO KEE

See me now?

HOLD THREE BEATS, then Loo Kee is REVEALED and waves.

LOO KEE

Here I am!

SCENE FROM SHOW - SHERA, MERMISTA GUIDE BABY WHALE UNDER WATER

LOO KEE (VO)

Today Shera and Mermista helped a lost baby whale.

BACK TO LOO KEE

LOO KEE

People get lost, too. If you are ever lost, remember not to be frightened. The best person to talk to is a policeman. He'll get you home safer and faster than you can say, "Bye now!"

FADE OUT

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