

Indiana Bones and the lost treasure of Kazingazinga.

Drama 1:

Characters:

Indiana Bones: Indi – Heroic archaeologist

Duggie Diggit: Dug – his hapless assistant.

Prof Max Merkletroid: Max – Villain who tries to foil Indiana's plans.

Grabber Brabit: Grab - his hapless assistant.

Scene: Indiana's research centre. There is a table centre stage with an old looking pot with a lid and markings/hieroglyphics on it.

Indi and Dug enter as music plays

Indi: [Proudly) Well Dug, here it is!

Dug: Well yes, here it is, but as I keep asking, what's so special about it?

Indi: You mean you haven't noticed?

Dug: Noticed what? It just looks like any dirty old pot to me. We've got thousands of them in the store, but why did you pay so much for this one?

Indi: Well Dug, it may look like any other ancient pot, but it isn't. You see these markings? (points to marks on pot) There are only 2 people in the world who can read these. Only 2 people who could know what they say.

Dug: Well I hope one of them is you as you paid so much money for it, but who is the other.

Indi: Oh surely you know that one Dug. Surely you've worked with me long enough to know who it is that is almost as clever as me. To know who it is who is always trying to stop me making my great discoveries. Surely you know that by now.

Dug: You mean you mean.

Indi: Yes I do I'm afraid Dug. I mean Professor Max Merkletroid. He is the only other archaeologist clever enough to know what these signs mean and he was the one bidding against me at the auction.

Dug: Well I was wondering who else might have that amount of money. I mean 5 million pounds! I thought you'd gone mad to pay that much.

Indi: Dug, I would have paid twice that to keep this pot out of the hands of Professor Merkletroid.

Dug: But why is it so special? What do all these marks mean then?

Indi: Well I recognised it as soon as I saw it. It's what I've been looking for for the whole of my career as an archaeologist. I learnt to read these signs from an ancient manuscript I found when I was on an expedition to the jungles of Umbararara. I was looking for the lost treasure of the ancient city of Kazingazinga, but all I found was a manuscript that told me that somewhere a clue had been hidden. A clue that would take us straight to the city and straight to the treasure.

Dug: But what has that got to do with this old pot?

Indi: I'm getting to that bit Dug, I'm getting there. You see the writing on the pot says: Kazingazinga's way is clear if you keep me always near. This is the ancient clue that will show us how to find the amazing treasure of the ancient kings of Umbararara who once lived in Kazingazinga.

Dug: Oh wow! That's amazing!

Indi: Well I don't know about that though. There are no obvious clues on the outside so it's time to look inside to see if the pot can tell us more. Are you ready?

Dug: Come on then Professor Bones, this is getting really exciting! This is what archaeology is really all about!

(Indi slowly takes top off of the pot)

Indi: There's something inside!

(He carefully pulls out a piece of rolled up paper. He blows it and a cloud of dust flies off)

Indi: (Coughing) Well look at this. (He unrolls the paper on the table) It's a map. A map to show us exactly how to find Kazingazinga deep in the jungles of Umbararara. Come on Dug, there's not a moment to lose! Pack your bags because we are off to the jungle!

Dug: My bags are already packed Professor Bones. I was hoping something exciting like this was going to happen so I thought I'd better be ready.

Indi: Lets go then! But unfortunately we are going to have to travel economy. Having spent 5 million pounds on the pot, our days of first class travel are over!

(Indi begins to walk off)

Dug: Just a minute Professor Bones, Haven't you forgotten something?

Indi: Forgotten something Dug? What do you mean?

Dug: Well it's just that we are going on an expedition and every time we go on an expedition you, err, you wear your hat.

Indi: My hat! Yes of course. My archaeologists hat. It always seems to bring me luck. In fact I've been wearing my hat when I've made all of my important discoveries. Good thinking Dug, I'll just get it. (Picks up hat and puts it on) There you are, now we are ready, so come on lets go. To Umbararara and the lost treasure of Kazingazinga!

(They exit)

(Max and grab come sneaking on from opposite side)

Max: Have they gone Grab?

Grab: I think so professor Merkletroid, I think so.

(They come across to centre stage)

Max: I don't quite believe this Grab. Do you see what I see?

Grab: Err, well that depends on what you are looking at professor?

Max: Well Grab, strangely I am looking just there (points to table and pot) at that pot sitting on that table just there.

Grab: Oh that! I hardly noticed it, it looks like a pretty manky old pot to me.

Max: You mean you don't recognise it Grab? You don't recognise it after the auction? After I was err 'outbid' by that wretched Indiana Bones again! Look at it Grab, this is the pot, the pot we've been looking for for so long, and they've just left it here! Just left it here for us to take!

Grab: But how is a pot going to help us find this err Zingzing place?