

The Great Pongadron Rescue.

1 A whiff of danger.

Characters:

Barney Cloud Hopper (Bar) - Heroic saviour of the universe and Jedi warrior.

Polo Solo (Pol) - A Jedi warrior.

Zodder (Zod) Jedi master who is 900 years old.

Bath-Evada (Vad) - Evil villain who never washes.

Princess Clean & Clear (C&C) - Young princess.

Scene: Barney Cloud Hoppers Mission Headquarters.

(Pol is standing and excited, Bar is sitting and looking depressed)

pol: You know I can hardly believe it!

Bar: Hardly believe what?

Pol: Hardly believe IT!

Bar: What?

Pol: Us.... I mean look at us, Its incredible, its amazing. I mean look who would have thought that little old me, Polo Solo, the galaxy's best known nobody would one day be, Polo Solo, - Jedi Warrior. I mean, I can hardly believe it!

Bar: Well the way you keep going on about it makes it sound like you have no trouble believing it at all, and you want everyone else to know as well! I mean, come on, its not that big a deal!

Pol: Not that big a deal? What do you mean? It may not be such a big deal for you, Barney Cloud Hopper, saviour of the Universe and all that, but for me, little old me, for me its the biggest deal ever. Its amazing... its....

Bar: (angrily) Oh all right, all right, that's enough.

Pol: Oh temper temper Colonel Cloud Hopper, don't get your knickers in a twist!

Bar: Oh ... I'm sorry Polo, its just that ... just that I'm bored. I mean it was over a week ago that we saved the universe again, and .. well... I'm bored. I need another mission, and I need it soon or I'll go mad!

Pol: What do you mean Barney? We've got everything we need here. We don't need all that danger and worry and stress. I mean we've even got our.... light sabres to play with (grabs light sabre and waves around to sound effect) What more could you want?!

Bar: Its no good Polo, I can't rest. Maybe its some kind of sense but I know that there is still darkness out there. I know that there is still good to be done, and bad to be defeated, and ... and..... well I'm the one to do it.

(Enter Zodder who hobbles across the stage wheezing and coughing)

Zod: (Wheezing) Oh there you are colonel Cloud Hopper, I've been looking for you (Wheeze).

Bar: Are you all right Zodder, you sound a bit

Zod: Come off it Cloud Hopper, I'm nine hundred years old. What do you expect, Brad Pitt?

Bar: Well I thought they might have got someone with a bit more ... err.... Oh it doesn't matter.

Zod: Too right it doesn't matter mate. Don't forget I'm the commander of the Jedi, the Jedi master. I could call on ten thousand Jedi warriors at any time, and you wouldn't stand a chance. One flick from my little finger would see you flying through space and landing on Troglodyte Glotosplot, the stickiest planet in the universe, (goes close to Bar and says menacingly) a planet that people get strangely attached to. So (wheeze) don't (wheeze) mess (wheeze) with me! OK!

Pol: (Bowing low) Oh that is so true O great and mighty Jedi master. My friend here meant nothing by it. He's just a little bored you know.

Zod: Well I thought as much, so I've got a mission for you.

Bar: A mission! A mission! At last! What is it?

Zod: (evasively) Err... Oh ...err... well.... Well we've had a little S O S message.

Bar: (jumping to his feet) S O S! O even better, people to save, battles to fight. Where do we go?

Zod: Well err.... its a little planet in Region 6, quadrant 3, sector 12.

Bar: Gosh, that's a long way out, what's it called?

Zod: Err.... well ... errr... you see that's the thing, it's called ...err... Pongadron.

Bar and Pol: (taking a step back) Pongadron!

Pol: No you can't mean...

Bar: Surely it can't be

Pol: Not the....

Bar: Not the most.....

Zod: Err yes, I'm afraid it is, Pongadron, the smelliest planet in the entire galaxy.

Bar: Su... su ... surely You.... you can't expect us to go there. I mean, no ordinary person can get anywhere near it. The smell is so bad people turn back light years before they reach it.

Zod: This is true. You see many years ago the emperor of Pongadron came under the influence of the dastardly villain, Bath-Evada. Bath-Evada is a thousand years old and in that time has never ever ever had a bath, and he has persuaded the entire planet not to wash either. There are no baths, no showers, there is no where to wash at all. So Pongadron, which has always been a mildly smelly planet, has now become the smelliest, most sick inducing, most dirty place any where.

Pol: It sounds disgusting.

Zod: It certainly is. But ... a small group of people on Pongadron have managed to radio and ask for our help. We need a crack team to overcome the dastardly Bath-Evada and to persuade the Emperor and the people that washing is a good thing again.

Bar: But Zodder, I've heard of this Bath-Evada before. He too, like us, used to be a Jedi warrior. He knows all the Jedi secrets, he has all the Jedi powers and no one has ever been able to defeat him.

Zod: Well that is true, but the people of Pongadron are relying on you Colonel Cloud Hopper. You are the best, and only the best will do! But as ever it's up to you whether you go or not. I will leave you to make your decision. Let me know when you have made up your mind.

(Zodder exit with suitable wheezes)

Bar: Well I don't know about this. I know I said I wanted a mission but to .. to Pongadron, that's... that's not quite what I had in mind. I mean, we'll probably come back smelling as bad as they do! Come on Polo, lets nip down to the Rocket and Booster for a quick drink, we've got some thinking to do.

Bar and Pol exit to opposite side).

Voice over mic: Meanwhile on the planet Pongadron.

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Scene: Somewhere on Pongadron.

(Enter Vad and C&C. Vad is dragging a struggling C&C)

Vad: Oh come on princess, its no use struggling, no use at all.

C&C: (shouting) Help! Help!

Vad: And its no use shouting either, no one can hear you here. No one ever comes near Pongadron let alone stops here. Some people say this place smells bad, but personally, (deep sniff) I think it smells wonderful. Like ...err... a million sweaty armpits and two million pairs of fungus encrusted cheesy feet! (deep sniff) wonderful!!

C&C: (Holding nose) It's horrid! Horrid! It smells like bad eggs, rotten fish and.. and ... dog poo! It's ... it's....

Vad: Yes exactly it's lovely, and you'll get used to it soon little Princess Clean and Clear, because this is where you are going to be living, (goes close to her and says in chilling voice) for the rest of your life. But I must leave you, locked in, of course.

(Vad exits)

C&C: (Sobbing) Oh dear, Oh dear, Oh dear! What shall I do. The dreadful Bath Evada has captured me and brought me to this... this ..this..... horrid planet, and I have no one to help me. No one at all, not even my hero Barny Cloud Hopper. (Falls to the ground and sobs, but then sits up and brightens) Hang on a minute. I remember something, Yes I do, I remember what Barny Cloud Hopper said to me the last time we met. He said, if you ever need me, think really hard, shout in your mind, and I'll be listening. I'll hear you and I'll be there in a jiffy. Could it be true? Well I suppose there's only one way to find out. (C & C moves to side of stage and calls out) Help me Barny Cloudhopper, help me!

Voice over mic: Meanwhile, back at Colonel Cloud Hoppers Mission headquarters.

(Enter Bar and Pol to opposite side of stage)

Bar: Well Polo, I don't know, should we go or should we not? I know I wanted a mission, but to Pongadron? Well that's got to be the worst (Pauses) (distractedly) the worst (cups ear)

Pol: Are you all right Barny?

Bar: (shakes head) Err ... O yes, I just thought I heard.....err yes err... Pongadron, the worst (distracted again) worst (cups ear)

Pol: Barny are you sure you're all right?

Bar: You know its funny but I'm sure I heard

C&C: (Quiet shout) Help me! Please Help me, Barny Cloud Hopper please help me. Bath Evada has me prisoner on Pongadron. Please help me!.....

Bar: I did hear something, (cups ear)

C&C: (Quiet shout) Help me Barny Cloud Hopper help me. I'm on Pongadron, and the smell is killing me, Help me Barny Cloud Hopper, help me!

Bar: It's ... it's... It's.... Princess Clean and Clear! She's transmitting her thought waves to me, and she's on ... on ... Pongadron, held captive by the evil Bath-Evada. That's it, It doesn't

matter how smelly it is, it doesn't matter how dirty it is! We're going and we're going now, come on Polo, lets get the crew together and set course for Pongadron.

(All exit)

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Voice over mic: Will Barny Cloud Hopper and Polo Solo reach Princess Clean and Clear in time? Will they be able to stand the smell on Pongadron? Will they defeat the evil Bath Evada. Come back tomorrow folks for more nail biting excitement!

Music to finish.