

JOOBA GUMBA WONDY
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AUDITION 1- 4 m, 5 w

In this scene, the students discover they need to hunt for breakfast.

(AT RISE: The Wondian Wonder Resort. TODD, LINDSAY, DUNCAN, and KASEY are sitting on stumps.)

LINDSAY: I didn't think I would have to take a sponge bath 'till I was in a nursing home.

MS. KINKADE: *(Entering, wiping HER hair with a towel.)*
Dear, you should have gone down to the creek with me. So refreshing. I feel like a new woman!

DUNCAN: Dude, I'm starving.

TODD: Catubay said breakfast would be here in a minute.

(JARED enters from the hut putting patches on himself.)

LINDSAY: Jared, do you have a smoking problem we don't know about?

JARED: No, they are emotional patches prescribed by my doctor.

DUNCAN: What?!

JARED: *(Points to head.)* This patch here is for anxiety. If I get anxious it activates and sends a calming reassurance to my mind. *(Points to stomach.)* This one here is for upset stomach.

KASEY: And they work?

JARED: Usually.

LINDSAY: What's the one by your neck for?

JARED: Rejection. It sends positive feelings to my heart.

MS. KINKADE: What a load of bologna!

(DAILYN enters. She is trying to make the most of it and is dressed in a bikini top and grass skirt. TEAL and CATUBAY enter after her.)

TODD: Wow.

DUNCAN: You said it. I didn't know the school brain had legs like that.

TODD: Excuse me, but that is my girl you are talking about.

DAILYN: I'm not a piece of property, Todd. I belong to no one.

KASEY: Boy, it got cold all of a sudden.

TODD: I didn't know you owned anything like that.

DAILYN: I don't. Teal here let me borrow some of her native attire. I figured if I'm here I will make the best of it.

MS. KINKADE: That's the spirit!

TEAL: Are you hungry?

EVERYONE: Starving!

TEAL: Let's go fatten you all up. *(Hands out spears to the BOYS and blow darts to the GIRLS.)*

DUNCAN: Cool!

LINDSAY: What are these for?

TEAL: Time to go get breakfast.

JARED: Wait, you mean we have to catch our own food?

LINDSAY: What!?

TEAL: Here on Jooba Gumba Wondy, if you hungry you hunt. Either we go down to water and fish, or we go hunting for Jooba birds.

DUNCAN: Sweet! Let's go kill something!

TEAL: Fish? Or Jooba birds?

MS. KINKADE: I'm feeling mighty hungry myself; this Jooba bird sounds great!

KASEY: Todd, you want to go catch a fish with me?

TODD: Dailyn, what do you feel like?

DAILYN: I can get fish back in the States. But a Jooba bird? Go fish, Todd. The less I see of you the better. Let's go, Teal.

DUNCAN: Ouch! See ya, man.

TEAL: Those who want to fish follow Catubay down that path. Those wanting Jooba bird come with me.

DUNCAN: *(To TEAL.)* Where ever you are going is where I'm going.

JARED: What if you don't want either? I was hoping for pancakes?

TEAL: Make sure you stay with Catubay, no matter what.

MS. KINKADE: *(Flirtatious.)* See you later, Catubay! Absence makes the heart grow stronger!

(TEAL, DUNCAN, DAILYN, and MS. KINKADE exit.)

TODD: Hey, Jared, you have any more of those rejection patches?

KASEY: You don't need one of those patches when you got a rebound to catch right here. Race you to the beach!

(KASEY grabs Todd's hat and runs off. TODD chases her.)

TODD: Hey!

JARED: I guess it's you and me?

LINDSAY: *(Rolls eyes.)* I hate this! The brochure had crepes and fresh fruit!

JARED: I wanted pancakes.

(BLACKOUT.)

AUDITION 2- 4 m, 5 w

In this scene, Todd, Kasey, and Lindsay struggle in the jungle.

(The THREE walk back SL. Kasey stops when she discovers a sign that wasn't there before. It reads: DANGER AND.)

KASEY: Look, a sign! A sign! We are saved!

TODD: *(Reading.)* Danger And...? And what?

KASEY: That's strange. Part of the sign is missing?

LINDSAY: And...the American embassy?

KASEY: Lindsay, I think that is a bit of a stretch.

LINDSAY: Danger and ants?

KASEY: But they are back that way.

TODD: Well, we can't go this way without knowing what the 'and' is.

KASEY: I'm not going back where there is an army of flesh-eating ants.

TODD: I hate this. It's like *Wheel of Fortune*, only Vanna White refuses to turn the letters. *(Picks up the sign.)* Danger and what? WHAT!

LINDSAY: I'm going. I don't care anymore. *(Takes a few steps past the sign and stops. Her feet are hidden by brush and rocks.)* I'm stuck! You guys, I can't move! *(Starts to sink down.)*

KASEY: Looks like some pretty sticky mud.

TODD: That isn't mud.

LINDSAY: I'm sinking?!

TODD: She is in quicksand!

LINDSAY: Quicksand? Nononono, I can't be. *(Now sunk up to her waist.)*

TODD: What do we do?

KASEY: Don't panic!

TODD: I am! *(Runs around panicking.)*

LINDSAY: Guys, help!

KASEY: A branch! Get a branch!

TODD: *(Frantically looks for a branch. Reaches up and grabs what he thinks is a branch from a tree. It's a python.)* I got one! Here, Lindsay, grab hold. *(Holds out the snake.)*

LINDSAY: Snake!

(The snake wraps itself around TODD who panics and starts thrashing around. LINDSAY keeps sinking. She is up to her armpits now.)

TODD: Aah! It's wrapping itself around me!

KASEY: Todd, don't panic! It will know you are afraid.

TODD: I am! Shoot it! Shoot it! I can't...breathe!

KASEY: Shoot it?

TODD: With the blow dart! Hurry!

LINDSAY: All I wanted was to meet a cute French guy.

(KASEY grabs the blow dart gun from her belt. She loads it and aims. She fires it at the snake, but it hits TODD in the leg.)

TODD: Aah! It bit me! My leg, it's going numb! *(Starts limping while struggling with the snake still coiled around him.)*

KASEY: Oops. Let me try again. Hold still!

(KASEY takes aim again and fires. This time it hits TODD in the buttocks. He grabs his butt with his free hand.)

TODD: Did you shoot me? You shot me!

KASEY: I'm sorry, I don't know what I'm doing, okay?! I have one dart left.

TODD: It's crushing my ribs. Kasey!

(LINDSAY disappears from sight. KASEY loads one more dart and aims. Fires! It strikes TODD in the neck. He grabs where it struck him.)

TODD: *(Cont'd.)* I, I... whoa!

(TODD collapses. KASEY runs to him. The snake lets go and is next to him.)

KASEY: Todd! I'm sorry! But I think I got it! It looks dead. Todd? Please get up! Lindsay, I think these darts might be poisoned. Todd's skin looks bad. Lindsay? Lindsay? *(Gets to HER feet and runs over to the quicksand.)* Lindsay! Oh no! She's gone. Jared's gone. Todd? *(Beat.)* I'm alone!

(BLACKOUT.)

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