

Directors Note.

The story of a simple unsophisticated tribes reaction to the arrival of three people of the "Outside World." Jungle Juice is set on an unknown island in the tropics. It doesn't have to be any-where in particular. The natives can be slightly Aztec or Polynesian, or white. Costumes may be sarongs, kaftans or grass skirts with the Queen the witchdoctor and his apprentice perhaps in capes, or long robes with way-out headgear.



By Judith Prior

A complete send up of every-thing to do with the jungle, with special guest appearances by such unlikely characters as A Big Game Hunter, Two famous rock stars, The Witch of the Woods and Tarzan and Jane just to name a few! The mysterious disappearance of all the young men from the island and the efforts of the evil witchdoctor Ngombi and his accomplice Hannibal the Cannibal to evict the intruders while avoiding the advances of the man hungry maidens of the island and their raunchy sex starved Queen Ophelia lead to some comic situations.

Add to this a pagan idol feared and respected by the natives, Atoomi the delightfully naive and accident prone witchdoctors apprentice, a diamond mine, a volcano with a short fuse, a sex starved gorilla, a native brewed Jungle Juice with magical powers, a press agent the intrepid News Paper reporter..... Helen Back....and...Any thing can happen...

Let's just say Jungle Juice is a Tropical Cocktail of melodrama and music somewhere between Brigadoon gone troppo and The Gods Must be Crazy ! An adult Fairy Story with a surprise ending where nothing is sacred but everyone ends up living happily ever after... Well nearly everyone!!

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CHARACTERS.....

QUEEN OPHELIA . **Queen of the Island.**

PRINCESS TALLAYA. **Her beautiful daughter.**

KYEEMA. **Native Girl.**

SHIRLEY SHAPELY. **American Rock Star.**

HELEN BACK. **Intrepid Reporter.**

WITCH OF THE WOODS. **Cameo Comedy Role.**

NGOMBI. **Witch Doctor.**

ATOOMI. **Witch Doctors Apprentice.**

HANNIBAL. **The Cannibal.**

COLONEL. **Retired British Army.**

RANDY RAVONNE. **American Film and Rock Star.**

BABALOO. **Male or Female.Wait and see!**

CHORUS. LOTS OF NATIVE GIRLS, WOMEN CHILDREN, PERHAPS A FEW OLD MEN.

SUGGESTED MUSIC

1. The Lion Sleeps Tonight.
or My Friend the Witchdoctor.
2. Mad Dogs and Englishmen.
or Colonel Bogey.
3. Island in the Sun.
or Bali Ha'i
4. All I Have to Do is Dream.
Any song about Dreaming.
5. The Bare Necessities
6. The Only Man on the Island
or any Rock Song.
7. I Like Beer, or Beer Glorious Beer.
Duncan, or any Drinking Song.
8. I've Never Seen Any-thing Like it in My Life.
9. Diamonds are a Girls Best Friend or
Money, Money, Money.
10. Lovely Hula Hands or
Keep your eyes on the Hands
11. Gitarzan... or Hard to be Humble.
12. Civilisation, or Side by Side.

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JUNGLE JUICE

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ACT ONE

**A CLEARING IN THE JUNGLE, ROCKS, VINES, STRANGE
LOOKING PLANTS, A ROUGH STONE ALTAR WITH STRANGE
TOTEM POLE DECORATIONS. OFF LEFT A RIVER, OFF
RIGHT A VILLAGE. VILLAGERS, MOSTLY WOMEN AND
GIRLS GATHER TO LEAVE FRUIT AND BERRIES ETC. ON
ALTAR.**

MUSIC No. 1.....

QUEEN: Please accept our gifts of food and drink oh Great Spirit Babaloo.....We offer these things to you in hope that you continue to protect us from the cannibals who live in the mountains.....We pray also your protection from the falling rocks of the Volcano... And grant me my wish of a strong and healthy husband for my daughter Tallaya.

TALLAYA: Oh, great Spirit Babaloo, hear the wishes of my mother Queen Ophelia and if it's not too much trouble could you make him handsome as well as strong and let him have a

QUEEN: Silence you foolish girl! Do you want to kindle the fury of the Great Babaloo!..... Just leave the fruit and hop it!

(EXIT QUEEN AND VILLAGERS TO BEACH.)

KYEEMA : Accept this Jungle Juice I have prepared for you Oh, Great and all powerful Spirit Babaloo. Protect us from the falling rocks and grant my requestplease send us some young men. It is very lonely here in the jungle..Please hear our plea Oh, Great Babaloo!

**(EXIT KYEEMA TO BEACH. NGOMBI AND ATOOMI ENTER
AND STAND WATCHING THE SCENE.....NGOMBI IS ANGRY...).**

NGOMBI: See the women grovel at the very thought of Babaloo! I, Ngombi the Witch doctor am the supreme being of the jungle. These women must be taught a lesson of respect!

ATOOMI: The w, w, women know that you oh great Ngombi are the m,m,m,most powerful w, witchdoctor in all the w,w,w universe.

NGOMBI: Yes my faithful apprentice, I am the all powerful Ngombi ,the villagers fear and respect me, but they are even more afraid of Babaloo!

ATOOMI: B,B,B,...Babaloo! Bb,b,b...but master do you not also f,f,f,..fear the great Babaloo?

NGOMBI: Fear!...Fear!..The great Ngombi fears no-one and nothing,The great and all powerful Ngombi knows not the meaning of the word fear!

ATOOMI: Then I.... A,A,A,...Atoomi your f, faithful apprentice fear him not either..for you are my master and your w,w,word is my c,c,command.

NGOMBI: And don't you ever forget it....And that goes for all the commoners out there as well. **(INDICATES AUDIENCE)** You know that I, Ngombi am the greatest witch doctor in the world.....

ATOOMI: Do you n,n,n,not hear the words of The G,G, G, Great Ngombi? ...Well? You're s,s,s, supposed to agree with him!.. You were a,a,all supposed to say..... **WE DO, WE ALL DO!**!.....Let's have a p,p,p,p,practice now shall we?**(ATOOMI HOLDS HANDS ABOVE HEAD IN VICTORY GRIP)** L,l, look now when ever you see me give this s,s,signal, You All have t,to say ,....We do ,we all do!.... Because if you don't agree with him he gets real,m,mean and puts strange s,spells on people and it's p,p,p,positively t,t,t terrible!

NGOMBI: Oh, get on with it man!

ATOOMI: R,r,r, right here we go now...Practice go...on the count of three as loud as you can.."We do ,we all do." You got that?

NGOMBI: You'll get in in a minute you imbecile!

ATOOMI:Here we g,go! One, Two, Three.

(HOPEFULLY THE AUDIENCE WILL JOIN IN WITH ... "WE DO, WE ALL DO!") Oh, come on now y,y, you can do ,b, better than that..Look he,s g,getting angry, believe me we are n, not going to get this s,s, show on the road until you all agree that he's the g,greatest!

NGOMBI:Do you believe that I am the greatest witch doctor you have ever seen? **(ATOOMI GIVES SIGNAL)**

(HOPEFULLY THE AUDIENCE WILL JOIN IN, IF NOT TRY AGAIN UNTIL THEY SOUND ENTHUSIASTIC!... ATOOMI PROMPTING THEM TO SAY .." WE DO, WE ALL DO! ")

NGOMBI: Now that you have got it right, don't forget it...

ATOOMI: (LOOKING OFF) B,Babaloo will s,s,soon be here m, m, m, master. We must g, g, go!

NGOMBI: Yes we must be away. I have the power to hypnotise and control by black magic and witchcraft all forms of intelligent life

ATOOMI: The only thing in the jungle he c, c, c, can't control is B, B, B, Babaloo!

NGOMBI: We must hurry Atoomi.... I have a plan to gain favour with Queen Ophelia. As you know it is the custom in the jungle that if some-one saves your life then you are forever indebted to that person.

ATOOMI: S, s, s, surely everybody knows that Oh, Master.

NGOMBI: Every-one out there you all know that don't you?

(HOPEFULLY THEY WILL ALL SAY " WE DO, WE ALL DO!")

ATOOMI: W, W, What a slack lot , most of you missed y,y,y your cue...Now what was it you all had to say?

(GIVES HAND SIGNAL BEHIND NGOMBI "WE DO,WE ALL DO!")

NGOMBI: Next time see that they get it right the first time or I will put a spell on the lot of them and doom them to spend the rest of their lives in

(UNPOPULAR STATE OR TOWN.)

ATOOMI: I'm sure it won't h, h, happen again master.

NGOMBI: As I was saying if I were able to save the life of the Queen ... then she would be indebted to me and would have to grant me any favour I requested.

ATOOMI: But what f,f,f, favour do you wish of the Queen that you c,c,can't provide by witchcraft or black magic?

NGOMBI: One day I intend to leave this Island and make a name for myself in the outside world.

ATOOMI: Leave the Island! B,b b but master it is not possible, no has ever, l, ..l left, left, left ,here before!

NGOMBI: No, not so far they haven't..The Queen Ophelia is the only being on the island with the divine right to grant permission for leaving .Besides I don't intend to leave alone.....

ATOOMI: Oh, Gee Boss, are you g,g,going to take me t,t, too?

NGOMBI: No you Nit-Wit !... I would have the hand of the beautiful Princess Tallaya in marriage. She will accompany me as my bride. When the time is right I will put my plan into place.

ATOOMI: (ASIDE TO THE AUDIENCE) Oh, Yeah, t,t,t, that will take some doing, not only does the beautiful Tallaya despise him, But Queen Ophelia has been a w, w, widow for a long time now.... and I got the feeling that she rather f,f, fancies Ngombi for her Royal s,self!

NGOMBI: Quickly, the Queen approaches, see that large rock over there...pick it up.**(ATOOMI STRUGGLES WITH LARGE CANVAS OR PAPERMACHE ROCK.)** Now you obey your master, conceal yourself behind that tree and when I shout, look out...you roll the rock as fast as you can down the path....You got it!

ATOOMI: I r,r,roll the r,r,rock as fast as I can down the p,p,path! Sounds like fun, Roll the Rock, man.. Rock and Roll Ha, ha, g,g,get it! One ,Two Three O'Clock Four O'clock Rock!

NGOMBI: You'll get it in a minute you idiot....O.K. Now, Get ready!

(ATOOMI HIDES BEHIND TREE, JUGGLES ROCK, NGOMBI ACTS NONCHALANT, QUEEN, PRINCESS AND VILLAGERS ENTER.)

QUEEN: Greetings Oh, Great Witchdoctor Ngombi,You are looking extra spunky tonight.

NGOMBI: (BOWING TO QUEEN) Greetings and salutations Oh, one of royal birth. Owner of the divine right.

QUEEN: Greetings witch doctor..... Have you brought me the tonic I requested for my pet panther? Poor Pussykins, he is quite unwell, really listless, just lies around all day. Have you managed to find out what is wrong with him?

NGOMBI:Yes, Magesty I have the potion you require, it is at my hut in the village. Allow me to escort the Royal party.....Look out ! Falling rock!.....

(ATOOMI ROLLS ROCK IN GENERAL DIRECTION OF ROYAL PARTY NGOMBI LUNGES AT QUEEN, AND DEFLECTS ROCK.)

QUEEN: Oh, thank-you Ngombi,what strength and swiftness you have displayed in my defence.That was a close call... I do believe you have saved my life.

TALLAYA: Are you all right mother?

QUEEN: Yes dear I am unharmed thanks to the quick action of Ngombi.Now as the custom demands I must now grant him any favour he requests. **(LUSTFULLY)** Ask away big boy!.

NGOMBI: (ALARMED) My Queen the fact that you are unharmed is my greatest reward, as for the granting of favours I will have to give the matter some serious thought.. I'm sure I will be able to think of something..in due course.

KYEEMA: (ASIDE TO AUDIENCE) I bet he will! He never does anything for anyone for nothing.

NGOMBI: Meanwhile allow me to escort you and your party safely back to the village your majesty.

(EXIT NGOMBI AND ROYAL PARTY AND ALL VILLAGERS.)

ATOOMI: Wow, what a s,s,scam! Did you all see that? He set the up whole th, th, thing and now he gets to have any favour he wants g,g,granted...I bet I c,c,could do that myself.... All I have to d, d, do is set the r, r, r,rock up and wait for someone to come along the p, path.Then I yell , Falling Rock! And I s,s, save their life and then they have to r,r,r,reward me by granting me any f,f, favour I..r,r,re...want!..Piece of cake! **(HE SETS ROCK UP ON PATHWAY)** I c,c,c,can hear some-one coming now!

(ENTER COLONEL ATOOMI PUSHES ROCK)

ATOOMI: Look out, F, f, f, f, **(COLONEL IS KNOCKED OVER BY ROCK..HE MAY HAVE TO DODGE INTO IT'S PATH!)**

F,F,F, Far Out Man!... I got him!... Howzat! I think I've k,k,killed him!...Speak to me man. Are you alive or d,d, dead?.

COLONEL: I'm still alive, I think. What hit me?

ATOOMI: This f,f,f..this f,f,..this bloody rock hit you man! It must have come from the v,v,volcano. Are you hurt?

COLONEL:Actually, Old chap I don't think so, just a bit winded. I could use a drink though. **(PRODUCES HIP FLASK.....)** I always make it a rule never to drink before noon.**(LOOKS AT SUN)** Fortunately it's noon in Bangkok! **(HAS A DRINK AND IS HELPED UP BY ATOOMI).** ...Thanks awfully old chap, I say could you tell me where this path goes?