

ARK II

"The Drought"

PROLOGUE

FADE IN:

1 EXT. COUNTRYSIDE - ARK II - MOVING 1

JONAH is in the cab, driving through arid, sun-scorched country.

JONAH'S VOICE

Ark Two... Log entry seventy-six...
This is the forty-second day of
the drought and still not a sign
of rain...

2 ANOTHER ANGLE - ARK II 2

FEATURING ADAM in the dome operating the land periscope.

JONAH'S VOICE

Our present heading is towards
grids fourteen and seven where
the time capsule was supposedly
buried...

3 INT. ARK II CAB 3

Jonah is driving while dictating:

JONAH

If the capsule does contain a
cloud seeder as recorded,
there's a chance we can bring
an end to this disasterous
weather...

He switches off the recorder. He hits the telecom
button and SAMUEL, in the Ark II lab, working with
testing equipment and a small bank of computers,
appears on the telecom screen.

JONAH

How's the repair on the
auto-guidance system coming?

4 INT. ARK II LAB 4

RUTH is studying a TV monitor readout.

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It shows the capsule itself, along with a picture of an odd-shaped machine with a long gun-like barrel. (The Cloud Seeder). Samuel is in front of "Augusta," putting a last panel in place. *

SAMUEL

Try it, Skipper. I've re-wired the auto-guidance system to operate on voice command. I even gave her a name -- Augusta.

5 INTERCUT

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JONAH

You what?

SAMUEL

Just press the auto switch and say, "Zero Zebra seven..." Go on, say it.

6 INT. ARK II CAB - JONAH

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Jonah presses a switch.

JONAH

(hesitantly)

Zero Zebra seven.

6A INT. ARK II LAB - ANGLE ON COMPUTER

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A section of the computer lights up, then:

AUGUSTA'S VOICE

I am activated. Please give desired direction and speed.

6B INT. ARK II CAB - ANGLE - JONAH

6B

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JONAH

Uh, uh...maintain present course.

He removes his hand from the wheel, shakes his head and chuckles as it handles itself.

7 INT. ARK II LAB

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Ruth is still studying the TV monitor readout of the Cloud Seeder. Adam is in the dome and Samuel is standing before Augusta. Jonah enters. He's still chuckling. *

JONAH

Samuel, I'm speechless.

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RUTH

(tapping readout)

Jonah, you think this cloud
seeder will really make rain?

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JONAH

Hope so.

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Adam enters from OFF CAMERA, pulls Jonah's sleeve

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ADAM

Jonah -- go in dome.

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8 EXT. ARK - MOVING

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as Jonah rises in the dome, looks through the land
periscope.

9 OMIT

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10 EXT. HILLSIDE - MOVING SHOT - (MONOCULAR EFFECT)

Nothing outstanding at first, then as the lens sweeps
the hillside a flashing light is SEEN. HOLD ON it,
then:

11 OMIT

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11A EXT. ARK DOME

11A

JONAH

Somebody's flashing a mirror.
They're using Morse code.

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12 EXT. HILLSIDE - MOVING SHOT - (MONOCULAR EFFECT) 12

The signal continues.

JONAH'S VOICE

Same message over and over...

"Danger. Turn. Back...Danger.

Turn. Back."

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13 OMIT

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13A INT. ARK II LAB

13A

Reaction shot. Samuel, Ruth and Adam. On their reactions:

FADE OUT.

END OF PROLOGUE

ACT ONE

FADE IN:

14 EXT. HILL 14

CLOSE ON a flashing mirror, then PULL BACK to SHOW it's being held by SNEAKER, a young boy. KEEP PULLING BACK then SWISH PAN DOWN TO:

15 EXT. COUNTRYSIDE - NEAR ARK 15

FAGON and his Flies lie crouched in the bushes, watching:

16 THEIR POV 16

The Ark, rolling to a stop.

17 EXT. COUNTRYSIDE - FAGON AND THE FLIES 17 *

maintaining their cover.

FAGON

We did it, lads, we did it!
Warn them to turn back and do
they? No! That my dear Tick,
is called reverse psychology.

18 OMIT 18

19 EXT. ARK II 19

Jonah and Samuel exit Ark. CLOSE ON Jonah's finger pushing a button on his belt, then PULL BACK AS WE HEAR the Ark MACHINERY and the rear of the Ark opens.

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Jonah pushes another button and the Roamer rolls down the ramp. The jet jumper is in the rear. Jonah and Ruth climb in as Samuel and Adam enter.

JONAH

Be ready to move out if we need you.

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SAMUEL

We'll be ready.

The Roamer drives off.

20 EXT. WOODED AREA - FAGON, TICK & FLIES

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watching. Fagon motions Tick forward. Tick hesitates.

FAGON

Well? Well?

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TICK

Those people were awful nice to us last time, Master Fagon. I don't like doing this.

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The rest of the Flies indicate their agreement.

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20 CONTINUED:

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FAGON

(pointing)

Over yonder there is a
bunch of people who have a
device that can make rain.
~~If we get that device we can~~
write our own ticket. Goodness
me, we're goin' to give 'em
back their Ark when we're done...

Tick ponders this, then nods. Fagon pats him on the
shoulder.

FAGON

Good lad.

He and Tick move forward.

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21 EXT. ARK II

21

as Samuel and Adam are about to enter.

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FAGON (O.S.)

Help! Don't go! Wait --

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They stop, hear and turn in the direction of the O.S.
caller.

22 ANOTHER ANGLE - TO INCLUDE FAGON AND TICK

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running breathlessly towards the Ark. Samuel and Adam
look at one another then move halfway to meet their
visitors, Fagon almost collapsing at Samuel's feet.

FAGON

Oh, please...please help us...

23 CLOSER SHOT

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SAMUEL

Fagon! Tick!

FAGON

(feigning surprise)

Glory be, Tick, look who it is.
Samuel. And Adam. Oh, and it's
so good to be seein' you again,
ain't it, Tick?

TICK

It sure is.

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23 CONTINUED:

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SAMUEL

What are you doing
out here? Last time we saw you
you said you were going to give
all these guys some schooling.

FAGON

(sotto voce)
They played hookey somethin'
terrible, but I'm still tryin'.
(pleading)
Lad, we need water in a bad
way. We're parched. Parched!

SAMUEL

Come on, we've got plenty of
water aboard.

Sam and Adam start back for the Ark. Fagon gives
Tick a big wink and they follow.

24 EXT. COUNTRYSIDE

24

ON the Ark Roamer, Jonah behind the wheel, Ruth beside
him.

JONAH (V.O.)

Don't see anything.

RUTH (V.O.)

Let's go a little farther.

25 INT. ARK LAB

25

Samuel and Adam watch Fagon and Tick gulp the contents
of their glasses with satisfaction.

FAGON

Ahhhh! That hit the spot, it
did. You're an exceptional
lad, Samuel, exceptional.

Embarrassed, Samuel adlibs a "Nah-h-h" and waves a hand.

FAGON

No no no no no no -- you
are, my boy.

(to Tick)

You're aware, aren't you, that
this mere stripling, this very
young man, can run this craft
by himself?

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They act impressed.

SAMUEL

Ah, it's no big deal. The Ark
can even run itself.

FAGON

It can? Now how could such a
complex vehicle as this do a
thing like that?

SAMUEL

(patting Augusta)

Built-in automatic guidance.

You just push this button...

(indicating)

... then say Zero Zebra seven.
Augusta does the rest.

FAGON

Zero Zebra seven. Amazing.
Absolutely amazing.

A CRY for help comes from O.S.

FAGON/TICK

What was that?

SAMUEL

Sounded like a cry for help.

FAGON

Yes.

Suddenly Fagon clutches his heart and falls back on
his seat as though stricken.

FAGON

Just let me rest a moment
and I'll go out to the poor
soul.

The CRY is REPEATED. Samuel hesitates a moment, then:

SAMUEL

Come on, Adam.

He and Adam hurry out. Again Fagon winks at Tick and
they follow.

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EXT. ARK II

26

As Samuel and Adam exit the Ark, hurry into the woods.

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26 CONTINUED:

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As soon as they're gone, Fagon gives out a loud whistle. Within seconds the Flies appear and Fagon frantically gestures them towards the Ark and into it.

FAGON

Quickly, lads... Hurry, hurry.
Inside, that's it...

He counts heads, then:

FAGON

Sneaker. Where's Sneaker?

TICK

Here he comes!

In a moment, Sneaker comes puffing up and Fagon hustles him into the Ark.

27 INT. ARK II LAB

27

As Fagon enters and moves to Augusta and flicks the switch.

FAGON

(into microphone)

All right, Augusta. Zero Zebra seven.

AUGUSTA'S VOICE

Please give desired directions and destination.

FAGON

(patting the computer)

Straight ahead, my dear, straight ahead.

28 EXT. ARK II

28

The door closes and the Ark heads out just as Samuel and Adam come racing back out of the woods. They chase after it.

SAMUEL

Hey, come back here! Fagon,
you come back here!

It's obvious Fagon isn't going to. Samuel activates his wrist radio.

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SAMUEL
Samuel calling Ark Roamer.
Come in, Roamer.

29 EXT. HILL 29

~~CLOSE ON the mirror, flashing in the sun, then PULL
BACK TO SHOW that it is tied to a branch. Jonah
reaches for it, Ruth by his side. He takes it, looks
at Ruth as from the Roamer in b.g. comes:~~

SAMUEL'S VOICE
(filter)
Samuel calling Ark Roamer.
Come in, Roamer.

Jonah answers on the wrist radio. *

JONAH
Jonah here. Go ahead, Samuel.

SAMUEL'S VOICE
(filter)
Uh-h-h, Jonah... I'm afraid I
have some bad news for you.

30 INT. ARK II LAB - FAGON AND THE FLIES 30

all jumping for joy.

FAGON
We did it, lads! We took the
Ark and we're on our way!

He does a jig with Tick and a couple of the others.

31 EXT. ARK II CAMPSITE - SAMUEL AND ADAM 31

The Roamer, Jonah and Ruth inside, drives up and skids
to a stop. Jonah, fit to be tied, steps out. Samuel
raises a hand to ward off what he knows is coming.

SAMUEL
Jonah, let me just say something.
I did a dumb, stupid thing and
I deserve whatever I get.

That takes the wind out of Jonah's sails. He relaxes.

JONAH
See if you can find Fagon in the
Roamer. I'll use the Jet Jumper.

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31 CONTINUED:

He takes the Jet Jumper out of the Roamer as Samuel starts to climb into the driver's seat.

JONAH

Let Ruth drive!

~~He's mad and he's letting off steam.~~ Ruth, sympathetic to Samuel, makes a show of dutifully moving over and, shoulders slumped, Samuel climbs in beside her. She drives off as Jonah inspects the Jet Jumper. What he sees makes him even madder.

JONAH

Wouldn't you know it -- almost out of fuel.

He starts putting on the Jumper.

32 INT. ARK II LAB

32

The Flies are all over: one is punching buttons, a few more are lying in the upper and lower bunks. All of them are stuffing their face with fruit. Fagon is leafing through a manual, a piece of fruit in one hand. Tick comes over to him. *

TICK

What are you reading?

FAGON

A manual, Tick -- a book that tells about the facilities in this vehicle. I must figure out how we're going to obtain that capsule once we arrive at our destination.

He turns a page.

33 EXT. COUNTRYSIDE - ROAMER - LONG HIGH SHOT

33

As it moves TOWARDS CAMERA raising a trail of dust.

34 EXT. HILLS - ZOOM SHOT

34

As CAMERA ZOOMS IN on hill and two spear-carrying cave men warriors watching the approach of the Roamer with much interest. Quietly, they withdraw from their position.

35 EXT. ROAMER - IT PULLS UP AND STOPS

35

Ruth driving. Adam in the rear. Samuel scanning the countryside with binoculars for some sign of the Ark. *

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36 EXT. SHOT - SKY - JONAH IN JET JUMPER

36

JONAH
See anything down there?

36A INTERCUT - SAMUEL IN ROAMER

36A *

SAMUEL
(into radio mike)
Zilch, so far. What about you?

JONAH
I think I've spotted some tire
tracks.

Suddenly there is a SPUTTERING SOUND emanating from
Jonah's Jet Jumper.

JONAH
Oh-oh. I think I just ran out
of fuel... I'm putting down.

SAMUEL
Give us your grids when you
land. We'll pick you up.

JONAH
Roger.

HOLD ON the Ark Roamer.

RUTH
Well, that's it!

SAMUEL
(looking off, then
seriously)
You can say that again... look --

As Ruth, Adam and Samuel look in the direction he is
indicating:

37 EXT. ROAMER - THEIR POV - CAVE DWELLER WARRIORS

37

Surround the Ark Roamer as a TRIBAL WITCH DOCTOR,
bedecked in a far-out costume and wearing a grotesque
mask, steps forward and beckons the Ark crew out
of the Roamer.

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FADE OUT.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

FADE IN:

38 EXT. COUNTRYSIDE - ARK II - MOVING 38

swiftly across the terrain, Tick in Dome. Tick descends. *

TICK (V.O.)

We're comin' near the place,
Master Fagon.

39 INT. ARK II LAB. 39

Where Fagon is still reading through the manual, a couple of the Flies looking over his shoulder.

TICK

Master Fagon -- we're almost
there!

FAGON

Augusta, you can stop right here. *

40 OMIT 40 *

40A OMIT 40A *

40B OMIT 40B *

40C EXT. ARK II 40C

It stops.

41 INT. ARK II LAB 41 *

As Fagon, manual in hand, jumps up, starts giving orders.

FAGON *

All right, let's be quick about
it... Rocky, you and Fixer stand
guard. Sneaker, I want you and
Tick to check on the capsule.
Make sure it's still in that hut.
Lively now, boys.The Flies take off. Fagon hums a tune and executes a
happy dance step.

42 EXT. COUNTRYSIDE

42

The area where Jonah has made his forced landing. He looks around, tries to contact the Roamer on his radio. *

JONAH

Jonah to Ark Roamer...come
in, Ark Roamer.

(a few beats)

Ruth? Samuel? You there?

Still no response. Jonah takes on a troubled expression. Something is wrong.

43 EXT. CAVE WARRIOR'S VILLAGE

43

The CAMERA PANS to a desolate stretch of land at the foothills of the mountains and the Cave Warriors Camp where Samuel, Adam and Ruth have been taken and are now facing the Witch Doctor and a number of the tribe's warriors.

WITCH DOCTOR

You are spoilers who come in
a machine that spreads dust.

SAMUEL

(taking Ruth's arm)

We'll be glad to leave if you --

Warriors move to stop him and he gives them an "I-was-just-kidding" expression.

WITCH DOCTOR

Silence! Once this land was
fertile and green. There was
food for our hunger, water for
our thirst. Now there is no
food, no water. The Rain God is
angry. He wants a sacrifice.

Samuel and Ruth exchange glances.

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As the warriors move toward them: *

RUTH

Look, we're here to help you
if we can. We're looking for
a capsule that can bring rain.

WITCH DOCTOR

What is this capsule?

SAMUEL

(using his hands)

Well, it's about so big and
made of metal.

The reactions indicate he's said the wrong thing.

WITCH DOCTOR

(savagely)

Take them to the cave-of-no-
return!

SAMUEL

What's that?

WITCH DOCTOR

A cave from which no one can
find his way out.

44 WIDER ANGLE

44.

As the prisoners are led away. The Witch Doctor rises
from his multi-fur covered throne. He moves to a small
hut that is set aside from the other dwellings.

45 EXT. CAVE WARRIORS' VILLAGE - THE HUT

45

As the Witch Doctor opens the door of the hut and
kneels in worship at the foot of the time capsule
that is enshrined in the hut as the mighty symbol of
the Rain God.

46 EXT. ROCKY AREA

46

The CAMERA ZOOMS IN on Tick and Sneaker
observing the proceedings from behind a rocky cover.
They exchange a glance and silently withdraw. *

47 INT. ARK II LAB - FAGON

47

SHOOTING ACROSS the Flies, who watch him admiringly. He's standing before a section of the computers, humming to himself, perusing the manual and murmuring instructions as if he's following a cooking recipe. He turns knobs and dials as necessary.

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FAGON

With this we attract the capsule, so...set down range distance, arm energizer to prescribed force, allow for gravitational drift and...

We are ready...!

(looking INTO CAMERA)

I'm brilliant, you know, absolutely brilliant!

In the midst of his self-adoration, he sobers at:

TICK'S VOICE

Master Fagon! Master Fagon!

Tick comes rushing in followed by Sneaker.

FAGON

The capsule is where we expected!

TICK

Yes, Master Fagon, but --

FAGON

We can't get to it.

TICK

No, Master Fagon. I mean yes, Master Fagon.

FAGON

Delightful!

TICK

Only thing is that that guy Samuel, and Ruth and little Adam have been taken prisoner.

48 INT. CAVE - RUTH, SAMUEL, ADAM

48

RUTH

What do we do now?

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48 CONTINUED:

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ADAM

Go home.

RUTH

I'd love to, but you heard that Chief. This is the cave from which nobody returns.

SAMUEL

We'll split up. Each of us takes a different tunnel. There must be a way out.

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They start out in different directions, using their Brite-Lites.

49 INT. RUTH'S CAVE TUNNEL

49

As she moves cautiously into it. Suddenly there is the SOUND OF BATTERING OF WINGS OF BATS that fly past her. She ducks. They're gone. She continues on, marking her way as she goes.

50 INT. ADAM'S CAVE TUNNEL

50

As he moves along. He stops, sensing someone is watching him, following behind. He nervously glances behind him and at the other wall. He cringes in fear at what he sees.

51 ANOTHER ANGLE - TO INCLUDE ADAM'S SHADOW

51

He studies it. Makes a few gestures that are simultaneously mimicked by his shadow. Satisfied it's only him, he moves on.

51A SAMUEL

51A

Wandering in another tunnel.

52 EXT. COUNTRYSIDE - THE ARK ROAMER

52

Jonah, lugging his Jet Jumper, comes across the abandoned vehicle, puts the Jumper into it, looks around, trying to figure out what happened to the others. Jonah gets in the Roamer and drives off.

53 EXT. CAVE WARRIORS' VILLAGE - FAVORING THE HUT

53

containing the capsule.

54 EXT. COUNTRYSIDE - ROCKY COVER

54

From which Fagon, Tick and Sneaker are studying the village and the hut. The Ark in B.G.

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54 CONTINUED:

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FAGON

There it is, all right.

TICK

How about Samuel, and Ruth
and Adam?Fagon brushes him off, moves back to the Ark hurriedly.
Disgruntled, Tick follows.

55 INT. ARK II LAB - COMPUTER BANK

55

Fagon happily punches buttons while an unenthusiastic
Tick watches.

FAGON

(humming)

Magnetic force beam to attract
metal... range distance...
Pull switch to attract. Mother
always told me that to get
anywhere you need a little
'pull.'

He laughs. Tick and Sneaker don't.

56 INT. CAVE

56

at the point where each had started out from. A few
beats and Sam, Adam and Ruth each converge on the
same point coming together.

SAMUEL

Great! We just went in one
fat circle!

On their disillusioned expressions:

57 Omit

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58 EXT. ARK ROAMER - MOVING SHOTS - JONAH

58

Scanning the surrounding terrain as he drives, looking
for some sign or clue of the Ark crew or the Ark II.

59 EXT. CAVE DWELLERS' VILLAGE - ARK II

59

As it drives up to the outskirts of the village and
stops.

60 INT. ARK II LAB

60

As Fagon manipulates the dials and buttons.

FAGON

(manipulating the
dials and gauges)

Let's see now...it's about
one hundred yards...Convection
point. There, that should do
it...Arm energerizer...

(hits power button)

Input gravitational allowance --

He reaches for the switch and flicks it to "ATTRACT."

61 EXT. ARK II - (EFFECT)

61

As the magnetic beam streams out from the Ark directed
at:

62 EXT. WARRIORS' VILLAGE - ARK'S P.O.V - THE HUT -
(R-MATTE)

62

As the mag beam hits the hut. The huge capsule starts
to quiver and slowly begins to move forward out of
the hut as it is drawn in the direction of the Ark II.

63 ANOTHER ANGLE

63

As the capsule moves out of the hut towards the Ark,
the Witch Doctor and warriors see it moving and imme-
diately prostrate themselves. The capsule passes
them and continues to move out of the village.
The warriors and villagers run off.

64 EXT. ARK II - DOOR

64

Fagon and Tick watching.

FAGON

(gleefully)

It's coming. It's coming right
to us, lad...How do you like
them apples, eh?

65 EXT. ARK II _____

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Fagon summons the rest of the Flies.

FAGON

All right...Everybody stand
clear inside.

66 EXT. ARK II

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Fagon and Tick watch the capsule enter the Ark.

67 INT. ARK II LAB

67

Fagon and Tick enter. The capsule is on the floor. Going to the capsule, Fagon stares at it as he would the crown jewels. Then he makes a series of adjustments on its surface, pulls a couple of levers and the capsule opens. Inside is a strange-looking cylindrical object -- the cloud seeder. Fagon takes it out, handles it, then adopts a proud pose, goes to the Ark door.

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67A EXT. ARK II (SIDE DOOR)

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FAGON

(to the Flies)

Behold -- the cloud seeder!
You're lookin' at the new
Rain God, gentlemen.

67B INT. ARK II LAB

67B

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With that, he replaces the seeder in the capsule and shuts it, pats the capsule. Then, clapping his hands together:

FAGON

Prepare to shove off.

TICK

What about Samuel and Ruth
and Adam? We can't just
leave 'em.

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FAGON

Oh yes we can.

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67 CONTINUED:

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TICK

Well, I'm not leavin' without 'em.

They're nose to nose now.

FAGON

Then I shall... leave...
without... you.

Tick is really hurt. He moves back, hoping Fagon will have a change of heart, but Fagon stares at him stonily.

FAGON

And that goes for the rest of
you too.

Tick takes a long look at Fagon, then starts for the door and exits. A few beats and the other Flies follow. As the last one departs, Fagon goes to the door and shouts after them:

FAGON

Well then I say good riddance!
Ungrateful brats! Good
riddance, I say!

He steps back inside, presses the button that closes the door. He pauses for a moment, looks at the closed door with what could be longing, then heads for the computer.

68 EXT. ARK II

68

As the Flies start off towards the cave, the Ark moves out. The Flies stop, turn to look at the Ark drive off, then slowly begin again to trudge towards the cave.

69 EXT. CAVE

69

As the Flies arrive at the mouth of the cave. Tick assumes command and gives the orders for the rescue.

TICK

We'll have to form a chain to
get them out. Sneaker, you
stay here at the mouth of the
cave.

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69 CONTINUED:

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TICK (Cont'd)

Rocky, just go as far in as
you can without losing sight
of Sneaker...Then the rest
of us the same way.

The Flies nod and begin to position themselves as they
move into the cave.

70 EXT. ARK ROAMER - JONAH 70

driving and scanning the terrain. He reacts to: *

71 JONAH'S POV - ARK II 71 *

moving toward him.

72 OMIT 72 *

73 EXT. ROAMER & ARK II 73 *

As Jonah speeds up then jams on the brake and twists
the wheel, blocking the road. The Ark II comes to a
stop. Jonah steps out of the Roamer, leans against
the front hood of the Roamer, and crosses his arms,
waiting. Fagon in Dome. *

73A INTERCUT WITH FAGON IN DOME 73A *

FAGON *

Get out of the way, Commander...

JONAH *

Forget it, Fagon.

FAGON *

I think it wise you reconsider
your stand, Commander, seeing as
how your precious crew are being
held prisoner back there.

JONAH *

(disturbed by the
news)

And you and your boys are making
a run for it...

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73 CONTINUED:

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FAGON

I alone. Those inconsiderate
imps were foolish enough to
go back and attempt a rescue.

JONAH

Doesn't that bother you, Fagon?

FAGON

Why should it? I've the Ark,
the capsule. I've got it all.

JONAH

And no friends to share it with.

FAGON

I don't need friends.

JONAH

I don't believe that, Fagon.
I have the feeling you're a
lot more human than you pretend
to be. I don't think you can
run out on all of us.

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FAGON

(biting his lip,
then snappishly)

Get out of my way, Commander.

JONAH

Sorry, Fagon. You're gonna
have to roll right over me.

FAGON

I see. In that case...

74 FAGON'S POV

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The Ark begins to move towards Jonah, who faces it
with his arms still folded.

75 INT. CAVE - RUTH, SAMUEL AND ADAM

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As they react to the SCRAPE of a shoe O.S. They're
scared. After a BEAT:

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75 CONTINUED:

75 *

SAMUEL

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Who's there?

Tick appears.

TICK

(grinning)

Me! And the rest of us.

(gestures)

Come on. This is the way out.

The Ark crew smile with relief.

76 EXT. CAVE

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As the Flies and the Ark crew emerge.

SAMUEL

Boy! It's sure good to see
daylight again.

RUTH

I didn't think we'd ever get
out of there.

WITCH DOCTOR'S VOICE

You won't!

As they look in his direction.

77 ANOTHER ANGLE - TO INCLUDE WITCH DOCTOR

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supported by warriors.

WITCH DOCTOR

It is your fault the Rain God
left us. Back into the cave...
all of you! And this time we
will make sure you never come
out again.

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They start herding the Flies and the Ark crew towards the cave, then stop suddenly as, fading on, they hear:

FAGON'S VOICE

(singing)

Should auld acquaintance be
forgot and never brought to
mind...

78 TICK AND FLIES

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not believing what they hear at first, then the realization hitting them. They begin to beam.

TICK

(lovingly)

Master Fagon...!

79 ANOTHER ANGLE

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As Fagon appears carrying the capsule over his shoulder.

WITCH DOCTOR

He has brought the Rain God
back to us.

FAGON

Rain God! This is no Rain God!
Your Rain God is an invention
of science, dear sir.

So saying, he puts the capsule down and opens it. It is empty, the cloud seeder gone.

FAGON

That for your Rain God!

He lets the capsule fall to the ground.

WITCH DOCTOR

Sacrilige! Seize him!

But Fagon is not to be upstaged. He raises a commanding hand.

FAGON

Back, you barbarous belly
crawlers, you. Back, I say!
You shall have your rain, but
not from the God of your
superstitions. It shall come
from a man of science. Behold!

He points skyward and all eyes follow his lead.

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80	EXT. SHOT - SKY - THEIR POV - JONAH	80
	Holding the cloud seeder and wearing his Jet Jumper, he is rising.	
81	THE CROWD - VARIOUS REACTIONS	81
82	EXT. SHOT - THE SKY	82
	Jonah firing the device into the clouds.	
83	THE CROWD	83
	waiting. Nothing happens.	
84	FAGON	84
	getting worried.	
85	WITCH DOCTOR AND COMPANY	85
	The Witch Doctor eyes Fagon, nudges his men. They move towards Fagon.	
86	FAGON	86
	braving it out, then backing off, preparing to run.	
87	WITCH DOCTOR AND COMPANY	87
	Advancing, then stopping suddenly as they hear a loud CLAP OF THUNDER. All eyes go to the sky.	
88	EXT. SKY - CLOUDY, GRAY (STOCK)	88
	Then, a flash of lightning.	
89	EXT. GROUND - CLOSE	89
	As the first few drops of rain begin to fall. Then <u>the rain.</u>	
90	EXT. CAVE - ALL	90
	As it begins to pour and everybody happily begins to feel the rain and splashes around as it rains and rains and rains.	
91	EXT. VILLAGE - TWO HANDS	91
	clasped in a handshake. PULL BACK TO SHOW it is later. The ground is dry. Jonah is shaking hands with the Witch Doctor while the crowd, Fagon and the Flies, and the Ark crew look on.	

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JONAH

Sorry we had to destroy your
belief in the Rain God.

WITCH DOCTOR

You destroyed only our fears.
From now on we will save water
and use it in the dry season.
Then we will irrigate our lands.

RUTH

Where'd you learn about
irrigation?

WITCH DOCTOR

(indicating Fagon)

He is going to teach us.

FAGON

In exchange for a few measly
acres I've agreed to share my
knowledge of the soil.

SAMUEL

Well, so long, farmer.

Samuel, then Jonah, shake hands with Fagon. The
crew starts into the Ark. Before Samuel enters:

JONAH

By the way, did you fix Augusta?

SAMUEL

Yeah. She'll still operate on
voice commands -- but only our
voices.

The Ark Crew exits shot.

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EXT. VILLAGE

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FAGON

... I have a question for you, Tick.
Just what made you and the
rest of this riff-raff so sure
I would return?

Tick tries to think of something that escapes him.
Then he remembers it.

TICK

Rev -- Rever -- Reverse
psychology, Master Fagon. You
know, like you said. You tell
somebody to do one thing
knowing they're gonna do the
opposite.

As they exchange a look that becomes a smile for both
of them:

JONAH'S VOICE

Ark two log. Entry seventy-six.
We left Fagon and the Flies in
Area forty-two, sector nine.
He taught us something...

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INT. ARK II LAB

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As Jonah records his log and Samuel and Ruth busy them-
selves with their duties. Adam sits on the console,
watching Jonah.

JONAH

That you can have everything
in the world, but without
someone to share with you
have nothing.

ADAM

Amen.

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EXT. COUNTRYSIDE - ARK II

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as it drives off and finally disappears.

FADE OUT.

THE END