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FADE IN:

- 1. Inside a circle in the center of the brightly colored movie screen, ANIMAL'S FACE APPEARS. His eyes dart from side to side, as if he's looking at the audience, then he suddenly roars, in the manner of the MGM Lion. Following the initial roar, he snarls a couple more times, then proceeds to eat the screen, chomping away huge sections, one bite at a time, until he's devoured it all. Dragging down the last morsel, Animal drops out of the picture, leaving behind nothing but a bright blue sky.
- 2. EXT. SKY DAY

Ever so slowly, a hot air balloon drifts across the screen like a speck on the horizon and APPROPRIATE SOARING DRIFTING BALLOON MUSIC is heard. Through a series of DISSOLVES as the balloon gets a bit closer, we can see that KERMIT, FOZZIE and GONZO are in the basket below. Their voices can be heard in the distance.

RERMIT
Pretty nice up here, isn't it?

What if we drift out to sea and are never heard from again? Or what if there's a storm? Or we get struck by lightning?

GONZO

That'd be neat.

KERMIT Nothing's going to happen. This is just the opening credits.

OPENING CREDITS BEGIN TO THE RIGHT OF THE BALLOON.

KERMIT (continued) (points)

See over there... Lew Grade and Martin Starger present...

FOZZIE () Oh, yeah. That's a swell effect.

GONZO Grade's the English dude.

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RERNIT
Henson again, huh? How come
he's always involved?

FOZZIE You like the title?

GONZO
They probably went through a thousand titles.

FOZZIE
And that's what they decided on?

Raposo's good.

GONZO
Is that how you pronounce it?

KERMIT Yeah. I've worked with him before.

GONZO What does a film editor do, anyway?

FOZZIE
What does a production designer
do?

They're both very important jobs. I know those guys personally.

You know Ozzie Morris?

KERMIT Sure. I call him Oswald.

GONZO There's Starger again. Must be a pretty big Honcho.

You don't know him, do you?

KERMIT No. But I know Lazer and Oz.

FOZZIE I don't think Oz is his real name.

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GONZO Didn't one of those guys play Yoda?

Yeah. Lazer. KERMIT

GONZO

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Boy ... That's a lot of writers.

FOZZIE Well, you can get those guys real cheap, so why not load up on 'em?

KERMIT Henson directed it, too. Spreading himself pretty thin, if y'ask me.

By the time the CREDITS END, the camera has PUSHED IN to a much closer shot of the three balloonists.

> Okay. What do we do now? How does this movie start?

> > KERMIT

Just pull the rope.

Fozzie yanks the rip cord and the balloon jerks into the air.

FOZZZE

Wasa!!

The balloon begins to deflate rapidly and plummets earthward.

STREET - DAY 3. EXT.

> It lands with a whoosh on a street is a Metropolitan City, basket first, covered immediately by the large deflated balloon. A stunned crowd gathers and gawks. After a beat, Gonzo crawls out from under a flap.

> > CONZO

What a fantastic beginning:

Kermit and Fozzie crawl out from under the balloon.

MUSIC UP

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SONG: "WE'RE CONNA BE A HOVIE"

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KERNIT
There'll be a spectacle
There'll be fantasy
There'll be derring do
An stuff like you would never see

€ROWD

Hey! A movie!

FOZZIE, GONZO Yeah: We're gonna be a movie

KERHIT Starring everybody

FOZZIE

... And me!

There'll be heroes bold There'll be comedy And a lotta fuss That ends for us real hampily

VEGETABLES

Hey! A movie!

FOZZIE
We can watch it all develop

KERHIT Starring everybody

CONZO

... And me

We'll take the world. And set it on its ear

FOZZIE, KERMIT C'mon join in We're gonna start right here

HUSIC: VAHP

GONZO It's O.K. I landed on my head.

FOZZIE

Hold it:

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to di Vice de La Pilla de Lina.

KERNIT
See, in this movie me and fozzie
Bear play crack investigative
reporters for the Daily Chronicle.
And Gonzo...he's our photographer.
And we're gonna be covering the
news like a blanket. And it's
gonna be so doggone exciting.
You'll hardly be able to stand it.
Boy...I wish I were you people
seeing this for the first time.

Kermit, Gonzo and Fozzie change costumes and become reporters but they are too busy singing to be aware of newsworthy events going on around them. As the SONG CONTINUES, a pedestrian reading a newspaper walks over ... an open manhole cover and disappears from sight.

KERMIT
There'll'be crooks and cops
There'll be villainy

KERHIT, GONZO, FOZZIE But with us on call We'll fix it all real easily

MONSTERS

Ney! A movie!

Servery and Mark Congress of the

FOZZIE
Wow! It's gonna be terrific
Starring weverybody

BLIND MAN

... And me.

FOZZIE Nave a nice day sir.

HUSIC: VAMP

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A pretty little kitty walks under a ladder.

KERMIT
Hey Fozzie, did'ja see that! Gonzo...
get a picture of the kitty.

3. CONTINUED

CONZO Okay...get it to stand still.

The kitten keeps moving and Gonzo, Fozzie and Kermit try to corner it and interview it. Directly behind them, a jewel robbery is taking place. A masked THIEF, dressed entirely in black, save for his red and white striped socks, steals a diamond necklace from a wealthy woman, a classy looking MATRON of about 50.

SCREAKING VOICES She's been robbed! Help! Lady Holiday's been robbed.

While Kermit, Fozzie and Conzo continue to chase the cat, the culprit, holding the dazzling diamonds in his gloved fist, jumps into a walting sports car and speeds away, veering suddenly to avoid hitting the man trying to extricate himself from the manhole. The car knocks over garbage cans and sidewalk flower carts as it skids down the street. Two other cars smash into one another trying to avoid the speeding sports car. A garbage can roils down the street and knocks the ladder out from under a man painting a sign. The ladder falls on the man trying to get out of the manhole, knocking him back into the hole, while the painter's paintbrush splats late the face of a construction worker who is carrying live explosives, which fly out of his hand and into the open manhole cover.

KERMIT
There'll be mystery
And catastrophe
But it's all in fun
You paid the money wait and see

HONSTERS

Hey! A movie!

SFX: EXPLOSION

MAN IN THE HOLE Is there anyway to stop it:

KERMIT Starring everybody

CROWD

Everybody

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3. CONTINUED

KERMIT, FOZZIE, GONZO

Everybody and

KERHIT, FOZZIE

He:

Gonzo snaps a flash picture of Kermit and Fozzie striking a silly pose. FREEZE FRAME.

DISSOLVE TO:

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Begin on full screen matching shot of black and white photo of Kermit and Fozzie. Almost immediately, the photo which is on the front page of a newspaper is slammed onto a desk. The man who is doing slamming is MIKE TARKANIAN, City Editor of the Daily Chronicle, and he is livid with rage. The veins in his neck stand out as he berates Kermit, Fozzie and Gonzo, who tremble in fear in front of his desk. During his tirade, Tarkanian pounds his fist on the desk for emphasis. Each impact causes the three Muppets to jump in the air.

How could you miss a story like that?! Right in front of your noses! It practically bit you on the seats of your pants! There's no excuse!

FOZZIE
I guess this would be the wrong time to ask for a raise.

TARKANIAN
I'll give you a raise!!

He slams his fist on the desk again, sending the Muppets three feet into the air.

GONZO (anjoying it)

Wheees!

They hit the ground with a thud.

TARKANIAN Y'see these headlines?

He displays the three rival newspapers as Kermit and Fozzie peek over the desk.

TARKANIAN (continued)
The Express..."Jewel Heist on Main
Street". Nice bold print, isn't it?

KERMIT
Yes. It's very easy to read.

TARKANIAN

Shut up!

KERMIT

Sorry.

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"Lady Holiday's jewels stolen". That's what it says in the Times. Here's the Herald, "Fashion Queen of London Robbed",

(pausing for effect)
And last, but not least, here's our
cute, little banner story.

He throws a copy of the Chronicle on top of the other papers. The headline says, "Identical Twins Join the Chronicle Steff", above a poorly composed picture of Rermit and Fozzie posing in the street.

TARKANIAN

(continued)
"Identical Twins Join the Chronicle
Staff". Now, which paper would you
buy?

FOZZIE
I'd buy the one that has "Dear Abby".

Tarkanian slams his fist again in exasperation and the Muppets are again propelled into the air.

GONZO

Yahooo!

Kermit and Pozzie hit the floor in a heap. Gonzo hangs from a light fixture.

KERMIT Giving us concussions isn't the answer, Mr. Tarkanian. We thought identical twins working on a newspaper would make an interesting story.

TARKANIAN
Well, it doesn't! Especially since
you guys don't look anything alike.

That's because Fozzie's wearing his hat.

(to Fozzie)

Take it off, Pozz.

Festie removes his hat.

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TARKANIAN
Oh, yeah. Now I see it. But,
that's no excuse for blowing the
story.

FOZZIE We'll do better next time.

TARKANIAN
(incredulously)
Next time!? Next time!? What
makes you think there's gonna be
a next time?

KERMIT

If there isn't, it's gonna be a

real short movie.

TARRANIAN
The only reason I hired you two
jerks in the first place was
because your old man was a friend
of mine.

He indicates a picture of himself with his arm around a green bear.

KERMIT Dad spoke well of you, too.

FOZZIE
We have that same picture in our living room.

TARKANIAN
Well, I'm as sentimental as the next
guy. So, I'm gonna fire you instead
of having you killed.

As he EXITS into the adjacent City Room, he points to Gonzo.

TARKANIAN (continued)
And get that thing off the ceiling.

He slams the door behind him. Kermit and Fogzie stand there, bewildered, as Gonzo crashes to the floor.

CUT TO:

5. INT. CITY ROOM - DAY

Tarkanian moves swiftly from desk to desk, checking on stories in progress, very businesslike and professional. Men in shirtsleeves bang away on typewriters, working diligently, while TELETYPE MACHINES CLACK in the background. Tarkanian feels a tugging at his sleeve, looks down and sees Kermit.

TARKANIAN
I already told you, Fozzie....
you're fired.

XERMIT

I'm Kermit.

to run.

(points to Fozzie)
He's Fozzie.

TARKANIAN
(looks back and forth
at the two of them)
Oh, yeah. The hat.
(beat)
Anyway, you're through.
I'm not giving you your jobs back.

Gonzo is taking pictures of everything around him.

We don't want you to give us anything. We're gonna earn our jobs back by solving that jewel robbery through crack investigative reporting.

TARKANIAN
Don't make me laugh.
(then)
Now beat it... I've got a paper

Gonzo snaps a flashbulb in Tarkanian's face. Tarkanian recoils.

KERMIT
Just pay our way to London so
we can talk to Lady Holiday
the woman who was robbed. That's
all you have to do.

TARKANIAN (blinking)
Oh, is that all?

5. CONTINUED:

FOZZIE
Well, we could use some new
luggage for the trip.

Tarkanian slams his fist on a desk and everybody in the room, including the three Muppets, raises about a foot off the ground.

TARKANIAN
I wouldn't pay a nickel to send
you guys across the street!

Gonzo snaps another flash of Tarkanian.

Aw, have a heart. We're broke. We spent all our money on that opening production number.

He turns to EXIT back into his office.

FOZZIE
(calling after him)
How are we supposed to get to
London?

TARKANIAN
(turns)
I'll tell you what, Kermit ... since
you're such a crack investigative
reporter, you figure it out.

KERMIT

I'm Kermit.

GONZO (suddenly, for no reason) Stop the presses!

Everybody stops working.

TARKANIAN (panicked) Why? What for?

GONZO
I don't know. I've always wanted to say that.

Tarkanian does a slow burn as Gonzo hits him with a flash shot once more. Exasperated, he EXITS into his office.

CUT TO:

6. EXT. JET PLANE - DAY (STOCK SHOT)

An international flight soars across the Atlantic carrying a load of lucky passengers to Europe.

CUT TO:

7. INT. CARGO HOLD OF PLANE - DAY

frogs.

Among fifteen or twenty animal cages, which contain barking dogs, meowing cats and lots of ocelots, three cages in particular stand out. These are marked "Frog", "Bear" and "Whatever" and contain Kermit, Pozzie and Gonzo, respectively. Each has his little suitcase beside him. There are many larger suitcases and trunks all around.

KERMIT (shivering)
What do you figure? It's fifty below, or what?

You're lucky. You've got fur.

KERMIT No...you're the one with fur. Bears have fur. There are no furry

POZZIE
Oh, yesh. I keep mixing us up.
(then)
Would you press the hostess call
button? I'm getting hungry.

KERMIT
I guess they don't serve food in ninth class.

FOZZIE
Twelve bucks and we don't even get
a meal?

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7. CONTINUED:

KERMIT

No beverages either.

FOZZIE

...And.we're supposed to just go along with it like a bunch of budgies?

Abudgie in a cage chirps angrily.

POZZII

(continued)

No offense.

CONZO

Hey, could you guys keep it down? I'm trying to watch the movie.

Gonzo peers through the bars of his cage at the luggage surrounding him as the door to the hold OPENS.

. KERMIT Hey! Somebody's coming.

POZZIE

Maybe they're bringing hamburgers.

Footsteps approach. It is a FLIGHT STEWARD.

STEWARD

All out for England!

KERMIT

Oh, great. The plane's landing.

The steward opens a cargo door. Light pours into the hold.

STEWARD

No...the plane lands in Italy. You land in England.

The steward hurls the cages out of the plane.

CUI TO:

EXT. ENGLISH COUNTRYSIDE - DAY

A bearded birdwatcher stands next to a pond, peering through his binoculars. He hears a strange yell from above.

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GONZO (O.S.)

Geronnaimmo!

9. EXT. SXY - DAY

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POV BINNOCULAR EFFECT

The birdwatcher quickly focuses on three specks hurtling toward the earth from a dizzying height as the SOUND OF A JET DIMINISHES in the distance.

10. EXT. ENGLISH COUNTRYSIDE - DAY.

10.

Within a few seconds, three cages, containing Kermit, Fozzie and Gonzo, splash down in the pond, spraying water on the birdwatcher, who takes the binoculars from his eyes.

The three Muppets, bobbing up and down on top of the water, peer at the man, and think they recognize him, but can't be sure. In truth, he's JIM HENSON, in his motion picture debut, looking a little silly in tweed knickers. Kermit, Fozzie and Gonzo stare at him incredulously, then look at each other quizzically, then back at Jim.

JIM

Do you know me?

KERMIT

Uh...no. We don't know anybody around here. We're trying to get to London to interview Lady Holiday. See, we're crack investigative reporters on assignment from the Daily Chronicle and we're trying to find out who stole Lady Holiday's jewels. Well, actually we're not technically on assignment because Mr. Tarkanian fired us... Mr. Tarkanian, he's our editor... I mean, was our editor. I mean, he's still the editor, it's just that we're no longer with the paper... officially. But if we solve the jewel robbery, we're gonna get our jobs back. And we're going to solve it. We just don't know how quite yet. We haven't really devised a game plan. But we have a lot of ideas. See, the trick is going to be....

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10.

Pozzie and Gonzo let out audible sighs of boredom.

FOZZIE
Could you speed it up, Kermit? Gonzo's sinking and I'm getting
seasick.

KERMIT
Oh, sorry, I was sort of enjoying
it here. Strange, how different
twins can be.
(then, to Jim)
We're identical twins.

JIM

I can see that.

Anyway, maybe you could recommend a place for us to stay...like a nice <u>cheap</u> hotel...preferably a free hotel...we don't have much money.

JIM Row about a credit card?

KERMIT (shakes his head) 'Fraid not.

JIM
Too bad. You shouldn't leave
home without it.

Gonzo sinks.

CUT TO:

11. EXT. LONDON BUS - AFTERNOON

11.

Kermit, Fozzie and a slightly soggy Gonzo ride on top of a red double decker bus as it drives through the streets of London in the glittering twilight. . TRAVELING MUSIC is heard, a busy hustle-bustle type theme reminiscent of "An American in Paris".

> FOZZIE I don't know if I trusted that birdwatcher.

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Why not?

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FOZZIE
He seemed manipulative.

KERMIT
I liked him. He had a nice voice.

Statler and Waldorf ride inside the bus, commenting on some of the famous landmarks at appropriate intervals.

STATLER

There's Big Ben.

WALDORF Where? All I see is a clock.

STATLER
That's it. That's Big Ben.
It's over seven hundred years
old.

WALDORF
Why don't they get with it and make it digital?

12. LATER: INT. BUS. THAMES - DAY

12.

STATLER There's the Thames River.

WALDORF It's pronounced "Tems".

13. INT. BUS. TOWER OF LONDON - DAY

13.

STATLER There's the Tower of London.

WALDORF It's pronounced "Thower".

's pronounced "Thower".

STATLER
Your corny jokes are upsetting
my stomach.

WALDORF

Really?

(offering a tablet)

Have a "thums".

13.

STATLER

"Tanks".

14. Int. Bus. Happiness Hotel - Dusk

14.

On top of the bus, Kermit, Fozzie and Gonzo ride along, until they hear the driver's voice, yelling.

DRIVER (O.S.)
Anyone for the Happiness Hotel?

KERMIT
Happiness Hotel. That's us.
(yelling to driver)
-Yes! We want the Happiness Hotel!

DRIVER (O.S.)
Okay...jump now!

CUT TO:

15. EXT. HAPPINESS HOTEL - DUSK

15.

The three Muppets land on the sidewalk as the bus speeds away.

KERMIT
I'm getting a little tired of making crash landings.

GOMZO I like it. But then, I'm nuts.

The exterior of the hotel could be described as ramshackle at best. It looks as out of place in London as Eva Peron did during her ill-fated visit some years back. If there is a neon sign, letters are missing. If there is a flag, it's torn. If there are windows, most are broken. If there are doors, they are warped. If the facade is painted, the colors are faded.

KERMIT
(reading a chipped
sign)
"Happiness Hotel. It's weird
but it's cheap." Sounds perfect.

FOZZIE
(apprehensively)
If this is the Happiness Hotel,
I wonder what the sad one looks
like.

CUT TO:

16. INT. HAPPINESS HOTEL LOBBY - HIGHT

The lobby looks like London...after the blitz. Kermit, Fozzie and Gonzo walk tentatively through the broken furnishings to a grimy reception desk were POPS, the registration clerk, sits, swatting bats.

KERMIT Hi. We'd like a room, please.

POPS (surprised)

Really?

KERMIT
Yeah. We want to check in.

POPS
(shouting; incredulous)
Hey...somebody's checkin' ini

From doors, crevices, chairs, stairways and fixtures around the perimeter of the lobby, all manner of MUPPETS emerge, including DR. TEETH, FLOYD, JANICE, 2007, ANIMAL, SCOOTER, LEW ZEALAND, HONEYDEW, BEAKER, ROWLF, THE . SWEDISH CHEF, SAM, THE AMERICAN EAGLE, and a couple of chickens here and there that Gonzo seems to fancy.

ALL THE MUPPETS --- Somebody's checkin' ini

SONG:

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"Happiness Hotel"

All the Muppets join in the musical welcome to Kermit, Fozzie and Gonzo. Mambers of the Electic Mayhem play instruments from a makeshift bandstand in the center of the lobby, while others sing and dance, and RATS dressed as bellhops enter, pick up the luggage and scurry across the lobby with it. Occasionally, jokes can be heard interspersed with MUSIC.

BANJO INTRO

POPS
Oh, there's no fire in the fireplace
There's no carpet on the floor
Don't try to order dinner
There's no kitchen anymore
But if the road's been kinda bumpy
And you need to rest a spell

Well, welcome home To Happiness Hotel

16. CONTINUED:

萨伯斯 医囊膜炎 医网络维生素 化邻氯 化重压电流 医电流 医电流 医电流管 医多种病

MUSIC: VAMP - 12 -

POPS (to Pozzie) u guys gonna pay

How are you guys gonna pay your bill?

What are our choices?

POPS
A...cash. B...credit card.
C...sneaking out in the middle
of the night.

We'll take C.

POPS Very popular choice.

SCOOTER

If you got luggage keep it handy
But you're running' outa luck
'Cause the bellhops ain't too organised
And the elevator's stuck

RIZZO Still if you don't mind friendly animals And can learn to stand the smell

Well, welcome home To Happiness Hotel

MUSIC: VAMP - 6 -

KERMIT (to Rowlf)

I may be mistaken, but the bellhops look like rats.

ROWLF
You should see the chambermaids!

Animal, on drums, responds with a rimshot as Sam the Eagle approaches.

Music under as Rats cross with luggage.

16. CONTINUED:

SAM
I'm Sam, the house detective.
I enforce the rules around here.

GONZO Fine. What rules?

SAM No elephants in your room after six o'clock.

GONZO Thanks for the tip.

SAM
Speaking of tips, don't tip the rats. They're very proud.
They have children in college.

ALL

Welcome home

COUNTRY GROUP

Welcome home

ALL

Welcome home

COUNTRY GROUP

Welcome home No matter where you wander You won't ever do as well

MUSIC: VAMP - 4 -

FLOYD OK, the Lobby's lookin' shabby And it's got the wrong address

DR TEETH And the whole dang thing has been condemned by 'Merican Express

JANICE Still the management is cheerful Though the whole Joint's gone to hell

Oh, Welcome home

To Happiness Hotel

MUSIC: VAMP - 24 -

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16.

KERMIT

(to band)
You guys live here?

FLOYD
Yeah...but only between gigs.
So this time we've been here
about what...five years?

The other musicians nod.

JANICE Yeah, but like, okay, our agent, you know, I mean, he says, okay, like things are rilly gonna break for us when we get new glossies.

ANIMAL (yelling) Bird lives! Bird lives!

KERMIT (to Zoot)

What's wrong with the drummer? He looks a little crazed.

Yeah, well, he's upset about missing the Monet exhibit at the National Gallery.

Drum kick - 4 - into instrumental.

- 16 -

ROWLF

Oh, there are bugs

CHOIR

Oh, there are bugs

ROWLF

And there are lice

CHOIR

There are lice

SCOOTER

Sure we have our little problems But you'll never beat the price

17.

FOZZIE
You've got every kind of critter

GONZO
You're got every kind of pest

POPS
But we treat 'em all as equals
Just like any other guest

ELECTRIC MAYHEM
Though you're cleaner than the others
Still as far as we can tell

ALL You'll fit right in to Happiness Hotel

KERMIT and FOZZIE
We'll fit right in

ALL To Happiness Hotel

During this, Gonzo has posed everyone for a group picture in front of Kermit's room.

Gonzo

Say cheese!

The flashbulb pops and the picture freezes everyone for eternity staring bug-eyed, no pupils in their eyes like the kids from "Village of The Dammed" as the MUSIC ENDS.

CUT TO:

17. INT. HAPPINESS HOTEL. KERNIT'S ROOM - NIGHT

17.

Kermit, Fozzie and Gonzo stand in the middle of their meager living quarters in silence, their luggage tossed carelessly on the floor.

Their "room" is barely that -- it's more like a cubicle, containing only a bed, a bare light bulb suspended from the ceiling, and a single broken window overlooking the street, where a dull amber gaslight offers a little additional illumination.

CONZO

(looking around)

Not bad.

(indicating one corner of the room)
The sink probably went here.

17.

Pozzie sticks his hand through the broken window.

POZZIE We've got air conditioning.

GONZO

What time do you think it is?
FOZZIE

GONZO

We'd better get the elephants out.

I'm hungry.

KERMIT

FOZZIE

Call room service.

About eight o'clock.

FOZZIE

There's no phone.

GONZO

So what? There's no food.

KERMIT

Look, why don't we just forget about food and get a good night's sleep. We have to get up early to interview Lady Holiday.

They all start to get ready for bed.

FOZZIE

I sure could use something from one or more of the basic food groups.

They climb into the bed.

KERMIT

We'll have breakfast in the morning. Right now, let's just be thankful we're here.

Just then, the bed slams up into the wall with the three Muppets inside, save for a hand, a foot, a tuft of hair sticking out from the top and sides.

Gonzo

Hey, this is nice.

17.

18.

KERMIT Can somebody turn out the lights?

Mobody can, of course, but after a couple of seconds, the single overhead bulb drops out of the eocket, goes out and shatters on the floor. Now, just the dim gaslight from outside the window illuminates the room.

KERMIT (continued) (in the semi-darkness)

Thanks.

DISSOLVE TO:

18. INT. LADY HOLIDAY'S OFFICE - DAY

In the beautifully appointed, luxurious office of LADY HOLIDAY, the stylish matron is at her desk talking into one of a bank of telephones while three expusitely

one of a bank of telephones while three exquisitely dressed and coiffed models, CARLA, MARLA AND DARLA wait patiently in exaggerated model poses.

TYDA HOLTDYA

(into phone)
No, darling.: you must call the
United States and tell Vogue they
can't have the pictures of the
spring line until after the show...
I'm not too happy with some of the
designs....I still have to make some
changes......

She eyes models.

Well, I'm looking at three of the gowns now and I can see horrendous mistakes...of course Paris should be notified.....Ch, thank you darling....yes I'm fins...I had quite a scare...I wasn't hurt... of course, the diamonds were valuable. All my diamonds are valuable.

She hangs up the phone then rises and walks around the models, studying them. To the untrained eye they look like a million bucks, but to Lady Holiday they look considerably less expensive.

18.

LADY HOLIDAY Carla...the neckline on that gown is too high, don't you think?

CARLA . I rather like the effect.

LADY HOLIDAY Do you like looking like a ostrich?

CARLA
Of course not, Lady Holiday.

LADY HOLIDAY Then we must change it, my dear. Take it in to Kenneth.

CARLA Right away, Lady Holiday.

She EXITS.

LADY HOLIDAY
And you, Marla...way too much padding
in the shoulders and the hips...I don't
think we should strive for the swaybacked mule look, do you? And Darla,
that outfit's the pits. Loose where
it should be tight, tight where it
should be loose. Like folds on a
turkey neck. I must be getting senile.
Why would I design such atrocious
looking clothing?

She dismisses them with a wave of her hand. Marla and Darla EXIT as Lady Holiday pushes the button of the intercom on her desk.

VOICE ON INTERCOM (O.S.) Yes, Lady Holiday?

LADY HOLIDAY
We need to make drastic changes
in the new line before the show
tomorrow. All my girls are walking around looking like barnyard animals.

19. INT. LADY HOLIDAY'S OFFICE - DAY

19.

There is a short KNOCK on the doorframe and MISS PIGGY appears, carrying a portfolio.

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MISS PIGGY Yoo-hoo... Lady Holiday...

LADY HOLIDAY (shocked)

Good heavens... who are you?

MISS PIGGY My name is Miss Piggy. I would like to be a high fashion model.

LADY HOLIDAY
I'm not surprised. That seems to
be the way we're heading.

Miss Piggy has ENTERED the office and boldly approaches Lady Holiday.

MISS PIGGY
I have always dreamed of being a
Holiday girl. I've brought my
je ne sais quoi and my portfolio
all the way to London with a single
goal in mind. To meet you...
The one and only Lady Holiday.
(standing inches away
from her)

May I come in?

LADY HOLIDAY

Absolutely not.

MISS PIGGY May I show you my portfolio?

LADY HOLIDAY

No.

Miss Piggy has opened her book and turns the pages. On each page is a glamour shot in the same clothes and in the same pose.

MISS PIGGY
(as she turns the page)
See, this is me reeking grandeur...
yours truly acting aloof....
again, me, being demure...and,
last but not least, this, of course,
is me looking coquettish....

LADY HOLIDAY (sarcastically)
Interesting range of emotions.

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MISS PIGGY
Why, thank you. As you can tell
from this small sampling, modeling
is my life. It's my destiny. I
will accept nothing less.

LADY HOLIDAY I can offer you a job as a receptionist.

MISS PIGGY
I'll take it: I'll take it.
Oh, thank you, thank you, thank
you. I won't disappoint you.

She jumps all around the room, her glee uncontained.

MISS PIGGY
(continued)
I can type. I can take shorthand. I can make coffee. I
can do it all.

LADY HOLIDAY

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Miss Piggy immediately sits and takes out a steno pad.

MISS PIGGY I can sit. I'm good at sitting. Sitting is one of my best things.

LADY HOLIDAY Just settle down...please.

MISS PIGGY Okay. I'm fine. Everybody relax.

LADY HOLIDAY Are you quite under control?

MISS PIGGY Cool as a cucumber. I'm a-okay. You've got yourself a jewel here, believe ma. Go about your business.

Now... I'll be lunching with my nephew, Nicky. He's second in command here. Someday all this will be his. You think he's a poor choice to follow in my footsteps, don't you? Sure, he gambles and incurs bad debts, has generally been a pain in the neck since (MORE)

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19.

LADY HOLIDAY

(continued)
his parents abondoned him and left him
in my care, and sure he takes advantage
of me and uses my charge accounts,
eats my food, and borrows my cars without asking permission. Maybe he's even
a little greasy and unsavory and certainly
he's not to be trusted. I wouldn't
even put'it past him to try to steal
my most valuable and largest jewel...
the fabulous Baseball Diamond. And I
don't know why he always wears those godawful red and white striped socks.
Still in all, he has good teeth and he
keeps his room neat and in this day and
age that's not to be sneezed at.

MISS PIGGY Why are you telling me all this?

LADY HOLIDAY It's plot exposition. It has to go somewhere.

Miss Piggy NODS.

LADY HOLIDAY (continued)
Anyway, I want you to answer the phone while I'm gone and straighten the office.

MISS PIGGY Consider it done.

LADY HOLIDAY

I like your feistiness, young lady.
I was feisty, too, when I was
younger.

MISS PIGGY . One thing I have always had is feist.

LADY HOLIDAY
(smiles)
Carry on, I'll be back in an hour.

MISS PIGGY Excellent: Everything is under control. Not to sweat.

Lady Holiday EXITS.

CUT TO:

20. INT. LADY HOLIDAY'S OFFICE - DAY

4.

Miss Piggy looks calm and efficient for a beat, then, unable to contain herself any longer, leaps once more for joy, screaming her happiness. After letting it sink in for a moment, she sees herself in a mirror and she and her mirror image sing a duet about her good fortune and the opportunity she has.

MISS PIGGY
Could I take the first step
Could I open the door
Could I learn to be someone
Who I wasn't before
Is there somebody here
Who I never could see
- Could it be me

Could I change how I feel Learn to laugh and to cry Could I walk in the sun Could I reach to the sky Someone must know the place I've been longing to be - Could it be ma

Telling my story
Singing my song
So everyone will hear
Not just for the glory
But to grow and go on
And to try again
- Starting here

Could I make my way through Break away from the past 'Til the dreams have come true And I know they can last Is there somebody new Who'll be there when I'm free - Could it be me - Could it be me

CUT TO:

21. INT. RECEPTION AREA - DAY

In the carpeted lobby area adjacent to Lady Holiday's office, models walk back and forth, as do designers with tape measures, on their way to other parts of the

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21.

building. Darla, Carla and Marla, wearing their own clothes, wait for the elevator.

MARLA Where are we going to eat?

DARLA I'm not eating lunch today.

CARLA Ma neither. I ate lunch last week.

MARLA
Well, I'm starved. I'm going to
have lunch at the House of Lettuce.

DARLA House of Lettuce! That's calorie city.

MARLA Suppose I just order one leaf.

CARLA Hey, it's your waist line.

MARLA (pondering this)
Maybe you're right. No lunch.

The elevator doors open and Kermit, Fozzie and Gonzo get out, and the models get in.

KERMIT Excuse me. Where is Lady Holiday's office?

CARLA Around the corner to the left.

KERMIT

Thanks.

Kermit and Fozzie walk away. Gonzo, taken with the models, turns to watch them.

DARLA (to Carla)
Did you just give directions to a frog?

21. CONTINUED:

CARLA

(realizing)

I guess I did.

DARLA

. (referring to Gonzo)
And isn't there some sort of
strange creature staring at us?

CARLA

I think there is.

DARLA

Maybe we'd better eat.

The elevator doorsclose, but Gonzo, who is captivated with the beauty of the models, starts to get back on. The doors close right on his nose. He can't wrench it free.

GONZO

I think I'm stuck.

Fozzie comes back and pulls Gonzo free. Gonzo's nose is bent horribly out of shpae, even more than usual.

FOZZIE

You okay?

GONZO

Sure, it's just my nose.

KERMIT

You guys stay here. I'm going to try to talk to Lady Holiday.

GONZO

Great.

He pushes the elevator button and waits right in front of the closed doors.

GONZO

(continued)

C'mon, For...get your nose in here. It's really fun.

CUT TO:

22. INT. HALLWAY - DAY

22.

Kermit walks down a corridor, passing three doors, one

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marked "F. Maltmonger, Vice President"; one marked "T. Hibbard, Sales Manager; a third marked; "Nicky - irresponsible parasite".

A delivery man holding a package is leaning inside the door.

DELIVERY MAN (calling inside)
Did you order a gross of red and white striped socks?

NICKY (O.S.)

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I sure did.

Kermit continues down the corridor to a fourth door, one marked "Lady Holiday", MUSIC and SINGINGcan be heard, as Miss Piggy goes into a reprise of her song.

CUT TO:

23. INT. LADY HOLIDAY'S OFFICE - DAY

23.

MISS PIGGY
Could I make my through
Break away from the past
'Til the dreams have come true
And I know they can last
Is there somebody new
Who'll be there when I'm free
- Could it be me
- Could it be me

Miss Piggy sings the final notes of her song. She twirls around, steps up on the desk chair, then the desk itself, as the door opens and Kermit stands watching. Piggy, unaware she's being observed, hits the last note of the song. The MUSIC ENDS with Miss Piggy standing on the desk, her arms outstretched. She holds that pose, in silence.

KERMIT .

Excuse me.

Miss Piggy reacts with her back to Kermit, thinking fast in an effort to explain her position.

MISS PIGGY So, what do you think of the wallpaper?

KERMIT

Well...

Miss Piggy continues, still not looking at Kermit.

MISS PIGGY
Personally, I'd like to see a
nice small floral print, with a
big portrait of Lady Holiday right
there, and down at this end...aiecese:

Miss Piggy has walked off the end of her desk, and fallen into the wastepaper basket, where she lies, stunned and groggy. Kermit rushes to her side.

KERMIT Lady Holiday. Lady Holiday, are you all right.

From Miss Piggy's semi-conscious point of view, Kermit looks like a green blur as he calls to her.

KERMIT
(continued)
(echo voice)
Lady Holiday. Lady holiday.
Wake up, Lady Holiday.

Pinally, Kermit comes into focus, and Miss Piggy can hardly believe her eyes. Here is the Prince Charming she's been waiting for...her dream come true. As bells ring and violins play, as rockets explode and stardust falls, Miss Piggy falls, too...deeply, hopelessly, rapturously in love!

KERMIT Lady Holiday...are you okay?

MISS PIGGY
I'm fine. I'm so embarrassed. I don't usually fall like that.

KERMIT
No, no, no, it was all my fault. I
must've startled you.

MISS PIGGY No, no, no. I was day dreaming. I should be more careful.

KERMIT I should have knocked.

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MISS PIGGY 'I shouldn't be so absent-minded.

KERMIT
I should have made an appointment.

. MISS PIGGY Are we finished apologizing to each other?

KERMIT

I think so.

MISS PIGGY
Then help me out of this waste can, will'ya?

KERMIT

Oh, sorry.

He helps Miss Piggy out of her unladylike predicament. They stare at each other for a breathless moment.

MISS PIGGY So... here we are, whoever you are.

KERMIT
I'm Kermit. I've come all the way
from America to interview you for
the Daily Chronicle.

MISS PIGGY

Why me?

KERMIT Because you're Lady Holiday.

MISS PIGGY

Oh?

(then realizing)
Oh, yeah. Right. Reason enough.

KERMIT

So, can we talk?

MISS PIGGY Uh... well, right now it's a bit inconvenient.

KERMIT

I can come back?

MISS PIGGY

Maybe you should.

KERMIT

When?

MISS PIGGY

I don't know.

KERMIT

Maybe we could go to dinner.

MISS PIGGY Dinner. Yes. Oh, that's a wonderful idea. Let's do that.

KERMIT

Shall I pick you up?

MISS PIGGY

Where?

KERMIT

At your house.
(beat)
I'll bet it's beautiful.

MISS PIGGY
I'm sure it is. I mean, it
sure is. Are you nuts? Of
course it is. I'm Lady Holiday.
I'm not gonna live in some pig
pen.

KERMIT

I'm not too familiar with tho area. You'll have to tell me how to get there.

MISS PIGGY
Oh...you can't get there. I
mean, from here. It's very hard...
look, I could meet you. Why don't
we do it that way?

No, no...where I come from, a gentleman calls for the lady.

MISS PIGGY (to camera)

He is too good to be true.

KERMIT
I'll need an address. Is your house in the city...or the country?

MISS PIGGY

What do you think?

KERMIT

Probably in the city.

MISS PIGGY

Ah...yes. But where?

KERMIT

Probably some highbrow street somewhere.

MISS PIGGY Highbrow street! Absolutely right. Highbrow Street. One-six-one-seven Highbrow Street. You figured it out, you gorgeous little amphibian.

RERMIT One-six-one-seven Highbrow Street. I'll be there with bells on.

Miss Piggy escorts Kermit to the door.

MISS PIGGY

Don't wear bells. There may be guard dogs.

KERMIT

(confused)

What?

Miss Piggy opens the door.

MISS PIGGY

Nothing.

(then)

Seven o'clock. Be there. Aloha.

Kermit EXITS. Miss Piggy leans against the door, exhausted, but irrevocably in love.

23.

MISS PIGGY
(continued)
(sighing; heavenward)
And in foggy Londontown, the sun
is shining...everywhere.

CUT TO:

24. INT. RECEPTION AREA - DAY

24.

Pozzie is leaning casually against a desk, trying to impress a model who is thumbing through a magazine, obviously not listening to him.

FOZZIE
...and then, in the winter, I
usually take a couple months off...
(seeing Kermit coming
down the hall)
...while my brother goes out
to California for the jumping
contest...

He politely tips his hat.

FOZZIE (continued) ...well, I've gotta go now.

The model still doesn't acknowledge Fozzie.

KERMIT
Guess what... I'm having dinner
with none other than Lady Holiday,
herself.

FOZZIE (excited)

Yeah? When?

Tonight. C'mon...I'll tell you about it on the way back to the hotel.

They cross to the elevator. Gonzo follows, distracted by each beautiful model he sees.

GONZO
Boy...this place is more fun than
a barrel of chickens.

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24. CONTINUED:

Gonzo is so husy looking at the models, he doesn't realize the elevator is slightly open, but there's no elevator. He walks into the opening and plunges down the shaft.

FOZZIE I think we just lost Gonzo.

KERMIT
(not worried)
You never really lose Gonzo.
(calling down open shaft)
Gonzo...are you hurt?

I don't know. I haven't hit bottom yet.

SFX: DISTANT CRASH.

FOZZIE
(after a beat)
Let's hope he landed on his nose.

CUT TO:

25. INT. LIFT SHAFT - DAY

They look down the elevator shaft to see Gonzo smashed at the bottom like an accordion.

GONZO

That was fun. I'm gonna try it again...from the pike position.

CUT TO:

26. EXT. OFFICE BUILDING - DAY

26.

Outside the Holiday Building, a uniformed DOORMAN straightens Gonzo's nose while Kermit and Fozzie try to hail a cab.

. GONZO (to doorman) Much obliged.

KERMIT

Taxii

A taxi goes right by.

FOZZIE
(to Kermit)
So tell me about Lady Holiday.
Is she pretty?

Oh, yeah. Not at all what I expected...nice eyes, sturdy legs...and it might have been my imagination, but I think she found me attractive.

(yells)

Taxi!

Another cab goes by.

FOZZIE
Of course she found you attractive.
It runs in the family.

KERMIT

Taxil

A third taxi goes by.

KERMIT

(continued)

How come the cabs don't stop?

GONZO

Leave it to me.

Gonzo hurls himself into the street and sprawls into the path of a speeding cab.

GONZO

(continued)

Taxiiiii!!!!

The cab screeches to a halt, stopping inches from Gonzo's nose.

KERNIT

That's very effective.

GONZO

Yeah. It's great when it works.

The three Muppets climb into the cab.

CUT TO:

27. INT. CAB - DAY

27.

The driver of which is EO, who is too stupid to know that a cab driver should have some sense of direction.

Where you guys goin?

POZZIE

Happiness Hotel.

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(delighted)
Oh, good. That's where I'm
going. How do you get there?

KERMIT Haven't you ever been there?

Sure. I <u>live</u> there. I just don't know how to <u>get</u> there.

KERMIT I think it's straight ahead.

ВО

Right.

28. EXT. CAB - DAY

28.

Bo makes a U-turn and the cab heads in the opposite direction as other cars swerve to avoid them.

CUT TO:

29. INT. CAB - DAY

29.

KERMIT Good. Just keep going straight.

BO

Will do.

30. EXT. CAB - DAY

30.

Bo whips another U and the cab heads back the other way. More cars screech and squeal and honk.

CUT TO:

31. INT. CAB - DAY

Marke the telephone with the second profession of the second

Takes a while to get to know the town.

FOZZIE

How long have you lived in London?

All my life.

KERMIT

How come you don't have an English accent?

BO Hey, I'm lucky to have a driver's license.

(then)

Where to?

KERMIT

The Happiness Hotel.

Never heard of it.

KERMIT

Just keep goin' straight.

Right.

He makes another U turn, to the dismay of the three Muppets and the drivers of the other vehicles.

CUT TO:

HAPPINESS HOTEL - WIGHT DAY

32.

31.

It's almost dark as Bo's cab approaches the hotel.

REPMIT (O.S.)
It's right up here on the right.

BO (0.5.)

What is?

KERMIT (O.S.)

The Happiness Hotel.

BO (0.S.)

Oh, yeah. What's your room

32.

FOZZIE (O.S.) We're on the second floor.

BO (O.S.) Sorry. I can only take you as far as the lobby.

The cab makes a sharp turn, crosses the street and crashes right through the front door of the hotel.

GONZO (0.5.)

Wheeel

Committee of the second

CUT TO:

33. INT. HOTEL LOBBY - WICHT DAY

33.

The debris settles as the cab comes to a stop and the Muppets get out. Pops, behind the desk, barely looks up. Nor does Janice who lies in a lounge chair in a bathing suit, reading "Rolling Stone" while tanning under a sun lamp. Nor does Rowlf, who sits at an old piano, playing bar-type background music.

KERMIT

(to Bo)

There you go. Keep the change.

BO

Thank you. How much do I owe you?

Kermit re-acts then he and Fozzie and Gonzo head for their room. Rowlf, at the piano, segues into "Rainbow Connection".

ROWLF

(singing)
Why are there so many songs about rainbows, and what's on the other...

KERMIT

Rowlf.

ROWLF

(stops)

Huh?

KERMIT

Wrong movie.

33. CONTINUED:

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ROHLF

(realizing)

Oh. Yeah. Sorry. I still think it should have won the Oscar.

Hey...how do I get out of here?

KERMIT

I suggest you make a U turn.

BO

Right. Cheerio.

He guns the engine and the cab goes straight ahead, through the archway leading to the dining room.

GONZO

That's my kind of guy.

FOZZIE

He's headed for the kitchen!

A LOUD CRASH is heard and the SOUND of the CAR ENGINE ROARS off in the distance. The Swedish Chef appears, skidmarks on his white uniform, holding a large pot with a steering wheel in it.

CHEF

Olie Yourman turstun fermin morgen hurt.

POPS

(to Kermit)

Looks like we're having steering wheel souffle for dinner.

ROWLF

Again?

KERMIT

Sounds delicious... but I'm going out to dinner.

(to Pops)

Yeah, Kermit has a date with Lady H...

KERMIT

(cutting him off)

Shh! Don't tell anybody.

There could be rival reporters

just waiting to get a scoop on us.

FOZZIE

Oh, sorry.

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(then, to Pops, sotto) Don't tell anybody about Kermit's date with Lady Holiday.

POPS (loudly) Kermit's got a date with Lady Holiday?

JANICE Oh, wow! I mean, fer sure. I could like rilly get behind that. Wait'll I tell the guys in the band!

Floyd, Dr. Teeth and Zoot appear from a second floor FOOM.

FLOYD

Tell us what?

ZOOT

Yeah, what's goin' down?

SWEDISH CHEF Hurgan burgen nergen jergen Kermit.

DR. TEETH
Kermit and Lady Holiday? Alreet!

Honeydew and Beaker appear.

HONEYDEW

Nice going, Kermit. We're very impressed.

KERMIT

(exasperated)

Might as well telegraph it all over the world.

BEAKER

(Morse-code like)

Меер жеер жеер жеер

meep meep meep meep

meep meep meep meep

Other Muppets come out of their rooms, including Sam, Scooter, the rats and Animal.

SAM

(admonishing)
We have a strict curfew. Just
make sure you're home by Tuesday.

SCOOTER Don't do anything we wouldn't do.

ROWLF
(playing and singing)
Got a date with an angel.
Gonna meet her at seven.

All join in.

ROWLF (continued)
Got a date with an angal.
And I'm on my way to heaven.

ANIMAL Ro-mance: Ro-mance:

KERMIT (as red as he can turn)
This is really embarrassing.
Thanks a lot, Fozzie.

FOZZIE
Hey, don't worry about it.
It doesn't go outside of this

The NEWSMAN pops up from behind Pop's front dask, microphone in hand.

NEWSMAN
In the Muppet news tonight,
this just in. Kermit to date
Lady Holiday. Details at eleven.

CUT TO:

34.

34. INT. HAPPINESS HOTEL. KERMIT'S ROOM - NIGHT

Rermit is getting ready for his date. His face is lathered and he is shaving. Fozzie watches him longingly in the mirror. Gonzo is on the window ledge taking pictures for a story on vertigo.

KERMIT
I'm glad you didn't tell anybody
where Lady Holiday lives... otherwise they'd be camped on her doorstep.

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FOZZIZ
That's just for you and me to know, brother. We're gonna have us some fun tonight.

KERMIT We? Whaddaya mean <u>"we"</u>?

POZZIE

The two of us.

(indicates a spot on Kermit's cheek)

You missed a spot.

(then)

Anyway, when we get there, we should...

KERMIT
(cutting him off)
Me. When I get there. It's my
date. Just me. I'm going
alone. He and Lady Holiday.
That's it. Not we. Me.

FOZZIE

(hurt)
Oh. I see. Well...that's fine.

Kermit wipes the excess lather off his face.

KERMIT
Shaving's fun. I wish I had
whiskers. Course then I'd

whiskers. Course then I'd have to use a blade.

POZZIE
You're really going without me,

huh?

Isn't it eesier to talk to one reporter than it is to two?

FOZZIE

Yeah...I guess so.

KERMIT

She doesn't even know you.

FOZZIE

To know me is to love me.

KERMIT

That's true...but this is something I've gotta handle alone.

POZZIE

(hurt)

No problem.

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KERMIT

All right, then...

MUSIC. DOWNBEAT.

SOUG:

"STEPPIN' OUT WITH A STAR"

KERMIT

Hey Gimme my cuff links
And hand me my tie
Just drench me in rich cologne
And don't ask me why

Go on and pluck me a boutoniere I'm movin' up and walkin' on air Steppin' out with a star And feelin' high

Come polish my wing tips (to Gonzo) And call for the car

GONZO (whistles)

KERMIT
I'll sweep her right off her feet
wherever we are

A satin collar and velvet vest I never settle for second best Steppin' out with a star Sad times bye bye

(Add Ukelele)
Have I got style
Have I got taste
On someone else I swear
This savoir faire
Would be such a waste

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Come toss me my top hat I'm ready to fly Bustin' into the upper crust As easy as pie

(sees image of Miss Piggy in mirror)

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34. CONTINUED:

KERMIT Just watch my dreams come true This is something I was born to do Steppin' out with a star That star is you

Whistle

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STOP TIME - 8 -

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FOZZIE

Rave you got class

KERMIT

Have I got class

FOZZIE

Have you got chic

KERMIT

Have I got chic

FOZZIE

To think that you and me were nobody Why only last week

- 2 -

KERMIT

I'm ready to fly

- 2 -

As easy as pie Just you watch my dreams come true This is something I was born to do

FOZZIE, KERMIT, GONZO Steppin' out with a star

KERMIT -

Bye bad times

FOZZIE, KERMIT, GONZO Steppin' out with a star

Hey good times

FOZZIE, KERMIT, GONZO

Steppin' out with a star

KERMIT

And feelin' high

KERMIT & POZZIE

And feelin' high yeah!

The song ends with Kermit looking in the mirror, checking himself out. Pozzie's face is inches away, also looking in the mirror.

RERMIT

(continued)

Well, how do I look?

FOZZIE

Which one are you?

KERMIT

I'm the one on the left.

Fozzie shakes his head in disbelief.

FOZZIE

Incredible.

KERMIT

(agreeing)

It is amazing.

FOZZIE

The spitting image.

KERMIT

Two peas in a pod.

FOZZIE No...just one. Deserted by the other pea...left in a lonely pod.

KERHIT

You won't be alone. You've got Gonzo.

Gonzo, on the window ledge, trying to get an interesting shot of pigeons on the roof, loses his balance and falls.

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GONZO (O.S.) (falling) Say checococcessi

FOSZIE (terribly depressed) I would rather be with you.

Kermit looks at this most pathetic figure and his heart melts.

KERMIT Okay...you can go.

POZZIE (brightens) Y'mean it?

Yeah. But let me do the talking.

FOZZIE My lips are sealed!

It's got to be very low key.

FOZZIE

You got it.

Forzie CROSSES to the door.

Okay. I'm counting on you.

POZZIE
Don't worry, Rermit. We won't
let you down.

KERMIT (realizing)
We? What do you mean "we"?

Fozzie opens the door.

FOZZIE Great news, gang! We can go.

Tons of Muppets tumble, cheering, into the room. On Kermit's look of "I've been had", we:

CUT TO:

35. EXT. 1617 HIGHBROW STREET - NIGHT

This is a very nice two-storey house in a fashionable section of London, probably W.1. Niss Piggy, gowned and coiffed, stands outside the door, wondering how she's going to pull it off. She peeks tentatively through a curtained window.

CUT TO:

36. INT. DINING ROOM - NIGHT

A stuffy, proper English couple, one of whom looks like John Cleese, dines silently in a formal dining room as pig's eyes and a trace of snout press against the window for a brief moment, then disappear.

DORCAS (offering)

Peas?

GREVILLE

Please.

He takes them.

DORCAS

Wine?

GREVILLE

Fine.

She pours.

DORCAS

(offering)

Duck?

GREVILLE

(making a face)

Yuck.

Suddenly, a strange CLANKING NOISE can be heard coming from outside. The couple reacts, curious, but calm. Greville leans sideways in his chair and looks out the window up the side of the building, then assumes his original position.

DORCAS What is it, Greville?

GREVILLE

(calmly)

Just a pig climbing up the drainpipe.

(MORE)

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GREVILLE (continued, offering)

Tea?

DORCAS

Not for me.

CUT TO:

37. EXT. HOUSE - NIGHT

37.

Miss Piggy is <u>indeed</u> working her way up the drainpipe, purse over her shoulder, glass slippers on her feet, evening gown blowing in the breeze. As she climbs, she almost slips, but regains her balance.

MISS PIGGY (breathless; to camera) From now on, if they want stunts, they get a double.

She continues to climb.

CUT TO:

38. INT. HOUSE - NIGHT

38.

DORCAS (offering)

Spinach?

GREVILLE (shakes his head "no")

Finached.

He pushes plate away. There is silence, save for the continued CLANKING NOISE as Piggy climbs.

Greville, we don't seem to have much to say to each other anymore.

Greville is dozing off into his food, recovering just before his head hits his plate.

GREVILLE

Whatever do you mean?

DORCAS

I mean, you seem bored. Are you bored.

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GREVILLE
(lighting a pipe)
Me? Bored? Don't be silly.
If I were bored, I wouldn't be'
enjoying myself and as anyone can
plainly see, I'm having the time of
my life. I think you would have to
look far to find a person who is
having more fun than this chap.

DORCAS Excuse me, but did you say a pig was climbing up the drainpipe?

GREVILLE (thinks)
Yes, I believe I did.

DORCAS

I thought so.

GREVILLE
But to get back to this boring
discussion..the closest I actually
came to being bored was about three
years ago:...

CUT TO: .

39. EXT. HOUSE - NIGHT

Miss Piggy is at the top now, hanging on the eave. As Greville's voice continues, Piggy swings back and forth, gaining momentum, in an attempt to catapult herself through an open window.

GREVILLE(O.S.)
...I felt I needed to shake up my
life, so I want out and bought
slippers. Surely, you must recall
that.

DQRCAS (O.S.)

I believe that was two years ago, not three.

GREVILLE (0.S.)
No, no. I'm sure I bought the
slippers three years ago. Two years
ago I bought this pipe.

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DORCAS (0.S.)
I don't recall you're being bored two years ago.

GREVILLE (0.S.)
I wasn't bored two years ago.

Miss Piggy lets go and flies through the open window.

CUT TO:

40. INT. DINING-ROOM - NIGHT

40.

The couple hears a LOUD CRASH from upstairs.

DORCAS

What was that?

GREVILLE
Don't change the subject. We're
trying to pinpoint a date here. You
as much admitted a few seconds ago
that you didn't recall my being
bored two years ago. Hence, if I
wasn't bored, I wouldn't have
hought the slippers...nor, would I
have bought the pipe. Now...are we
agreed.

DORCAS

If you say so, dear.
(beat)

And you maintain that you're not bored now.

GREVILLE
I am not. Haven't we just been over
that? If I were bored, I'd go out
and buy something, wouldn't I?

41. INT. HIGHBROW HOUSE COMPOSITE - NIGHT

41.

As Greville and Dorcas continue to talk downstairs, Miss Piggy is trying to untangle herself from a lamp cord. Finally she does and makes her way to the head of the stairs. BEGIN INTERCUTS between Greville and Dorcas in the dining room and Miss Piggy making her way down the stairs into the living room, where she hides behind the fireplace, within sight of the front door.

DORCAS
I imagine you would, that being the premise.

GREVILLE
Of course I would. That's the kind
of spur-of-the-moment fellow I am.

DORCAS
I see... and what would you buy?

GREVILLE You mean, if I were bored and needed to buy something?

DORCAS

·Yes.

GREVILLE Because we've established I wouldn't buy something unless I were bored.

DORCAS
Yes. What would you buy if you were bored?

GREVILLE Perhaps a neck tie.

DORCAS
I'd like to come with you to help you pick it out.

GREVILLE
That's not necessary, Dorcas.
There's no need for you to leave the house.

DORCAS
I wouldn't mind. I've been a bit
restless lately. Haven't been
outside for twelve years.

GREVILLE Well, the weather's been masty.

DORCAS
Still in all...there's no reason for me to stay here all the time.
The children are gone, the pets are dead, the butler's been discharged. No one ever visits us.

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The DOORBELL RINGS. Greville pulls a pocket watch out of his pocket, checks it, puzzled.

GREVILLE

Seven o'clock?
(to Dorcas)
Are you expecting guests?

DORCAS

I don't believe so.

GREVILLE

Neither am I. (beat)

That was the doorbell?

DORCAS I believe it was, yes.

GREVILLE

And the butler's dead?

DORCAS

No...the pets are dead. Butler's been discharged.

GREVILLE

Shall I answer it, then?

DORCAS

Well. I don't know, actually. Perhaps I should answer it.

GREVILLE

Perhaps they'll go away.

The DOORBELL RINGS again. Miss Piggy squirms nervously.

GREVILLE

They're not going away.

DORCAS

No... I don't suppose they are.

GREVILLE

One of us should answer it. .-

DORCAS

I suppose it will come down to either you or me.

GREVILLE

Yes, it shall have to be one or the other.

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DORCAS

I don't mind answering it.

GREVILLE
I don't know if you should. It
could be rather chilly by the door.

DORCAS
Perhaps you could get me a sweater.

GREVILLE Or I could answer the door.

DORCAS
Or we could both answer it.

MISS PIGGY
(emerging from behind
fireplace)
I'll answer it!

GREVILLE Oh....that's quite kind of you.

Miss Piggy crosses to the door.

GREVILLE (continued to Dorcas; puzzled)
Didn't you say the pets had died?

DORCAS
Yes...I throught they had.

42. EXT. HIGHBROW STREET - NIGHT

Miss Piggy opens the door. Kermit stands there, holding a corsage. Behind him, parked at the curb, is Bo in his taxi.

MISS PIGGY

Oh, hello.

KERMIT (hands her corsage)
This is for you.

MISS PIGGY
Why, thank you.
(looking behind her)
Well, let's get goin'.

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42.

Kermit tries to peek into the house.

KERMIT
I've never seen a real live
ritzy English house before.

MISS PIGGY Aren't you hungry?

Sure... but we've got a few minutes.

MISS PIGGY Okay... let's take a few minutes.

She yanks him through the door, then closes it behind him.

43. INT. HIGHBROW HOUSE COMPOSITE - NIGHT

43.

She pulls him: with her out of sight of the English couple, who crane their necks trying to see what's going on in their house.

KERMIT (rubbing his sore arm) Uh...nice place you've got here.

Gravilla gets up from the table.

MISS PIGGY Thanks. I practically stole it.

Miss Piggy begins pulling Kermit from room to room, just ahead of the bewildered Greville who can't quite understand the meaning of all this.

GREVILLE

I say there ...

KERMIT That guy's following us.

MISS PIGGY
He's some sort of servant. Just
making surs we're all right.
This, of course, is the drawing
room.

(looking around)
Oh, nice. Did you buy this furniture here in London...

Miss Piggy pulls Kermit, in mid-sentence, into another door just as Greville rounds the corner.

KERNIT (continued) Whirlwind tour, huh?

MISS PIGGY

Uh-huh.

(points)
Main bath. No sense stopping here.

She whisks Xermit through doors and down hallways, one step ahead of Greville.

MISS PIGGY (continued)
Library... Study... Laundry room...

At one point, she pulls Kermit into a closet and closes the door.

MISS PIGGY (continues from the dark) And this is the closet.

KERMIT Nice. Dark, but nice.

Greville opens the door, light pours in on Piggy and Remmit.

GREVILLE
Oh, sorry. Uh...hope I'm not
being rude, but is there
anything I can do for you?

MISS PIGGY Uh, yeq...we need the name of a nice place to have dinner.

GREVILLE
Well, there's the Dubonnet Club.
Actually, it's not so much a dinner
place as it is a..

MISS PIGGY
Thanks. No time for cocktails.
Jeeves. We're already late.

She once again pulls Kermit behind her and exits out the front door while a totally perplexed Graville still stares into the closet. Miss Piggy re-opens the door.

MISS PIGGY
(to Greville)

If I can just say one thing...you're
a very nice man...but probably the
most boring person in the world.

She SLAMS the door behind her as Dorcas ENTERS the hallway.

DORCAS
(to Greville)
Why are you staring into the closet?

GREVILLE You recall the pig I mentioned?

DORCAS
The one that was climbing the drainpipe?

GREVILLE

Yes.

DORCAS I seem to recall that, yes.

GREVILLE Well, it was just here in the closet. along with a frog.

DORCAS
I see. And what did they want?

GREVILLE
The name of a good restaurant.
I told them the Dubonnet Club.

DORCAS
That's more a supper club than a restaurant.

GREVILLE Yes. I tried to tell them that.

DORCAS Well, don't blame yourself.

43.

GREVILLE No, no. Life must go on.

Dorcas nods and we

CUT TO:

INT. CAB - NIGHT

44.

Kermit and Miss Piggy get comfortable in the back seat of the taxi as Bo starts the engine.

Where to, folks?

MISS PIGGY

Dubonnet Club.

BO

(at a loss)
Hoo boy! Isn't that always the way? You picked the one place in London I don't know how to get to.

MISS PIGGY I think you go straight.

Right.

CUT TO:

45. HIGHBROW STREET - NIGHT

Bo's taxi whips a U-turn then heads in the other direction.

46. INT. CAB - NIGHT

46.

45.

Kermit and Miss Piggy seem to be having a lovely time, smiling at each other, not listening to Bo, as he gives a misguided tour. Bo speaks.

BO

....And over there on your left is some famous place. Either the Empire State Building or the Eiffel Tower.

47. (Deleted)

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48. EXT. ANOTHER LONDON STREET - NIGHT

48.

As the Happiness Hotel bus chugs into the picture, hissing and coughing. It's a converted double-decker bus that's been outrageously painted and has seen better days. Doctor Teeth is at the wheel, trying to peer through filthy bug-encrusted windows. Steam pours out of the radiator and the engine wheezes. Various Huppets overflow the decks, including Gonzo and Fozzie. Some Huppets lean out the windows, others press their noses against the glass trying to get a glimpse of Kermit and Lady Holiday. (Dialogue from scene 44 to go into above)

ROWLF Hey, everybody...there they are, Kermit and his new heart-throb.

ZOOT

Hubba-hubba

DR. TEETH

Ding Ding.

Zoot blows a "wolf whistle" on his sax.

SCODTER Kermit's got a girl friend. Kermit's got a girl friend.

Kermit looks embarrassed.

MUSIC: DOWNBEAT

SONG:

"NICHT LIFE"

The Electric Mayhem plays "NIGHT LIFE" on the top of the bus as the procession: continues through the avenues of London...along parkside streets and around the "circuses" they go.

Cimme my good friends
'H play me my music
Yeah,
Gimme my nightlife -

- 1 -

48.

Talk me that Guitar
'N roll me that boogle
Hey,
Gimme my nightlife -

- 1 -

We'll dance in the moonlight We'll rock until dawn - If you cannot dig it baby I'm movin on

- 2 -

Sing me the good times 'Cause I need the feelin' Yeah, . Gimme my nightlife

- 2 -

- 12 -INST.

We'll dance in the moonlight We'll rock until dawn If you cannot dig it baby I'm movin on

- 2 -

Sing me the good times 'Cause I need the feelin' Yeah,
Gimme my. nightlife

49. EXT. DUBONNET CLUB - NIGHT

49.

The music ends as Happiness Hotel bus arrives at the entrance of the Dubbonet Club where it breaks down, its radiator exploding, its fenders falling off and its tyres going flat.

CUT TO:

50. INT. DUBONNET CLUB - NIGHT

50.

It's a beautiful posh, art deco, F. Scott Fitzgeraldish nightclub, decorated entirely in black and white, with a dance floor in the center and a band dressed in white tails playing Glenn Miller type music. Elegantly dressed Londoners populate the place, save for four strange looking beings at one table...Kermit, Fozzie, Miss Piggy and Gonzo. Gonzo takes a picture of the waiter, while Kermit and Fozzie look around in awe and Miss Piggy looks at the menu.

FOZZIE
Boy, a classy place like this, you'd think they'd have pretzels on the table.

MISS PIGGY
. (looking at menu)
Cocco! Look at this wonderful
menu.

KERMIT (looks; gulps)

Yikesii

MISS PIGGY Something wrong, Kermy?

KERMIT

No, nol

(chuckles)
It's just kind of amusing that
the roast beef is the same price
as an Oldsmobile.

(then, in a very nervous, high voice) ...uh, eat here often, Ladv

You...uh, eat here often, Lady Holiday?

MISS PIGGY

(lovingly)

Only on special occasions, Kermy. And this is very special.

(then, sharply, to waiter)

Waiter! Champagne and caviar, s'il vous plait!

KERMIT

(to himself)

Sacre blue!

(to Miss Piggy)

Excuse me, Lady Holiday. (MORE)

KERMIT
(continued then, to
Fozzie and Gonzo)
You guys got about sixteen
hundred dollars on you?

FOZZIE I have a dime in my loafer. But mom told me'to keep it for a phone call.

KERMIT How are we going to pay for this?

GONZO

Leave it to me.

CUT TO:

51. INT. CORNER TABLE - NIGHT

HUSBAND and WIFE sit at a table, having a cocktail. Suddenly, a flash bulb goes off in their faces. PULL BACK to reveal Gonzo, who has just taken a picture of them.

GONZO
There you are, folks. Souvenir picture. Gimme your name and address and ten bucks.

HUSBAND

Oh. Jolly good.

He hands Gonzo the money and a business card and Gonzo moves onto the next table, where another COUPLE sits, whispering romatically.

GONZO

How 'bout you folks? Souvenir picture?

GENTLEMAN (suddenly nervous)
...No, no picture. Thanks.

GONZO
Oh, come on. Just slide over
next to your wife and you'll
have a great momento.

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GENTLEMAN
I don't want a momento. Get
away. My wife isn't feeling

GONZO That's too bad. Maybe she should be at home.

GENTLEMAN (trying to get the message across)
She is at home.

GON2O (finally understanding)
Next table.

He moves quickly away.

CUT TO:

52. INT. DUBONNET CLUB ENTRANCE - NIGHT

Lady Holiday dressed smartly in a black evening dress and dazzling diamond necklace ENTERS accompanied by her naphew, NICKY, a great looking 8 x 10 glossy of a guy wearing a black tuxedo and silly looking red and white striped socks. They are greated by a Maitre 'D.

MAITRE 'D Good evening, Lady Holiday. It is such a pleasure to see you.

LADY HOLIDAY Thank you, Stanley.

MAITRE'D My, what a lovely diamond nacklace.

LADY HOLIDAY
It is rather breath-taking, isn't
it? I feel a little skittish wearing
it but my nephew, Nicky, insisted.
(to Nicky)
Give Stanley a tip, will you?

NICKY
For complimenting you on your necklace?

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LADY HCLIDAY No...because it's customary.

NICKY
(reaching into his pocket)
I don't have any change on me.

LADY HOLIDAY
Then give him something bigger.

NICKY

Sure.

(then, feeling for his wallet)
Gee, I must have left my wallet at home.

LADY HOLIDAY (disgusted)
You left your wallet in college.

Maitre'D escorts them to a table.

CUT TO:

53. INT. DANCE FLOOR - NIGHT

The orchestra plays tasteful dance music as Kermit and Miss Piggy dance among other dancing couples on the dance floor:

MISS PIGGY
Boy... that caviar was yummy.
(smacks her lips)
Whoo-eee! Love those fish eggs.
Must'a cost you a pretty penny.

KERMIT
My pleasure...Uh, would it be okay if we talked about the jewel robbery?

MISS PIGGY
Oh, Kermy, let's not talk business .
right now. There's music in the
air, the night is young, and I'm
so beautiful...what jewel robbery?

KERMIT
Remember your necklace...the one that was stolen...?

53.

MISS PIGGY Did anyone every tell you, you have lovely eyes?

Kermit squishes up his mouth. He's getting nowhere. They dance past the table where Forrie is pouring as much sugar as possible into his champagne.

KERMIT
I'll sey one thing....you sure
know how to trip the light
fantastic, Lady Holiday.

MISS PIGGY It takes two to tango, Kermy. Ginger was nothing without Fred.

KERMIT Yeah, but didn't Fred usually lead?

MISS PIGGY
(realizing)
Oh, excuse moi. I didn't realize
I was taking charge here. Would
you care to...

No, no. I don't mind. It's quite pleasant, actually. I feel like I'm dancing on air.

KERMIT'S FEET

which are off the floor, as Miss Piggy twirls him around the dance floor past Fozzie's table.

FOZZIE
(drinking champagne and smacking his lips)
Ahh! You know if you put enough sugar in this stuff it tastesjust like ginger ale.

COT TO:

54. INT. ANOTHER PART OF THE DUBONNET CLUB. LADY HOLIDAY'S TABLE - NIGHT 54.

The MUSIC CONTINUES as Nicky makes sure his aunt is seated and then sits next to her. The MAITRE'D stands beside the table, waiting for a tip.

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NICKY

(to Maitre'D)

Thanks a lot. I'll catch you

another time.

Maitre'D glares and EXITS.

NICKY

(continued)

There, auntie ... aren't you happy

we're here?

LADY HOLIDAY I'd be happier with this necklace locked in a safe. I feel as if thieves are breathing down my neck.

(breathing down her neck)

Nonsense.

LADY HOLIDAY

Nevertheless, I want my jewels put in the safe immediately.

(quickly)

Noi

(then)
I mean, uh...of course...if that's
the way you feel.

He looks at his watch, then toward the rear door.

NICKY

(continued)

I'll ask the maitre'd to take care

of it.

LADY HOLIDAY

Don't forget to tip him.

Nicky nods, rises and walks toward the front of the club, looks back to make sure his aunt isn't watching, then takes a quick left, crosses to the rear door, opens it, tapes the lock shut, Watergate fashion, . looks around and heads back to the table.

CUT TO:

A sleek convertible sports car with three sleek female models dressed entirely in black, purrs slowly around the corner toward the rear entrance of the club and stops in an alleyway. Without a sound, Carla, Marla and Darla climb out of the car and approach a door marked "Dubonnet Club, Rear Entrance". One of the girls carries a small velvet-lined bag.

CUT TO:

56. INT. DUBONNET CLUB. DANCE FLOOR - NIGHT

56.

The Dubonnet Orchestra, under the direction of Armando di Fiore segues into another song. Miss Piggy and Kermit are dancing cheek to cheek and the mood is very romantic.

SONG:

"THE FIRST TIME IT HAPPENS"

MISS PIGGY
The first time you see him
No bolt from the blue
Just something so quiet
That's waiting for you
With no one to tell you
Where you've got to go ...
The first time it happens
you know

The first time you see her
No magical change
No angels appearing
No dreams to arrange
Just warmer and colder
Than springtime or snow
The first time it happens
you know

BOTH

And so you fall And how complete it is And for each moment that it lasts How sweet it is

(chorus hums in background)

The first time together How simple, how rare

36.

KERHIT And just when you thought You'd forgot how to care

MISS PIGGY And though you feel much more Than you'd dare to show

BOTH The first time it happens
You know

CUT TO:

57. INT. DUBONNET CLUB - REAR ENTRANCE

57.

Three girls, clad entirely in black, quietly enter the club and disappear from sight.

CUT TO:

58. INT. OUBONNET CLUB. DANCE FLOOR - NIGHT

38.

HISS PIGCY I could just keep on dancing forever.

KERHIT I know. You're wearing me out.

Miss Piggy leaves Kermit in the dust and is now moving like a veritable Cyd Charisse. Other couples step aside in admiration as she glides across the floor past Fozzie's table. Fozzie has a lobster blb around his neck, a live lobster pinches his nose.

FOZZIE
I guess I shouldn't have ordered the lobster rare.

59. INT. OUBONNET CLUB. DANCE FLOOR - HIGHT

59.

As Hiss Piggy twirls by, white tuxedo'd male chorus dancers enter as if by magic and begin singing.

MALE DANCERS
The first time you see her
No magical change
No angels appearing
No dreams to arrange

CONTINUEO

59.

MALE DANCERS
(Continued)
(IN TANGO TIME)
Just warmer and colder
Then springtime or snow
The first time it happens
You know

FULL DANCE CONTINUES - 10 -

CUT TO:

60. INT. DUBONNET CLUB. LADY HOLIDAY'S TABLE - NIGHT 60.

While the MUSIC PLAYS, and Miss Piggy struts her stuff, Nicky nervously looks behind him as the models fan out and lurk in different parts of the room. Lady Holiday takes no notice because she's watching the dance floor.

LADY HOLIDAY

Nicky?!

Nicky almost jumps out of his tux. :

NICKY
Huh?: ... What?: What is it?

LADY HOLIDAY (points to dance floor) I think that's my new secretary out there dancing.

NICKY Oh, yeah? Which one?

LADY HOLIDAY

The pig.

Through a maze of people, Nicky finally catches a glance of Miss Piggy and it's as if he's been struck by lightning, the effect is that electric. Never in his life has Nicky been this enthralled.

NICKY
She she's sensational.

LADY HOLIDAY Forty-five words a minute. About average.

SWEEPING

60.

Nicky can't resist the lure of Miss Piggy. As the music changes tempo, and Miss Piggy is whirled from pertner to partner, Nicky makes his way toward her, his legs like jelly.

Kermit, off to one side, is equally enthralled and begins to sing. Miss Piggy, dancing her little heart out, still has time to look in Kermit's direction and answers him in song.

Heanwhile, Nicky, has somehow joined the end of the chorus line, and when Hiss Piggy comes his way, he dances with her, waltzing around the floor, looking into her eyes. At one point, Hiss Piggy's feet are off the ground as Nicky whirls her around the floor. Another time in a CLOSE SHOT, Nicky's red and white striped stocking feet are off the ground as Miss Piggy presumably whirls him around the floor.

CHORUS
(Miss Piggy meets Nicky)
And just when you thought
You'd forgot how to care

(Hiss Piggy pulls up dress)

(TAPE DANCE)

- 4 - (FEET OF HISS PIGGY)

- 12 - (DANCE)

During which we cut to Fozzie with lobster while Kermit watches.

ALL AND CHORUS
(Hiss Piggy with boys)
The first time it happens
(Waiters do flips)
The first time it happens
(Miss Piggy with boys)
The first time it happens
(Waiters do flips)
The first time it happens
(Entire olub is dancing)
The first time it happens
you know

CUT TO:

1. INT. DUBONNET CLUB. LADY HOLIDAY'S TABLE - HIGHT 61.

tady Holiday watches her nephew quizzically, as Carla, Marla and Darla position themselves behind her, shoot each other worried glances, since Nicky's falling in love is not a part of the plan.

Finally, Hiss Plggy is whisked away by another man, and Micky heads back for the table as the music again changes tempo and builds to a flnish, possibly with some high-kicking ala the Rockettas. The entire nightclub audience, including Kermit and Fozzie, sways back and forth to the beat.

Nicky sits back down, just as the number ends, and gives Marla a signal. Marla throws a light switch, plunging the nightclub into total darkness. Confusion reigns, the band stops playing and patrons grumble.

H. B. Dr. Bergins

61.

Suddenly, a scream pierces the air.

LADY HOLIDAY (O.S.)

Alecceci!

Matches, flashlights, flashbulbs and other sources of illumination pop like strobe lights and the audience can almost see a robbery taking place, as Nicky deftly unsnaps Lady Holiday's necklace and drops it into the velvet bag held by Carla. The other two model - thieves effectively clear an escape path and all three girls flee in the darkness as the electrical power is finally restored. Nicky remains seated as the Maitre'D hurries over to the table.

MAITRE'D Lady Holiday! What happened? Did you just scream "Aleccece"?

NICKY
She screamed it right in my ear.

LADY HOLIDAY
Of course I screamed. Someone
stole my necklace!
(to Nicky)
I told you-this would happen.
That necklace was worth a fortune.

NICKY
But other than that, how did you enjoy your evening?

On Lady Holiday's reaction of disgust we

CUT TO:

62. INT. KERMIT'S TABLE - NIGHT

62.

Kermit, confused, looks at the real Lady Holiday as a patron passes by.

PATRON
Isn't it awful? Someone stole
Lady Holiday's necklace.

Miss Piggy, realizing that the jig is up as far as her identity is concerned, looks terrified.

KERMIT Lady Holiday? But I thought...

62.

He then looks around for Miss Piggy, but she's no longer there. He catches a glimpse of her as she runs out the front door of the club, then goes to the spot where she was standing and picks up a glass slipper she has left behind. He looks at it, dumbfounded, as the clock strikes twelve. It's midnight, and "Porkarella" has vanished.

CUT TO:

63. EXT. MISTY LONDON COBBLESTONE STREET - NIGHT

63.

A clock on a building continues to strike as Niss Piggy, in the glow of a street lamp, wearing one glass slipper, clomps down the cobblestones and disappears into the fog.

CUT TO:

64. INT. HOTEL BATHROOM - NIGHT

64.

In this small bathroom, in the crimson glow of a light bulb covered with red cellophane, Gonzo develops pictures in a sink full of developing solution, while Kermit and Fozzie watch. Several pictures of surprised couples in awkward poses already are pinned on a makeshift drying line.

POZZIE

(looking at one of the pictures)
This one's great, Gonzo. You popped the flash just before the soup landed on his tie.

GONZO

Yeeh, well, photography's an art. You have to have the right film, you have to have the right exposure, and you have to scream just as they get the food up to their mouth.

There is a POUNDING on the door.

SAM (O.S.)
What's going on in there?
A lot of folks out here want
to use the restroom.

KERMIT
We'll be out as soon as we
develop these pictures. We're
trying to catch a jewel thief.

POP (0.S.)
Well, catch him in another room.
People are dancing up and down
on one leg out here.

Grumbling can be heard from other Muppets.

KERMIT (to Gonzo)
Hurry up, Gonzo. There's gotta
be a picture of somebody taking
Lady Holiday's necklace.

GONZO
I still think the pig took it.

KERMIT She wouldn't steal.

GONZO Why not? She lied.

Two different things. Besides, she couldn't have stolen the necklace because she was dencing.

That's right. You know the old adage. "You can't dance and steal at the same time."

GONZO No, that's "You can't walk and chew gum at the same time".

FOZZIE
I think it's, "you can't pat
your head and rub your stomach
at the same time."

KERMIT What's the difference? She didn't steal the necklace!

GONZO I betcha I can do it.

64

KERMIT

Do what?

GONZO

Pat my head and rub my stomach at . the same time.

He starts to do it.

FOZZIE

Big deal. Anybody can do that.

Pozzie tries but can't quite master it.

KERMIT

Will you guys cut it out! We're wasting time.

Gonzo turns back to his work. There is more LOUD POUNDING on the door.

ROWLF (O.S.)

Open up in there!

BO (0.S.)

Give us a break!

SCOOTER (O.S.)

Show a little consideration!

SWEDISH CHEF (O.S.)

Nurgan Purgen Hurgen Flush. ...

ANIMAL

Bath-room! Bath-room!

Gonzo holds the negative up in the air.

GONZO

Here it is!

As the clamor from outside continues, Kermit, Fozzie and Gonzo stare at the negative.

FOZZIE

Wow!

KERMIT

No doubt about it. It's that guy sitting next to Lady Holiday and those girls standing around in the back.

64.

GONZO

It's a whole gang.

Control of the Contro

KERMIT
And we've got 'em with their hands
in the cookie jar.

Just then, the door bursts open, having been bashed in by the irate Muppets, led by Animal. Light floods the room, and the exposed negative is now useless.

FOZZIE
The cookie jar just busted.

DISSOLVE TO:

65. EXT. PARK (HYDE PARK) - DAY

65.

The flowers are in bloom, the sky is blue, the day is beautiful...but for Kermit, it might as well be Hell. He sits mournfully on a park bench, holding the glass slipper, thinking about Miss Piggy. A man strolls by with his daughter.

DAUGHTER

(pointing to Kermit) Oh, look Daddy... a bear.

MAN

That's not a bear. That's a frog. Bears wear hats.

Kermit smiles half-heartedly and the little girl and her father EXIT down the near-by path. At the same time, a DISHEVELLED GENTLEMAN passing in the other direction notices the melancholy frog and stops.

DISHEVELLED GENT

How ya doin', young fella?

KERMIT

(shrugs)

Okay, I guess.

DISHEVELLED GENT

Penny for your thoughts.

KERMIT

It's a long story.

DISHEVELLED GENT

But a familiar one, I'll bet.

KERMIT (nods) As old as the hills.

DISHEVELLED GENT I've been there, my friend. Been there and back again.

(sits, points to glass slipper) I can tell exactly what happened by the way you're sittin' there holdin' that shoe. You and your brother-in-law cashed in your stock certificates and your insurance policies to open that little dry cleaning establishment. The location seemed perfect, didn't it? Foot traffic and highway traffic all day long. No other cleaner in the neighborhood. You needed extra equipment so you went into hock. Business fell off as synthetics glutted the clothing market. Your brother-in-law doesn't bother to show up all the time and your sister starts accusing you of trying to run the business. Another cleaner opens down the street and he's charging less and getting the job done faster because he's got more help. Your brother-in-law wants you to buy him out because he's fed up and your kids are getting older and they never see you and are turning into juvenile delinquents and your wife says you care more about the lousy dry cleaning business than you do about her and your equipment breaks down and your sister moves in with you because your rotten brother-in-law joins the circus and you've had it up to here and you can't stand it anymore!! So, you sell the business for a song to the slob down the street who's been trying to bury you for years and you sink what little money, you have left into the glass slipper business, right?

KERMIT
You know....it's amazing. You are
a hundred percent wrong. Not one
thing you said was right.

CONTINUED

DISHEVELLED GENT Okay.. then how about this? You were walking along the beach one Tuesday morning when you saw the shattered hulk of a World War Two tanker bobbing up and down near the jetty

KERMIT (cutting him off) I hate to be rude, but we're doing a movie here.

DISHEVELLED GENT Oh, sorry. Wanna buy a watch?

KERMIT (a little miffed) Could you just kinda move it?

Dishevelled Gentleman rises, shakes his head and moves along.

> DISHEVELLED GENT (muttering as he goes)

Kermit watches him in disbelief.

66. HYDE PARK. ANOTHER ANGLE - DAY

Just as two pig hands cover his eyes and Miss Piggy's melodious voice is heard.

MISS PIGGY Guess who-ooo!

KERMIT I don't know. What are you calling yourself today?

Miss Piggy uncovers Kermit's eyes. She stands behind him, looking a bit contrite.

MISS PIGGY Aw, Kermy. You're not mad at me, are you?

KERMIT You lied to me. You used me.

CONTINUED

65.

66.

WINDLESS TO SERVICE STORY WILL BE TO

66.

MISS PIGGY You haven't answered my question.

What do you care if I'm mad at you? I saw the way you were dancing with that guy last night.

MISS PIGGY
You didn't want:to dance, remember?

Well, let me tell you something. Your dancing partner happens to be a jewel thief.

MISS PIGGY
Wait a minute, you're really
jealous, aren't you?

KERMIT
Don't be silly. I don't have time to be jealous.

MISS PIGGY Yes, you are. You are. You are.

KERMIT
The only thing I'm mad about is how you've been over-acting ever since this movie started.

MISS PIGGY

What?!

KERMIT

You heard me.

MISS PIGGY You said I was over-acting:

KERMIT

You are.

MISS PIGGY
I am a professional. I do my job.
I'm playing eight hundred different
emotions here.

KERMIT

If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen.

MISS PIGGY Maybe I'll walk.

Yeah. That'll solve everything.

MISS PIGGY
I don't have to stand around and be insulted just because you're jealous. It's a stupid script anyway. Twin brothers. Red and white striped socks. Climbing up drainpipes...it's enough to make you cry.

She does.

KERMIT

Aw, c'mon...

MISS PIGGY (sobbing)
I'm sorry. I'm only human.

KERMIT Okay... listen...

Miss Piggy continues to sob.

KERMIT (continued)

Aw, stop it...

MISS PIGGY

I'll be okay.

She regains control of herself.

KERMIT
I guess I'm a little jealous after all.

MISS PIGGY

You are?

KERMIT
Sure... I... really like you and...

MISS PIGGY

Aw, Kermy...

You weren't over-acting... not all the time anyway.

MISS PIGGY
It takes a big person to admit he's wrong. I feel much better now.
Let's get back to the plot.

KERMIT
Oh, yeah... so, you're not Lady
Holiday.

MISS PIGGY
No... I'm Miss Piggy. Soon to be
the world's leading fashion model
but now the world's leading gopher,
and I've gotta go goph.

She starts to walk away.

KERMIT

Where'ya goin?

MISS PIGGY
Today's Lady Holiday's big fashion
show. I'm on my lunch hour and
I've gotta get back to work.
See ya.

She starts to walk away again.

KERMIT

Uh ... Miss Piggy.

Piggy stops, turns.

MISS PIGGY

What?

KERMIT

(sotto)

What about the production number?

MISS PIGGY

Huh?

KERMIT

(sotto)

There's supposed to be a production number now.

MISS PIGGY

Now?

KERMIT

Yeah. Could be the prettiest number in the whole movie.

66.

MISS PIGGY (sotto) . Are there any solos?

KERMIT

You and me.

MISS PIGGY Oh.. that's nice... How do I look?

KERMIT
Fine.. maybe a sprig of fresh flowers
pinned delicately to your dress.

CUT TO:

67. EXT. PARK - DAY

67.

This is a beautiful romantic duet where Miss Piggy and Kermit serenade each other while riding bicycles through the park. In a MONTAGE of SHOTS as the song continues, Kermit does some showing off ala Butch Cassidy riding one-handed, no-handed, on one foot, etc., on two-wheelers, three-wheelers, bicycle-built-for-two, etc.

. "COULDN'T WE RIDE"

-8-KERMIT

Pretty day
Sunny sky
Lovely pictures
Dance in your eyes

MISS PIGGY Well couldn't we ride

KERMIT

Couldn't we ride

MISS PIGGY

Summer soft
Sudden breeze
Watch the wind
Play tag in the trees

MISS PIGGY AND RERMIT Well couldn't we ride

ADD CHORUS

Couldn't we ride

CHORUS

Lovers sing Children dance

CONTINUED:

MISS PIGGY AND KERMIT

For a minute We've got a chance

KERMIT Why couldn't we fly

MISS PIGGY

I know we'd get by

CHORUS

Sunny sky Pretty day Just a push And we're on the way Yes couldn't we ride

MISS PIGGY & KERMIT

Side by side

INSTRUMENTAL - 26 -

As Kermit and Miss Piggy pedal past wonderfully picturesque park scenes evoking memories of days gone by when the world was a simpler place and two lovers could billand-coo to their heart's content without worrying about the price of gasoline, they are joined by other Muppets on other kinds of bicycles for the lovely finale.

FOZZIE

Couldn't we ride

CHORUS

Couldn't we fly

GONZO

Couldn't we ride

CHORUS

I know we'd get by

CHORUS HUMMING FLOYD & JANICE

KERMIT

Sunny sky

Sunny sky Pretty day

MISS PIGGY

Pretty day

CHORUS HUMS

KERMIT Just a push

Just a push And we're on the way

ROWLF

RIGGY And we're on the way

SCOOTER Yes couldn't we ride

Yes couldn't we ride

MISS PIGGY & KERMIT

PIGGY & KERMIT

CHORUS

Side by side

Side by side

ALL MUPPETS

Couldn't we ride

Couldn't we ride

67. MUSIC OUT:

67.

CUT TO:

68. INT. BACKSTAGE - DAY

68.

It's a busy place. Models in casual sun wear prepare to go onstage as dressers run around, and make-up people and hair stylists tend to last-minute cosmetic chores. Lady Holiday enters from onstage. Amid this chaos Nicky stands in front of a mirror slicking down his already slicked hair.

LADY HOLIDAY

(to everyone in the room)

Okay.. we're all set. Everybody pay attention. Keep it moving. Don't

linger too long. We just want to give them a hint... a taste... a soupcon.... appetizers, not full course meals... Okay, ladies?

(looking around, scrutinizing)

I don't think you ought to chew gum, Marie. Stephanie, your false eyelashes are coming unglued... the shoes are scuffed...and try wearing lingerie under the frock instead of the New York Yankees T-shirt.

Miss Piggy ENTERS speeding across the room, pushing a rack of garments, not looking where she's going.

MISS PIGGY Gangway! Low bridge! Watch it, sister!

Lady Holiday LEAPS ASIDE to avoid being killed.

LADY HOLIDAY

Sorry.

Miss Piggy EXITS fast.

NICKY (watching her go) Sha's wonderful, isn't she?

LADY HOLIDAY 'I certainly wouldn't get in her way.

(she glances at her watch, then to Nicky) It's time. You'd better get out there.

68.

NICKY

How do I look?

LADY HOLIDAY Fine. Except your hair dye is running.

She EXITS.

Nicky checks the mirror for drippage as Miss Piggy comes bursting through the room again, her arms laden with clothes. She almost collides with Nicky.

MISS PIGGY (not recognizing him) Move it, buster.. we're workin' here.

(then realizing)
Oh, I'm sorry, Mr. Holiday.

NICKY (in love) Have dinner with me tonight.

MISS PIGGY (thinking he's kidding) Really...I do have work to do. Excuse me.

Please. I'm serious. From the minute I saw you, you were like a breath of fresh air. I'm tired of the same kind of woman...

(indicates model nearby)
...tall, thin, gorgeous creatures
with long, silky hair and perfect
skin...teath like pearls, aqualine
noses and long, graceful legs,
high cheekbones and soft, ruby lips.

MISS PIGGY Yeah. I can see where that would make you sick to your stomach.

NICKY

It's you I want.

MISS PIGGY
I'm very flattered. Really, I
am. And it's not that you're
not attractive, even though your
hair dye is running, but I'm spoken
for.

Won't you reconsider?

Kermit stumbles backstage accidently.

Oh, sorry. Looking for the men's room.

Nicky points off somewhere.

KERMIT (continued)

Thanks.

Kermit EXITS.

MISS PIGGY That's him. That's my Kermy.

NICKY
(crushed)

Just my luck. Acad out by a frog.
You could have changed my life.
Given it some purpose. Some
meaning. But now it's too late.
And I can't be responsible for
what happens.

MISS PIGGY Yeah, well...c'est la vie.

She goes about her business, as Nicky is totally demoralized. Carla, Marla and Darla, who have been observing this scene, approach.

MARLA (to Nicky) I don't know why you love her like you do.

NICKY I don't know why, I just do.

CARLA
Well, you'd hetter snap out of.
it...and fast!

Me've got to plant the goods on her to take the heat off us.

68.

NICKY I know the plan. I just wish there was another way.

This is the <u>only</u> way...especially with the cops starting to ask questions.

CARLA And your aunt's getting suspicious.

DARLA And those twins are always nosin' around.

And that thing keeps taking pictures.

Okay! Okay! I'll do my job. And when I give the signal... you do yours.

The models nod and EXIT.

NICKY
(continued looking upward)
Forgive me, Miss Piggy.

CUT TO:

69. INT. BALLROOM - DAY

69.

In this lavish ballroom, on a large runway extending out into a packed audience of the world's most fashion-conscious people, Nicky stands in the spotlight as a DRUM ROLL sounds from the percussionist in the orchestrapit.

NICKY

(during the drum roll)
Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to
London. We're gonna dazzle yoù
today with the most exciting new
fashion collection of the decade.

Drum Roll ENDS.

NICKY
(continued)

I'm Lady Holiday's nephew, Nicky.
(he expects applause, but
gets none)

Thank you. And now, Lady Holiday
Pashions takes great pride in
presenting "Slink Into Summer".

All aboard for the Holiday Line.

The lights come up, the orchestra hits the first note of an appropriate fashion theme, and a bevy of models appear from behind the sequined velvet curtains, wearing exquisite summer gowns and dresses, slinking down the runway to thunderous applause from the audience. Fountains at the end of the runway spew jets of multi-colored water into the air. Kermit and Fozzie applaud from the press section. Gonzo pops flash bulbs in people's faces.

NICKY
And here's the captain of our ship,
the hostess with the mostest... the
one and only Lady Holiday!

Lady Holiday makes a grand entrance to thunderous applause.

LADY HOLIDAY
Thank you, Nicky.... my nephew, Nicky, ladies and gentlemen.
(applause stops instantly)
and now without further ado...

Carla enters from behind a curtain to lusty applause from the crowd including Statler and Waldorf.

STATLER Pretty nice lines, huh, Waldorf?

WALDORF
Yeah. And the dress ain't bad, either.

LADY HOLIDAY
Meet capricious Carla, wearing the
classic white silk crepe de chine
blouse updated with a sheer knifepleated black and silver lame bodice,
cleverly accented with a flocked tangier
silk waistlet and lavish tromp l'oeil
trim at the hemline. Fantastique!...
and thank you, Carla.

69.

There is more applause from everyone, including Kermit and Pozzie.

FOZZIE Nice lookin' duds, huh, Kermit?

Well, I like the flocked silk waistlet but the trompe de l'oeil trim is a little jarring.

FOZZIE
When are they gonna show the cave
and swamp wear?

RERMIT Probably saving it for the finale.

Lady Holiday continues as DARLA ENTERS.

LADY HOLIDAY And here's delicious Darla...

CUT TO:

70. INT. BACKSTAGE - DAY

70.

Nicky watches from the wings as Lady Holiday continues to describe Darla's outfit and the beautifully dressed Marla stands nearby ready to make her entrance. Miss Piggy is between them, throwing clothes into a hamper. Nicky catches Marla's eye and gives her a "thumbs-up" signal. Marla nods and falls to the ground.

. MARLA (in fake pain) Oh..my knee! I've twisted it!

Miss Piggy rushes to Marla's aid and cradles the fallen model's head in her arms.

MISS PIGGY Oh..you poor thing!

NICKY (to Marla) Get up! You've got to make your entrance!

MARLA
(over-acting)
I can't. I think I've broken
something. Oh, the pain... the pain!!

70.

NICKY (cautioning; sotto) Lighten up, will ya?

MARLA

Sorry.

(then, with less intensity)

Och och.

MISS PIGGY Don't worry, Marla. I'll stay right here with you.

You can't. You have to go on in her place.

Miss Piggy hears this and drops Marla's head on the floor like a hot rock.

SFX: HEAD HITTING FLOOR

CUT TO:

71. INT. BALLROOM - DAY

71.

The audience is agog with excitement. From what they've seen so far, the Holiday Collection is a big hit.

Lady Holiday continues her commentary.

IADY HOLIDAY

If Szechuan silk and brocaded satin
tickles your fancy, we've really
brought home the bacon with this
little number.

The curtains part, and a hundred violins play as the most beautiful pig in the world stands in the spotlight. The audience gasps. Lady Holiday TURNS to see what they are gasping at.

LADY HOLIDAY

(aghast)

I may faint.

But there is no need for her to be upset. Miss Piggy is to the manor horn and more than able to cope with stardom. In a series of DISSOLVES, Miss Piggy parades up and down the runway along with a bevy of other modsis in various glamorous outfits from the Holiday Collection. With each new ensemble, Miss Piggy and

7I.

Kermit make eye contact and the screen crackles with electricity. Gunzo continues to fiash pictures. Nicky watches from the wings, admiringly as the audience begins to be totally enthralied, Lady Hoilday shrugs and decides that if this is what the people want, this is what they'il get.

STATLER
Fasten your seat-belt, Waidorf.
I think they'll be trottin' out
the bikinis pretty soon.

WALDORF Oh, boy! We'd better synchronize our pace-makers.

As Miss Piggy glides down the runway looking into Kermit's eyes, she begins to fantasize and the entire production appears to have a dream-like quality. Suddenly, "her porkiness" is clad in a one-piece swimsuit ala Esther Williams.

The audience is literally on its feet, clapping and cheering its collective heart out. The music soars, and if Bert Parks were around, it's obvious that he would be singing. Instead, Nicky takes the microphone and begins crooning a rhapsody to Miss Piggy, but from Miss Piggy's point of view the rhapsody is in the audience and it's green.

CUT TO:

72. INT. POOL - DAY

72.

Nicky sings an extremely melodramatic anthem, "Miss Piggy", as the dream water ballet begins. It consists of a series of complex formations utilizing other swimmers, who form pinwheels and moving circles around Miss Piggy. At the climax of the number, Miss Piggy gushes forth on a jet stream of water, much like lava from Mt. St. Helens and plunges heading into the pool.

72.

SONG: "HISS PICCY"

CHORUS

Ah ...

- 8 -

CHORUS
A miracle of spring
A miracle of beauty
Be dazzled by the
Magic of one smile

A vision of loveliness A universe of charms We'll never rest until You're in our arms

- 4 -

NICKY (V.O.)

Daffodils Miss Piggy Whipporwills

Niss Piggy

Everything that's lovely warm and springy spring Hiss Piggy

Fantasy Nisa Piggy Ecstasy

Ecstasy Hiss Piggy

All that's fair or fine or wonderful or anything Hisa Piggy

NICKY, CHORUS (see him for first time) When does the rapture begin and grow Where does devotion and passion go

CHORUS

Oh - happiness

HICKY

Miss Piggy

CHORUS

One caress

NICKY

Hiss Piggy

72.

NICKY (Continued)
All the world's ever wanted Was you - A dream come true

CHORUS (Piggy back down in water) Ah - Hiss Piggy It's you

Piggy rises up.

KERMIT Oh - happiness Hiss Piggy

HICKY

One caress Miss Piggy

KERHIT, HICKY Ali the world's ever wanted. Was you - A dream come true

CHORUS Ah - Miss Piggy

HICKY

It's you

KERMIT

It's you

CHORUS

It's you

CUT TO:

73. INT. BALLROOM - DAY

73.

Back to reality. What has happened, as evidenced by the gasping of the crowd, is that Miss Piggy has merely stepped off the end of the runway into the fountain. She sputters to the surface, her golden hair plastered down over her eyes. People rush to her aid.

KERMIT (calling; worried) Miss Piggy, are you okay?

MISS PIGGY (embarrassed)
Yeah, sure. I was just looking
for my contact lens.

CUT TO:

74. INT. BALLROOM. - DAY - ANOTHER ANGLE

74.

Nicky slips the diamond nacklace setting, minus the diamonds, into Miss Piggy's raincoat pocket-and rushes to Miss Piggy's rescue.

CUT TO:

75. INT. BALLROOM - DAY - ANOTHER ANGLE

75.

Nicky pushes through the people around the fountain.

Make way, please. Make way.
(then)
Here's your raincoat, Miss
Piggy, so you won't catch cold.

Nicky drapes the raincost over Miss Piggy's shoulders and helps her up.

MISS PIGGY

Thank you.

NICKY
You gave us quite a scare. We can't afford to lose any more - models today.

MISS PIGGY I'm sorry. I must've tripped. Let's not even worry about the whiplash.

Miss Piggy waves to the audience to show them she's not hurt and inadvertently puts her hand in her raincoat pocket. Feeling something inside, she extracts the necklace setting and wonders what it is.

MISS PIGGY I don't think this belongs to me.

NICKY (to Lady Holiday) Auntie... do you recognize that?

Lady Holiday, recognizes it immediately.

LADY HOLIDAY That's my necklace!! Miss Piggy stole my necklace.

SECURITY GUARDS are on Miss Piggy as quick as a wink. WHISTLES are BLOWN, POLICE appear and Miss Piggy is clapped in handcuffs.

NICKY
Miss Piggy...how could you?

Wait a minute! I don't have anything to do with this.
(then, pointing to Nicky)
Kermit was right, it was you all the time. You're a phoney.

The POLICE begin to drag Miss Piggy away.

MISS PIGGY
(continued)
(to Nicky)
Y'wanna know something else...
you can't even sing. Your voice
was dubbed.

(as she passes him)
Don't worry, Miss Piggy...
we'll get you out of this.

MISS PIGGY

Yeah? When?

KERMIT

Soon.

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75.

75.

MISS PIGGY (as she exits) Find out if they'll let me keep the costumes.

And she is gone. The audience buzzes. REPORTERS crowd around Lady Holiday.

LADY HOLIDAY
It just goes to show you, you can't
trust anyone.

REPORTER
Will you be hiring anymore pigs,
Lady Holiday?

Well, I'll certainly think twice about it.

ANOTHER REPORTER What about the rest of your jewels?

Well, I'd be an idiot to keep them lying around the house, wouldn't I?

REPORTER
What about your most famous piece
of jewelry? The fabulous "Baseball
Diamond"?

The Baseball Diamond goes on permanent display Monday at the Mallory Gallery I shall never keep it in my possession again.

CUT TO:

76. INT. BACKSTAGE - SAME TIME

76.

Nicky, Carla, Marla and Darla have been listening from backstage, as they pack out through the curtain.

That's right. It'll be in our possession. We'll go to the gallery on Tuesday at midnight. The Baseball Diamond will be ours.

76.

The CAMERA PANS down to REVEAL Gonzo under a table. He's obviously been listening intently to every word Nicky has said.

CUT TO:

77. CLOSE SHOT - GONZO
INT. HAPPINESS HOTEL - NIGHT

77.

GONZO
So there I was, backstage,
under the table, doing a photographic essay on kneecaps, and I
heard them planning to steal the
diamond.

VOICES OF THE MUPPETS (excited)
Yeah? Yeah? Then what? Tell
us more! What happened next?

PULL BACK to REVEAL Gonzo, sitting on the Murphy bed in his room at the Happiness Hotel, with all the other Muppet residents, including Kermit and Fozzie.

GONZO
I already told you. Tuesday
Midnight. The Mallory Gallery.
That's all I know.

VARIOUS MUPPETS
Those louses! They're actually
going to steal that diamond.
What a bunch of jerks! We
ought to call the police.
How can they get away with it?
Meep, meep, meep!

KERMIT (trying for order)
Hold it for a second. Quiet,
everybody. Hold it.

(still jebbering)

Rob-bers! Rob-bers! That nephew
is a creep! Let's get 'em.
We'll tear 'em apart. Meep,
meep, meep! I knew Miss
Piggy was innocent! Let's spring
her out of jail. Pjord Borken
bake a bomb cake!

XERMIT

(yelling)

Quililililiet!

day...

All fall silent, save one voice.

JANICE
(to Floyd)
...so I said, Hey, Mcm, like
it's my life, okay. I mean,
rilly, if I wanna live at the
beach and walk around naked all

She stops, seeing that everyone else is staring at her. Finally, Kermit speaks.

All right. Now if we're going to get Miss Piggy out of jail, we're going to have to catch those thieves red-handed.

What color are their hands now?

There is laughter. Kermit stifles it.

KERMIT
I'm going to pretend I didn't
hear that.

FOZZIE Yeah, show a little respect to our leader.

We're about to embark on a potentially dangerous mission. There could be physical violence, there could be gunplay. There's a slight chance that some of us could even be killed. So, if anybody wants out, now is the time to say it.

FLOYD

I'm out.

ROWLF

Me, too.

HONEYDEW

Ditto.

BEAKER

Neep meep!

POPS Midnight Tuesday? Sorry. I've got a dental appointment.

JANICE Yeah, like if my agent weren't gonna be in town...

Almost all the others numble an excuse.

OTHERS
I've gotta get a haircut.
My knee's been acting up.
Don't we have a gig somewhere?
Purney Gurney Volvo fixed.

Hay, wait a minute. Hold it:
 (silence)

I thought we were in this thing together. I'm as scared as any of you. Maybe more. But it's something that has to be done, because there's more at stake here than just our personal safety. I'm talking about freedom and justice and honesty.

There is silence as the Muppets digest this.

SCOOTER Boy, do I feel ashamed.

POPS Me, too. I feel like two cents.

ROWLF

I'm back in.

HONEYDEN You can count on ma.

FLOYD

Yeah, I was only kidding. It'll be fun risking our lives.

DR. TEETH All for one and one for all.

Sam At times like this, I'm proud to be an American.

KERMIT Thanks. I knew I could count on each and every one of you. Now, there's no time to wait. The first thing we have to do is make our plans.

Just then, the bed, containing all the Muppets, flies up into the wall with a bang. Again, fingers, claws, feet, feathers and hair protrude from the edges.

KERMIT (O.S.) (muffled)

Or, we could get some sleep.

The light bulb again crashes to the floor.

CUT TO:

JAIL CELL - THE NEXT DAY 78.

78.

Miss Piggy, dressed in prison garb, sits alone in her dingy cell, playing a mournful tune on a harmonica. After a few bars, a tough-looking female prisoner (QUEEN ELIZABETH) in the adjacent cell, rattles a tin cup against the bars.

> FEMALE PRISONER Hey, Pig...cut the racket!

Miss Piggy stops playing.

MISS PIGGY Oh, sorry. Would you like to hear something more up-tempo?

PENALE PRISONER I don't want to hear nothin'!

MISS PIGGY

Better yet.

Miss Piggy puts away the harmonica.

78. CONTINUED:

FEMALE PRISONER Pirst time in the slammer?

MISS PIGGY Yes...but I was framed.

FEMALE PRISONER (laughed)
We were <u>all</u> framed.

MISS PIGGY But it's true. I used to be a famous model.

FEMALE PRISONER Yeah...and I was the Queen of England.

MISS PIGGY (believing it) Boy...nobody's safe.

FEMALE PRISONER
Listen, sister...it don't matter
what you were out there...here
you're just a number. No name,
no face. The days seem like
years. There's nothing to look
forward to. No one to trust.
Nobody cares.

MISS PIGGY

How's the food?

FEMALE PRISONER (cheerily)
Surprisingly well prepared. (beat)
But that doesn't make up for the loneliness.

MISS PIGGY Well, maybe the days will go faster if I just don't think about it. Or maybe I'll just escape.

FEMALE PRISONER

In a pig's eye. (then)
Nothing personal.

78.

Miss Figgy goes to a calendar on the wall and crosses out the first day, then she lies down in her bunk and stares at the ceiling, her thoughts drifting to breaking out of jail to see her beloved Kermit. As she closes her eyes, MUSIC BEGINS to play.

SONG:

"STOP"

MISS PIGGY

Hours
Hours on end in this cell
In this prison of pain
stop
I will not complain
Days
Without reason or hope
No one coming to save
stop
I've got to be brave

Years
Beauty fading away
How could things go so wrong
stop
I'm going to be strong
And

79. INT. PRISON STEPS

79

MISS PIGGY (continued)

Free With my frog at my side That is how it must be For my Kermy and me

DISSOLVE TO:

80. INT. PRISON CAFETERIA

80.

The SONG CONTINUES as Miss Piggy moves down the cafeteria line holding a tin tray, onto which a cook slops a pile of gray glop.

MISS PIGCY

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She steals a spoon.

81. INT. PRISON CELL	81.	INT.	PRISON	CELI
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Miss Piggy X's out the last day of the month on the calendar.

82. INT. PRISON MACHINE SHOP

82.

Miss Piggy, under the watchful eye of a guard, stamps out license plates. When the guard turns away, Miss Piggy sharpens the stolen spoon on a grinding wheel.

She cuts herself.

MISS PIGGY

Ouchh!

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83. INT. PRISON CELL

83.

As the SONG CONTINUES, Miss Piggy, looking tired and with a small stubble of a beard and wrinkled, faded prison clothes, X's out an entire month on the calendar. She then waits until a guard passes her cell, before she begins digging at the plaster around a wall grate with her sharpened spoon.

MISS PIGGY

Trapped Without him by my side With this ache in my heart Stop I will not fall apart

84. EXT. EXERCISE YARD

84.

Miss Piggy, her clothes dirty and grimy, walks to one corner of the yard, pulls a hidden string in her jacket, and an inordinate amount of dirt and rubble falls out of her pantleg.

MISS PIGGY

Chained
Like a beautiful bird
In this horrible hole
Stop
I will not lose control

85. INT. PRISON CELL

85.

As the "Freedom" SONG CONTINUES, Miss Piggy, older

85.

now with torn and shredded clothes and a gray beard, X's out a day on the calendar marked "Escape Day".

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MISS PIGGY

Lost
Locked up here with these scum
Knowing how far I've come
Stop
Could this plot be that dumb

The guard, also older now, passes the cell, and Miss Piggy goes to her cot, pulls down the covers and reveals a Miss-Piggy-sized dummy with a Miss Piggy body and a Raquel Welch head. Miss Piggy then removes the grating and crawls into the hole.

Suspense MUSIC as Miss Piggy crawls through tunnel to outside.

86. EXT. PRISON - NIGHT

86.

Guards man the towers. Searchlights turn.

CUT TO:

87. EXT. PRISON YARD - NIGHT

87.

A searchlight sweeps past a grate in the yard. It moves, then is shoved aside by someone or something underneath.

Miss Piggy emerges and makes her way to the wall.

At the wall, Miss Piggy is about to climb over, when the searchlight hits her. Unable to resist the glare of the spotlight, she turns and belts out the final words of the song.

MISS PIGGY

Pree With my frog by my side I will fight for my life 'Til the day I am free

The guards applaud. The YARD GUARD grabs Miss Piggy by the arm.

YARD GUARD Come along, Miss Piggy.

DISSOLVE TO:

88. PRISON CELL - NIGHT

Miss Piggy is shaken awake by the same yard guard in the dream.

YARD GUARD Come along, Miss Piggy. Wake wp.

MISS PIGGY

Huh? What?

YARD GUARD

Come along. Your lawyer is here to see you.

see you. MISS PIGGY What lawyer? I don't have a lawyer.

YARD GUARD

Sure, you do. Little green guy.

MISS PIGGY It's Kermy. No wonder he hasn't come by to see ma. He had to finish law school.

CUT TO:

VISITING ROOM - NIGHT 89. INT.

Kermit sits in a chair on one side of a mesh screen, dressed in a bowler hat and wearing a pencil thin. moustache. Miss Piggy, escorted by the yard guard, sits on the other side of the barrier.

> YARD GUARD Two minutes, Piggy. That's it.

The guard steps back.

MISS PIGGY Oh, Kermy. I've missed you.

KERMIT

(lawyer-like) The name is Rosenthal. Please. (sotto)

I'm your attorney. That's the only way they'd let me in.

MISS PIGGY

(getting it)
Right. I've missed you, Rosenthal.

It's been an eternity.

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KERMIT It's been forty-five minutes.

MISS PIGGY Time goes slow in the cooler.

KERNIT How they treating you? Everything okay?

MISS PIGGY It's not too bad. Queen Elizabeth's in the next cell. She's nice.

KERMIT
I just want you to know we're
gonna get you out of here.
We're gonna catch those thieves
red-handed.

MISS PIGGY What color are their hands now?

KERMIT

(upset)
I don't think now is the time for that type of humor.

MISS PIGGY When you're in stir, you take the laughs when you can get 'em, Rosenthal.

KERMIT
Yeah, all right. Anyway, just
stay put. We've got a plan and
We're gonna prove you're innocent.
Tomorrow night, precisely at
midnight, the thieves are gonna
try to steal Lady Holiday's Baseball
Diamond from the Mallory Gallery,
and we're gonna stop 'em.

MISS PIGGY

Who's, we?

KERMIT Me, Pozzie, Gonzo and all our friends from the Happiness Hotel.

MISS PIGGY Those pea-brains? I'll be stuck in the Big House for life.

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KERMIT
"Big House"...that's prison talk?

MISS PIGGY Yeah..."Big House", slammer, buils, squealer, roscoe...you know, that's the lingo we use here in the joint.

KERMIT
Yeah, well, you may talk tough,
Miss Piggy, but underneath I
know you're still the same beautiful,
sensitive, vulnerable woman I was
with the other night... the one
who scarfed down all that caviar.

MISS PIGGY (melting)
You have such a way with words.
I love you, Rosenthal.

They kiss through the screen. After the kiss, Miss Piggy is wearing Kermit's moustache.

KERMIT You're wearing my moustache.

MISS PIGGY Yeah? Well, you have mesh marks on your face.

CUT TO:

90. INT. OFFICE DOOR - NIGHT

The name on the door says "Nicky - irresponsible parasite".

CUT TO:

91. INT. OFFICE - NIGHT

In Nicky's plush office suite, the only illumination is a desk lamp which shines on a set of blueprints to the Mallory Gallery. Four figures clad in black turtleneck sweaters and black ski-pants are huddled around the light source, going over a checklist: It is a well-oiled, synchronized operation.

91.

Glass cutter.

MARLA

NICKY

Check.

NICKY

Nylon rope.

CARLA

Check.

Stop watch.

MICKY

Check.

DARLA

NICKY Computer deprogrammer.

Check.

MARLA

NICKY

Electronic desensitizer.

DARLA

Check.

NICKY

Pocket laser.

CARLA

Check.

NICKY

Infra-red reflex...

During this sophisticated inventory, we:

DISSOLVE TO:

'92. INT. HAPPINESS HOTEL ROOM - NIGHT

92.

The only light source is the overhead light bulb, as many Muppets are clustered around a crude matchstick replica of a museum.

KERMIT ... whoopie cushion.

I think it's in the car.

KERMIT

Rubber raft.

GONZO

Has holes in it.

KERMIT

Bag of chickens.

Bawk.

CAMILLA

Fake vomit.

KERMIT

POPS It's on order.

KERMIT

Frisbee.

SCOOTER

Lost.

KERMIT

Toothpicks.

LEW ZEALAND

Can't find 'em

KERMIT

Battery.

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KERMIT

Hot mustard ...

DISSOLVE TO:

93.

NICKY

... pneumatic drill.

CARLA

Check.

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FEMALE PRISONER
(continued)
ceremony, yelling, "Liz, the
thermostat's on the fritz againi"
Well, I liked to drop my scepter...

MISS PIGGY (cutting her off)
Please!! I'm trying to think!

FEMALE PRISONER Well, haven't we been cranky lately?

MISS PIGGY
I've just gotta get out of here
...now!

FEMALE PRISONER You? What about me? I've got troops to review, balls to attend, official things to officiate over...

DISSOLVE TO:

96. INT. OFFICE - NIGHT

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NICKY Computer print out.

MARLA

Check.

NICKY

Shoulder harness.

CARLA

Check.

NICKY

That's it! We're all set.

They all look at each other and put their hands together.

NICKY

Go for it!

In a flash, they are gone.

DISSOLVE TO:

97. INT. HOTEL ROOM - NIGHT

97.

KERMIT

Peanut butter.

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ANIMAL

I ate iti!

KERMIT

Okay, forget it. I guess we're all set.

They put their hands together.

KERMIT

Go for it!

Muppets fall down, bump into each other, things clatter and clang, general confusion and yelling.

DISSOLVE TO:

98. INT. JAIL CELL - NIGHT

98.

99.

Miss Piggy continues to pace.

FEMALE PRISONER
...not just the heating, but the
electricity. You know how much
it costs to light all those rooms?
Try a 200% increase over last year.
I mean, c'mon. Gimme a break.

MISS PIGGY

Give me a break.

Miss Piggy leaps toward the bars and spreads them apart with her bare hoofs and she is gone.

FEMALE PRISONER

(admiringly)

Go for it!

CUT TO:

99: EXT. LONDON STREET - NIGHT

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A sleek, silent Jaguar automobile purrs down the back streets of the city, carrying the "Holiday Gang". They approach the Mallory Gallery, a small Victorian building, three or four stories high, surrounded by iron gates and patrolled by security guards and Doberman Pincers. On the front gate a sign reads: "Mallory Gallery. Don't try it, you'll be torn to shreds!" The Jaguar cruises by and parks a few blocks away.

100. EXT. LONDON STREET - NIGHT

100

The Happiness Hotel courtesy car clang and clanks and rattles along, laden with all the Muppets and their paraphernalia.

The D r. Teeth Band rides atop the vehicle, playing a reprise of "Night Life" as Kermit tries to quiet them down.

CUT TO:

101. EXT. PRISON - NIGHT

101

A prison laundry truck, which reads "Big House Laundry", and underneath, "Serving the prison community since the Spanish Inquisition", rolls out of the prison gates with a spread-eagled pig clinging to the back for dear life.

CUT TO:

102. EXT. ROOF TOPS - NIGHT

102

The Holiday Gang steals silently across the roof tops, silhoustted against the slate-colored sky, stopping when they reach the roof edge next to the gallery.

CUT TO:

103. EXT. MALLORY GALLERY - NIGHT

103

Across the street from the gallery, from around the corner of a building, the Muppets appear, carrying their gear, each one wearing the same unnecessary disguise -- a glasses/nose/moustache combination. All the Muppets, from Pops to Rizzo, sport this "Groucho" mask as they sneak around the corner toward the gallery.

CUT TO:

104. EXT. ROAD - NIGHT

104

A diesel rig roars down the road, driven-by a huge, unshaven, burly trucker.

105. INT. TRUCK - NIGHT

105.

From inside the cab, the DRIVER watches the road, which is illuminated by the headlights.

Suddenly, he sees a female pig in prison clothing, standing in the middle of the road in the glare of his headlights. The driver hits the air brakes and the rig comes to a screeching halt.

CUT TO:

106. EXT. TRUCK CAB - NIGHT

106

Miss Piggy stands looking up at the driver.

MISS PIGGY Excuse moi, but I was wondering what time it was.

DRIVER It's about eleven-thirty.

MISS PIGGY Do you happen to know where Lady Holiday's Baseball Diamond is being kept?

DRIVER
Yes, I do. It's at the Mallory
Gallery, a virtually impregnable
fortress, miles away from here.

MISS PIGGY I only have a half hour to get there.

DRIVER
On foot? You'll never make it.

MISS PIGGY I know. How about a ride?

The driver points to a sign on the side of the door which reads, "No Passengers. This means you!"

DRIVER Can't you see the sign? "No Passengers".

MISS PIGGY (sweetly)
Couldn't you make an exception for little ol' moi?

106.

DRIVER No passungers. No exceptions.

MISS PIGGY

Please?

DRIVER

No!

MISS PIGGY (to camera)
I've tried to be nice.

She then turns to the driver and lets out a karate yell.

MISS PIGGY

(continued)

Ya-hazaiieee!

She pulls open the door of the truck, grabs the terrified driver by his tattooed arm and literally flips him head over heels out of the cab into a bunch of garbage cans.

OSCAR sticks his head out of one of the cans.

OSCAR

What's all the racket?

DRIVER

What are you doing here?

OSCAR

A very brief cameo.

107. EXT. LONG SHOT - MALLOR GALLERY - NIGHT

107

In silhouette, four figures clad only in black, save one pair of rad-and-white-striped socks, lower themselves from an adjacent roof top to the ledge of a third floor gallery window by riding on pulleys along a nylon rope strung between the buildings.

CUT TO:

108. EXT. GALLERY GATES - NIGHT

108

The Muppets, still disquised as a horde of "Grouchos", stare through the iron gates of the forbidding structure they have to invade. A Security Guard

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and his dogs disappear around a corner of the building.

KERMIT Okay, Rowlf, give me the blow torch.

ROWLF Blow torch? Nobody said anything about a blow torch. I brought paper towels.

KERMIT
(in frustration)
How are we supposed to cut
through the bars if nobody
brought stuff to cut with?

FLOYD
I brought hot mustard. Maybe that'll eat through the bars.

RERMIT (thinking fast)

<u>Eat</u> through the bars. Animal!.

<u>Come hers.</u>

Animal appears at Kermit's side, wearing his "Groucho" mask.

KERMIT (continued) Take off your mask and see if you can chew through this fence.

Animal eagerly flips off the mask and prepares to chew the bars.

ANIMAL

Mmm! Iron!

He takes a big bite of fence, then finds out, almost instantly, that it's electrified, as evidenced by the sizzle of high voltage crackling through his body which causes his eyes to open even widar and his hair to straighten out like porcupine quills.

ANIMAL (continued)

Aaaaarrgh!!

KERMIT Animal! Keep quiet.

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ANIMAL (same intesity, but quieter)

Aaaaarrrgh!

But it's too late. The dogs are barking and the guards are on their way.

FOZZIE Cheese it! The cops!

The Muppets flee from the scene in mass confusion.

CUT TO:

109. EXT. HIGHWAY - NIGHT

109

A diesel rig roars down the road, Miss Piggy at the wheel, a determined look on her face as she races against time. She reaches down and picks up a CB mike.

MISS PIGGY
(into mike; talking in
a drawl)
Breaker one, this is Hamhock...
Do you read me, come on?

VOICE ON CB (O.S.)
I read you loud and clear,
Hamhock, this is Dirty Bird,
What's your twenty, over?

MISS PIGGY Well, good buddy, I'm westbound outta Highgate. Any smokies between me and Blimeytown?

VOICE ON CB (O.S.) That's a negatory, Hamhock. You're free and clear.

MISS PIGGY
That's a ten-four, Dirty Bird.
Much obliged. We got the
hammer down and we gone.

As the engine roars;

110. EXT. A HIGH WINDOW - NIGHT

110.

The Holiday Gang smoothly and wordlessly cuts a large circular hole through a third-storey window with a glass cutter.

They carefully slip the pane of glass aside and climb through the opening, while down below, on the other side of the building, DOGS can be heard SNARLING.

CUT TO:

111. EXT. GALLERY GATES - NIGHT

111.

A GUARD holding vicious dogs on a chain peers suspiciously through the bars at two identically dressed pizza delivery men.

GUARD
I never order pepperoni.

XERWIT
It's right here on the slip...
medium pepperoni, double cheese.

We don't make 'em, we just deliver 'em.

KERMIT Somebody here called "Pizza Twins". That's us.

The guard reluctantly opens the gate and ties the dogs to a post. Muppets sneak through the gate while Kermit and Fozzie keep the guard occupied.

GUARD What's the name on the slip?

. KERMIT Uh...what's your name?

GUARD

Henderson.

KERMIT That's the name on the slip.

GUARD

(scratching his head)
But I hate pepperoni.

111

POZZIE

I'll have it.

CUT TO:

112. EXT. HIGHWAY - NIGHT

112

The truck speeds down the road past a sign which says, "Mallory Gallery - Still Very Far".

CUT TO:

113. INT. TRUCK - NIGHT

113

The ENGINE SPUTTERS. Miss Piggy looks at the gas gauge which reads, "Empty".

MISS PIGGY What am I? A glutton for punishment?

CUT TO:

114. INT. UPPER FLOOR OF GALLERY - NIGHT

114

On cat feet, the Holiday Gang makes its way down a long corridor toward a stairwell.

CUT TO:

115. EXT. FRONT OF GALLERY - NIGHT

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115

Kermit, Fozzie, Gonzo and other Muppets, carrying all kinds of things they don't need, stand in front of the huge oak doors that lead into the treasure room of the gallery.

GONZO

What do we do now?

FOZZIE

Why don't we ring the bell?

KERMIT

(looking around) - There's gotta be another way in.

SCOOTER

Better find it fast. Those dogs are almost finished with that pizza.

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KERMIT
(a brainstorm)
I know! Through the roof.

They look up. The roof is very high.

FLOYD Like, man...no way we're gonna get up there.

The attack dogs come racing around the corner of the building, their voracious appetites not sated by pizza, craving Muppet filet.

KERMIT

Whoa, Kellis!!!

OTHER MUPPETS .

(in fear)

Helllllp!!

The Muppets are virtually propelled by terror up the side of the building and onto the roof. Desperate men do desperate things. The group looks down at the snarling dogs. Fozzie is more terrified than most.

FOZZIE
So far, I'm not having any fun.

Gonzo leans perilously far over the edge and snaps a picture of dog-fangs and saliva.

CUT TO:

116. EXT. HIGHWAY - NIGHT

116

Miss Piggy sits by the side of the road, her rig useless in the background.

MISS PIGGY (despairingly)
There's nothing more I can do.
It's 11:55. I'll never make it.

A truck careens down the road, the back door opens and a motorcycle falls out. It rolls harmlessly to a stop right next to Miss Piggy. On the seat is a helmet and a stylish cycling outfit. She looks at the CAMERA, shrugs as if to say, "I didn't write this stuff".

117. INT. GALLERY - NIGHT

117

The Holiday Gang stealthily creeps down another corridor toward a door which obviously is an entrance to the treasure room. Nicky gives a "thumbs-up" signal, as they peer through a peephole in the door.

CUT TO:

118. EXT. MALLORY GALLERY ROOF - NIGHT

118

The Muppets are crowded around a skylight in the roof, looking down into the treasure room. Fozzie gives the Kermit "thumbs up" signal. What they see is the largest diamond in the known-world. Encased in glass, in the palm of a velvet catcher's mitt, is the fabulous Baseball Diamond, so named because its facets look like stitches and because the stone itself is the size of a Spaulding. The Muppets are mostly impressed.

KERMIT

Pabulous.

GONZO

Holy Toledo!

FOZZIE

I've never seen anything like that.

JANICE Rilly. It's like totally super.

ZOOT

Outesight!

BO Which one is it?

CUT TO:

119. EXT. HIGHWAY - NIGHT

119

Miss Piggy, hair flying in the wind, tools along on the chopper, the engine roaring through the night. All of a sudden, POLICE SIRENS wail in the background.

> MISS PIGGY (to camera) Well...you wanted excitement.

120. INT. GALLERY - NIGHT

The Holiday Gang stands outside the door to the treasure room, a sophisticated piece of electronic equipment aimed at the latches. Nicky Holiday pushes an "on" switch, light rays are emitted, and the door easily swings open, revealing the interior of the treasure room with the glass encased Baseball Diamond sparkling in the middle.

CUT TO:

121. EXT. ROOF - NIGHT

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120

The Muppets have managed to lift the skylight, and are staring through the hole in the roof at the Baseball Diamond, many feet below.

FOZZIE Now what do we do?

KERMIT
We wait until they try to steal
the diamond, then Gonzo takes
their picture.

POZZIE

Brilliant!

ROWLF

Perfect!

JANICE

Fer sure.

POP5

We've got 'em now'!

SCOOTER

Go to it, Gonzo.

GONZO

Uh...anyone know where there's an all-night camera store? I'm out of film.

Silence, then, they yell at Gonzo.

ANIMAL

Dum-my!

RIZZO

You idiot!

SWEDISH CHEF

Nourn hurdle nincompoop.

BEAKER

Heep, meep, meep!

SAM

What a bird-brain!

RAWLF

That's it!

FLOYD

The gig is over!

DR. TEETH -Yeah, let's pack it in.

ZOOT

We're tapped.

KERMIT

(calling order)
Quiet! Settle down. We're
not giving up yet. We've
come too far.to turn back
now. We're just going to
have to go down there and
capture those thiswes redhanded.

What color are their hands now?

KERMIT

(disqusted, to camera) If frogs could only scream.

CUT TO:

122. EXT.' LONDON STREET - NIGHT

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The sound of a MOTORCYCLE ENGINE pierces the air as Miss Piggy races by. The police seem to be closing in on her, so after a glance back at them, she simply pops a wheelie, pours on the gas, and races away.

123. INT. TREASURE ROOM, - NIGHT 123

The Holiday Gang approaches the diamond case, cautiously, holding yet another electronic device, this time some sort of alarm desensitizer.

CUT TO:

ROOF - NIGHT 124. EXT.

124

The Muppets watch the Holiday Gang's every move.

How are we gonna get down there?

HONEYDEW

FOZZIE

I suggest we jump.

ROWLF It's over a hundred feet!

HONEYDEW

I didn't say it was a good suggestion.

BO

Maybe we could jump part way.

KERMIT

We're just gonna have to improvise. We'll make a ladder out of whatever will hold us.

Good idea. Here's the paper towels.

CUT TO:

125. EXT. STREET - NIGHT 125

Miss Piggy's motorcycle flies past a sign which reads, "Mallory Gallery, at least two more miles".

CUT TO:

126. INT. TREASURE ROOM - NIGHT 12€

Nicky's desensitizer kills the circuit breaker, and the dim glow which surrounded the diamond case goes out. Darla gives the "thumbs up" sign, then stande

by the room's only window to the outside. Marla and Carla step to the case and raise the lid. The Baseball Diamond glitters so brightly it illuminates the faces of the models, and they are transfixed, until Nicky maps his fingers and indicates for Darla to take it from the case and toss it to him.

Slowly, cautiously, she resches for the diamond, taking it out of the velvet mitt, turning it in her hand.

Suddenly, from high above, a cry rings out.

GONZO (O.S.)

Geronnonnonimo!!

The Holiday Gang looks up, surprise, shock and amazement on their faces. Little wonder, for hurtling towards them are a pack of yelling Huppets, hanging onto each other swinging precariously above them.

As the "Muppet chain" swings closer, the three models scream!

MARLA, CARLA, DARLA Alee! Occooch! Run! Alee!!

NICKY

Quick. Throw me the diamond!

Darla tosses the diamond to Carla. Kermit, at the bottom of the chain, just misses it as he swings past. Carla tosses it to Marla who finally tosses it to Nicky. The diamond flies through the air into Nicky's waiting hand.

The three models scatter and try to run for the exit, but it's too late. The Muppets have either crashed or leaped to the floor and Animal, sensing Wo-man under those ski clothes, blocks the escape route.

ANIMAL

Wo-man! Wo-man!

Carla, Marla and Darla freeze in their tracks, not wishing to tangle with this creature.

Discretion being the better part of valor, they surrender. Nicky, however, doesn't plan on giving up that easily.

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NICKY You'li never take me alive, Pozzie.

KERMIT First of all, I'm Kermit.

NICKY

(shakes his head)

Remarkable.

KERMIT
Second of all, someday you're
going to realize that what
you're doing is dishonest.

NICKY
(thinks about this, then)
Okay, then. I give up.

KERMIT (astonished)

Really?

Of course not, you twit.

Micky pulls out a Derringer, grabs Kermit around the neck and holds him hostage.

NICKY (continued)
Alright, you Muppets....
back off!

Kermit makes choking noises.

NICKY

(to Kermit)
I can't understand what you're saying.

Kermit gags a few more times.

NICKY (loosening the grip on Kermit's throat)

Sorry.

I just don't understand why you're doing this. What can you possibly hope to gain?

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NICKY
Nothing. I'm a villain....
Pure and simple. The rotten
apple. The bad penny. But I have
nice teeth and I keep my room
neat.

FOZZIE
Ch...Mr. Holiday, sir, why don't
you let Kermit go? If you
hold him too long he'll give you
warts.

Sorry. He's coming with me.
(to Kermit)
Say goodbye to your buddles.
You won't be seein' 'em eny more.
(to models)
C'mon, girls... let's get out of here.

127. INT. TREASURE ROOM - ANOTHER ANGLE - NIGHT

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He turns toward the window, clutching the diamond and Kermit. A ROARING SOUND is heard and Nicky stands measurized, as through the glass, in glorious SLOW MOTION, comes a pig on a motorcycle to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat, glass shattering in all directions. She leaps from the bike and karate chops Carla, Marla and Darla into submission. Kermit grabs the Baseball Diamond from the confused Nicky and clubs him in the head with it. Nicky falls, unconscious. The Muppets cheer.

CUT TO:

128. INT. MALLORY GALLERY TREASURE ROOM - A FEW MOMENTS LATER

Police and guards pick through the debris, hendcuff the models and escort them to waiting police cars outside the building, while Huppets mingle around the periphery. Nicky is held by two officer.

RERMIT
(to Miss Piggy)
You were magnificant, Miss Piggy.

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MISS PIGGY (exhausted, but happy)
I did it all for you, Kermy.

KERMIT

Thanks.

MISS PIGGY

Por nada.

Police escort Nicky past Kermit, Piggy and Pozzie. Nicky stops and looks longingly at Miss Piggy. He is handcuffed.

NICKY
(sincerely)
I really did care for you, you know.

MISS PIGGY

I know.

NICKY We could've had the world on a silver platter.

That silver's turned to iron bars, sucker.

NICKY Don't hate me, Miss Piggy.

MISS PIGGY
I don't hate you, Nicky. It's
just that somewhere along the
line I found out the difference
between wrong and right. You're
wrong...

(indicates Kermit)

...he's right.

Nicky nods, Kermit blushes.

NICKY Be good to her, Fozzie.

RERMIT (softly)

Kermit.

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POZZIE

I'm Pozzie.

NICKY

Amazing.

Lady Holiday ENTERS, dressed in a stylish jogging outfit and sneakers.

KERMIT Lady Holiday: Just the person we wanted to see.

LADY HOLIDAY
I was just jogging past and I noticed
a light. What's going on here?

GONZO The big climactic scene.

LADY HOLIDAY Why wasn't I notified?

GONZO
We called, but you were out jogging.

POZZIE
We just foiled a jewel heist.

MISS PIGGY And your nephew was the thief ...not me.

Hicky?! How could you?

NICKY
It was easy. I'm no good.

LADY HOLIDAY
But you keep your room so clean.

Micky SHRUGS and is led away. The Baseball Diamond is safely under lock and key. The Muppets congratulate themselves on a job well done.

What can I say? I'm very grateful to all of you.

Well, gang, we did it. When the Daily Chronicle hears about this they're gonna roll out the red carpet.

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LADY HOLIDAY What color is the carpet now?

On Kermit's look of anguish,

DISSOLVE TO:

129. INT. FIRST-CLASS SECTION & HOLD OF AIRCRAFT - DAY CLOSE SHOT - NEWSPAPER HEADLINE - DAY

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The headline in the Daily Chronicle reads "Twins and Pig Foil Heist" and a sub-headline "Thieves caught red-handed".

The picture below the headline shows Kermit, Fozzie and Piggy being congratulated by Lady Holiday. Miss Piggy is the only one looking directly into the camera.

PULL BACK to REVEAL Statler and Waldorf reading the paper in the first class section of an airplane.

STATLER
Can you believe it, Waldorf?
They're heroes! Now they're
gonna be obnoxious.

WALDORF So what else is new?

The CAMERA PANS DOWN from Statler and Waldorf as they continue talking, from the first class section to the cargo hold below.

WALDORF (O.S.)
(continued)
I say all's well that ends well.

STATLER (0.5.)
Doesn't matter to me. As long as it ends.

Now, in the cargo hold, the Muppets can barely be seen in the dim light. But they can be heard, talking, complaining about the conditions. Other sounds include the drone of the AIRPIANE ENGINES and the CLUCK of CHICKENS.

POPS
Hand me your penlight, Honeydew
I'd like to read the menu.

SCOOTER Mind if I use your tail for a pillow?

SAM How come we never received any safety instructions?

Bath-room! Bath-room!

If this is the red carpet treatment, I'm a monkey's uncle.

A monkey screeches.

HONEYDEW (continued)
Same to you, fella!

FOZZIE This is worse than the trip over.

That's because there's forty of us.

MISS PIGGY At least they could've given us separate cages.

KERMIT
They did give us separate cages.

MISS PIGGY You mean there's no crocodile Muppet?

Not that I know of.

MISS PIGGY (realizing)

Oh, boy!

JANICE
Okay now, just stay calm and
like don't move for like the next
six hours.

A door opens and the STEWARD enters.

STEWARD All out for the U.S.A.!

RERMIT Oh, great. How close are well

STEWARD
Oh....about thirty thousand feet.

KERMIT

You mean ...?

STEWARD

Yep. Happy landing.

He opens the door to the outside and begins tossing Muppets into the air.

CUT TO:

130. EXT. BLUE SKY - DAY

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MUSIC UP as colorful Muppets on parachutes begin floating to earth.

SONG:

"HEY, A MOVIE" (REPRISE)

(lyrics to come)

Sundry Muppets bob in and out of the picture as the MUSIC CONTINUES AND THE CREDITS BEGIN. Janice relaxes on the chaise lounge attached to the parachute. The other members of the Dr. Teeth Band play their instruments. Dr. Teeth's piano is cerried by a separate parachute. Bo drifts upward. Gonzo plummets downward. The rats gnaw their parachute strings etc. etc.

As the music and singing continue, Miss Piggy and Kermit drift into the frame sharing a single parachute.

MISS PIGGY
Y'know... when we land I think you and I should go out and celebrate.
We could paint the town red.

What color is it now?
(then, joyously)
I did it, I got it in.
Whocoie!! Didja hear that?
I waited and waited and I
finally got it in! What color
is it now?! Ha-haaa! Yessir.
I did it!

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As Kermit continues to laugh and carry on, FULL BACK to REVEAL the sky full of Muppets, all singing the conclusion of the finale with Kermit's laughter echoing against it. On this LONG SHOT of the entire cast, MUSIC AND CREDITS END.

Fade to black.

THE END