

TIMON & PUMBAA

"ICE ESCAPADES"

Episode #0000

SCRIPT

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CAST LIST

TIMON

- Also in blue ice skating suit

PUMBAA

- Also in blue ice skating suit

STANISKATESKI - A large, emotionless polar bear; an ice skating legend.

- In blue ice skating suit.

- Also in red ice skating suit.

ANNOUNCER [NO DESIGN - LINES ONLY]

SKATER - [no lines]

TIMON & PUMBAA
"Ice Escapades"

FADE IN:

EXT. DESERT - DAY

SUPER TIGHT ON PUPIL - A pair of ICE SKATES spin and skate on BLACK BACKGROUND. No sound except for the amplified, echoey <SKATES ON ICE>.

PULL WAY BACK REVEALING <SKATING> was a reflection in Timon's pupil. He stares PAST CAMERA, mesmerized, moving his shoulders back and forth to the sound of the <OS SKATING>. PUMBAA hops THROUGH SHOT in BG, chasing after a big IRIDESCENT BLUE BUTTERFLY.

ANNOUNCER (VO)
 ...he's closing in for the big
 finish!

OTS TIMON - ON TELEVISION - The screen shows STANISKATESKI, a BIG RUSSIAN POLAR BEAR in an IRIDESCENT BLUE SUIT, <SKATING> across the ice. The BLUE BUG flutters INTO SHOT just as the bear leaps.

ANNOUNCER (VO)
 Here it comes! And it's...

Pumbaa leaps INTO SHOT and <CHOMPS> after the bug. He falls to the ground with a <THUD>, completely blocking the screen. The bug flies OUT OF SHOT.

ANNOUNCER (CONT VO)
 ...a triple lutz, spin-cycle
 FRAPACCINO DELUXE!!!

ON TIMON - He leaps up, screaming; eyes wide with horror.

TIMON
 Aigh! Pumbaa!!!!

ON PUMBAA - still blocking the TV. Timon Frantically trying to PUSH-PULL-DRAG-TILT Pumbaa so he can see the TV.

TIMON
 C'mon! C'mon! C'MON!!!

Timon rolls Pumbaa onto his back and leaps up onto the warthog's stomach to see the TV. His jaw drops.

TIMON POV - ON TV - Staniskateski bows to the OS crowd. ROSES land on the ice around him.

ANNOUNCER (VO)
 Another flawless performance
 by ice master, STANISKATESKI!!

ON TIMON & PUMBAA - Timon sits in a slump on Pumbaa's stomach. Pumbaa scowls.

PUMBAA
 Sorry Timon, I didn't know you
 were such a big ice skating
 fan.

Timon leaps with excitement and grabs Pumbaa by the tusks.

TIMON
 There's no greater sport in
 the world! And this guy
 Staniskateski is the best!

PUMBAA POV - Timon holds up a TUBE in one hand, it unrolls revealing a POSTER of Staniskateski in blue suit.

TIMON
 I've got his official
 championship poster!

His other hand shoves a Skateski ACTION FIGURE INTO CAMERA (squeezing the arms makes the skating legs move).

TIMON (CONT)
 The limited edition
 Staniskateski action figure!

He drops the toy and reaches OFF SCREEN to shove a TRAVEL MUG with Skateski's face on it INTO CAMERA. He <CLICKS> the sip button and STEAM emits from the top, filling the screen - completely obscuring Timon from view.

TIMON (CONT PARTIAL OS)
 StanisDRINKSKI thermo-mug with
 steam seal, but best of all...

PUSH INTO STEAM - The steam clears away REVEALING Timon in dramatic pose, back lit by the sun, wearing an IRIDESCENT BLUE SKATING UNIFORM ala Skateski. The suit sparkles. He pinches the fabric, stretches it out and releases, letting it <SNAP> back into place.

TIMON
 Fashions by Skateski. Modeled
 after the suit he wore when he
 won the Neverghetit Open.

TIMON - Hops to the ground, shifts his weight in the sand like he's skating, spins and falls OUT OF SHOT.

TIMON
I tell ya, it's always been my
dream to be a championship
skater like Staniskateski. I'd
ZIP! ZOOM! SPIN!

DOWN SHOT - Timon lying on his back in the sand, dreamy.

TIMON (CONT)
<sigh> I'd be flying on ice!

ON PUMBAA - Timon sits up INTO SHOT, inspired. He grabs the startled warthog's snout and tips it towards him.

TIMON (CONT)
GASP! Pumbaa! I've got a
great idea! What say you and
me become ICE SKATERS?!

PUMBAA
Gee, I don't know Timon. Ice
skating looks pretty hard.

PUSH IN - Timon waves off Pumbaa's concern, hops onto his snout and tugs on his ears, thus pulling them eye to eye.

TIMON
Nah, it'll be easy! Besides,
Pumbaa, this is my big chance
to finally follow my dream!

WIDER - Timon leaps in the air for awkward spin.

TIMON (CONT)
To fly over the ice like a
gnat over a compost heap!

Pumbaa snatches Timon in mid air and tosses him head over heels, until the meerkat lands, happily riding along on Pumbaa's back. Pumbaa smiles and EXITS SHOT.

PUMBAA
Okay Timon, if it means that
much to you, let's give it a
try!

WIPE TO:

EXT. FROZEN LAKE - DAY

PAN ACROSS - LAKE surrounded by snowy hills, and barren trees. END ON TIMON & PUMBAA sitting on the edge of the lake, putting on their skates.

ON PUMBAA - Pulling the lace tight with his teeth. One final <TUG> and the last of his four skates are ready.

PUMBAA
Do you need any help, Timon?

TRACK OVER FRAMING TIMON - Timon fumbles with his laces.

TIMON
Thanks, Pumbaa, but as an up-
and-coming skating champion, I
think I can handle lacing my
own skates... er...

His hand is tangled in the loose lace and when he pulls his hand away it lifts his foot like a marionette <BOINK>. He tugs once <BOINK>, again <BOINK> a quick bunch of times <BOINK> <BOINK> <BOINK>, but his hand is still caught.

He reaches over the skates with both hands and works the laces in an ANIMATED BLUR of activity. When the BLUR STOPS, REVEAL the skates are on his hands and the laces are hanging down and tied to his toes.

TIMON
Grrr....!

Timon's whole body disappears in a QUICK ANIMATED BLUR. ending with Timon tied tightly from head to toe in a "lace cocoon". His arms are free, but tied together in a big BOW KNOT. Timon tips over onto his side.

WIDEN TO INCLUDE PUMBAA - Pumbaa raises a concerned eyebrow at his pal. Timon smiles sheepishly.

TIMON
<sheepish laugh> (meek) help.

WIPE TO:

CLOSE ON TIMON'S SKATES - Laced. PULL BACK REVEALING Pumbaa just giving the final <TUG> on the bow knot with his teeth.

TIMON
Alright, now that the HARD
part is out of the way, let's
have some FUN!

FOLLOW TIMON - He HOPS out over the ice in a graceful, swan-like pose, but the moment he lands, his legs scramble like mad; <CHAOTIC DRUM SOLO> He runs in place, flailing his arms; his legs flip out in odd directions; For a brief moment he teeters on the tip of a skate, his legs tangled in a Gordian knot, his arms outstretched for balance; Another mad scramble, his legs untangle and slip out from under him, finally landing him flat on his face <SLAM>!!!

CLOSER - Teeth clenched, eyes wide with terror, Timon claws his way OUT OF SHOT, dragging his body behind him.

TIMON
<sputtering gibberish>
Pumbaa's right... too... hard.

WIDE ON PUMBAA - Skating around on the ice like a pro. Timon claws his way THROUGH SHOT.

PUMBAA
Hey, you were right, Timon,
ice skating is EASY and it's
FUN and where are you going,
Timon? Timon...?

TIMON
I'm going back to the desert,
where I belong.

Pumbaa scowls and EXITS FRAME a beat behind Timon.

PUMBAA
But Timon, what about the ZIP-
ZOOM-SPIN? The FLYING ON ICE?
What about your DREAM?!

EDGE OF ICE - Timon drags himself off the ice and stands reverently in the snow. Pumbaa gracefully skates INTO SHOT.

TIMON
I have a new dream Pumbaa;
I'm going to become a monk in
a fiery land that knows no
ice.

PUMBAA
Oh no Timon, you can't give
up already! If I can do it,
so can you! C'mon, I'll help.

QUICK DETAIL - Pumbaa slips his tusk into Timon's hand.

PREVIOUS - Pumbaa skates backwards, pulling the unsuspecting Timon onto the ice. Timon's frightened face FILLS FRAME.

TIMON
What do you mean by-- HELLLP!!

FOLLOW TIMON & PUMBAA - As Pumbaa skates backwards, leading the terrified Timon by his tusk.

PUMBAA
Okay, you're doing fine, now
just let go!

PUMBAA POV - Timon very seriously shakes his head NO.
Pumbaa's tusks in FOREGROUND.

TIMON
Oh no no bad idea bad idea!

TIMON POV - Both arms extending in from BEHIND CAMERA,
clutching onto Pumbaa's tusks. Pumbaa nods encouragingly.

PUMBAA
Come on, Timon, you can do it!

PUMBAA POV - Timon nodding & talking through smiling teeth.

TIMON
No, I can't!

CLOSER TIMON POV - Slowly nods YES.

PUMBAA
Remember the dream.

CLOSER PUMBAA POV - Timon clenching his eyes shut.

TIMON
Dreams are for suckers! I
wanna go home!

CLOSER ON PUMBAA - Pumbaa furrows his brow seriously.

PUMBAA
The dream, Timon---

CLOSER ON TIMON - His eyes still clenched shut. His hands reach up INTO SHOT and cover his ears. Beat.

TIMON
Sorry, I can't hear
youLaLaLaLaLaLaLa!

Suddenly, his eyes <POINK> open in realization!

TIMON
...AIGH!

WIDEN - As Timon drifts AWAY FROM CAMERA. He flails his arms around, but regains his balance.

TIMON
Hey, hey, I'm doin' it!

ANGLE INCL. PUMBAA - Skating just ahead the wobbly Timon.

PUMBAA
Way to go, Timon!

TIMON
I'm doin' it! I can skate!

Pumbaa skids to a quick stop.

PUMBAA
Okay, great, now STOP!

TIMON
What?! Stop?! Nobody
mentioned STOP!

FOLLOW TIMON - As he leaves the stationary Pumbaa behind and INSTANTLY <SLAMS> into a tree at the edge of the ice. Snow trembles on a branch that extends out over the ice. Beat. He falls flat on his back as the snow falls from the branch and buries Timon's head. Pumbaa skates INTO SHOT.

PUMBAA POV - Timon laying on his back, a goofy, oversized snow face with pine cones for eyes and a branch for a mouth.

TIMON
(muffled)
Can I quit now, Pumbaa?

TWO SHOT - Pumbaa helps Timon to his feet and pulls him TOWARDS CAMERA. The snow falls from Timon's head as he shakes his head.

PUMBAA
The dream, Timon.

TIMON
<defeated sigh>

Timon rolls his eyes as the two walk PAST CAMERA.

WIPE TO:

[MUSICAL MONTAGE] EXT. FROZEN LAKE - LATER

[NOTE: FOLLOWING MONTAGE IS EDITED TO AN APROX. :25 SECOND VERSION OF JOHANN STRAUSS JUNIOR'S - THE BLUE DANUBE WALTZ; TIMON MAKES VARIOUS PAINFUL PRATFALLS IN TIME TO THE MUSIC.]

[Da Dum Da Dum Dum] - ON SKATES - PAN UP TIMON - Wobbly legs, teetering on the ice, his arms out for balance.

[Da Da] - HOLD ON NERVOUS FACE - Timon's TAKES with fear and suddenly falls DOWN OUT OF SHOT.

[Dum Dum] - CLOSE ON TIMON'S BUTT - As it impacts with the ice; WIDER - As Timon falls on his back and his feet stick up in the air.

[Da Dum Da Dum Dum] - FULL ON TIMON - His body and one leg are parallel to the ice, balanced on the other foot, his arms extended and he's slowly spinning out of control.

[Da Da] - CLOSE - Timon falling on his butt. JUMP CLOSER - Same image.

[Dum Dum] - CLOSE - Timon's pained face hitting the ice. JUMP CLOSER - Same image.

[Da Dum Da Dum Dum] - TWO SHOT - Pumbaa demonstrates gracefully spinning on one foot in a QUICK ANIMATED BLUR, before deftly stopping in a dramatic pose. He smiles and nods for Timon to try it.

[Da Da] - WIPE TO: Timon spinning in an ANIMATED BLUR.

[Dum Dum] - TWO SHOT - As he suddenly drills down through the ice, splattering Pumbaa with water and ice shavings; and instantly pops up out of the water, pale, stiff as a board, with icicles hanging from his head.

[Da Dum Da Dum Dum] - FEATURE PUMBAA - Doing a quick series of BACK FLIPS, while Timon's head moves in a circular motion following the action.

[Da Da] - CLOSE ON TIMON - Pumbaa in partial FG, continuing to flip THROUGH SHOT. Timon gets woozy and GREEN as he continues to move his head in circles watching the action.

[Dum Dum] - Timon throws an urgent hand up to his mouth and ducks OUT OF SHOT.

[Da Dum Da Dum Dum] - FOLLOW PUMBAA - Skating quickly, he jumps into the air, gracefully spins while airborne and lands, coming to a graceful stop in front of Timon.

[Da Da] - FOLLOW TIMON - Skating quickly, he jumps into the air...

[Dum Dum] - He only does half a turn, lands backwards and ZOOMS past Pumbaa and OUT OF SHOT.

[MUSIC BUILDS TO CLIMAX OVER THE FOLLOWING QUICK CUTS]

ON SNOW BANK - Timon zips OFF THE ICE backwards and plows through a SNOW BANK; Snow flies up into the air, indicating his unseen path THROUGH SHOT.

FOLLOW TIMON - Emerging from the snow bank as a growing SNOW BALL, rolling at a fast pace, Timon's arms and legs flail in all directions. He grabs plants in an effort to stop himself, but they just rip right out of the ground.

UP ANGLE ON CLIFF - Timon/snowball shoots off a cliff, the snow ball breaking apart as Timon falls INTO CAMERA.

DOWN SHOT - Timon plunges down into a distant river below.

FOLLOW TIMON - As he tumbles along the rapids, end over end.

ON RIVER BANK - A blue Timon slides out of the river, encased in a large block of ice. The block slides to a slow stop in FOREGROUND, Timon's frozen face FILLING SCREEN.

[MUSIC ENDS EXACTLY WHEN TIMON COMES TO A STOP]

MATCH DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. CHALET/SNACK BAR - CONT

TIMON'S FACE - Color restored, his hair matted and teeth <CHATTERING>. He shivers and sneezes.

TIMON
<shivers> AH-CHOO!

PULL BACK REVEALING - He's sitting in a chair, wrapped in a blanket with his feet in a tub of steaming water. Pumbaa hands Timon his StanisDRINKSKI THERMO-MUG.

PUMBAA (PARTIAL OS)
You're not thinking about
giving up again, are you?

Timon looks around GUILTYLY as he steps up out of both the blanket and tub. Pumbaa watches on curiously.

TIMON

Er, uh, NO! No, not at all...

FOLLOW TIMON - As he walks along side the Chalet wall, Pumbaa trailing beside him.

TIMON

I was just thinking... that all this PRACTICING is holding me back from my DREAM - what I really need is a COMPETITION!

PUMBAA

Oh boy, Timon, you really mean it?!

TWO SHOT - Timon SMILES and throws his arms up in an exaggerated shrug. Hold pose as he notices something OS.

TIMON (CONT)

Oh yeah! Too-bad-there-isn't-a-competition-going-on-I-guess-we'll-just-have-to-go-home-instead!

WIDE REVEALING - Timon is standing in front of a blank billboard wall on the side of the chalet. TWO PAINTERS (one standing on the other's shoulders - animated as unit) quickly <PAINT> the wall in the flurry of arm movements.

CLOSE ON TIMON'S FACE - His head dodging the brushes as the flurry off arms <PAINT> right around him.

PREVIOUS - REVEALING a big SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP AD: On it, Staniskateski is shown dipping a female skater in a tutu. Timon's body has been painted over with the woman's body, but his unpainted face remains, replacing her head. Pumbaa watches on. <MUSICAL STING>

PUMBAA

GASP! A skating competition!

CLOSER - Timon steps out of the picture, leaving a white imprint of his body. He wipes off paint as Pumbaa bounces up and down with excitement.

PUMBAA (CONT)

What luck, Timon! Now's your big chance to fulfill your dream like you said you would! Isn't this great?!

TIMON

Yes, it's wonderful Pumbaa
accept for one teeny-tiny
little infinitesimal thing...

CLOSER - Timon yells and waves his arms in frustration,
before slumping down on the ground.

TIMON

I CAN'T SKATE!!!! Don't you
see, Pumbaa? I'm like a
garbage truck rolling around
out there!

INCLUDE PUMBAA - Sitting down beside Timon. Timon
dejectedly props his chin up in his hands.

PUMBAA

Gee, Timon, you're not THAT
bad.

TIMON

(defeated)

No, Pumbaa, YOU'RE not that
bad. (Dawning on him) In
fact, you're GREAT! If ANYONE
should be fulfilling my dream
it should be YOU!

Timon suddenly perks up, raises a finger and looks to
Pumbaa. His enthusiasm melts as Pumbaa speaks.

TIMON

Say, waitamminute, I just got a
fantastic idea!

PUMBAA

Timon, are you going to
suggest that I should enter
that skating competition so
that you can fulfill your
life-long dream by living
vicariously through me?

Timon shrugs, shakes his head, and returns to his slump.

TIMON

No, I was thinking about the
MONK thing again.... <sigh>

Beat. Timon suddenly perks up, raises a finger and looks to
Pumbaa. Pumbaa rolls his eyes knowingly AT CAMERA.

TIMON
Say waitamminute - I've got an
even BETTER idea...!

WIPE TO:

EST. SKATING COMPETITION - NIGHT

A LARGE AMPHITHEATER sporting a SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP BANNER
featuring a large TROPHY.

CROWD
<Cheers/applause>

INT. SKATING COMPETITION - NIGHT

ON SKATER - Standing on the ice taking a bow. PUSH TO FRAME
TIMON & PUMBAA - sitting rink side.

PUMBAA
So far all the skaters have
been very, very good.

TIMON
True, but they all lack a
certain... "Pumbaa".

Timon and Pumbaa share a wide-eyed glance before looking
towards the OS STANISKATESKI.

TIMON (CONT)
Except for maybe the greatest
skater of all time...!

LOW ANGLE ON DOORWAY - Skateski stands in SILHOUETTE, his
shadow cast onto the ice in the FG. He skates forward and
stops with his skates FILLING FRAME and <SPRAYING> ice.

ANNOUNCER
(hushed)
Ladies & gentlemen: Worldwide
skating legend STANISKATESKI.

PAN UP SKATESKI - Imposing force of nature in a RED SUIT.
END ON HIS EMOTIONLESS FACE. His nostrils flare and blow
<STEAM> in the cool air. He quickly EXITS SHOT.

FOLLOW SKATESKI - As he picks up speed, his skates
momentarily turn into TRAIN WHEELS <CHUGGA-CHUGGA>.

SIDE ANGLE - As Skateski <ZIPS> THROUGH SHOT, his skates
leaving a trail of flame behind him.

LOW ANGLE - Skateski starts in BG and <ZOOMS> PAST CAMERA, his trails of fire FILL FRAME with FLAMES!

ON SKATESKI - As he skates INTO SHOT and leaps up to <SPIN> in the air and land with his arms out-stretched, holding a bag of FRENCH FRIES. Skateski goes on to flip and loop etc.

ANNOUNCER (VO)
(builds to crazy)
He starts off with a gravity
defying, TRIPLE BARREL AXE
SPIN AND ENDS WITH A SIDE OF
FRIES! NOW A TOP LOOP! NOW A
LOOP-D-LOOP NOW A---

TIGHT OTS SKATESKI - As he comes to a sudden stop and looks angrily back over his shoulder.

SKATESKI
DO YOU MIND?! I AM TRYING TO
SKATE OUT HERE!

LONG DOWN ANGLE - ANNOUNCER SPEAKER IN FG. Skateski in a lone spot of light on the ice below.

ANNOUNCER (VO)
Ahem... sorry.

ON TIMON & PUMBAA - Watching in awe as Skateski, skates back and forth THROUGH SHOT in a number of different poses.

PUMBAA
This guy's good, Timon.

TIMON
The dream, Pumbaa. Remember
the dream.

FOLLOW SKATESKI - He maintains the same height, but lifts his legs up to "leap" a BARREL, his legs drop back down and suddenly lift up for TWO MORE barrels, then again for FOUR, then again for a seemingly endless line of barrels. While airborne, he <CRACKS> his knuckles; produces a FILE and files his nails; he flips through a book; plays PADDLE-BALL <BOPPIDY-BOPPIDY>; Checks his wrist watch, nods at the time before finally landing and <ZOOMING> off INTO DISTANCE.

REVERSE ANGLE - Skateski <ZOOMING> TOWARDS CAMERA effortlessly. As he closes in PAN DOWN SKATESKI - ENDING ON SKATES - Just as they literally skid to stop on a DIME that's laying on the ice. He presses the tip of his skate blade onto the edge of the dime, causing it to flip end over end, <SHOOTING> straight up OUT OF SHOT.

DRAMATIC ANGLE ON SKATESKI - Looks straight AT CAMERA, stiff as board, and flips out his paw. The DIME flips up INTO SHOT, and arcs down landing perfectly in his open palm.

CLOSE ON PAW - As it closes tightly around the dime. <SFX: STEEL DOOR CLOSING w/ECHO> FADE TO BLACK.

JUDGE'S CARD - raises INTO SHOT, FILLING the BLACK FRAME [NOTE: We cannot see hands, just cards.] The score: "10".

CROWD (OS)
<ROARING CHEERS>

WIDER - As a 2ND and 3RD card come up INTO FRAME one after the other next to the 1ST, all read: "10". Beat. A 4TH CARD follows, but does not raise as high as the others. It reads: "1.0". The 3RD CARD lowers and we hear an <OS SMACK> as 4TH CARD falls OUT OF SHOT.

4TH JUDGE (VO)
Oof!

The 3RD CARD raises again, followed by the 4TH CARD which now reads: 10.

WIDE ON TIMON & PUMBAA - Watching in slack-jawed awe as Skateski glides THROUGH SHOT in FG in a rain of ROSES.

CROWD (OS)
<cheers>

CLOSER - Timon rubbing Pumbaa's shoulder like a coach. Pumbaa just shakes his head in a daze.

TIMON
Okay, Pumbaa, this is it -
you're on!

PUMBAA
I-I can't do it, Timon. I
can't tarnish the ice in the
wake of his perfection.

FOLLOW - As Timon PUSHES & TUGS the catatonic Pumbaa out onto the ice.

TIMON
Sure you can, now get
tarnishing!

PUMBAA
But Staniskateski... The ZIP,
the ZOOM, the SPIN - the way
he FLEW ON THE ICE!

TIMON

Forget about Skateski, this
isn't about HIM, this is about
YOU, this is about your DREAM!

Pumbaa shakes off his daze and frantically shakes his head.

PUMBAA

It's not MY dream Timon, it's
YOUR dream! MY dream has
nothing to do with skating!
It's all bugs and gas and--

TWO SHOT - Timon throws up his arms in frustration and spins
a 360, before skating a full circle around Pumbaa for
emphasis. Pumbaa smiles with amazement.

TIMON

Pumbaa, don't freeze up now!
You can do this! You've been
skating circles around me all
day!

PUMBAA

Hey, hey, hey, look at you!
Timon, you're SKATING!

ON TIMON - He waves his finger back and forth before
suddenly realizing Pumbaa's right. He ZIGS and ZAGS on the
ice, before doing a little spin.

TIMON

Now don't try and change the
subject, I--- Gasp! I-I-I-I'm
skating! Look! I can skate!

LONG SHOT - Timon skates from BG INTO CAMERA, his arms
outstretched - he absolutely beams.

TIMON

WOOO HOOO! I'M SKATING!

FOLLOW TIMON - He ZIGS, he ZAGS, he leaps into the air for a
graceful spin; PUSH IN on the spin.

TIMON

ZIP! ZOOM! SPIN! <Laughter
becomes echoy in transition>

CROSS DISSOLVE:

DREAM SEQUENCE - CONT

[NOTE: For dream sequence, shift to BLUE COLOR KEY - Yellow sky BG, all SFX: FADE except for the sound of <WIND>]

CLOSE TIMON - The giddy Timon comes out of the spin, drifting through the air, arms out like he's flying. He turns to see <BIRDS> flying INTO SHOT and alongside him.

WIDER REVEALING there is no ice, only Timon rolling in the emptiness, flying with the birds.

TIMON (ECHOY VO)
Like flying on ice!

Timon lowers OUT OF SHOT, waving BYE-BYE to the birds.

INT. SKATING COMPETITION - NIGHT

TIGHT ON ICE - <SILENCE> Until Timon's skates come DOWN INTO SHOT and the <SFX: LOUD!> <BLADES HIT> the ice.

FOLLOW SKATES - As they <SKATE> to a stop in front of another pair of skates; PULL BACK REVEALING - Timon has stopped in front of Pumbaa. <SFX: APPLAUSE!>

PUMBAA
You did it, Timon!

Timon gives Pumbaa a great big hug!

TIMON
But I couldn't have done it
without you! Thanks, pal!

UP ANGLE - A JUDGE'S CARD raises INTO SHOT to FILL BLACK FRAME [NOTE: We cannot see their hands, just the cards.] The scores reads: "2.5".

CROWD (OS)
<ROARING BOOS>

WIDER - As a 2ND and 3RD card come up INTO FRAME one after the other next to the 1ST - all terrible scores. Beat. The FOURTH CARD does not raise as high and it reads: 10. The middle card lowers and we hear an <OS SMACK> as the 4TH CARD falls OUT OF SHOT.

4TH JUDGE (VO)
Oof!

The 3RD CARD raises again, followed by the 4TH CARD which now reads: 1.0.

ON TIMON & PUMBAA - Their faces contorted with disbelief as they look up towards the OS scores. They lower they're line of sight to the OS judges under the cards and TAKE.

PREVIOUS - TRACK DOWN TO REVEAL - all the judges are POLAR BEARS just like Staniskateski... except for the LAST judge, who is a BROWN MEERKAT like TIMON (w/ bandage on his head)! The 3RD judge glares at the meerkat, who nervously smiles back. Skateski skate's THROUGH SHOT holding a big trophy.

WIPE TO:

CLOSE ON TIMON - Waving off the notion.

TIMON

Aw, phooey! Who wants a lousy ol' trophy anyway.

INCLUDE PUMBAA - Pumbaa shares a hearty smile with his pal.

PUMBAA

That's right Timon, the important thing is that you kept trying for your dream, no matter how bad you were.

TIMON

And now, thanks to me, we're in the good company of all those other great skaters who couldn't quite get the gold!

WIPE TO:

EXT. SKATING RINK - CONT

ANGLE ON RINK - As skaters in goofy costumes and over-sized MARDI GRAS HEADS skate back and forth THROUGH SHOT, while one spins on the ice in BG. [CUE: CHEESY PIPE ORGAN MUSIC]

FOLLOW TIMON & PUMBAA - Skating in goofy costumes, wearing over-sized MARDI GRAS heads of themselves. As the [MUSIC CLIMAXES], they spin and come to a stop.

CLOSER - They remove their giant heads revealing Timon is dressed as Pumbaa and Pumbaa is dressed as Timon. They smile AT CAMERA.

IRIS OUT ON TIMON'S SKATES:

THE END