

FADE IN:

EXT. FOREST - DAY

A big fantasy tree, the REALITREE, burns and screams at the sky, dark occult symbols emerging from its mouth.

VOICE (V.O.)  
The Travelling Band was there at  
the beginning. Burning the  
Realitree was supposed to change  
things...

Our heroes walk away - LEO, a stage magician, MAX, an indie rocker, and AMELIA, a wannabe academic. They don't look back.

The tree EXPLODES.

VOICE (V.O.)  
Man, that looks so cool.

They reach a gypsy wagon, 'THE MARVELLOUS TRAVELLING BAND & WONDER EMPORIUM' written on the side in bright letters.

VOICE (V.O.)  
But then HE showed up.

Suddenly, a MAN dressed in a full-body frog suit, TADPAUL, jumps from a bush, throwing wrenches at the wagon.

VOICE (V.O.)  
No one knows why he chose the  
Travelling Band.

The scene FLICKERS--

TadPaul stands laughing next to our heroes, who look uncomfortable.

VOICE (V.O.)  
They were pivotal in the  
'frog'tators rise...

The scene FLICKERS again--

Our heroes and Tadpaul run from a giant EVIL ACORN GOD, an army of SQUIRRELS behind it.

FLICKER--

TadPaul wears a small ACORN CROWN, the army of squirrels bowing down to him.

VOICE (V.O.)

Sure it would have been easy to stop him then... But there was a lot going on!

SERIES OF SHOTS:

- An army of vampires marches against an army of werewolves, our heroes stuck in the middle.
- The Band hands a golden egg to a balding man... Who screams when the egg hatches and a clockwork hand emerges.
- They play music on a packed stage as fireworks burst overhead in wacky shapes.
- A Superhero flies down and catches our heroes before they fall into a volcano rising from the middle of a city street.
- The Band meditate with yeti-monks as giant spiders crawl over the nearby mountaintops.

VOICE (V.O.)

And he killed Princess Thursday!

- Our heroes gaze in horror at a hologram of a girl, PRINCESS THURSDAY, being shot by TadPaul.

VOICE (V.O.)

By then it was too late...

END SERIES OF SHOT.

INT. DARK ROOM - NIGHT

VOICE (V.O.)

It's been a year of his rule... A year of planning...

(beat)

Tonight, at his one year 'frog'aversary, we're going to end it.

We zoom out to reveal all of this has been projected onto the wall of a dark, crowded room. The crowd watches the screen in rapt attention.

VOICE (V.O.)

Which brings us to the plan...

Suddenly, the screen flickers and dies. The speaker, doused in shadows, steps in front of the screen.

VOICE

Uh... Izaranacus, the plan?

Across the room, barely visible, is IZARANACUS, a young man dressed in an obviously homemade superhero costume. He frantically taps a projector machine with a magic wand.

IZARANACUS

Fixo-rama! Mendo-pocus! Abraca-work!

VOICE

Izzy, dang it, those spells aren't going to work - TadPaul's forcefield! Just fix it the old fashioned way!

IZARANACUS

I'm a wizard not a projector mechanic!

VOICE

(to crowd)

Is anyone a projector mechanic?

The crowd mills awkwardly. Then someone yells:

PERSON IN CROWD

I HATE TADPAUL!

VOICE

Yes, we all hate TadPaul, but that isn't going to fix the projector.

(beat)

Okay... Can we get like a chalk board or something?

IZARANACUS

Izaranacus, master of problem solving, is on it!

Izaranacus scurries off. The speaker composes himself...

VOICE

The Travelling Band is the perfect group to take down TadPaul.

PERSON IN CROWD

Destroy the Toad-ilitarian Dictoat-ership!

OTHER PERSON

For the Travelling Band!