

JUBI

FIRST 5 PAGES
(KID'S ANIMATION SHOW)

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MAIN TITLE SEQUENCE -- (:30)

INT. TAZ'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - DAY

CLOSE-UP: on a small hand swerving a WOODEN TOY CAR across the floor. SCREECH! The hand directs the TOY CAR, pushing it around other TOYS, moving through an obstacle course.

TAZ

Vrooom!

Taz lowers to the floor, eye level with the TOY as it races around each obstacle. He places a FIGURINE of a WIZARD in front of the CAR, the character's face stern with determination as Taz grabs the nearest TOY and launches it at the car.

SWISH! Taz directs the CAR out of the line of fire just in time. The other toy tumbles out of bounds. Inside the car, the FIGURINE of a KNIGHT, SIR CHARLES, sits behind the wheel.

Taz laughs, then launches the CAR with Sir Charles at the WIZARD, the evil LORD GRIMINESH.

TAZ (CONT'D)

(as Sir Charles)

It's going to take more than that
to stop me, Lord Griminesh!

The CAR strikes Lord Griminesh, and the FIGURINE tumbles over.

TAZ (CONT'D)

(hisses as Lord Griminesh)

Curse you, Sir Charles! You may
have won this time, but i'll be
back! This world is mine!

TAZ (CONT'D)

(as Sir Charles)

You'll never win, Griminesh. Your
quest is doomed.

SQUEAL. Taz lifts his head at the sound of the front door opening.

ROSE (O.S.)

Taz, I'm home!

TAZ

Hey mom!

ROSE (O.S.)
Can you come hold the door open for
me?

TAZ
I'm almost done.

Taz continues to play as he picks up the FIGURINE of Lord
Griminish. He remains on his knees, shooting the TOY CAR up
into the air like a rocket.

TAZ (CONT'D)
Swooosh!

INT. TAZ'S HOUSE - FRONT FOYER - DAY

The door CRACKS open.

REVEAL: ROSE (30's), wearing a long pink dress struggles
inside, her arms and hands full of PAPER GROCERY BAGS. She
manages to wiggle her way through the crack and slams her
back against the door, shutting it. She takes a long and
heavy SIGH.

ROSE
Taz!

TAZ (O.S)
One second!

Silence follows. Rose throws her head back with frustration,
kicking off her shoes as she wobbles down the hall towards
the kitchen.

She bends forward, flicks a LIGHT SWITCH with her forehead,
and illuminates the room. The GROCERY BAGS come up to her
chin, making the floor in front of her invisible.

Rose reaches an archway and peers through it into the living
room, staring directly at Taz's back.

ROSE
(irritated)
Taz! I'm not going to ask you
again.

Taz shifts and puts down his TOYS. Rose looks around to see
his TOYS scatter all over the room. She GASPS.

ROSE (CONT'D)
Look at this mess!

TAZ
I was playing.

ROSE
I asked you to clean the house!

TAZ
I was getting to it!

Rose takes another SIGH and saunters to the kitchen.

ROSE
Can you please help me with these
bags--

CLOSE-UP: of Rose's foot as she steps on one of Taz's TOYS.
She lets out a SHRILL.

Taz GASPS and turns around as Rose plummets to the floor.
CRASH! The GROCERY BAGS spill food everywhere.

TAZ
Mom!

He quickly gets up and rushes over to Rose. She sits on the floor, PANTING, as she looks over the mess. Her hair droops over her face and she GROANS, wiping off a piece of fruit from her cheek.

Taz reaches out to touch her, but Rose flinches, throwing her hands up into the air.

ROSE
Stop! Just stop.

TAZ
But I--

ROSE
Everything is ruined!

TAZ
(apologetic)
I-I'm sorry.

He reaches for one of the GROCERY BAGS. Rose stops him.

ROSE
You've done enough.

TAZ
But I want to help!

ROSE
(furious)
A little late for that!

Taz stands up and looks at her, tears in his eyes. Rose drops her head.

ROSE (CONT'D)
Taz...

Taz holds back a cry and runs out of the room. Rose follows his fleeing figure.

ROSE (CONT'D)
(urgent)
Taz!

Taz grips the DOORKNOB and throws open the front door. As he does, the body of his father, NATE (30's), tall, and handsome, pushes into house, wearing a look of concern.

NATE
Taz?

A flash of purple darts past Taz's line of sight as RAFFI, the family's pet MONSHEE (a bat/bird creature), swoops into the foyer, gaze set on Rose's fallen figure.

RAFFI
(panic)
Good gracious!

Before Nate can react, Taz ducks under one of his arms and dashes out of the house. Nate runs to Rose, lowering down as he gently takes her hand.

NATE
Are you alright?

ROSE
(assured)
I'm fine.

Rose looks out the open front door with a look of concern.

EXT. EDGE OF THE WOODS - DAY

ESTABLISHING SHOT: of the country house, small and distant as Taz approaches a DENSE FOREST. He stops at the tree-line and looks over his shoulder.

NATE (O.S)
Taz!

ROSE (O.S)
Taz, come back!

Taz wrinkles his nose, and kicks at the dirt, angry with himself. Suddenly there is a loud RUSTLE. The SNAP of a branch draws his attention deeper into the forest.

TAZ
(curious)
Hello?

The bush in front of him SHAKES. Taz BREATHES HEAVILY as he sees a FALLEN STICK on the ground. In a quick action he grabs it, pointing it towards the bush.

TAZ (CONT'D)
Who's there!

The bush stops moving. Taz squints his eyes, leaning towards it. He lowers the STICK. As he does, a SMALL CREATURE jumps out of the bush, tackling him to the ground.

Taz SHRIEKS as he anxiously stares up into two big eyes. JUBI, orange fur, red spots, (fawn/cheetah cub mix), and a large ORANGE JEWEL on his head, stares at him.

TAZ (CONT'D)
What are you?

Jubi jumps up and down on Taz's stomach, GROWLING and WHINING as if trying to get his attention.

TAZ (CONT'D)
What is it? What's wrong?

Jubi leaps off Taz and onto the grass where he persistently jumps on the spot, looking apprehensive. Taz sits up and stretches out a hand.

TAZ (CONT'D)
It's okay. You're safe. Let me help you.

Taz's hand lingers over the large ORANGE JEWEL on Jubi's forehead. Jubi leans towards the hand, curious, and for a moment, appears to relax. Taz smiles.

TAZ (CONT'D)
That's it. I'm Taz. You can trust me.

SNAP. CRUNCH. Movement deep in the forest alerts Jubi as he spins his head around. Taz flinches in response, and Jubi bolts into the trees, vanishing from sight.