

[Enter HAGBANE, GRIMS and GROGS from behind audience. GROG 1 brings on the Merestone and hides it.]

STIGGLE It's Hagbane! And the Grogs and Grims! They're coming this way!

SOPHIE Quick! Hide!

[ANDREW & SOPHIE hide behind boulder. ALDRED goes to stand by the TREES Stage L. TROTTER & STIGGLE go to TREES Stage R. FOREST FOLK go to base positions and into 'hiding' pose, others run about in panic.]

SOPHIE *(shouting urgently)* Josh! Come here - quick!

JOSHUA *(staying where he is)* No, it's ok. I've got the magic mirror!

SOPHIE Please! Come now!

FOXY *(urgently)* She's seen us! Hagbane's coming this way! *(Runs to join ALDRED)*

[SOPHIE, ANDREW & some FOREST FOLK duck down, covering their heads. JOSHUA freezes in the open, gaping at HAGBANE, as if in shock.]

HAGBANE *(drawing out her wand)* Yes, I have seen you, Foxy! But none of you will be seeing me for a while!

Sound Effect - Blinding Flash (☉ Track 9)

[Lighting effect. HAGBANE approaches JOSHUA with a sickly smile. GRIMS & GROGS arrange themselves behind JOSHUA. SOPHIE peers at them with horror from her hiding place. ANDREW remains as he was.]

HAGBANE *(pointing at JOSHUA with her wand, speaking as she moves)* Apart from you! You can see me can't you?

[JOSHUA nods, as if hypnotised. HAGBANE circles JOSHUA, prodding him with her wand.]

Hmm. I wonder what would tempt you? *(darkly)* Let me look into your mind...

SONG - WHAT DO YOU WANT? (☉ Track 10)

Hagbane WHAT DO YOU WANT MY LITTLE HERO?
WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?
WHAT DO YOU WANT MY LITTLE HERO?
GIVE ME A CLUE!
(spoken) no need to be shy now -
(sung) I WON'T EAT YOU
LET ME... MAKE YOUR... DREAMS COME TRUE!
(spoken) Hmm. . . Let me think now...

Grogs FLY A SPACE SHIP TO THE MOON?
RIDE IN THE SKY ON A WITCH'S BROOM?
WISH AND SHE'LL GRANT IT, SHE'LL DO IT FOR YOU.
HELP HER MAKE YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE!

Hagbane YOU CAN HAVE JUST WHAT YOU LIKE
HOW ABOUT A BRAND NEW MOUNTAIN BIKE?
WISH AND I'LL GRANT IT, I'LL DO IT FOR YOU.
I CAN MAKE YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE!

Grogs SHE CAN MAKE YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE!

[JOSHUA is looking towards where he believes he can see a brand new mountain bike.]

HAGBANE Now then, boy! *(persuasively, pointing to the imaginary bike)* Can you see that... amazing... marvellous... bike?

JOSHUA *(in hypnotised amazement)* Yes! Wow! It's fantastic!

HAGBANE *(cunningly)* You lost your bike didn't you?

JOSHUA *(sadly)* Yes...

HAGBANE Well this one is all yours!

[GROG 1 moves close to JOSHUA, sucked into the illusion.]

JOSHUA *(still slowly, as if hypnotised)* Mine? Really? It's got everything!

HAGBANE *(encouraging him)* Alloy frame...

JOSHUA Triple chain set, front and rear suspension...

GROG 1 *(staring, approaches the 'bike' as if also hypnotised)* 21 gears...

GROG 2 *(pulling GROG 1 back)* Snap out of it, stupid!

JOSHUA *(entranced, doesn't notice the GROGS)* It's amazing... Thank you!

Sound effect - Mirror Is Broken (© Track 11)

[As JOSHUA reaches for the imaginary bike he drops the mirror. HAGBANE grinds it into the ground with her foot (a flickering light effect would be good here).]

HAGBANE Hah! *(taking JOSHUA by the arm)* Come with meboy!

[HAGBANE leads JOSHUA off in the direction of her castle (Upstage L.) followed by GROGS & GRIMS, who chortle and grunt as they go to base positions. ALL un-freeze, ad lib comments: 'what happened?' etc. TROTTER moves to pick up a large piece of broken mirror, and he, FOXY, SOPHIE & MRS TROTTER go to centre.]

ANDREW *(moving to join MR/MRS TROTTER as he speaks)* Where's Joshua?