DANGER MOUSE

The Admirable Penfold

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Shooting Script

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EXT. KING KONG BRUNEL’S ISLAND, JUNGLE/VOLCANO - DAY

We track dramatically through a dark, creepy jungle - the shadows of strange beasts LURK in b/g. <GROWLS AND HISSING> mix menacingly with <BUS ENGINES> and <MICROWAVE DINGS>.

NARRATOR
The Mysterious Island of King Kong Brunel! Look on his terrifying domain ye mortals and despair.

We track to a hidden door, in the side of the island’s volcano.

NARRATOR (CONT’D)
Observe, the puppet-master... who is small enough to be an actual puppet... the nightmare maker himself. Isambard Kingkong Brunel

Brunel comes out carrying a big suitcase, wearing sunglasses instead of goggles (and ideally a Hawaiian lab-coat). He opens the case, climbs in and shuts himself inside. A hidden rocket on the underside of the case blasts it up out of shot.

NARRATOR (CONT’D)
Awkward. He seems to have chosen today to go on holiday.

Cut to the Frog’s Head Flyer racing through the skies, with the Mark IV right behind, in hot pursuit! In the distance we see the smoke trail of KKB going off into the distance.

NARRATOR (CONT’D)
And here comes Baron Greenback to steal his stuff while he’s away!

The Mark IV fires the splat-cannons at the Flyer. The Flyer lurches to one side to avoid them and they explode harmlessly with a big <SPLAT> in mid-air.

INT. FROG’S HEAD FLYER - CONTINUOUS

The Manoeuvre throws STILETTO across the room.

STILETTO
This is a lotta effort to steal a TV remote control, Barone!

GREENBACK is holding NERO. As he talks, a screen shows the All Encompassing Remote Control in KKB’s hands.
BARON
It's not a TV remote, idiot. The All-Encompassing Remote Control
permanently switches off anything it's aimed at, including itself!

The screen shot pulls out to reveal...

INT. KING KONG BRUNEL'S LAB - DAY

Brunel points the Remote at a Safety Mouse and presses the button. The Safety Mouse blinks out of existence like a screen closing down. As does the remote itself.

KINGKONG BRUNEL
It works!

Quick cut to him pointing another remote at a large pillar.

KINGKONG BRUNEL (CONT'D)
And it works on any object even this important supporting pillar.

He presses it again. The pillar (and the remote) blink out of existence. The roof partially collapses onto Brunel.

INT. FROG'S HEAD FLYER - CONTINUOUS

STILETTO
So, he has to make a brand new one every time?!

BARON
Don’t bother me with plot holes, Stiletto! This time - with our extra muscle - we cannot fail! Rocket Sloth - attack!

Reveal ROCKET SLOTH. He salutes, then falls asleep onto the ignition of his rocket, firing it into life.

EXT. SKIES OVER KING KONG BRUNEL’S ISLAND - CONTINUOUS

The Mark IV is gaining on the Frog’s Head Flyer. A hatch opens and Rocket Sloth shoots out... then veers off and straight down towards island. Rocket Sloth is still asleep. A puff of smoke from below shows he’s crashed.
INT. FROG’S HEAD FLYER - CONTINUOUS

BARON
Okay, forget about the extra muscle. Fire the Big Laser!

Reveal Stiletto looking at instructions, amid loads of packaging and a large laser cannon. He holds up an important looking piece of equipment.

STILETTO
Hey Boss, what’s a Guidance Control. I got one left over?

BARON
Just fire the thing!

Stiletto hits a big red button. A laser fires out the front.

EXT. SKIES OVER KING KONG BRUNEL’S ISLAND - CONTINUOUS

The Big Laser beam slices the Mark IV in half. The two parts start veering away from each other.

DANGER MOUSE
Don’t worry Penfold. I’ll activate the Danger Chute.

Half a parachute deploys from each half of the car, and flaps away uselessly.

PENFOLD
Chief!!!

The laser beam is still jerking around randomly as they fall.

BARON (O.S.)
I did it! I defeated Danger Mouse

The laser slices the island in half, creating two islands. The angle of the beam means it also slices the top off the dormant Volcano, which immediately springs to life. It rumbles, smokes and lava starts pouring out.

INT. FROG’S HEAD FLYER - CONTINUOUS

Stiletto is desperately trying to control the laser beam but the targeting is out of control.
Turn it off!

The laser beam arcs through the Flyer itself, cutting it in half, with Greenback on one side and Stiletto on the other.

Stiletto finally yanks the plug out and the machine cuts out.

Okay, now everything is fine, yes?

The two halves of the flyer separate.

The Frog’s Head Flyer splits in two and falls from the sky. Danger Mouse’s half of the Mark IV comes flying into the foreground. It is wobbly, but DM just has it under control.

DM’s half of the Mark IV skips along the beach and slides to a stop. He hops out.

Penfold? Penfold?! Where are you?

Stiletto comes staggering out of the jungle. He freezes.

Danger Mouse...!

Rocket sloth...!

No! I am Stillet-

Rocket Sloth zooms in from off screen and crashes into him.

No, I meant – never mind.

A different beach. Penfold’s glasses are in the sand. Reveal Penfold searching for them, Velma from Scooby Doo style. He finds them, just as he sees a blurry figure approaching.
He puts his glasses on and sees it’s the Baron, armed with a damaged bazooka. Penfold runs away, flailing his arms.

**PENFOLD (CONT’D)**

Chief! HELLLLLLP!

**EXT. OVERVIEW OF THE ISLAND – CONTINUOUS**

A birds-eye map of the Island shows up on screen.

**NARRATOR**

So, thanks to Stiletto’s laser-based idiocy, Penfold is stranded with an angry toad here.

A telestrator circles where Baron and Penfold are.

**NARRATOR (CONT’D)**

Danger Mouse is stuck with Stiletto and Rocket Sloth here...

DM’s position on the other half of the island is circled.

**NARRATOR (CONT’D)**

And KingKong Brunel’s base is here, near the top of the volcano.

He circles the volcano at the far end of Penfold’s island.

**NARRATOR (CONT’D)**

So presumably Danger Mouse will be trying to get from this island here to this island here. Everyone happy?

He draws a curved line between the two islands. Reveal, all his telestrating has drawn a smiley face on the map.

**EXT. PENFOLD’S BEACH – DAY**

Cut to Penfold <SCREAMING> and running from the Baron, who tries to fire his weapon. Penfold braces for impact. Nothing happens. The Baron tries the button a couple more times, then petulantly throws it away.
BARON
Wait here! I will be back with an army to destroy you!

The Baron runs into the jungle.

Penfold looks up at the bright sun. Thinks, then takes off his jacket and makes an umbrella using sticks.

PENFOLD
Perfect.

A gust of wind blows the umbrella out of Penfold’s hands.

PENFOLD (CONT’D)
Oi! Come back!

It lands in the ocean, floating with the handle sticking up. Penfold paddles out to get it. When he flips the umbrella right side up for shade, a fish falls out into his hand.

PENFOLD (CONT’D)
Oo! I caught a fish.

BARON (O.S.)
Army of minions attack!

Reveal the Baron leading a bunch of crabs. Nero is at the back <GROWLING> and failing to herd them like a sheep dog. They wander off in different directions.

BARON (CONT’D)
No, you scuttling fools! Get him! Like we practiced!

Some of the Crabs latch onto the Baron with their pincers.

BARON (CONT’D)
Ow. <SIGH>
(to Penfold)
Stay put! Your destruction is imminent!

He stalks awkwardly back into the jungle, covered in crabs.

EXT. DANGER MOUSE’S BEACH – DAY

DM is going through the remains of the Mark IV. He pops up, arms full of parts, and calls over to Stiletto.
DANGER MOUSE
I’ve salvaged all I can from the Mark IV. Give me a hand.

Reveal Stiletto chilling in a palm frond hammock. He sticks a leg off and kicks Rocket Sloth, who is asleep on the sand.

STILETTO
He’s talking to you.

Rocket Sloth just rolls over and goes back to sleep.

DM drops the parts and flips Stiletto out of the hammock.

DANGER MOUSE
Stiletto: We need to rescue our friends before the Volcano destroys the other half of the island!

Stiletto hops back in his hammock.

STILETTO
That seems like a lot of hard work.
I wouldn’t call the Baron a friend.
I’ve only know him for many years.

Danger Mouse is irked but before he can say anything, a giant Tyrannotourbus Rex comes out of the jungle and <ROARS>. It lunges at Danger Mouse, who flips out of the way.

DANGER MOUSE
Good grief! Tyrannotourbus Rex!

EXT. JUNGLE - SUNSET

The Baron is sitting sadly by himself.

BARON
I am alone. Lost. With no friends.
And no food.

Nero tugs on the Baron’s pants.

BARON (CONT’D)
I know I have you, Nero... But I am not sure you are edible...

Nero <HUFFS> then angrily bites the Baron.

BARON (CONT’D)
Bad Nero! Do not eat your master!
They wrestle with each other until they are both stopped by a smell that drifts through the air. Nero makes a <YUM> sound.

EXT. PENFOLD’S BEACH – MOMENTS LATER

Penfold is cooking his fish on a stick over a campfire. He’s startled by the sudden appearance of the Baron and Nero.

BARON
Give me that or I will destroy you!

PENFOLD
“Give me that or I will destroy you, PLEASE”.

BARON
I have no time for your tedious pleasantries. Give me...
(sniffs the air)
...whatever is making that wonderful smell.

PENFOLD
That’s frog’s legs. You’re standing in the fire.

Reveal Greenback is stood in the campfire. He <SHRIEKS> and hops about trying to blow out his burning foot. Finally he falls smouldering at Penfold’s feet.

BARON
Please be my minion...?

While Penfold is talking, the Baron’s stomach starts making the loudest and worst <GROWLING SOUNDS>.

PENFOLD
Minion?! How dare you? I'm a fully licensed sidekick... Are you ok?

The Baron holds his stomach.

BARON
Of course! My stomach makes that sound to strike fear into my enemies!

Penfold sighs and holds out a piece of his cooked fish.

PENFOLD
Go on. Help yourself.
(overcome with emotion)
Thank you.

The Baron slaps his hand over his mouth, in disbelief that he would say such a thing.

EXT. PENFOLD’S BEACH - MORNING

Penfold wakes on the beach. A figure is standing over him.

PENFOLD
Chief? Baron!

BARON
So! What are we doing today?

Penfold is suspicious, but the Baron gives him a huge (and creepy) smile. A montage starts.

Penfold is lying on the beach. The Baron starts throwing sand over him. Penfold tries to get away, but the Baron holds him down. Then the Baron steps back and reveals that he has made Penfold into a sand sculpture of a mermaid. Penfold <LAUGHS>... Until Nero pounces and destroys the sculpture. The Baron tries to drag him away.

The Baron appears out of the jungle with another crab army. Penfold jumps in fright... Until the crabs arrange themselves into a picture of Penfold and Greenback’s happy faces, as seen from above. Nero is disgusted and chases the crabs away.

Penfold and the Baron are playing football with a coconut. Nero tries to grab it to stop the game. The Baron, thinking Nero is the ball, kicks him high and out of sight. When he sees what he has done, he <LAUGHS> uproariously. Penfold gives him a look. The Baron looks ashamed like a naughty school boy.

The Baron and Penfold sit together watching the sun set. A tear appears in the Baron’s eye. It’s the most perfect moment. In b/g, the volcano is billowing more smoke and lava. They are oblivious to the destruction that is closing in.

The Baron stands up importantly and holds up his hand to swear an oath.

BARON (CONT’D)
From this day forward, Penfold, I pledge never to use a doomsday device again. I will devote my life to being good and making friends.
EXT. KING KONG BRUNEL’S BASE, FRONT DOOR - SUNSET

There is smoke and fire all around the entrance apart from a narrow path that leads to the door. Nero lands (from being kicked by the Baron) on the path and bounces up to the doorway. He looks at the door and makes a <CURIOUS SOUND>.

INT. KING KONG BRUNEL’S LAB - DAY

Smoke is wafting in and a hot red glow fills the room. Nero wanders through blowing <RASPBERRIES> at the various weird contraptions... then <SOUND OF AWE> - DRAMATIC CRASH ZOOM - the All Encompassing Remote Control! Nero <CACKLES> evilly.

EXT. DANGER MOUSE’S BEACH - SUNSET

Danger Mouse is still fighting the Tyranotourbus.

DANGER MOUSE
It feels like I’ve been fighting this T-Bus for days!

Stiletto is still in the hammock watching and eating popcorn.

The Tyranotourbus charges. DM leaps up at the last moment, the monster bashes into a tree and knocks itself out.

DM looks across to Penfold’s island, the lava has destroyed three quarters of the island.

DANGER MOUSE (CONT’D)
Come on Stiletto! We have to save Penfold and Greenback! The lava’s almost engulfed the whole of their Island!

STILETTO
I think I stay here till you deal with the other two monsters.

DM turns and finds, Anagondola and Frankenstein’s Rooster charging at him. DM grabs Anagondola and uses her as a whip to flicks the Rooster off into the distance.

DANGER MOUSE
I’m starting to think you’re not totally committed to this rescue.

Stiletto has fallen asleep next to the Rocket Sloth.
Penfold and the Baron have made an idyllic island camp. Greenback sweeps out their shelter, while a dripping wet Penfold arrives with an umbrella full of fish.

BARON
You know, I don’t think anything can spoil our tiny slice of heaven.

A burst of smoke. They both turn and where the jungle was before – there is now fire and smoke.

BARON (CONT’D)
We’re doomed! And all because of my greed for a device which can switch off anything. What good could ever comes from such a thing...?

PENFOLD
Erm... we could use it to switch off the volcano?

BARON
Dear foolish Penfold; all doomsday devices ever do is make you sad. Sure, one day you turn off a volcano, but the next day you’ll be marching on London with an army of robot elephants. Forget the remote. Let’s live out what remains of our lives here, as friends.

The Baron is smiling at Penfold. A giant flaming boulder lands between them, almost creaming Penfold.

PENFOLD
Doomsday device it is!

Penfold runs out of shot.

INT. JUNGLE - NIGHT
The smoke filled jungle. We find a running Penfold surrounded by glowing red smoke and dodging more flaming boulders that rain down from the sky. There are so many he finds himself corralled by them.
HELP!

EXT. PENFOLD’S BEACH - NIGHT

The Baron sits, lit by the glow of the burning forest.

BARON
What a beautiful night to be encased in lava...

Something tugs at his trousers. Reveal Nero holding the All Encompassing Remote Control in his mouth.

BARON (CONT’D)
The All Encompassing Remote!

His eyes widen. We see the remote reflected in his hungry eyes. He reaches for it, then stops himself.

BARON (CONT’D)
I can’t...

Nero makes encouraging noises. He reaches for it again.

BARON (CONT’D)
I guess one little evil zap couldn’t hurt... But, my oath... If I touch it, I’ll lose control! I’ll never be a good happy person again.

Penfold’s <SCREAMS FOR HELP> echo through the jungle. The Baron looks torn.

BARON (CONT’D)
Nero, you decide. what should I do?

Nero <LAUGHS> an evil triumphant laugh.

INT. KING KONG BRUNEL’S HUT - CONTINUOUS

Penfold is clinging to a palm tree as the lava flows around it. The tree begins to sink into the lava.

PENFOLD
Ooh crumbs! This is it!

A silhouette of DM appears on the wall. Penfold is overjoyed.
Chief! You’ve come back for me!

Reveal that it is actually the Baron with Nero is sitting on his head, that creates the ears for the DM silhouette.

No! And this is the third time you’ve confused me for that rodent. What am I? Not green enough?

I’m just happy you’re here!

Just then, Danger Mouse and Stiletto shoot through the trees, using half of the Mark IV as a sled attached to Rocket Sloth, who is pulling it like a reindeer. DM leaps off dramatically.

Don’t panic Penfold, I just have to find a way to use my martial arts skills to turn off this volcano! Hm. Might be tricky...

It’s OK chief, my new friend will save us.

DM looks in shock as the Baron produces the Remote and points it at the Volcano.

That’s right – Although now I hold it in my hand, I see an opportunity to rid the world of Danger Mouse!

He grows with menace and points it at Danger Mouse.

With you gone, I will rule the-

He catches Penfold’s pleading sad eyes and stops.

I’d appreciate it if no-one posted anything about this on Spamchops. I’ve got a reputation to keep up.

He turns and points it back at the volcano. He presses the power button. Instantly, all the smoke and lava rushes back into the volcano like it’s being rewound. The volcano vanishes with a pop, along with the remote control.
PENFOLD
Thanks for saving me, friend.

DANGER MOUSE
That’s all right, any t-

Penfold walks past DM and hugs the Baron. Danger Mouse frowns and Nero <GAGS>. The Baron hugs him back for a second and then sees everyone watching. He pushes Penfold away.

BARON
Get off me! I am Baron Silas von Greenback, I don’t do hugs!

PENFOLD
But, friend-

BARON
Silence! If you are any friend of mine, you will forget what happened on this crazy island. Please.

PENFOLD
(smiling)
Don’t worry, Baron. As an act of kindness, I’ll never tell anyone about your acts of kindness.

Baron smiles at Penfold as we track out upwards.

DANGER MOUSE
Um. What exactly happened while I was on the other island?

NARRATOR
So there we have it! Greenback is evil again and Penfold is reunited with his best friend Danger Mouse. It is as if nothing ever happened.

Cut to: KING KONG BRUNEL climbing out of his suitcase on the now volcano-less island.

BRUNEL
Hey, where’s my volcano?!