

Low Budget Drama

SCRIPT & LOG SHEETS

FROSTBITE

A complete short story (6 minutes). A woodland fantasy complete with witch and magic spells. The sound effects, music and special effects sequences are all supplied in the rushes (30 minutes of video and 10 minutes of sound and music). A more substantial but rewarding experience for the editor. The making of Frostbite is featured in the programme **Successful Low Budget Drama for Video**.

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SCENE 1 : The Edge of the Forest

A man and a woman are playing together, weaving in and out of the trees that border the edge of the dark forest. They laugh together, very much in love. Together they walk into the open.

WOMAN

I wish this could last forever

MAN

Maybe it can

WOMAN

How?

MAN

Will you marry me?

The woman hears his words, and slowly a smile spreads across her face. She turns to face him.

WOMAN

That depends.

MAN

On what?

WOMAN

Could you keep me in the manner I'm accustomed to?

The man's smile spreads even further. He produces a leather money pouch that looks very full.

MAN

Madam, I have the means, if you have the will. Will you marry me Emily Fielding?

He weighs the money pouch in his hands, feeling the weight. The woman laughs.

WOMAN

If you want my answer, meet me in the glade.

The woman jumps up and runs laughing into the forest, stopping once to spin around a tree to blow a kiss at her bemused lover, and then she is gone.

He follows her as she runs off into the dark woods. The sky is an angry red. The air carries a distinctly ominous atmosphere.

CUT TO:

SCENE 2 : Forest Interior

The man enters the forest but stops as he hears a low moan coming from up ahead.

The man rounds a large tree and sees a hunched old woman on the ground. She is leaning on a large stick for support.

WITCH
Help me!

The man steps forwards to help. The witch extends her hand, revealing an arm covered in black blotches. A stench fills the air. The man recoils. The witch keeps her hand outstretched.

WITCH
Money. I need money. I'm starving!

The man swallows and hides his pouch behind his back.

MAN
I'm sorry. I have none.

WITCH
You have money! I need it! Please!

MAN
I'm sorry you're mistaken.

The man moves past the witch. He stops for an instant, and turns back. The witch is gone. There is no sign of her. He frowns, then turns back to continue on his way. The witch is right in front of him, bearing down on him.

WITCH
You have a cold heart! I need your money!

The man grabs the woman and pushes her to the floor. He runs off further into the woods.

WITCH
Curse you! CURSE YOU! CURSE YOU!

SCENE 3 : The Woodland Glade

The man, slightly spooked by his encounter, hurries into the glade.

MAN
Emily? Emily!

He stops. Turning around, he cannot see her. Feeling cold, he pulls his cloak further around his shoulders.

MAN
Emily!

WOMAN
Yes?

The man turns sharply to see his lover emerge from round a tree.

MAN
(Relieved) There you are. It's cold, isn't it?

WOMAN
(not listening to him) Would you like my answer now?

MAN
Yes.

The woman moves close to him. He opens his arms, smiling broadly. She smiles back, a content look on her face. He pulls her towards him and embraces her tight.

A hissing sound fills the air. The woman's contented expression turns blank. Her eyes freeze. The man releases the body of his lover who falls lifeless to the ground. He looks unbelievably at the body and then at his hands. They are covered in ice.

The witch is behind him. She laughs. He turns to face her.

MAN
What happened? Help her, please!!

The hunched woman shakes her head.

WITCH
I cannot help her.

MAN
Please! I'll do anything! It's money you want, right? I 've got plenty! Take it! Take it all!

The man opens the leather pouch into his hand. He pours out nothing but sand. He drops the pouch in disgust.

WITCH
I needed your help and you gave me none. You have a cold heart. Your veins flow with ice.
Everything you touch turns to ice. Her! YOU!

She points at him with her stick

MAN
Please!!

He freezes solid

The witch bends and picks up the fallen money from the ground, and runs off into the woods chortling

END

FROSTBITE RUSHES

ACTION	COUNTER
They meet and run off	00.00
Runs towards camera	0.19
Run towards camera MS	0.34
Run towards camera WS	0.45
Run towards camera CU	0.56
Running feet CU	1.04
Run to foreground and hug WS	1.10
"Will you marry me..." to end dialogue 1 WS	1.32
"I wish this cold last for ever. Will you..." front	1.56
"Will you marry me..." to end Profile	2.14
"Will you marry me..." Favours Emily	2.35
"If you want my answer..." CU Emily	2.55
"If you want my answer..." CU Man	2.03
"If you want my answer..." MS Man	3.26
Red Sky WS	3.43
"You have a cold heart (fight)... Curse you" 2-shot	4.38
Man runs away (ground level shot)	5.15
"Emily?..." Man walks across shot	5.26
Emily taps his shoulder. They hug. W2S	6.00
Emily taps his shoulder. They hug. Take 2 NG	6.40
Emily taps his shoulder. They hug. Take 3	7.00
Emily approaches Man. Favours Emily (incomplete)	7.31
Emily approaches Man. They hug	8.00
They hug and she dies WS	8.30
Emily on ground. Pull out to Man's hands	9.05
CU Emily. She dies. Take 1	10.33
CU Emily She dies Take 2	11.00
ECU Emily's face	11.38
Emily dies MS. Favours Man. Take 1	12.13
Emily dies MS. Favours Man. Take 2	12.24
Low shot of Man's hands	13.11
More shots of hands	14.24
CU Man. Tilt down to hands	14.54
ECU Man's face	14.54
MS Rear view of Man	16.02
WS Rear view of Man	16.13
"Help her please!..." Hand-held. Favours Man	16.16
"Help her please!..." Hand-held. Take 2	16.50
CU Witch Laughing	17.33
Man "Please!"	17.42
Man "Please!" Take 2	18.10
Man "Please!" CU	18.19
WS Witch departs	18.40
WS Witch departs Take 2	19.24
Pouring sand. Favours Witch, (Mute)	20.04
SFX Pouring Sand	20.31
SFX Witch laughing	21.07
CU Witch picks up money and leaves.	21.17
" Help me I need money..." 2S Take 1	21.50
" Help me I need money..." 2S Take 2	22.30
" Help me I need money..." 2S Take 3	23.20
"Help me.." MS Witch Take 1	24.10
"Help me.." MS Witch Take 2	24.30

"Help me.." MS Witch Take 3	25.19
"Help me..." Favours Man WS	25.57
"Help me..." Favours Man MS	26.47
"Help me..." Favours Man WS Take 2	27.11
CU Man Frozen effect	27.53
MS Man Frozen effect	27.59
WS Man Frozen effect	28.06
Composite shot. Man freezes	28.13
Composite shot. Man freezes 2	28.16
Closing credits	28.28
Freezing effect shot 1	28.40
Freezing effect shot 2	28.55
Slow Motion shots of Emily's death	29.05

AUDIO

ice effects	30.39
ice crackle	31.73
witch cackle	31.32
witch "Help me... You Have a cold heart"	31.40
"Curse you, curse you..." (reverse effect)	32.24
Laughter .. "I cannot help her..."(reverse effect)	32.37
"I needed your help... YOU!!" (reverse effect)	32.56
Coins	33.23
1Bird atmos 3mins	33.32
whooshy wind	34.53
moaning wind	36.15
Music 1 (Title)	37.02
Music 2 (Into the Woods)	38.21
Music 3 (Witch encounter)	38.48
Music 4 (Curse You..)	39.53
Music 5 (Into the Glade)	
Music 6 (the Embrace .. cue continues to end credits)	40.19
END	42.50