

Pyramid Frenzy
an animated short fantasy screenplay
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LOGLINE:

A fire mage is sent to stop a frenzied village's summer celebration antics before they sink their neighboring lands in ice.

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EXT. TRAVELER'S PATH - NIGHT

EMBER CAIN(9); a skinny brunette girl wearing a black shawl, appears lighting the night with fiery hands.

Ember reads a hand sketched map full of routes and geography.

EMBER
(yawns)
Where am I?

Ember groans.

EMBER (CONT'D)
A cartographer should really map
this route. I've been walking
aimless for hours!

Ember gets annoyed and shoots a fireball into the sky. It lights up her surrounding area and she spots a strange walled city up ahead.

EMBER (CONT'D)
Huh...that's where it is.

EXT. HARVEST FIELDS, NIGHT

Ember passes into outskirts farmlands. ICE golems; creatures covered in blocky, armored ice till farmlands with scythes and hoes while singing and dancing.

ICE GOLEMS
(singing)
♪ La, La, La, La, La. ♪

The farmers ignore the duo.

EMBER
This is unnerving.

An ice golem no taller than Ember rushes with a wheelbarrow past. Its icy mouth moving up and down while it sings.

ICE GOLEM 1
♪ LA LA LA LA LA! ♪

Ahead, a stone pyramid stands tall above the village.

Idle Ice golems giggle and point at Ember.

EXT. PYRAMID VILLAGE

Ember passes through unguarded village gates. Inside are huts made of straw and sticks.

EMBER

This is all strange. A displaced unguarded stone wall, dilapidated homes, ice golems...

Ember turns around a corner and sees a stone pyramid looming over the village.

EMBER (CONT'D)

And a giant, out-of-place stone pyramid.

The ice golems are in a frenzy.

ICE GOLEM 2

I love the smell of nightly greens!

ICE GOLEM 3

There's so many crops!

ICE GOLEM 4

Enough to feed the entire city!

Ember pulls an ice golem to the side.

EMBER

What's going on here?!

VOCAL ICE GOLEM

It's the season of the till!

EMBER

Ice is falling from the sky!

The Vocal Ice Golem dances away singing.

A drumming ice golem appears atop the village gates.

DRUMMING ICE GOLEM

(banging drums)

WE HAVE A NEWCOMER! LET'S CELEBRATE!!!

Villagers dance and sing around Ember.

ICE GOLEMS

♪ Huzzah! La, La, La, La, HAH!, La, La, La, La. ♪

Ice golems toss fruits and greens around.

Ember snaps her fingers and blasts a small radius of fire.

EMBER
(grunts)
Git!

The ice golems jump back and cheer. A small ice golem the size of a child pounces on Ember.

CHILD ICE GOLEM 1
AH-HA!

Ember falls, juice dripping from the child ice golem's face onto Ember's.

EMBER
Get off me!

Ember waves her arm in a slashing motion and a splash of fire blows the child ice golem off. She wipes her face.

Icicles shoot over Ember's head. She ducks.

EMBER (CONT'D)
ICEBRAND!

Ice shoots at Pyron. He melts it before it hits his head.

EMBER (CONT'D)
(emits steam)
I'm already over this.

Ember pushes through the ice golem crowds to the center.

EXT. PYRAMID CENTER

She reaches the pyramid in the village center.

EMBER
(mesmerized)
Huh...smaller than the desert
pyramids.

MISTY; a woman in a tribal bikini and glowing eyes, dances in circles forming ice and shooting into the sky.

The icicles in the sky fly and arch miles in the distance.

MISTY
(euphoric)
Welcome Newcomer!

EMBER

Who are...

Cheering from the frenzied ice golems interrupts Ember. She snaps his finger and melts the ice off Misty.

MISTY

Awe...you made me wet.

PYRON

Icebrand! What is this malignant ruckus?

MISTY

It's called FUN! You boring Firebrands.

EMBER

You're causing the surrounding villages to freeze.

MISTY

That's just part of nature.

EMBER

It's JULY!

MISTY

(sighs)

GOLEMS! Do you remember how we treat Merrydowns?!

ICE GOLEMS

CELEBRATE!

Music and dancing explode and they surround Ember.

PYRAMID STEPS

Ember is slowly pushed toward the pyramid by ice golems. Ember lights her arms in flames and shoves at the ice golems.

MISTY

Come and join our song and dance,
fire child! You could warm our
hearts as we freeze the land.
Hahahaha

Ember runs up the steps. Misty chases her.

PYRAMID TOP

Ember is cornered at the top of the pyramid. There is nothing there. Misty reaches the top and blocks the only stair.

EMBER

What's the point of a pyramid if there's nothing here?!

Misty makes a fighting ice stance. The ice golems crawl along the sides of the pyramid and watch from the edges.

EMBER (CONT'D)

I...I guess...

Ember makes a sheepish fighting stance. Misty charges with her arms encased in sharp ice.

Ember snaps her fingers and throws a small wave of fire. Misty brushes it off and a frosty steam emits.

MISTY

This pyramid, my darling, is for precisely this event!

Ember jumps and dodges oncoming ice shots from Misty.

EMBER

An arena?! There are more practical places for such a thing!

Misty lands an ice shot on Ember's shoulder and is knocked to the ground.

Misty shoots her again, hitting her ear. Ember grasps her face and shoulder in cold pain.

Misty kicks into Ember's iced shoulder and pins her down. Misty then forms a dagger made of ice from her fingers and aims it above Ember.

MISTY

A fight well played, and now...for your blood!

Ember's eyes turn terrified, then erupt in flame.

EMBER

NO!

Ember kicks Misty off and her body erupts in flames. She explodes like a bomb of fire in all directions.

Misty and the ice golem swarms are thrown from the blast off the pyramid. Ember falls to her knees dazed. She rubs the fire from her eyes.

EMBER (CONT'D)
Oh...I blew up again.

The pyramid slowly disappears in a shimmering effect.

EMBER (CONT'D)
Time to go!

Ember rushes off the pyramid.

GROUND

As soon as she touches the ground the pyramid and the stone circular wall disappear.

Dazed and shivering human villagers rise from the melted bodies of the ice golems.

SHIVERING VILLAGER 1
W-w-what ha-ha-happened?

Ember looks around surprised.

Misty, her eyes no longer glowing, sits up and looks around confused. Ember kicks and pins her foot on Misty's chest.

EMBER
What did you do to this village,
Icebrand?!

Misty looks down at her clothing.

MISTY
Why am I wearing a bikini?