

Pocus Hocus

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INT. KITCHEN - EVENING

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CANDLE LIGHT CASTING SHADOWS

TRACKING SHOT OF BLACK CAT JUMPING ONTO THE KITCHEN COUNTER

TWO SHOT BEE AND TEDDY AT THE KITCHEN ISLAND

TEDDY 55, exotic, overbearing but waning sorceress, reading from a cookbook 'Spell Binding Foods' using a magnifying glass, a pen flash light and a quill feather pen.

BEE 45, short plain old witch making a cup of tea reading a party invitation.

(TEDDY page flipping sounds and BEE'S tea kettle whistles)

Black cat walks across the counter, purrs.

BEE

Tabitha! Shoo! Teddy dear, in the invitation it clearly says that the appetizer's spell can only last one minute.

BEE brushes the cat off the counter. Cat hisses when shoved.

TEDDY

Oh really, we'll see about that Bee darling. Let's make something captivating for Boo's surprise engagement party.

BEE

Whos getting married?

TEDDY

Nobody knows. That's the surprise. One lucky gal is going to be his wife. How about Amazonian Painted Frog Legs.

BEE

Oh you're wicked Teddy. Remember last time you served them? Everybody became a bit too (pause) jumpy.

(Both ladies snicker)

TEDDY

How about Burnt at the Steak Satay?

BEE cringes awkwardly.

BEE

Oh no, no, no. Too controversial.
Least you forget that Boo grew up
in Salem. Burnt at the Steak is a
little too close to home.

TEDDY

Darn it, you're right. Let's just
go random in the book.

Bee waves her hands in the air snapping her fingers and then
claps while chanting.

BEE

Rindom, rondom, random, roo, Recipe
Book, I call to you, help us find a
spellbinding winning food because
we haven't got a clue what to do!

CLOSE UP OF TEDDY'S EYE THROUGH A MAGNIFYING GLASS

ZOOM OUT TO A SPOT BEHIND THE FRONT OF THE COOK BOOK

Teddy watches the pages flipping and closes her eyes then
points to a page with her finger (sound of her finger
thumbing the page), opens one eye then the other.

EXTREME CLOSE UP OF FINGER TOUCHING THE RECIPE PAGE 'FUNGI'

CLOSE UP OF TEDDY

TEDDY

Fickle finger, find the food that's
a winning recipe too! Fungi! Ooh!
Mushrooms! How about.. Poison
Stuffed Mushrooms?

TWO SHOT BEE AND TEDDY AT THE ISLAND IN THE KITCHEN.

Bee crowds Teddy.

BEE

Yum, yum, yummy. Well just knock me
over with a broomstick but, aren't
these like (pause) a real party
killer?

(evil giggle)

TEDDY

Not if I stuff them with the
antidote.

(they snicker)

BEE

Poison stuffed mushrooms it is!
What kind of spell can we put in
them?

TEDDY

Let me think on that. Cheers dear!

They click tea cups.

BEE

Cheers!

CLOSE UP ON FOOD PREPARATION

They hum (la la) the Bewitched theme joyously as they prepare
the food, place them in the oven and set the egg timer.
(sounds of chopping, mincing and setting the clock)

TWO SHOT FROM INSIDE THE OVEN OUT TO THE TWO LADIES FACES.

(sound of timer pinging) BEE takes them from the oven to the
counter. (sounds of squeaking door and rack sliding)

MEDIUM TWO SHOT BEE AND TEDDY STANDING IN THE KITCHEN

BEE places one on a plate with tongs and oven mitts.

TEDDY

Perfect. Let's try'em. Just say
Pocus Hocus before you eat them.

BEE

What is the spell.

TEDDY

Just a little memory erase to
clear any echoes of the past.

BEE

Are you still hoping to marry Boo?

TEDDY

What. No. He is much too old for
me.

BEE

Really?

TEDDY

So, we almost had one night
together last summer till the damn
sun came up and he had to run home
like an old man.

BEE

Let it go Teddy. If he hasn't asked
you by now then he's never going
to. Boo can have the pick of the
litter. And there will be a lot of
cats purring at the party.

TEDDY

Enough. I'm not interested. Say
Pocus Hocus.

They each take a mushroom from the plate, tap them together.

Teddy swallows the mushroom delightfully while BEE takes a
little nibble.

BEE

I think you mean (slurs) Hocus
Pocus.

Teddy collapses to the floor smiling. Bee eats hers in one
bite.

BEE (CONT'D)

Teddy! Wait for me!

BEE smiles like she is drunk then hits the floor too.

PEDESTAL UP THEN SPINS CAMERA THEN TILTS DOWN QUICKLY TO
CLOSE UP OF PLATE HITTING THE FLOOR NEXT TO BEE'S SHOE.

Plate clinks with spinning sound. Black Cat runs over and
licks the plate and hisses at it.

FADE TO BLACK.

INT. - BOO'S CASTLE - EVENING

BOO - tall handsome dressed in a black cape opens the door to
the ladies. A festive party is in full swing.

BOO

Ladies. Come in. Welcome. Everyone,
it's Bee and Teddy. What have you
got there?

TEDDY

We made an appetizer.

BEE

Stuffed mushrooms.

BOO

Excellent thank you Teddy. I'll
just put them over here with the
others. We'll be doing the first
tasting in a few minutes.

Boo puts the plate down at a table. Bee looks disappointed
seeing two other plates of stuffed vegetables.

BEE

Looks like we are in for a little
competition.

TEDDY

Don't fret my dear. We're a shoe in
to win. Trust me.

The ladies mingle around the room, smiling and drinking
cocktails. They perk up when Boo clinks his glass.

EAGER, 23 young handsome wears an eye patch that randomly
shifts from the right to left eye. Assistant to Boo. Holding
a small jewelry box. Eager rings a bell.

BOO

Thank you Eager. Everyone listen
up. It's tasting time. We have
appetizers from three wonderful
cooks. They'll explain their
dishes, we eat them then we judge
them.

BEE

Oh no. Is that Raven?. We're
in deep ...

TEDDY

Shush!

BOO

Dishes will be ranked in three
categories: 1. Taste. 2. The spell
and 3. How close to 60 seconds
before it wears off. Winner gets a
gold star!

Crowd shuffles around the table eager to participate.

BOO (CONT'D)

Ok, whose first, lets see. Who made the stuffed peppers?

RAVEN

That's me.

BOO

Oh thank you Raven. What are they and what can we expect?

RAVEN

These are my Pet Pleasing Pepper Poppers. One bite and you'll make it clear to everyone what your favorite pet is. Just say **abracadabra** before they go down.

BOO

Ok lets try them. Abracadabra!

Every one takes a bite and starts talking in animal voices.

BEE

Meow, Hiss. Meow!

BOO

Ruff. Ruff.

RAVEN

Caw. Caw!

TEDDY

Roar! Roar!

BOO

Bow Wow! Ruff! Ruff. Raven. One minute and 22 seconds. Great spell. Very clever.

Crowd applauds Raven takes a bow and smiles.

BEE

She's wonderful. What a dish.

TEDDY

What are you thinking? Don't say that out loud. She's the competition. Don't help her. I want that gold star!

BEE

Oops. Sorry.

BOO

Ok everyone the next tasting is in a few minutes. Enjoy some punch.

EAGER

Master Boo. Do you want to give her the ring now?

BOO

No not yet Eager. Wait until the competition is over.

EAGER

Yes Master. She is a lucky girl and so pretty.

BOO

Thank you Eager that will be all.

Eager peeks in the box as he retreats. Boo approaches Bee.

BEE

Well good evening handsome.

BOO

Stop that Bee. You're making me blush. Where's Teddy?

BEE

She's right behind you talking to Eager.

BOO

Eager! Can you tend to the punch bowl? Guests are thirsty.

EAGER

Yes Master.

TEDDY

Nice party. Thank you for the invitation.

Boo flirting.

BOO

My pleasure. It just wouldn't be much of a shin dig without you. Can't wait to try your spell binding app.

TEDDY

How sweet.

Eager rings a bell.

BOO

Why, thank you Eager. Ok everyone
it's time for our second tasting.
Tell us what you cooked up for us
Esmeralda.

ESMERALDA 23 stunning young girl has eyes for Eager as the
two of them chat in the corner. Boo pulls them apart and
hands her the dish.

ESMERALDA

Tonight I made pimento stuffed
olives. The spell will jumble your
words when you speak. Before you
eat them say, **Mumbo Jumbo!** Help
yourself please.

BOO

Mumbo Jumbo!

The crowd responds and eats the treats.

BEE

I propose someone is going to be
hearing tonight.

TEDDY

I who the same thing. Heard?

EAGER

You are so Esmeralda Miss pretty.

ESMERALDA

Are you marrying to me to ask you
going?

BOO

Eager not ring. Put the yet away.
(shakes his head) Wow that was
fantastic. Great spell Esmeralda.
One Minute 6 seconds. Let's take a
break before our final dish.

Bee and Teddy are at the punch bowl with Eager. Boo
approaches.

EAGER

Now Master? Do you want the
ring?

BOO (CONT'D)

No not yet. Ladies.

BEE

Oh wasn't that just fun? I loved
the mumbo jumbo.

Teddy elbows Bee.

BEE (CONT'D)

Ow!

BOO

Teddy what did you think of the
olives?

TEDDY

Well that just wouldn't be lady-
like since I'm in the competition
too.

BOO

Oh of course. After we taste your
dish, I wanted to ask you something
in private.

Bee gets excited and starts to talk. Teddy covers Bee's mouth
with one finger muffling her sound.

TEDDY

As you wish Boo.

Eager rings the bell.

EAGER

Now master?

BOO

No Eager, not yet. Everybody its
time for our third and final dish.
Teddy?

TEDDY

Tonight I made an old recipe for
stuffed mushrooms that will erase
all your bad memories. I call them,
a Fresh Start. Say **Pocus Hocus**.

BOO

Pocus Hocus.

Crowd repeats and eats the mushrooms. They all pass out to
the floor one by one, except Eager.

They wake up refreshed.

EAGER

Good thing I can't eat fungi. That lasted all of about ten seconds. Well, I'd say that was rather lack luster.

BOO

What was?

EAGER

The stuffed mushrooms.

BOO

What mushrooms?

EAGER

Do you want the ring now master?

BOO

What ring?

EAGER

The ring for the marriage proposal.

TEDDY

Your getting engaged? To who?

BEE

Esmeralda? Are you going to ask for her hand?

BOO

Lucky girl.

Eager drops to a knee and takes Esmeralda's hand.

EAGER

Esmeralda. I love you. Will you marry me?

ESMERALDA

Um. No. Who are you? Have we met? Uncle Boo! Help me. Let go. Don't touch me.

Boo man handles Eager away from Esmeralda.

TEDDY

It's late. We must be going. Come on Bee. Good night all.

They exit in a hurry.

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