

Nessie's Holiday
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INT. NESSIE'S LAIR - DAY

This Plesiosaur family lives in an underground cave beneath Loch Ness. The walls are made of earth and there are earthenware versions of modern appliances in use, including an open fridge. The matriarch, Nessie herself, looks inside.

NESSIE

Dear, we're out of milk.

MR NESSIE

(not looking up
from his glam mag)

But I'm having a bad scales day.

The Nessies are unaware of DRAIG, the Welsh Red Dragon, as he makes a presenter-like appearance.

DRAIG / PRESENTER

Need a break?

EXT. LOCH NESS - UNDERWATER - CONTINUOUS

On the way up from the lair, we see a hoard of humans rush to the edges of the Loch with their cameras, and more CCTV cameras point at the Loch.

As we reach the surface of the water, we arrive at a mad fury of flashing lights and riotous excitement. Paparazzi pushing and shoving, that kind of thing.

INT. NESSIE'S LAIR - LATER

Nessie is back with a box of soya milk.

GIRL NESSIE

But mum, I do not like soya milk.

NESSIE

Get your own then.

Nessie pours soya milk into her soup.

NESSIE (CONT'D)

Every day, people in and out, in
and out, like they own the place.

DRAIG (PRESENTING)

A change of pace, a change of scene?

Draig becomes visible to the Nessie household.

DRAIG (CONT'D)

Why not come to Wales?

NESSIE

Oh my grandmother went to Wales
once...

DRAIG

We remember her.

He reaches for Nessie's old family album.

There are black and white photographs of Grannie Nessie,
wearing a Victorian bonnet, having a great time: doing a
wheelie on a bicycle, sunbathing at the beach, watching an
open air play, pure nostalgia.

NESSIE

That was Grannie's day. Now Wales
is nothing but a bunch of redundant
old choir boys watching the rugby
in run down old coal mines converted
into sleazy pubs.

Draig Jr protests.

DRAIG JR

Wales is the greatest place ever.
We have Llangranog, water-slides
in Machynlleth, drop down in
Quackers, Greenwood, Oakwood -

NESSIE

But I cannot go to Wales. My
footprints would leave a trail
that's all but impossible to rub
out.

DRAIG

We have transport that leaves almost
no carbon footprint at all.

Nessie and her family magically vanish to...

INT. BUS IN RURAL MID WALES - DAY

The Nessie family find themselves on a bus tour, with Draig
and little Draig Jr as their driver and tour guide.

They look out the windows and see red kites and other
mysterious creatures, and the Nessie kids take photos.

DRAIG

Croeso Y Gymru, Welcome to Wales.

The bus stops at Greenwood amusement park.

EXT. GREENWOOD - DAY

The little Nessies run out with Draig Jr, passing the
jumping air thing to the roller coaster.

DRAIG

Do you know that roller coaster actually generates more electricity than it uses? Only one I know of that does that.

NESSIE

Sure, it's fine for the little ones, but don't you think we're a wee bit big for a roller coaster here?

EXT. VILLAGE - DAY

We see a few small restaurants, including one of those organic type places and something with a Welsh name. Nessie takes a photograph of the street.

INT. CASUAL RESTAURANT - DAY

The Nessies sit down and Draig brings some food to them: crumpets, Welsh cakes, a bowl of berries in ice cream...

Through the window they see...

EXT. FIELDS - DAY

The children are whisked off to more adventures with Draig Jr.

They go picking blackberries.

They take pictures of the cows and of an old farmer in a traditional hat who brings them punnets to put the berries in.

The atmosphere changes to candlelight as Nessie and Mr Nessie look into each other's eyes to the sound of a triple harp.

They bring over some cheese, and the older Nessies start to eat and feed each other.

Birds fly in front of the moonlight.

Mr Nessie looks down at his gut.

DRAIG

Something active to work it all off?

EXT. HILLSIDE - SUNRISE

Mr Nessie and Draig chase sheep across the hillside.

TITLE: MOUNTAIN BOARDING

Little Nessie glides in the air, and Nessie seems to finally be getting into things, she jumps off the edge and hangs in mid air..

TITLE: CANYONING

As she lands Nessie splashes everyone. She shakes her head like a wet dog and starts really enjoying herself.

TITLE: MOUNTAINEERING

She chases the children up onto the hill.

EXT. RIVERSIDE - DAY

Nessie sneaks up and takes a photo of a group in a coracle race.

Little Nessie borrows the camera and takes a photograph of a Green Man type concert, with modern hippies pushing prams around a mellow kind of band.

EXT. WOODLANDS - DAY

The Nessies are in a bird hide and take photographs of a Role Playing Game troop complete with swords and elf ears.

DRAIG JUNIOR

(Whisper)

Did you get the dice?

EXT. CASTLE RUINS - DAY

Little Nessie and Draig Junior pass a sword to each other like it's a hot potato.

DRAIG JR

No I want to be the dragon!

LITTLE NESSIE

No I want to be the dragon!

Draig takes a photograph with a bit too much flash.

MONTAGE PHOTOGRAPHS - DAY

The Nessies take photographs of:

Nessie with some RPG elves-

Nessie kid's re-enacting a King Arthur type adventure by the castle -

A Punch and Judy show near a jetty -

Nessie winning a coracle race -

A load of fish at the bottom of Nessie's net -

(Pulling up the net we find a boxer and some members of a paparazzi stag party.)

INT. NESSIE'S LAIR - EVENING

Back home, other "mythical" creatures of the British Isles such as Leprechauns, Grendel's Mother, Beowulf and St George, gather round to look at the Nessies' photos.