

"GOO-GOO GRIEF"

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FADE IN:

EXT. WALDEN'S HOUSE

It's a beautiful day. The SUN is shining through some PUFFY WHITE CLOUDS. BIRDS flit about and <SING> their happy songs. WALDEN stands in his doorway, exulting in nature.

WALDEN

Ahhh, what a beautiful day!

He heads back inside.

INT. WALDEN'S HOUSE - MAIN ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Walden walks through the museum-like living room, taking stock.

WALDEN

The chores are all done...the fossils dusted...

INT. WALDEN'S HOUSE - LABORATORY - CONTINUOUS

Walden peeks into the laboratory.

WALDEN

The test tubes all in a row, sparkling clean...

INT. WALDEN'S HOUSE - MUSIC ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Walden checks the clock on the wall, which reads 3 o'clock.

WALDEN

And it's three o'clock! That means it's time to play---

Walden holds a HOOPTY HORN - a very long and curvy whimsical musical instrument.

WALDEN (CONT'D)

--My Hoopty Horn!

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Walden walks to a very COMFORTABLE OVERSTUFFED CHAIR with a FANCY PILLOW on the floor in front of it. Next to the chair is a MUSIC STAND with SHEETS of MUSIC. Walden plops down in his very comfortable chair, and positions the long end of his beloved Hoopty Horn on its little holding pillow (it's very long indeed).)

He adjusts his position, and starts playing his bouncy Hoopty horn song <Burbble-Burbble-Honk-Honk-Honkle-Burbble-Urp!>.

But when he pauses to turn the music page, he HEARS O.S.:

CREATURE (O.S.)
Waaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa!

WALDEN
Hmm. What could that be?

Curious, Walden rises and goes outside, carrying the Hoopty Horn with him.

EXT. WALDEN'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

Emerging from his house, Walden sees a very large CREATURE of elephantine proportions sitting on his front lawn, loudly <wailing>, stopping only to gasp for air now and then.

CREATURE
WAAAAAAAAAAAAHhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!

WALDEN
Great Nebula in Orion! What a strange creature - I've never seen anything like it!

He studies the creature for a moment, pulling out a MAGNIFYING GLASS and looking it over very carefully.

CREATURE
Waaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa!

WALDEN
(concerned)
What's the matter? Why are you crying, very large animal?

The Creature lets out a stream of unintelligible sounds.

CREATURE
Goo-goo...Goo-goo...Goo-goo..Waaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa!

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WALDEN

She's very sad. I wish I knew how
to help her. Think! Think! Think!

Walden gets an idea -

WALDEN (CONT'D)

I know!

Walden sets his Hoopty horn down on the ground and RUSHES
BACK INSIDE.

INT. WALDEN'S HOUSE - LIBRARY

Walden takes down a BIG VOLUME from the library shelves.

WALDEN

If I know what kind of animal she
is, I'll know how to help her.

Walden browses through the book quickly. OVER HIS SHOULDER,
we see various bizarre creatures on the pages.

WALDEN (CONT'D)

Let's see...Bellyacheus Magakeus?
No...Hollerapotomus? No...
Squawkasoorus? No...

Finally he comes upon a picture of the creature in question.

WALDEN (CONT'D)

Aha! It's a rare Giant Goo-Goo!

Walden reads:

WALDEN (CONT'D)

"The Giant Goo-Goo is always happy
and smiling..."

Walden, surprised, looks out his window.

HIS POV: The GIANT GOO-GOO is on the lawn, still crying.

GIANT GOO-GOO

Waaaaaaaaaaaaa!

Walden is puzzled.

WALDEN

She doesn't seem too happy to me.
(reads on)
(MORE)

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WALDEN (CONT'D)
 "- Except when it is far from
 home."

Walden shuts the volume triumphantly.

WALDEN (CONT'D)
 That's it! I'll take the Goo-Goo
 home, and she'll cheer up!

EXT. WALDEN'S HOUSE - FRONT YARD

Walden comes out to the Goo-Goo, who is now whimpering sadly.

GIANT GOO-GOO
 <whimper-whimper>

WALDEN
 Tell me, Giant Goo-Goo, would you
 like me to take you home?

GIANT GOO-GOO
 (sadly)
 Home...?

WALDEN
 Yes. Where do you live?

The Creature, looks at Walden, its lower lip trembling.
 Then, it starts crying louder than ever!

GIANT GOO-GOO
 WAAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHH!

WALDEN
 No! No! Don't cry! I'm going to
 bring you home...!

But the Creature only grows more upset -

GIANT GOO-GOO
 WAAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHH!

Her wail creates GALE FORCE <WINDS> that knock Walden over.
 Walden falls right on his Hoopty Horn, and it lets out a
 <Blatt!>

The Creature abruptly stops crying, and is placated for a
 moment.

GIANT GOO-GOO (CONT'D)
 (sniffle) Ooo!

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WALDEN

You stopped crying. Hmmm.

Walden picks up the horn and plays another note <Blatt!>

GIANT GOO-GOO

(soothed)

Ahhhhh!

WALDEN

Aha! You like the sound of my
Hopty Horn!

Walden starts playing the Hopty Horn, and the creature sways its head back and forth in time to the sweet music, wagging its tail <Brappa-Rum-Snorta-Pum-Blat-Oomp-Blorp>

Walden stops for a beat. That's all it takes - the Goo-Goo starts crying again.

GIANT GOO-GOO

Waaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa!

Walden hurriedly picks up the Hopty Horn again and starts playing, <Breep, Blap, Breep!> and the Goo-Goo stops crying immediately, and wags her tail happily. But when Walden takes a breath...

GIANT GOO-GOO (CONT'D)

Waaaaaaaaaaa---!

So Walden hastily plays again...

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. WALDEN'S HOUSE - FRONT YARD - LATER

Walden is sitting in a lawn chair, still playing his Hopty Horn as the Goo-Goo listens, swaying her head happily. Walden is exhausted.

WALDEN

Whew! I'm glad you enjoy my
playing, Goo-Goo, but I can't just
keep Hoptying all day!

The Giant Goo-Goo starts to <whimper>.

GIANT GOO-GOO

Home...Waaaaaaaa.....!

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WALDEN
(to himself)
Think! Think! Think!

Walden gets an idea.

WALDEN (CONT'D)
I know! I'll ask Widget for help.
Come on, Giant Goo-Goo, let's go
for a walk.

Like a Pied Piper, Walden plays the Hoopty Horn <Brap-Brap-Bleep-Blomp-Rugga- Rugga-Roo> and leads the Goo-Goo down the street...

EXT. WIDGET'S WORKSHOP - LATER

WIDGET is busy tuning up her TRUCK when Walden arrives, tootling on his Hoopty horn. Widget is startled to see the Giant Goo-Goo following behind, enjoying the music.

WIDGET
Yikes! What in the world is that?

WALDEN
(between gasps)
It's a Giant Goo-Goo...

Walden plays a bit more <Poomp-adda-loomp-loomp-loomp>.

WALDEN (CONT'D)
(between gasps)
And I'm in a bit of a fix. You see,
every time I stop playing my Hoopty
Horn, she starts to...

GIANT GOO-GOO
Waaaaaaaaaaaaa!

Walden starts playing again: <Bloopity...Bloopity... Bloop>, and the Goo-Goo stops crying.

WALDEN
I was wondering if you could play
for a while, so I can take a rest.

WIDGET
Gee, I would, Walden, but I don't
know how to play the Hoopty Horn.

As Walden <sighs> and starts playing the horn again, Widget scratches her head, and then -

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WIDGET (CONT'D)
 But I have an idea! Just keep
 playing, Walden - I'll be right
 back!

Widget heads into her workshop. As Walden keeps playing, we
 hear <Sounds of hammering> O.S.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. WIDGET'S WORKSHOP - LATER

Walden is lying on his back, exhausted, still <bubbling> on
 the horn, as the Goo-Goo listens dreamily. Widget emerges
 with a mechanical contraption on top of a rolling cart.

WIDGET
 TA-DA!

Walden stands up and looks at the machine.

WALDEN
 What is it?

WIDGET
 It's my Hi-FI Humdinger Horatio
 Horn-Blower 3000! Give me your
 Hoopty Horn, if you please.

Widget takes the Hoopty Horn and hooks it up to a rubber
 hose. Then she turns a crank which starts a bellows, which
 blows air into the horn and - <Brapp-bap-bap-boodle-oodle-
 toot-toot!> - MUSIC! The Goo-Goo loves it!

WALDEN
 Eureka! Widget, You're a genius!

Widget blushes modestly.

WIDGET
 Aw, shucks.

WALDEN
 Now that we solved that problem, we
 have to find out where this Goo-Goo
 lives.

Widget pulls a map out of her back pocket.

WIDGET
 Hey, I have a map of Wuzzleburg
 right here.

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WALDEN
Excellent!

Walden unfolds the map, and holds it in front of the Goo-Goo.

WALDEN (CONT'D)
Look at this map, Goo-Goo - can you
tell us where you live?

The Goo-Goo looks at the map as she sways her head to the music. Then she smiles, and points to a spot on the map.

GIANT GOO-GOO
Home!

Walden and Widget look at the map, and are puzzled.

WIDGET
But that's just an empty lot,
Walden. There's nothing there.

WALDEN
Oh, well...Maybe we should just
start walking through town, and see
if anyone recognizes her.

Widget pushes the Horn-Blower 3000, and Walden and the Goo-Goo follow.

EXT. WUZZLEBURG STREETS - DAY

Walden and Widget lead the Goo-Goo through town with the Horn-blowing machine.

WALDEN
(calling out)
Anybody lose a Goo-Goo?...Giant Goo-Goo,
right here!...

But no one answers.

EXT. PARK - DAY

They move through the park with the Goo-Goo. Just then WUBBY happens along with a KICKITY-KICK BALL.

WUBBY
Hi, everybody! Want to play a game
of kickity-kick ball?

He suddenly spots the Giant Goo-Goo.

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WUBBY (CONT'D)
Wow! What's that?

WALDEN
It's a Giant Goo-Goo.

WIDGET
We're trying to bring her home, but
we don't know where she lives.

Wubby watches her bobbing her head to the music.

WUBBY
She really likes music, huh? Maybe
she likes kickity-kick ball, too!

WALDEN
Not now, Wubby...

But Wubby approaches the Goo-Goo.

WUBBY
Hi, Goo-Goo. My name's Wubby.

GOO-GOO GRIEF
Yubby?

WUBBY
Close enough. Wanna play kickity-
kick ball with me?

The Goo-Goo looks at him curiously.

WUBBY (CONT'D)
It's really fun. Watch!

Wubby kicks the ball up in the air back and forth from one
foot to the other; to his tail and off of his head, like a
soccer ball.

GIANT GOO-GOO
(delighted)
Goo-goo! Goo-goo!

The Goo-Goo steps forward. Wubby kicks the ball to her, and
she cautiously kicks it back to him.

WUBBY
That's it!

Wubby and the Goo-Goo start kicking the ball back and forth.
Wubby kicks the ball high in the air.

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The Goo-Goo bounces the ball high off the top of her head, and then lets it slide down her nose.

WUBBY (CONT'D)
Ha ha! Good one!

WALDEN
(concerned)
Wubby, just be careful...

But Wubby and the Goo-Goo are having too much fun, and getting more reckless. Wubby stands on the ball and balances as he runs around on it. He kicks the ball to the Goo-Goo.

WUBBY
Now you try it!

WALDEN
No, Wubby, I don't think...

But the Goo-Goo stands up on the ball and tries to balance. She wobbles and wavers, and starts backpedalling on the ball. She is backing blindly right towards the Horn-Blower machine.

WALDEN (CONT'D)
Uh-oh...

WIDGET
Look out!!!

The Goo-Goo crashes into the Horn Machine, and she sits right down on it <Crash! Splat! Crunch!>

WALDEN
I was afraid of that.

They gather around to look at the smashed machine. The Goo-Goo, upset, starts to wail:

GIANT GOO-GOO
WAAAAAAAAAAAA!!!

Widget inspects the damage.

WIDGET
It's okay, I can fix this machine,
no problemo.

But now Widget holds up the Hoopty Horn, which is bent and twisted beyond recognition.

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WIDGET (CONT'D)
I don't know about this horn,
though.

WALDEN
(horrorified)
Oh, no! My Hoopty Horn!

Walden gingerly takes the battered horn, and looks at it in dismay. He tries to play, and all he gets are a couple of sour notes. <BRRRACK! BLEEEEEP!>

WALDEN (CONT'D)
It's ruined!

WUBBY
Gee, I'm sorry, Walden.

Walden joins the Goo-Goo, who is lying on the ground crying softly. Walden sits beside her, lamenting.

GIANT GOO-GOO
Waaaa....Waaaa...Waaaa...

WALDEN
My poor little Hoopty Horn...
Ohhhh...

Wubby and Widget stand beside him, Widget patting his shoulder consolingly. Suddenly they hear -

O.S. <A HOOPTY HORN> in the distance.

The Goo-Goo sits up, ears perking at the sound. Suddenly she jumps up for joy.

GIANT GOO-GOO
Home!

Her tail starts wagging, and it sweeps Walden, Wubby and Widget into the air.

ALL THREE
Whoaaaa!

They land right on the Goo-Goo's back <plop!>. As the <HORN> keeps blowing, the Goo-Goo starts galloping excitedly.

GIANT GOO-GOO
HO-O-O-OME!!!!!!

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Walden, Wubby and Wudget hold on to the Goo-Goo for dear life as she races along.

EXT. CIRCUS TENT - CONTINUOUS

The Goo-Goo races to the outskirts of town, where she comes to a sudden stop outside a giant circus tent. Walden, Wubby and Widget are jolted off her back, and land in a stack of hay. When they look up to her, the Goo-Goo points and happily cries out:

GIANT GOO-GOO

Home!

Walden looks at the circus tent, and marvels:

WALDEN

It's not an empty lot after all.
The circus is in town!

Now, dressed in circus performer outfits, the Giant Goo-Goo's even bigger MOM and DAD emerge from the tent. They are both carrying Hoopty Horns.

MOM & DAD GOO-GOO

Baby Goo-Goo!

The Goo-Goo runs happily over to her parents.

WIDGET

Now *those* are Giant Goo-Goos.

WALDEN

(understands)
No wonder she only says "Goo-Goo".
She's just a baby!

The parents give their baby a big hug.

ALL GOO-GOOS

<lots of enthusiastic goo-goos>

The Mom Goo-Goo walks over to Walden, Wubby and Widget, towering above them.

MOM GOO-GOO

We were so worried! How did you find her?

WALDEN

She found *me*. I was practicing my Hoopty horn and...

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Walden holds up his bent Hoopty horn.

MOM GOO-GOO
Oh, my - your Hoopt is pooped!

DAD GOO-GOO
Here - take one of ours.

The Dad Goo-Goo hands Walden a bright, shiny Hoopty Horn.

WALDEN
Oh, no, I couldn't...

The Dad Goo-Goo throws open a TRUNK, which is heaping with Hoopty Horns.

DAD GOO-GOO
Don't worry - we have plenty!

Walden, pleased, picks up the new horn. Then he blows a loud, clear, pure note <BRRR-APPPP!>

WALDEN
Not bad!

A REALLY BOUNCY CIRCUSY SONG GOES HERE

INT. CIRCUS TENT - LATER

The circus tent is filled with an audience, eating popcorn and cotton candy as they watch.

IN THE CENTER RING - The CIRCUS BAND is playing. All kinds of animals are playing curious instruments. CAMERA FINDS Mom and Dad Goo-Goo, playing their Hoopty Horns, while Baby Goo-Goo dances happily. CAMERA PANS over to Walden, who is playing his new Hoopty Horn with the band, and having a great time. Next to him is Widget, playing a Hoopty Horn on his now-fixed Humdinger Horatio Horn-Blower 3000. And finally, Wubby is balancing on his kickity-kick ball, as Baby Goo-Goo dances happily around him.

At the end of the song, the spotlight hits Walden, and he hits a long finishing <blast> on his horn. As the crowd goes wild with <cheers>, Walden blushes modestly, AND WE:

FADE OUT.

THE END