

## **Rumpus Mansion – Literature**

*(Rumpus bridge)*

**Follow the arrows, make no delay  
To get to the mansion, continue this way.  
Better be careful, better beware  
For goblins and dragons have made it their lair.  
What's all that Rumpus?  
Why such a din?  
The boggarts and brownies  
and elves have moved in!**

*(Entrance path)*

**Here once was a fine house  
Spacious, warm and bright.  
Where the island's lords and ladies  
Danced all thro' the night.  
But then the boggarts and the brownies  
And elves, in they came.  
Took over the mansion  
Now things aren't the same.  
It's dark and it's gloomy.  
The humans have fled.  
It's a fine house no longer.  
It's Rumpus instead!**

*(front door)*

**Rules**

- 1. It's safer to roam in groups two or more. You never can tell what's behind the next door.**
- 2. Some creatures within can do you great harm. So follow instructions - don't fall for their charms.**
- 3. Try not to cry out at what you will see. Nor laugh, nor point, nor scream. For what we reveal, remember, is real, and not just a part of your dreams.**

*(audio 1) – Redcap's welcome*

**“Welcome. Welcome. Come in, why don't you! Just step this way! Nice little children!  
Aha ha ha! All are welcome! That's it, that's it! Come in, come in. Hurry along there!  
Room for everyone! Don't be shy!”**

*(entrance hall)*

**Watch this heartless Redcap,  
'Cos he'd rather see you dead.  
He'd love to squeeze out all yer blood  
Then put it on his head!**

*(stairwell)*

**Here sit two wonders of nature,  
The trow and the elf are their names,  
Now observe, if you will, the cruel little joke  
That fate has played on their brains.**

**For the elf, though tiny and dainty,  
Has a keen mind that fills up his skull.  
Whilst the trow, who is big bad and stupid.  
Has a head which is empty and dull.**

(audio 2) - troublesome boggarts

**“Oh what’s all this commotion? What rollicking rogues are these? There’s boggarts,  
glow-worms, caterpillar babies, dragonflies and bees! Oh ho ho ho! It seems these  
jolly pranksters are a circus troop of elves! So hold onto your valuables, or they might  
smash those as well!”**

(audio 3) – knockers and cobalts digging

*(corridor)*

**The Knockers from Cornwall and Cobalts from Wales  
Mine coal of good nutty slack.  
The Knockers work hard digging tunnels,  
Whilst the Cobalts just put it all back.**

(audio 4) mischievous goblins

**“Ah...ah...ah...ah....tchooooo! Look close dear friends, ‘tis not as appears! For  
boggarts and goblins do mischief in here. ‘Tis smashing, and...and...and rolling  
and...and...and...batter and clang! ‘Tis pure evil doing that maketh their plan!”**

*(tomb and graveyard)*

**Fear ye all who would step forth  
And cross beyond this door,  
For many a fool has done this deed  
And ne’er been seen no more.  
As through the frame lies Faeryland  
A place if ye should enter,  
Will see ye sleep one thousand years  
And wake up with false denture.**

*(mirror)*

**Press  
To show the truth within your heart  
Is what I’ve sworn to do.  
So you’d better prepare  
For a mighty big scare.  
When you see the real you.**

(audio 5) – donkey in the mirror

(audio 6) - banquet music

*(banquet entrance)*

**WARNING!**

**Afore ye leave by this door  
we bid ye please make sure  
That none of these creatures  
who so love to roam  
Have sneaked in thy pockets  
Before ye go home.**

*(locked gate)*

**Beyond this Faery gate  
Are priceless jewels on golden plates.  
If of these you think you're worthy  
Turn the key to gain your entry.**

*(banquet)*

**The feast you see before you now  
Through magic has been reaped.  
So mind you are not tempted  
To take a bite to eat.  
For if a human swallows  
Just one morsel of this fare,  
They'll be ensnared in Faeryland  
And stay FOREVER there!**

*(outside corridor)*

**BEWARE!**

**From the Scottish coast  
Swam this shellycoat.  
A naughty wee thing  
that likes practical jokes.  
So keep your eyes peeled  
for sudden attacks  
Of low-flying "och-ayeing"  
Bladderwrack!**

*(outside furnace room)*

**Here live the wolf, the unicorn and ram,  
Who're used for transport in Faeryland.  
The wolf is away, with the Goblins to roam  
Whilst the other two have been left all alone.  
With nothing to do but moan and grout  
They've both got a face like a pound of wet trout.**

(audio 7) – dwarf, unicorn and dragon

**“The faery queen has ordered that her steed be shod and groomed and harnessed with all speed”**

**“The smithy dwarf regards with baleful glare, the hortibeast whose shoes he must repair”**

**“The dwarf with understandable misgiving, has doubts as to the way he makes a living!”**

**“The unicorn with sharp and well reined hoof, prepares to kick the dwarf clean through the roof. The gnome you now see was once ruthless, but age has rendered him toothless. No longer the pride of his warrior tribe, he’s completely and utterly useless. So the job he now holds, though a simple task, is almost beyond him and too much to ask, of a veteran soldier whose tired old brains, have been pickled with battles and fighting campaigns. So please, don’t disturb this sleepy old gnome – the lights may be burning, but no-one’s at home!”**

*(furnace room)*

**The dragons of Lore were ferocious beasts  
Who barbecued people and ate them for tea.  
But time rolls on, as you’ll see from this fellow  
Who’s as old as the hills, and ever so mellow.  
Soft as a feather, and too fat from eating  
He can no more than doze  
And provide central heating.**

(audio 8) – gourmet hags

**“Welcome to our restaurant!”**

**“Ha! We’re at your beck and call!”**

**“But first, let us introduce ourselves!”**

**“Bad!”**

**“Worse!”**

**“And unworse-able! Aha ha ha ha!”**

**“Everything is ffrresh today!”**

**“Prepared by us gourmet hags!”**

**“For those who fancy something light!”**

**“May I recommend freshly picked scabs! Aha ha ha!”**

*(gourmet hags’ restaurant)*

**TODAY’S MENU**

**(For the Vegetarian)**

**Beetle dung pie**

**A lip-smacking maggot stew**

**(with cockroach eyes)**

**Tapeworm pudding**

**Wart chop suey**

**Dogs bogey quiche**

**(all runny and gooey)**

**(for those on a diet)**

**Live Piranha omelette**

**Slug slime cake  
Toad fricasse  
(All are served with Vermin chips  
or Caterpillar rice  
Top them off with Cuckoo spit  
Or Woodlouse juice and ice.)**

*(gargoyles)*

**Now here's a tall tale that's quite certain to shock.  
Most people think gargoyles are carved out of rock.  
So if that's a fact that you'd like to disprove  
Look close and if lucky you may see them move!**

*(exit hall)*

**Stay a while  
Don't pass in haste  
A spell's at work  
A change takes place.**

*(audio 9) – Jenny Greenteeth*

**"A wondrous being, so legend told, took lake and river for her home. Whence nature  
flocked to celebrate, her awesome beauty, charm and grace."**

**"Within her wake lies another fate, for unwary human fools. Who'd take the chance to  
dip into a cooling, calm, clear pool."**

**"For lurking twixt bulrush and reed, fruits grinning, gruesome Jenny Greenteeth!  
Ready to greet with a cackling laugh – Aha ha ha ha haa! Any who stray within her  
path! Aha ha ha ha ha ha haaaaa!"**

*(exit wall)*

**Get along quickly  
Hurry, scat, shoo.  
Before all those goblins  
Jump out to get you.**

*(exit doorway)*

**This spot marks the end of Faeryland,  
And for those of you still alive:  
Hold your head up high, look to the sky  
Throw your mouth open wide and cry  
"I HAVE SURVIVED!"**

*(Rumpus bridge)*

**Never look backwards, you may just find  
That something quite nasty's creeping behind.  
Feel in your pockets, check them with care  
You never know what could be hiding in there!**