

# Celebrity Jungle! – The Box of Fears

by Rod Belt

- Setting: It is day 31 in the last week of reality TV show “Celebrity Jungle!” and there are four contestants left. To win they have to survive each other’s company, various contrived trials and public votes.
- Cast:
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| ANDI | A soap actress who spends her whole time grooming herself. Not very bright but cheerful and enthusiastic. |
| DOB  | Winner of many quiz shows. Clever but lazy and looks down on everyone else.                               |
| GONK | A comedian who just can’t stop making fun.  |
| CC   | A not-very-good rapper. Everything he says is delivered in a rap style – but never quite rhymes.          |
- Notes: Some of the action takes place at the camp, some at the scene of the challenges.

(ALL are sitting around in their camp, which is in a clearing in the jungle. ANDI is filing her nails)

CC Day thirty-one! Man, who would have believe | we would still be in this jungle after thirty-one days?

GONK Yeah, and who would have thought we would be the last four? I mean, I'm the world's worst comedian, you (*gesturing towards CC*) are the world's worst rapper, Andi is the world's most annoying soap star and Dob is – what is it you do again Dob?

DOB I am an expert on everything and have appeared on about twenty television quiz shows! I could tell you everything there is to know about this jungle – but I'm not going to because I can't be bothered to talk to stupid people.

GONK Oh yes, I remember what you are – you are a totally lazy and annoying know-all!

ANDI It actually doesn't feel like thirty-one days does it? I mean, don't you wonder what we've done with all that time?

DOB Well in your case you've been sitting round filing your nails all day!

ANDI That's not true! That's not all I do.

DOB Alright, it's not. You file your nails for an hour, then wash for an hour, then brush your hair for an hour, then talk about nail-filing and hair-brushing for an hour...

ANDI There's no need to be mean! You could learn a lot from me about keeping clean and tidy.

GONK Dob could learn a lot from anyone about keeping clean and tidy!

DOB Oh very funny – not! But really, what is the point of tidiness when we're camping in a jungle surrounded by nothing but trees and insect?

ANDI (*shrieking, very high pitched*) Aaaaaaaaaahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!

CC You've set her off again! | It's messing with my brain!

ANDI (*to DOB*) Don't say that horrible word!

DOB OK. Surrounded by bugs!

ANDI Aaaaaaaaaahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!

CC You are trying to provoke her!

DOB Creepy Crawlies...

ANDI Aaaaaaaaaahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!

CC Don't wind her up man.

DOB Well, we've been here for thirty-one days and she is still screaming when those words are mentioned – that's not normal. The other night I had a giant spider...

ANDI Aaaaaaaaaahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!

DOB (*carrying on*) ...on my bed. She looked like she was asleep, but as soon as I said the word under my breath, she started screaming. That's not normal.

GONK And what word would that be?

DOB Spider.

ANDI Aaaaaaaaaahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!

CC This screaming is a vi-o-lent | Let's discuss something diff-er-ent!

GONK Yeah, good idea, my eardrums are about to burst. So, who is going to do today's challenge?

ANDI What challenge?

DOB Oh good grief! The daily challenge for food! Every day one of us does a challenge and earns meals for us all. The better you do in the challenge, the more meals – remember?

GONK To be fair – Andi has done challenges three times and I don't think she has ever understood what she was doing.

ANDI Oh, that challenge!

CC I would love to do this thing | But my voice can't take the strain.

GONK You disturb my brain! I didn't like the last challenge but I'll do it if you really want. It shouldn't be a bad one today.

ANDI It's alright, I'll do it, it must be my turn.

ALL Are you sure?

GONK It could damage your nails!

CC It could mess with your hair! | make it fly everywhere!

DOB This could be fun!

*(All move over to where a very large box is standing, or exit, walk round and re-enter as if arriving at a new part of the jungle. ANDI stands behind the box facing it, the others stand back.)*

ANDI *(Pulls note off box and reads)* “There are four gold stars in the box. Place your head inside the box and recover as many as you can in two minutes. There may be other things in the box”. *(Looking up)* I don’t like the sound of that! So all I have to do is stick my head in the box and find four stars in there – but I’m not allowed to know what else is in the box? *(Silence.)* And each star earns a meal for one person? *(Stares silently at the box for a moment)*. OK. I have to do this and I can’t let everyone down. All I can do is my best...

*(She steps forward, looks all around as if looking for inspiration, then quickly plunges her head, arms and shoulders into the box. There is a moment’s silence and no movement, then suddenly she starts flailing around inside and...)*

ANDI Aaaaaaaahhhhh! Aaaaaaaaahhhhhh! Waaaaaaahhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!

*(The shrieking goes on for about ten seconds, accompanied by much flailing around. While she is doing this the others shout mostly encouraging things, though DOB makes negative comments about badly thought-out technique etc. Then she pulls her head out of the box. She is holding one gold star.)*

ANDI YAY!

DOB Come on Andi, that’s only one!

CC Don’t listen to that | you’re doing well!

*(ANDI plunges her head into the box again. This time the flailing is worse, knocking the box around, and the sounds are stranger. The others continue to shout advice and encouragement. This goes on for about twenty seconds.)*

***What is in the box? Will Andi get any more gold stars or will fear prevail? Will CC’s rhymes ever rhyme? These questions might be answered as the thrills and laughs continue!***

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