

Lake Of Dead Empires

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The Death of Stalin meets Master and Commander

Budget estimated at 50m+

LOGLINE

When WWI erupts, a loose-cannon british naval officer leads his motley crew on a death-defying mission into the heart of Africa to wrest control of Lake Tanganyika from the iron grip of the German army.

SYNOPSIS

Accompanied by a motley crew including surgeon Dr. Hanschell, Lieutenant Wainwright, gunner Waterhouse, and a mischievous chimpanzee named Josephine, Spicer transports two armed motor boats named Mimi and Toutou overland to Lake Tanganyika. After a treacherous journey across Africa, plagued by tropical diseases, dangerous wildlife, and navigating the Congo River, they finally reach the shores of the lake. Spicer launches attacks on German gunships Hedwig and Kingani, engaging in several fierce naval battles often obscured by mist and waterspouts.

His eccentric leadership earns him the nickname "Lord Belly Cloth" among the local tribes. Despite questions surrounding Spicer's mental state, the British are victorious, capturing the Kingani gunboat and renaming it Fifi. Spicer continues launching attacks, sinking German vessels and taking prisoners.

After receiving orders to report back to England, a defiant Spicer escapes by fleeing naked into the jungle. In England, Spicer faces reprimand for his bizarre behavior and tactics, but is ultimately rewarded for completing his mission and securing control of Lake Tanganyika.

"With this combination of spectacle and memorable characters it's easy to see the potential for this war epic." -Bklist.com 7/10

TONE

Spicer's larger-than-life persona allows for extremely comedic moments with his love of Gilbert and Sullivan, his tattooed body, and his strange stories of foreign lands. Small, tender moments are shared between the crew as they fight together.

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