

## Beowulf Readers Theatre Script

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| 1     | Be afraid! [sound effect]                                  | 4       | “I can’t believe I ate the whole thing!”           |
| 2,3   | Be very afraid! [sound effect]                             | 5       | Now approaches our superhero, Beowulf!             |
| 4-6   | You are Beowulf.   | 6       | Grendel reaches out to grab him!                   |
| Evens | Beowulf! [gesture]   | All     | [sound effect—gasp!]                               |
| Odds  | Beowulf! [gesture]   | 7       | But Beowulf with his superhuman strength           |
| 7     | expecting a very hungry visitor,                           | 8       | grabs Grendel’s arm with mighty force!             |
| 8     | looking for some tender vittles.                           | All     | [sound effect]                                     |
| 1-10  | [whispered] It’s Grendel....Grendel! [gesture]             | 9       | Oh what does Beowulf intend?                       |
| 11-20 | Kill, kill, kill! [gesture]                                | 10      | Is Grendel in for a nasty end?                     |
| 1-10  | Eat, eat, eat! [gesture]                                   | [PAUSE] |  |
| 9     | Beowulf, our Anglo-Saxon superhero                         | All     | For now, that’s all that we have penned. [gesture] |
| 10    | is watching for his monstrous enemy Grendel.               |         |  |
| 1-10  | Grendel! [gesture]   |         |  |
| 11-20 | Hungry! [sound effect] [gesture]                           |         |  |
| 11    | Horrible!  |         |  |
| All   | Hellacious! [gesture]                                      |         |  |
| 12    | Grendel sneaks in and attacks the King’s home. [gesture]   |         |  |
| All   | Again!   |         |  |
| 13    | With hatred in his eyes, he spies a group of sleeping men. |         |  |
| 14    | His dinner!  |         |  |
| 15    | He laughs!   |         |  |
| 1-10  | [sound effect—evil laughter]                               |         |  |
| 16    | He seizes one sleeping warrior.                            |         |  |
| 11-20 | [sound effect] [gesture]                                   |         |  |
| 17    | He greedily rips him apart!                                |         |  |
| 18    | Ahhhhhhh!  |         |  |
| 19    | He bites into his body!                                    |         |  |
| All   | [sound effect]→ Crunch, crunch, crunch!!!! [gesture]       |         |  |
| 20    | He drinks his blood!                                       |         |  |
| All   | [sound effect]→ Slurp! [gesture]                           |         |  |
| 2     | He devours huge pieces                                     |         |  |
| 3     | until he swallows the whole man.                           |         |  |