

= Reptar on Ice =

" Reptar on Ice " is the tenth episode of the second season of the animated television series Rugrats . It is the first segment of the twenty @-@ third episode for the entire series . The episode was written by Peter Gaffney and directed by Howard E. Baker . It was originally broadcast on November 8 , 1992 . " Reptar on Ice " followed the infant main characters , Tommy , Chuckie , Phil , and Lil going to an ice show with their parents that follows the love story of the babies ' favorite monster , Reptar . There , the babies attempt to return a lizard to the actor , assuming it is his child .

" Reptar on Ice " continued Rugrats ' employment of the character Reptar , a satirical parody of Godzilla . The episode included several other cultural references ; the basic theme lampoons the commercialization of children 's media products and its plethora of merchandise tie @-@ ins . The ice show the children see is referent to real @-@ life ice shows , such as " Disney on Ice , " and its plot centers around a Beauty and the Beast @-@ style love story .

The episode was released on the DVD and VHS compilation " Decade in Diapers , " which included the " favorite episodes " of Rugrats in their respected category as voted on by fans on Nick.com , and was celebratory of the show 's tenth anniversary . " Reptar on Ice " in particular was categorized as the " Favorite Reptar @-@ Rageous Episode . " Gord Lacey of TVShowsOnDVD described it as one of his favorite episodes from the compilation , tied with " Vacation Special . " It was adapted into an audio story , which was featured prominently on the CD and cassette tape " In Search of the Mighty Reptar " .

= = Plot = =

The babies discover a tiny lizard in Tommy Pickles ' backyard that they are convinced is the offspring of Reptar , a fictitious green dinosaur and main character of many action movies of which the Rugrats are fond . After learning about the extinction of the dinosaurs , Tommy decides to return the lizard to Reptar just as his family has purchased tickets for a musical ice show based on the character . After Tommy 's parents and grandfather have fallen asleep , the babies sneak into the ice rink and present the lizard to Leo , the actor portraying Reptar , who coincidentally happens to possess a phobia of lizards . Stu Pickles , Tommy 's father , sees the rugrats and must retrieve them from the ice rink .

= = Production = =

" Reptar on Ice " was written by Peter Gaffney and directed by Howard E. Baker . It was the tenth episode of season two of Rugrats , which was created by Arlene Klasky and Gabor Csupo , along with Paul Germain , founders of the self @-@ titled company Klasky @-@ Csupo . " Reptar on Ice " was originally broadcast on November 8 , 1992 on Nickelodeon . John Schuck guest starred as Reptar . In the episode , Reptar is played by a man named Leo , who was used during season one 's " Reptar 's Revenge " dressed as Reptar for a state fair . " Reptar 's Revenge " was also written by Gaffney .

= = Themes = =

Reptar had been used since season one , episode three , " At the Movies , " as a satirical parody of the fictional Japanese monster , Godzilla . Despite being a green dinosaur , he still embodies the character , and though he is portrayed comically , his name is referent to the way a child would pronounce " Velociraptor , " made famous for its appearance in Jurassic Park , though that film is highly unlikely to have been the inspiration since it was released after Reptar 's début . Reptar is used to demonstrate and subsequently lampoon the ever growing domination of Japanese culture into children 's society .

" Reptar on Ice " continues this satirical tradition , heavily displaying the over commercialization where media is dragged on into several merchandising tie @-@ ins . Angelica is insistent on only

eating Reptar brand cereal , which Stu states has " no actual food in it . " The ice show the babies attend mocks several different real life ice shows , including " Disney on Ice " and " Barney on Ice . " Another reference in the episode is the subsequent joke about Beauty and the Beast in the romantic plot of the entire " Reptar on Ice " performance .

= = Reception and home media releases = =

" Reptar on Ice " was originally broadcast on November 8 , 1992 . The 1997 VHS tape " Return of Reptar " was the first home video release with this episode . Four years later in 2001 , the episode is featured on a VHS and DVD compilation for the show 's tenth anniversary entitled Decade in Diapers . It included ten episodes that were voted by fans on Nick.com as their favorites in specific categories - " Reptar on Ice " was listed as the favorite " Reptar @-@ Rageous Episode . " The Decades in Diapers video had originally been released as a VHS in 2001 , and though Paramount Studios intended to concurrently put it as a DVD as well , they " opted to wait a year " . The episode was most recently re @-@ released to DVD in June 2009 as a part of the Rugrats Season 2 DVD set .

Gord Lacey of TVShowsOnDVD named the episode one of his favorites on the compilation , tying with the episode " Vacation Special , " which followed the families going to Las Vegas to relax . " Reptar on Ice " was adapted onto a CD entitled In Search of the Mighty Reptar . It features a story @-@ time set of two " adventures " the babies have ; the second story features another Reptar story , entitled " Journey to the Center of the Basement , " where they venture to their basement in order to " rescue " their " Reptar , Jr . " toy . The CD was as well made for cassette tapes , both being released on July 20 , 1999 . In Search of the Mighty Reptar was a part of Nickelodeon 's " Rugrats Go Reptar ! " event that published several different other merchandise types for Rugrats , including direct @-@ to @-@ video releases and magazines .