# THE TRUE FAIRY TALE OF THE MYTHICAL SUPERHERO

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#### EXT. LAND OF EVERLASTING RADIANCE - DAY

The scorching afternoon sun sizzles in the sky above the Land of Everlasting Radiance. Birds serenade the lush landscape of tall trees and rolling hills.

A short distance away are perilous cliffs that drop off into a deep canyon.

Fluffy, overfed SQUIRRELS scamper along the ground.

DUCKS fly through the sky in a happy face formation.

Suddenly, a fireball shoots up from a nearby cliff's edge, and zooms right at an unsuspecting DUCK as it flies by.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (O.S.)

Duck!

A heroic SQUIRREL leaps from a tree branch ninja-style, grabs the duck, and pulls it down before it's fried like an egg. The fireball hits the tree and destroys it.

The duck bear hugs the squirrel, and then they escape as another fireball launches into the air above them.

#### EXT. PERILOUS CLIFFS

Over the side of the perilous cliffs from where the fireball was launched, a KNIGHT in extra shiny armor balances on a large, flat ledge. Rocks slip from beneath his feet and fall to the depths below.

The timid PRINCESS LILLIAN cowers behind the Knight, trembling, as he regains his balance.

The Knight unsheathes his sword to do battle against a DRAGON, a WITCH, a SNAKE WITH SPIDER LEGS, and an EVIL ELF.

Princess Lillian covers her face and then peeks out one eye from between her fingers.

PRINCESS LILLIAN
(voice shaking)
My brave Knight, defend my honor by slaying these heathens!

The four Beasts draw closer to the Knight as he unskillfully waves his sword in the air above his head.

KNIGHT

(booming deep voice)

Retreat ugly beasts! Your demise is imminent.

Swishing her twig-like wand, the Witch hurls another fireball at the Knight, and SCORCHES the side of his armor. The Witch GIGGLES and SNORTS.

KNIGHT (CONT'D)

(abnormally whiny voice)

Ah, come on! I just waxed this!

The Knight wipes at the burnt mark on his side -- Screech! Screech! Screech!

The metal against metal is like nails on a chalkboard. All of the Beasts CRINGE and cover their ears.

KNIGHT (CONT'D)

Seriously, this is unjust.

Princess Lillian realizes the side of her hair is smoking. She flails frantically patting the side of her head to put out the smoldering.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

I am on fire!

Princess Lillian extinguishes her hair, and her already wild curls stick out even more from being singed. The Knight just watches her without helping.

KNIGHT

Your beauty cannot be diminished, but look at my armor.

With new found anger at his imperfect armor, the Knight swings his sword wildly above his head as the Beasts charge toward him.

KNIGHT (CONT'D)

I have been pushed to my breaking point.

Suddenly, the sky grows DARKER and clouds SWIRL above their heads. Blocking out the sweltering sun, a storm swoops in and sets the mood for the epic battle that is looming between the fairy tale creatures.

BOOM!

A crack of thunder echoes through the sky and into the deep canyon below.

PRINCESS LILLIAN What is this unexpected weather

pattern?

Princess Lillian's hair stands up on end from the static electricity. She gazes up at the sky, terrified, like she's never seen clouds or heard thunder before in her life.

But the others are not fazed by the sudden change in weather.

The Knight swings his sword like a maniac. Are his eyes even open? The Beasts rush toward the clueless Knight and the fearful Princess.

Princess Lillian rises to her feet, shaking, behind her Knight in extra shiny armor.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)

Do not cower, my Knight. Your strength and bravery shall prevail against evil.

RIP! A sound like pants splitting echoes through the heavens.

A hole TEARS open in the sky and something falls through...SPLAT!

A YOUNG MAN (FOG RIDER), wearing tights and a cape, flattens Princess Lillian like a pancake into the dirt under his spread eagle body.

A sparkling, <u>SOFTBALL-SIZED</u> object slips from Fog Rider's grasp as he squishes the princess, and...THUNK!

The object KNOCKS the Knight right upside the head denting his helmet, and lays him out cold.

FOG RIDER

My Orb!

The Dragon SWOOPS in flapping his behemoth-sized wings, and grabs the Knight in his sharp talons.

Princess Lillian rolls Fog Rider off her body just in time to see her Knight flown off into the sky by the Dragon.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

My Knight!

In a hazy blur, Fog Rider rolls over and sees the round object he lost sparkling just out of his reach. He stretches as far as he can, his fingertips brush against it. Almost there, but...PLINK!

The Evil Elf pokes Fog Rider in the eye, and GRABS the round object.

FOG RIDER

My eye!

Fog Rider recoils and grabs his eye.

With a SWISH of the Witch's twig-wand, the Elf and the Witch vanish into thin air.

There is a deafening vacuum-seal-like suction noise as the rip in the sky reseals.

There is a DOG heard BARKING on the other side of the portal as it closes. The face of the CUTEST PUPPY IN THE WORLD can be seen right before the hole seals shut.

The sky CLEARS to perfectly bright and sunny again.

Fog Rider leaps to his feet, but...WHACK!

The Spider-Snake slaps Fog Rider with his long and powerful tail, slamming him hard against the mountain wall. Rocks and dirt rain down on Fog Rider's head.

The Spider-Snake scurries over the side of the ledge and down into the dark canyon.

Princess Lillian ignores Fog Rider and looks to the sky for her lost Knight in extra shiny armor.

Finally, she acknowledges Fog Rider propped up against the mountainside, rubbing his reddened eye, and dusting dirt out of his hair.

Tears stream down Princess Lillian's face. She keeps her distance from Fog Rider.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Why would a man such as yourself squish a fair maiden?

(Fog Rider has a slight New York-like accent.)

FOG RIDER

Squish? I saved your butt.

Fog Rider steadies himself, using the mountain wall to balance to his feet. He dusts the dirt off his head.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

My buttocks?

Princess Lillian looks behind herself at her butt and spins in a circle, like a dog chasing its tail.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)

You landed firmly on my head.

Princess Lillian wipes the tears from her eyes, and straightens her dress.

Fog Rider motions in the direction where the Beasts flew off.

FOG RIDER

I saved your butt from those monsters. You're welcome.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

I am welcome?

Fog Rider searches the rocky mountainside for a way to scale back up the cliff ledge to the top.

FOG RIDER

Yeah, you're welcome. Now move over. I need to find my Diamond Glazed Orb.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Like a fancy donut? I like donuts. Who are you?

Princess Lillian lets her guard down just a little and steps closer to Fog Rider.

FOG RIDER

No, nothing like a donut. I am (dramatic pause) Fog Rider. I control all the fog and use it to battle villains.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

What tis fog?

FOG RIDER

(matter of fact)

Fog is a collection of liquid water droplets suspended in the air near Earth's surface.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Are you a superhero?

Princess Lillian steps a bit closer to Fog Rider, almost inspecting him.

FOG RIDER

Yes, I am.

Fog Rider stands with his hands on his hips, like her recognition of him is a victory.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

(flat)

Superheroes are mythical. And the sun always shines on this side of the mountain.

Princess Lillian backs away from Fog Rider.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)

(contemplating)

Well, except for two minutes ago, but I think that was your fault.

She shakes off the thought and nervously picks at her pink nail polish.

Fog Rider deflates and his shoulders sag.

FOG RIDER

The Orb must have opened up a portal between our dimensions.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

They must be parallel dimensions.

FOG RIDER

Why do you think that?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

I shall have never heard of a perpendicular dimension.

Fog Rider thinks about that for a moment.

FOG RIDER

Me neither.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Since you claim to be a superhero, please use your superpowers to fly us to safety.

Princess Lillian looks up to the top of the cliff's edge that is just out of their reach.

FOG RIDER

Um, I can't technically fly.

Then why do you wear a cape?

FOG RIDER

It makes me look tough.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

It matches your tights.

Fog Rider opens his mouth to object, but his cape matches his tights too well to argue, including his LARGE CAPE CLASP secured around his neck.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)

If you give me a boost, I believe I can reach the top.

FOG RIDER

It's worth a shot.

Fog Rider struggles to boost Princess Lillian up the side of the mountain. She awkwardly steps on his shoulders and part of his face.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

A little higher.

Fog Rider grunts, and gives her a shove off his face. Princess Lillian lifts herself over the ledge to safety.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)

I am up.

Fog Rider wipes a dirty shoe print off his cheek.

FOG RIDER

Now help me.

Princess Lillian lies flat on her belly and stretches her arms over the side of the cliff toward Fog Rider, but she can't quite reach him to help him up. Their fingertips barely touch.

Princess Lillian sits up, and looks back over the side of the cliff at Fog Rider.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

My arms are not long enough and your weight shall be too heavy.

Fog Rider looks down and rubs his small belly pooch.

FOG RIDER

(offended)

My weight is in proportion to my height. Go find a rope and come back for me.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Toss me your cape and I shall use it as a rope.

FOG RIDER

I never remove my cape. Go get a rope.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

If you insist, I shall do that.

Princess Lillian hikes up her dress, and rushes off toward her village to find a rope and some help.

CUT TO:

EXT. VILLAGE GATE - LATER

Two young maidens, GISELA and CHARLOTTE, wait at the Village Gate for Princess Lillian's return.

(The Village Gate is a strong metal gate with spikes that can be lifted up and down by a wooden crank and a thick chain. The gate stays open unless the village is attacked by enemies. There is also a solid stone wall that surrounds the entire village for protection.)

GISELA

Princess! Princess!

CHARLOTTE

What has occurred? You are filthy.

GISELA

Where is your Knight? Your parents are worried ill.

Out of breath, Princess Lillian raises her hand to tell them to give her just a moment.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

I shall need a rope!

GISELA

For what?

(speed talking)

While battling the beasts we tumbled over the side of the cliff and then a superhero fell on my head and I shall need a rope to secure his rescue. And my Knight was snatched by a Dragon.

Gisela and Charlotte fall silent and then crack up laughing at Princess Lillian.

CHARLOTTE

You are so full of humor. Superheroes do not exist.

**GISELA** 

And not all knights are victorious. You do not have to invent tall tales. We shall find you a more worthy knight.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Alas, I do not make up stories. Fog Rider needs me to fetch him a rope.

Gisela and Charlotte make eye contact with each other, truly concerned about the sanity of Princess Lillian.

GISELA

Frog Rider? Did you bump your head during the battle?

Gisela touches Princess Lillian's head, but Princess Lillian swats her hand away.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

No, my head is clear and it is Fog Rider. F-O-G. But the Diamond Glazed Orb hit my Knight on the head and the Dragon stole him.

Gisela and Charlotte put their arms around Princess Lillian and guide her back toward the castle.

CHARLOTTE

Let us tell your mother and father. I am sure they shall be able to assist you.

Charlotte looks at Gisela behind Princess Lillian's back and makes a cuckoo sign by circling her finger around her ear.

I saw that. I am not out of my mind. Fog Rider is not a figment of my imagination.

Gisela and Charlotte give her weak smiles.

GISELA

We believe you speak truth, but let us inform your parents.

Princess Lillian gives up arguing and accompanies Gisela and Charlotte toward the castle.

FADE TO:

EXT. PERILOUS CLIFFS - LATER

KING DARIEN, QUEEN PRISCILLA, Princess Lillian, Gisela, Charlotte, and some CASTLE GUARDS gaze over the side of the cliff where Princess Lillian left Fog Rider.

But he's GONE.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

I promise he was here when I departed.

Queen Priscilla and King Darien step forward to take a better look over the side of the cliff.

QUEEN PRISCILLA

I do not see anyone down there. Where is the Knight?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

I speak the truth. The Dragon took him.

KING DARIEN

Maybe you were under a spell from the Witch.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

I am not under the Witch's spell. I left Fog Rider right there. He boosted me over the ledge, but he would not allow me to use his cape as a rope to pull him up.

The group stares at her with confusion and pity in their eyes.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)

I am not without my wits. He was here and his cape matched his tights.

CHARLOTTE

(pleading with the Queen)
Let us hurry back to our village.
It is dangerous outside the Village
Gate, please, Queen Priscilla.

GISELA

(snapping at the Princess)
I do not even believe you convinced
us to make the journey outside the
gate.

Queen Priscilla embraces her daughter and strokes the side of her singed hair to smooth down the frizz.

QUEEN PRISCILLA

I believe you, my sweet Lily. But we shall return to the castle for safety and to take rest.

King Darien makes the cuckoo sign with his finger around his ear behind Princess Lillian's back to his wife. This time Princess Lillian doesn't notice the gesture.

Princess Lillian breaks free from her mother's embrace, and points over the side of the cliff with force, like it might make Fog Rider magically reappear where she left him.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

No! This is <u>STUPID</u>! He was right there.

The group gasps at Princess Lillian's outburst.

QUEEN PRISCILLA

Princess Lillian Grace! You shall not use such filthy language!

Princess Lillian backs down from her mother's scolding.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

I am sorry, mother. Rest sounds pleasant. I could use a bit of rest.

The group turns and quickly makes their way back toward the village, but Princess Lillian travels a bit slower behind them.

She looks over her shoulder in the hopes that Fog Rider will magically reappear. She hears a RUSTLING in a nearby bush and rushes to catch up.

FADE TO:

#### EXT. WILDERNESS NEAR PRINCESS LILLIAN'S VILLAGE - LATER

Fog Rider stumbles along a wooded trail, tripping on pinecones and branches that cover the path. He sees Princess Lillian's village in the distance. He's dirty from climbing the side of the cliff and his tights are ripped.

A rustling noise STARTLES Fog Rider. He darts behind a skinny tree, and tries to make himself as thin as possible to stay undetected. He pulls a branch with some leaves in front of his face.

A small SQUIRREL scurries across the path. Fog Rider laughs to himself, leaves his hiding place, and keeps walking.

There's another rustling from the bushes, but this time Fog Rider is not startled.

A cute, chubby SQUIRREL sits at the side of the path and gazes up at Fog Rider with big, sad, brown eyes, like a lost puppy looking for a home.

FOG RIDER
You ain't so scary, are you?

Fog Rider reaches his hand slowly down and pets the top of the squirrel's head with one finger. The squirrel seems to SMILE, so Fog Rider bends down closer to the squirrel and leans in to give it a better pet.

#### THWUMP!

The chubby squirrel attacks Fog Rider's face. He wrestles with the squirrel to get him unattached from his nose, but the little guy is a like a sumo wrestler.

Fog Rider flails around, but the squirrel is determined.

CUT TO:

### INT. PRINCESS LILLIAN'S BEDROOM/HALLWAY - AFTERNOON

Princess Lillian paces around her royal bedroom. She opens the bedroom door and peeks out. She sneaks out, closing her door gently behind her.

## INT. CASTLE HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

GUARD 1 patrols the hallway, turns the corner, and marches toward Princess Lillian.

Princess Lillian dives behind a tapestry hanging on the wall to hide from Guard 1.

Guard 1 passes by her without noticing the bulge in the fabric.

Princess Lillian uncovers herself, and sneaks down the hallway.

THOMP! THOMP! Princess Lillian hears more footsteps coming down the hall. She gives up and rushes back into her bedroom, slamming the door behind her.

### INT. PRINCESS LILLIAN'S BEDROOM

Princess Lillian looks out her bedroom window, but that's a steep drop down to the ground.

PRINCESS LILLIAN This is stupid.

She flings herself onto her bed in frustration and rubs her hand along a wrinkle in the sheet to smooth it out. She feels the sheets beneath her fingertips.

Princess Lillian leaps up with a new idea and rips the sheets off her bed.

CUT TO:

#### EXT. PRINCESS LILLIAN'S VILLAGE

Fog Rider enters Princess Lillian's village, and notices VILLAGERS staring at him and whispering. He lowers his head and walks faster, but his tattered clothes and ripped tights continue to draw attention from the villagers.

Fog Rider attempts to conjure up fog to hide his identity with his magic words.

FOG RIDER
Razor back hog. Whitetail prairie dog. Bring the fog.

Nothing happens.

Fog Rider waves his arms in the air this time as he speaks.

FOG RIDER (CONT'D)

Razor back hog. Whitetail prairie dog. Bring the fog.

Still nothing.

Fog Rider ducks behind a cart of fruit, knocking it over, and drawing even more attention to himself.

CUT TO:

INT. PRINCESS LILLIAN'S BEDROOM

Princess Lillian finishes tying her bedsheets together in knots and flings them out the window. They reach about half way down the side of the castle.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

This is still stupid.

As she pulls the bedsheets back inside, Fog Rider steps out of the bushes and sees her in the window.

FOG RIDER

Girl!

Princess Lillian looks around to see if he is yelling to someone else near her.

FOG RIDER (CONT'D)

Girl in the window!

Princess Lillian points at herself.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Do you call to me?

FOG RIDER

Yeah, I need your help.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

You ask for my assistance, but you know not my name?

FOG RIDER

You never told me.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

You never inquired.

Fog Rider thinks about that for a moment, but Princess Lillian is right.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)

Please, assist me down.

Princess Lillian tosses her sheets back out the window, but then she realizes the steep drop again.

FOG RIDER

Hurry up before someone sees me.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

(voice shaking)

I have changed my mind about lowering myself to the ground. It is too steep.

Princess Lillian walks away from the window.

FOG RIDER

Come back! I have something to show you.

Princess Lillian leans slightly back out the window to see what Fog Rider seems to be holding between his hands.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

This is a trick. It is too far for me to observe.

Fog Rider peeks between his clasped hands like he has something really good in there.

FOG RIDER

That's too bad. This thing is really cool.

Fog Rider raises his clasped hands above his head, like she might be able to see what is inside.

Princess Lillian leans over a little bit further and...SLIP!

She tumbles right out the window. She grabs the sheet and spins around like an acrobat as she slides down. Then she slips right off the end.

Fog Rider extends his arms out below her to catch her, but...SQUISH!

Princess Lillian falls flat on Fog Rider, similar to how he landed on her when he fell from the sky, squashing him into the dirt.

Princess Lillian rolls off of Fog Rider and sits up on her knees.

Wow! That was not expected.

FOG RIDER

I was trying to get you to climb down the sheet, not dive bomb me.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

What is in your grasp?

Fog Rider looks down at his hands, but whatever was there is gone. He shows her his empty hands.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)

You lied to me.

Fog Rider stands and straightens his cape.

FOG RIDER

No, it was a ladybug.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

This is stupid. I am returning to the castle. I tumbled out a window to view a ladybug. We do not even have ladybugs in The Land of Everlasting Radiance.

FOG RIDER

I really had one. It must have come with me.

Princess Lillian stands and stomps back towards the castle.

Fog Rider spots the LADYBUG struggling to free itself from Princess Lillian's wild hair.

FOG RIDER (CONT'D)

Wait!

Fog Rider runs up to Princess Lillian and gently removes the Ladybug from her hair.

Princess Lillian stares at it in awe.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

I have only observed ladybugs in stories.

FOG RIDER

See, I didn't lie.

I have read that it is good luck if a ladybug lands on you.

FOG RIDER

Where I'm from it's good luck if a bird poops on you.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

That is disgusting.

A Guard makes his way around the side of the castle towards Fog Rider and Princess Lillian.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)

Follow me.

Princess Lillian and Fog Rider duck into some nearby bushes and the Ladybug flies away.

EXT. BUSHES

FOG RIDER

What's your name?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Lily.

Fog Rider reaches out to shake Princess Lillian's hand, but she presents her hand like it's supposed to be kissed. He awkwardly shakes her sideways turned hand.

FOG RIDER

Why were you locked in the castle?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

(a bit too dramatic)

I am but a lowly servant girl and I was not truly locked in.

FOG RIDER

Then why didn't you just use the door to leave?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

My parents may have attempted to prevent me from exiting if they saw me.

FOG RIDER

Your parents are servants in the castle too?

They could be labeled as so.

FOG RIDER

Will you help me find my Orb?

Princess Lillian isn't really paying attention and is staring, with her head tilted sideways, at Fog Rider's face.

FOG RIDER (CONT'D)

What's wrong?

Princess Lillian points at Fog Rider's nose that has crazy scratches all over it from the squirrel attack.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

What has become of your imperfect face?

Fog Rider gently touches his nose and slightly winces in pain from the squirrel scratches.

FOG RIDER

(stammering)

Uh, I fought another dragon on the way here.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

You are the second bravest in all the land.

Fog Rider straightens his cape, proud of any kind of recognition.

FOG RIDER

Wait a second? Never mind. Will you help me find the Elf that stole my Orb?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Did you destroy the dragon?

FOG RIDER

What dragon?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

The one that attacked your face with its talons.

Fog Rider touches his scratched up nose again.

FOG RIDER

Uh, yeah, yeah, of course. Are you going to help me or not?

Most possibly. Superheroes always win, right?

FOG RIDER

I haven't lost yet.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

I must give one condition.

FOG RIDER

One condition?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

You shall slay the Dragon that stole my Knight and rescue him, and then I shall help you find the Elf and your Orb.

FOG RIDER

That's not fair.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Why not? You want something from me. I should secure something in return.

Fog Rider thinks about the logic for a moment and realizes once again that Princess Lillian is right.

FOG RIDER

Okay.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Okay? Okay! The Elf and Dragon are probably working together. They are both evil at heart and snatched my Knight. My prediction is that they shall be in the Land of Vile Darkness.

FOG RIDER

Vile Darkness?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Yes, Vile Darkness.

FOG RIDER

Sounds homey.

Princess Lillian gives him a concerned smirk and shakes her head.

FADE TO:

EXT. VILLAGE GATE

Princess Lillian and Fog Rider sneak through town, and run out the Village Gate.

FOG RIDER

We made it.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Please, wait momentarily.

Princess Lillian runs back inside the Village Gate and into town.

FOG RIDER

Where are you going? Lily! Lily!

But Princess Lillian is gone.

Fog Rider circles the Village Gate nervously trying to decide if he should chase her back inside.

Princess Lillian DASHES back out the gate and DIVES into the bushes.

FOG RIDER (CONT'D)

What's going on?

Princess Lillian grabs Fog Rider, pulls him down behind the bushes, and covers his mouth with her hand.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Sshhh.

A SHOPKEEPER runs out the Village Gate looking for Princess Lillian.

SHOPKEEPER

Thief! You shall not get away!

But when the Shopkeeper doesn't see her, he returns back to the village, defeated.

Princess Lillian stands and extends her arm presenting Fog Rider...A PAIR OF PANTS.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

I cannot go on a quest with you and take you seriously with holey tights.

Fog Rider takes the pants from her and holds them in the air checking the price tag.

FOG RIDER

Did you steal these?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Borrowed.

FOG RIDER

What if I spill something on them? Then you can't return them.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Then I shall pay for them.

FOG RIDER

With a servant's salary?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Put on the stupid pants. Your tights make me uncomfortable and I must find my Knight.

Fog Rider uses the bushes as his dressing room and comes out wearing the pants.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)

Let me see.

Fog Rider does a model strut in front of Princess Lillian and strikes a pose.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)

Turn around.

He slowly turns showing off each angle of the pants.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)

Much better.

Fog Rider rubs the material on the legs of his new pants with his hands.

FOG RIDER

These are better. Whoever decided superheroes are supposed to wear tights must have secretly been a villain.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Let us go. We have not much time before dark.

Princess Lillian follows Fog Rider into the forest.

CUT TO:

INT. EVIL CASTLE DUNGEON

The Knight lies in a dark and dingy cell deep in the Witch's dungeon in the Land of Vile Darkness. Water drips from the ceiling and mold creeps up the walls.

The Witch paces outside of the bars waiting for the Knight to awaken. Her pointy witch shoes clack on the stone floor.

WITCH

Wake up, Knighty-poo.

Finally, she becomes impatient and RATTLES the bars on the cell, awakening the Knight.

WITCH (CONT'D)

Good. You're awake.

Shivering the Knight stands to his feet and tugs on his helmet. But it is STUCK on his head. There is a dent in the side of his helmet where the Orb hit.

The Knight pulls with all his strength, and flails around the cell, bumping into walls trying to rip off the helmet. It won't budge at all.

KNIGHT

Help me.

The Knight slips on some moss and trips into the cell bars. His helmet wedges in between two bars, so now his head is stuck in the helmet and the helmet is stuck between the jail cell bars.

The Witch giggles and snorts at the predicament the Knight has gotten himself into with his head trapped.

CUT TO:

EXT. AHOOL FOREST

Princess Lillian and Fog Rider trample through the forest.

FOG RIDER

What are we up against to get the Diamond Glazed Orb back?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

And my Knight.

FOG RIDER

And your Knight.

Princess Lillian thinks for a moment.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

(lying)

Oh, I do not know.

Fog Rider stops in his tracks and spins around facing Princess Lillian.

FOG RIDER

What do you mean you don't know?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Except for today when my Knight was battling for me, I have never ventured outside the Village Gate.

FOG RIDER

Then how do you expect to help me?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

It is like any adventure. We travel to a far off evil land. You storm the castle, rescue my Knight, get your stupid Orbie, defeat the beasts, and I shall wait outside for your safe return.

Fog Rider doesn't even know how to respond to her, so he huffs, throws his hands in the air, and walks on.

Princess Lillian chases behind him, right on his heels.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)

Please do not leave me or be angry. It is a good plan, correct?

FOG RIDER

Isn't it the damsel in distress that's supposed to be rescued? Your Knight should be rescuing himself.

Now Princess Lillian stops in her tracks, and anger flares in her eyes. She clinches her fists.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Are you making a joke of me?

FOG RIDER

What?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Do you not know the difficulty of finding a knight that will fight?

FOG RIDER

Because you're a servant?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

No, because, ah...yes, a servant. As a servant, this may be my single chance.

FOG RIDER

I'm sorry. I didn't realize...

Embarrassed, Fog Rider kicks at a stick on the path, and struggles to make eye contact with Princess Lillian.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

It is fine. I just need him back.

Fog Rider gives Princess Lillian an awkward, but encouraging, pat on the shoulder.

FOG RIDER

I'm gonna help you. Don't worry.

Fog Rider now follows Princess Lillian down the forest trail.

FOG RIDER (CONT'D)

What's your Knight's name?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

I do not know yet.

FOG RIDER

You love him, but you don't know his name?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

I did not say I love him. I said I wanted him back because it is hard to find a knight that shall fight for me. He is the bravest in all my land.

FOG RIDER

I'm sick of calling him Knight. I'm gonna call him Calvin.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Calvin? I prefer Trent.

FOG RIDER

I'm calling him Calvin.

I am addressing him as Trent, and he shall likely have to rescue your buttocks since his capture was your fault with your stupid Orb.

FOG RIDER

I highly doubt fragile Calvin will have to save me.

Offended, Princess Lillian storms farther ahead of Fog Rider. But when she sees the distance between them she becomes frightened and slows way down to wait for him.

CUT TO:

INT. PRINCESS LILLIAN'S BEDROOM

Queen Priscilla opens Princess Lillian's bedroom door to check on her. She peeks in.

QUEEN PRISCILLA

My sweet Lily, there is something I need to speak of with you.

But Princess Lillian is not in her room. Queen Priscilla looks around the room and opens the closet.

QUEEN PRISCILLA (CONT'D)

Darien! Darien!

King Darien rushes into the bedroom.

KING DARIEN

What is troubling you, my beautiful Queen Priscilla?

QUEEN PRISCILLA

Our sweet Lily is not to be found!

GUARDS rush into the room also.

King Darien looks out the window and sees the sheets draped over the side.

KING DARIEN

Someone has nabbed her.

GUARD 1

Sir, I think she left on her own.

KING DARIEN

My Lily would never leave on her own. She has been taken!

King Darien pulls the sheets back up and inspects them, like there might be a clue to Princess Lillian's disappearance on them.

KING DARIEN (CONT'D)

I want all of the knights and guards gathered downstairs immediately. And I want a reward given for any information from the villagers about Princess Lillian's abductor.

Queen Priscilla sprawls out on Princess Lillian's bed and dramatically FAKE sobs.

QUEEN PRISCILLA

Please, please find our sweet Lily. I cannot continue living without her.

KING DARIEN

Do not fret, my Queen. We will find her, and take revenge on the scoundrel that caused this pain.

King Darien and the Guards rush out of the bedroom.

Queen Priscilla sits up, and it's obvious by her face that she was not really crying since there are no tears. She gives a sneaky smirk.

CUT TO:

EXT. AHOOL FOREST - EVENING

Princess Lillian and Fog Rider continue to trudge along through the forest. Some of the last rays of the day's sunlight peek through the massive trees.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

The sun shall set soon. We must stop for the night and build a fire.

FOG RIDER

I don't have time to stop. I need my Orb.

The realization of leaving the safety of her village sets in and Princess Lillian panics.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

This is a dangerous forest. I am not sure what I was thinking. We must go back home immediately.

Princess Lillian spins around to make her way back to her secure village, but Fog Rider blocks her path.

FOG RIDER

This is the least dangerous situation I've ever been in. The most dangerous thing around here is...

Fog Rider looks around for something semi-dangerous and hears a rustling in the bushes.

FOG RIDER (CONT'D)

...is a squirrel.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

No, it is an Ahool. Darkness creeps in, we must hide.

FOG RIDER

Hide? What's an Ahool?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

It is a giant man-bat that resides in this forest.

FOG RIDER

That's Batman and he lives in a mansion.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Batman is not real. Ahools are real. This forest is filled with them and they shall come out at night.

Fog Rider ignores her and keeps walking. Princess Lillian tugs at his cape.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)

Please, we must return to the castle. This quest is stupid even if superheroes are always victorious.

Fog Rider turns in anger, jerking his cape out of Princess Lillian's grasp and straightening it.

FOG RIDER

Don't touch my cape! You don't seem to understand the importance of the Orb. If I don't get it back both of our worlds will be destroyed.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Blah, blah, blah. That is what all superheroes say about everything. If we do not hide or exit this forest we shall be destroyed.

The last rays of sunshine disappear through the tops of the trees.

FOG RIDER

(defensive)

No, the Orb controls the power of nature. And whoever has it possesses invincible power. I was supposed to be guarding it, but...

Princess Lillian's eyes grow wide, and it's obvious she isn't paying attention to a word Fog Rider is saying.

FOG RIDER (CONT'D)

Are you listening to me?

Fog Rider waves his hand in front of Princess Lillian's face. Her eyes are glued to something in back of Fog Rider as she slowly shakes her head NO, keeping her eyes still.

FOG RIDER (CONT'D)

There's an Ahool behind me?

Princess Lillian slowly shakes her head YES, still without moving her eyes.

Fog Rider spins around, and is face to face with a giant, fanged, hairy, man-bat.

Saliva drips off the AHOOL'S fangs, as it licks its lips and stares at Fog Rider like a juicy cheeseburger.

Fog Rider reaches to grab Princess Lillian...

FOG RIDER (CONT'D)

RUN!

But she is already gone. Just a small cloud of dust is left where she was previously standing.

Fog Rider looks around for an escape, but the Ahool wraps his enormous bat wings around him.

CUT TO:

INT. CASTLE - NIGHT

The GUARDS and KNIGHTS are gathered around a large, wooden table. King Darien stands at the head finishing his speech.

KING DARIEN

Whoever brings Princess Lillian home safely will be handsomely rewarded.

Nervous murmurs and whispers pass around the table among the Guards and Knights.

Queen Priscilla secretly listens outside the door. She ducks away as Guard 1 opens the door and escorts a YOUNG BOY and the Shopkeeper into the meeting room.

GUARD 1

Your majesty, these two villagers have information about the abduction of the princess.

The Young Boy steps up first to give his story to King Darien.

YOUNG BOY

I saw a man in tights with a cape sneaking around your bushes. He was ten feet tall, carried a humongous sword, and was covered in blood.

KING DARIEN

Thank you, young man. Could you identify the man if you saw him again?

YOUNG BOY

Yes, your majesty.

KING DARIEN

Very well. Take this boy, give him a reward, and see if we can identify the culprit.

The Shopkeeper steps up and clears his throat, anxious for his reward.

SHOPKEEPER

The princess stole a pair of pants from me and then ran out the Village Gate.

King Darien scratches his head.

KING DARIEN

You are saying, my daughter, with infinite wealth, stole a pair of your raggedy pants?

SHOPKEEPER

Yes, your majesty.

KING DARIEN

What shall she want with your pants?

SHOPKEEPER

They are of good quality, and quite comfortable, sir.

KING DARIEN

Get this liar out of my sight.

The Shopkeeper is dragged away by the Guards.

KING DARIEN (CONT'D)

Men, put on your battle gear and meet at the Village Gate. It is time to bring the princess home and slay her captors.

GUARD 1

Your majesty, it is dark outside. We will have to wait until the sun rises in the morning.

The King contemplates this, scratching his head again.

KING DARIEN

Yes. Get a good night's rest, meet at the Village Gate at sunrise, and we shall bring the princess home.

BAM! King Darien slams his fist on the table for emphasis.

The Guards and Knights stand from the table and exit the room.

CUT TO:

EXT. BEACH

The moon illuminates a peaceful beach that is bordered by the Ahool Forest.

Princess Lillian bursts through the edge of the trees in a dead run at the end of the forest, and dashes across the sand toward the ocean. Going into the water knee deep she turns around, but Fog Rider isn't behind her.

But neither is the Ahool.

She waits.

And waits.

Princess Lillian looks around and fear overtakes her. All of the night shadows look like evil creatures about to grab her. She weighs her options to move forward or return to Fog Rider.

Princess Lillian tiptoes back closer to the forest.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

(whisper-yelling)

Fog Rider!

Nobody answers.

Princess Lillian paces in front of the forest, wiping fearful tears from her cheeks.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)

Stupid superhero.

Princess Lillian takes a deep breath and marches back into the forest.

EXT. AHOOL FOREST - NIGHT

Princess Lillian sneaks through the dark forest and spots Fog Rider tied up, and hanging upside down like a bat from a branch of a tree.

FOG RIDER

(pleading)

Really, I know Batman. I could introduce you.

Fog Rider wiggles to get free, like a worm on a hook, but the Ahool circles him. The Ahool enjoys seeing his breakfast squirm and beg.

FOG RIDER (CONT'D)

I'm sure he would love to meet you.

Princess Lillian searches for something to distract the Ahool. She sees ACORNS on the ground and fills her dress pockets with them.

FOG RIDER (CONT'D)

I guarantee you don't want to eat me. Mosquitoes won't even bite me my blood tastes so nasty.

Princess Lillian sneaks as close as she can to Fog Rider without being detected by the Ahool. She throws an acorn in the opposite direction of herself.

THUD.

The Ahool's eyes shift to where the noise hits. Princess Lillian throws another acorn in a different direction. The Ahool's eyes shift again.

Princess Lillian throws a whole handful of acorns as far as she can away from Fog Rider.

The Ahool leans in close to Fog Rider's face.

AHOOL

Hang around.

The Ahool laughs hysterically at his awful joke, and then flies off in the direction of the clattering acorn noise.

Princess Lillian sprints to Fog Rider and climbs the tree he hangs from. She struggles to untie him.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Stop wiggling.

FOG RIDER

I'm trying to help you break me free.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

You are making the knot tighter.

Princess Lillian digs her fingers into the knot and pries at it.

STOMP! STOMP! The Ahool's footsteps are heard returning.

FOG RIDER

Hurry up. It's coming back.

Do you think that I shall take my sweet time?

The knot slips free and Fog Rider smashes to the ground, but leaps right back up to his feet.

The Ahool swoops in, and its giant wings crush the branches that Princess Lillian balances on. She dives to the ground and lands near Fog Rider's feet.

Fog Rider pulls Princess Lillian to her feet, and they run into the underbrush that is harder for the humongous bat to navigate through.

FOG RIDER

Stay low!

The Ahool stays close on their heels, obliterating any trees and branches that get in its way with its powerful body.

Princess Lillian and Fog Rider run like mad out of the forest without looking back at the devastation being created behind them by the Ahool.

EXT. BEACH

Fog Rider and Princess Lillian burst through the trees onto the sand and run toward the ocean. Fog Rider slows near the shore where the waves lap.

FOG RIDER

There is water. I can make fog here.

Princess Lillian grabs him by the arm and pulls him into the ocean.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Go under!

Princess Lillian pushes Fog Rider's head down into the crashing waves just before the Ahool grabs him.

Fog Rider and Princess Lillian sink into the salty water as the Ahool swoops over head.

They emerge for a breath, but the Ahool is still right on top of the surface.

FOG RIDER

Razor back hog--

The Ahool swoops down at them, and Fog Rider goes under again gulping in a mouth full of salty water.

Fog Rider breaks the surface of the wave and spits out the ocean water.

FOG RIDER (CONT'D)

Razor back hog--

He's forced back under by the unrelenting man-bat. They are going to drown or face being eaten.

Princess Lillian and Fog Rider break the surface of the water, gasping for air. The Ahool dive bombs them.

At that moment, a wave crashes spraying the Ahool with a strong mist. The Ahool doesn't seem to like the water and backs off just a bit.

FOG RIDER (CONT'D)

It doesn't like the water.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

When it returns again grasp its leg and go under.

FOG RIDER

You gotta be kiddi--

But before Fog Rider can finish his sentence, the Ahool swoops in again.

Without time to think, Fog Rider wraps his arms around one of the Ahool's legs and Princess Lillian grabs the other leg. They pull the unsuspecting Ahool under the water with all their strength.

The Ahool bursts out of the water with Princess Lillian and Fog Rider still clinging to its feet. They let go and plunge back into the ocean.

The Ahool darts back to shore and stares at his breakfast bobbing in the ocean.

AHOOL

Who wants a soggy breakfast anyway?

The Ahool walks back into the forest, shaking off the water from its body and wings.

Princess Lillian and Fog Rider wade in the ocean.

I have read they dislike water because they cannot swim.

FOG RIDER

We should probably stay in here then.

Princess Lillian shivers and shakes her head YES.

FADE TO:

EXT. BEACH - MORNING

The sun rises over the shimmering, peaceful ocean.

Princess Lillian and Fog Rider are sprawled out in the sand, sound asleep.

Fog Rider snores loudly and wakes himself up. He nudges Princess Lillian awake.

FOG RIDER

Good morning.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Good morning.

FOG RIDER

Crazy night last night. I can't believe you came back for me.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

It would not be wise to leave the possibly invincible superhero behind.

Princess Lillian wipes sand off her cheeks. She pulls one of the acorns out of her pocket and shows it to Fog Rider.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)

These came in handy and I thought they shall be only good for squirrel food.

Princess Lillian holds the acorn up to Fog Rider's face and compares it to his nose.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)

It is shaped exactly like your nose.

The acorn is basically an exact replica of Fog Rider's nose.

Squirrel food, you say.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Yes, those fat, little guys go wild over them. You shall not want to stand between a squirrel and his nut.

Fog Rider touches the scratches on his nose.

FOG RIDER

I hear that. Hopefully the worst is over until we find the Dragon.

Princess Lillian gives Fog Rider a weak smile because she doesn't have the heart to tell him what is to come.

CUT TO:

EXT. VILLAGE GATE - MORNING

The shadows of darkness fade off the Village Gate and are replaced by cheerful sunshine and birds chirping.

King Darien stands at the Village Gate waiting to assemble his men. But he stands there alone with his horse, looking like he hasn't slept a wink.

Guard 1 slowly saunters through the Village Gate toward the King with his horse following behind him.

KING DARIEN

Where are the other Knights and Guards?

GUARD 1

I am sure they will arrive shortly. It is still early.

KING DARIEN

The sun is rising. It is time for our journey to begin. I have to find my daughter!

GUARD 1

I am sure if the other Knights and Guards are not here yet it is for a good reason.

KING DARIEN

We shall give them a short time more to arrive.

King Darien paces and then stops to look back inside the Village Gate, but there is no sign of other Guards or Knights.

CUT TO:

EXT. MEADOW - MORNING

The beach ends and there is a giant meadow spread out in front of Fog Rider and Princess Lillian. It makes you want to frolic in it.

Princess Lillian points to a mountain on the other side of the meadow.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

See that mountain. There is cave tunnel that shall take us straight through to the other side. To the Land of Vile Darkness.

Fog Rider steps into the meadow, but Princess Lillian GRABS him by the cape and JERKS him back onto his butt.

FOG RIDER

What the heck? Not the cape!

PRINCESS LILLIAN

You are quite protective of your stupid cape.

Fog Rider stands back up and dusts himself off and straightens his cape.

FOG RIDER

It gives me my identity as a superhero.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

You receive superpowers from your cape?

FOG RIDER

No. It's like wearing a name brand. It shows I'm special.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

It reveals your vanity.

Fog Rider thinks on that for a moment, but Princess Lillian doesn't have time to argue about his ego.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)

We cannot make our way across the meadow. We shall find another way around it.

FOG RIDER

No way, that's going to take longer. The mountain is close. I think I can see the cave tunnel from here.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

You cannot see the cave tunnel from here. Trust me, we shall go around.

FOG RIDER

Why?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

It is for our safety.

A happy BUNNY bounces through the meadow and stops to smell a flower.

Fog Rider gives Princess Lillian the you've-got-to-be-kidding-me look.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)

Please. You did not believe me in the forest about the Ahools and it almost ended in disaster.

FOG RIDER

Yeah, but a dark and spooky forest is different than a flower-filled meadow with frolicking bunnies.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

I thought the forest was the least dangerous situation you have ever been in.

FOG RIDER

I definitely underestimated your warning about the man-bats.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

We need to eat. If we go around we shall find some food to renew our strength before the dragon battle. It is better.

Fog Rider thinks on that a moment as his stomach grumbles.

I am starving.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

There is an orchard we shall make our way through.

Princess Lillian and Fog Rider walk away from the meadow toward the orchard.

CUT TO:

EXT. VILLAGE GATE - MORNING

The sun is bright in the sky. King Darien paces in front of the gate. Two KNIGHTS come through the Village Gate with their horses.

KING DARIEN

I shall not wait any longer. The journey must begin. Where are my Guards and Knights?

KNIGHT 1

Many of them are feeling ill this morning.

KING DARIEN

No matter. Line up for instruction on our travels. We must bring the princess home.

Guard 1 and the two Knights climb on the backs of their horses, and line up in front of King Darien to hear their instructions.

Knight 2 leans over and whispers to Knight 1.

KNIGHT 2

I thought for sure they would be gone on the journey by now.

KNIGHT 1

I knew we should have waited a few more minutes.

Knight 2 shakes his head in agreement.

CUT TO:

EXT. ORCHARD - MORNING

Princess Lillian and Fog Rider walk through the orchard eating fruit.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

What is your world like?

FOG RIDER

It's okay.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

What about your parents?

FOG RIDER

They're okay, too.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Oh my. I am so sorry for my terribly rude question. I forgot superheroes do not get their powers until after the tragic and untimely death of their parents.

Princess Lillian flings her arms around Fog Rider in an overbearing hug. He politely breaks free of her grasp.

FOG RIDER

My parents are alive and well.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Oh. Maybe that is why your powers do not work correctly. Do they have superpowers?

Princess Lillian does "air quotes" with her fingers when she says "superpowers" like she really doesn't believe that Fog Rider can control fog.

Fog Rider sees her air quotes, but ignores the dig.

FOG RIDER

Yeah, each member of my family can control different parts of nature. My mom can control the ocean and dad earthquakes. My cousin controls wind and my aunt lightning, and so on.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

That is intriguing. Where does the Orb originate from?

I don't know where it came from, but each of us gets a different power from the Orb. But whoever has the Orb has access to all the powers put together, making them invincible. Even if they aren't part of the family.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

That is terrifying.

FOG RIDER

And the reason we need to find it before the Elf uses it.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Your family sounds lovely. What is bad about your world?

Fog Rider picks a juicy, ripe, shiny, red apple that sparkles too much in the sunlight and hands it to Princess Lillian.

FOG RIDER

There's also great <a href="evil">evil</a> in my world.

Princess Lillian takes the glistening, red apple from Fog Rider, and chomps down with a giant bite. She wipes the juice from her chin.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

That is how it is in my world too.

FOG RIDER

I have to ask, what's so dangerous about the meadow?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

It is where the creature of your worst nightmares lives.

FOG RIDER

A dragon?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

No.

FOG RIDER

A super villain?

PRINCESS LILLIAN
(whispers and looks around
like it may hear her)
No. A unicorn.

Fog Rider bursts out in laughter that almost sounds evilvillain-like. He slaps his hand over his mouth.

FOG RIDER

A unicorn?

PRINCESS LILLIAN
And they shall kill you without a second thought. It is not funny.

FOG RIDER

I'm glad we got breakfast, but, a unicorn?

PRINCESS LILLIAN Have you ever been gored by a unicorn?

FOG RIDER

No.

PRINCESS LILLIAN And you do not ever want to be.

Fog Rider laughs at Princess Lillian's dramatic statement, like she is ridiculous.

EXT. SMALL VILLAGE - MORNING

Fog Rider and Princess Lillian come to the end of the orchard, and enter a small village that isn't protected by a big wall or a gate.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

We shall need supplies before we journey up the mountain and into the Land of Vile Darkness.

FOG RIDER

You know a lot about our journey for someone who said they didn't know anything.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

I do not understand.

Remember, travel to a far off land, storm the evil castle, rescue your Knight, and you wait outside.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

I studied geography in school. I am not stupid. And if I spoke of what we were up against you may not have made the quest.

FOG RIDER

That's not true. I need the Orb back.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Trust me. No knight where I am from shall make this journey even to save the world.

FOG RIDER

Why not?

CUT TO:

EXT. VILLAGE GATE - MORNING

Knight 1 helps a limping Knight 2 back inside the Village Gate.

King Darien watches the two Knights walk away.

KING DARIEN

I cannot believe he twisted his ankle. It shall be only us for this journey.

As soon as the two Knights are back inside the Village Gate, Knight 1 lets go of Knight 2. Knight 2 stands back up straight and walks perfectly fine without a limp.

King Darien looks to Guard 1 sitting on his horse.

KING DARIEN (CONT'D)

Let us ride!

Guard 1's horse takes a step toward the forest, and Guard 1 flings himself off his horse and into the dirt.

THUD!

GUARD 1

I believe I shall have a concussion.

The horse looks down at Guard 1 and shakes its head in disgust.

CUT TO:

EXT. SMALL VILLAGE - MORNING

Princess Lillian and Fog Rider walk through the small village.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (with a deep sigh)

My village is filled with cowards.

FOG RIDER

What?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Long ago, after the incredible Battle of Sisera, all of the cowards were banished. Then they had children, and grandchildren, and now my village shall be a town full of chickens.

FOG RIDER

That's why it's so hard to get a knight to fight for you.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

The cowards constructed their village in a strategic location because most enemies shall not brave the Unicorn, the cliffs, and the Ahools to attack. Then they constructed a big wall and stay inside most of the time.

# INT. VILLAGE STORE

Princess Lillian and Fog Rider enter a store that has little bit of everything, like a fairyland Walmart. Princess Lillian finds a large hiking backpack. She picks out supplies, like medieval-looking flashlights, and puts them inside the backpack.

That must be a boring life, but I guess it's better than a village full of idiots.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

That it is. We shall make a plan in case we become separated.

FOG RIDER

Okay.

Princess Lillian picks up a book off a shelf and thumbs through it.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

When you exit this village there is a large Oak Tree at the base of the mountain separating the mountain from the meadow. We shall always meet there if we become separated.

Princess Lillian shows Fog Rider a picture of the Oak Tree in the book.

FOG RIDER

You're really smart. That's a good idea.

Princess Lillian continues to shove things, like a jar, the book, and a pool raft into the backpack.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Do me a favor, ask the shopkeeper for tissues. My allergies shall not hinder our quest. Then we shall be on our way.

Fog Rider walks up to the SHOPKEEPER to ask him for tissues. Princess Lillian watches them from a distance. The Shopkeeper guides Fog Rider to the back of the store.

Princess Lillian waits until Fog Rider and the Shopkeeper are out of sight. She takes a deep breath, and with her hands trembling she straps the backpack on her shoulders and dashes out the store's front door.

#### BBBBBRRRIIIIINNNNGGGGG!!!!

Alarms sound as Princess Lillian runs down the street.

CUT TO:

INT. EVIL CASTLE DUNGEON - MORNING

The Knight's head is still stuck between the bars. When he hears the Witch coming down the stairs, he frantically thrashes like a trapped animal trying to free himself.

The Witch strides down the spiral staircase and stands in front of the Knight. She giggles and snorts.

WITCH

Did you sleep well? Enough punishment for being a failure.

The Witch points her wand directly at him, but she's giggling and snorting so hard at his panic that she can't steady her wand enough to zap him.

WITCH (CONT'D)

Hold still. This will hurt.

The Witch zaps at him with her twig-wand, but misses and destroys the bench behind him.

The Witch zaps at him again and it's a direct hit on the Knight. The Knight's armor sizzles and shakes, but the helmet still stays secure on his head and stuck between the two bars.

CUT TO:

EXT. GIANT OAK TREE - MORNING - LATER

Princess Lillian sits with her back against the old Oak Tree reading the survival guide/fairy tale book that she stole from the shop.

Fog Rider runs up and leans with one arm against the tree, out of breath. He hands Princes Lillian the box of tissues from the other hand.

FOG RIDER

You're becoming quite the thief.

Princess Lillian looks up and gives him a big grin. She puts the tissues in the backpack.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

We needed these supplies for our survival. Do you not lack the means to pay too?

I thought you'd put it on a tab or something. I was almost arrested.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

But you were not.

FOG RIDER

I had to lie to the shopkeeper that I'd never seen you before, and you were just asking my advice on what to buy. Then when he turned away, I ran.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

You made it. We shall be almost to Trent.

Princess Lillian stands and hands Fog Rider the backpack.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)

It is your turn to carry the supplies for some time.

FOG RIDER

I don't like your attitude.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

And I weary of being the brains of the operation. Now let us go.

FOG RIDER

You're getting sassy.

Fog Rider straps on the backpack and follows Princess Lillian up the mountain trail.

EXT. MOUNTAIN TRAIL - DAY - LATER

Princess Lillian and Fog Rider climb the mountain trail and arrive at three caves cut into the side of the mountain.

FOG RIDER

Which one do we go through?

Princess Lillian takes the backpack from Fog Rider and rummages through it.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

This is the importance of the supplies. One cave leads through to the Land of Vile Darkness. The other two are deadly.

You really need to start telling me these things sooner.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

According to legend, in one cave lives a troll that shall eat you whole, and in the other cave lives a troll that shall chop you up in tiny pieces before it feasts.

Princess Lillian pulls a rope out of the backpack, and starts to make a loop in it, like a lasso.

FOG RIDER

How do we know which cave is which?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

I shall tie a rope to you and you shall venture into the cave, then--

FOG RIDER

Hold up, that's not happening.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Then what is your plan?

FOG RIDER

Normally, I would create a fog barrier to keep myself hidden, but this land is too darn dry except for by the ocean, and that's too far away now.

Princess Lillian wraps the rope around Fog Rider, but he pushes it off.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Sure you shall. Now you shall smell the troll before you see it. It is a combination of skunk and bologna.

FOG RIDER

I ain't going in there.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

I am not going in there either. I am a lady.

Fog Rider rolls his eyes at her.

Maybe there's a way to coax the trolls out so we can see which caves they're in, and then we can run into the clear cave.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

That is not a terrible idea. You are growing some brains. How do you attract a troll?

FOG RIDER

I don't know. We don't have trolls where I'm from. But we need something that trolls can't resist. What do they love?

PRINCESS LILLIAN Goats, but we do not have any of

FOG RIDER I have an idea.

CUT TO:

INT. FOG RIDER'S WORLD

SUPER: FOG RIDER'S WORLD

those.

In Fog Rider's World, a bright, big screen television shows everything that Fog Rider and Princess Lillian are doing in high definition as they make their plans to defeat the trolls. It is all from Fog Rider's point of view.

A pair of awesome BOOTS can be seen propped on a coffee table. There is a PERSON spying on Fog Rider and Princess Lillian and enjoying their hardships.

The person reaches over and grabs their soda off the table.

SLURP! They take a big slurping drink.

CRUNCH! CRUNCH! The person munches on popcorn.

The CUTEST LITTLE PUPPY IN THE WORLD that was seen when the portal vacuumed shut behind Fog Rider between the two worlds, hops up on couch next to person and snuggles in, licking the person's hand gently.

As Fog Rider's voice is heard coming from the television, the Cute Puppy leaps on to the person's lap and snarls at the television. Its sudden change in demeanor seems a little vicious for its size.

The person pets the Cute Puppy to try to calm it down. The Cute Puppy calms and snuggles back in on the person's lap.

But the person's identity is still not revealed.

CUT TO:

### EXT. MOUNTAIN TRAIL

Princess Lillian and Fog Rider hide behind boulders next to the caves.

FOG RIDER

This should be easy. We make goat noises. The trolls come out and we stay quiet. They don't see the goats, return to their caves, and we know which one to enter.

PRINCESS LILLIAN What sound does a goat make?

AWKWARD SILENCE. Neither knows.

Fog Rider and Princess Lillian make a new plan. Fog Rider thinks for a moment.

FOG RIDER

Okay, we yell for our goats like we are goat herders that have lost our flock.

PRINCESS LILLIAN Flock? I believe it is a tribe of goats.

Fog Rider thinks, she's probably right.

FOG RIDER

I don't know. It doesn't matter. We yell for our goats and about how many we've lost. The trolls come out thinking it's a goat buffet and we can see which cave is empty.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

That shall work.

FADE TO:

EXT. VILLAGE GATE - DAY

King Darien stands at the Village Gate alone trying to muster the courage to save his daughter. He climbs atop his horse and takes out his handkerchief and wipes the sweat off his brow. He puts the handkerchief back in a pocket.

The horse takes baby steps toward the forest, but King Darien pulls back on the horse's reins making it take even smaller steps and move slower.

King Darien pulls back on the horse's reins making it stop. The horse stops.

King Darien pulls out a new handkerchief and wipes sweat from his brow again. Then returns it to his pocket.

King Darien gives the reins a little snap, and the horse continues to take teeny-tiny baby steps towards the forest again.

CUT TO:

EXT. MOUNTAIN TRAIL - DAY

Princess Lillian and Fog Rider duck behind boulders and yell toward the three caves.

FOG RIDER

(dramatic)

Geoffrey! Spencer! Where are you? Where are my goats? I miss you so much! I've lost all one hundred of my goats.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

(whispering)

Who are Geoffrey and Spencer?

FOG RIDER

Some of my goats.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

You shall name your fake goats Geoffrey and Spencer?

FOG RIDER Just help me yell.

Princess Lillian and Fog Rider SCREAM like maniacs for their

fake goats.

There is RUMBLING from inside one of the caves.

Princess Lillian and Fog Rider stop yelling and hold their breaths.

A giant TROLL lumbers out. It looks around for the goats, but doesn't see anything. It shakes its head, slams its club on the ground, and returns to the cave.

There is no sign of the second troll.

Fog Rider and Princess Lillian stare at the other two caves waiting to see if the other troll shows itself.

FOG RIDER (CONT'D)

The other troll is too smart to fall for our trick.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

That troll was huge. I have never seen such an enormous troll.

FOG RIDER

I've never seen a troll at all.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Actually, me either. I have never seen such an enormous troll in pictures.

Princess Lillian and Fog Rider sneak around the edge of the last two caves trying to figure out which one has the troll.

FOG RIDER

I think we're just going to have to go for it.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Go for it?

FOG RIDER

Yeah, go for it. If we don't rescue the Orb...

Princess Lillian gives Fog Rider a dirty look.

FOG RIDER (CONT'D)
And Calvin, the world will be
destroyed for sure. But even if we
pick the cave with the troll we
still have a fighting chance.

Princess Lillian and Fog Rider stare at the two caves, hoping for a sign of which cave to choose.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

We could each venture into a different cave, and then at least one of us shall make it to the other side.

FOG RIDER

I couldn't live with myself if you went into the troll cave alone. Let's take the middle one. At least we're together.

Princess Lillian smiles at Fog Rider and follows him into the base of the cave.

INT. CAVE - CONTINUOUS

Princess Lillian hands Fog Rider a medieval-like flashlight from the backpack. They flip on their lights and cautiously tiptoe through the cave.

A few steps inside the cave, Princess Lillian's flashlight shines on some colorful cave drawings.

Princess Lillian motions for Fog Rider to be quiet as they check out the drawings. The cave drawings look similar to QUEEN PRISCILLA. She is battling a dragon and a witch with a bright, blue, sapphire encrusted wand.

Princess Lillian points at the drawing.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

(whispering)

That is a picture from our most popular legend where a woman saves the entire land by stealing the witch's most powerful wand.

FOG RIDER

That's cool.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

It is myth.

FOG RIDER Like superheroes?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Funny.

Fog Rider and Princess Lillian keep walking. They see the light at the end of the tunnel. They pick up speed toward the exit.

#### WHACK!

Something trips Fog Rider and his flashlight flies from his hand. It spins around and around on the ground, and lands projecting the shadow on the wall of a TROLL holding an enormous sword.

The shadow is three times the size of the other troll.

Princess Lillian and Fog Rider freeze with fear.

Princess Lillian slowly shines her light toward the troll, but she doesn't see it.

She shines her light a bit lower.

Nothing.

A little bit lower.

TINY TROLL (squeaky voice)
I will pick my teeth with your bones after my last bite of you.

Her flashlight finally catches sight of the TROLL, and it is the tiniest Troll in the world, holding a plastic drink sword.

The Tiny Troll runs at Fog Rider and pokes him in the ankle with the sword.

Fog Rider laughs.

FOG RIDER

I'm glad I'm wearing pants. That might have hurt if I was still in tights.

Princess Lillian removes a glass mason jar out of her backpack, places it over the Tiny Troll, and scoops him inside. She screws the lid on tight. There are holes poked in the top.

Princess Lillian inspects the Tiny Troll in the jar. The Tiny Troll is totally going crazy, smashing against the glass, and yelling unheard obscenities. But it is trapped.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

(laughing)

This must be the troll that cuts his food into bite-sized pieces.

FOG RIDER

He wouldn't want to choke.

Princess Lillian slides the jar with the Tiny Troll in the side mesh pocket of her backpack and they leave the cave.

EXT. MOUNTAIN TRAIL - CONTINUOUS

Fog Rider and Princess Lillian stand on the dark side of the mountain and overlook a Valley of Trees.

On the other side of the valley is a plateau with a cliff that drops off into the ocean. There is a dark and evil castle that sits on top of the plateau.

This land is cloudy and somber. Thunder echoes through the sky and lightning shoots through the heavens. Pouring rain falls in the distance.

FOG RIDER

What were you doing with a jar in your backpack? Did you know the troll would be little?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

No, it was for a butterfly if we see one.

FOG RIDER

Why do we need a butterfly?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

In case we shall need to escape a unicorn.

FOG RIDER

This dimension makes no sense.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

It shall make good sense. Unicorns shall be meaner than honey badgers, but they shall have the attention span of a goldfish. A butterfly is the perfect distraction.

FOG RIDER That does make sense.

Princess Lillian and Fog Rider carefully make their way down the mountain.

CUT TO:

EXT. VILLAGE GATE - DAY

King Darien musters up the courage to ride into the forest on the back of his horse at full speed.

The horse takes a few steps back, like it's revving up. Then the horse gallops into the forest.

King Darien unsheathes his sword, and SCREAMS as he disappears into the trees with his sword raised into the air.

There is peace at the Village Gate.

The sound of King Darien's scream fades off into the distance.

Birds chirp and squirrels frolic around the gate.

King Darien is gone only for a moment, and then his horse gallops back out of the forest without King Darien on its back.

The horse slides to a stop and turns around to face the forest, waiting for King Darien to come back out.

CUT TO:

EXT. MOUNTAIN TRAIL - DAY

Princess Lillian and Fog Rider walk down the trail on the evil side of the mountain.

FOG RIDER

So why was Calvin fighting for you outside of your village if everyone is a coward?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Most knights trade your parents a pig or a muskrat for your hand in marriage, but Trent wanted to prove himself worthy.

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PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)

And he shall not want the beasts to destroy my village. So he brought me to the cliffs for the fight.

FOG RIDER

None of your knights have ever fought?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

No, but they are quite fast to out run danger and they have the biggest muscles to crank down the Village Gate when enemies approach. Trent was also new in town so he had greater worth to prove.

FOG RIDER

How new?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Three days. He braved the Ahool Forest and the Unicorn, so he shall be incredibly brave and sent from the heavens.

CUT TO:

INT. EVIL CASTLE DUNGEON - DAY

The Witch paces in front of the Knight, still zapping him with her twig-like wand while his head is stuck in between the bars.

The Knight yanks frantically on his helmet and the bars.

The Witch shakes her wand and blows on it, like it's going to give her luck in Vegas.

WITCH

One more time.

She zaps him again.

The Knight's helmet shoots off and the Knight flies into the wall.

The Witch blows on the end of her twig-like wand, like it's a smoking gun. She giggles and snorts.

CUT TO:

EXT. STREAM - DAY

Fog Rider and Princess Lillian rest by a stream at the bottom of the mountain.

Fog Rider reaches down and picks some berries. He almost pops one in his mouth.

SLAP! Princess Lillian slaps the berries right out of Fog Rider's face.

FOG RIDER

What the heck?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Never eat those. It is a Poysenberry.

FOG RIDER

What's the matter with you? Boysenberries are delicious.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Poysenberry not boysenberry, with a P not a B. They shall turn you evil.

Fog Rider drops the rest of the berries and rinses his hand in the stream.

FOG RIDER

No more secrets, what else are we up against?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

There is the small Valley of Trees. We shall be to the evil castle by early afternoon.

FOG RIDER

We don't have to worry about Ahools then?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

No Ahools on this side of the mountain.

FOG RIDER

That's a relief.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Just werewolves.

EXT. VALLEY OF TREES - DAY

Fog Rider cautiously walks through the overgrown trees, but Princess Lillian is practically skipping.

FOG RIDER

It's like you want the werewolves to hear us. How is this the one time you're not scared?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

I am prepared.

FOG RIDER

To die?

Just then, two monstrous WEREWOLVES leap from the bushes and block Fog Rider and Princess Lillian's path.

FOG RIDER (CONT'D)

Run!

Fog Rider runs, but Princess Lillian clotheslines him and he falls flat on his back.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Do not run. They shall chase you, believing you are playing.

Princess Lillian puts out her hand flat and lets the Werewolves sniff her. Within moments, the giant monsters are like puppies, rolling around and snuggling her. She takes a ball out of her backpack and throws it to them. They chase it.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)

You must let them sniff you. They can sense evil intentions and that is what they are attracted to kill.

Princess Lillian helps Fog Rider up off the ground.

The Werewolves return and one of them drops the slobbercovered ball at Princess Lillian's feet. They wag their tails and wait. She throws it again. They give chase.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)

I know I am good, so they like me.

FOG RIDER

I ain't letting those things sniff me.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

You are a superhero, you must be good. They shall be your new best friends.

The Werewolves return with the ball, and drop it in front of Princess Lillian. She picks it up and gives them a scratch behind their ears.

Fog Rider sticks his hand out flat for the Werewolves to sniff. He is trembling. Their wet noses touch the palm of his hand. The Werewolves sniff him carefully taking in his scent.

Then they give off a low, deep GROWL.

FOG RIDER

Nice wolfie.

Their growls grow more menacing and their eyes turn red.

Princess Lillian jumps between Fog Rider and the Werewolves. She shakes the ball in front of their faces to catch their attention.

PRINCESS LILLIAN When I throw this ball, run.

FOG RIDER

You said they would chase me. What if they chase me?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Run faster.

Princess Lillian throws the ball with all of her strength, but only one of the Werewolves chases it. The other is still focused on Fog Rider's jugular.

Princess Lillian slowly reaches into her backpack and pulls out a STEAK.

FOG RIDER

You stole a steak and we're eating fruit.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Do not speak. Do you want to be the fillet?

Princess Lillian throws the steak and that does the trick. The other Werewolf chases it.

Princess Lillian and Fog Rider make a mad sprint.

But suddenly, the Werewolf that chased the ball doubles back, and chases Fog Rider and Princess Lillian.

The ferocious beast snatches Princess Lillian in his powerful jaws, and dashes back into the trees.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)

Help! Help me!

FOG RIDER

No!

Fog Rider turns and runs after Princess Lillian and the Werewolf, but it is much too fast for him to catch.

They disappear into the dark forest.

CUT TO:

INT. FOG RIDER'S WORLD - CONTINUOUS

SUPER: FOG RIDER'S WORLD

In Fog Rider's World, whoever is watching Fog Rider and Princess Lillian really gets a kick out of Fog Rider almost becoming werewolf chow.

They let out the most evil laugh ever.

With their awesome boots they accidentally kick over their drink on the coffee table. They jump to their feet to try to stop the drink from spilling more, but the whole bowl of popcorn is knocked on the floor and couch.

The Cute Puppy hops to the top of the coffee table and turns fully vicious. It growls and barks at Fog Rider and Princess Lillian on the television. Its mouth expands, revealing sharp teeth, and the ability to crush even a <u>SOFTBALL</u> between its jaws.

It barks so hard it falls off the table, but it leaps right back on top. It's like an uncontrollable Tasmanian devil ready to rip its enemies to shreds, but it's still so incredibly cute.

The identity of the person is still not revealed.

CUT TO:

## EXT. VALLEY OF TREES

Fog Rider hides behind a tree in the dark forest. He looks around, and sees a Werewolf sniffing around a nearby tree.

Fog Rider runs out of the forest leaving Princess Lillian behind.

## EXT. LAND OF VILE DARKNESS

Fog Rider walks defeated through the evil land. He can see the evil castle off in the distance. The wind howls around him.

Fog Rider sits on a tree stump to think. A fat BLACK SQUIRREL, obviously the evil version on the little brown squirrel that attacked his face, scampers up onto the stump next to him.

Fog Rider covers his nose with one hand, and reaches down to pet the Squirrel with the other hand.

FOG RIDER

Please don't attack me. I need to save my friend.

The Squirrel tilts its head sideways, and looks confused at Fog Rider.

FOG RIDER (CONT'D)

What can defeat a werewolf?

The Squirrel hops to the ground, and runs into the forest. Then he runs right back with some bushes in his mouth.

The Squirrel holds the leaves up for Fog Rider to see that it's mistletoe.

FOG RIDER (CONT'D)

Mistletoe?

The little Squirrel shakes his head yes, and holds it above its head.

FOG RIDER (CONT'D)

I'm not kissing you.

Even though the Squirrel is evil, it feels seriously bad for Fog Rider because he is so sad.

The Squirrel jumps up on the stump, and hands Fog Rider the mistletoe. He takes it.

CUT TO:

## INT. EVIL CASTLE BALLROOM

The Evil Elf is rolling the sparkling Orb around on the floor. The Elf lines up some vases in a triangle, and rolls the Orb at them, like it's bowling.

CRASH! The Orb takes out the vases, shattering them in all directions.

The Spider-Snake is trying to relax and gives the Evil Elf a dirty look for making so much noise.

As the Elf walks by the Spider-Snake to retrieve the Orb, the Spider-Snake slaps the Elf in the back with its tail.

From the corner, the Dragon opens one eye and watches the Elf and the Spider-Snake.

The Elf retrieves the Orb and faces the Spider-Snake. The Elf sticks out its tongue at the Spider-Snake.

To the Elf's surprise...ZAP!

The Orb zaps the Spider-Snake with a bolt of lightning. The Spider-Snake runs out of the room.

The Evil Elf turns and zaps the Dragon with a little bolt of lightning.

The Dragon yelps.

CUT TO:

#### EXT. LAND OF VILE DARKNESS

Fog Rider sits on the stump, nose still covered, twirling the mistletoe in his other hand.

The black Squirrel sees a lightning bolt shoot out of the castle window in the distance. It tugs on Fog Rider's cape.

Fog Rider starts to get upset, but he doesn't have the will to fight.

FOG RIDER (sad and flat)
Please do not touch my cape.

The Squirrel yanks harder on the cape, and this makes Fog Rider a little more upset.

FOG RIDER (CONT'D)

I said--

But the Squirrel points at the castle, and Fog Rider sees another lightning bolt shoot out the window.

FOG RIDER (CONT'D)
It's the Orb. The Orb will fix everything.

Fog Rider stands, and grabs the Squirrel in an over exuberant hug and then kisses it, keeping his nose covered.

Disgusted, the Squirrel wipes off the kiss.

Fog Rider shoves the mistletoe in his pocket.

FOG RIDER (CONT'D)

Thank you, little buddy.

Fog Rider runs towards the castle.

CUT TO:

EXT. EVIL CASTLE MOAT

Fog Rider stops at the moat to catch his breath and looks around. But he's stuck there with no way across.

He dips his toe in the water like he might consider swimming across.

Suddenly, a Werewolf gallops right at Fog Rider, but there is no where for him to escape.

Fog Rider slips backwards into the moat and is sucked under by mysterious churning.

A giant paw reaches in and snatches Fog Rider out of the water. He wipes the water from his face and his vision clears.

Princess Lillian sits atop the Werewolf. It stares directly into Fog Rider's eyes and their noses touch.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

You shall not go any farther.

FOG RIDER

Lily, you are safe.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

You are obviously evil and you abandoned me.

The Werewolf growls at Fog Rider.

FOG RIDER

I was going to get the Orb back so I could save you.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

The Werewolves can smell evil, and they were trying to save me from you.

The Werewolf pins Fog Rider to the ground with its enormous paw, and Princess Lillian hops off its back.

FOG RIDER

They can smell the poysenberries on my hands.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

You cleansed your hands in the stream.

Princess Lillian takes off her backpack and plants herself with her arms crossed.

Fog Rider attempts to wiggle free from the Werewolf.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)

You were almost doggy dinner. Tell me no more lies.

FOG RIDER

Okay, I'm not actually evil.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Then what are you?

The Werewolf presses down harder with his paw, and Fog Rider gasps for air.

FOG RIDER

Evil in training or maybe evil adjacent.

Princess Lillian gives him a dirty look.

FOG RIDER (CONT'D)

My cousin is evil. My cousin Santana stole the Orb from what was supposed to be a superhero and villain proof hideout to keep it out of all human hands.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

How is that accomplished?

Princess Lillian and the Werewolf give each other a look like they think Fog Rider is lying.

FOG RIDER

Santana sent in a cute puppy to play fetch for the Orb.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

That is stupid. You declared you hail from a family of superheroes. Taste him.

The Werewolf gives Fog Rider a giant lick up his face with his slobbery tongue. Fog Rider struggles to get free and explain himself.

FOG RIDER

I said my family all have superpowers. It's our personal choice if we choose to use the powers for good or evil. Sometimes we use them for both, we're not perfect.

Fog Rider slips free from the Werewolf, but he only makes it a few steps until he's trapped again by its paw.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

You assisted your cousin to steal the Orb for evil?

FOG RIDER

It seemed like a good idea at the time to have ultimate power. Once the Orb was stolen I was supposed to be watching it for my cousin, but then I felt guilty and I didn't want the world destroyed.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

That is unbelievable. If superheroes are real, they shall always win.

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PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)

I am positive Superman or Wonder Woman shall have swooped in at the last moment to save the day.

Fog Rider is able to slide his hand into his pocket and pull out the mistletoe. As soon as the Werewolf sees the plant, it releases Fog Rider and jumps back.

Fog Rider holds the mistletoe in the air to keep the Werewolf away.

FOG RIDER

In my real life, the good guy doesn't always win.

Princess Lillian takes a moment to think about this. It is shocking to her.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

That is why I agreed to accompany you on this quest. My heart wanted to believe you are a hero who always wins, even though my head did not agree.

Fog Rider steps closer to Princess Lillian.

FOG RIDER

I took the Orb the second time for good.

Princess Lillian's devastation turns to anger and she gets right in Fog Rider's face.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

So I am not the only thief around here, Robin Hood.

FOG RIDER

I stole a powerful weapon from a psycho villain to save the world. You stole pants and camping supplies.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Give me back the pants.

FOG RIDER

What?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Remove them immediately.

Princess Lillian holds out her hand for Fog Rider to give her back the pants. The Werewolf lets out a howl-giggle at the thought of Fog Rider taking off his pants.

FOG RIDER

No.

PRINCESS LILLIAN
Then my thievery is just as noble as yours.

FOG RIDER Okay, point taken.

PRINCESS LILLIAN Continue with your story.

The Werewolf sits down to listen.

FOG RIDER

I stole the Orb from my cousin, but I got caught and I ran. I escaped when the sky opened up and sucked me through.

PRINCESS LILLIAN And you landed on me.

FOG RIDER

Yeah, the Orb has the power to teleport too. So it can cause destruction all over the world in the matter of minutes, not only one place at a time.

PRINCESS LILLIAN Wow. It sounds powerful.

Princess Lillian does "air quotes" again when she says powerful. The Werewolf does "air quotes" with its paws mimicking Princess Lillian.

FOG RIDER

Stop it with the air quotes, will ya. Can we go now that I've told you the truth? I need to find the Orb before my cousin, or before the Witch and Elf figure out how it totally works.

The Werewolf looks at Princess Lillian like its softened towards Fog Rider, and wants Princess Lillian to continue with him.

Fog Rider throws the mistletoe into the moat.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

I shall not trust you anymore.

FOG RIDER

That's okay. But think of poor, lonely Calvin. He probably misses you.

This gives Princess Lillian the nudge she needs to continue the journey, and she flings the backpack over her shoulders.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Alas, let us go. We have journeyed too far to turn back.

Princess Lillian turns towards the Werewolf.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)

Shall you accompany us?

The Werewolf looks up at the terrifying castle as a lightning bolt shoots out a window.

The Werewolf shakes its head no, and backs away from Princess Lillian and Fog Rider back towards the Valley of Trees.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)

I believe that Werewolf shall be part chicken.

FOG RIDER

Maybe it belongs in your village. You want me to carry the backpack?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

I shall not let a criminal carry our supplies.

Fog Rider shrugs his shoulders and follows behind her to the narrowest part of the moat near the drawbridge.

Princess Lillian reaches in her backpack, pulls out a blow up pool raft, and starts to blow it up.

FOG RIDER

You're so weird. How did you know exactly what to steal to keep us safe?

Princess Lillian reaches back inside the backpack and hands Fog Rider the survival guide/fairy tale book she was reading under the Oak Tree.

Fog Rider checks out the book better, and it is actually a fairy tale book that takes place in Princess Lillian's world.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

It is about the brave woman that steals the witch's wand to save the land, but she disappears.

FOG RIDER

It's the fairy tale from the cave painting.

Princess Lillian turns the pages in the book to show Fog Rider the same picture that they saw on the Tiny Troll's cave wall. In the book, the woman fighting the dragon and the witch with the bright, blue, sapphire encrusted wand looks nothing like Queen Priscilla.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

It is also a survival guide. The information in here is the only way for us to survive the evil castle.

FOG RIDER

This is your geography book?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

It is what my geography book is based on. It is like historical fiction. The locations are real, but the adventure is make believe.

FOG RIDER

That's ridiculous.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

But it has helped to keep us safe during this journey.

Fog Rider shakes his head.

FOG RIDER

Give me it.

Fog Rider tries to snatch the book from Princess Lillian's hands, but it flies out of her hands and lands in the moat. They watch it slowly sink.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

What tis the matter with you? Now we shall surely die inside the castle.

We've made it this far. We're not going to die. That's not true. We might die. But you've read the book. I'm sure you can remember it. You've braved this whole journey.

Princess Lillian thinks on that for a moment and he's right. They have made a good team.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

But I shall not have made it without you, even if you do possess evil tendencies. Maybe being with a superhero has given me extra bravery.

FOG RIDER

No air quotes around "superhero." I'm not mythical anymore.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

You are at the very least an amusing travel companion.

FOG RIDER

I'll take it.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

I guess everyone has secrets and you did slay one dragon already.

Fog Rider touches the scratches on his nose.

FOG RIDER

It was a small one.

Fog Rider and Princess Lillian finish blowing up the small rubber raft and paddle across the moat.

They stand facing the drawbridge, but have no way to get it down to get inside the castle.

FOG RIDER (CONT'D)

Maybe there's a back door.

Suddenly, the drawbridge FALLS. Fog Rider grabs Princess Lillian and they jump out of the way of the falling drawbridge.

CRASH! The drawbridge barely misses them.

The Witch stands in the middle of the drawbridge.

Princess Lillian and Fog Rider cautiously back away from her.

With an overly cheerful voice, that doesn't match her looks, the Witch greets them.

WITCH

Come in! Come in! I was expecting you to seek me out.

The Witch points at Fog Rider.

WITCH (CONT'D)

But you are quite the surprise.

The Witch moves her finger to point at Princess Lillian.

WITCH (CONT'D)

This is a treat!

The Witch giggles and snorts.

Princess Lillian and Fog Rider turn to run, but NESTER, a giant sea monster, rises out of the moat and blocks their path.

WITCH (CONT'D)

Please don't be afraid and follow me. I have prepared lunch.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

(whispering to Fog Rider)

This is peculiar.

FOG RIDER

Just go with it. She might lead us to the Orb.

Fog Rider steps in front of Princess Lillian and walks toward the Witch.

FOG RIDER (CONT'D)

Thank you so much. We would love lunch.

Fog Rider follows the Witch, and Princess Lillian follows behind him trying to avoid Nester.

Nester smiles a big goofy grin.

CUT TO:

INT. EVIL CASTLE DINING ROOM

Princess Lillian and Fog Rider sit at the large, metal dining room table across from the Witch.

A group of BLACK CATS dressed like butlers, with tuxedo jackets (but no pants), serves them lunch. It looks and smells disgusting, like burning hair and dog food.

Fog Rider sniffs the air and then places his hand over his nose.

FOG RIDER

(whispering to Princess

Lillian)

It smells like dog food and burnt hair.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

(addressing the Witch)

Did you own a dog?

One of the BLACK CATS winks at Princess Lillian.

Fog Rider bumps Princess Lillian to make her be quiet so the Witch doesn't think they're rude.

FOG RIDER

What are we eating? It smells appetizing.

The Witch points to different small cauldrons on the table that are being used as pots.

WITCH

Eye of newt. Toe of frog.

Princess Lillian chokes back a gag.

FOG RIDER

I was hoping for a cheeseburger.

The Witch giggles and snorts.

WITCH

I'm messing with you. It's chili.

A Black Cat dishes up a bowl for Princess Lillian and Fog Rider and places it in front of them.

WITCH (CONT'D)

We can't grow fresh ingredients on this side of the mountain so we have to improvise. Something moves in Princess Lillian's chili bowl and she screams.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

There is an insect in my chili.

A COCKROACH runs out of the bowl and the Witch smashes it on the table with her fist. The Witch giggles and snorts. One of the Black Cats snatches the roach's dead body and pops it in its mouth.

WITCH

Like I said, we had to improvise, but that's pretty fresh. Only the best for the princess.

Fog Rider presses a spoon full of chili to his lips, but he can't bring himself to open his mouth and put the spoon inside.

FOG RIDER

Princess?

WITCH

Yes, Princess Lil--

Princess Lillian leaps to her feet and slams her hands down on the table, silencing the Witch.

PRINCESS LITILIAN

Princess! Fog Rider, she is calling you a princess. She thinks you are a weak girl. Teach her a lesson and let us get Trent back!

Fog Rider stares at Princess Lillian like she has lost her mind.

FOG RIDER

I've never thought princesses or girls are weak.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Defeat her! And you shall get your stupid Orby back.

Everyone is staring at Princess Lillian like she's nuts.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)

That is it! I shall defeat her myself.

Princess Lillian picks up what she thinks is a glass of water and throws it in the Witch's face. It is dark brown sludge.

Nothing happens.

She picks up what she thinks is Fog Rider's glass of water, and throws it in the Witch's face. It is green, slimy moss water.

Still nothing.

The Witch calmly picks up her napkin and dries her dripping wet and dirty face.

WITCH

Princess Lillian, your behavior is not becoming for a future queen.

Fog Rider is stunned at Princess Lillian's behavior and the revelation that she's a princess.

FOG RIDER

I thought you were a servant.

Princess Lillian sits back down, defeated, and caught in her lie. She rests her face in her palms for a moment and then finally makes eye contact with Fog Rider.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

I lied. I did not think you shall let me come with you if you knew I was a princess. Or you shall treat me all delicate.

FOG RIDER

You're a liar and a thief. You're lucky the werewolves didn't swallow you whole. Their sniffers really are broken.

The Witch stands and motions for her cats to clean up the mess.

WITCH

Clean this up, and you two follow me.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Great, we shall be taken to the dungeon.

FOG RIDER

We're not going to the dungeon.

WITCH

I want to show you something in the dungeon.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

My father shall pay a hefty ransom.

WITCH

I'm sure he will.

FOG RIDER

I think you're making the situation worse.

WITCH

Follow me.

Fog Rider and Princess Lillian follow the Witch out of the dining room.

CUT TO:

## EXT. VILLAGE GATE

King Darien runs back out of the forest to a his waiting horse without his sword. A SQUIRREL is chasing him.

King Darien runs in circles around his horse with the squirrel hot on his tail.

Queen Priscilla watches from behind the Village Gate and shakes her head in frustration.

The horse gets irritated with King Darien and the squirrel running in circles around it.

The horse sticks out its hoof and trips the squirrel. The squirrel tumbles, end over end, somersaulting back toward the forest.

In a daze, the squirrel pops back up, runs in a few circles, and then stumbles back into the forest.

The horse walks back inside the village gate, fed up with the nonsense.

CUT TO:

#### INT. EVIL CASTLE DUNGEON

The Witch leads Fog Rider and Princess Lillian down a steep spiral staircase into the dingy dungeon.

PRINCESS LILLIAN
This shall be it for our lives.

FOG RIDER

She's been really nice to us. Let's give her a chance.

Princess Lillian sees her Knight behind the bars. The Knight looks up, and for the first time his face is seen. He's not the handsome Knight that is expected, but is a little bit weasely.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Trent! You are alive.

Princess Lillian rushes to the bars and reaches in.

The Knight turns to face her. He reaches back and their hands meet for the first time.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)

My Knight! I have finally found you.

KNIGHT

(deep voice)

My Princess. I have loved you with a deep love, but the Witch cursed me and took away my ability to love.

The Witch makes a motion of putting her finger down her throat like she's gagging.

KNIGHT (CONT'D)

The only way for my love to return to me is for you tell the Witch where the Sapphire Wand is hidden.

Fog Rider steps forward to try to stop her.

FOG RIDER

Don't tell her any secrets.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

I do not know of a Sapphire Wand, except for in the legend.

KNIGHT

Please. I love you.

WITCH

Tell me the location of the wand.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

I really do not know what you speak of.

(MORE)

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)

At the end of the legend the woman escapes with it, but it does not tell where she takes it.

The Witch's kind demeanor changes unexpectedly, and she becomes enraged thinking Princess Lillian is lying.

WITCH

It is not a legend! When your mother left the castle she stole the Sapphire Wand! Where is it?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

(flabbergasted)

My mother? I know not of what you speak.

Fog Rider steps between the Witch and Princess Lillian to protect her. But the Witch zaps him out of the way with her twig-wand.

Fog Rider slides across the floor, slamming his back into the wall.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)

Help us, Trent.

KNIGHT

Tell her where the wand is so we can all go free.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

I do not have any knowledge of it.

I thought it was not real.

The Witch grabs Princess Lillian by the throat and squeezes just a little too tightly. Her long, scraggly nails indent into Princess Lillian's skin.

WITCH

Your mother stole the most powerful wand in the castle and left me with this little stick.

The Witch waves her twig-like wand in front of Princess Lillian's face.

Princess Lillian gasps for more breath. She's quickly losing air.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

(choking)

Why shall my mother steal your wand?

WITCH

Prissy was always jealous of me because daddy liked me more. How could he love a child that wasn't evil? I want the Sapphire Wand back and you are my bait.

Fog Rider slumps against the wall pretending to be stunned. He whispers under his breath.

FOG RIDER

Razor back hog. Whitetail prairie dog. Bring the fog.

Nothing happens.

FOG RIDER (CONT'D)

Razor back hog. Whitetail prairie dog. Bring the fog.

Suddenly, Fog Rider's powers kick in. The dungeon swirls with thick fog from the moat and ocean water nearby. Fog Rider's eyes glow yellow. He is the only one who can see through the dense fog.

Fog Rider jumps up, and knocks the Witch off her feet causing her to lose her grasp on Princess Lillian's throat.

Fog Rider steadies Princess Lillian and she rubs her throat.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Your powers are real!

FOG RIDER

I won't say I told you so.

Fog Rider opens the Knight's cell with a set of keys that are hanging on the nearby wall.

The Witch gets back on her feet, but she can't see anything and she's lost her twig-wand.

Fog Rider parts the fog just enough so there is only a small path leading up the spiral staircase.

The Witch, unable to see, stumbles into Princess Lillian.

Princess Lillian shoves the Witch toward the dungeon cell. Fog Rider slams the door closed behind her, locking the Witch inside the cell. He throws the keys.

Fog Rider, Princess Lillian, and the Knight dash up the dungeon stairs.

As they run out, Princess Lillian sees the Witch's twig-wand on the bottom stair. She slams her foot down on the wand snapping it in two, and then she runs up the stairs.

INT. EVIL CASTLE - DINING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Princess Lillian dashes toward the front door, but Fog Rider skids to a stop.

FOG RIDER

Wait! I have to find the Orb.

Princess Lillian turns back to Fog Rider to keep up her end of their deal to help find the Orb. But her Knight darts right out the front door with the speed of an Olympic runner.

Princess Lillian looks back and forth between Fog Rider and the door her Knight ran out, trying to make her decision between the two.

FOG RIDER (CONT'D)

Go. Go with him. I'll be okay finding the Orb.

Princess Lillian takes a step to follow her Knight out the door, but then turns back to Fog Rider.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

No, we had an agreement. Let us find the Orb.

Princess Lillian and Fog Rider rush up the stairs in the castle.

INT. EVIL CASTLE UPSTAIRS

Fog Rider and Princess Lillian open doors and look into rooms searching for the Orb.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

I wish we still had the book. It had a map of the castle.

FOG RIDER

Just keep searching.

Finally, they come to the large ballroom with the Evil Elf and the Dragon inside.

Fog Rider can hear noises inside the room, so he cautiously peeks his head in.

The Evil Elf sends lightning bolts at the Dragon, and the Dragon dodges them like a fiery game of dodgeball.

Fog Rider turns back to Princess Lillian as she ducks behind him.

FOG RIDER (CONT'D)

I'm going to fill the room with fog so they can't see. Then we'll grab the Orb and get the heck out of here.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Your plans always sound so simple. Shall we make goat noises too?

FOG RIDER

На. На.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

The Dragon shall be able to burn off your fog.

FOG RIDER

We just need to get the Orb fast so I can use it against the Dragon.

Fog Rider and Princess Lillian peek back in the door to watch them.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

They do not seem very intelligent.

FOG RIDER

Razor back hog. Whitetail prairie dog. Bring the fog.

#### INT. EVIL CASTLE BALLROOM

The fog fills the ballroom. The Evil Elf and the Dragon stop their game to watch the fog enter through the windows.

But before the Evil Elf and the Dragon are blinded by the fog, Princess Lillian rushes into the ballroom too soon. She kicks the Elf right in the belly, sending both the Elf and the Orb flying into the wall.

Princess Lillian grabs the Orb and holds it in the air, facing off with the Dragon. Fog Rider stops filling the room with fog and runs over next to her.

The Dragon SMILES thinking the Orb only shoots out small lightning bolts.

The Dragon sucks in a deep breath seeming like he's ready to fry Princess Lillian and Fog Rider.

Just then, the Knight reappears in the doorway.

KNIGHT

My princess, I could not abandon you.

The Dragon is distracted for just a moment. Princess Lillian tosses the Orb to Fog Rider who knows how to work the Orb.

The Orb slips in Fog Rider's hands, but just in time he secures it.

The Dragon lets out a humongous --- SNEEZE!

Fog Rider lifts the Orb into the air and releases a tidal wave of water extinguishing the Dragon's snot and saliva flame.

The Dragon flies out the window.

Princess Lillian runs to her Knight and embraces him.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

My hero.

Fog Rider looks around confused.

FOG RIDER

We have to go.

CUT TO:

INT. FOG RIDER'S WORLD

SUPER: FOG RIDER'S WORLD

The person watching television in Fog Rider's World is still unseen.

They watch Fog Rider douse the Dragon and finally get the Orb back in his possession.

The Cute Puppy has worn itself out from barking and jumping around. It snores on the couch next to the person.

The person turns off the television with the remote control and shakes the Cute Puppy awake.

The person walks away in their awesome boots and pats their leg for the Cute Puppy to follow.

The Cute Puppy opens one eye and then quickly shuts it, fake sleeping.

The person makes a "humph" noise and leaves the room, slamming the door behind them.

The Cute Puppy opens its eyes, and steps on the remote to turn the television back on to continue watching Fog Rider and Princess Lillian.

It leans over and munches on some popcorn that was left spilled on the couch.

The Cute Puppy lets out an evil dog-like laugh/howl at what is happening on the television.

CUT TO:

## INT. EVIL CASTLE UPSTAIRS

Fog Rider taps Princess Lillian on the arm to separate her from the Knight. They break apart and follow Fog Rider down the hallway.

FOG RIDER

Come on! We gotta get outta here.

KNIGHT

That ball is amazing.

FOG RIDER

I know.

Fog Rider stops and looks up and down the corridor for danger, and then motions for them to keep following him.

KNIGHT

Where can I get one?

FOG RIDER

It's the only one.

KNIGHT

Can I purchase it from you?

FOG RIDER

No. Be quiet before something hears us.

## INT. EVIL CASTLE DINING ROOM

They continue down the stairs to the dining room. Princess Lillian sees her backpack still by her seat at the dining table. She grabs it and straps it on her shoulders.

KNIGHT

What else can the ball do?

FOG RIDER

It's not a ball. It's an Orb and it's none of your business.

Fog Rider turns to Princess Lillian to make sure she is keeping up.

FOG RIDER (CONT'D)

Your Knight is annoying.

Princess Lillian just shrugs her shoulders, he's right.

KNIGHT

Can I touch it?

FOG RIDER

No. It's a long way back. Did you see any cars around here?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Cars are mythical.

FOG RIDER

Of course they are. Just something to make us travel faster.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

There may be horses.

The Knight gives a sly smile, with the wheels turning in his brain.

KNIGHT

I might know where stables are located.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Where?

KNIGHT

I do not think I will remember until I can hold that ball.

Fog Rider gives in and hands the Knight the Orb.

FOG RIDER Don't break it.

EXT. EVIL CASTLE GROUNDS

Princess Lillian and Fog Rider run behind the Knight as he holds the Orb, and sends out little bolts of lightning and small spurts of water.

They arrive at the stables and rush through the barn doors to get the horses.

INT. BARN

FOG RIDER

There are only two horses.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

It is of no matter. Get the saddles. I shall share with my Knight.

Fog Rider looks around at all the different saddle choices, but he has no idea what to do.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)

Assist me.

Fog Rider helps Princess Lillian saddle the two horses, while the Knight is distracted still playing with the Orb.

The Knight sends out bigger bursts of water, stronger winds, and longer lightning bolts each time he uses the Orb.

The Knight makes the ground shake with a small earthquake.

The horses are antsy and nervous.

Fog Rider's frustration explodes.

FOG RIDER

What the heck are you doing? Knock it off and help us.

Princess Lillian walks towards her Knight and reaches for the Orb, trying to make peace between Fog Rider and her Knight.

PRINCESS LILLIAN
Give me the Orb and I shall put it in the backpack while we ride.

Suddenly, the barn doors SPRING open and the Witch stands there. Furious.

WITCH

No, give me the Orb and I'm going to use it to get the Sapphire Wand back and kill your mother.

FOG RIDER

(yelling to the Knight)

Throw me the Orb!

The Knight raises the Orb into the air above his head, like he is going to take on the Witch himself.

FOG RIDER (CONT'D)

Don't be a hero. Give it to me.

But then the Knight TURNS, and STRIKES Fog Rider with a powerful lightning bolt. In shock, Princess Lillian runs to Fog Rider's side, but he's not moving.

The Knight calmly strolls over and hands the Orb to the Witch.

KNIGHT

This ball is amazing!

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Trent, what are you doing?

The Witch inspects the Orb and it shoots out a small bolt of lightning. The Witch giggles and snorts.

WITCH

You silly princess. He's not a real knight. He was tricking you so he could have access to the castle and find my Sapphire Wand.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Trent, that cannot be truth.

KNIGHT

(too proud of himself)
Why do you keep calling me Trent?
It was my idea to set up the fake
battle with the beasts, so you
would believe my bravery.

WITCH

Let's go get the wand ourselves.

EXT. BARN

The Knight follows the Witch out of the barn. The Witch shuts the barn doors locking Fog Rider and Princess Lillian inside.

The Witch sends off a bolt of lightning from the Orb, setting the wooden shake roof of the barn on fire.

INT. BARN

Fog Rider lies on the ground not moving. Princess Lillian cries next to him. She smells smoke and notices the roof is burning.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

(desperate)

Wake up, Fog Rider. Please.

Princess Lillian drags Fog Rider closer to the barn doors and shakes them, but they won't budge.

Princess Lillian finds an axe and hacks at the barn door, but her frustration grows and time is running out.

Smoke fills the top of the barn. The horses are freaking out.

Fog Rider starts to come around, but Princess Lillian doesn't notice. He sits up and holds his head. He watches her hack at the barn doors.

FOG RIDER

I didn't see that coming.

Princess Lillian runs to Fog Rider's side. She wraps her arms around Fog Rider.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

You are alive. I thought for sure this shall be your demise.

Princess Lillian tries to tug Fog Rider to his feet, but he's still a bit dazed and in shock.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)

We are trapped. The fire grows bigger and they are on the way to my village to retrieve the Sapphire Wand and hurt my mother.

FOG RIDER

We'll never make it in time to stop them. This is all my fault. More smoke fills the barn. Fog Rider coughs and some fog sputters around him. He's having a bit of a pity party.

Princess Lillian still tries to tug him to his feet.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

That is probably true. It is your fault. But you must suck it up, buttercup.

Fog Rider sees the flames sizzling through the roof of the barn.

FOG RIDER

Your words hurt. But you're right, we have to get out of this barn.

Fog Rider struggles to his feet.

Princess Lillian finds another axe in the barn and hands it to Fog Rider. The two of them hack at the barn door as the fire grows.

EXT. BARN

Fog Rider, Princess Lillian, and the two horses escape through the broken down barn doors right as the roof collapses, and sends the barn up into a blaze of fire.

Fog Rider and Princess Lillian watch the barn burn for a moment and take in their narrow escape.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

That was terrifying.

FOG RIDER

So smarty pants, how are we going to beat them to your village?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

We are going to take the Unicorn Meadow.

FOG RIDER

If everyone in your village is a coward, why are you so brave?

Princess Lillian just shrugs her shoulders. It's a good question.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

I thought my bravery was growing from you, but I am beginning to believe it may be from my mother.

Princess Lillian and Fog Rider hop on the horses. Princess Lillian takes off galloping, but Fog Rider stays still. Princess Lillian comes back.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)

Why are you delaying?

FOG RIDER

I've never ridden a horse before. I'm a city boy.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

It was your idea to find something that could take us faster.

FOG RIDER

Another one of those ideas that sounded better in my head. And I wanted a car.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

 $\operatorname{\ensuremath{Hold}}$  on tight and follow  $\operatorname{\ensuremath{me}}$  .

Princess Lillian slaps Fog Rider's horse on the butt, and it takes off. Princess Lillian quickly catches up and passes him.

Within moments Fog Rider is enjoying the ride. He is completely exhilarated following behind Princess Lillian, with his cape flapping in the wind.

#### MONTAGE

- Fog Rider and Princess Lillian ride the horses past the evil castle.
- They leap the moat, but it is too far. They land on Nester the Sea Monster's back and then leap the rest of the way across.
- Fog Rider and Princess Lillian ride through the Valley of Trees as the black squirrel chases the Werewolf in a circles with mistletoe. They freeze to watch the horses zoom by.
- Fog Rider and Princess Lillian ride up the side of the mountain and into the Tiny Troll's cave.

- Fog Rider and Princess Lillian ride down the mountain and towards the Oak Tree between the mountain and the meadow.

END MONTAGE

EXT. UNICORN MEADOW

Princess Lillian and Fog Rider focus on the Unicorn Meadow as they ride past the old Oak Tree.

FOG RIDER
(yelling to Princess
Lillian)
Don't stop! Ride as fast as you can!

Fog Rider and Princess Lillian pick up speed on their horses as they close in on the meadow.

But right at the edge of the Unicorn Meadow the two horses skid to a stop, like someone slammed on their brakes. The horses rear up on their hind legs, knocking Fog Rider and Princess Lillian off their backs.

Princess Lillian and Fog Rider spring to their feet and try to catch the horses' reins. But the horses dash off before they can be calmed.

FOG RIDER (CONT'D) What do we do now?

PRINCESS LILLIAN
I can see the other side of the meadow and I do not see the unicorn. Let us journey quietly across.

FOG RIDER
You've been right about everything else, so I'm gonna trust you.

Princess Lillian and Fog Rider tiptoe across the field back to back, like ninjas watching all directions.

Princess Lillian whips her head around at a noise in the grass. The bunny bounces past them. They tiptoe again.

A small rainbow with clouds on each end floats toward Fog Rider.

FOG RIDER (CONT'D)
 (whispering)
What is that?

Fog Rider reaches up and pokes it with his finger right as Princess Lillian turns to see what he is talking about.

POP!

PRINCESS LILLIAN

NO!

The rainbow bursts and the stench fills the air. Fog Rider grabs his cape and uses it to cover his face. Princess Lillian covers her hand with the sleeve of her dress and slaps it over her nose and mouth.

FOG RIDER

What the heck? That smells terrible.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

That shall be a unicorn toot.

More little rainbows with clouds float by them.

FOG RIDER

I thought that was a myth. I think the unicorn ate a demon.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Do not touch anymore of them. The unicorn is near. We must be quick.

Fog Rider grabs Princess Lillian's free hand, and they run through the meadow dodging rainbows, matrix style.

Suddenly, the UNICORN rises out of the grass in front of them blocking their path. And it is MAD. It snorts and paws the ground, lowering its head, and aiming its sword-like horn at them.

Fog Rider and Princess Lillian freeze.

The Unicorn zeros in on Princess Lillian, aiming its sharp horn right at her chest.

Fog Rider jumps to the side to distract the Unicorn.

FOG RIDER

Here, Unicorn!

The Unicorn changes paths and aims its horn at Fog Rider. Fog Rider runs and the Unicorn gives chase behind him.

Princess Lillian chases after them, but the Unicorn is gaining on Fog Rider.

# PRINCESS LILLIAN Unicorn, I have a butterfly!

The Unicorn changes paths again and darts back in Princess Lillian's direction.

Fog Rider yanks the Unicorn's tail as it charges at Princess Lillian. The Unicorn is furious and bucks its hind legs. Fog Rider dives out of the way of its powerful kick.

The Unicorn doubles back at Fog Rider.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)
Over yonder, stupid Unicorn!

The Unicorn's anger causes it to focus more clearly, and it's not distracted by Princess Lillian anymore. It aims its pointy horn right at Fog Rider.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D) Come at me, stinky unicorn.

Fog Rider doubles back toward Princess Lillian and the Unicorn gains on him. The Unicorn lowers its head and prepares to gore Fog Rider right in the butt. The tip of its horn touches Fog Rider's bottom, and he runs with all his strength, gaining just a bit of distance on the Unicorn.

FOG RIDER

I don't want to be a unicorn kabob.

Thinking fast, Princess Lillian takes the jar with the Tiny Troll in it out of the side pocket of her backpack.

The Tiny Troll is sound as leep at the bottom of the jar. Princess Lillian shakes the jar to make sure it's still alive.

The Tiny Troll yawns and stretches.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Rise and shine.

Princess Lillian throws the jar with the Tiny Troll in it at the Unicorn's face.

CRASH! The jar shatters on the sharp tip of the Unicorn's horn. The Tiny Troll flies into the air and lands on the Unicorn's horn. What a way to wake up! The Tiny Troll hugs the Unicorn's horn, and holds on for dear life.

The Unicorn skids to a stop and shakes its head vigorously to get rid of the Tiny Troll.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)

Fog Rider!

Fog Rider dashes towards Princess Lillian, and they make a run for the end of the meadow while the Unicorn is distracted.

The Unicorn notices them, but it is too upset by the Tiny Troll on its horn to care. It shakes like crazy and bucks like a bronco. The Tiny Troll is a like a champion bull rider, not losing its grip.

The Tiny Troll gets just a little bit too cocky, and shows off letting go with one hand and waving it in the air. For a moment, the Tiny Troll is the ultimate Unicorn rider.

But the Tiny Troll's grasp SLIPS. It holds on with one hand at the tip of the Unicorn's horn. The Unicorn runs and the Tiny Troll flaps in the wind, like a flag on a Unicorn horn flagpole.

Fog Rider and Princess Lillian leap for the edge of the meadow and dive to safety.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D) Who knew a troll shall work better than a butterfly?

Fog Rider helps Princess Lillian to her feet.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D) We should be ahead of them now, but we must quicken our pace. It is getting late and we must beat the darkness.

EXT. BEACH

Fog Rider and Princess Lillian run along the beach and into the Ahool Forest.

EXT. VILLAGE GATE - EVENING - LATER

Princess Lillian and Fog Rider run toward her village.

They crash through the trees just outside of her village at the edge of the forest, safe from any Ahools as the sun starts to set.

PRINCESS LILLIAN We have arrived!

FOG RIDER

So what's our plan now?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Let us find my mother and locate the Sapphire Wand if it is real. I want to know the whole story from her.

FOG RIDER

She can probably help us get the Orb back too.

Fog Rider and Princess Lillian run toward the Village Gate, but the Knight and the Witch step out of the forest.

The Witch shoots the chain holding the gate up with a bolt of lightning from the Orb, sending the Village Gate crashing to the ground.

Fog Rider and Princess Lillian shake the metal gate, but it won't budge. They are trapped outside the Village Gate.

WITCH

I'm looking forward to seeing your mother again. Thinking she could steal my wand and hideout among the cowards.

The Witch giggles and snorts. She sends a bolt of lightning straight at Fog Rider and Princess Lillian. They dive out of the way.

WITCH (CONT'D)

I'm sure she would give it up for the life of her little girl.

The Witch zaps a tree branch with lightning and it falls. Princess Lillian pushes Fog Rider out of the way, but it lands on Princess Lillian and traps her legs.

WITCH (CONT'D)

(yelling through the gate)
Prissy, come on out and bring my
wand!

Fog Rider charges the Witch, but a WHOLE ARMY of Evil Elves and Spider-Snakes rush out of the forest and block his path to the her.

Fog Rider skids to a stop.

FOG RIDER

Those multiplied fast.

KNIGHT

(whiny voice)

Bring the wand or we shall kill the princess.

The Knight lifts the tree branch off of Princess Lillian's legs, reaches down, and grabs her arm. He pulls her to her feet. Princess Lillian jerks her arm to shake free of his grasp, but he's got a tight grip.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

You are a STUPID JERK.

The Village Gate slowly opens as the Guards hide on one side and use the broken chain to manually pull it up.

Queen Priscilla stands in the middle of the Village Gate without fear.

As soon as the gate is secure the Guards run off.

QUEEN PRISCILLA

Lily, I do not want to have to tell you again. Do not use such filthy language.

Without thinking, in a rush of anger and jealousy, the Witch charges at Queen Priscilla like a lioness attacking its prey.

WITCH

Give me my wand.

Queen Priscilla calmly fakes right and then steps to left.

The Witch flies past Queen Priscilla and smashes into the solid rock wall behind her.

SPLAT!

The Orb goes flying.

QUEEN PRISCILLA

(laughing)

Gets you every time.

While Queen Priscilla is distracted laughing at her sister, the Witch leaps to her feet and slaps Queen Priscilla on the shoulder.

Queen Priscilla reaches out and yanks the Witch's hair.

WITCH

Ow! Stop it!

QUEEN PRISCILLA

You started it!

Queen Priscilla and the Witch start a slap fight the way only two sisters can.

WITCH

Who you gonna tattle to?

They keep slapping at each other.

QUEEN PRISCILLA

I do not need to tattle. I will whoop your buttocks!

Their hands fly at each other, but they look more like they're trying to doggy paddle.

Everyone else stands in disbelief watching the sisters battle it out like they're teenagers.

The Knight finally tires of the show and lets go of Princess Lillian. He runs for the Orb.

Fog Rider runs for Princess Lillian.

FOG RIDER

I think you definitely know where your bravery comes from now.

The Knight grabs the Orb and douses Queen Priscilla with a tidal wave. But he takes out the Witch too, ending their fight. They slam against the rock wall that surrounds the village and crumple to the ground.

The Witch balances to her feet and yells at the Knight as she sloshes the water off of herself.

WITCH

I should turn you back into a cat.

Everyone stares at the Knight in disbelief.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

You shall be a cat?

WTTCH

He wouldn't stop leaping on my counters and licking himself.

The Knight looks down ashamed.

WITCH (CONT'D)

I had to turn him into something that wears pants.

Fog Rider smooths out the front of his pants.

FOG RIDER

They are comfortable.

The Knight looks up and nods at Fog Rider in agreement.

The Witch refocuses back on Queen Priscilla.

WTTCH

Give me the Sapphire Wand.

Fog Rider and Princess Lillian step toward Queen Priscilla to protect her from the Witch, but the Knight points the Orb at them.

Queen Priscilla gasps for air and defiantly looks up at her sister.

QUEEN PRISCILLA

The wand is gone. I destroyed it ages ago.

The Witch rages! She stomps around Queen Priscilla like a child throwing a tantrum.

Then she unexpectedly CALMS with realization.

WITCH

I don't need the wand anymore. I have the ball.

The Witch reaches out toward the Knight and he hands her the Orb. She giggles and snorts.

WITCH (CONT'D)

This ball might be even more powerful than the Sapphire Wand. I can't turn you into a worm, but I can drown you.

The Witch holds the Orb in the air and releases a tidal wave into the village. Villagers run for their lives as a wave washes through their streets.

The Shopkeeper tries to slam his shop doors shut before the wave can rush in, but it pushes him back.

The Young Boy floats by on the apple cart.

Surrounded by the Evil Elves, Spider-Snakes, and with the Knight's sword now pointed at them, Fog Rider and Princess Lillian are powerless against the destruction caused by the Witch's tidal wave.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Please, stop. Please, stop. I shall do anything necessary to save my people.

The Witch giggles and snorts.

WITCH

Revenge really is sweet.

There is a RUSTLING in the bushes behind the Witch. Fog Rider's eyes dart toward the bushes. He touches the scratches on his face where the squirrel attacked his nose.

WHOMP! King Darien flies out of the bushes and tackles the Witch, like a sacked quarterback.

The flood STOPS.

The Orb flies into the air and wedges on a ledge on the side of the Village Gate.

King Darien dives back into the bushes where he was previously hiding.

Queen Priscilla rises to her feet. She sees the Guards and Knights peering out from behind the village walls. They slowly gather around her.

QUEEN PRISCILLA

The time has come for us to fight.

The Guards and Knights are shaking with fear.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

You are the strongest Guards and the fastest Knights. You have prepared for a time such as this.

The Knights and Guards look around at each other, and it hits them that they might be the strongest and fastest in the kingdom. Maybe.

WITCH

Get them and my ball!

FOG RIDER

It's an Orb!

Fog Rider looks over at Princess Lillian.

FOG RIDER (CONT'D) And it's really slippery.

PRINCESS LILLIAN
It should have been created square.

FOG RIDER
It must be called glazed for a reason.

The Evil Elves and Spider-Snakes charge.

An ELF runs at a GUARD and the Guard turns to run away from it, but then he turns back around and steps on the Elf, squashing him like a bug.

The Elf pops back to his normal self and then runs off. The Guards and the Knights charge with new found courage and the battle ensues.

The evil Knight swings his sword wildly. Fog Rider and Princess Lillian stand in front of him trying to choose their next move wisely.

The Knight HITS HIMSELF in the head with the sword, and KNOCKS himself cold.

PRINCESS LILLIAN He is quite fragile.

Princess Lillian and Fog Rider join the battle.

King Darien comes out from his hiding place in the bushes and SMACKS Spider-Snakes with a stick.

The Witch focuses back on the Orb on the ledge and runs toward it. But Fog Rider notices it at the same time and runs for it too.

A Spider-Snake climbs the wall and knocks the Orb toward the Witch with its tail.

Fog Rider leaps in front of the Witch and catches the Orb. It slips in his grip a little, but he secures it.

FOG RIDER

Got it, sucker.

WITCH

No!

Fog Rider sends some lava at the Witch, but she dives behind Oueen Priscilla to use her as a shield.

The Queen pushes free of the Witch, but knocks into Fog Rider sending the Orb flying out of his hands again.

The Witch grabs the Knight's sword from the ground and holds it to Queen Priscilla's throat.

Princess Lillian catches the Orb.

The entire battle FREEZES with the Queen's life in danger.

WITCH (CONT'D)

I have fantasized about this moment since birth. Now give me the ball or Prissy dies.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Mother!

Queen Priscilla raises her hand to stop Princess Lillian from trying to save her.

QUEEN PRISCILLA

You are just going to have to kill me.

The Witch thinks about this for a moment.

WITCH

If you insist.

The Witch draws back the sword to plunge it into the side of Queen Priscilla's neck.

Suddenly, the LADYBUG lands on the Witch's arm and she loses her mind, but doesn't lose her grasp on the Queen.

WITCH (CONT'D)

Get it off! Get it off! I hate bugs that give good luck. You can't trust them. I can feel its legs moving!

With that distraction, Princess Lillian raises the Orb into the air, and without hesitation sends out a slick sheet of ice under the Witch's feet that causes her to slip just a little.

The sword grazes Queen Priscilla's throat, but does not stab her.

The Ladybug flies away.

King Darien runs to his wife and snatches her out of harm's way.

The Witch's feet slip and slide like on an ice skating rink while she tries to catch her balance.

Princess Lillian sends out a giant tornado that envelops the Witch. She swirls around their heads a few times, like a balloon deflating caught in the whirlwind.

WITCH (CONT'D)
You'll never defeat me!

The Witch giggles and snorts.

FOG RIDER I think she just did.

PRINCESS LILLIAN Stay away from my village!

Fog Rider nods approval at Princess Lillian.

Princess Lillian sends out a hurricane force wind that carries the Witch over the Ahool Forest and back toward her own evil land.

The other Evil Creatures realize their defeat and run toward the Ahool Forest. The eyes of the Ahools light up in the dark.

The Evil Creatures are trapped between Princess Lillian's village and the Ahool filled forest.

Deciding their fate, the Evil Creatures BOW to Princess Lillian.

Suddenly, the Dragon swoops in. Princess Lillian points the Orb at the Dragon. The Dragon grabs the unconscious Knight in his talons.

Queen Priscilla dashes at the Dragon and makes a shooing motion with her arms, like she's chasing away a pigeon.

QUEEN PRISCILLA Shoo! Go home! Get!

The Dragon flies off with the unconscious Knight.

Queen Priscilla returns to King Darien's side. They stand together in victory in front of the Village Gate.

The Villagers, Guards, and Knights cheer.

KING DARIEN

Round up the Evil Elves and Spider-Snakes. They shall make amends by helping clean the destruction.

The Guards and Knights herd the Spider-Snakes and Evil Elves into the village.

Princess Lillian collapses into her mother and father's embrace.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

You are the hero in the legend.

QUEEN PRISCILLA

It is true. I could not let my evil twin sister destroy the land with the Sapphire Wand.

FOG RIDER

You weren't even scared of the Dragon!

OUEEN PRISCILLA

It is a little known fact that dragons are pacifists.

Fog Rider touches the scratches on his face.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

What?

QUEEN PRISCILLA

They never fight. Squirrels are more dangerous than dragons.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

That is intriguing.

Princess Lillian smirks at Fog Rider, like she now knows the secret about his nose scratches.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)

So I received my courage from you?

QUEEN PRISCILLA

You created your own courage.

Princess Lillian hugs her mother tighter.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

It felt truly amazing to create my courage.

QUEEN PRISCILLA

But courage is also contagious.

Queen Priscilla smiles at King Darien, and then waves her arm and hand towards all of the people in the village who helped defeat the creatures from The Land of Vile Darkness.

QUEEN PRISCILLA (CONT'D)

See how quickly it can spread.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Thank you, Mother. Who knew courage is so infectious?

Fog Rider bows to the King and Queen, but King Darien embraces him in a bear hug.

KING DARIEN

Thank you for helping our daughter and our village. You may have my daughter's hand in marriage.

AWKWARD.

FOG RIDER

Um, that's not really how we do things where I'm from.

KING DARIEN

You do not owe me a muskrat. Is my daughter not good enough for you?

FOG RIDER

Of course she is, it's just...

Princess Lillian enjoys watching Fog Rider squirm at her father's questioning.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Father, we are friends. I do not want him to have my hand in marriage.

KING DARIEN

Oh.

FOG RIDER

And now that I've got the Diamond Glazed Orb back, I need to get home.

Princess Lillian hands Fog Rider the Orb.

The Queen hugs Fog Rider and the King firmly shakes his hand.

KING DARIEN

Thank you again for helping our village. We have a lot of work ahead of us.

King Darien motions at the destruction.

KING DARIEN (CONT'D)

Come, my Queen. We must get busy.

The Queen nods at Fog Rider.

QUEEN PRISCILLA

Thank you.

King Darien guides Queen Priscilla back inside the Village.

Fog Rider and Princess Lillian still stand outside the Village Gate. The sun has fully set and a bright full moon lights up the sky.

Princess Lillian and Fog Rider awkwardly don't make eye contact realizing their quest together is over.

FOG RIDER

Thanks for helping me get the Orb back.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Thank you for helping me realize my Knight...I mean Calvin...was a stupid jerk.

FOG RIDER

He was a stupid jerk. Cats usually are.

They both laugh.

FOG RIDER (CONT'D)

Did ya ever find out his real name?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

No, it was not worth my breath to ask.

Princess Lillian points at the Orb.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)

You shall use the Orb to return to your home?

Fog Rider holds up the Orb and they both look at it. A tear runs down Princess Lillian's cheek, but she quickly brushes it away.

FOG RIDER

I think so. It's controlled by the mind. When I was running from my cousin, I was thinking I was a coward and I wanted to be in the best place for cowards to hide.

PRINCESS LILLIAN And you were dropped by my village.

FOG RIDER

If I think of home, I should return there. It'll be nice to use my fog powers all the time again.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

You were quite clever when your powers did not work. It is not your fog or your cape that makes you a hero. It is your brave and kind heart.

Princess Lillian taps on his chest. Fog Rider gives Princess Lillian an embarrassed smile because of the compliment.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)

I shall miss you.

Another tear runs down Princess Lillian's cheek, but this time Fog Rider wipes it away.

FOG RIDER

I'm gonna miss you too. I'm glad you're my friend. I never would have gotten the Orb back without you.

Fog Rider taps the side of the Orb.

FOG RIDER (CONT'D)

I might be able to come back and visit.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

That would be lovely.

Princess Lillian gives Fog Rider a long hug and a quick peck on the cheek. She takes a step back and watches Fog Rider with the Orb.

Fog Rider holds the Orb tightly, straightens his cape, and shuts his eyes.

Princess Lillian reaches down into her backpack that's still sitting nearby and pulls out the stolen tissues. She dabs the tears at the side of her eyes and blows her nose loudly.

FOG RIDER

I'm ready to go home.

The Orb glows.

RIP!

The sky tears open. Fog Rider slowly and dramatically lifts into the air. He opens his eyes and waves down at Princess Lillian. She waves back and lets the tears run down her cheeks.

WHOOSH! SLAM! Fog Rider is knocked out of the air by a giant gust of hot wind and slams to the ground. The Orb goes flying, again.

COUSIN SANTANA, a tiny, young woman with awesome boots, descends from the opening in the sky, and gently lands on the ground. She looks similar to Fog Rider, including the same acorn-shaped nose and she is wearing the same cape.

COUSIN SANTANA

Hello Foggerty. It's about time you opened the portal.

As the Orb rolls away, Princess Lillian makes a sprint for it.

Santana sends out a gust of wind and knocks Princess Lillian out of the way.

Fog Rider stands and faces off with his cousin. He towers over her, but she is definitely more intimidating.

Santana uses a gust of wind to roll the Orb back to her before Princess Lillian can reach it.

Princess Lillian charges at Santana, but Fog Rider raises his arm up to stop her.

FOG RIDER

Don't do it. She's meaner than a witch, dragon, ahool, and unicorn all rolled into one.

COUSIN SANTANA

Ahh, Foggy, that's so sweet of you.

Princess Lillian looks confused at the small woman.

PRINCESS LILLIAN
You shall be kidding me. She
resembles a Girl Scout.

FOG RIDER

She just steals their cookies.

Santana shakes her head in agreement.

COUSIN SANTANA

That's true. They're delicious.

Santana conjures up a whirlwind that envelops Fog Rider and Princess Lillian about waist high. They can see what is happening, but they are trapped, helpless inside the strong ring of wind.

FOG RIDER

Santana, take me back home and punish me. Leave these people alone.

COUSIN SANTANA

Destroying these people is only the start of me punishing you. You like this girl.

Santana uses the Orb to send a blizzard through the Village Gates. Sharp icicles rain down from the sky. The destruction is much greater than the small tidal wave the Witch caused.

Terrified Villagers run for their lives from the deadly icicles and the freezing snow storm.

FOG RIDER

That's enough.

COUSIN SANTANA

(mocking voice)

That's enough. Like you can tell me what to do. Remember when we were kids and you always bossed me around...not anymore!

FOG RIDER

When did I boss you around?

COUSIN SANTANA

Remember...don't play with fire. You'll burn the tree house down.

Santana uses the Orb to set off an EARTHQUAKE. Fog Rider and Princess Lillian try to steady themselves.

Part of the wall around the village collapses.

FOG RIDER

You did burn down the tree house.

COUSIN SANTANA

I think it's time for me to burn this village down.

Santana creates hot, powerful Santa Ana winds. The winds blow the snow out of the village. Villagers cling to anything they can grab hold of so they don't get blown away.

Santana holds the Orb in the air and it lights up in a giant fireball with spectacular sparks shooting out. She leans in toward the bushes and lowers the Orb to set the bushes ablaze.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

No, please, not my village.

Santana turns towards the Ahool Forest and aims her wind.

COUSIN SANTANA

Or maybe we can burn the Ahool forest down and then they'll take over your village.

Princess Lillian turns and looks at Fog Rider with pleading eyes. But there is nothing Fog Rider can do to stop his cousin's destruction.

COUSIN SANTANA (CONT'D)

That was really funny when you were tied up by the Ahool, but not as funny as when you were almost eaten by the werewolves.

Santana lets out a terribly evil laugh.

FOG RIDER

You were watching us?

Santana taps the clasp on her cape that secures it around her neck.

COUSIN SANTANA

I put a camera and GPS in your cape clasp. I was right not to trust you.

FOG RIDER

I thought you just gave this to me as a gift.

Fog Rider touches his matching cape clasp.

COUSIN SANTANA

Your magic words are lame too. Razorback hog. Whitetail prairie dog. You sound like a weirdo.

FOG RIDER

I needed to conjure fog.

COUSIN SANTANA

You just gotta think about it. I lied to you when we were kids about the magic words. I can't believe you still say them. Dufus.

Santana keeps the hot winds blowing from her own power. She leans in again toward the bushes and lowers the flaming Orb to set them on fire.

There is another RUSTLING from inside the bushes.

FOG RIDER

Don't do it!

Princess Lillian turns her head away and covers her eyes, like if she doesn't watch her village may not be burnt to a crisp.

Santana touches the edge of the fiery Orb to the bushes. But...WHUMP!

A SQUIRREL leaps from the bushes and attacks Santana's acorn-shaped nose.

The whirlwind holding Princess Lillian and Fog Rider prisoner wavers for a moment and they break free.

Princess Lillian grabs a handful of snow from a patch left on the ground. She quickly makes snowballs and chucks them at Santana.

One hits Santana in the head and sends the Orb flying. Fog Rider catches it and it returns to the normal Diamond Glazed Orb.

Fog Rider points the Orb at Santana. The squirrel still has a death grip on Santana's nose.

COUSIN SANTANA

Wait!

Santana puts her hands up in surrender. The squirrel hangs from her face.

COUSIN SANTANA (CONT'D)

What happened to our plans of world domination? Our revenge?

FOG RIDER

It wasn't right.

COUSIN SANTANA

You were finally going to get your revenge for having the worst superpower ever.

Fog Rider sends out a small lightning bolt and zaps the squirrel off Santana's nose.

The squirrel drops to the ground with a smoldering tail, shakes its fist at Fog Rider, and runs off into the bushes.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Do not listen to her deceptions, Fog Rider.

Fog Rider looks back and forth between Princess Lillian and Santana.

COUSIN SANTANA

It really is the most boring superpower ever. What good does it really do you? It's fog. You have the power to make hair frizz.

Fog Rider lowers the Orb just a bit, like he might be giving in to Santana's coaxing.

COUSIN SANTANA (CONT'D)

You are the terror of curly haired women everywhere.

Fog Rider gazes at the Orb.

FOG RIDER

It has been great having other powers too.

Fog Rider lowers the Orb a little bit more and Santana cautiously steps closer to him.

COUSIN SANTANA

We could rule the world. Wouldn't it be awesome to have some respect?

FOG RIDER

Yeah, it would.

Santana draws a step closer to Fog Rider.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Please do not be fooled. Good or evil is your choice.

Santana is close enough to take the Orb from Fog Rider.

COUSIN SANTANA

We'll rule the world. We'll never be laughed at again.

Santana thinks she has Fog Rider convinced and relaxes her stance just a little bit.

Fog Rider looks at Santana with confidence and then gives Princess Lillian a weak smile, like she's about to either be really proud of him or really disappointed in him.

FOG RIDER

But a friend told me it's not my superpowers that make me a hero.

Fog Rider whips off his CAPE and wraps it around Santana, binding her. She struggles to break free.

FOG RIDER (CONT'D)

Take us home! Take us home!

In the blink of an eye, Fog Rider and Santana are sucked back up through the hole in the sky and they are gone.

There is the loud noise of a vacuum suction closure as the hole in the sky closes.

Princess Lillian stands dumbfounded and alone. Her village is safe, but her friend is gone.

FADE TO:

INT. PRINCESS LILLIAN'S VILLAGE - A FEW DAYS LATER

The Villagers clean up the damage from the wind, water, snow, and earthquake. Princess Lillian helps Charlotte and Gisela stack broken stones from the village wall in a wheelbarrow.

King Darien stands nearby and retells the story of his heroism to a group of Villagers.

KING DARIEN

Right as she was about to destroy the village, I sprang into action...

Gisela, Charlotte, and Princess Lillian lift the wheelbarrow together by the handles, and guide it to a big pile of other rocks to dump it.

GISELA

Sorry about your Knight.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

If he cannot even defeat a fictional superhero what good is he? Also, he is a feline.

CHARLOTTE

So how cute is Fog Rider?

Princess Lillian smirks.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

He has legs that can pull off tights.

They all giggle.

CUT TO:

INT. ROYAL MASTER BEDROOM - DAY - LATER

Queen Priscilla is in her royal master bedroom. She holds the mysterious Sapphire Wand in her hands and inspects its jewels. Apparently Queen Priscilla has no problem lying to protect something powerful from falling into evil hands.

Queen Priscilla lays the Sapphire Wand gently back into a velvet lined box. She places it back in a hope chest at the foot of her bed and replaces an enormous lock.

CUT TO:

INT. PRINCESS LILLIAN'S BEDROOM - LATER

Princess Lillian watches the Ladybug walk along her window sill. She sees a rustling in the bushes below. She gets excited, but it's not Fog Rider. She sits down on her stool and rests her face in her hands.

There is the sound like pants ripping behind Princess Lillian. She spins around and leaps to her feet.

Fog Rider sits on her bed. He's not wearing his cape anymore. She runs to hug him, but then...

PRINCESS LILLIAN

What is wrong with your common sense? You shall not teleport into a girl's bedroom! Go out and knock!

FOG RIDER

I'm sorry.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

I may have been changing.

Fog Rider teleports outside Princess Lillian's bedroom door and knocks.

Princess Lillian answers and gets excited to see Fog Rider. She flings her arms around him in a giant hug.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)

Foggerty! I cannot believe you are here. I am so excited to see you.

Fog Rider walks into her royal bedroom.

FOG RIDER

You heard Santana call me by my real name.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

I like Foggerty. It sounds regal.

FOG RIDER

Okay, but you're the only one that's allowed to call me that, and never around other people. You'll give away my secret identity.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

I promise to keep your identity our secret. What has become of your cape?

FOG RIDER

It looked weird without the tights.

Using just his fingertips, Fog Rider tosses Princess Lillian the Orb. It sticks to her hands. She holds the Orb upside down, and it adheres to her hand without falling to the ground.

FOG RIDER (CONT'D)

I added some adhesive to it, so it would stop slipping out of hands.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

It was like a greased pig.

Princess Lillian peels the Orb off her hand and drops it back into Fog Rider's hands.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)

What shall happen with your cousin?

FOG RIDER

Once we got home, I teleported her to a secret jail ran by superheroes. How's your village?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Clean up is coming along. People are venturing further outside the gates.

FOG RIDER

That's great.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

And you shall be happy to learn that I returned to both shopkeepers and repaid our debts.

FOG RIDER

By yourself?

PRINCESS LILLIAN

By myself.

FOG RIDER

I really am the second bravest in all the land.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

So the world shall be safe once again.

FOG RIDER

Once again safe...kind of.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Kind of?

FOG RIDER

I need some help.

Princess Lillian raises her eyebrow and grins with curiosity.

FOG RIDER (CONT'D)

I may have accidentally teleported the Unicorn and the Tiny Troll back to my world and now I can't find them.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

What?

FOG RIDER

Apparently if you say where you want to go twice it opens two separate portals. Those things are like a stinkin' vacuum.

Princess Lillian runs over and grabs a book off her bookshelf. She shows it to Fog Rider.

It is a book about SUPERHEROES and his world.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

A survival guide.

FOG RIDER

It's not mythical.

PRINCESS LILLIAN

Not any longer.

Princess Lillian shoves the book into the backpack and flings it onto her back.

PRINCESS LILLIAN (CONT'D)

Alas, let us do this.

The Ladybug flies over and holds on to one of Fog Rider's belt loops.

Fog Rider reaches over and grabs Princess Lillian's hand. He lifts the Diamond Glazed Orb into the air.

FOG RIDER

Take us to my home.

There is a ripping sound of the portal opening.

FADE TO BLACK.