

Day 1

[Blues and Reds enter from their sides. Timmy and Matt are having a catch. Ball lands by Eli. Eli and Mindy go over to them.]

Timmy: Sorry, Prince Eli!

Eli: Be careful, guys. You don't want your ball to cross the river and end up on the... red side.

Matt: But why not? Won't those nice people over there just throw it back to us?

Mindy: Nice people? The Reds? They're the worst!

Matt: Really? What do you mean?

Eli: The Reds are the meanest, rudest, worst people on earth.

Mindy: They're so different from all of us. The way they walk. The way they talk.

Eli: But worst of all...

Eli and friend: They wear red!

Timmy: I don't know, they seem fine to me.

Eli: You'll find out soon enough. But anyway, I'm sure you want to get back to your game. Here, go long, I'll pass it to you.

[Eli throws the ball. It hits Levi in the back.]

Levi: Hey, what was that for?

Cindy: They just threw that ball at the prince!

Eli: [Sarcastically] Sorry, it was a bad throw!

Levi: Of course it was! What else would I expect from a Blue?

Mindy: [To Timmy and Matt] See, I told you the Reds are the worst! [To Levi] I'd like to see you make that throw!

Levi: It would be my pleasure! [He throws the ball and hits Eli in the stomach.]

Timmy: Hey! How dare you hit prince Eli!

Jimmy: He started it!

Pat: You Blues are all the worst!

Matt: Take that back!

Pat: Why don't you make me?

[The Blues and Reds all start yelling at each other. Chief and Queen enter from either side.]

Chief: What's the meaning of this? What's going on here?

Mindy: Chief, I'm so glad you're here! Levi over there just threw a ball at Prince Eli for no reason.

Cindy: That's *Prince* Levi to you, and you left out the part where he threw it at us first.

Mindy: That was an accident and you know it!

Cindy: Yeah right. [Everyone begins arguing and talking over one another again.]

Queen: ENOUGH! Chief Azul, it appears your Blues are terribly out of control.

Chief: My apologies, Queen Rogue. It won't happen again.

Queen: It had better not! Now, Prince Levi, you and your friends come along with me. Let's not waste our time with these Blues. [Reds all exit.]

Eli: Father, you're not going to let her talk to you like that, are you?

Chief: Eli, I'm very disappointed in you. You know better than to start a fight with the Reds. Someone could've gotten hurt.

Eli: But they...

Chief: I don't want to hear it. [He sighs] One day, you will be Chief, and it will be your job to lead these people. You can't be getting into fights with our neighbors. Understood?

Eli: Yes, father.

Chief: Good. Now I have an important job for you. Come, let's go to my home.

[Chief and Eli exit. Mindy speaks to Timmy and Matt.]

Mindy: You see? That's why we Blues never talk to the Reds.

Matt: You're right! I would never be friends with a Red.

Timmy: No more Reds! Let's go Blues!

[They all exit. Chief enters, followed by Eli and Mindy.]

Chief: My son, I have a very difficult job for you to do. You know how the great river surrounds the Red Lands?

Eli: Yes father! It keeps those Reds away from us. They can't get over here without swimming or taking a boat across the dangerous waters.

Chief: It also traps them in their land and makes it difficult for them to get the food or supplies they need.

Eli: I know, it's wonderful! Serves them right for all the terrible things they've done to us.

Chief: I want you to build a bridge over the river between our land and theirs.

Mindy: But if we build a bridge, they'll be able to cross over... onto our land!

Eli: Are we going to set up a guard tower to watch?

Chief: No. I think it's time we make peace with them.

Mindy: With the Reds? You've got to be joking!

Eli: Did you see the way they fought with us? The way their queen spoke to you? Do you really think they want peace?

Chief: Yes, I know that both we and they have done things to harm one another. But I want to show mercy, and hopefully it will change their hearts. Building the bridge would be a great sign of friendship between the two nations.

Eli: But... but they don't deserve this!

Chief: I will hear no more. I have all the supplies ready. I also have a companion for you to help you complete your task. I want you to begin tomorrow. [He exits.]

Mindy: This is ridiculous!

Eli: I know! Does he really think we can ever have peace with the Reds?

Mindy: They would probably use that bridge to come over here and steal all our stuff. They would take advantage of your father's kindness.

Eli: You're right, they aren't kind and caring, like us Blues. Imagine all the terrible things they would do to us! They would never make peace.

Mindy: And even if they did, could you ever imagine being friends... with a Red!

Eli: Never! I think we need to show my dad just how awful those Reds are.

Mindy: How are we going to do that?

Eli: By stealing the Queen's crown!

Mindy: What?

Eli: They'll all go crazy and try to take revenge.

Mindy: That's brilliant! Then your dad will see what horrible people they are and forget this whole bridge thing.

Eli: Let's get started, we have no time to lose!

Mindy: But wait, didn't your dad say he was sending someone with us to help? What are we going to do about that?

Eli: I say we leave before... [Snowball enters]

Snowball: Ahem! Going somewhere without me!

Mindy: Who's that? Who's talking?

Eli: It's my dad's cat. She must be the help he was talking about. Listen, Snowball, we're in a bit of a hurry, so if you don't mind...

Snowball: I'm under strict orders from Chief Azul to watch out for you guys and make sure you do your jobs.

Eli: That's... wonderful.

Mindy: [Aside to Eli] I'll take care of the cat, you go get that crown. [To Snowball] Thanks for helping us, Snowball. The Prince needs to go pick up the wood from the lumber yard. Would you be able to go with me to get the plans from the designer?

Snowball: I guess. Shouldn't it only take one of us to...

Mindy: Perfect! Now let's go, we don't want to be late!

[Mindy and Snowball exit. Then Eli exits the other way. The Reds enter.]

Queen: What a day! I'm going for a walk. [She sets down her crown.] Jimmy! Pat!

Jimmy and Pat: Yes, your majesty!

Queen: Watch over my things, please. [They salute, and the Queen exits. Eli enters.]

Eli: There it is! [Eli sneaks around the stage, evading the notice of Jimmy and Pat. He reaches and takes the crown.] Got it!

[Levi and Cindy come up on him and take him.]

Cindy: No, looks like we've got you.

Eli: Oh, hey there. Funny meeting you here. I must've gotten lost.

Levi: We'll see about that. [He takes the crown from Eli.] Jimmy!
Pat!

Jimmy and Pat: Yes, Prince Levi.

Levi: Take him to the Queen.

[Jimmy and Pat take Eli, and all exit.]