

Day 2

[Queen enters and looks around for her crown.]

Queen: My crown! My crown! Where is my crown?

[Levi, Cindy, Jimmy, and Pat enter with Eli as prisoner.]

Cindy: Your majesty! We found the crown.

Levi: Yes, and we caught this Blue trying to sneak off with it.

Queen: Well, well, well, if it isn't Prince Eli? How unusual that we should find you out here in the Red Lands.

Eli: Yeah, funny story about that, I was walking around and I just happened to find your crown on a...

Queen: Save it, I know exactly what you're up to. And here in the Red Lands, we don't take too kindly to thieves... especially when they're a Blue.

Cindy: What are we going to do to him? Keep him as a servant and make him work for us?

Levi: Great idea! He can start by sweeping my whole house... or maybe brushing my pet crocodile's teeth!

Queen: We shall see. He is Chief Azul's son, so we have to be careful. Jimmy, Pat!

Jimmy and Pat: Yes, your majesty.

Queen: Tie up the prisoner so he doesn't escape. Now prince Levi and Cindy, come with me, and we'll decide what to do.

[Queen, Levi, and Cindy exit. Jimmy and Pat tie Eli up and leave him in front of the puppet stage.]

Jimmy: You stand guard over this way, I'll watch over here.

Pat: Sounds good! [They head to opposite exits.]

Eli: Aww man, I'm in big trouble now. None of the Blues except for Mindy even know where I am. How am I ever going to get out of here? I guess I shouldn't have come over here in the first place. Maybe I should have built that bridge like my dad said. But then again, these awful Reds wouldn't have thanked me. They probably would have tried to lock me up like this anyway. Still, what does it matter now? I'm stuck here and I'm never going to get out. [Cat noises] I might as well just... wait, what's that? Could it be... [Snowball enters] Snowball!

Snowball: Oh Prince Eli, you've really gotten yourself into a mess. What happened? You were supposed to be getting the wood to build that bridge, like your father told you.

Eli: Right. About that. My father doesn't know what's good for us. What's good for him. These Reds never wanted peace with us, so I had a different plan. Anyway, that's not important

right now. Can you get me out of here? Maybe you can try chewing through the rope and...

Snowball: You should have listened to your father. Then you wouldn't have gotten into this mess.

Eli: I know, I know, but that doesn't help me now. If I ever get out of this place, I'll apologize to my father. I'll do whatever he says. I would even build that bridge! But first, I need someone to get me out of here. Do you think you can help me?

Snowball: Of course.

Eli: OK great, so like I said, try biting...

Snowball: Not that way. I'll be back, you just wait. [She exits.]

Eli: No, Snowball! Come back! How did she even get in here? Guess I'll be stuck here for a while. Maybe I could...

[Eli gets up and struggles to move around. He knocks some things over and hides. Jimmy and Pat run in to find him gone.]

Jimmy: The prisoner! He's escaped!

Pat: How did you let this happen?

Jimmy: Me? You were supposed to be watching him too!

Pat: Don't blame me, this is clearly your fault!

Eli: [Whispering] Now's my chance.

[Eli makes for the exit, when Levi and Cindy enter.]

Cindy: Going somewhere?

Levi: I'll go get the Queen. You take the prisoner. And, Jimmy and Pat.

Jimmy and Pat: Yes, Prince Levi?

Levi: Try to actually watch him this time. [Levi exits.]

Cindy: I can't wait to see what the Queen does to you after this. Finally, the Prince of the Blues will be getting what he deserves!

[Levi and the Queen enter.]

Queen: Jimmy, Pat, watch the door. [Jimmy and Pat exit.] So, it wasn't enough for you to try to steal my crown, now you tried to escape? What do you have to say for yourself?

Eli: I'm sorry, I made a mistake! I should have listened to my father and never done any of this! I wish I could take it all back.

Cindy: Well, you got one thing right. You made a huge mistake!

Levi: That's right, now you're going to pay for all you've done.

Queen: For the crime of stealing my crown AND trying to escape, I find you guilty. As a punishment, you will...

[Jimmy runs in with a scroll]

Jimmy: Your majesty, a message from...

Queen: Not now, Jimmy. Can't you see I'm in the middle of something?

Jimmy: It's from Chief Azul.

[Jimmy hands the Queen the scroll. She reads it and is at first angry, then resigned.]

Queen: Very well. Prince Levi, please release Prince Eli and return him to the Blue Country.

Levi: What?

Queen: You heard me. Remove the ropes.

Cindy: But your majesty, after what he did, you're just going to let him go?

Queen: I have no choice. Take him away. And Prince Eli, next time I see you causing trouble in these lands, I promise that you won't find me so gracious and forgiving. Now begone!

[Levi and Cindy remove the ropes, and all exit. Chief and Mindy enter, then Eli enters.]

Mindy: Prince Eli, you're back!

Eli: Yes, I didn't think they'd ever let me go. I was worried I'd be trapped in the Red Lands forever! But then, somehow a message arrived from father, and they set me free.

Chief: What were you doing in the Red Lands anyway? Weren't you supposed to be getting the wood for the bridge I told you to build?

Eli: I... I... I wasn't doing what you told me to do. I didn't want to build the bridge. So I tried sneaking into the Red Lands and stealing the Queen's crown. It was wrong, I shouldn't have done it, I just couldn't stand the idea of building a bridge for... *those* people.

Chief: What you did was very foolish. You could have started another fight between us and the Red Lands. If I hadn't have heard that you were trouble, you could have been trapped over there for a long time.

Mindy: Speaking of which, why did they let you go?

Chief: I sent a message requesting your release. The Queen owes my a favor, and I reminded her of that.

Eli: But how did you know where I was?

[Snowball enters]

Chief: For that, you have Snowball to thank.

Snowball: The Chief suspected something was wrong, so he sent me to look for you. After I found you, I ran straight to the Chief to tell him what had happened. He sent me back with the message telling the Queen to let you go.

Chief: And you did very well, Snowball.

Eli: So then you knew that I disobeyed you? And you still rescued me?

Chief: You are my son. What kind of father would I be if I gave up on you every time you made a mistake or disobeyed me? And besides, Snowball also told me how desperate you were for help, how you knew what you did was wrong and wanted to apologize.

Eli: Thank you! You're such a good father, even though I haven't been such a good son. [Eli hugs the Chief.]

Chief: I love you, Eli. Now, we must be off. There's still much work to do, and now we're behind.

Mindy: Work? What work?

Chief: Why, on the bridge, of course. Let's go! [All exit.]