

Day 3

[The Blues enter carrying various building materials, moving about, using tools, etc.]

Chief: Here is where I want you to build. I have given the building plans to Snowball, but I want you to oversee the construction. Can I trust you to build the bridge this time?

Eli: Yes, father.

Chief: Very good, now I must go. I'll check back later. [He exits.]

Mindy: This is absolutely ridiculous. I can't believe we still have to build this bridge! After what the Reds did to you!

Eli: Believe me, I'm not happy about it either. I'm only doing it because it's what my father told me to do.

Mindy: He told you to do it. He didn't say you had to do a good job. Let's just throw down some boards and nails and call it a day.

Eli: Sounds good to me. Hey, maybe we'll get lucky and it will collapse while the Reds are trying to cross. [They laugh.]

Snowball: I'm hearing a lot of talking and not much work. Don't we have a bridge to build? Let's get moving!

Mindy: Of course, Snowball. We'll get right on that.

[Mindy and Eli begin building lackadaisically.]

Matt: Excuse me, Prince Eli. We're running low on nails. We don't have enough to put four in each board.

Eli: Just do two then. I'm sure it will be fine.

Snowball: That doesn't sound like such a good idea. I don't think it's safe to use only two nails.

Mindy: Listen, Snowball. Prince Eli knows what he's doing. He's built plenty of things before.

Snowball: But the instructions say...

Eli: What do you know about bridges? My father put me in charge of this project, not you. If you want to be helpful, why don't you look for some extra nails? [Chief enters.]

Chief: No need, Snowball, I have some right here, but you can take a break. [He hands nails to Timmy. Snowball exits.]

Timmy: Thank you, sir!

Chief: Looks like the bridge is coming together quite nicely. Well done. And just in time. Here come the Reds.

[Reds enter.]

Jimmy: What is this? Have the Blues built a bridge?

Pat: They must be planning an attack. I knew they were up to something.

Queen: Chief Azul, what's going on here? Were you building a bridge to come over here and steal more things from us?

Chief: Your Majesty, we mean you no harm. We've built this bridge as a sign of friendship, so that our two lands can live in peace.

Cindy: You expect us to believe you want peace with us? After Prince Eli tried to steal the Queen's crown?

Chief: Both of our nations have done some terrible things to each other. But now it's time to put our differences aside and help one another. I know how difficult it is for you to get the food and supplies you need with the river surrounding you. I hope this bridge will be a big help to you.

Levi: The Blues are a bunch of liars and thieves, and Chief Azul is the worst one of all! We're on to your tricks, and we're going to do something about it. Come on, guys. I have an idea to teach these Blues a lesson! [Reds exit.]

Eli: See father, the Reds are up to no good. We need to figure out what Prince Levi is planning and put a stop to it!

Chief: After we've done to one another, it will take some time before they trust us, but I believe they will change.

Eli: The Reds? Change? All the time in the world wouldn't change them. Did you see how they treated us, father? How they treated *you*? After all you tried to do to help them! And now they're off causing trouble. Maybe we can catch them if...

[Snowball enters]

Snowball: Chief Azul, urgent news! [She whispers into the Chief's ear.]

Chief: I see. Eli, I need you to do something. Snowball has just told me that someone is in great danger along the cliffs by the northern end of the river. I need you to go find and rescue them. I'll join you soon. Can I count on you?

Eli: I won't let you down. Come one everyone, let's split up!

[Chief and Snowball exit. Stage lights go dark as stage resets. Eli, Mindy, Timmy, and Matt walk around the Sanctuary, saying, "Did you find him?", "Is he over there?", etc. Matt wanders back on stage.]

Voice: Help! Help!

Matt: I found him! He's over here! [All return to the stage.]

Timmy: Wow, he's really far down there. I can barely see him!

Eli: [Yelling to the lost person] Don't worry, it's Prince Eli. I'm here to rescue you. Mindy, do you have a rope?

Mindy: Sure do!

Eli: Okay great. Everyone, hold onto it. Okay, I'm throwing you a rope. [He throws one end down the cliffs.] Did you catch it?

Voice: Got it!

Eli: Good, now hold on tight. [To the others] Okay now on the count of 3, let's pull. 1, 2, 3. [They all pull.] Keep pulling! [An arm pops up.] Look, I can see his arm. Hold the rope steady, I'll pull him up! [Reds all enter. Chief enters. Eli pulls Levi up from behind the cliff.] What? Prince Levi!

Queen: My son! My son!

Cindy: Prince Levi, are you alright? We've been looking everywhere for you.

Levi: I was walking by these cliffs, when I fell down. And then I was rescued by... by Prince Eli!

Jimmy: What? Prince Eli helped you?

Pat: He's a Blue. Why would he do that?

Levi: I don't know.

Queen: I'm glad you're alright. What were you doing by the cliffs?

Levi: I was... I was trying to get back at those Blues.

Queen: What?

Levi: I snuck into the Blue Country and took the Chief's royal staff, but as I was leaving, the Chief's cat saw me. As I tried to get away, I fell down that cliff and got stuck in the rocks. I didn't think anyone would ever find me, but then the next thing I knew, Prince Eli was sending me a rope to help me out.

Cindy: Snowball saw you steal the staff? That's not good. She'll tell the Chief, and then we'll be in big trouble! He'll probably send his men over to our land to take revenge and steal our stuff!

Queen: We need to go to the Chief and admit what we've done. Levi, you must apologize. If he's serious about making peace with us, maybe he'll forgive us.

[Chief enters.]

Chief: Where could that lost man be? Sure would be nice if I could find my staff. Ah, my friends. What brings you here to the Blue Country? Did you reconsider my offer of friendship?

Levi: I... I have to admit something. I was the one who was trapped in the rocks. I was running away after I stole your royal staff. I thought your bridge was all a trick, and I wanted to get back at Eli for stealing my mom's crown. But after your son rescued me, I believe you now. I believe you truly want peace. I'm so sorry for what I did.

Chief: I see.

Queen: Chief Azul, it seems I was wrong about you and your son. I know that after what Levi did, you must be very angry, but I ask you to have mercy and forgive us. We can make it up to you. We can...

Chief: There is no need, all is forgiven. It's time we set aside all our differences, not just to stop fighting, but to truly come together. I think the Reds and Blue should unite and become one nation.

Cindy: You mean... you're not going to punish us? You still want peace?

Chief: I do, and I'll tell you what we'll do. Tomorrow, I want all of you to parade across our new bridge and join us for a great feast to celebrate.

Queen: Chief Azul, you are a good man. We accept! Come everyone, let's prepare for the feast! [Reds exit.]

Timmy: Wow, peace with the Reds. Who would've thought?

Matt: I didn't realize they were so nice.

Chief: Indeed! Now let's go, we have guests coming tomorrow, so we need to get ready. [All exit except Eli and Mindy.]

Eli: Did you know that we were rescuing Prince Levi?

Mindy: No, did you?

Eli: No, and I never would've rescued him if I knew who he was.

Mindy: I can't believe we're uniting with the Reds. Makes me sick just thinking about it! [Snowball enters.]

Snowball: Let's go, guys. We've got a lot of work to do!

Eli: Coming. [To Mindy] We're going have to do something about this!

[They exit.]