

Day 3

[Charlie, Mary, and Snowball enter.]

Mary: What do you think about what Lady Belle said? About us leaving?

Charlie: She brought up some good points. This town just doesn't feel safe anymore, especially with the king gone.

Mary: I agree. The buildings are all falling apart, there isn't much food left, and whatever food we do grow the Vikings just take.

Snowball: I know things look bad, but I trust the King. When he gets back, I think things will get better

Charlie: Are you sure he is even coming back at all? Lady Belle said that he was leaving for good, that he was escaping before the town falls apart. Maybe we should too.

Snowball: I believe him. He's never let us down before. I don't know why he's gone, but I trust that he has a good reason.

Mary: We'll see. But for now we should get going. With food low and the bell destroyed, we have a lot of work to do.

[The townspeople exit. Stephanie, Leon, and Emma enter. Leon lies down exhausted.]

Leon: That was a lot of work. I've never picked so much food in my life.

Emma: You barely even picked any. You grabbed two apples for yourself and then made some servants do the rest of the work.

Leon: Well at least I didn't destroy the bell.

Emma: It was already broken. What was I supposed to do? I'm not a builder!

Stephanie: Would you two stop it! Neither of you are doing the jobs the King gave us.

Leon: Who cares? The King probably won't be back for a long time.

Emma: If he even comes back at all. By the way, have either of you seen Belle?

Stephanie: She's supposed to be telling the townspeople about the King's plan to rescue us and encouraging them to stay in town and be ready.

Leon: Here she comes now.

[Belle enters.]

Belle: Sorry I'm late. I was giving the people some advice.

Leon: About staying in town?

Belle: You could say that.

Stephanie: Speaking of the townspeople, we should go down to the village and see if anyone needs our help.

Leon: Do we have to?

Stephanie: Yes, now let's go. [She starts to exit, but they don't follow.] Come on!

Leon, Emma, and Belle: Fine/Alright/Etc.

[They all exit. Townspeople enter with bags packed. Stewards enter.]

Stephanie: What's going on? Why do you all have your stuff packed?

Snowball: We don't have any food, so we're leaving this town and never coming back.

Leon: But I gave you food. I left it in the storehouse.

Mary: You did, but the Vikings came and took it all. After everything that has gone wrong in the town, this was the last straw.

Charlie: There are Vikings everywhere, the bell is broken, and now we have no food. On top of all of that, the king is gone and we heard that he's never coming back.

Stephanie: Never coming back? Where did you hear a thing like that?

Mary: Lady...

Belle: I don't think it really matters what they heard from who. What matters is that they know the truth.

Snowball: But Lady Belle, you told us...

Belle: That it's important that we all stick together.

Stephanie: Belle, you did tell them, right?

Charlie: Tell us what?

Stephanie: Why the King is gone.

Mary: To save himself?

Stephanie: You really didn't tell them, did you Belle? No, the King did not abandon us. He went to find a new kingdom for us, one that is beautiful, safe, and full of food. Soon he's coming back to bring us to this kingdom, but in the meantime, we need to wait in town so that we're ready for him to come back.

Snowball: I knew the King would never abandon us! I knew he would come back for us!

Charlie: Yeah, that's great and all, but that doesn't solve all our problems. We still need to eat until he gets here, and we can't do that if the Vikings have the food.

Mary: If we don't get food soon, we're going to need to leave town to go find some.

Stephanie: No need to worry, I have a plan. Follow me.

[The stewards exit, followed by the townspeople. Vikings enter.]

Garr: Pass that cake, Harr.

Harr: Sure thing, Garr. Mmmm, this is delicious!

[Stewards enter discretely and move to the side of the stage.]

Stephanie: OK, here's the plan. Belle and I will distract them while Leon and Emma go and take the food.

Emma: We could do that. Or, we could run away and find food somewhere else.

Leon: That sounds safer to me.

Stephanie: Come on, guys. The people are counting on us. The King is counting on us. Now get into position.

[Leon and Emma sneak across the front to the other corner of the stage. Stephanie and Belle start jumping up and down.]

Stephanie: Hey you guys, over here.

Belle: Come and get us!

Harr: What's that?

Garr: Intruders! Let's get them.

[Harr and Garr go after Stephanie and Belle. They run and lead them on a chase. Leon and Emma take the food.]

Leon: We got it!

Stephanie: Great, now run! We'll hold them off!

Harr: They have our food! Get them!

[Leon and Emma run with the food toward the exit. Harr and Garr trap Stephanie and Belle.]

Belle: Run away, Stephanie. I'll take care of them.

Stephanie: No, you don't have to, I can...

Belle: [Shoving Stephanie toward the exit] Go!

[Stephanie exits.]

Garr: There's nowhere to run.

Harr: What should we do to her?

Belle: Now, now, boys. I don't want to fight you. In fact, let's make a deal. How would you like to have the whole town for yourselves?

Garr: Hmmm. We're listening.

Belle: Follow me, we have a lot to discuss.

[They exit. Townspeople enter with bags.]

Charlie: I'll miss this town. It used to be a great place to live.

Mary: I will too, but what choice do we have? We need to eat.

[Leon and Emma run in.]

Leon: Wait! We have food.

Emma: Lady Stephanie and Lady Belle distracted the Vikings while we went in and took it.

Snowball: I hope they're alright.

[Stephanie runs in.]

Leon: Stephanie, you made it. Where's Belle?

Stephanie: She said she'd take care of the Vikings. I always thought she only cared about herself, but I guess I was wrong. She was very brave.

Charlie: We're lucky to have her.

Snowball: We're lucky to have all of you.

Mary: What are we waiting for? Let's eat!

[All exit.]