

Day 3

[Dan, Daisy, and Elanor enter right and sit down at the table.
Snowball enters.]

Daisy: Snowball, Elanor, you have to believe us! Sheriff Bill is coming back to rescue us. You need to join him, so that we can be with him when he comes.

Elanor: Oh come on, Daisy. Did you even see him?

Daisy: Well... no, I didn't see him with my own eyes. But Dan did!

Elanor: Daisy, I know your brother means well, but maybe it was just wishful thinking.

Dan: I know what I saw! It was him!

Snowball: Shhh, quiet down! Do you want every deputy in the town to hear us? Dan, I trust you, but even if you're right, that doesn't change the fact that it's just not safe to talk about Sheriff Bill here. I don't want to take a chance and get thrown into jail.

Dan: But we don't have to be afraid, Snowball! Bill is going to save us!

Elanor: Well until he does, we still have chores to do. Come on, Snowball, we don't want to be caught with these outlaws.
[She heads toward the right exit.]

Dan: Please, Snowball, you must believe us! [Snowball hesitates.]

Elanor: Snowball, aren't you coming?

Snowball: I'm sorry, Dan and Daisy, I really am. I want to follow you guys, but I'm too afraid! [Snowball and Elanor exit.]

Dan: They just won't listen to us. What are we going to do?

Daisy: If they won't listen to our words, maybe they'll believe our actions. We have to show them that we believe that Sheriff Bill is coming back and that we aren't afraid of Grimes. Maybe if they see that we aren't scared of him, they will be brave and believe too.

Dan: Show them that we believe? How are we going to do that?

Daisy: [She removes a poster from the wall and reads it.]
"Important town meeting today." I think I have an idea.

[Dan and Daisy exit right. Grimes and Deputies enter left, then Elanor and Snowball enter right.]

Grimes: First order of business, has anyone seen Dan or Daisy? They're in big trouble. If we find them, we'll put them and anyone who's helped them in jail. Ha!

Deputy 1: Good idea, boss!

[Elanor and Snowball look at each other nervously.]

Grimes: No one? Okay then. Now on to the big problem. I've been hearing rumors that people are saying that Sheriff Bill is around and that he's coming back to town. That he's going to get rid of me and take you all somewhere else. Sound familiar?

[Snowball and Elanor look at one another again as Grimes glares at them. They shake their heads "no."]

Grimes: Good. As you know, it's against the law to talk about him in this town. Besides, would you rather have Sheriff Bill, who abandoned this town and left you guys behind?

Deputies: Booooo! No! Down with Bill!

Grimes: Or do you want the greatest Sheriff this town has ever had, me? [He starts posing.]

Deputies: Yeah! We want Grimes! We want Grimes!

Grimes: Exactly! Just to make sure we're all on the same page, I had badges made for you all, just like my deputies wear. [He shows them a red badge.] When my men see you wearing one of these, they'll know you're on the right side. Alright boys, help me hand these out.

[He hands the badges to the Deputies, who give them to Elanor and Snowball. They look uneasy.]

Grimes: Well go ahead, put 'em on!

[Snowball and Elanor look at each other, then start to put on the badges. Then Dan and Daisy enter right.]

Dan: Not so fast!

Grimes: Well if it isn't the number one outlaw in the town. I've heard you've been very bad lately. And what's this, your sister is with you too? That's a shame, Daisy. I thought you were better than that.

Daisy: It's over, Grimes. We don't have to listen to you anymore! All your bullying and wickedness end now.

Grimes: You must have forgotten, I'm the sheriff of this town. You have to listen to me.

Dan: We only have one sheriff, and that's Sheriff Bill.

Grimes: Sheriff Bill is gone. You know that. You also know that it's against the law to say that name in this town.

[Deputies move toward Dan and Daisy.]

Deputy 1: What should we do, boss?

Deputy 2: You want us to throw them in jail? Beat 'em up?

Grimes: No, that won't be necessary. [Smiling] Dan, Daisy, maybe we got off on the wrong foot. I'm not such a bad guy once you get to know me. In fact, to show you what kind of guy I

am, I'm going to give you both a second chance. I'll forgive all the chores you missed and all the terrible things that you said about me. All I need you to do is wear these badges to show that you're on my side. [He holds out 2 badges to them.] So, what do you say?

Snowball: Come on, guys, just do what he says. Put them on.

Elanor: You can't keep pretending that Bill's coming back. Wear the badges. It will be easier that way.

[Dan takes the badges from Grimes and gives one to Daisy.]

Grimes: 'Atta boy! Was that so hard? Now just put them on and everything will be fine.

Daisy: We're done following you, Grimes.

Dan: Sheriff Bill will always be our sheriff!

[Dan and Daisy throw their badges away and put on their blue badges. Snowball and Elanor gasp. The Deputies look dumbfounded.]

Grimes: [To the Deputies] Well don't just stand here staring at them. Get 'em!

[A chase ensues. Dan and Daisy avoid the Deputies for a while, but are eventually captured.]

Grimes: There's nowhere to run. Put on the badges, or I'll banish you from this town like I did to Bill!

Dan: It doesn't matter what you say. We'll never serve you!

Grimes: That means you'll never be allowed back here again. You'll never get to see your friends anymore!

Daisy: I'm not afraid of you. I know that Sheriff Bill will defeat you and make everything right, but even if I never see this town again, I will still only follow him.

Grimes: Then it's decided. Take them away, boys.

[Deputies force Dan and Daisy to exit left with them.]

Grimes: Anyone else like to join them? [Snowball and Elanor look at one another, then shake their heads.] Good. Report to me in five minutes for your chores. [He exits right.]

Snowball: Wow, can you believe that? Dan and Daisy weren't afraid of Grimes. They stood up to him even though it would cost them.

Elanor: It's a shame, really. They were good people. I'll miss them.

Snowball: They must really believe that Bill is going to save them. They have a lot of faith in him, and it seems like that faith makes them really brave.

Elanor: You call that brave? That sounds like foolishness to me. Grimes has already gotten rid of Bill once. Even if Bill is coming, what's to stop Grimes from beating him again?

Snowball: Still, if there's even a small chance that we could be free of Grimes and get to have Sheriff Bill back, don't you think we should at least see if it's true for ourselves.

Elanor: That kind of talk is going to get you thrown in jail. Come on, Snowball. Neither of us can stand up to Grimes. Let's go see what our chores are for today. [Elanor starts to exit right.] Aren't you coming?

Snowball: I'll catch up to you later. [Elanor exits right.] I don't know what to do. It seems dangerous to disobey Grimes and follow Sheriff Bill. But Dan and Daisy were so brave! They were willing to stand up to Grimes, even when it cost them everything. It must be because they trust in and follow Bill. I don't want to be afraid anymore! I know what I have to do!

[Snowball exits.]