

Day 4

[Enter Montague and Judy left.]

Judy: Are we there yet? My legs are tired. This is almost as bad as following Joshua!

Montague: Do you ever stop talking? I took you from Joshua and brought you on the path to Montague Mines, and this is the thanks I get? How ungrateful!

Judy: Sorry, Mr. Montague. I didn't realize a little rest was too much to ask.

Montague: Oh, you have no idea. Anyway, we're nearly there, just a bit further.

Judy: Great.

[Judy and Montague exit right. Enter Simone, Andrea, and Phil left, running and breathing heavily.]

Phil: I think we're safe. Those bandits are at least a mile back.

Andrea: What are we going to do? We'll never make it to Zion Falls without Joshua.

Simone: Even if he were here, he'd never forgive me. I let him down when he needed me the most.

Andrea: We all let him down.

Phil: Let's go home. I'm pretty sure we need to go that way.

[Simone, Phil, and Andrea exit right. Enter Montague and Judy left.]

Montague: Well, here we are.

Judy: About time! It feels like we've been walking forever.

Montague: Welcome to Montague Mines. Isn't it gorgeous?

Judy: Where is it? Is it next to this cave?

Montague: It's in the cave. And look! [Bandits enter right with a pick-axe, hand it to Montague.] Your pick-axe is right here.

Judy: Pick-axe? I never asked for a pick-axe. What do I need that for?

Montague: Why, for mining of course! What, did you think you were going to dig for gold with your bare hands?

Judy: Who said anything about digging for gold? I thought I was here to make money, not dig for it. Didn't you say coming here would be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to make money?

Montague: Of course it is... for me! Mwahaha! Well, you better head off to bed. Mining starts at 3 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Judy: This isn't fair! You tricked me! I'm not doing this!

Montague: As you wish. Boys, take her to the prison. [The bandits grab Judy, drag her toward the right exit.]

Judy: What have I done? I was such a fool! Let me go! Get your hands off me! No! No! Noooo!

[Judy and bandits exit right, followed by Montague. Enter Simone, Andrea, and Phil left. They are wandering around the stage together.]

Phil: I think we turn right at this tree.

Andrea: No, we turned right at the last tree. This is where we turn left.

Phil: That's what you said back by the rocks. [Phil and Andrea start getting angry at one another, moving in toward each other.]

Simone: Guys, face it. We're lost. We're out in the middle of the frontier with no guide, no map, and no chance of ever getting back home.

Andrea: Simone's right. We're never going home.

Phil: Hey, who knows? Maybe Joshua will find us somehow.

Simone: How would he do that? Even if he did get out of that trap, he still would have two bandits to deal with. That's a lot to ask, even for him.

Andrea: And even if he did get out, why would he want to help us after we left him when he needed us most? Let's face it, we deserve this after what we did to Joshua.

Simone: Especially me. I told him that I would follow him to the end, even if everyone else left him. Then when those bandits asked me if I was following him, I said I didn't even know him three times and then ran away. If I ever saw him again, I would tell him how sorry I am. Not that he would even want to see me. I'm so ashamed. [Leaves start to shake near the back left.]

Phil: Did you guys see that? [They all get scared and slowly move away from the shaking leaves.]

Simone: What do you think it is?

Andrea: Maybe a wolf...

Phil: Or a bear, or... [Joshua enters from left, slicing through plants.]

Simone: Joshua! [They all stand frozen. Joshua comes over to them.]

Joshua: Phil! Andrea! Simone! It's so good to see you!

Andrea: Joshua! You're alive! And free! [They all go over for a group hug.]

Phil: But how? How did you escape?

Joshua: This isn't my first time on the frontier. I know how to escape from all kinds of traps and am always prepared with some tools. There are always men like Mr. Montague out there, setting traps and trying to trick people.

Andrea: So you knew about Mr. Montague?

Joshua: People like him are constantly trying to take people off the right path and make them into slaves. But that's not important right now. We are only one day from Zion Falls. If we hurry now, we can cover some ground before nightfall.

Phil: Wait, you still want to take us to Zion Falls?

Joshua: Of course, did you change your minds about going?

Andrea: No, it's just that after yesterday, we didn't think you would want to lead us any more.

Joshua: I've forgiven you for that. I didn't choose you all because your lives were perfect. I came to imperfect people so that I could make your lives better. What about you, Simone? You haven't said a word since I got here.

Simone: That's because I let you down the most. I denied knowing you three times, and then I left. I don't deserve your forgiveness.

Joshua: Well then let me ask you this: do you trust me?

Simone: You know that I trust you.

Joshua: Are you sure you trust me?

Simone: Of course I'm sure that I trust you.

Joshua: So you're sure that you trust me enough to follow me anywhere?

Simone: Joshua, you've been with me a while now. You know that I want to follow you anywhere.

Joshua: Yesterday, you denied me three times, but today you told me three times that you trust me. You don't have to feel guilty anymore. Everything is forgiven. Come on and follow me.

Simone: This is incredible! Even though I've let you down so many times, you forgave me. Let's go! [Phil and Andrea agree.]

Joshua: Awesome, follow me!

[They travel around the stage following Joshua.]

Joshua: We're almost there. Just a bit further. [Tree falls on him, he is trapped underneath.]

Simone: Oh no!

Andrea: Are you okay?

Phil: What are we going to do?

Simone: Guys, we have to try and lift this tree. Everyone, grab part of the tree! [They all line up along the tree.] Okay, lift on the count of 3. 1, 2, 3! [They all try to lift the tree but it doesn't move.]

Phil: It's not working.

Andrea: What should we do now?

Joshua: Simone, take my knife from my belt. [She takes knife.]

Simone: Ok, now what?

Joshua: I need you to cut the tree around the spots where I'm stuck so I can wiggle out of here.

Simone: But that's dangerous. One wrong stroke and I could cut you by mistake. I can't do it.

Joshua: Yes you can. Trust me, you can do this.

Simone: Okay, I trust you. [She begins cutting at the tree, nervously at first, then with confidence.]

Joshua: Good job. You're doing it. [He wiggles out.] You did it! I'm so proud of you!

Simone: I can't believe you trusted me after all I've done.

Joshua: It's all forgiven. It's all restored. Now let's go. I think we all need a break before the end of our journey tomorrow.

[They all exit right.]