

Day 4

[Eli and Mindy enter.]

Mindy: Do you really think this plan will work?

Eli: Shh! Not so loud! But yes, according to the building plans, if we remove this bolt here, the bridge will collapse if more than one person walks across it.

Mindy: It will be hilarious to see all those Reds all fall in the river!

Eli: They will be so mad! Then they'll never want peace with us.

Mindy: Things can finally go back to normal!

Eli: [Adjusting under bridge with wrench] Alright, a little more and... perfect! [Pulls out bolt.]

[Timmy and Matt enter with carpet.]

Matt: Doing some last-minute work on the bridge, Prince Eli?

Eli: What? Oh, yes. Just making sure everything looks right.

Timmy: Good thinking, you can never be too careful. Chief Azul told us to lay this carpet over the bridge for the parade.

Mindy: Oh really? Well, just watch yourself. It is a new bridge.

Matt: I'm sure it'll be fine. After all, it will need to support all the Reds when they cross over. We wouldn't want them to fall in the river. [Timmy and Matt lay out the carpet, Matt checks underneath the bridge.]

Eli: No, we certainly don't want that.

[Chief and Snowball enter.]

Chief: Everything looks great. Well done, everyone! And look, here come the Reds.

[Reds enter. Blues and Reds face each other across the river.]

Queen: Chief Azul, I am so excited to finally join with you in friendship. The crossing of this bridge will show that our two nations have set their differences aside and will begin a new time of peace.

Mindy: [To Eli] Here it comes. This is going to be so good!

Eli: I can't wait to see the looks on their faces!

[The Reds all cross the bridge. Eli and Mindy go from excited to dejected as nothing happens. All cheer, except Eli and Mindy, once all the Reds reach the other side.]

Levi: We will remember this day for a long time! It's the day the Reds and Blues put our differences aside to become one united people.

Chief: How exciting! It's time to come to the banquet hall for the feast. Let's go!

[Everyone except Eli and Mindy exit excitedly.]

Mindy: What happened? They were supposed to fall in!

Eli: I removed the bolt, it should have worked.

Mindy: [She checks under the bridge.] Looks like it's still there.

Eli: What? Let me see! [He looks under the bridge.] But that's impossible. I removed it myself. You saw!

Mindy: Well this is just great. Now what do we do?

[Snowball enters.]

Snowball: Are you guys coming? The feast is about to begin.

Eli: Coming.

[They all exit. Jimmy, Pat, Timmy, and Matt enter and are playing a ball game. Snowball and Queen enter and are talking and eating together. Eli enters.]

Queen: Snowball, these tuna fish sandwiches are delicious! How did you make them?

Snowball: It's a family recipe. I'll show you sometime.

Queen: Well you are quite the baker. Oh, Prince Eli, so good to see you. You have got to try these...

Eli: No thanks.

Snowball: OK, suit yourself.

Matt: Nice throw Pat!

Pat: Thanks Matt, this is really fun!

Jimmy: We've never played this game in the Red Lands. Thanks for teaching us.

Timmy: You bet! I always thought the Reds were mean and would never play with us, but you guys are great.

Pat: My friends told me that you Blues were no fun. Boy were they wrong. [Pat throws the ball to Eli's feet.]

Matt: Hey Prince Eli, do you want to join our game?

Timmy: We're playing with our new friends, Jimmy and Pat. You should get to know them, they're great guys.

Eli: You mean... these Reds?

Jimmy: [Offering his hand] Pleasure to meet you, I'm Jimmy.

Eli: Sorry, I'm really busy. Perhaps another time. [He ignores Pat and gives the ball to Matt. He speaks to the kids.] Reds and Blues, playing together. What kind of craziness is this? I need to find Mindy!

[Mindy and Cindy enter talking and laughing together.]

Cindy: You like dancing too? That's so funny! We have so many things in common! Who knew?

Mindy: We should hang out some time. Hey, Prince Eli, have you met Cindy? She's great!

Eli: Not you too!

[Levi enters and goes over to Eli.]

Levi: Prince Eli, I have to apologize. I always thought you were a rotten, no-good Blue who hated me and my people. But after you built that bridge for us, and then saved me from the rocks yesterday, I can see that you really have changed. I can tell that we're going to be great friends.

Eli: Are you serious? You think that I want to be friends with you?

Levi: After all you did, I just thought...

Eli: Well you thought wrong. You Reds think you can just come into our land and....

[Chief enters.]

Chief: My apologies, Prince Levi. Prince Eli has had a long few days, and I think he's forgotten his manners. Anyway, I wanted to thank everyone for coming to our Unity Dinner. We have desserts now ready in the Great Hall. I invite all of you to join me in there.

Snowball: Desserts? Yippee! The Queen told me she makes the best cookies and I can't wait to try them! Come on everyone, let's go!

[All exit except Chief and Eli.]

Chief: Everything okay, Prince Eli?

Eli: Okay? How can everything be okay with these Reds walking around our country, eating our food, touching our stuff? It's all your fault! None of this would have happened if you hadn't made me build that bridge!

Chief: Our people are getting along and working together... and you're upset about that? Is this something to be angry about?

Eli: Yes of course it is! After all the Reds have said, after all they've done, they don't deserve our friendship. They disrespected you, they stole your staff, and yet, instead of punishing them for all that they've done for us, you help them. You build them a bridge. How could you?

Chief: What about all the things that you've done? Or the other Blues? Our people have done as many bad things to them as they've done to us.

Eli: Yeah, but that's different. We're your people! And besides, you don't see the Queen building us a bridge.

Chief: Yes, I didn't have to build them a bridge. I could have let the divisions between our two peoples continue, but instead I chose to show mercy so that we could live in peace. That is my choice to make.

Eli: But it's not fair! Why do...

Chief: I don't want to hear any more about it. If you don't want to join us for dessert, that's fine. But I want you to think about whether or not it is right for you to be angry. I will see you later. [Chief exits.]

Eli: I don't get it! Sure, I'm not perfect. But the Reds, they just make me so angry! Still, my father believes they deserve mercy. Maybe I should give them a chance. But can I really do that? I don't know. I need some time alone. [Eli exits.]