

## Day 5

[Eli enters, then Mindy enters.]

Eli: Are you kidding me? Green?

Mindy: What? Oh, my outfit. Cindy and I were talking. We realized that always wearing red and blue was only keeping us apart, so we decided to wear different colors now.

Eli: You're joking. [Cindy, Timmy, Matt, Jimmy, and Pat enter, all wearing different colors.] Apparently not. This is ridiculous. Reds and Blues, getting along! Who ever heard of such a thing?

Timmy: You should try it. These guys are actually a lot of fun.

Matt: Yeah, I don't know why we thought all those terrible things about the Reds for so long.

[Levi, Queen, and Snowball enter.]

Levi: Good morning, everyone! I hope you're ready for the big showdown: Reds versus Blues.

Eli: Finally, now we're talking!

Queen: Prince Eli, I'm glad you're excited for the big Reds versus Blues kickball game we're having over at Unity Park. After that, we're all going to have a big picnic together!

Eli: Unity Park? You mean Big Blue Park?

Snowball: It used to be called that, but to celebrate everyone coming together, we changed the name.

Pat: This is going to be so great! I'm so glad we are finally able to play together.

Jimmy: Prince Eli, thank you for building that bridge so that I could meet all my new friends.

Cindy: It really was so kind and generous of you to do that! It's made such a big difference for all of us.

Queen: You ought to be proud, Prince Eli. Our two nations coming together is all thanks to you.

Levi: Let's all give it up for Prince Eli! [Everyone cheers.] Now then, let's get ready to go.

Eli: [Aside to audience] This is unbelievable! I've got to do something to stop this. But what? I've got it. [He goes over to Mindy] It sure is nice that we now have that bridge for all the Reds to come over here.

Mindy: That's right! I knew you'd come around to the Reds eventually. Once you get to know them, they're pretty great.

Eli: I'm sure they are. It's a good think they didn't fall into the river after we removed that bolt.

Cindy: Removed a bolt? What do you mean? Mindy, what's he talking about?

Mindy: Prince Eli is such a jokester, it's nothing really. We just...

Eli: You mean Mindy didn't tell you? How we removed a bolt from the bridge so that it would collapse when you guys crossed it? I still don't understand why it didn't fall.

Cindy: Mindy, is this true?

Mindy: Well... I... uh...

Jimmy: So you weren't trying to help us by building the bridge? You just wanted to humiliate us?

Pat: [To Timmy and Matt] Were you guys in on this too?

Timmy: We didn't know anything about it!

Jimmy: Liar!

Matt: Hey, don't call my friend a liar! We had no idea.

Levi: I should have known! The Blues don't want peace. This was all a trick. I'm sure Chief Azul is behind it.

Snowball: No he's not. He told Prince Eli to build the bridge because he thought it would bring peace.

Queen: And I bet he knew his son would try to do something like this. Chief Azul is the problem!

Eli: Don't you talk about my father that way!

Levi: We need to go get the Chief and teach him a lesson.

Timmy: You'll have to get through me first!

Snowball: Knock it off, Chief Azul is just trying to make peace. He doesn't want all of this.

Cindy: There won't be peace as long as Chief Azul is around.

Pat: Hey, let's get his cat!

Matt: Oh no you don't! [Pat lunges for Snowball, but Pat blocks him.]

Snowball: I've gotta get out of here and warn the Chief. [She exits.]

Mindy: I can't believe you, Cindy. I thought we were friends, but it looks like Prince Eli was right. You Reds never change.

Cindy: It's you Blues that ruined everything. We trusted you, and you let us down.

Levi: Let's do to the Blues what they tried to do to us. Let's take Prince Eli to the bridge and push him into the river.

Queen: A wonderful plan. Go get him!

Timmy: Oh no you don't!

Matt: For Prince Eli!

[Reds and Blues move toward each other. Timmy, Matt, and Mindy capture Levi, and Jimmy, Pat, and Cindy capture Eli.]

Levi: Unhand me, you Blues!

Eli: Let me go, Reds!

Queen: Release my son, or we'll throw your prince into the river!

Mindy: How about you give us Prince Eli back, and we'll think about letting Levi go?

Levi: Don't do it, I'll escape myself! [He struggles to get away, but the Blues subdue him.]

Eli: You Reds are all the same. I should have made sure that bridge was ready to collapse.

[Everyone starts shouting over each other. Chief and Snowball enter. As he speaks, everyone is quiet.]

Chief: What is the meaning of this? Snowball, you were right, this is bad. My friends, why are you holding Prince Levi, and why do you all have Prince Eli?

Mindy: They tried to take the prince and throw him into the river, so we took their prince as payback.

Chief: Enough of this. Let Prince Levi go.

Jimmy: But Chief, what about Prince Eli?

Chief: I said let him go. [The Blues release Levi. He goes back to the Reds, who look shocked.]

Eli: But father...

Chief: Queen Rogue, if you would be so kind as to release my son.

Queen: And why would I do that? So that he can go back to terrorizing my people? I'm no fool.

Chief: You can take me instead.

Snowball: But Chief!

Eli: Father, you can't!

Queen: Very well. Release Prince Eli, and take Chief Azul. [The Reds release Eli and take the Chief.]

Eli: Why did you let their prince go? We could have traded, and then neither of us would be captured. It would have only been fair after they took me.

Chief: I had hoped this act of mercy would change their hearts.

Cindy: Ha, mercy. You mean like the “mercy” you showed us when you built us a bridge that was supposed to collapse?

Snowball: Do you know why it didn’t collapse?

Matt: Wait a minute. Chief, is that why you told me to screw in that extra bolt yesterday when I put the carpet on the bridge?

Chief: Indeed it is.

Snowball: And how about when Eli rescued Levi in the rocks?

Mindy: But that was an accident. We didn’t know who we were saving.

Snowball: But I did, and I told the Chief.

Chief: I knew you never would have helped if you had known whom you were saving, but I thought that saving him would convince the Reds we wanted peace.

Levi: Even after all the things I had said about you, you still had Eli rescue me? And then today, when your people captured me, you told them to let me go? You really are merciful.

Eli: But why, father? Why are you so merciful to people that hate you? To people who have you as a prisoner right now? They don’t deserve your mercy!

Chief: Did you deserve my mercy when you had disobeyed me and tried to steal the queen's crown, and I set you free? Or when you tried to sabotage the bridge, and I fixed it? Or just now, when your selfishness and dislike of the Reds got you captured, and I took your place?

Eli: No, I guess I didn't.

Chief: All this time, all I've wanted is peace. If I responded to every act of unkindness with more unkindness, the Reds and Blues would continue to fight forever. I knew the only way to peace between us was through mercy.

Levi: Chief Azul, you have been so good to me and my people, despite all the terrible things we've done. I see that now.

Queen: You are a much greater ruler than I am. Let him go. [Reds release the Chief.] You deserve to be the king of all of us, Blues and Reds, together.

Levi: Long live the king!

All: Long live the king!

Chief: Thank you, you are all too kind! All I've ever wanted was for us to live together, and now it's finally happening. Let's celebrate with some ice cream!

All: Horray!



[Everyone exits except Chief and Eli.]

Chief: Eli, is everything okay?

Eli: I don't get it! I thought I was going to be a great chief, that you were wrong about the Reds and that I would show you the truth. But it turns out that you were right and I was the one who was wrong. I've been such a bad son and made so many mistakes. I don't deserve all the help you've given me, but you showed me mercy. Why?

Chief: Because you're my son and I love you. All I've ever wanted was what's best for you. Yes, you made mistakes, and you had to learn some lessons the hard way. But now, I think you're finally beginning to understand. You'll make a great leader one day. Now come, let's go celebrate with the others.

Eli: Thank you, father!

[They exit together.]