

## Day 5

[Belle, Harr, Garr, and the townspeople enter. Townspeople are in chains.]

Garr: Snowball, get me some food.

Snowball: But we're running out, and besides, you've already had...

Garr: I SAID FOOD!

Snowball: Yyyy...yes, right away. [She exits.]

Harr: [To Charlie and Mary] And you two, get back to work.

Charlie and Mary: Yes, sir. [They exit.]

Belle: It's good to be queen. I can have anything I want!

[Snowball enters with food.]

Snowball: Here is some chicken. [Garr takes it and sniffs it.]

Garr: This smells funny. [He throws the chicken] Make me something else.

Snowball: But sir, I...

Harr: I think we ought to teach this kitty some manners.

[Charlie and Mary enter.]

Charlie: Leave her alone!

Mary: Yeah, keep your hands off her!

Belle: Enough of this. Harr, Garr, send them all to the dungeon.

[Stephanie enters and stands between Vikings and townspeople.]

Stephanie: If you want to take them, you'll have to go through me.

Snowball: Lady Stephanie!

Belle: Ha! You thought you could rescue your friends from me?  
Take her too.

[Harr and Garr surround Stephanie.]

Garr: There's nowhere to run.

Harr: Silly girl. You thought you could defeat us alone?

[Leon and Emma enter.]

Leon: But she's not alone!

Stephanie: Leon! Emma! You came back!

Emma: We thought about what you said, how the King always keeps his promises, and we believe now. We want to be ready for the King.

Belle: What are you guys waiting for? Get them out of my palace.

[Harr and Garr go after Leon and Emma, while Stephanie goes after Belle. They struggle for a while, but eventually Belle and the Vikings prevail.]

Harr: It's over.

Garr: We win!

Belle: I almost feel bad for you, Stephanie. You could have had anything you wanted, but instead you wasted your time waiting for a King that's never coming.

Stephanie: But it wasn't a waste. Even if I'm not around to see the King's return, I know that one day, he will be back, and I want him to be pleased with what I've done.

Belle: You know, it's not too late to change sides. You can join me, and I'll forgive you for going against me.

Stephanie: Not a chance. I will only serve the King!

Belle: Stubborn as always. What about you two? Lady Emma, I don't think you really believed the King was ever going to return, and Sir Leon, even if you did believe the King was

coming, you never acted like it. I'll tell you what, if you just bow to me and make me your queen, we can pretend like none of this ever happened. I'll let you leave this town, just like you were planning to, and you'll be free.

Emma: I've made my choice. I'm going to serve the King, no matter the cost.

Belle: How do you know he would even want you? It's not like you were very good at serving him.

Leon: I know we've made mistakes. I don't even think I deserve to join the King in his new kingdom, but I know that I want to be on his side, because it's the right side.

Belle: Very well. If that's your choice...

[The King enters.]

King: Then what a good choice it is.

Stewards and townspeople: The King!

[Harr and Garr go after the King. He dispatches them easily.]

King: Lady Belle, what is the meaning of this?

Belle: Your majesty, I'm so glad you're here. Things have been crazy around here. There were Vikings. I tried to stop them, but...

King: Then how do you explain these decorations?

Belle: Oh, these? I... This is all a big misunderstanding. You know that I have always been loyal to you.

King: Interesting. Because I heard that you actually teamed up with the Vikings to take over the town so that you could be queen. Well? [Belle is speechless.] Leon, Emma, take her away. There is no room for someone like you in my kingdom. I want people who trust and obey me and love my people.

[Leon and Emma take Belle and drag her offstage.]

Belle: It's not fair! I'm innocent! Let me go!

[They exit. Stephanie gives the King a big hug.]

Snowball: Thank you for saving us, your majesty!

Stephanie: I'm so glad you're back.

King: Well done, Lady Stephanie. I'm so proud of you!

Stephanie: Proud of me? But I let you down. You asked me to keep the town together and protect and take care of the people, and I failed. I even let the Vikings take over.

King: This town was never meant to last, but look, every one of the townspeople is safe. Not only that, but they are all still in town, ready for my return. That was your most important job,

and you did very well. Now I know that I can trust you with even greater jobs.

[Leon and Emma re-enter.]

Mary: We almost gave up. We thought about leaving.

Snowball: Are we still able to enter your new kingdom?

King: Yes of course. You trusted me and chose to stay in town, even when it was dangerous. You were ready for my return, and now you can join me.

Emma: What about us? We didn't just think about it. We *did* leave.

Leon: And not only that, but we didn't do the jobs you gave us either. While Lady Stephanie was working hard to take care of the kingdom, I didn't take the job very seriously. I acted like I had plenty of time to take care of the things you asked.

Emma: And I didn't even believe you were coming, so I didn't bother to do what you said. We don't deserve to be in your kingdom like Lady Stephanie does. I bet there's no room for failures like us.

King: There's room for you all in my kingdom. Yes, Lady Stephanie did much for me, and she will be greatly rewarded for all that she has done. And yes, you did make some wrong choices. But in the end, when it mattered most, you

did the right thing. You returned to town. You protected my people and helped Lady Stephanie. And then, when Lady Belle gave you the choice to bow to her and leave, you decided to trust in me and stay, no matter the consequences. That was the biggest choice you faced, and you made the right decision. You were ready for my return in the end, and so you will join me in my kingdom.

Leon: What about Lady Belle? What will happen to her?

King: My kingdom is only for people who want me to be their king. Unfortunately, she has made her choice as well.

Snowball: I still don't get it. We don't deserve any of this. Why did you come back for us? You could have had your new, wonderful kingdom all to yourself?

King: It's not about whether or not you deserve it. I love you all, and it gives me the greatest joy to live with you in the kingdom. But enough talk. I've been looking forward to this moment for a long time. I've returned to bring you to my kingdom. Let's go! I can't wait to see your faces when you see it for the first time!

All: Hooray!

[All exit.]