

EXT. A FANTASY WORLD - FOREST - DAY

Fairies, fantastical birds, colorful trees, and magic courses through the air. Dragons fly about the skies, a dangerous amount to be considered safe or 'realistic'.

Julia and Winter are mages, Marshall an elf, Angelina a shapeshifter.

Abatha a sharpshoot, Kellen a knight, Jay and Danika regular fantasy citizens, Catherine and Lily adventurers, and nicely clothed Aidan and Maddie.

LILY

You ever think we can eat ourselves and the only reason we don't is because it's socially unacceptable?

AIDAN

You drop in a fantasy world and your first thought is cannibalism?

DANIKA

Lily's a cannibal?

JAY

Oh, that's-

LILY

HEAR ME OUT!

Abatha shoots down a vampire fruit bat that screeches in her face. Winter levitates it into her bag, meanwhile Julia studies it in her spell book.

LILY

We're all made of meat, so we should be able to eat ourselves, but we don't.

WINTER

You're thinking of autocannibalism.

LILY

Why don't we do it more often?

JULIA

Bad for you.

LILY

Nuh uh.

KELLEN

You lose energy by doing so, plus it takes more food than the food you just ate to repair the damage.

Amidst saying this, Kellen is slicing away any weeds and branches in their way, with Julia repairing the roots so they may eventually grow back.

Angelina turns into a bird, finally flying.

ANGELINA

There also aren't many good places in the body to lose. Like almost everywhere is vital or risky for infection.

WINTER

Also prion disease.

MARSHALL

But what if I want a carrot and I don't have one so I choose to eat my finger instead?

WINTER

Then you don't have a finger.

AIDAN

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ABATHA

Well, if it really came down to, if you have a red steak knife with you, you can eat yourself without pain.

CATHERINE

We do tend to use our fingers often, though.

DANIKA

If we do it here, though, we could probably regrow it.

LILY

Or get a fake one.

WINTER

You need money for that.

LILY

Feet pics. Problem solved.

DANIKA

Eh, doesn't seem that appealing.

LILY

F-

(bleep)

-k you!

KELLEN

You'd probably eat your feet if you ate your finger.

MARSHALL

Eh, they're not that appealing.

LILY

Yeah, I wouldn't eat feet.

MARSHALL

I think I'd only eat from the waist up.

DANIKA

(teasing)

You'd eat from the waist up, huh?

Aidan and Maddie roll their eyes.

MARSHALL

No.

LILY

(to Danika)

I'll eat you from the waist up.

JAY

Why do I hang out with you guys again?

DANIKA

'Cuz we're cool.

AIDAN

'Cuz you have no other friends.

EVERYONE MINUS AIDAN

Woah.

JAY

Damn.

MADDIE

Too far.

AIDAN

It was a joke, it was a joke.

The group continues through the woods, slashing and moving away weeds and creatures. Clearly they've done this sort of thing before.

Upon reaching the edge of the woods, a village comes into view, with a castle standing in the distance.

DANIKA

WOAH! It's a castle!

MARSHALL

Do you think we can get into that one?

KELLEN

Probably not.

MARSHALL

Dammit.

JAY

Maybe we could pretend to be royalty and they'll let us in.

LILY

That wouldn't work.

JAY

You wouldn't work.

LILY

Hey!

The group makes their way into the village, with a big sign post that says, "The Village of Lia".

EXT. THE VILLAGE OF LIA - CONTINUOUS

It's a lively village, filled with all sorts of people and creatures. Regular humans make most of the population, but the sight of dwarfs and elves isn't rare.

Angelina shapeshifts into a cat, and perches on Kellen.

ANGELINA

Elves don't seem as rare here.

MARSHALL

Thank God -

AIDAN

You're welcome.

MARSHALL

No -

(laughs)

I just didn't want people staring.

CATHERINE

So many cold eyes last time.

MADDIE

At least they were respectful-ish in the end.

The group continues to walk around, and suddenly many people start staring in their direction.

LILY

(muttering)

You gotta be kidding me.

It's unclear who the villagers are staring at, but there's definite staring happening to the group. Murmurs and whispers even start to form.

JAY

Aw, f-

(bleep)

-k.

KELLEN

They've started to murmur and whisper.

AIDAN

(whispering, to Lily)

They're looking at you.

LILY

They're looking at you, you tall ass  
freak.

ABATHA

You might actually be onto something.

The group is on alert, studying where the villager's eyes are  
staring.

WINTER

Dude, Aidan, they're actually staring  
at you.

Marshall looks closer at the eyes.

MARSHALL

And Maddie!

MADDIE

Me?

JULIA

Ok, now that's weird.

AIDAN

Yeah, I'm hot and amazing so I get it,  
so why are they staring at Maddie, too?

MADDIE

(offended)

I'm amazing!

An elderly elven woman with small glasses approaches the group.

ELDERLY WOMAN

Oh, my. Could it really be?

She adjusts her glasses, spectating Aidan and Maddie.

ELDERLY WOMAN

Ah, it just might!

A few children walk over to the woman, crowding around her, some  
hiding.

CHILD 1

Do you think it's really them?

ELDERLY WOMAN

I believe so!

MADDIE

Uh - who do you think we are?

AIDAN

Murderers.

DANIKA

But they're smiling.

WINTER

For all we know, they could be smiling  
*because they're murderers.*

MADDIE

Who did we murder, though?

A short, elder man with a cain walks up toward the group. The villagers pave a path for him -he must be important.

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Good day to you all.

The man shakes hands with Aidan and Maddie.

GALERON

I am Galeron, Mayor of the village of Lia. I was told we may have had some very, very special travelers today.

MARSHALL

Oh no, that's what the racist human said about elves.

GALERON

By God - it seems as though we do have some special travelers. Ah, where are my manners? What are your names?

MADDIE

Uh, I'm Maddie.

AIDAN

Aidan.

WINTER

I'm-

GALERON

(interrupting)

My word, those are some very nice clothes you have there.

AIDAN

Thanks.

MADDIE

Just - have these in our - closets.

GALERON

That kind of fabric is quite hard to find in one's own closet. At least, a regular one's own closet. No, I daresay, this is quite a regal fabric.

MADDIE

Is it?

GALERON

In the kingdom of Head, yes.

JAY

Heed?

GALERON

Yes. H-E-A-D, Heed.

DANIKA

That does not spell Heed.

LILY

Shh, it's ok.

GALERON

And it is, in fact, that on this day, the prince and princess of Head were said to return.

JULIA

Return?

GALERON

*'Years and years me way run, up the mountain till we're done. Years precisely will they be, on a third they all shall see.'* So it's said when paraphrased. But it's impossible to



believe - is it true? Have you really returned?

The group is silent, sharing confused looks and awkward glances.

MADDIE

Uh, I think you-

AIDAN

Yes. It is true. The princess and I have returned to our kingdom!

The villagers gasp. The group stares at Aidan in disbelief. Lily groans.

LILY

Oh god.

CHILD 2

But how? It's been over a hundred years.

AIDAN

Well, as you can see, we have two of the finest mages in all the lands. They helped us maintain our youth, so that we could return as dashing as we did when we departed.

WINTER

(to Julia)

I haven't read a single spell book from here.

JULIA

(to Winter)

I have only been lucky.

MADDIE

Aidan, what are you-

AIDAN

Our journey was never meant to take long, but it is not easy to travel the world, is it sister?

MADDIE

Uh... I mean, technically it isn't when you walk.

AIDAN

Here here! Let it be known that your  
prince and princess have returned!

The villagers murmur before cheering and throwing dry rice in  
celebration. Aidan stands victorious, Maddie is nervous, and  
everyone else is shook to say the least.

ELDERLY WOMAN

But, why is it that you chose now to  
return?

AIDAN

Well, you see, we longed to return home  
to the castle, the wondrous castle of  
ours. My, I've even forgotten what it  
looks like by now. Do you remember,  
sister?

MADDIE

Uh - nope. I hardly remember anything.

GALERON

Then allow me to escort you all to your  
home, your highnesses.

Aidan likes the sound of that. Maddie smiles because she has to,  
even though she is dying and screaming at herself on the inside.

MARSHALL

Wait-

(gasp)

We're going in the castle!

JAY

Oh yeah!

ANGELINA

I don't know if that's much of a good  
idea.

DANIKA

We've got time to just - *poof* if need  
be.

ANGELINA

Hmm...

AIDAN

Let us go, lads.

Angelina jumps off Kellen and turns into a white horse for Aidan and Maddie to ride on.

AIDAN

Off to our castle!