

Arouse The Dawn

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BLACK.

YOLI (V.O.)
(sweet, female voice)
It happened. Yet still I must
convince myself that it wasn't all
a dream.

EXT. ILLUMINE FAIRY LAND -- EVENING

Lush, vibrant gardens make up the beautiful, harmonious
society of the ILLUMINE FAIRIES and their FANTASTICAL
COHABITANTS that we catch glimpses of--

YOLI (V.O.)
Dryads, giants, unicorns.

We stop on YOLI, a beautiful, yet small, Fairy.

YOLI (V.O.)
Fairies.

Yoli smiles and flies away. We follow her throughout
Illumine Fairy Land while...

YOLI (V.O.)
Some believe Fairies to be but
figments of the imagination. Their
world exists. But only a few have
passed beyond the dreary illusion
of sleep to enter it.

Yoli comes upon a tall tree where she opens a small,
secret door in the bark and enters, still smiling and
peeking out at us...

YOLI (V.O.)
I am one of those few. But this
story isn't about *my* adventure.

Yoli slowly closes the door.

BLACK.

INT. TREE ROOTS, SID FAIRY LAIR

HOLLOWED OUT, DARK. From the paintings to the rugs,
everything here is wicked.

Standing before a fireplace -- its back to us -- a darkly
dressed MALE FIGURE.

Softly, a *BEAUTIFUL SONG* from outside and very high above reaches the lair.

On the Male Figure's face: Eyes shut, with a wrinkle or two. His thick, dark hair and beard make more apparent the black, fang-like SCARS that start at the base of each bottom eyelid and curve toward his nose, stopping in the middle of his cheeks. LUBRON: Leader of Sid Fairy Land.

The *Beautiful Song* comes to an abrupt stop!

FOOTSTEPS.

Lubron's piercing green eyes pop open and roll left-

HUKDOF, a male Sid Fairy with greying hair, is kneeling.

LUBRON

If you have not done what I've asked of you, your death will be a slow and painful one.

HUKDOF

I have done what you asked, Lord Lubron. The Illumines have labored in vain. Their harvest has been destroyed. Every berry and every oat I have turned to slugs.

LUBRON

Yes. Yes- Very good.

HUKDOF

I warned that should they continue with their detestable and ruckus fashion of rejoicing- *I know how it keeps you up my lord.* That I would return with *more* of my men and that it would be more than just their food supply that suffers.

LUBRON

Well done, Hukdof.

Hukdof stands and bows before leaving.

Lubron's chuckle mutates into a full on maniacal laugh.

WE MOVE up the tree root with Lubron's laughter until we reach a limb that is broken from the outside.

Through the hole...

EXT. ILLUMINE FAIRY LAND -- EVENING, CONTINUOUS

A previously prosperous harvest has been turned to brown slugs. Illumine Fairies cry and cling to each other at the sight of their loss.

INT. TREE ROOTS, HUKDOF'S BEDROOM -- CONTINUOUS

Hukdof sheds his cloak, revealing thick, cob web-like wings. He sits at a small table as a melancholy caterpillar enters with a dinner tray on its back. Hukdof lifts the tray and shoos the caterpillar away.

EXT. ILLUMINE FAIRY LAND -- CONTINUOUS

Passing through the heartbroken Illumines is a JARNIM, a tall Male Fairy. His white beard and white brows give the appearance of older age, but his features are quite young: JARNIM. His calm blue eyes look over his people.

Jarnim halts and lifts his head, murmuring softly.

One by one, the other Illumines look to him, wiping their tears. They begin to stand and join in with his soft murmuring. The evening's stars begin to TWINKLE.

INT. TREE ROOTS, HUKDOF'S BEDROOM -- CONTINUOUS

Hukdof, dressed in long underwear and a night cap, stretches and climbs into bed.

As Hukdof tucks himself in, light begins to flow through the oddly shaped window. The lights grows brighter until-

CRASH!

Startled, Hukdof flies from bed, tangling himself in his sheets before eventually falling onto the table! He frees himself then stomps over to the window and grabs a makeshift telescope as he yanks back the deteriorating curtains!

Through the telescope -- Illumine Fairy Land. The evening sky is filled with brighter than bright stars while one large star sends light down like a BEACON, restoring the Illumine's harvest.

Hukdof SLAMS his fist!

HUKDOF
Those filthy little-

A burning rock hits his telescope, knocking him back! Shaken, Hukdof regains his balance then returns to the window- He can't believe it! He grabs his telescope...

Through the telescope -- Sid Fairy Land is in utter chaos as SID FAIRIES and other MONSTROUS CREATURES flee to avoid the burning rocks that rain from the sky and the LAVA that spurts from the ground.

Hukdof growls as he shifts the telescope and ZOOMS IN on Illumine Fairyland -- the Illumines are REJOICING at their harvest's return.

Hukdof slowly lowers the telescope, snarling to reveal his grotesque, decaying teeth.

INT. TREE ROOTS, LUBRON'S BEDROOM -- CONTINUOUS

Lubron is calmly pacing when, a KNOCK.

Lubron nods to a SERVANT who then opens the door to-

HUKDOF

Lord Lubron-

LUBRON

Kneel... The Illumines have called on their star gods, or whatever they are, who have replenished their harvest. Meanwhile, our home runs hot with fire and brimstone. Is that what you came to tell me Hukdof? Worthless fool. There is a reason why you were voted out of office and banished to The Dark Forest. There is a reason why I had to step in and take your place. However, I allowed you to return and for my trouble you repay me with disappointment.

HUKDOF

My lord, they pled to the stars.

LUBRON

That they did. That they did.

Lubron crosses to a FLOATING IMAGE of a CONSTELLATION.
The power of the stars is not to be taken lightly. But I swear to vanquish those Illumine beasts... I have called a meeting at Black Cavern.

HUKDOF

Black Cavern, sir?

LUBRON

Are you afraid Hukdof? Of course
you are. Your fear is the reason
you are not fit to rule.

The Servant hands Lubron a glass of red juice. He drinks.
We shall band together with our
allies and cut off their food
supply. *Permanently, this time!*
The Illumines shall wither like
prunes.

Lubron gulps the rest of the juice and throws the glass
into the fireplace which roars!

INT. TREE TRUNK, ILLUMINE FAIRYLAND -- MORNING

LIDA, 19, brown hair and green eyes. She moves around her
comfy little home and flutters behind a leaf.

Behind the leaf, Lida stands before a mirror, smoothing
her little dress. She turns to the side and flutters her
purple wings. Satisfied, she flies from behind the leaf
and rolls away the little stone door.

EXT. ILLUMINE FAIRYLAND -- CONTINUOUS

Lida flutters high through the air, at times allowing the
breeze to carry her as she admires the beautiful result
of the harvest and waves to her FAIRY NEIGHBORS.

A sparrow catches up to Lida and CHIRPS.

LIDA

Good morning.

(CHIRP)

What? No, you can't borrow any
money. Get out of here.

Lida chuckles. Spots something below.
See you later.

Lida flies down to a particular tree and peeks through a
window -- in a bed, a head of FRIZZY BLONDE HAIR.

Lida gently knocks just inside the window. Nothing. She
knocks again -- the mass of frizzy blonde hair rolls
over: DEVINY, 19, a female Fairy.

LIDA

Come on, Dev.

Lida knocks again.

Deviny rolls over- THUDS onto the floor!

Lida laughs, squeezing in through the window. She kneels beside Deviny and turns her over -- Deviny snores, asleep again.

LIDA

Get up, Dev.

DEVINY

One more hour.

Lida takes her by the shoulders and *shakes her!*

Deviny wakes screaming! Lida smiles.

LIDA

Good morning

EXT. ILLUMINE FAIRYLAND, MEADOW -- CONTINUOUS

Lida and Deviny sit near a large group of other seated FAIRIES their age. Lida plays with Deviny's unruly hair while Jarnim walks about.

JARNIM

Everyone requires help at one time or another. So, remember, in times of need, you are never alone. And always be willing to lend a hand.

(looking at Lida)

For you never know when it may be your turn.

Lida finds the eye contact odd. She looks around.

Treat all creatures the way you want to be treated. Do not repay good with evil. Likewise, do not repay *evil* with evil.

KAIERRO (O.C.)

But Jarnim, what if someone does something really bad?

KAIERRO, 20, a male Fairy with dark hair and green eyes. Deviny looks back at him and smiles.

JARNIM
Forgiveness, like love, is
unconditional. And-

Jarnim shoots Deviny a look. Embarrassed, she quickly
abandons her silly smile and looks down. Lida chuckles.

JARNIM (CONT'D)
In the circle of time, everything
each of us has done, good or evil,
returns to us.

LIDA
How Jarnim?

JARNIM
A simple turn of events. An act of
kindness. Or, sometimes, by a very
difficult task carried out by a
very brave person. Or persons.

Jarnim is staring directly at Lida. Uncomfortable, she
shifts around a bit.

Later, the group of Fairies is dispersing while Lida and
Deviny stick around to chat. Lida does her best to feign
interest while...

DEVINY
And then I combed it and that
didn't work. And then I squeezed
Squiggleberry juice on it and *that*
didn't work. Then-

Deviny's words FADE OUT as Jarnim passes them by. He
slips a piece of paper into Lida's hand. She glances down
at it then back up -- Jarnim is nowhere in sight.

DEVINY
And then I squeezed- Lida, are you
even listening?

LIDA
Yeah yeah, squiggleberry.

DEVINY
(playing with hair)
Then I squeezed Stork egg juice on
it and *that* didn't work *either*.
Can you believe that?

LIDA
Yeah.

DEVINY

What?

LIDA

I mean no.

Lida opens the paper: *THE TASK BEGINS AT DAWN*. Deviny takes it and reads.

DEVINY

The task begins at dawn? What the heck does that mean?

KAIERRO (O.C.)

Yeah, what does that mean?

Kaierro flies over and takes the note. Deviny blushes.

DEVINY

Don't know. Jarnim gave it to us.

LIDA

(takes it back)

Me. He gave it to me.

DEVINY

Hi Kaierro.

KAIERRO

Hello ladies.

Kaierro knows he's cute. He begins to do random, *unimpressive*, Karate moves! Deviny is love struck while Lida rolls her eyes.

LIDA

What do you want Kaierro?

KAIERRO

Nothing. Just stopped by to say hello to my little sis and her best pal.

LIDA

Yeah, yeah.

Lida brushes him off and pulls Deviny forward. The trio walks off while...

KAIERRO

What's this *task begins at dawn* business?

LIDA

I don't know. I guess I have to
find Jarnim and ask him.

KAIERRO

I'm in.

DEVINY

If he's in I'm in.

LIDA

(sighs)

Oh Light Spirit.

INT. BLACK CAVERN -- NIGHT

DIM. GORY. LOUD. Sid Fairies and other Monstrous
Creatures swarm about, some even fighting each other.

Lubron is waiting behind a podium. He's had enough and
bams both fist on the podium!

SILENCE.

LUBRON

For three hundred years, we Sids
have lived with the shame cast
over us by the failure of he who
was once our leader.

A glimpse of Hukdof -- he frowns and walks out of sight.
But I say, no longer!

(CROWD CHEERS)

Tonight, we set in motion my plan
to destroy the wretched beasts.
You all know that two weeks time
will mark the anniversary of that
fateful and regrettable event in
Dark Forest three hundred years
ago. Such is a fitting time for us
to stand united and take our
revenge!

As the crowd cheers, a hooded FEMALE FIGURE stands. We
see enough of her attractive features to know that she is
not to be trusted: SYTRINE.

SYTRINE

We are all anxious to serve your
dark purpose master. But tell us--
(removes hood)
What *is* your plan?

LUBRON

We shall cast a darkness over the Illumine land. The sky shall be so dark that they shall not be able to see the night's stars because we shall possess the key to them.

SYTRINE

That is all very fine and well, but just how do you intend to obtain the key, *my lord*? Or is that where we come in? Is your plan to send one of us into Dark Forest, risking our life to retrieve the key? I am not sure who of us you believes desires a death wish, but I can tell you this: *I will not be going.*

The Crowd begins to WHISPER amongst themselves. Furthermore, *as we all know*, it is mandated that any dealings with Dark Forest be carried out by the appointed leader of our kind. You.

Lubron stares at her. *She's thrown a wrench in his plan.* He puts on a smile and settles the whispering crowd.

LUBRON

Comrades, I would never ask one of you to carry out a task that is so clearly mine as your leader.

He shoots Sytrine a look. She sits with a wicked smirk. I shall go to Dark Forest while you stay and prepare for war. While the Illumines may lack our physical stature, their determination is relentless.

SYTRINE

And who will lead in your absence?

Lubron smiles.

EXT. LIDA'S HOLE IN THE TREE -- EARLY MORNING

Outside, Kaierro peeks through the window -- Lida is sound asleep. He smiles mischievously and-

KAIERRO

Lida!

Lida screams, falling out of bed and hitting the floor! Kaierro laughs as Lida takes a pillow and throws it in his face! He catches it and sets it back inside.

EXT. ILLUMINE FAIRYLAND, GRASSY FIELD -- CONTINUOUS

PICO, a winged unicorn, trots away from a herd of other, NOISY, winged unicorns. He rolls his eyes, approaching...

PICO

It doesn't matter where we're going, let's just go.

LIDA

(smiles)

Jarnim sent me a message on the wind. We're to meet him at Sacred Cavern.

KAIERRO

Sacred cavern. I always wondered what it was like in there.

LIDA

Now, you'll get to see.

KAIERRO

I guess we better go get Deviny.

Lida and Pico share a look as Kaierro tries not to blush.

KAIERRO

What?

EXT. DEVINY'S HOLE IN A TREE -- CONTINUOUS

Lida, Kaierro and Pico fly up to Deviny's door. Kaierro smooths his hair as Lida knocks -- a THUMP from inside... Eyes shut, Deviny swings open the door without a word.

KAIERRO

Sorry to disturb you so early, but-

LIDA

Shut up. Come on Dev, we're going to see Jarnim.

PICO

If you're too sleepy to fly, you can ride on my back.

KAIERRO
Or I'll fly with you. So she
doesn't fall.

Pico rolls his eyes. Eyes shut, Deviny shuts the door!

LIDA
Very rude... So you like her, huh?

KAIERRO
What? No, she likes *me*.

PICO
Right.

Deviny opens the door with a smile. Kaierro immediately
showcases his Karate 'skills'. He finishes with a kick!

LIDA
...are you done?

Kaierro nods, embarrassed.

DEVINY
I thought it was really good.

LIDA
In other *actual* news, that was
quick. I expected you to take at
least an hour. It's why we got
here so early.

DEVINY
Like Jarnim says, treat others the
way you want to be treated.

PICO
Or maybe you just didn't want to
keep a certain someone waiting.

Deviny and Kaierro won't make eye contact. Lida smiles.

LIDA
Let's go.

Lida and Pico take off together. Kaierro and Deviny
follow behind, exchanging bashful glances.

Down below, hiding under tree roots, a male SID FAIRY SPY
has been watching through a telescope...

INT. SYTRINE'S LAIR -- CONTINUOUS

Sytrine stands before a foggy vision of Jarnim sleeping. She lifts her hands, attempting to cast a spell over him.

SYTRINE
Remember me, old fool?

It's not working! Frustrated, she tries harder when-

Jarnim's eyes pop open! He stares right at her!

Startled, Sytrine steps back as Jarnim stands. He blows the foggy vision back into Sytrine's face. She coughs, wiping it away. The vision of Jarnim is gone.

A KNOCK.

SYTRINE
What?!

A STICK BUG SERVANT opens the doors to Lubron.

LUBRON
Beware your tone lest I be forced
to find someone else to lead in my
absence.

SYTRINE
And just why did you choose me?

LUBRON
Simple. I'm in love with you.

SYTRINE
I'm no fool, old man.

LUBRON
Fine. Your few words back at Black
Cavern caused quite a stir. I
believe you can use that same
vigor to keep these renegade
buffoons in line while I'm away.

SYTRINE
Not even the greatest magicians
have survived Dark Forest. Just
what makes you so special?

LUBRON
With all my power, what have I to
fear?

(SYTRINE scoffs)
You doubt my ability?

SYTRINE

Not at all. When do you leave?

LUBRON

Tomorrow. No need to rush when
you're, well, *me*.

Dozens of candles scattered about the room become lit.
Impressed with himself, Lubron circles Sytrine. He stops,
placing his hands on her shoulders while...

LUBRON (CONT'D)

And maybe, someday, if you're a
very good girl, I'll teach you a
thing or two.

Sytrine turns and shoots a LIGHTENING BOLT from her
fingertips into Lubron! He stumbles back, chuckling.

LUBRON

Is that all?

SYTRINE

Your arrogance will be frowned
upon by the Dark Spirits. So
perhaps it is you who should
beware their tone lest you find
yourself trapped for all eternity
in their dark-
(in his face)
Dark Forest.

Sytrine flutters out. Lubron smirks and removes a worn
piece of leather from his pocket -- a detailed map of the
Fairy Lands, Dark Forest etc,... FOOTSTEPS.

LUBRON

(smirks, turning)
Back so soon-

Stick Bug Servant has granted entry to two Beetles.

BEETLE #1

Forgive us Lord Lubron, but we
have an urgent message.

LUBRON

I'll be the judge of that.

Beetle #2 removes a scroll from his 'person'.

BEETLE #2

(clears throat)

Dear Most Excellent Sire, very sorry to disturb you at such a crucial time. However, I assure you I have a very good reason.

BEETLE #1

It is a good reason isn't it?

Lubron rolls his eyes- ZAPS Beetle #1 to MUSH!

LUBRON

Kindly hurry along.

Beetle #2 grabs the scroll. *Stutters* while...

BEETLE #2

Yes, Lord Lubron. I'll hurry along as best I can. We all know how impatient you are and- Oh! Forgive me. I didn't mean to say that you are impatient. I mean, you are impatient, but... Oh dear.

ZAP! MUSH!

Lubron beckons Stick Bug Servant who nervously picks up the scroll.

LUBRON

Skip the most excellent sire part and anything else that's obvious.

STICK BUG SERVANT

(nods, clears throat)

Dear Most Excellent Sire-

LUBRON

No!

STICK BUG SERVANT

(fumbles scroll)

Dark Spirits! Ok, um- Oh, this sounds interesting. This morning, I spied three Illumine Fairies and a Unicorn leaving their village. There was also mention of Jarnim and Sacred Cavern. Very suspicious. Oh that's not good at all Lord Lubron.

LUBRON

Proceed.

STICK BUG SERVANT

Yes yes. Where was I?

Lubron prepares his fingers to ZAP him when-

*Aw! I will follow them in case
they lead to somewhere of
importance. My fellow spies and
your fellow servants will continue
our duties in Illumine Fairyland.
Sincerely, Wickad... Wickad? What
kind of name is-*

ZAP! SAWDUST! Lubron picks up the scroll.

LUBRON

Sacred Cavern?

(spreads wings)

We'll see about that.

EXT. SID FAIRYLAND -- CONTINUOUS

Sytrine is making her way when-

BUZZING. She looks back- Ducks as Lubron sweeps over her, ascending into the sky. She stares hatefully after him.

INT. BLACK CAVERN -- LATER

Empty, Lubron flies through the doors and drops to the floor, catching his breath. He looks to the center of the room where a large cauldron sits on a platform.

Hukdof rounds a corner, holding a dark grey robe.

HUKDOF

She is waiting.

Lubron stands as Hukdof assists him with the robe.

You know what happened last time
you did not wear the proper garb.

Hukdof places the robe's hood over Lubron's head as the cauldron begins to fill with DANCING SMOKE.

LUBRON

Go.

Hukdof bows and goes as Lubron makes his way to the cauldron. He shuts his eyes, murmurs. His murmuring grows louder and more forceful when-

Fire bursts up and out of the cauldron!

Lubron removes the hood, looking up in awe and horror!

Descending within the flames, a FEMALE SPIRIT -- her form is clear, but also one with the fire: WICKEDNESS. She folds her stork-like wings around her top half.

WICKEDNESS

You've learned nothing.

Her HANDS OF FIRE reach out and take Lubron by the face, lifting him from the ground!

Lubron squirms as her 'fingernails' scrape over his facial scars.

LUBRON

Forgive me, Mistress.

WICKEDNESS

No. Say it.

(lifts him higher)

What is my name, Lubron?

LUBRON

W- Wickedness.

WICKEDNESS

Wickedness?

LUBRON

Wickedness, Mistress of All Evil.

Wickedness smiles and releases him.

Before he can hit the ground- *Wickedness possesses him!*

Lubron floats in the air, convulsing as his eyes roll back, his hair stands on end and as his nails grow long and to a point. His body begins to glow from her fire within. His eyes open -- white!

FIERY IMAGES -- examples -- accompany Lubron's words as Wickedness speaks through him...

LUBRON (WICKEDNESS)

Four Illumines approach Sacred Cavern. Their leader Jarnim knows of your plans to eliminate his people. He will appoint the young daughter of Haun in charge of retrieving their key to the stars. She is to be their savior. Fools!

(laughs)

(MORE)

LUBRON (WICKEDNESS) (CONT'D)

But she is not to be taken
lightly. The Illumines' so called
Light Spirit is with her. Act
quickly.

Wickedness releases Lubron, taking on her own fiery form
once more as Lubron hits the floor.

WICKEDNESS

You will reach the key before the
Illumines.
(lowers to his level)
Or you will learn why they call me
by my name.

Wickedness vanishes- The room goes dark.

Hukdof approaches as Lubron lifts himself.

HUKDOF

I may have been dethroned by my
own people and banished to Dark
Forest in my prime, but if I know
one thing it is that you better
not keep her waiting.

EXT. ILLUMINE FAIRYLAND, SACRED CAVERN -- LATER

Behind a gate, Sacred Cavern is a seven story, wooden
structure. Wooden sculptures of past Fairy Leaders are
scattered about its beautiful garden.

Just outside the gate, the four friends marvel...

DEVINY

It's beautiful.

PLUMP LADY FAIRY

(approaches smiling)
Hello there.

LIDA

Hello. We're here to see-

PLUMP LADY FAIRY

Jarnim. He's waiting for you.
Please, go inside. I'll take care
of your dear friend here.

Lida is skeptical, but Pico smiles and nudges her with
his nose before following after Plump Lady Fairy.

LIDA
 Alright, guys. Let's do this-

SID FAIRY SPY (O.C.)
 All Illumine's shall die!

Within the gate, three ILLUMINE GUARD FAIRIES are dragging Sid Fairy Spy away from the cavern!

SID FAIRY SPY
 Lord Lubron shall vanquish you
 all!

One of the Guards gags him!

KAIERRO
 What are we getting into sis?

INT. SACRED CAVERN -- CONTINUOUS

Illumine Fairies and other Fantasy Creatures fill the place. Lida, Deviny and Kaierro enter and marvel.

KAIERRO
 It must be six stories high.

JARNIM
 Close. It's seven.

LIDA
 Jarnim.

JARNIM
 Hello, dear ones.

LIDA
 Jarnim, what are we doing here?
 What does this note mean?

JARNIM
 We shall discuss more this
 evening. But for now, rest.

A Male and Female Fairy Servant approach.

FEMALE FAIRY SERVANT
 You two dears follow me.

MALE FAIRY SERVANT
 And you're with me kid. Gotta get
 you cleaned up, I can smell you
 from here.

Kaierro sniffs his armpit. *He doesn't smell anything...*

INT. SACRED CAVERN, BEDCHAMBER -- CONTINUOUS

Female Fairy Servant opens the door for Lida and Deviny.

DEVINY

It's beautiful! Look! A fireplace!
Ooh! Lida look!

Deviny flies to a table topped with pastries and stuffs her face. Female Fairy Servant smiles, leaving.

FEMALE FAIRY SERVANT

Welcome to Sacred Cavern.

LIDA

Thank you very much.

DEVINY

Have you ever seen so much food in
your life?

LIDA

Yes. Just this past harvest.

Deviny stares blankly then throws a pastry in Lida's face! Lida starts to speak when, another pastry!

Deviny laughs as Lida begins chasing her around the room. In flight, Lida picks up a pastry and squeezes its jelly all over Deviny's face and laughs!

Exhausted now, the two drop down onto their beds.

DEVINY

I wonder what Kaierro's doing?

Lida eyes Deviny before throwing another pastry in her face.

INT. SACRED CAVERN, BEDROOM -- CONTINUOUS

Kaierro is sitting in a bubble bath as three ELDERLY LADY FAIRIES scrub him and wash his hair. Kaierro shoots Male Fairy Servant a dirty look.

MALE FAIRY SERVANT

Well, I wasn't going to do it.

INT. SACRED CAVERN, BANQUET HALL -- LATER

Lida, Deviny and Kaierro sit at a table, surrounded by Guests and entertainment. As a dessert tray passes, Deviny's eyes widen. She snatches one and devours it!

DEVINY

Lida, you have to try this-

Deviny BELCHES!

The entire room has gone silent...

KAIERRO

Woo! Sometimes you just can't hold it in, you know what I'm saying?

Deviny is too embarrassed to look Kaierro's way while he takes the blame in stride as the room continues on.

Lida smiles at Kaierro when a delightful tune starts to play and DANCERS catch her eye.

LIDA

They're beautiful.

FEMALE FAIRY SERVANT

They're rejoicing, thanking the Light Spirit for the safe return of the Sacred Scrolls. Their next dance will be to thank the Light Spirit for the harvest.

Lida lowers her gaze.

FEMALE FAIRY SERVANT

Don't be shy, daughter or Haun. I know who you are. We all do. Your father rescued the Sacred Scrolls. Two thousand years of our history, stolen by Sid spies.

LIDA

How did he find the scrolls?

FEMALE FAIRY SERVANT

With the help of the Light Spirit.

KAIERRO

Have you ever seen the Light Spirit?

FEMALE FAIRY SERVANT

I see him right now, in you and
you and you.

The Female Fairy Servant smiles and goes.

LIDA

I want to dance. Come on Dev,
let's find a partner.

DEVINY

No thanks. Me and my two left feet
are just fine right here.

KAIERRO

I want to dance.

DEVINY

Ok!

Deviny grabs Kaierro's hand and yanks him onto the dance
floor. Her corny moves perfectly match her ridiculous
smile. Kaierro smiles back and goes along.

LIDA

(crosses arms)

Careful there, Kaierro. Deviny has
a habit of puking mid twirl! Oh,
and don't worry about me. I didn't
want to dance anyway. I know you
probably thought I did because
dancing was *my idea!*

KAIERRO

Don't mind Lida. She's just
jealous because she doesn't have
anyone to dance with- Ow!

DEVINY

Sorry. I told you I had two left
feet.

KAIERRO

It's OK. We all have something
we're not- *Ow!*

DEVINY

Sorry.

KAIERRO

Stop stepping on me.

Bummed, Lida looks up as Jarnim sits across her.

JARNIM

The Light Spirit has plans for us all.

LIDA

What plans?

JARNIM

Dark forces are at work, plotting to end our existence. I was there when they were defeated three hundred years ago. And they will be defeated again.

LIDA

How?

JARNIM

You will defeat them. You and your companions.

LIDA

(...laughs)

Good one, Jarnim. You almost had me there... You're- You're *serious*? No. Jarnim, we're not warriors or whatever. We're your run of the mill, everyday Tree Fairies. *We're gatherers.*

JARNIM

Your father was a gatherer, yet it was *he* who was chosen to retrieve the scrolls. But unfortunately the hallowed Key has yet to be recovered.

LIDA

But how does that involve me?

JARNIM

Your father started something. Now you must finish it.

LIDA

But Kaierro is older. Shouldn't he-

JARNIM

You.

Jarnim hands Lida a small red box.

LIDA

What's this?

JARNIM

Something you must neither part
with nor open.

It's incredible! Lida folds her arms as Deviny and
Kaierro return to the table.

JARNIM

Dear ones, you must listen closely
to what I am about to tell you.

(eyeing his staff)

Three hundred years ago, I was
commissioned to retrieve something
of great value.

EXT. DARK FOREST -- NIGHT [FLASHBACK]

A BLACK SWAMP.

MOONLIGHT provides barely enough light to see.

Tightly gripping the staff, Jarnim is running! Behind
him, SID FAIRY SOLDIERS chase!

SID FAIRY SOLDIER

After him!

PEACEFUL VOICES (V.O.)

Quickly Jarnim.

SID FAIRY SOLDIER

Hurry!

PEACEFUL VOICES (V.O.)

There.

Jarnim books right- A CAVE! He rushes in... Peeks out.

SID FAIRY SOLDIER

Find him or it'll be your heads!

Jarnim catches his breath, temporarily safe.

JARNIM

I found the staff, but not the
key. I've failed.

PEACEFUL VOICES (V.O.)

Retrieving the Key was not *your*
task, Jarnim. Retrieving Pechia's
staff and experiencing Dark Forest
first hand is why you were sent.

(MORE)

PEACEFUL VOICES (V.O.) (CONT'D)
For the key, there will be
another.

JARNIM
Another?

INT. SACRED CAVERN, BANQUET HALL -- CONTINUOUS

LIDA
Dark Forest?!

KAIERRO
Lida.

LIDA
(hushed)
Dark Forest?!

JARNIM
You will not be alone.

LIDA
That's right because I'm not
going.

JARNIM
Dear one.

LIDA
How would I even survive Dark
Forest? I don't even know the way.

PEACEFUL VOICES (V.O.)
Experiencing Dark Forest first
hand is why you were sent.

JARNIM
(smiles)
But I do.

EXT. SACRED CAVERN -- MORNING

Jarnim pets Pico's mane as Kaierro loads his back with
several packs handed to him by the Male Fairy Servant.

KAIERRO
Isn't this a bit much?

MALE FAIRY SERVANT
Would you like to starve to death?

He hands Kaierro another pack.

JARNIM

You look worried.

LIDA

I'm not worried. It's only Dark Forest from whence no Illumine has ever returned.

JARNIM

I returned.

LIDA

Yeah, but you're Jarnim.

JARNIM

And you are the daughter of Haun. The Light Spirit was very clear. This task belongs to you. The Dark Spirits will do all they can to stop you from reaching the Key. But if you keep the teachings of the Light Spirit close to heart, they will be powerless against you. And remember, the Light Spirit will be there to guide you.

LIDA

I wish you would be there to guide me. I can actually *see* you.

JARNIM

(chuckles)

You sound exactly like I did three hundred years ago. Aw, to be young again.

DEVINY

(chuckles nervously)

I guess this is it.

JARNIM

You will encounter many things on your journey. Many things sent by the Dark Spirits to deceive you and put you off course. So remember the things that I have told you, lest you find yourselves off course and bickering amongst each other.

KAIERRO

Sounds dummy proof. Which is exactly what my little sis needs.

JARNIM

And you. Keep this safe.

Jarnim hands something to Kaierro. Kaierro opens it -- a MAP of Dark Forest. *It makes Kaierro feel important.* He nods and stuffs it into his vest pocket.

JARNIM

Are you ready?

(LIDA sighs, nods)

Then you must waste no more time.

Jarnim beckons Male Fairy Servant and together they return to Sacred Cavern.

PICO

Well, that was abrupt.

INT. BLACK CAVERN -- EVENING

Sytrine storms in to find Lubron lying back on a chaise being fed purple berries by two Lady Butterflies while Hukdof looks on.

SYTRINE

So it is true.

Lubron ignores her, continuing to eat as she approaches.
While your competition is well on
their way you sit here dining on
grappleberries.

LUBRON

A good meal is one's best-

Sytrine's *pupils* spin furiously -- save their wings, the Lady Butterflies turn into grappleberries and fall into piles on the floor.

Unfazed, Lubron leans over and takes a grappleberry from the floor, eats while...

SYTRINE

You're a coward and a fool. I
favor your slim odds of return.

LUBRON

I'm crippled from shock. Ishmae!

ISHMAE, a wimpy male Fairy, stops outside the door, pulling a cart with a chair atop it.

LUBRON

Black Cavern is yours until my
return.

SYTRINE

Your improbable return.

Lubron stands, taking grappleberries from the floor
while...

LUBRON

I will return wench. So don't get
too comfortable.

Lubron flies to the seat atop the cart and sits.
If you do, I will enjoy tearing
your wings out myself and in the
slowest possible fashion.

SYTRINE

(snarky)

What if something comes up?

LUBRON

Grow a mind. You can summon me
through the Dark Spirits.
(eats a grappleberry)
Onward.

Ishmae pulls the cart out of Black Cavern.

SYTRINE

Or perhaps I'll tear *your* wings
out.

HUKDOF

Lubron may be a terrible lord, but
he is our lord.

SYTRINE

That he is, Hukdof. Our *weak* lord.

EXT. ILLUMINE FAIRYLAND, GREAT PLAINS -- EVENING

THE FOUR FRIENDS have been flying for hours. Lida
descends to the ground. The rest follow suit.

LIDA

I need to rest.

KAIERRO

Heard.

DEVINY

How soon until we reach Dark Forest?

KAIERRO

(takes map, reads)

Um.

DEVINY

You're holding it upside down.

KAIERRO

What?

LIDA

It's upsidedown, genius.

Kaierro smiles embarrassed and flips the map.

I don't know why Jarnim gave you the map, you can barely read a book.

KAIERRO

(sarcastic)

So funny, I'm doubled over with laughter.

DEVINY

(smiles, approaches)

I can help. Dad says maps are just like blueprints. As soon as you find where you are...

(points)

Just follow the lines. Let's see. We're *here*. So I would say, another hour. Maybe two.

KAIERRO

Great. Thanks Dev.

Deviny blushes, walks to Lida and sits.

DEVINY

Should we camp here for the night? I mean, if this Dark Forest is really dark then we shouldn't enter it at night. Right?

Lida, Kaierro and Pico stare.

PICO

Dark Forest is named Dark Forest because no matter what time of day it is, it's *dark*.

DEVINY

I knew that.

Lida and Deviny both begin to yawn, becoming more drowsy by the second.

LIDA

We'll rest. Just for an hour.

DEVINY

An hour.

LIDA

You guys take first watch.

DEVINY

First watch.

Lida and Deviny's heads bump into each other, both now fast asleep as Deviny begins to snore.

PICO

Women.

EXT. DARK FOREST OUTSKIRTS -- NIGHT

Shaking from fear, Ishmae halts the cart.

ISHMAE

Um, is there another way?

LUBRON

If you do not continue onward I
will turn you into a gravy and eat
you with my morning biscuits...
You *did* bring the biscuits?

ISHMAE

Um-

LUBRON

Fool! Onward!

Ishmae pulls the cart into Dark Forest.

EXT. DARK FOREST -- CONTINUOUS

Even more hideous and swampy since Jarnim's time here.

A LARGE TARANTULA runs past Ishmae. Shocked, he collapses into the marsh. Lubron laughs, flying over to him.

LUBRON

Get up. I said get up! What is
this, a dirt fetish?
(yanks him up)
Onward.

Lubron and Ishmae have been journeying for hours when
they come upon a Sid Fairy CORPSE. Lubron flies to it.

LUBRON

He was one of my soldiers.

ISHMAE

We're not stopping to bury him,
are we?

LUBRON

Are you mad? Serves him right.
*How's that quest for knowledge
coming?*

Lubron chuckles, removing the map from his pocket.
Bring me some light- *Light!*

Ishmae lights a torch and scurries over.
Let's see. We're here and-

A GUST OF WIND blows out the torch!

Ishmae jumps into Lubron's arms, but Lubron quickly dumps
him. Ishmae rushes over and clings to a nearby tree! He
covers his eyes, then peeks.

CREEPY, CHILD-LIKE LAUGHTER.

LUBRON

Show yourself!

A GREMLIN, half their height, tilts its head from behind
a tree. Its smile is unsettling as it licks its lips.

LUBRON

On your way, gremlin.

GREMLIN

Hungry. Yummy.

ISHMAE

Oh, no. You don't- You don't want
to eat *us*! We're stringy and
tough. We taste like rotten-

GREMLIN

Yummy!

ISHMAE
 (clings tighter)
 You're right. We're delicious.

Lubron lifts a chain hanging from his neck that holds a weighty red medallion -- a RED MIST from within the medallion attacks the gremlin which shrieks and retreats!

LUBRON
 (pockets map, turns)
 What do you think of that-

Still clinging to the tree, Ishmae is unconscious and soiling himself. Lubron takes a branch and knocks him!

ISHMAE
 Did it eat us?!

LUBRON
 That gremlin was the least of our worries. Onward.

EXT. ILLUMINE FAIRYLAND, GREAT PLAINS -- AFTERNOON

Lida wakes in that same spot, but alone. She stands.

LIDA
 Hello? Where are you guys? Guys,
 this isn't funny... Guys-

A small, HOODED CREATURE approaches holding a tall cane.
 Who are you?

HOODED CREATURE
 You are on the right path daughter
 of Haun. This is your destiny. But
 you must choose to stay on the
 right path.

LIDA
 Choose?

HOODED CREATURE
 Sometimes we wander off the path
 that is meant for us. Stay focused
 and alert at all times, this is
 the last warning you will receive.
 Dark Forest knows you're coming.

LIDA
 It's a forest. How can it-

DEVINY (V.O.)

Lida?

Lida looks about, trying to find Deviny's voice. She looks back, but the Hooded Creature is gone.

LIDA

Wait, come back. How does the forest know?

DEVINY (V.O.)

Lida? Lida?

Lida is PULLED UP from the ground and back into-

EXT. ILLUMINE FAIRYLAND, GRASSY FIELD -- CONTINUOUS

Lida opens her eyes to Deviny who is shaking her.

DEVINY

I thought *I* was hard to wake up.

Deviny pulls Lida to her feet.

LIDA

(hushed)

I think Jarnim sent me a message.

DEVINY

What was it?

LIDA

In my dream, a messenger came to me and said that I had to choose the right path and that... That Dark Forest knows we're coming.

DEVINY

That sounds scary. And interesting. But more scary.

LIDA

But he also said that this was my destiny. But I don't know that I want this. Just yesterday the most interesting thing in my life was, well you.

Deviny smiles, but after understanding twists her lip.

LIDA

What do I do?

DEVINY

Jarnim chose you. Not a fighter,
not a hunter, you. Why would he do
that unless he knew something we
didn't?

Lida lowers her gaze. Deviny gently nudges her.

Lida... Daughter of Haun.

(LIDA lifts her gaze)

Your father did great things.
Amazing things. So *I* believe that
it's your destiny to do the same.
And that it's *my* destiny to help
you.

Lida won't let allow tears to well as she smiles flatly
and steps away.

LIDA

Pico, Kaierro. Let's go guys.

Lida takes a deep breath and leads the way.

EXT. OUTSKIRTS OF DARK FOREST -- LATER, CONTINUOUS

THE FOUR FRIENDS stop just outside Dark Forest. They turn
their up noses, reacting to the smell.

DEVINY

Good Spirits, what *is* that?

LIDA

Our destiny. Come on.

Lida leads the way in.

EXT. DARK FOREST -- CONTINUOUS

THE FOUR FRIENDS enter. They are lighting torches when-
CREEPY LAUGHTER -- the Gremlin.

KAIERRO

What was that?

LIDA

Stay close...

THE FOUR FRIENDS have been travelling for a while, wiping
sweat from their brows and dirt from their faces.

DEVINY

How much longer?

KAIERRO

Didn't you just ask that question?

LIDA

Shut up. She can ask whatever question she wants.

DEVINY

So how much further?

LIDA

Oh shut up, Dev.

KAIERRO

You shut up. She can ask whatever question she wants.

LIDA

You know, you're really starting to get on my nerves.

KAIERRO

And if I cared I might apologize.

LIDA

I really hope dad forgave mom for having you.

KAIERRO

Good one. Is that another hair I see growing on your lip?

PICO

Enough you two.

LIDA

Did you bring the medicine that keeps you from wetting the bed?

KAIERRO

Is that smell coming from Dark Forest or your mouth?

LIDA

Idiot.

KAIERRO

Stupid.

DEVINY

Guys-

LIDA

Moron!

KAIERRO
Horse breath!

PICO
(offended)
Hey.

Lida turns and pushes Kaierro -- the map slips from his vest pocket and falls to the ground while.

LIDA
Lunatic!

KAIERRO
Dumb blonde!

DEVINY
(offended)
Hey!

LIDA
Hunchback!

KAIERRO
Crazy person!

PICO
Enough! You two are giving me a headache.

LIDA
...sorry.

KAIERRO
Sorry.

Deviny clears her throat. They both turn to her.

LIDA KAIERRO
Sorry. Sorry.

PICO
Remember what Jarnim said- About us bickering with each other.

LIDA
...I'm sorry.

KAIERRO
I'm sorry too. It's just so hot.

PICO
What the?

A THORNY BRANCH WALL grows before their eyes as tall as the eye can see, barricading the rest of Dark Forest.

Lida and Deviny exchange a look. *Dark Forest knows...*

KAIERRO

I guess we're flying over it-

LIDA

No. Jarnim didn't fly over Dark Forest. He flew through it.

Lida picks up a sturdy branch and begins whacking away at the thorny wall. They rest follow suit.

KAIERRO

Hm. I guess this isn't so-

Kaierro slips- Lands face first!

LIDA

Hey, are you... Kaierro, don't stand up. Fly.

KAIERRO

You know, you *could* help me-

A pointed wooden spike is less than an inch from Kaierro's face -- he is above a deep, camouflaged PIT filled with dozens of tall standing spikes -- he's landed safely on a plank that runs its length across the pit.

Kaierro carefully flutters to safety.

LIDA

Guys we have to be more careful.

DEVINY

What's that?

A BUTTERFLY is approaching, growing to their height as it nears. She has a beautiful face, landing on feet before them.

BUTTERFLY

Hello friends.

KAIERRO

Hello.

Deviny rolls her eyes and folds her arms.

LIDA

Who are you?

BUTTERFLY

Don't be afraid.

She removes a scroll from her 'person'. Hands it to Lida.
For you. Utilize what's within and
the key will be yours in no time.

LIDA

What makes you think we're looking
for the key?

BUTTERFLY

(smiles)

Because Jarnim sent me, sweet
friends.

Kaierro waves goodbye as the Butterfly flies away.

PICO

That was odd.

LIDA

Yeah, a little.

Butterfly slows to a halt. She glances back then drops
something before continuing on with a wicked smirk.

The FOUR FRIENDS gather round to view the scroll -- a
partial drawing of a STAR. Written beneath: *Star Queen.*
Release your energy. Beneath the writing are SYMBOLIC
INSTRUCTIONS.

KAIERRO

Release your energy?

PICO

I've never heard of any Star
Queen? I don't like this.

DEVINY

But if Jarnim thinks we need her-
What's that?

Deviny approaches the area where the Butterfly dropped
her 'something'. It glimmers.

The rest approach and Lida picks it up.

KAIERRO

What is it?

LIDA

A piece of a fallen star.

KAIERRO

It's like the one on the scroll
that cute butterfly gave you.

DEVINY

She wasn't *that* cute. Lida, maybe
this will help us contact the star
lady. Then maybe we won't have to
keep trudging through this Good
Spirit forsaken place-

Deviny SCREAMS! A large beetle has flown into her hair
causing her to involuntarily take flight!

DEVINY

Good Spirits get it out! *Get it
out!*

LIDA

Quiet before you wake the whole
forest!

Kaierro flies to Deviny, grabs the beetle and tosses it.

KAIERRO

Are you OK?

Out of breath, Deviny takes a seat on a log.

Hesitant, Lida holds the piece of fallen star close to
her chest with both hands. Lifts it high.

Deviny, Kaierro and Pico look on as a GLITTERY MIST
escapes out of the star, lifting to the heavens.

DEVINY

It's beautiful.

The mist races back down! It knocks Lida to the ground!
She sits up, hair fried!

PICO

Are you OK?

LIDA

Yeah. Don't I look it?

Deviny smiles, pulling Lida to her feet.

DEVINY

You look like me.

KAIERRO

Well, that didn't go well.

DEVINY

Or maybe we're just going about it
the wrong way. I mean, if we're
looking for the key to the stars
maybe we should try contacting
this star lady when stars are
actually out.

They all look up -- no stars just yet.

LIDA

Fine. But we'll keep moving just
in case this doesn't--
(yawns, stretches)
Let's rest here.

PICO

No, let's keep moving.
(LIDA plops down)
Put her on my back.

With difficulty, Kaierro lifts Lida's limp body and
slumps it over Pico. He takes the scroll from her hands
then begins to yawn himself.

KAIERRO

Maybe we *should* rest.

PICO

No, we keep moving. And put that
away. Jarnim gave us a map which
is all the help we need. Tst.
Release your energy.

Pico trots on as Kaierro puts the scroll in a bag. He and
Deviny blush at each other and continue on...

They have been travelling for a while when Lida, still
slumped over Pico's back, wakes. She looks up -- STARS.

LIDA

Let's stop here.

Lida holds the piece of fallen star like before. Pico
wants no part in this and steps back as Deviny and
Kaierro move closer to Lida.

PICO

Jarnim didn't say anything about
this.

KAIERRO

He didn't say anything about a pit
of spikes either.

The blue mist slowly releases from the star then shoots into the sky taking Lida, Deviny and Kaierro with it!

Pico WHINNIES, rising on his hind legs!

INT. THRONE ROOM -- CONTINUOUS

Crystals, whites, pastels, blues. Lida, Deviny and Kaierro appear from the mist.

DEVINY

Lida, I don't think we're in Dark Forest anymore.

Sitting on a throne in the midst, a beautiful, fair skinned FEMALE BEING with pale blue hair: LUMINETTA.

LUMINETTA

Greetings. I am honored that the children of Haun would contact me for help. I am Luminetta, your Star Queen. Closer, sweet ones.

KAIERRO

(whispers to Lida)
If she kills *us*, I kill *you*.

LUMINETTA

(chuckles)
Fear not. I am here to help.

LIDA

How?

LUMINETTA

You seek the Key To The Stars. Though I cannot lead you to it, I can tell you that you are not alone in Dark Forest. The purpose of your journey is threatening to the Dark Spirits and they will do whatever they can to stop you.

KAIERRO

Trust me, that's not exactly breaking news lady. Besides, Jarnim already told us that.

DEVINY

And he said that the Light Spirit would be with us.

LUMINETTA

(raises brow)

I am the great one who is always with you. I was referring to Lubron and his servant Ishmae. Even now they search for the key. You must utilize the chants in the scroll at every opportunity. I will send you back now.

LIDA

Wait. Star Queen. Do you have anything that could help us in case the Sids *do* find us?

LUMINETTA

Sweet one, remain faithful to the instructions in the scroll. If you do, everything will be as I always intended. Deviny, you are stronger than you think and Lida relies on your support. You must encourage her to utilize the scroll. Your winged friend, the unicorn. He is very wise, but he is not in charge. Remember this. And Kaierro, one and only son of Haun. You must be careful where you step. The Dark Spirits especially want to kill you.

LIDA

W- W- Why is that?

LUMINETTA

Your father brought great shame to the Sid race. They desperately want to end his line. I'll return you now. But remember, your Star Queen is *always* with you.

LIDA

But-

Lida, Kaierro and Deviny FADE AWAY into-

EXT. DARK FOREST -- CONTINUOUS

Lida, Kaierro and Deviny fizzle into form.

PICO

What happened?

DEVINY

We saw, the Star Queen.

PICO

And?

KAIERRO

And, apparently the Sids don't just want to stop us. They want to kill us.

PICO

Sucks for you. Let's keep moving.

LIDA

We move when I say we move.

Deviny and Kaierro exchange a look.

PICO

Oh. *Forgive me, your majesty.* I am but a simpleton and know not what I speak.

LIDA

OK.

PICO

Please direct the steps of your humble servant.

LIDA

I'm sorry. You're right, let's go.

Lida starts off, not waiting for the rest.

Hours later, they are all weak and weary.

PICO

So where exactly is the key?

LIDA

I don't know.

PICO

But you said this Star Queen-

LIDA

She couldn't tell us where the key is. She only told us what to expect from the Dark Spirits.

PICO

Jarnim already told us what to expect.

DEVINY

No more walking.

LIDA

Alright. We'll camp here tonight.
If it's OK with Pico, that is.

Pico pulls a blanket from a pack with his teeth. He cuts Lida a look then slings it over his back and lies down.

Lida eyes Pico with regret, but says nothing.

Later, all are sleeping when, softly...

LUMINETTA (V.O.)

Lida. Lida.

LIDA

Star Queen?

LUMINETTA (V.O.)

Remember the scroll, Lida. I am with you.

Lida sits up and wipes her eyes. She takes the scroll, moves closer to the small fire and CHANTS.

CREEPY LAUGHTER -- the Gremlin. Lida looks around. Silence. She continues chanting when the CREEPY LAUGHTER returns. Lida shakes Kaierro.

LIDA

Kai...

The CREEPY LAUGHTER is louder than before, seemingly coming from every direction.

They are all on their feet now, moving closer together.

DEVINY

What's that?

GREMLIN (O.C.)

Hungry.

Gremlin playfully reveals his face from behind a tree.

GREMLIN

Let's go. Now.

GREMLIN

No go. Stay. Eat. Yum yum.

DEVINY

I'm going to start running. You
guys catch up.

Deviny takes off on foot then disappears in flight!

LIDA

Dev!

Gremlin cartwheels from behind the tree landing Indian style. It digs its fingers into the earth. As it removes its fingers from the earth, a fork and knife manifest from the dirt now in its hands. Gremlin smiles as wide-eyed Lida, Kaierro and Pico step back.

GREMLIN

Hungry.

LIDA

Any ideas?

PICO

One.

Pico takes a nearby branch, lights it with fire then slings at Gremlin!

Gremlin SHRIEKS!

PICO

Get on my back!

Lida and Kaierro jump on and Pico takes off!

LIDA

Is it following us?

Kaierro looks back, staring blankly, dumbfounded as Gremlin races after them on all fours!

KAIERRO

Yep.

Kaierro turns back- Smack!

Kaierro's forehead has hit a low branch. He falls from Pico and Gremlin halts.

LIDA

No! Pico, turn back!

PICO
 No way! I'm not-
 (looks back)
 Dangit!

Gremlin to unconscious Kaierro and plops down like a child. Smiling, it yanks up a small plant and squeezes it over Kaierro, allowing its juice to 'season' him.

Pico has turned around and stopped. Lida dismounts.

LIDA
 Hey. You don't want to eat him.

GREMLIN
 False.
 (licking lips)
 Lie.

LIDA
 No, no. See, you'll get a terrible stomach ache. You'll cramp, vomit, have delusions. You'll-

Deviny is creeping up slowly behind Gremlin. She lifts a weighty GLIMMERING ROCK.

LIDA (CONT'D)
 Actually. What do I know? Dig in.

GREMLIN
 Hungry.

Gremlin opens its mouth when- Whack! Deviny knocks it across the head with the rock!

GREMLIN
 Yummy?

Gremlin falls over as Deviny pull Kaierro to his feet.

KAIERRO
 I just had the weirdest dream.

LIDA
 Not really.

KAIERRO
 What are you doing with that rock?
 And what's that?

LIDA
That is some sort of, bear?

PICO

Gremlin. And we have to be more careful.

LIDA

Pico right.

(eyes Pico)

And wise... We have to be more careful. Especially you, Kai. And you, crazy lady, nice moves.

Deviny smiles and tosses the rock aside.

As they all continue on, the rock glimmers into dust.

INT. SACRED CAVERN, THE HOLY ROOM -- CONTINUOUS

The room is grand and full of dozens of tall MARBLE CHERUBIM and MARBLE ANGELS that line the walls.

In the midst, a grand altar -- kneeling on either side of it are large marble cherubim. One holds a golden scepter with an emerald on its tip. The other, a silver urn.

Eyes shut, Jarnim is murmuring.

His eyes open and he stands and approaches the altar. He looks up -- mounted proudly on the wall, a large pair of WINGS made of the same element as the GLIMMERING ROCK.

Jarnim removes his cloak -- his wings are made of the same glimmering element.

INT. SYTRINE'S LAIR -- CONTINUOUS

Frowning, Star Queen pulls the skin away from her face revealing Sytrine underneath. She has been watching the FOUR FRIENDS in Dark Forest.

Sytrine gathers her gown and moves to a table topped with a black candle. She breathes, LIGHTING IT. She kneels.

SYTRINE

Mistress of All Evil. I beg for a moment of your time.

The flame goes out.

A burst of flames!

WICKEDNESS

Well, well. If it isn't Lubron's fool. What do you want?

SYTRINE

You are the arbiter between the Dark Spirits and those who serve them. I ask that you broker a meeting between them and myself.

WICKEDNESS

Why?

SYTRINE

Because I am not weak.

WICKEDNESS

You've lost the children of Haun.

SYTRINE

I have not Mistress. They still have the scroll.

EXT. DARK FOREST -- MORNING

Staring at the scroll, Lida is lagging somewhat behind her companions. She begins CHANTING-

LIDA

Ow. Ow!

Mosquitoes! Lida brushes them away and continues chanting when-

A massive spider's web! She's walked right into it and is yanked up!

Further ahead, Kaierro is showcasing his Karate moves.

KAIERRO

Just like that. Now, you try.

Deviny mimics him. She's just as bad as Kaierro despite his condescending gaze.

KAIERRO

I mean, not bad.

PICO

Where's Lida?

High in the air -- Lida is tangled in the sticky web. It covers her mouth, stifling her screams.

Kaierro, Deviny and Pico backtrack, calling out for her.

DEVINY

Where could she-

STIFLED SCREAMS.

They look up and spot Lida squirming in the web.

PICO

You three are the reason I'm going grey.

Kaierro flutters up to Lida. Her eyes are panicked!

KAIERRO

Will you stop? You're making it-

Hot saliva hits Kaierro's shoulder. He looks back -- four times their size, a MOTHER TARANTULA is inches away, her BABIES not far behind.

MOTHER TARANTULA

Hungry.

BABY TARANTULAS

Yummy.

KAIERRO

Right.

Kaierro pushes web-wrapped Lida out of the tree! She thumps below where Deviny and Pico begin freeing her.

KAIERRO

Nice spider.

MOTHER TARANTULA

Hungry!

KAIERRO

...no.

Kaierro takes off! Mother and Baby Tarantulas chase after him LIKE MONKEYS THROUGH TREES! Kaierro looks back-

KAIERRO

Are you kidding me?!

Free, Lida stands.

PICO

Hop on!

BABY TARANTULAS
Hungry! Hungry, mother!

The TARANTULAS pick up their pace! One of the Babies jumps on Kaierro's back! Smiles.

BABY TARANTULA #1
Yummy.

It bites Kaierro! He screams and knocks it off! Mother Tarantula SHRIEKS as her Baby falls to the earth far below. She picks up her pace and leaps forward-

Lida jumps off Pico's back, air tackling Kaierro out of Mother Tarantula's way -- they land, stuck against one of Mother Tarantula's webs.

KAIERRO
...good job.

Mother Tarantula is on a large branch. Her Babies crawl onto her back.

MOTHER TARANTULA
Death. To you.

BABY TARANTULAS
Hungry!

KAIERRO
Death by spider... I knew it.

On the ground below -- Deviny and Pico are searching for something. We do not see it, but-

DEVINY
Bingo...

KAIERRO
Now death by celery, *that's* how you wanna go.

A sharp whistle!

PICO (O.C.)
Hey!

Mother Tarantula turns- Pico kicks her in the face!

Mother Tarantula shrieks and jumps after him when Pico kicks her again! She topples off the branch, shooting silk from her spinneret which connects and secures around the branch.

PICO

Now!

Deviny flies from behind the tree with the TOOTH of some poor creature and cuts off Mother Tarantula's spinneret!

THE FOUR FRIENDS watch as Mother Tarantula and her Babies fall down upon one of her large webs below.

BABY TARANTULAS

Hungry-

An even LARGER TARANTULA comes and quickly rolls up Mother Tarantula and her Babies.

THE FOUR FRIENDS are wide-eyed.

KAIERRO

I want my mom.

EXT. DARK FOREST -- MORNING

Lubron is slumped over the cart, sleeping when he is roused by snoring. He opens his groggy to Ishmae's UPSIDE DOWN face!

Ishmae is hanging backwards over a branch, drooling and snoring directly in Lubron's face. Lubron smacks Ishmae right out of the tree!

SYTRINE (V.O.)

Lubron.

Lubron moves to a clearing where A VISION of Sytrine awaits.

SYTRINE

You look awful.

LUBRON

You're not exactly the vision of loveliness yourself.

SYTRINE

The Dark Spirits demand a full report on your progress.

LUBRON

Other than being ahead of schedule there is nothing to report.

SYTRINE

Insufficient. We demand the key!

LUBRON

We? If I didn't know any better,
I'd think you were trying to
weasel your way into my job.

SYTRINE

No need to worry about that. I've
recently been in touch with The
Dark Spirits and we agree, Lubron.
This task was tailor made for you.

LUBRON

And don't forget it.

Sytrine smirks as Lubron wipes the vision away.

ISHMAE

Lord Lubron?

LUBRON

What?!

Lubron turns to find Ishmae smiling as he roasts some
poor creature's hairy legs over a fire.

ISHMAE

Would you like some hot breakfast?

LUBRON

No, I'd rather a glass of frozen
milk. Of course I want hot
breakfast!

Lubron sits, snatches one of the hairy legs and eats
savagely. Ishmae takes a plate and fork from his pack. He
licks his lips and reaches for the second hairy leg when-

Lubron grabs and devours it! Ishmae stares sadly.

ISHMAE

That-was-mine.

Lubron belches!

Disgruntled, Ishmae begins cleanup when Lubron begins to
convulse. He is snatched up into the sky!

INT. DARK ROOM -- CONTINUOUS

The few burning candles provide very little light to-

A translucent, DARK ESSENCE with six pairs of RED EYES
circles about Lubron: The DARK SPIRITS.

Lubron turns, trying to keep up with their voices...

DARK SPIRIT #1
Look at this fool.

DARK SPIRIT #2
Degenerate.

DARK SPIRIT #3
Land dweller.

DARK SPIRIT #4
Failure.

DARK SPIRIT #5
Pathetic.

DARK SPIRIT #6
We demand a victory.

LUBRON
And you shall have it.

DARK SPIRIT #1
Hukdof uttered those same words.

LUBRON
Do I look like Hukdof?!

The Dark Spirits MERGE! They grow to the height of the room- Eyes STACKING. And in ONE POWERFUL VOICE-

DARK SPIRITS
Bow to the one true power!

LUBRON
Forgive me.

DARK SPIRITS
Your arrogance, as usual, is displeasing. You have forgotten that it was we who made you leader in Hukdof's stead.

LUBRON
I have not forgotten, my lords.

DARK SPIRITS
You are being outdone by three children and a flying mule. Find the key! Destroy the Illumines!

LUBRON
Yes, my lords.

The merged Dark Spirits RUSH BACK DOWN- Separating into six individual Dark Spirits.

DARK SPIRIT #1
You're an embarrassment.

DARK SPIRIT #4
Worthless!

The Dark Spirits MERGE, coming face to face with Lubron! Eyes STACKED, it smiles its SIX SMILES IN ONE.

DARK SPIRITS
But we've decided to give you one last chance. The Illumines are closer to the key than they think. Fortunately, for you, they are experiencing a little, hiccup.

A vision of THE FOUR FRIENDS -- they are searching their resting spot for something. The image TRAVELS Dark Forest. Stops just outside of-

LUBRON
Death Cave.

The Dark Spirits separate. They CIRCLE Lubron while...

DARK SPIRITS
The key is there. We sense it.

LUBRON
What else is in there?

The Dark Spirits' anger knocks Lubron across the room!

DARK SPIRITS
Coward! Retrieve the key!

With difficulty, Lubron stands up and into...

EXT. DARK FOREST -- CONTINUOUS

Before Ishmae can speak-

LUBRON
Get the wagon!

EXT. DARK FOREST -- CONTINUOUS

Pico watches as Lida, Deviny and Kaierro frantically search their little resting ground for-

LIDA

I can't believe you lost the map.

KAIERRO

I lost it when you pushed me.

LIDA

If you lost it when I pushed you,
why didn't you pick it up?!

KAIERRO

Because I didn't know I lost it!

LIDA

Then how do you know that's when
you lost it?!

DEVINY

You know, I'm actually *grateful*
I'm an only child.

LIDA

Shut up!

KAIERRO

Shut up!

LIDA

Don't you tell Dev to shut up.

KAIERRO

Don't you tell Dev to shut up.

Lida and Kaierro continue back and forth as Deviny
glances over to Pico who rolls his eyes.

PICO

Are you two geniuses done?

LIDA

(plops down)

You're right, I shouldn't have
pushed you. That probably is when
you lost the map.

KAIERRO

I shouldn't have been so pushable.

LIDA

If we double back, we'll lose two
whole days.

Pico discreetly signals Deviny.

KAIERRO

I guess this is a lesson learned.

PICO (O.C.)

Sure is.

Lida and Kaierro look over -- Deviny is leaning against Pico, fanning herself with the map. Lida stands.

LIDA

Where did you find that?

PICO

I saw it fall out of Kaierro's pocket so I did the smart thing. I picked it up.

Lida and Kaierro rush over and thank him.

LIDA

(takes out scroll)

Now that things are looking up, how about we-

RAIN!

KAIERRO

Thanks a lot sis.

LIDA

It's not my fault. I said things are looking up, not how can things possibly get any-

Lightening strikes beside them, splashing them with mud!

They all look at Lida who hangs her head.

LIDA

Sorry.

Later, Deviny is using oversized leaves filled with rain water to clean herself up.

DEVINY

Alright, your turn.

Clean, Kaierro and Pico step aside for mud covered Lida.

LIDA

Give me some privacy, would you?

Snickering, they go and Lida begins to wash.

Clean, Lida removes the scroll. She eyes it for several moments. She starts to toss it away when-

HOP. HOP. An adorable, snow white male BUNNY.

BUNNY

What in the world are you?

LIDA

What a silly question. I'm a Fairy. You've never seen a Fairy?

BUNNY

No. Most creatures here have two heads or six legs.

(hops closer, smiles)

None of them look like you. You're beautiful.

DEVINY

Hurry up. We've got to get a move-
(kneels, smiling)

Hey, little guy. Aren't you just the cutest little thing in the-

BUNNY

Please, don't do the cutesy baby talk. My mother still does the cutesy baby talk.

He hops on Lida's lap with a *flirtatious eyebrow* and slicks back where his hair *would* be while...

BUNNY (CONT'D)

I am a full-grown-bunny.

Lida laughs and pushes him off. Annoyed, he cuts her a look, brushing himself off.

DEVINY

Well, Mr. *Full Grown Bunny*, what are you doing out here? You don't exactly have the Dark Forest look.

LIDA

Are there others here like you?

BUNNY

Oh, no. You see, years ago, I was feeding just on the outskirts of the forest when some of the forest creatures saw me and chased me in. I escaped their clutches, but... But I'm too afraid to try to find my way out. What if I wander further in or get spotted?

He looks up. *They're buying it.* He perks up just a bit.
Yes, it's very sad. I'm all alone.

LIDA

You just mentioned your mother.

BUNNY

Err- Well, that was past tense.
Anyway, what are you doing out
here? This is a *terrible* place.

DEVINY

We're looking for the key to the
stars.

LIDA

Dev!

DEVINY

It'll defeat the Sids and keep our
food supply replenished forever!

LIDA

You- You- Why'd you tell him that?

DEVINY

Who's he going to tell? He's too
afraid to even leave the forest.

LIDA

That's not the point. Jarnim said-

BUNNY

Jarnim? I know that name. He's
been here once before.

LIDA

How do you know that?

BUNNY

Everybody knows Jarnim. He's the
bravest of the brave. The Illumine
of all Illumines. *So, why on earth
would he send you out here all
alone?*

LIDA

Jarnim has faith in us.

BUNNY

Ha! What good will that do you if
you never make it out of here
alive?

LIDA

...we'll make it.

BUNNY

Will you? Ha. You couldn't pay me to risk my life for some silly ole key. Makes me wonder...

DEVINY

What?

BUNNY

If maybe... No, no. Couldn't be.

LIDA

What couldn't be? ...tell me!

BUNNY

Well, and this is just a notion. But, if *Jarnim* sent you here maybe, he's trying to get of you.

DEVINY

What?

BUNNY

Think about it. Jarnim is the most famous, most feared Illumine there ever was. If he really wanted this key, he could have easily volunteered himself to the task. To face the beasts and traps. Rancid Swamp and Death Cave.

Lida and Deviny step back as the Bunny hops closer.

DEVINY

Maybe we should go.

LIDA

You're just trying to scare us.

BUNNY

But, instead, he sends three wimpy little fairies and their flying cow. Pathetic!

Lida and Deviny halt.

LIDA

Wait a minute. How'd you know there was three of us?

DEVINY

And how do you know about Pico?

BUNNY

Uh, she told me.

DEVINY

No, she didn't.

BUNNY

Oh, how would you know? You weren't even here when we met.

LIDA

And, if you'd never even heard of Fairies, how did you know who Jarnim was?

Lida and Deviny stalk forward, forcing the Bunny back.

BUNNY

E- Everyone knows Jarnim.

DEVINY

Even those trapped in Dark Forest for years on end?

The Bunny frowns. He hops forward and kicks Deviny's leg. He jumps up- Clings to one of Lida's calves.

BUNNY

Don't listen to her, Lida. We have a good thing going, you and I.

LIDA

How do you know my name?

Crap! The Bunny hops over and clings to Deviny's leg.

BUNNY

You and me, baby. We'll find the key. We don't need these miscreants. We'll find the key and start our own Fairyland- Ow!

Lida has picked him up by one of his feet. Dangles him!

LIDA

Maybe we should see just how lucky these little feet are, Dev.

DEVINY

Yeah. He's fat enough for a stew.

BUNNY

What?! Put me down!

DEVINY

Why are you trying to scare us?

BUNNY

Because silly girl, I'm in cahoots
with-

RED EYES and SHARP TEETH take of Bunny's face with-
The Dark Spirits!

Lida drops him! He smiles, hopping towards them.

DEVINY

Let's get out of here.

BUNNY

It's too late. Lubron will reach
the key. *But you?* You'll never
leave this forest alive!

The Bunny hops high, aiming for Lida's face when- *Kick!*

Lida eyes Deviny.

DEVINY

What? I've been watching Kaierro.

The Bunny is recovering under a tree! Lida and Deviny
stomp over and POOF! A dirty, floppy-eared RABBIT!

DEVINY

What the-

SINISTER LAUGHING! Lida and Deviny turn -- a BLACK COBRA -
twice their size - with three horns protruding from HIS
head. He stands on his four tentacles.

BLACK COBRA

You will *never* reach the key.

POOF! Only black smoke remains... Kaierro and Pico
approach.

KAIERRO

Will you two hurry up? We're
losing daylight.

LIDA

...we certainly are.

EXT. DARK FOREST, DEATH CAVE ENTRANCE-- CONTINUOUS

Ishmae stops the cart. Flies next to Lubron and sits.

ISHMAE
I'll wait for you here.

Lubron is disgusted- Pushes Ishmae off the cart!

LUBRON
Let's go-

He looks down at the seat -- Ishmae URINATED! Lubron could kill him! He flies off the cart, drags Ishmae to the cave and drops him. He SCRAPES his nails against the cave wall, creating a STRONG FLAME on his fingertip.

LUBRON
Onward...

INT. DEATH CAVE -- CONTINUOUS

Ishmae follows behind Lubron and his 'torch' of a hand. Ishmae squeals at the sight of the cave's HIDEOUS BEASTS.

ISHMAE
Master Lubron?

LUBRON
Quiet.

ISHMAE
...Master Lubron?

LUBRON
If you don't shut up, I'm going to tear off your pitiful little wings and use them to beat you to death.

ISHMAE
Master Lubron?!

LUBRON
What?!

Lubron turns to find a large snake coiling around Ishmae. Lubron takes the snake right below the head- SNAP!

LUBRON
Keep up or end up like *that*.

A GRASSHOPPER CORPSE against the cave wall!
Onward...

Hours later. Lubron and Ishmae are walking when Ishmae halts, looking about fearfully.

ISHMAE

Do you hear that?

LUBRON

How am I suppose to hear your imagination-

Lubron goes down with a splash, his 'torch' going out.

ISHMAE

Lord Lubron?

Lubron's 'torch' returns -- he's fallen into a crater. Ishmae giggles, but quickly stops at Lubron's glare.

Lubron stands when SMOKE begins to rise from the crater. It transforms into that same Black Cobra. It slowly makes down the cave.

BLACK COBRA

Follow.

LUBRON

What in the Dark Spirits-

BLACK COBRA

Follow.

Hesitant, Lubron and Ishmae follow.

ISHMAE

Where is it taking us?

The Black Cobra turns and rises, towering over Lubron. *It's too much for Ishmae!* He faints.

BLACK COBRA

What weak little beasts you are.

LUBRON

Forgive me, but I don't think we've been properly introduced.

BLACK COBRA/SHAMYAZA

I am Shamyaza. Keeper of the cave. Now, bow to me.

LUBRON

And why would I do that?

SHAMYAZA

Because in the name of the Dark
Spirits I command you.

LUBRON

Funny. The Dark Spirits themselves
sent me and they made no mention
of you.

SHAMYAZA

Didn't warn you, eh?

(closer)

How cruel of them.

(moves to Ishmae)

You won't be needing him. And
since I haven't eaten breakfast-

LUBRON

Touch him and I'll lace your ears
and wear you for shoes.

SHAMYAZA

If you're worried about the
sacrifice, don't be. It's already
been taken care of.

(licks lips)

Hungry.

Lubron takes him by the fang- Yanks him up!

LUBRON

*That is my sacrifice! ...you're
afraid. Show me your true form.*

Shamyaza shrinks into a LIZARD. In his tiny little voice-

SHAMYAZA

Don't kill me! Please don't kill
me! She put me up to it!

LUBRON

She? She who?

SHAMYAZA

S- S- S- S- Sytrine. She said that
you're not worthy to lead.

LUBRON

Did she?

SHAMYAZA

Yes! She also said that-

Lubron eats him! He kicks Ishmae awake.

LUBRON

Get up.

INT. SYTRINE'S LAIR -- CONTINUOUS

Through a VISION, Sytrine has been watching Lubron and Ishmae's encounter with Shamyaza. She frowns.

INTERCUT: LUBRON & ISHMAE / SYTRINE

ISHMAE

I don't remember a thing.

LUBRON

Don't worry, Ishmae. I didn't
bring you along for your brains.
(turns, grins)
Onward.

Ishmae follows Lubron further in...

Sytrine frowns! She approaches a painting on the wall and removes it, revealing a safe which she opens it -- two thick CRYSTALS. She takes them and sits Indian style on the floor. Holding a crystal in each hand-

SYTRINE

Ishmae...

Ishmae halts as his pupils begin to spin -- Lubron doesn't notice and continues on.

SYTRINE (V.O.)

Lubron is weak. Serve me.

ISHMAE

Serve you?

SYTRINE

Yes. Together we will conquer and
enslave the Illumines. But we
don't need the key to do it.

Ishmae becomes more and more bewitched while...

SYTRINE (V.O.)

Lubron treats you like garbage.
Worse than garbage. Like nothing.

ISHMAE

Like nothing.

SYTRINE (V.O.)

But I... Think of all the glory
you will receive as my right hand.

ISHMAE

What do you want me to do?

SYTRINE (V.O.)

Kill him...

Ishmae is 'released' as his pupils cease spinning.

LUBRON (O.C.)

Where are you?!

ISHMAE

C- C- C- Coming!

Ishmae makes his way to Lubron.

LUBRON

What were you doing back there?

ISHMAE

What do you think I was doing? I
was walking.

LUBRON

(halts, turns)

What did you say?

ISHMAE

Nothing. Onward. Onward, right?

Lubron eyes Ishmae's insolence. Turns and continues.
Ishmae's eyes shoot over to a large stone. He quickly
picks it up as they continue on...

A GLIMMER in a crack. Lubron approaches and takes it- The
Key to the Stars. It illuminates the cave!

LUBRON

At last. Those pitiful Illumines.
They have no idea that they're
already dead. I shall cover their
land in never-ending darkness.

ISHMAE

With that stupid little thing? As
leader of the Sids, I thought you
had enough power to defeat the
Illumines on your own.

LUBRON

(chuckles)

Ishmae. What a fitting time for
your insolence.

ISHMAE

Yeah? Why is that?

LUBRON

Because such is a fitting time for
the sacrifice.

ISHMAE

Sacrifice? Why do you need a-

LUBRON

Hukdof was my ideal choice, but,
as it is, you'll have to do.

Lubron unsheathes a dagger and turns toward Ishmae.

ISHMAE

But I- I have been a faithful
servant- A good servant!

LUBRON

Well, unfortunately for you, your
services are no longer required.

SYTRINE (V.O.)

He's betrayed you. Kill him!

ISHMAE

C- C- Couldn't we just find
another sacrifice?

LUBRON

Sorry, I am on a tight schedule.

SYTRINE (V.O.)

Kill him! *Kill him!*

LUBRON

Goodbye, Ishmae.

SYTRINE (V.O.)

Now Ishmae!

Lubron descends upon Ishmae- Panicked, Ishmae removes the
rock from behind his back-

As a SHADOW on the cave wall -- Ishmae strikes high
against Lubron's head! Lubron falls...

ISHMAE
Lord Lubron? ...Lord Lubron?

SYTRINE (V.O.)
Well done, Ishmae.

ISHMAE
I killed him.

SYTRINE (V.O.)
He was weak. Now take the key.

ISHMAE
(takes it, stands)
I will be punished by the Dark
Spirits? *He was tasked by the Dark
Spirits!*

Sytrine stands. Behind, the MERGED Dark Spirits.

SYTRINE
He was a means to an end. Had he
only known the truth.

ISHMAE
The truth?

SYTRINE
Don't you worry about that. What
you *should* worry about is, the
curse those Illumines placed on
the key.

ISHMAE
C- C-Curse?

SYTRINE
After a recent commune, the Dark
Spirits informed me that only an
Illumine may touch they key. So,
naturally, I did my part to make
sure dear ole Lubron found it.

Ishmae looks at Lubron. At the key...

ISHMAE
What happens if you touch the key?
...I said, what happens if you-

Rocks FALL from the ceiling, CRUSHING Ishmae!

SYTRINE
You die...

The glow from the key is buried with Lubron and Ishmae...

With a smirk, Sytrine turns to face the Dark Spirits.

SYTRINE

There. I've given you not one
sacrifice, but two. I am ready.

DARK SPIRITS

Deliver us a victory or your fate
shall be worse than this.

SYTRINE

Do I look afraid?

DARK SPIRITS

You look as though you've failed
to deal with three Illumines and
their horse.

SYTRINE

They are of no consequence now
that the key is buried.

DARK SPIRITS

You underestimate the Illumines.
As did Hukdof. As did Lubron.

The Dark Spirits vanish!

SYTRINE

And you underestimate me.

INT. DEATH CAVE -- LATER

Lida and Kaierro hold torches as they, Deviny and Pico
cautiously wander the cave. Along the way, they come upon
the CORPSES of poor unfortunate creatures...

DEVINY

It smells awful in here.

LIDA

It smells like death...

DEVINY

Lida, can I see that scroll?

LIDA

Here...

Deviny begins to CHANT when-

DEVINY

Ow! This is ridiculous. What are mosquitoes doing in a cave? Ow!

Deviny continues CHANTING.

PICO

Do you even understand what you're chanting?

DEVINY

The Star Queen said it would help.

PICO

Yeah, uh huh. But every time you start up with that thing, something bad-

ROCKS fall from the ceiling! They move just in time!

PICO (CONT'D)

...happens.

DEVINY

That was close.

KAIERRO

Yeah, too close!

PICO

It's that stupid thing! Every time one of you reads it, it bring chaos! The rain, the mud!

KAIERRO

The spiders!

DEVINY

The bunny.

KAIERRO

What bunny?!

PICO

What bunny?!

PICO

That's it.

Pico snatches the scroll with his mouth- Flings it away.

No more scroll and no more Star Queen business. Jarnim gave us a map and instructions to follow. So, I suggest we keep moving.

LIDA

When did you get so bossy?

PICO

The day my first little sister was
born. Now, move.

They chuckle and move on...

Deviny wipes sweat from her brow.

DEVINY

Do we have any water left?

KAIERRO

Yes, but it's for the way back.

Lida and Kaierro lower their torches -- a pile of rocks.

DEVINY

Great. Now what?

LIDA

We keep moving forward.

KAIERRO

How? This is the only way and it's
blocked off- *And we're doing that.*

Lida is pushing on the largest rock. The others join in
and help. Together, they push the rock away. Lida tilts
her head -- partially buried, a MALE'S HAND: Lubron's.

DEVINY

Who is that?

KAIERRO

I think you mean *was*.

DEVINY

Look. There's someone else.

LIDA

Those aren't Illumines.

Deviny spots something. Picks it up.

DEVINY

Guys?

Deviny is holding up Lubron's map.

KAIERRO

Well, that's just great.

LIDA

These must be the two that the
Star Queen-
(PICO squints)
Shw mentioned them.

KAIERRO

Well, if they're here they
obviously didn't reach the key.

LIDA

I guess not... What's that?

A tiny GLIMMER within the rocks. Lida begins to pull the
rocks away- Brighter and brighter.

KAIERRO

You've got to be kidding me.

DEVINY

Is that the-

LIDA

(pulls it out)
It's the key. It's the key. We did
it. We did it!

They begin to rejoice when-

GROWLING.

PICO

That does not sound friendly.

They look up -- a BLACK PANTHER with neon yellow eyes is
walking UPSIDE DOWN on the cave ceiling.

DEVINY

Guys. That panther is upside down.

LIDA

...thanks.

KAIERRO

...thanks.

PANTHER

Hungry. Eat. You.

DEVINY

Ok, I'm going to casually walk in
that direction-

KAIERRO

No, don't move. I'll do my Karate.

PICO

As confident as we are in your
skills, Kaierro, I'd rather take
my chances, *running!*

LIDA

Run!

As they turn back and flee, the Panther leaps from the
ceiling- It has WINGS! It chases after them!

DEVINY

That thing has wings!

Pico kicks the Panther with his hind legs! The Panther
shrieks angry!

LIDA

Did you really have to do that?

PICO

Not get eaten by a flying cat?!
Yes, *I really had to do that!*

They turn a corner- They hide behind a boulder!

DEVINY

Jarnim put you in charge, Lida.
What are we going to do?

LIDA

Um, well-

PANTHER (O.C.)

Eat!

DEVINY

Lida!

LIDA

J- J- Jarnim said that the Light
Spirit would be with us, right?

DEVINY

Yes.

LIDA

That nothing could harm us, right?

KAIERRO

And nothing has, *yet!*

Lida musters her courage and stands.

KAIERRO

Lida, no!

LIDA

Here, kitty kitty.

DEVINY

Lida, are you crazy?

The Panther finds them and lands. Stalks forward while...

PANTHER

Dinner. Death to you.

LIDA

Well, that's not very polite.

PANTHER

Dark Spirits. Devour.

LIDA

Well, if you insist.

The Panther springs forward! Lida holds up the key- It ILLUMINATES the cave! Lida is blasted back! ...the light and dust settle. Kaierro pulls Lida to her feet.

KAIERRO

You're a nut case- You're crazy!

LIDA

Maybe.

Only the Panther's bones remain. Lida smirks.
But at least I'm not dead crazy.

DEVINY

That was really brave, Lida.

LIDA

(eyeing the key)

It was, wasn't it?

KAIERRO

Yeah, yeah. Whatever. Let's go-

LIDA

Jarnim?

JARNIM

You have done well, dear ones.

LIDA

Jarnim, what are you doing here?
Are we too late?

JARNIM

Not at all. You have done well,
but the fight is not yet over.

LIDA

But we have the key now-

JARNIM

Come, come. Not a minute to lose.

LIDA

Alright. Let's go guys.

Lida extends the key to Jarnim. He smiles and steps back.
...don't you want it?

JARNIM

We do not need the key, Lida.
Throw it away.

LIDA

...I'm sorry- What?

KAIERRO

Jarnim, you sent us to-

JARNIM

Toss it aside. Also, I'll be
needing that box I gave you.

LIDA

No, you told me not to.

JARNIM

I did, but now I am asking for it.

LIDA

But you said-

JARNIM

I know what I said. *I* am the one
who said it. Now, give me the box.

LIDA

What for-

JARNIM

Give me the box! ...forgive me. I
did tell you not to part with it.
(MORE)

JARNIM (CONT'D)

But what is in that box can defeat
the Sid Fairies.

KAIERRO

If what's in that box is what will
defeat the Sids then why did you
send us to search for the key?

JARNIM

Did I send you for the key or for
a way to defeat our enemies?

KAIERRO

You sent us for the key.

JARNIM

You are still young and do not yet
understand.

PICO

Then perhaps you could explain it
more simply.

JARNIM

Give me the box, Lida.

LIDA

No.

JARNIM

What did you say?

LIDA

I said no. And what are you even
doing here?

JARNIM

Give me that box!

Kaierro protectively steps in front of the group.

KAIERRO

I don't think I like your tone.

JARNIM

Forgive me, but this is the tone I
use when dealing with *degenerates!*
(flies to them)

Give me the box.

LIDA

You're not Jarnim.

Jarnim laughs. It becomes a *familiar Female's laugh*.
Wickedness BURSTS out of 'Jarnim'! Her FIERY FORM stands
the height of the cave. Cackling, she slinks down.

WICKEDNESS

It has been many moons since I've
devoured an Illumine. Such a rich
taste.

DEVINY

W- W- We're not afraid of you.

WICKEDNESS

Oh, yes you are. Good thing too.
Your kind's much more enjoyable
combined with the taste of fear.

Wickedness dives upon them- They scatter! She chases
Lida! Lida tosses the key to-

LIDA

Kaierro!

He catches it- Wickedness turns her attention to him.

WICKEDNESS

Aw. The son of Haun. I will enjoy
killing you the most and ending
the line of that pitiful excuse of
a Fairy you called father.

KAIERRO

My father was a hero!

WICKEDNESS

Fool!

Wickedness descends upon him when-

Her flames go out -- Pico is peeing on her. He chuckles.

With Wickedness distracted, Kaierro tosses the key to
Lida. Wickedness GROWLS, her flames returning! She
descend upon Pico when-

BLINDING LIGHT -- Lida is holding up the key!

LIDA

Let's go!

THE FOUR FRIENDS run as Wickedness expands- FILLING the
cave with her fire- Chasing them!

DEVINY

Maybe I'm wrong, but I don't think peeing on her was the best idea!

PICO

My apologies. Next time I'll let your boyfriend *fry to death!*

LIDA

Just stop making everyone who's trying to kill us more angry than they already are!

DEVINY

And he's not my boyfriend!

KAIERRO

But you like me!

DEVINY

Well, you like me too!

LIDA

Will you two shut up?!

They turn into a temporarily safe spot.

DEVINY

Use the key.

LIDA

The key didn't stop her, remember? It only slowed her down.

KAIERRO

I can do my Karate-

LIDA

Kaierro! I swear!

WICKEDNESS

Come here little Illumines.

(chuckles)

I have a message from your Star Queen.

PICO

Told you.

KAIERRO

Yeah, yeah.

DEVINY

We have to do something.

LIDA

Wait. Maybe *she* can't hurt us
either.

KAIERRO

I'll ignore the balls of fire if
you will.

LIDA

Quiet. Jarnim said that the Light
Spirit would be with us. But we
did what we came here to do...
(squeezes the key)
Light Spirit, please take us home.

Their bodies begin to VIBRATE-

Further in the cave, Wickedness halts- SNIFFS. She turns.

DEVINY

What's happening?

THE FOUR FRIENDS look up as Wickedness rushes upon them!

WICKEDNESS

The line of Haun ends now!

KAIERRO

Um, Light Spirit?

Wickedness swipes- They're gone!

EXT. SACRED CAVERN -- AFTERNOON, CONTINUOUS

THE FOUR FRIENDS are motionless just within the gate.

DEVINY

Are we dead? Good Spirits, tell me
we're not dead. Or at least *me*.

LIDA

We're back.

KAIERRO

I thought we were toast. You
should've let me do my Karate.

Lida stares at him. Smiles. They all stand.

PICO

We need to find Jarnim- The real
Jarnim and give him the key.

LIDA

Right. Let's- Jarnim!

THE FOUR FRIENDS rush over to Jarnim and embrace him with a smile. He squeezes them warmly.

JARNIM

Hello, dear ones.

KAIERRO

We did it, Jarnim. Lida, show him the key.

Lida proudly holds up key.

JARNIM

You have done well, dear ones. But evil forces are still at work and we have much to discuss-

MALE VOICE (O.C.)

Step away from him.

They all look over- A second, identical Jarnim: JARNIM #2! He unsheathes a sword.

The Jarnim beside them -- JARNIM #1 -- puts a protective hand in front of them, ushering them behind him.

JARNIM #1

It's too late. We have the key.

JARNIM #2

You care nothing for the key.
Children, come to me.

JARNIM #1

Don't move, dear ones.
(unsheathes sword)
Reveal your true form.

JARNIM #2

(approaching)
Children, get away from him.

JARNIM #1

This is just another trick. I sense the Dark Spirits at work within him. Lida, give me the box.

JARNIM #2

No! Put it away- Protect it!

JARNIM #1

He knows we're close to victory,
Lida. Give it to me.

JARNIM #2

Pico, take them and find Kalimat.
Tell him you have the key.

DEVINY

Kalimat?

JARNIM #1

No Lida! Kalimat has betrayed us.
He's gone over to the Sid Fairies.
You must give me the box.

Jarnim #2 chuckles. Jarnim #1 senses. He turns to find
THE FOUR FRIENDS backing away from him.

KAIERRO

Kalimat was Jarnim's father.

LIDA

And he died two hundred years ago.

JARNIM #1

...well. Let's just get this over
then shall we?

The two Jarnims attack as the FOUR FRIENDS make for
Sacred Cavern!

DEVINY

We have to help him.

Lida spots Jarnim's staff nearby. She eyes the fight.

Fighting...

JARNIM #1

You're a fool, Jarnim! Do you
truly believe that *trinket- Your*
key to the stars will save you?!

JARNIM #2

Key to the-
(laughs, punches him)
You Sids never could understand a
metaphor. There is no key to the
stars.

JARNIM #1

Yes, there is- Of course there is!
Your kind worships it like a god.

JARNIM #2

We Illumines serve a higher being,
but that being certainly is not
trapped inside a key. Ridiculous!

Jarnim #1 ROARS! They fight while...

JARNIM #1

If the key has no significance
then why place a curse on it?
Every non Illumine who has ever
touched it has died!

JARNIM #2

The key has great significance,
but only the chosen may behold it
and live. Your followers were
undone by their own blasphemy.

He knocks Jarnim #1 to the ground. He goes to stand-

Lida knocks Jarnim #2 in the face with Jarnim's staff.
She tosses it to Jarnim who eyes her intently.

JARNIM #2

Get to the cavern. The power of
the staff and sword won't hold her
for long.

JARNIM #1

No, Lida- No! Don't trust him. I
am the true Jarnim.

DEVINY

Nice try, stupid. We already know
you're the fake.

JARNIM #2

Get to the cavern. Our enemies are
coming.

KAIERRO

Enemies?

Jarnim #1 chuckles. Wickedness bursts out of him and
ascends into the sky.

WICKEDNESS

Today is the beginning of the end
Jarnim.

JARNIM

Yes. But I've a feeling I've known
that a lot longer than you.

Wickedness' grin fades. She makes a HORRID SCREECHING NOISE and flies away!

LIDA
Beginning of the end?

JARNIM
To Sacred Cavern. We've not a moment to lose.

INT. SACRED CAVERN -- CONTINUOUS

Jarnim and THE FOUR FRIENDS make their way as Illumines of all sorts are arming themselves.

KAIERRO
Are we suppose to fight too?

JARNIM
Yes.

Lida, Deviny and Kaierro exchange looks. Pico grins.

PICO
Don't worry, Kaierro. You can do your Karate.

Kaierro shoots Pico a dirty look.

INT. SACRED CAVERN, THE HOLY ROOM -- CONTINUOUS

Jarnim and THE FOUR FRIENDS enter.

DEVINY
This place is incredible.

KAIERRO
It's really something. It's beautiful. It's stunning. It's... What is this place?

LIDA
It's the Holy Room.

DEVINY
You mean where-

JARNIM
(eyes shut)
The Light Spirit speaks.

Silence... Kaierro can't help himself and whispers in Jarnim's ear.

DEVINY
What's He saying?

JARNIM
(opens eyes, sighs)
He has already said it.

LIDA
What does He want us to do?

Jarnim approaches the altar.

JARNIM
Come, Kaierro.

Kaierro obeys. Jarnim places the scepter in his hands.

KAIERRO
What am I suppose to do with this?

JARNIM
You will unlock the scrolls.

KAIERRO
Oh, ok. Great... What?

JARNIM
Quickly now. Deviny, Pico. You go as well.

DEVINY
To do what?

JARNIM
You will know soon enough, my very dear ones. Now go. Quickly.

Kaierro looks at the scepter. Goes with Deviny and Pico. Jarnim takes the urn from the other Cherubim.

JARNIM
Do you know what this is?

LIDA
It's the holy oil used to appoint the leader of Sacred Cavern.

JARNIM
That is correct.

LIDA

But Jarnim, you're the-

Jarnim removes the lid from the urn and pours the oil over Lida's head which absorbs into her while...

JARNIM

There are different phases of leadership, Lida. The anointing. The service. And the passing of service. Show me the key... Now, the box I gave you.

Lida removes the box- The key sparkles and a GLIMMERING KEYHOLE appears on the small red box.

LIDA

Where did that come from?

JARNIM

This box was among the scrolls that your father retrieved. But had you disobeyed and opened it before being instructed to do so, the precious treasures within would have been lost. But with the key, you can now open the box and finish what your father started.

Lida takes a deep breath and inserts the key into the 'keyhole'-- a GENTLE FORCE rushes over her.

LIDA

What the-

Lida looks back -- her wings have grown significantly.

JARNIM

You are ready, Lida.

LIDA

I- I don't think so. I actually think I'm going to throw up or pass out or-

JARNIM

You have released the blessings and strength of the Light Spirit. And now...

Jarnim looks at his staff. Extends it to Lida.

EXT. SACRED CAVERN -- CONTINUOUS

Sytrine arrogantly approaches the front door of Sacred Cavern, cutting down Illumines who rush to stop her.

INT. SACRED CAVERN, THE HOLY ROOM -- CONTINUOUS

LIDA

I can't take this. This is your staff. I can't take your staff.

Banging at the door! Lida looks over startled then back to Jarnim who is no longer there.

LIDA

Jarnim, I can't do this- *Jarnim?*
Jarnim?!

The doors burst open!

SYTRINE

Well, aren't you a pretty thing.

INT. SACRED CAVERN, HALLWAYS -- CONTINUOUS

Kaierro, Deviny and Pico halt their running.

PICO

Something's not right.

KAIERRO

I feel it too. It's evil.

DEVINY

But this is *Sacred Cavern*.

PICO

It won't be for long if we don't do whatever it is Jarnim wants us to do.

KAIERRO

I don't know what Jarnim wants me to do!

Kaierro sets the scepter aside and finds a seat.

DEVINY

Neither do we, but we can't stop now. I mean, we made it out of Dark Forest for Pete's sake. We can't quit now, Kaierro.

PICO

She's right. Jarnim could've chosen any Illumine he wanted, but he chose you.

KAIERRO

No, he chose Lida. I just tagged along. But then, he started giving me responsibilities- That I suck at. Did you forget I lost the map?

PICO

You didn't lose the map. It fell out of your pocket.

KAIERRO

Whatever. The point is, now I have this scepter that I don't know what to do with and you two don't have *anything*, but are suppose to do *something*. I don't get it. What does Jarnim want from me? From us?

DEVINY

(sees something)

I don't know. But maybe we should start with that.

The emerald on the scepter's tip is GLOWING. Kaierro stands and picks it up. The glowing stops.

KAIERRO

What the- It stopped.

Deviny steps forward. Examines the emerald. She smirks.
Why are you smiling? No smiles.

DEVINY

I'm smiling because I figured out what Jarnim wants me to do.

Deviny puts her finger on the emerald, turning the scepter in a different direction -- it glows again.

KAIERRO

How'd you do that?

DEVINY

I didn't do anything. I just know a map when I see one.

Kaierro looks closely at the emerald -- BLUEPRINTS!

KAIERRO
 Dev, you're a genius!
 (kisses her)
 Um...

Kaierro rushes off! Deviny smiles at wide-eyed Pico.

DEVINY
 Nailed it.

INT. SACRED CAVERN, THE HOLY ROOM -- CONTINUOUS

Still in the doorway, Sytrine smiles as Lida stares at Jarnim's staff, trying to get it together.

SYTRINE
 Don't keep me waiting little
 Fairy. There are others to kill
 too.

LIDA
 I'm not- I'm not afraid of you. I
 don't know why I'm not afraid of
 you. I mean look at you.
 (SYTRINE frowns)
 You're Sytrine. Jarnim spoke of
 you in his teachings.

SYTRINE
 (stalks forward)
 I'm flattered.

LIDA
 They weren't good things.

SYTRINE
 Again, flattered.

Sytrine runs a single finger along Lida's wings.
 I'll admit one thing. Jarnim
 surely knows how to pass the buck.
 Your wings are altogether adorable
 and impressive. What a shame I'll
 have to tear them apart.

LIDA
 (steps back)
 Stay away from me. Jarnim?

SYTRINE
 (laughs)
 Stupid girl. Your leader has
 abandoned you and run off.

LIDA

No. He wouldn't.

SYTRINE

Oh. Then where is he? *Jarnim*?

LIDA

Jarnim, I need you.

SYTRINE

Enough.

Sytrine backhands Lida then takes her by the hair, flying toward the ceiling. Lida kicks and squirms.

SYTRINE

Haven't quite got the hang of your new friends no? Let me help.

Sytrine releases Lida who cannot control her new wings, falling hard to the floor! Sytrine smirks and flies to a window- *Breaks it!* She releases a HIGH PITCH CALL!

EXT. SID FAIRYLAND -- CONTINUOUS

Sid Fairies and other Monstrous Creatures hear Sytrine's call. With a THUNDEROUS BUZZ, their wings lift them off the ground as they fly towards-

INT. SACRED CAVERN, THE HOLY ROOM -- CONTINUOUS

Sytrine descends laughing as Lida stands weakly.

LIDA

Jarnim, help me.

SYTRINE

You really don't know, do you? You have his staff now. And the only reason a leader would ever part with their symbol of power *is...* Come on little Fairy.

LIDA

No. No- You're lying!

SYTRINE

I wish I were. I'd love to look that old buffoon in the eyes one last time before I burn everything he stands for.

LIDA

No!

Lida attacks with the staff! *No challenge for Sytrine.*

SYTRINE

Stop. You're tiring yourself.

BUZZING!

Lida halts and flies to the window -- The Sids.

As Lida's eyes grow angry, a glimmering dust starts to emanate from the staff, absorbing into Lida's skin.

LIDA

I won't let you win.

SYTRINE

Strong words from such a little-

Sytrine's smile fades as Lida turns- Lida is taller now.

Sytrine manifests a sword.

SYTRINE

Alright, little Fairy.

Lida flies down-

INT. SACRED CAVERN, HALLWAYS -- CONTINUOUS

Kaierro runs through, checking the 'blueprints' along the way. The glow gets stronger at a certain door -- on either side of it, a 20 ft. WHITE ANGEL.

INT. SACRED CAVERN, ROOM OF THE SCROLLS -- CONTINUOUS

Kaierro enters- The glow is at its strongest!

HUNDREDS OF CABINETS run the length and height of the room -- each with a keyhole the size and shape of the emerald on the tip of the scepter.

KAIERRO

Aw, come on!

INT. SACRED CAVERN, THE HOLY ROOM -- CONTINUOUS

Lida and Sytrine are battling with Lida's skills growing more and more threatening to Sytrine.

SYTRINE

Honestly little Fairy, what
exactly do you expect to come from
this-

Lida knocks Sytrine across the face with the staff,
busting her lip!

Stunned, Sytrine stumbles back and wipes the blood away.

LIDA

I expect to save my people, by
taking your head from your
shoulders

Sytrine releases another HIGH PITCH SCREAM! They attack!

EXT. SACRED CAVERN -- CONTINUOUS

Deviny and Pico rush out to meet the ILLUMINE ARMY.

DEVINY

I don't think I'll be much help
out here. Reading maps and
breaking necks, well, they're not
exactly peanut butter and jelly.

PICO

Maybe not, but Jarnim said that
when the time came we would know
what we were meant to do.

BUZZING! The Sid Army approaches!

Deviny and Pico stare.

DEVINY

I'm pretty sure I already did my
part.

MALE ILLUMINE FAIRY

They're here! Anyone who can fight
must! We will not be defeated!

DEVINY

Let's get out of here, Pico.

The Male Illumine Fairy turns, ushering other Illumines
forward. Pico stares quizzically, approaches.

DEVINY

Pico, you're going the wrong way.

PICO

Sir?

The Male Illumine Fairy turns. Pico examines him.
I can't help but notice that you
don't have wings.

MALE ILLUMINE FAIRY

I lost them in battle many years
ago. You. Girl. Are you a warrior?

Deviny quickly shakes her head no and backs away.
I thought not. Get to safety.

DEVINY

Yes sir. Come on, Pico.

PICO

Sir, if I may. I have wings.

MALE ILLUMINE FAIRY

What is your name?

PICO

Pico, Sir.

MALE ILLUMINE FAIRY

I am General Kosherd. I accept
your service.

INT. SACRED CAVERN, ROOM OF THE SCROLLS -- CONTINUOUS

Kaierro is near the ceiling, checking a cabinet -- dozens
have already been opened. Frustrated, he sighs.

KAIERRO

Light Spirit, help me.

SOFT 'MOUSE-LIKE' VOICES

Here, Kaierro. Hurry!

KAIERRO

Excuse me?

SOFT 'MOUSE-LIKE' VOICES

Hurry, Kaierro or you won't find
us in time.

KAIERRO

Where are you? *Who* are you?

The Soft 'Mouse-Like Voices' continue to ENCOURAGE him
while...

Kaierro flies about the room trying to locate the cabinet containing their voices. His eyes shift to a particular cabinet. He flies to it.

SOFT 'MOUSE-LIKE' VOICE
(a little grumpy)
Hurry up, while we're still young.

Kaierro inserts the emerald into the keyhole. It UNLOCKS. He opens the cabinet to half a dozen LITTLE SCROLLS with bow ties. They look to him.

SCROLL #1
Well, it's about time.

INT. SACRED CAVERN, THE HOLY ROOM -- CONTINUOUS

Lida and Sytrine are still fiercely going at it.

SYTRINE
You're no warrior, little Fairy.

LIDA
Then, why am I keeping you so occupied?

Lida knocks her with the staff! And we are...

EXT. SACRED CAVERN -- CONTINUOUS

Kosherd is atop Pico in the sky.

KOSHERD
Have you ever seen battle?

PICO
I have six brothers, nine sisters,
four dogs, three cats and two
Betta fish. I have seen *many*
battles.

KOSHERD
Good.

DOWNWARD into the battle!

SID WARRIOR #1
Kill them! Kill them all! Pluck
their wings from their backs!

INT. SACRED CAVERN, ROOM OF THE SCROLLS -- CONTINUOUS

KAIERRO

I'm sorry, what?

SCROLL #2

(the grumpy one)

Are we sure he's the right one?

SCROLL #1

Of course he is. Look at him.

KAIERRO

What am I suppose to do again?

SCROLL #3

(nerdy)

Excuse me. Sorry. Hi there. Your father rescued us and now the time has come for us- Well, at least *me* to serve my purpose.

KAIERRO

K.

SCROLL #3

Right. Pick me up... Now roll me out and read what's inside.

KAIERRO

Um.

SCROLL #2

Hurry up kid!

KAIERRO

I'm sorry, but you're a *talking* scroll. Can't you just read yourself?

The Scrolls stare at Kaierro.

SCROLL #4

Yeah, maybe he's not the one.

SCROLL #1

Oh yes he is. Go on, kid.

KAIERRO

This is going to save us?

SCROLL #2

Not if you don't use that trap of yours to do what you came here to do.

SCROLL #1

Hey, that's the son of Haun you're talking to.

Scroll #2 grumbles to the side.

SCROLL #1

Go on, kid.

KAIERRO

(deep breath)

For times of war...

As Kaierro reads, the scroll hardens into steel and...

INT. SACRED CAVERN, THE HOLY ROOM -- CONTINUOUS

Lida is fighting Sytrine when the Key To The Stars begins to vibrate then turn to steel...

KAIERRO (V.O.)

During times of affliction. When enemies approach. The ways of old will rise.

EXT. ILLUMINE FAIRYLAND, SKY -- CONTINUOUS

Higher and higher into the sky, nearing the stars.

One particular star- Its EYES OPEN!

More stars, more eyes opening.

GHOSTLIKE, ANGELIC BEINGS start to STEP OUT of the stars, slowly diving for Earth below.

INT. SACRED CAVERN, ROOM OF THE SCROLLS -- CONTINUOUS

KAIERRO

Protection and courage. Strength and endurance. This is what we ask during times of war... Hmm. Kind of short and sweet isn't it?

A subtle sound of grinding rocks.

Scroll #3's eyes widen as it transforms back into parchment.

SCROLL #3
You can put me down now.

The Scrolls retreat further into the cabinet. Scroll #3 hops down and jumps into the cabinet.

SCROLL #3
Uh, yeah. Be safe.

The cabinet drawer slams shut leaving Kaierro baffled.

KAIERRO
Thank you. If I wasn't already
confused enough, your rushing away
certainly did the trick.

Over his shoulder, approaching behind him, we make out only the abdomen of a tall WHITE FIGURE.

KAIERRO
Talking scrolls.

Kaierro turns- Halts.

He slowly lifts his head to see one of the 20 FT. MARBLE ANGELS from the door.

ANGEL #1
Son of Haun?

KAIERRO
Uh, yeah? Whoa!

Angel #1 takes Kaierro by the arm and flies to the ceiling! Angel #2 follows suit.

KAIERRO
We're going to fly into the-

Kaierro shields his face-

A HOLE OPENS in the ceiling.

EXT. SACRED CAVERN -- CONTINUOUS

Kaierro opens his eyes as the hole is closing. Angel #1 releases him- Kaierro's wings catch him.

Angels #1 and #2 look down over the battle.

ANGEL #1
Save some for the others.

ANGEL #2
(smirks)
Yes sir.

Angels #1 and #2 fly with such speed, only the EFFECTS of it are seen as they leave dozens of Sid Fairy skeletons in their wake.

SID WARRIOR #2
The Guardians of the Illumines!
They're here! They're-

Angels #1 and #2 rush through them!

KAIERRO
(amazed)
We might win this.

Immediately, the scepter transforms into an ARMORED BRACELET which cuffs around Kaierro's wrist.

KAIERRO (CONT'D)
We *will* win this.

He spots Deviny further down fleeing a Monstrous Sid.

MONSTROUS SID
I'm gonna tear those pretty little wings off and use 'em to pick between my toes. Then I'm going to munch on those tiny little arms.

Deviny halts. Angry, she turns and balls her fist.

Monstrous Sid's pupils shrink-

Deviny punches him in the face, knocking out both him and his teeth!

Kaierro lands. He and Deviny lock eyes.

DEVINY
Jarnim wouldn't run.

KAIERRO
(looks at 'bracelet')
Or doubt himself.

DEVINY
And where *is* Jarnim? Where's Lida?

INT. SACRED CAVERN, THE HOLY ROOM -- CONTINUOUS

Lida knocks Sytrine across the room into a kneeling Cherubim. Lida starts to approach, but halts when-

The ghost-like Angelic Beings descend through the ceiling, entering the Cherubim and Angels. Lida watches as Sytrine stands.

SYTRINE

Lost your resolve already? That
was easier than I thought.

The Cherubim beside Sytrine- Its eyes pop open!

Sytrine steps away, looking about -- all of the Cherubim and Angels are standing up.

CHERUBIM #1 cracks his knuckles.

Lida's smirks.

SYTRINE

Well, then...

Sytrine takes off through the broken window!

CHERUBIM #1

After her!

EXT. SACRED CAVERN -- CONTINUOUS

Sytrine exits the broken window and is shocked by the dozens more Cherubim and Angels already fighting against the Sid Army!

The merged Dark Spirits appear behind her!

DARK SPIRITS

You promised us a victory. You
failed.

CHERUBIM #1

There she is!

Sytrine lifts her sword, spotting Lida a ways back.

SYTRINE

You shall have your victory.

Sytrine flies toward Lida. Their duel continues.

Cherubim #1 goes to assist Lida when-

CHERUBIM #2

No. This is her fight.

CHERUBIM #3

Brothers! The fight is down here!

Cherubim #1 glances at Lida, then downward into battle!

PICO

Behind you sir!

As Kosherd turns to cut down the Sid, Pico spots Kaierro doing impressive Karate on a Sid. Kaierro finishes it off with a blast from his weaponized bracelet. He locks eyes with Pico and smiles.

KAIERRO

Told ya.

The Cherubim and Angels easily finish off the rest of the Sid Army. They then all gather to watch-

Lida and Sytrine still at war in the sky!

SYTRINE

You can't defeat me, little Fairy.
I've dedicated my life to the dark arts.

A BLACK FIRE BALL flies from Sytrine's hand!

Lida 'catches' it with her staff and sends it back!

LIDA

So that's what's wrong with your face.

The two battle for some time until Sytrine lands a hit that sends Lida flying several yards back. Sytrine smiles until she notices-

The entire Sid Army is face down, surrounded by the Cherubim. The Angels stand in formation, staring at Sytrine along with the rest of the Illumines.

Sytrine fearfully turns as Wickedness appears beside the merged Dark Spirits.

WICKEDNESS

You've failed.

Sytrine turns back-

Lida knocks her across the face with her staff!

As Sytrine falls, Cherubim #1 raises a balled fist-
 Sytrine falls upon it, breaking her back!
 Cherubim #2 shoots him a look.

CHERUBIM #1
 (smiling)
 What?

Lida descends to the ground. Cherubim #1 lets Sytrine drop as Kaierro, Deviny and Pico approach.

KAIERRO
 Lida, you did it.

LIDA
 Not yet.

Lida takes up a sword and approaches Sytrine who laughs, immobile on the ground.

SYTRINE
 Little Fairy. You don't have what it takes. Same as Jarnim.

Lida looks at the sword.

LIDA
 You talk of Jarnim as if he failed to defeat you.

SYTRINE
 He did. Because he was weak.

LIDA
 You're wrong. Jarnim didn't fail to defeat you because it wasn't his destiny to defeat you... It's mine.

Lida raises the sword-

Illumines step back as Sytrine's severed head rolls by.

ANGEL #1
 Hail Lida! Leader of Sacred Cavern.

LIDA
 What?

The Illumines kneel before her. Unsure, Kaierro, Deviny and Pico kneel as well.

EXT. SACRED CAVERN, GARDEN -- EVENING

Redressed and clean...

Lida, with her staff, and Kaierro, Deviny and Pico move through the garden. They stop at a wooden statue of Jarnim. A few Cherubim and Angels approach..

KAIERRO

He's really gone.

ANGEL #1

He is with the Light Spirit now.

(eyes Lida)

But you have all you need now.

LIDA

Will we ever see you again?

CHERUBIM #1

We Guardians are only awaken for times of war.

(smirks)

So yes.

The Cherubim and Angels enter Sacred Cavern.

KAIERRO

So you're the new leader of Sacred Cavern, Protector of the Illumines?

LIDA

I hope I can make Jarnim proud?

KAIERRO

You will. You have.

Lida smiles.

DEVINY

So what now fearless leader?

LIDA

Well- Oh! Yoli.

Yoli flies over and lands on Lida's shoulder -- she is no taller than an ink pen.

DEVINY

A Pin Fairy!

LIDA
 Aren't they adorable-
 (YOLI taps her foot)
 I mean fearsome?
 (whispers)
 So cute.

YOLI
 I heard that.

LIDA
 Sorry, Yoli. Deviny, Yoli is one
 of the Subkeepers of Sacred
 Cavern. She's going to teach us
 everything there is to know about
 Cavern life. Right, Yoli?

YOLI
 That's right. When I first came to
 this land Jarnim took me in and
 taught me all I know. I'll be
 proud to do the same for you. Come
 come.

Deviny follows after Yoli. Lida turns and walks back to
 the wooden statue of Jarnim. She looks at her staff.

LIDA
 I won't let you down, Jarnim.

YOLI (O.C.)
 He knows.

LIDA
 He does?

The others continue to Sacred Cavern as Yoli flies back
 and lands on Lida's shoulder.

YOLI
 Of course he does. Jarnim could
 have chosen a new leader years
 ago, but he waited, for you.

LIDA
 The fighting. Is it over?

INT. BLACK CAVERN -- CONTINUOUS

A FIGURE dons the hood of the grey robe as it approaches
 the cauldron. It stops and begins to MURMUR.

YOLI (V.O.)
 As long as there is good Lida,
 there will be evil.

DANCING SMOKE slowly rises from the Cauldron: Wickedness.

FIGURE
 (familiar male voice)
 Wickedness, Mistress of all evil,
 appoint me as your right hand and
 I assure you, before the next moon
 you shall dine on Illumine flesh.

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LIDA
 And if the Sids rise again?

YOLI
 You will do as Jarnim and the
 leaders before him did. You will
 wake early. You will arouse the
 dawn. And fight...

WICKEDNESS
 The fate of the Illumines is of no
 consequence to *me*. Bring me the
 children of Haun.

The Figure removes the hood -- Hukdof. He grins
 hideously.

HUKDOF
 Wings or without?

BLACK.