LOVE OR HATE

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CHARACTERS

PAUL: an elf who is going through a tough time

AMELIA: a young princess who meets Paul

KING HENRY: Amelia's father and the king

KRISTY: Paul's friend and a fairy

ISABELLA: Paul's mother and the elf princess

FRANK: Paul's father and blacksmith

KING ARTEMIS: King Henry's father and evil tyrant

Setting:

Fairytale Kingdom, The castle, the Castle Gates, the forest, the royal room.

Synopsis:

Racism in America has not changed even though in the past there have been changes to include people of color but today people of color still face being targeted for hate and always being put into fear. The past now step into a fairytale story about a young Elf who is afraid of going out but meets a princess who is curious about the mystery of his people but reveals a dark history about the kingdom and the past is never forgotten.

Scene 1

(Once upon a time in an ordinary kingdom where there is darkness that is cast upon the land where a young elf lives in a cottage and dreams of his past.)

(PAUL, FRANK, and ISABELLA enters.)

FRANK

Hurry Isabella, they will find us.

ISABELLA

here we will hide him here.

PAUL

Mommy, what is happening I am scared right now.

ISABELLA

Paul, there is nothing to be afraid of, but your father and I are going to hide you here.

(FRANK pulls out a powerful magical sword and puts it into the ground.)

ISABELLA:

Frank, what is that?

FRANK:

It's a sword, an immensely powerful sword that I made using magic and I hope one day someone will use it but now is not the time.

PAUL:

Mommy, I don't want you and dad to go.

FRANK:

it will be ok Paul but right now I need to speak with your mother for a little bit.

(FRANK and ISABELLA go outside the cave.)

FRANK:

It's time for him to know.

ISABELLA:

but Frank, we can't leave him.

FRANK:

We don't have a choice if the guards find him, he could end up just like us and the others.

ISABELLA:

Then we should take him up north, he will be safe with my parents.

FRANK:

Isabella it's too far up north the guards would catch us by now. Isabella, it's time for us to say goodbye to Paul.

ISABELLA:

Alright let's tell him together.

(FRANK and ISABELLA head back into the cave but FRANK keeps an eye out for the guards.)

ISABELLA:

Paul, sweetie, your father and I need to tell you something.

FRANK:

Your mother and I won't be coming back for you.

PAUL:

No, I don't want you guys to leave me here, I want us to be a family.

ISABELLA:

Son, we need you to stay here where it's safe.

PAUL:

But I don't want you and dad to go, what if I never see you guys again.

(Guards yelling)

FRANK

Isabella hurry up and the guards are coming.

ISABELLA:

Take this son, it will always remind you of us because we love you and you will always be my little prince. (Gives Paul the crown.)

FRANK

Isabella, it's time to go.

ISABELLA

We should hug our son before we go Frank.

(ISABELLA and FRANK hugged their son one last time. ISABELLA begins to tear up.)

FRANK

Goodbye Paul, remember we love you and we will always be in your heart.

(FRANK and ISABELLA run off into the forest but the guards captured them and were never heard from again, but PAUL comes out of the cave and searches for his parents, but they are nowhere to be found. A few days later one of KING ARTEMIS'S guards finds the sword and takes it back to the king.)

(A few years later PAUL'S dream turns into a nightmare.)

PAUL

MOM DAD NO. oh, it was all a dream again will I ever get over these nightmares. (Pulls out the crown)

PAUL

I miss you guys every day. I know you're in my heart, but I miss you. We could have been together but you're not.

(Door knocks)

PAUL

I wonder who that could be?

(PAUL opens the door KRISTY enters.)

KRISTY

Good morning, Paul.

PAUL:

Oh, hi Kristy what brings you here?

KRISTY

I came to check on you.

PAUL

Well, you came at a bad time because I had that nightmare again.

KRISTY

Again, this is the third time you have had these nightmares but it's a good thing I'm here because I recently got an invitation to the royal ball.

PAUL

didn't we just have a ball like a week ago. Why are we having another one?

KRISTY

Apparently, this ball is a special one, it's for the princess because of her birthday.

PAUL

I am sure she is going to be happy about this ball.

KRISTY

I think so too. Now I think it is time for you to get out of this cottage and start being around people.

PAUL

Kristy, I am an elf. What if everyone does not want to be around me? Besides, I could end up dead like my mom and dad.

KRISTY

Paul, you have been stuck in this cottage for many years, it is time for you to go out and see the world. I know you are still haunted by your past, but you need to let it go, times have changed. Who knows, maybe you will meet someone at the ball and that person could be the princess.

PAUL:

I guess you are right, Kristy, all right I'll go with you to the ball.

KRISTY:

oh, thank you Paul you are the best friend I could ever ask for.

PAUL:

But Kristy, I don't think people would want to see me as an elf.

KRISTY:

then take this. (Hands over a cloak.)

KRISTY:

Wear this tonight and no one will know what you look like.

PAUL:

ok I know I am going to regret this.

(PAUL and KRISTY exits.)

End of SCENE 1

SCENE2

(Meanwhile at the castle before the big party.)

(AMELIA enters.)

AMELIA

Well, this is wonderful, today is my birthday and now I am having a party. My father, the wonderful king, decided to throw a party for me on my birthday without talking to me. What kind of a father goes ahead and plans a party without talking to me about it first.

(KING HENRY enters.)

KING HENRY

Hello my sweet Amelia, happy birthday.

AMELIA

Thank you, father, and may I remind you that there is a door. Try knocking next time.

KING HENRY

I'm sorry I'll try next time. But Amelia is everything alright. You don't look happy today.

AMELIA

I'm not very happy with you, father. You decided to throw a party for me without talking to me.

KING HENRY

But sweetheart I wanted the entire kingdom to come and celebrate your birthday. I wanted to surprise you.

AMELIA

Father, I did not want another party for my birthday. We just had another party a month ago. You know I wish mother was still alive. At least she would respect my wishes unlike you.

KING HENRY

Young lady, don't you take that tone with me. I know you miss your mother and I miss her too, but you don't have to be very rude to me. I have worked very hard to put this party together and now I am asking you to come down and celebrate.

AMELIA

YOU KNOW WHAT FATHER GET OUT OF MY ROOM AND STAY OUT OF MY LIFE.

KING HENRY

Young lady, don't you dare raise your voice at me. I am your father, and you live in my castle and follow my rules. If you don't want to come to the party, then you can stay in your room for good.

(KING HENRY Exits and slams the doors.)

AMELIA

Fine father, if that is the way you want to treat me then fine. Have fun at your stupid party that I didn't want for my birthday. I have the perfect idea: I will run away from this castle and teach my father a lesson. Let's see how he handles the party if his daughter is not home.

(AMELIA grabs a cloak and exits.)

End of SCENE 2

SCENE 3

(The Ball has begun, and love is in the air for now)

(PAUL and KRISTY enters)

KRISTY

Well, here we are. Ready to go inside?

PAUL

I don't know about this Kristy. What if something bad happens.

KRISTY

Relax, nothing is going to happen to you while I am around and just enjoy the night for once.

PAUL

I will try.

(PAUL begins to panic.)

PAUL

Look, Kristy, I can't do this. I know you want me to go with you to the party, but I just can't go inside the castle.

KRISTY

But Paul, you promised me you would go.

PAUL

I know, and I am sorry, but you will just have to go on without me.

KRISY

Ok Paul if that is what you want then I will go on. But I wanted you to get out of that cottage and come have some fun tonight. I know you are still in fear about what happened in the past but it's over and now it's time for you to move on Paul.

PAUL

I know that Kristy, but it is never going away for me, so I am just going to head home and enjoy the ball, Kristy.

(KRISTY exits AMELIA enters.)

AMELIA

Excuse me, are you going to the Party?

(PAUL starts to panic and runs away.)

AMELIA

Wait, don't run, come back.

PAUL

Stay away from me, I don't want to die here.

AMELIA

It's ok I am not going to hurt you.

PAUL

I’m sorry it’s just that I haven’t seen another person for a long time.

AMELIA

What’s your name anyway?

PAUL

I’m Paul.

(The wind blows AMELIA’S cloak hood off)

PAUL

Oh, your majesty.

(PAUL bows to AMELIA)

AMELIA

I knew the hood wouldn’t work. You don’t have to bow to me.

(PAUL gets up)

PAUL

But you’re the princess I have to bow to you.

AMELIA

Look, just call me Amelia.

PAUL

Alright it is nice to meet you, Amelia.

(PAUL and AMELIA start walking together.)

PAUL

So why aren’t you at the party isn’t today, your birthday?

AMELIA

Yes, it is my birthday, but my father didn’t ask me if I wanted to have a party. My father never respects my wishes, and he always treats me like I am a child.

PAUL

So, what did you do?

AMELIA

I ran away from home to teach him a lesson. But what about you, how come you are not at the party.

PAUL

I was supposed to go with my friend, but I decided not to go.

AMELIA

How come?

PAUL

Well, I haven't been outside my home for many years. I also haven't been around people for so long and it's because I have this fear of people seeing what I look like.

AMELIA

Well maybe I can see what you look like.

PAUL

I don't think you want to see me behind this cloak.

AMELIA

You don't need to be scared about what people are going to think about what you look like. Plus, I am royalty and you do have to do what I say.

PAUL

Alright I will try.

(PAUL tried to take off his cloak but he couldn't do it.)

PAUL

Look Amelia, I can't show you what I look like. I know your royalty, but I just can't do it.

AMELIA

It's ok I know you are scared right now but look around there isn't a single person besides me here right now. You can do it Paul, don't be scared.

PAUL

Ok, I'll try again.

(PAUL takes off his cloak for real.)

PAUL

Ok this is what I look like.

(AMELIA is shocked and surprised.)

PAUL

I know that you are now frightened of me. I should have never taken off my cloak.

AMELIA

No Paul, I'm not frightened because of what you look like, I am surprised. I cannot believe this you are an actual elf. So, my mother's stories were true.

PAUL

What do you mean by stories?

AMELIA

When I was a little girl, my mother used to tell me stories about how the kingdom was once filled with elves. But then one day they were all gone, and no one knew what happened to them. Since you are an elf, maybe you would know what happened to the others.

PAUL

I don't think you would want to know because it is a painful story for me.

AMELIA

Did something happen to the other elves?

PAUL

Yes, something did happen, but I really can't tell you.

AMELIA

I really want to know please. I really want to know what happened to the elves.

PAUL

Ok I'll tell you the story.

(PAUL and AMELIA sit down.)

PAUL

You are right there once elves that lived here even before the kingdom was founded. The elves were happy until settlers and even a king came to the land. The king was a very nice king to my people, so he wrote a decree and showed it to the elves. The elves agreed to the decree from the king and then settlers and the elves lived in harmony. But then the king died, and this king was not very kind to my people.

AMELIA

I am starting to think this story is not going to have a happy ending.

PAUL

It gets worse because the new king forced my people out of their homes and even took their lands.

(PAUL starts to remember a memory and starts to cry)

PAUL

Amelia, I can't go on because it is too painful for me.

AMELIA

It's ok I'm here with you.

(AMELIA holds PAUL'S hand.)

AMELIA

Don't be scared, I know this is hard for you, but I am here.

PAUL

Ok I'll go on. So, after the decree was passed my people began to rebel against the decree which made the king very mad. The king sent his guards to find every elf and execute every single elf.

(AMELIA is shocked and horrified.)

PAUL

My parents were among the elves that were killed. And that's the story.

AMELIA

I am so sorry about what happened to your people. But wait a minute my grandfather was king before my dad became king.

(AMELIA becomes shocked again.)

AMELIA

OH MY GOD my grandfather is the evil king. I cannot believe that my family murdered your family. Do you have a grudge against me?

PAUL

No, I don't have a grudge against you.

AMELIA

My father never told me about my grandfather but now I know that he was a monster. And this decree separating people is not right. But what really makes me so mad is killing innocent people because they were rebelling against this awful law.

PAUL

Trust me, I have been through this.

AMELIA

I feel so sorry for everything you went through.

PAUL

That's very kind of you Amelia.

AMELIA

We need to fix this.

PAUL

How my people and my family are gone.

AMELIA

I know that but my father, who is the current king, maybe he can make this right for you.

PAUL

That's very kind of you but I don't think your father would want to do that for me.

AMELIA

Paul, your family and people are gone, and they deserve justice for what my grandfather did to them.

PAUL

I guess we could try that.

(AMELIA hold both or PAUL'S hands)

AMELIA

After everything you have been through you deserve to be part of this kingdom because this is your home

PAUL

Amelia no one has ever said that to me.

AMELIA

And I want to be honest with you Paul, I am starting to fall in love with you.

PAUL

I'm starting to fall in love with you as well Amelia.

(PAUL and AMELIA share a kiss.)

AMELIA

I have never kissed an elf before.

PAUL

Well now you have.

AMELIA

Come on, I think we should head to the castle. And I guess I should apologize to my father since he is probably worried about me.

PAUL

Lead the way, Amelia.

(PAUL and AMELIA exits.)

End of SCENE 3

SCENE 4

(The party is over but now it's time for the past to be revealed)

(KING HENRY enters.)

KING HENRY

I have searched all over the castle and Amelia is nowhere to be found. Maybe I was too hard on her, but I wanted to celebrate her birthday. Maybe she was right. I am such a terrible father.

(AMELIA enters.)

AMELIA

Father.

KING HENRY

Amelia there you are. Where have you been? I was so worried about you.

AMELIA

Father, I want to say I'm sorry about what I said to you about not talking to me about the party for my birthday. I know you wanted to celebrate my birthday but instead I treated you like a jerk. Can you forgive me father?

KING HENRY

Of course, Amelia but I should be the one who should say sorry. You were right, I was a terrible father, I should have just asked you about the party and see if you wanted one and I didn't. So, from now on I am going to ask you about whether you want a party for your birthday. Can you forgive me Amelia.

AMELIA

(Crying) Of course, daddy.

(KING HENRY and AMELIA share a hug.)

(PAUL enters and sees a father hugging his daughter and starts to tear up.)

PAUL

I wish you were here mom.

KING HENRY

Amelia, who is this, maybe he is an intruder.

(PAUL starts to panic.)

AMELIA

No father, he is not an intruder.

(AMELIA grabs PAUL'S hands and walks over to KING HENRY.)

AMELIA

Father, I want you to meet Paul. He is an elf and the very last elf.

KING HENRY

An elf and I thought there weren't any elves left in the kingdom.

(KING HENRY looks at PAUL.)

KING HENRY

You say you're the last elf. Do you know what happened to the others?

PAUL

Yes, I do. My people were killed by your father.

KING HENRY

Killed that's not possible.

(KING HENRY is shocked and begins to remember memories)

KING HENRY

Oh god now I am starting to remember these memories.

AMELIA

Father, why didn't you tell me about grandfather?

KING HENRY

Amelia, what would you want me to say? That your grandfather was a good king, and he was the greatest ruler.

AMELIA

Father grandfather was a monster.

KING HENRY

I knew that already and yes; he was a monster.

AMELIA

You knew that he would do this and didn't stop him.

KING HENRY

I DID STOP HIM. I'm sorry that I yelled at you Amelia.

AMELIA

Father, what did you mean that you stopped him? Did you do something to grandfather?

KING HENRY

Yes, Amelia, but I think you two deserve to know what happened.

(KING HENRY, PAUL, and AMELIA sit down)

KING HENRY

I went into town to see what all the commotion was about. And then I saw the bodies of the dead elves. I was horrified at first and so were the villagers because most of us knew the elves as neighbors and friends. I became very upset and went straight to my father and accused him of treason for killing the elves and passing the decree, but he laughed at me, and it was in front of the entire court. My father called me weak, and it was the final straw. So, I drew my sword and charged at my father and struck him. He later died that day but the next day I became king, and my first official duty was to give the elves a proper burial.

PAUL

Thank you, your majesty, for killing the man who killed my people.

(KING HENRY sees a crown.)

KING HENRY

Paul, I noticed that crown in your hand. Who gave you the crown?

PAUL

My mother gave it to me because she always called me her little prince.

KING HENRY

Mind if I look at it?

PAUL

Of course, your majesty.

(PAUL gives KING HENRY the crown.)

KING HENRY

This crown I feel like I have seen before.

(KING HENRY remembers a friend.)

KING HENRY

OF COURSE. You, my dear Paul, must be Frank and Isabella's son.

PAUL

You knew my mom and dad, your majesty?

KING HENRY

Of course, I knew your parents, they were friends of mine. And now I have realized that you are royalty.

AMELIA

Father, how could Paul be royalty?

KING HENRY

Amelia his mother was a princess but not just any princess, an elf princess.

AMELIA

An elf princess?

KING HENRY

Yes, an elf princess. She wanted to visit other kingdoms and came here to this kingdom. I remember it like it was yesterday when I first met her, and we became good friends plus I even gave a tour of the kingdom. Our final stop on the tour was the blacksmith, which was Paul's father.

PAUL

My father was a blacksmith.

KING HENRY

Not just any blacksmith he was the royal blacksmith, and he created the finest weapons in the kingdom.

(PAUL begins to cry)

KING HENRY

Why are you crying Paul?

AMELIA

Father Paul's mom and dad were also killed with the rest of the elves.

(KING HENRY begins to feel sorrow for PAUL)

KING HENRY

So that's why they left. I remember seeing Frank and Isabella again before they left for the Elf Kingdom. I felt sorry for them leaving. Paul, there's something you should know. A few days after my coronation when I gave the elves a burial and your mom and dad were part of the burial, I went to the forest after the service, and I found something.

PAUL

What was it?

KING HENRY

I found a crown and it was your mother's crown. I still have the crown, would you like to have it?

PAUL

Yes, I would like to have my mother's crown.

(KING HENRY go gets the crown and gives it to PAUL)

(PAUL starts to cry after seeing his mother's crown and AMELIA and KING HENRY hugs PAUL to comfort him)

KING HENRY

Your mother and father will be missed but not forgotten.

AMELIA

Father, I think it's time to undo the damage that grandfather has done to Paul and his family along with his people.

KING HENRY

What do you mean by that, Amelia?

AMELIA

Father, since you are king, maybe you can get rid of grandfather's awful decree.

KING HENRY

You're right Amelia. I'll be right back.

(KING HENRY exits to find the decree)

PAUL

I guess you were right about your father getting rid of the decree.

AMELIA

Yeah, but as soon as that awful decree is gone then things will be normal. I'm sorry about what my family did to your family.

PAUL

Amelia, you don't need to apologize. I'm grateful that you and your father are undoing what your grandfather did for my family and my people. Do you remember when you confessed your love for me?

AMELIA

Yeah, I do.

PAUL

Well, I want to say this to you. I love you princess Amelia.

AMELIA

And I love you too, Prince Paul.

(PAUL and AMELIA share a kiss.)

PAUL

There is one question that I do want to ask you. (Gets down on one knee.)

PAUL

Princess Amelia at first, I was a shy elf that always feared for his life but then we met, and you made me feel safe to be who I am. And so, I want to ask you this. Princess Amelia, will you marry me? (Pulls out the ring.)

AMELIA

Oh Paul, yes, I will marry you.

(PAUL and AMELIA share a kiss while KING HENRY enters with the royal decree.)

PAUL

Your majesty can we have your blessings for our marriage.

KING HENRY

Don't bother asking me because I could never say no to true love. In other words, yes you have my blessing. I was able to find my father's decree and now it's time to get rid of this awful decree.

(KING HENRY rips the royal decree. But evil magic spreads across the kingdom)

AMELIA

Father, since I missed the party for my birthday. Do you think maybe we can have another party or maybe a wedding?

KING HENRY

Of course, Amelia, but what kind of party should it be?

AMELIA

How about a celebration but this celebration is for a new beginning for the kingdom.

KING HENRY

Then let's go plan a celebration.

(KING HENRY, AMELIA, and PAUL exits)

End of SCENE 4

SCENE 5

(it's a celebration in the Kingdom but there is still darkness that lurks around.)

(KRISTY and PAUL enters.)

KRISTY:

oh, Paul I cannot believe you're getting married.

PAUL:

Yes, I cannot believe it too, but it was because of you, Kristy and Amelia as well and now I am a different elf.

(KING HENRY and AMELIA enters.)

AMELIA:

You look so handsome for an elf.

PAUL:

and you look cute too for a princess.

KING HENRY:

Friends, I am humble for you all to gather here in the castle to celebrate a special day for my daughter. For many years, this kingdom has been through a terrible time but now things are starting to change because of my daughter and this elf named Paul. Do you Amelia take Paul to be your husband? And do you, Paul, take my daughter Amelia to be your wife?

PAUL and AMELIA:

we do.

KING HENRY:

then I now pronounce you two husband and wife and the new Elf King and queen.

(PAUL and AMELIA share a kiss.)

End of ACT 1

INTERMISSION

ACT 2

SCENE 1

(The party is over, and evil is now lurking in the kingdom.)

(KING ARTEMIS enters.)

KING ARTEMIS

It’s so nice to be home now that my idiot son has ripped my decree, but he didn’t know that I placed a curse on the decree. But it is time for me to put my

plan into action and the first part of the plan is to get rid of the stupid elf who is now king.

(KING ARTEMIS exits)

(meanwhile inside the castle)

(PAUL and KING ARTEMIS enters)

KING ARTEMIS

Aw he is still sleeping well don't worry little elf once you are gone you will never come back. (casts a spell) I think it is time for you to once again experience those nightmares again. Hope you enjoy your last day as king little elf because I am going to strip you of your power as king.

(KING ARTEMIS shares an evil laugh and exits)

PAUL

AH aw man my head hurts I guessed that I partied too hard last night.

(Door knocks.)

PAUL

Who is it?

KRISTY O. S.

It's Kristy, your majesty, can I come in?

PAUL

Come on in Kristy.

(KRISTY enters.)

KRISY

Well, it's about time you wake up.

PAUL

My head is hurting.

KRISTY

You must have been hung over after the party last night.

PAUL

I don’t remember drinking so much last night.

KRISTY

Well, your majesty, aren't you supposed to meet your wife today?

PAUL

Why do you say that?

KRISTY

Amelia’s father is leaving today, and you promised Amelia that you would say goodbye to her father.

PAUL

Oh my god. I completely forgot about that. But Kristy, there is something I should tell you. I have been having nightmares about my family and my people being killed again.

KRISTY

Again, I thought you got rid of the nightmares.

PAUL

I thought so too but they just came back, and I don’t know what to do.

KRISTY

Well Paul, I think I know how to get rid of your nightmares.

PAUL

How?

KRISTY

You must face your fears. And to do that you have to go to the forest and find the cave where your parents left you and you have to talk to your parents.

PAUL

I have to find my parents in the forest, Kristy.

KRISTY

Yes, Paul, because it is the only way to get rid of the nightmares plus you need to face the fears that you have dealt with your entire life.

PAUL

I don't know Kristy. But what about Amelia, I can't just leave her.

KRISTY

Well then tell her about what you're going through. She may understand what you have to do.

PAUL

I guess you're right, I do need to tell her.

KRISTY

Well then let's get going, you don't want to keep Amelia and her father waiting forever.

PAUL

You're right let's go Kristy.

(KRISTY and PAUL exits)

End of SCENE 1

SCENE 2

(things are about to change in the kingdom)

(AMELIA and KING HENRY enters.)

AMELIA

Father, do you really have to go?

KING HENRY

Now Amelia we have been over this I have to go to the Elf kingdom. It's been a while since I have been there. Speaking of which, is Paul coming or not? I thought you said he would be here to say goodbye to me.

AMELIA

He is probably still sleeping. But father, do you think it is time for me to tell him that I'm pregnant.

KING HENRY

Of course, you should tell him Amelia he deserves to know that you are expecting a child.

AMELIA

What if he doesn't like the baby?

KING HENRY

Now Amelia, I'm sure he is going to enjoy having a child with you.

(PAUL and KRISTY enters.)

PAUL

Sorry I'm late, I overslept and was hungover from the party last night. So where is your father going, Amelia?

KING HENRY

I'm going to the elf kingdom.

AMELIA

Father says that your mom was from the elf kingdom because of her being a princess.

PAUL

I don't recall mom telling me where she was from.

KING HENRY

You never asked your mother about where she was from.

PAUL

I guess I never asked her where she was from.

KING HENRY

Well, she came from that kingdom plus you may have grandparents that you may never have met.

PAUL

Then I guess we should visit this kingdom someday.

KING HENRY

Amelia, is there something you would like to tell Paul? (Looks at the time) oh my I do need to get going so goodbye everyone.

AMELIA

Bye daddy and don't worry I'll tell Paul.

(KING HENRY exits.)

PAUL

What did you want to tell me Amelia?

AMELIA

I'm pregnant.

(PAUL is shocked.)

KRISTY

Congratulations, is it a boy or girl?

AMELIA

I don't know the sex of the baby is Kristy.

PAUL

That's wonderful Amelia.

AMELIA

I thought you wouldn't want to have a child.

PAUL

Amelia, I would have loved to be a father.

AMELIA

Oh Paul.

(AMELIA and PAUL share a kiss)

KRISTY

Oh, Paul, don't you have something to tell Amelia.

PAUL

Oh right. Amelia, I have been having nightmares about my family and my people being killed and I thought they were gone but now they came back. And now I'm still haunted by them.

AMELIA

So, what are you going to do?

PAUL

I have to go to the forest to find the cave where my parents left me when I was young, and I must talk to my parents.

AMELIA

How are you going to do that, your mom and dad? They are gone.

KRISTY

Maybe they left something for Paul to find.

AMELIA

Then I guess you have to leave as well. But promise me you will come back.

PAUL

You know I will come back because I would never abandon you or even our child. I might as well go pack up for the long trip.

KRISTY

No need for that Paul. Allow me.

(KRISTY casts a magic spell summoning PAUL'S things and supplies.)

PAUL

You are a miracle worker Kristy. And while I'm gone, please look after Amelia and the baby until I return.

KRISTY

You have my word your majesty.

PAUL

Then I must be off.

AMELIA

Goodbye Paul, I love you and I hope you will come back.

(PAUL, KRISTY, and AMELIA exits. KING ARTEMIS enters.)

KING ARTEMIS

Yes, my plan is working now time for the second phase of my plan. With the elf gone ill, take over the throne and make sure he never comes back to the kingdom. That will be my first official order but there is something blocking me

from doing that. I must find my father's proclamation but where could it be? (Gets an idea) I know maybe my granddaughter can help me find the proclamation and I know the perfect spell that may convince her to help me get the proclamation. Now it is time to take back my kingdom once and for all.

(KING ARTEMIS shares an evil laugh and exits.)

End of SCENE 2

SCENE 3

(A few days later darkness surrounds the kingdom and spreads to the castle.)

(KRISTY and AMELIA enters)

KRISTY

Well, I am going to the market.

AMELIA

First father, then Paul and now you Kristy.

KRISTY

Amelia, you must be feeling emotional right now because of the baby.

AMELIA

I'm sorry you're right, I am getting emotional because of the baby. But what if Paul misses the baby coming in.

KRISTY

Now Amelia Paul would never miss a moment like this in his life.

AMELIA

You're right, I should just relax and calm my nerves.

KRISTY

Alright I won't be gone too long.

AMELIA

Ok see you later Kristy.

(KRISTY exits.)

(AMELIA wonders around the castle KING ARTEMIS enters.)

KING ARTEMIS

Time for phase two of my plan

(KING ARTEMIS casts a spell turning him into a real person.)

KING ARTEMIS

This disguise should do the trick.

(KING ARTEMIS walks over to AMELIA and taps on her shoulder)

KING ARTEMIS

Excuse me.

AMELIA

Oh, I didn't know there was someone in the castle.

KING ARTEMIS

I didn't mean to frighten you.

AMELIA

It's ok. Who are you? It looks like I have seen you somewhere before.

KING ARTEMIS

I'm new around the kingdom. My name is Artemis.

AMELIA

Well, it is nice to meet you, Artemis, I am Amelia or should I say Queen Amelia.

(KING ARTEMIS bows to Amelia.)

KING ARTEMIS

It is a pleasure to meet you, your majesty.

AMELIA

Well, it's nice to meet you as well, Artemis. So, what brings you to the kingdom Artemis.

KING ARTEMIS

Oh, I wanted to visit this kingdom because of its history.

AMELIA

Really, I am guessing that you want to know about the kingdom's past because I know just how you feel.

KING ARTEMIS

That's wonderful but one part of the kingdom's past is the last king.

AMELIA

Oh, my grandfather.

KING ARTEMIS

Yes, him I'm sure he was a wonderful king when he was alive.

AMELIA

Are you kidding he was a monster. He was not a good king.

KING ARTEMIS

What makes you say that?

AMELIA

My grandfather murdered innocent people that lived in the kingdom, and they were elves. Even my husband is an elf, and he had a family that was killed by my grandfather.

KING ARTEMIS

But he was a hero who took the kingdom back.

AMELIA

To be honest with you Artemis, I am glad my grandfather is gone.

KING ARTEMIS

Well, why don't we move on to a different conversation, say the proclamation.

AMELIA

You mean my great-grandfather's proclamation?

KING ARTEMIS

Yes, that one I heard that the proclamation is still here in the castle. Do you know where it is?

AMELIA

From what I recall I think my father kept it somewhere.

KING ARTEMIS

Why don't we go look for it.

AMELIA

Sure, let's go.

(KRISTY enters.)

KRISTY

AMELIA I'm back. Oh, I didn't know you had some company.

AMELIA

Oh Kristy, this is Artemis, he is from a different kingdom.

KRISTY

It's nice to meet you. Say you look familiar.

KING ARTEMIS

Why would you say that?

AMELIA

Kristy, we are about to go find my great-grandfather's proclamation, would you like to come with us.

KRISTY

I think I'll pass because I have to put these supplies away.

AMELIA

Ok then shall we get going Artemis?

KING ARTEMIS

Lead the way, Amelia.

(AMELIA and KING ARTEMIS exits.)

KRISTY

I could have sworn I had seen that guy somewhere before. I must be going overboard since I have been working a lot in the castle.

(KRISTY sees a portrait and sees dust on the plaque)

KRISTY

Huh, someone forgot to clean this old portrait, especially the plaque.

(KRISTY cleans the entire portrait even though the plaque got cleaned.)

KRISTY

Huh he looks familiar.

(KRISTY finds out the truth.)

KRISTY

OH MY GOD Artemis is King Artemis. I need to find Amelia and warn her.

(KRISTY exits.)

(Meanwhile in King Henry's room.)

(AMELIA and KING ARTEMIS enters.)

AMELIA

Well, we searched all over my father's room and the proclamation is not here.

KING ARTEMIS

Wait a minute there is a chest.

(AMELIA opens the chest and has found the proclamation)

KING ARTEMIS

We did it.

AMELIA

Yeah, we did. So, this is my great-grandfather's proclamation, it's very beautiful.

KING ARTEMIS

Yes, it is now why don't you give it to me.

AMELIA

I must ask what are you going to do with this proclamation?

KING ARTEMIS

Why I am going to preserve it. Now give it to me.

(AMELIA hands the proclamation slowly but KRISTY enters)

KRISTY

AMELIA NO.

AMELIA

Kristy, what's wrong.

KRISTY

Amelia don't listen to this man; he is not who you think he is.

KING ARTEMIS

Don't listen to her, she must have gone insane.

KRISTY

Amelia don't give him that proclamation because he is your grandfather.

AMELIA

What proof do you have Kirsty that proves that Artemis is my grandfather.

KRISTY

I found a portrait of him when I was putting supplies away. And the portrait was dirty, so I cleaned it, and the portrait helped me connect the dots.

KING ARTEMIS

She is lying lock her up.

KRISTY

Amelia if you don't listen to me then you should listen to this.

(KRISTY casts a spell revealing KING ARTEMIS as a spirit.)

KING ARTEMIS

My disguise curse you stupid fairy.

(AMELIA is shocked.)

AMELIA

Grandfather.

KING ARTEMIS

Yes, hello granddaughter. I was so close to getting that proclamation.

AMELIA

I cannot believe that my own grandfather tricked me into finding this proclamation. And I almost gave the proclamation to him.

KING ARTEMIS

It would have been mine.

AMELIA

Why have you come back grandfather?

KING ARTEMIS

Your father is the one who brought me back. You see I placed a curse on my royal decree and when your father ripped my decree apart, I escaped from my prison. And now I am back to take back what is mine and my father's proclamation is blocking me from returning as king.

AMELIA

Well, you won't take this proclamation because the elves belonged in this kingdom and so does Paul and I am not going to let you destroy what my great-grandfather created years ago.

KING ARTEMIS

YOU DARE DEFY ME. Very well if you won't give that proclamation to me perhaps you don't mind if I take your baby.

(KING ARTEMIS casts a spell taking the baby from AMELIA.)

AMELIA

MY BABY.

KING ARTEMIS

My what a beautiful boy, oh he is an elf just like his father. Perhaps the baby could be my first victim to die under my hand.

KRISTY

You monster you won't get away with this.

KING ARTEMIS

I already have fairy. So, granddaughter, you have two days to either give me what I want or lose your baby forever.

(KING ARTEMIS shares an evil laugh and exits)

AMELIA

(Crying) oh Kristy my baby is gone.

KRISTY

Don't worry Amelia, we will get the baby back. We are not going to let that monster win.

AMELIA

We need Paul.

KRISTY

He has probably reached the forest by now. But maybe your father can help us. He should be coming home any minute now.

AMELIA

Oh, Paul, I hope you hear this the kingdom is in trouble because my grandfather has returned and has taken our baby. So please come home and help your family.

End of SCENE 3

SCENE 4

(While darkness continues to take over the kingdom a new hero begins to emerge.)

(PAUL enters.)

PAUL

I made it to the forest. It should not be that hard to find the cave.

(A few hours later)

PAUL

Finally, I found the cave. Huh, it looks like the cave has changed since I was here as a child. It sucks to see the cave all apart like this.

(a mysterious hole appears)

PAUL

Huh what is this? It looks like something was here but now it's not here.

(A special light appears. FRANK and ISABELLA enters.)

ISABELLA

Hello son.

PAUL

MOM DAD is that you?

FRANK

Yes, it is son. It is nice to see you.

PAUL

(Crying) I can't believe that I finally found you.

(PAUL hugs his parents.)

ISABELLA

My little prince is all grown up.

FRANK

Yes, he has Isabella.

PAUL

Dad, I learned about how you created weapons that were used to kill our people. Why did you create those weapons?

FRANK

I didn't have a choice, Paul. The king at the time wanted me to create weapons due to the elves rebelling against his horrible decree. If I didn't do what the king told me then I would lose my title as blacksmith and even my shop would be taken from me as well, so I had to do it.

(FRANK becomes emotional.)

FRANK

(Crying) I am still not proud for what I have done.

ISABELLA

It was not your fault Frank.

FRANK

I did create one weapon that would one day be found. (sees the hole) my weapon is gone. I cannot believe this the weapon that I created is gone.

PAUL

What weapon?

FRANK

I created a sword using magic. But now the sword was stolen. One of the guards must have found it and took it and now all hope is lost.

ISABELLA

Frank, not all hope is lost. I sense an evil magic that is starting to take over the kingdom. I think Paul might be able to take on King Artemis and restore the kingdom to its glory days.

PAUL

Mom, I can't because I am still haunted by the nightmares of what happened to you guys.

FRANK

Son, you must if you don't King Artemis will take back the kingdom and restore his decree.

PAUL

I CAN'T. I am nothing but a useless elf. Maybe King Artemis would make a better king than me.

FRANK

What happened to my son who became an elf king.

ISABELLA

I recall my son being a brave little elf.

PAUL

Well, that Paul is gone. This Paul would rather give up.

(FRANK casts a spell revealing what is happening at the castle.)

FRANK

What about them?

PAUL

Amelia Kristy.

ISABELLA

They need you son. Your entire kingdom needs you.

PAUL

But how can I defeat King Artemis?

FRANK

Just believe in yourself Paul.

ISABELLA

Remember who you are, son.

(ISABELLA and FRANK exits.)

PAUL

MOM DAD WAIT DON'T LEAVE ME AGAIN. Maybe they were right, I just have to believe in myself.

(PAUL regains his confidence and breaks the curse.)

PAUL

My parents are right, I shouldn't doubt myself. My kingdom needs me, and I am not going to lose it to King Artemis because I am the true king of the kingdom, and he is not going to take over my kingdom. Amelia Kristy I'm coming home.

(PAUL exits.)

End of SCENE 4

SCENE 5

(A few days has passed, and hope has been lost in the kingdom but there is a light at the end of the tunnel)

(PAUL enters.)

PAUL

Man, the kingdom looks dead. It Looks like King Artemis has spread his evil magic all over the place. How will I get into the castle?

(The Gate to the castle comes down.)

PAUL

That's my ticket into the castle. I better get going or that gate will close. hang on Amelia and Kristy I'm coming.

(PAUL exits.)

(Meanwhile in the castle)

(AMELIA and KRISTY enters.)

AMELIA

Kristy, what are we going to do? I want my baby back.

KRSITY

Don't worry Amelia, I'm sure we will figure something out, I hope.

AMELIA

If only my father was here, he would know what to do.

(KING HENRY enters.)

KING HENRY

I'm back.

AMELIA

Father, thank goodness your home.

KING HENRY

Anything happened while I was gone?

AMELIA

Father grandfather has returned, and he took my baby.

KING HENRY

What. That is terrible but how did my father come back?

KRISTY

He mentioned a curse. He said that when you destroyed his decree he escaped from his prison. He also mentioned that he was using magic for his escape.

KING HENRY

Of course, I caused this to happen.

AMELIA

I want my baby back.

KING HENRY

Don't worry Amelia, we will get your baby back. Let's go find my father.

(KING HENRY, AMELIA, and KRISTY exits.)

(in the royal room of the castle)

(KING HENRY, AMELIA, and KRISTY enters.)

KING HENRY

COME OUT FATHER, I KNOW YOU ARE IN HERE.

(KING ARTEMIS enters with the baby.)

KING ARTEMIS

Hello son. Nice of you to join us.

KING HENRY

Father give my daughter back her baby.

KING ARTEMIS

Not until she gives me the proclamation.

KING HENRY

What proclamation?

KRISTY

This is the proclamation your majesty. (Brings out the proclamation.)

KING HENRY

My grandfather's proclamation.

KING ARTEMIS

So, granddaughter, will you give me that proclamation or will I have to kill your baby now.

KING HENRY

Kristy remember the plan.

KRISTY

Right.

AMELIA

No, I won't give you this proclamation. You may have taken my baby, but you won't get the proclamation. The elves lived here before this kingdom was founded and they didn't deserve to die. You are nothing but an evil monster who couldn't learn to get along with the elves and respect what great-grandfather wanted. You had no right to take land from the elves and forced the elves to leave their homes. You will never become king again grandfather because Paul is the rightful king to the kingdom, and you can never take that away from him and from me.

KING ARTEMIS

SILENCE. You will give me that proclamation right now. or you can say goodbye to your elf baby. So, what's it going to be granddaughter? (Pulls out the sword.)

AMELIA

GRANDFATHER NO GIVE ME MY BABY BACK.

KING ARTEMIS

Too late granddaughter you had your chance to save your baby. but now it is time for this elf baby to die just like the others.

AMELIA

NO, MY BABY!

KING HENRY

KRISTY now.

(KRISTY casts a spell and grabs the baby from KING ARTEMIS.)

KING ARTEMIS

What? So, you dare defy me then I guess I have no choice since you continue to not give me what I want I am going to kill you all.

(KING ARTEMIS casts a big spell. PAUL enters standing in front of KRISTY, AMELIA, and KING HENRY.)

PAUL

You stay away from my family.

KIRSTY and AMELIA

PAUL!

KING ARTEMIS

How did you get past the darkness? Where is the sword?

PAUL

Looking for this. (Pulls out the sword)

KING HENRY

That sword is so powerful.

KRISTY

I can sense strong magic in the sword.

PAUL

This sword does not belong to you. It belongs to my family, especially my father who created the sword.

KING ARTEMIS

That sword will not save you elf because this is my kingdom, and you don't belong in my kingdom. So, any last words before you die elf.

PAUL

FOR MY PEOPLE, MY FAMILY, and MY KINGDOM.

(PAUL and KING ARTEMIS began the battle. As the battle rages on, KING ARTEMIS casts a spell and misses PAUL.)

KING HENRY

AMELIA KRISTY LOOK OUT.

(The spell hits KING HENRY)

AMELIA

DADDY!

KING ARTEMIS

Looks like you're out of options elf.

PAUL

I have one more trick up my sleeve.

(PAUL casts a spell and the spell hits KING ARTEMIS.)

KING ARTEMIS

NO, I WILL NOT BE DEFEATED BY A STUPID ELF.

PAUL

KING ARTEMIS AS KING OF THIS KINGDOM, I HEREBY BANISH YOU FROM THIS KINGDOM FOR ALL ETERNITY FOR CRIMES AGAINST MY PEOPLE AND MY FAMILY.

(PAUL casts a final spell expelling KING ARTEMIS.)

KING ARTEMIS

NOOOOOO!

(KING ARTEMIS exits.)

PAUL

Never mess with an elf. Or should I say elf king. (Puts the sword away.)

AMELIA

I knew you would come home.

PAUL

I would never leave you.

KRISTY

Sorry to ruin this reunion but there is a dying man.

AMELIA

Oh no daddy.

(KRISTY, AMELIA, and PAUL gather around a dying KING HENRY.)

AMELIA

Daddy, are you ok?

KING HENRY

Amelia before I die, I just want to tell you this. I have always been very proud of you, Amelia. I will always love you sweet Amelia and I know if your mother was here, she would be proud of you as much as I am right now.

AMELIA

(crying) Oh daddy. You can't die Kristy can't you do something to save him.

KRISTY

I'm sorry Amelia, there is nothing I can do to save him.

KING HENRY

Amelia, this is better for me to say goodbye. But first I want to see my grandson.

(KRISTY gives AMELIA the baby.)

KING HENRY

He looks just like his father. I can see a new beginning for you and even for the kingdom.

AMELIA

(Crying) daddy please don't die I don't know what I would do without you.

KING HENRY

Amelia, you have Paul and Kristy to be by you. I know you all will do great things for the kingdom because Paul and Amelia will be a strong king and queen. I can see you all continuing what my grandfather started years ago and not let the proclamation fall into the wrong hands.

PAUL

don't worry your majesty that proclamation isn't going anywhere while me and Amelia are around.

KING HENRY

Now it is time for me to move on.

AMELIA

(Crying) no daddy please don't leave us.

KING HENRY

Amelia, it's time for me to go.

(KING HENRY passes on. AMELIA mourns the loss of her father.)

PAUL

I'm sorry Amelia. Your father will not be forgotten.

AMELIA

I know he is joining my mother and even your mom and dad Paul.

PAUL

Kristy, I want you to spread the word of King Henry's passing because tomorrow we are going to have a funeral.

KRISTY

Yes, your highness.

(KRISTY exits.)

PAUL

Amelia, we will give your father a burial tomorrow. He can be next to my parents.

AMELIA

oh, thank you Paul.

end of SCENE 5

SCENE6

(The next day there is a funeral but also a new day now that the darkness is gone.)

(PAUL, AMELIA, and KRISTY enters.)

PAUL

Hello everyone and thank you for coming. Today we are celebrating the life of our last king. King Henry risked his life yesterday to protect his daughter, my wife Amelia and Kristy from his father who came back and wanted to retake the kingdom. and now King Henry is joining my parents who were killed by King Artemis along with the other elves.

(AMELIA starts to get emotional.)

PAUL

After what happened yesterday with King Artemis it has come to me that we as a kingdom have failed to protect it from King Artemis's evil magic. but today we will not make the same mistake as yesterday because we will set a better example for our children and future generations. We will teach our children that hate does not belong in our kingdom and instead love conquers hate. and from this moment on no person no matter what they look like or where they are from shall not be excluded from the kingdom because we are people, and we are not perfect. We cannot hold onto the past because we need to move forward and learn from our mistakes and not repeat the past. So now everyone, let us all say goodbye to King Henry and celebrate his life and look forward to the future for this kingdom.

(AMELIA puts her father's crown on her father's grave along with flowers. PAUL puts his mother's crown on his mother's grave along with the sword on his father's grave.)

AMELIA

That was a beautiful speech, Paul. I just want to say thank you Paul for everything. I know you will be a strong king.

PAUL

Amelia, I could never have done this without you and Kristy because of you two I no longer live in fear. and now we have a son who is like me, and I know your father along with my parents will look down upon us every day to see what we can accomplish as king and queen. It's like your father said we will do great things for the future of the kingdom.

(PAUL and AMELIA share a kiss. and they all lived happily ever after.)

End of Play