

Of Friends and Foes and Elves and Trolls

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Prince William “Friends” - Ty Saunders
Rainbow (pony) “Friends reprise” -Natalie Wood
Wind (dog) “Friends reprise” -Charity Bond
Shaylon- Elf Prince “Friends” -Preston Bond
Elaylon- Elf Princess “Friends” - Alexis Rigby
Human King- William “ Please Return” - Clay Hopkins
Human Queen- Elizabeth “ Please Return” - Zeeli Holmes
Elven King- Rodger “ Please Return” - Scott Johnson
Elven Queen- Emilime “Please Return” -Jorlee Tripp
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Troll King Assistant - Baktay “Best Elixir” - Trevor Topham
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Elven General- Galadriel “Please Return” - Rachel Sweeten
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Hunting Troll Guards Leader- Klikok “Troll Hunting Song” - Ryan Wood
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Troll King Guard: Hugral “Best Elixir” - Joseph Sweeten
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5-6 Yr girls: La Luna Moths & Luna Moth Leader “Light of the Luna”
5-6 yr boys: Cave Bats “Cave Bats”
7-8 yr girls: Captive Elves “Going Home”
7-8 yr boys: Wolf Dogs “Tracking”
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11+ boys: Troll Guards “ Who will be first”
13+ girls: Castle Staff “ Work before Play”

Introduction

*Stage Opens with Castle 1 and Castle 2. Two thrones are in front of Castle 2. With two pillars between the two backdrops to mimic a doorway. Various tables, broom, duster, butter turn etc are in front of Castle 1. Stage left to beds are setup on a platform or grass
Castle Staff are on stage, cleaning, preparing, etc*

All: Welcome, One and All

Winifred:

From Once upon a time and a long, long, long time ago, we welcome you to our beautiful kingdom of Hambleton. In a land of Elves and Trolls and Monsters and.....

Regina:

What are they doing in the castle? Only staff and welcomed guests are supposed to be here!

Winifred:

They are welcomed guests. They have come to hear our Story.

Regina: (bowing)

I apologize, I did not realize you had been invited. But before we tell you our story, you must learn a little Castle Etiquette. You will, after all, meet royalty.

Idalia:

First, Please silence those loud magical devices you always seem to be talking into, smiling at or tweeting with. Tweeting.... I thought that is what birds did. Hmmm

Amabel:

Yes, they make us nervous!

Idalia:

Second, When you are in the presence of the King and Queen, you must try to be quiet and stay seated until a scene change. They do not like to be interrupted.

Gisela :

Third, if you have to use the "privy", it is located to your left in that small outcropping of buildings at the back of the castle grounds.

Amabel:

I think here they call it a "Restroom" not a Privy!

Gisela:

Strange! And finally please clean up after yourselves. We have enough work to do keeping this huge castle clean.

Amabel:

Now, before we begin we must take a moment and thank the hundreds of parents, friends and family members who volunteered countless hours to make this telling of our story possible.

Gisela:

Thank you to Nibley City for their generous donations and this beautiful stage.

Winifred:

And speaking of Thanks... we would like to give a huge thank you to our sponsors.

Regina:

Rocky Mountain Power and the Utah Department of Arts and Museums

Idalia:

The National Endowment for the Arts and the Cache County RAPZ Tax.

Gisela:

Please join us in a round of applause for these wonderful sponsors! *CLAP*

Amabel:

And now, Nibley Children's Theatre presents, *Of Friends and Foes and Elves and Trolls!!!!!!*

Castle staff cleans their way out of the castle.

Scene 1

Ann and Jake are in bed on stage left. Grandpa Enters

Grandpa:

Good night kids, Grandma and I had a fun day with you today! Tomorrow we can go hiking in the mountains.

Ann:

Grandpa, will you tell us a story?

Jake:

Yeah, tell us one of your adventure stories!

Grandpa:

I don't know...it's getting a little late.

Ann:

Pleeease?! Tomorrow is Saturday and we can sleep in.

Jake:

Yes, we can stay up late tonight. Please Grandpa? Please tell us a story.

Grandpa: *sitting down on the edge of the bed*

Well, Ok, Let me think here a minute. Once upon a time there was a Princess and Prince who lived in the Kingdom of Hambledon.

Ann:

Hambledon? That's a funny name. What does Hambledon mean?

Grandpa: (In a Scottish or Irish accent)

Well, my child, in the ancient language Hambledon means, "From the Beautiful Mountain" and this story takes place in some beautiful mountains. *Back to normal voice*

Now, back to their story. The parents of the Princess and Prince, King William and Queen Elizabeth, had raised their daughter and their son to be fair and kind and to make life good for the people of their kingdom. But also to be strong willed and... adventuresome...

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King, Queen, Princess Alexa and Prince William enter stage. Alexa and William stand before the King and Queen.

Alexa:

Father, Mother, now that Spring has come, Prince William and I really want to go exploring.

William: *(a little dramatic)*

We are near desperate to get outside after being cooped up in this castle all winter long.

King:

Where will you go?

Alexa:

We want to spend the day exploring the forest near the Gray Cliffs. We will take Rainbow and Wind with us for protection.

King:

That sounds wonderful, maybe I could turn over my duties to the court jester and go with you.

Queen: *(with a semi-stern look at the King)*

Children, I think it will be fine for you to go, ONCE you've completed your studies and chores. Just because you happen to be a prince and a princess, does NOT mean you get out of your responsibilities.

Alexa: *(kind of mimicking the King and Queen instructing them)*

Yes, mother, we know you want us *"to be responsible and work hard, so that one day we can govern the kingdom with fairness and wisdom"*.

King:

Ah, I see you've actually been listening to all of our lectures.

Queen: We are grateful that both of you are doing well in your schooling. Although you could spend a little more time on your music lessons.

William:

I know, but playing the harp just isn't very fun. None of the other boys are learning the harp. How about I learn the bugle or the drums?

Alexa:

No, then we'd never get any sleep.

Queen:

Ok, Ok, we'll talk about music lessons later. And just how long do you plan on being explorers?

Alexa:

We'll be back by evening.

William:

But, we thought we would take some lanterns just in case we find something really cool and get a little delayed and we have to return after dark.

King:

That sounds kind of like a planned extension. Be back within one hour after sundown, or I'll send the guards and you'll be sloping the pigs for a week.

Alexa and William:

Yes, Father.

Queen:

I'll ask the staff to pack you some food and prepare the lanterns, But try NOT to need them.

King:

Now, off with you and I want to hear all about your adventures when you get back . At least that might make sitting here all day long a little more pleasurable.

Alexa and William Exit Stage Right to Common Area where they are given broom and duster. Enter Castle Staff Group Start dusting thrones, cleaning , cooking etc.

King:

They really are good children and the kingdom will be in good hands with them.

Queen:

I agree, and I love how our people already love and respect them. Now, we'd better go and see to their things.

King and Queen Exit throne room Stage Left, Castle staff brings on pack for William, food, lantern, water

Alexa:

Will, Lets get everything done as fast as possible so we can get started on our adventure as soon as possible.

William:

I'll clean and you pack the food and supplies.

Alexa:

Good thing we already finished our lessons.

With staff dancing, doing chores, sweeping the floors, doing dishes, etc.

Work Before We Play

Castle Staff and Princess Alexa and Prince William

You have planned out your adventure
There are places you want to explore.

You have seen the beautiful forest,
But we know that there's so much more.

There are mountains, and rivers
and valleys, there are waterfalls and caves.

There's so much to see in our kingdom
it could actually take many days.

Chorus:

But we've got to...Work before we play,
Get our chores done for the day,

If we work, then we play, the Queen won't say.
"Did you clean your room today?"
So we'll work, then we'll play
we'll have fun for the rest of the day
If we work, then play, the King can't say,
"Did you cut the grass today,"

So, we work before we play
Yes, we work before we play.

-----Dance-----

Then you'll start on your adventure,
there's so much that you will see.

Alexa: We may find a trollish treasure.

William: Or elves who hide in trees.

There's unknown excitement awaiting.
You only need to explore.

There's things you can't even imagine,
so let's hurry up with the chores.

Chorus

So we've got to...Work before we play,
Get our chores done for the day,
If we work, then we play, the Queen won't say.
"Did you read your books today?"
So, we'll work, then we'll play
we'll have fun for the rest of the day
If we work, then play, the King can't say,
"Did you feed the pigs today",
So we work, then we play,
Yes, we'll work and then we'll play.

Yes, we'll work and then we'll play, play, play, play all day.

Everyone finishes their jobs, the Stage Crew pulls on Forest 1 from Stage Right, and Stage Crew as stable hands bring in Rainbow and Wind, Alexa and William put on their backpacks. They (Rainbow and Wind also) walk to Throne room. Queen and King enter from Stage Left into throne room to send them off and they wave goodbye.

Stage Crew:

Then Take off Castle 1 to Stage Right. Remove all Castle common area props

King:

My children please be careful and wise and remember what I always say, "If your heart is saying, No"

Alexa & Will (*sarcastically*):

"Then we probably shouldn't go."

Queen:

Do you have enough food and water? And your lanterns?

Alexa and Will: As they start to walk to Stage right to Forest go down steps and walk on grass around front of stage to Stage Left

Yes, mother, we have them. Goodbye!

Queen: As they wave goodbye Stage Crew pulls on Forest 2. Stay until it is in front of them. Goodbye!

King:

Have fun storming the castle.

Queen:

Oh William, you always say that!

Stage Crew while Narration is occurring:

Pull Forest 2 on from Stage Left. Bring on Boulders Stage left and Trees and 3 grass blocks, Stage Right Leave Castle 2 on stage left along with thrones. Remove Pillars.

Scene 2

Grandpa Narrator:

So Princess Alexa and Prince William, along with their faithful companions, Rainbow and Wind, began their journey. Rainbow was a beautiful pony who belonged to Princess Alexa and Wind was an amazing dog who was always by the side of Prince William.

Ann:

Did they meet any dragons?

Grandpa:
Wait and see.

Jake:
Did they get lost?

Grandpa:
Well, not exactly, but their path was about to take them into the woods where they would meet some amazing creatures that they had only heard about in legends and fairy tales.

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Alexa and William, with Rainbow and Wind walk around of front of stage, return to stage from Stage Left. Elaylon and Shaylon enter from Stage Right to hide behind the tree.

Alexa:
I am so excited to be on this adventure.

William:
Me too, lets go straight to the Gray Cliffs. Some of the stable hands were talking about strange footprints that have been spotted in that area.

Alexa:
Sounds exciting to me. With Rainbow and Wind with us, I'm not afraid of anything!

William:
Me neither.

William and Alexa continue walking and looking around. Wind and Rainbow stop, down center stage and listen intently.

Rainbow: speaks to Wind in a quiet voice
Neigh, Neigh, What do you hear?

Wind: Whispers back to Rainbow
Ruff, Grr. I can't tell. Bark. Let's move in that direction and maybe we can hear better.

They slowly walk a little closer to the trees and Wind starts to growl quietly. Wind stops in front of a big tree which is up against the side of a cliff. Wind points his nose towards the tree and growls. Rainbow follows.

William: *Running over to Wind*
Wind, where are you going?

Alexa: *Following*
Rainbow, what's wrong?

Wind: *Speaking to Rainbow and sniffing the air*
Ruff, Ruff, I can smell something unusual. Something is hiding in that tree, but I don't recognize its scent.

Rainbow: *Speaking to Wind*
Winnie, Neigh, I agree, it doesn't smell human.

Alexa:
Will, I can hear someone crying behind that tree. (*Petting rainbow*) Rainbow, is that what you hear?

Rainbow turns to Alexa and shakes her head up and down.

William: *Speaking to whoever is behind the tree*
Hello? Who is up there?

Alexa:
We won't hurt you. We just want to help you.

Slowly the branches are pushed out of the way and William and Alexa see two elves standing on a ledge of the cliff. The girl elf is crying.

Elaylon:
Please don't eat us!

William: (*laughing*)
We're not going to eat you, why would you think that? What are you doing up there anyway?

Shaylon:
We were hiding from the trolls, but then we saw you coming down the path and were even more scared. You are humans! We have heard that human eat elves!

Alexa: *In a very surprised voice*

Wait, what? Eat you? Elves? TROLLS? I... I thought that elves and trolls were just a made up things. Like, like, like, vegetables actually being good for you.....

Elaylon:

Actually, vegetables are good for you. And yes, there really are such creatures as elves (*curtsies*) and there really are trolls. And a group of trolls have been chasing us all day with their wolf dogs, and they are real too. We are so tired and that is why I was crying. (*Dramatic pause while that sinks in....*) And we are very hungry too.

William:

Come on down here, We won't hurt you. (*Chuckling*). We have some food we can share with you. Wow Elves!? And humans don't eat elves.

Wind starts to growl as they start to climb down.

William:

Wind, come here, give them some room.

(*To Shaylon and Elaylon*) Don't worry he won't hurt you. He is really friendly once he gets to know you.

Alexa:

And what about you? We've heard that Elves can turn humans into animals or plants.

Elaylon: *As she starts to climb down, kind of laughing*

No, we can't do that. I guess we've both heard some strange things about each other that aren't true.

The elves climb down. Alexa and William look at them. They have beautiful clothes and pointed ears.

Alexa:

Here is some bread my mother made. (*Alexa gives them both a piece of bread and as she does she looks closer at Elaylon and sees her ears*)

Wow, look at your beautiful pointed ears. Do all Elves have pointy ears?

Shaylon: *Takes the bread and starts to nibble on it*

Yes, we are born that way. Thank you! This bread tastes very good.

Elaylon:

Yes. Thank you very much.

William:

Now, tell us about these trolls. How close are they? How many were there? Why were they chasing you?

Alexa:

Are they going to hurt you? Are they mean? Will they eat us?

Shaylon:

Wow, wow, slow down. They won't eat us, but we're not sure why they are searching for us. We were more worried that they may just capture us. Many Elves have gone missing and we have heard rumors that the Trolls are kidnapping them to cut off their hair and make it into an elixir.

Elaylon & Alexa: *speaking in unison*

Ugh! Hair elixir would taste horrible.

Look at each other with surprise as they realize they said the same thing.

Alexa and Elaylon start their song while pantomime laughing together, looking around, petting animals.

Friends Forever

Elaylon, Shaylon, Alexa and William

Elaylon: I never, ever thought I'd meet a human girl!

Alexa: I never knew that elves were really real.

Elaylon: I hid in trees and watched the human children play

Alexa: I really can't describe just how I feel.

Both: So could we be friends together?

Friends for the rest of our lives.

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Friends for the rest of our lives.

All our lives!

While music plays, boys talk....

William:

Now we should probably go back towards our castle and get our father's soldiers to help you get back to your family.

Elaylon:

Your father has soldiers? Who are you?

Alexa:

Well, officially I am Princess Alexandra Magdalena Elizabeth, but I go by Alexa and this is Prince William Henry Robert II of Hambeldon.

William:

But my friends call me Will.

Shaylon:

What a coincidence, our father and mother are the king and queen of the Elves. So I am Shaylon, prince of the Forest Elves and this is my sister, Elaylon, princess of the Forest Elves . But we just have one name each, kind of boring.

William: *Kind of joking around and bowing*

It's an honor to make your acquaintance sir. Having a lot of names isn't a big deal since we rarely use them, except when we are in trouble.

Shaylon: *Now the boys are just being silly*

It is my deepest pleasure to meet you, Prince William. *bowing to William*

William:

And likewise to you Prince Shaylon (*bowing*). Boy, it sure is nice to be able to just joke around a little bit. When I am at the castle, everything has to be so "formal".

Shaylon:

I agree. Sometimes I just want to be a regular elf.

Boys Sing

William: If we become friends he could teach me to climb in trees.

Shaylon: If we're friends we could fly kites whenever there's a breeze.

Both: But could we be friends together?

Friends for the rest of our lives.

So could we be friends together?

Friends for the rest of our lives.

All our lives!

Sing at the same time

Shaylon and Will:

I can't believe I'm talking to someone I once feared
And now we could become friends, what adventures we could share!

Elaylon and Alexa:

If we become friends there's so much I'd like to learn
What does she eat? What games she likes to play,
She might become the sister that I never knew
That dream I've always had could now come true!

All: But we can friends forever.
Friends for the rest of our lives.
So we can be best friends together.
Best friends for the rest of our lives.
All our lives....

Stop singing and freeze....

Shaylon: starts to slowly unpack a protection cloak

Shh, I can hear the Trolls and their wolves. They are getting close. Here, take one of these and put it over you and each of your animals.

William:

What are they?

Elaylon:

They are protection cloaks. Just put them on and we'll explain later.

William puts a cloak on Wind. Stage left near the boulder backdrop. As Alexa tries to put a cloak on Rainbow, Rainbow runs towards Wind, then off stage left.

Rainbow: to Wind

Neigh, Neigh. Wind, you stay with them. I'm going to find a friend who can help us.

Wind:

Ruff, Ruff, I'll protect them as much as I can. But, hurry back!

Rainbow:

Winnie. I'll be back as soon as I can.

Alexa: *yells in a whispered voice*

Rainbow, where are you going? Come back, Come back.

Shaylon:

Quickly, the Trolls are coming. Your pony will be okay. *Beckoning to Will.* Will, come and get under this cloak.

Shaylon puts the cloak on William and himself. Elaylon puts the cloak on Alexa and herself.

Elaylon:

Alexa, hurry, get under the cloak with me. William, Shaylon, can you hear me? *They nod yes...* While we are under the cloaks, we can talk to each other, but the trolls can't hear us or smell us. The cloaks protect us by appearing to be rock on the outside.

Alexa: *Sadly*

I still can't believe Rainbow would leave.

Elaylon:

Don't worry, she probably went to find help!

Alexa:

I hope so.

Elaylon puts her arm around Alexa to comfort her.

Scene 3

No Scene Change. Wolf dogs enter stage right searching for the elves

The Wolf Dog Song *Wolf Dogs*

(Sung as they enter the stage and are sniffing around)

Tracking, Tracking, Tracking, Tracking,
Tracking, Tracking, Tracking, Tracking.

Wolf Dogs: We smell something different, we've never smelled before.
It's like is a mix of human and elf and dog and horse.

Teekon: Our noses know the scent they leave. We'll find just where it leads,
And we can follow anyone, we do it with great speed.

(This verse is spoken)

Ze'ev: We track all kinds of creatures, but they never cause us fear.

Bworz: We've tracked a mountain lion, wild badgers, grizzly bear.

Tivaci: Yet, the greatest beast we ever tracked, we tell you with great pride.

Vaki: The Mountain Monster, now our captive, deep inside our cave resides.

Wolf Dogs: Our job is tracking tracks. We're great at what we do.
No matter where you hide yourself, we surely will find you!

Teekon: The humans and the elves have always kept so far apart.
But, we have feared what might befall us should their friendship start.

Tracking, Tracking, We are Tracking
Tracking, Tracking through.
Tracking, Tracking, We are Tracking,
Hoof and paw and shoe. Arooooo

(Music plays as the wolf dogs sniff around the area and the troll hunters enter the scene)

Trolls enter stage right after the second verse while the music is still playing. Wolf Dogs continue to sniff around upstage....

Teekon:

Aoooo Sir, We have tracked them to this spot. They must be hiding somewhere close. We will continue to track them until we find them. Arr, Arr Aooooo!

Troll Captain- Klikok:

Our Wolf Dogs have found something. I know those elves are here somewhere.

Yavo:

I agree captain, we have been tracking them for a few days and the wolf dogs led us right here.

Zufem:

The Troll King has commanded that we capture more elves, and I don't want upset the king.

Alzim:

Me neither. Rumor has it that the last hunting trolls that didn't follow the kings commands ended up being thrown into the dungeon cave with the Mountain Monster. But I never heard what really happened to him.

Razi:

Captain, I smell (*sniff sniff*) humans! And a Dog. And a pony.

Sollix:

Wouldn't that be an interesting catch.

Troll Captain- Klikok:

Wolf Dogs, Trolls, spread out. We have to find them.

Wolves sniff the air

Zufem:

I've lost the scent again.

Troll Captain- Klikok:

Follow me. We have to find them before we return to the cave.

Troll Hunting Song

We are hunters, mighty hunters, we are hunting Elves
We are hunters, famous hunters, We are hunting Elves

We'll take them back to our cavern, we keep them for their hair.
We also like them to make our food, cause troll food we can't bare.

We've captured many elves before, but we really aren't that mean
We make an elixir from their hair so our skin will feel new and clean

We are hunters, mighty hunters, we are hunting Elves
We are hunters, famous hunters, We are hunting Elves

Then we must take them to our king, So he won't get too mad.
We try to make their stay not so bad, but It makes us feel kind of sad.

We are hunters, mighty hunters, we are hunting Elves
We are hunters, famous hunters, We are hunting Elves

The Trolls exit the stage right. Shaylon and Elaylon begin to remove the cloaks

Shaylon:

Quickly take the cloaks off and fold them up. They have to rest.

Alexa:

What do you mean they have to rest?

Elaylon:

Each time we use the cloaks, their hiding power is consumed. They must rest to restore that power.

Shaylon:

That's why we were hiding on the cliff. We had been under the cloaks for several days and they were drained.

Alexa:

These cloaks are amazing.

William:

Yeah, I would love to have one of these.

Shaylon:

Impossible, Only elves have possessed them for thousands of years. And they can ONLY be used for doing good and protecting from evil.

Alexa:

They are incredible.

Elaylon:

We'd better get going before the trolls return and they capture all four of us.

They walk a little distance to stage right. Wind goes to stage left looking for signs of the trolls. Four of the Hunting Trolls jump out between forest 1 curtain and forest 2 curtain and grab them. The wolf dogs and remaining Hunting trolls run onstage cheering. Wind charges forward to help his friends, but the wolves outnumber them and growl at them and the Trolls point spears at them and force Wind away and he goes off stage right.

Troll Captain- Klikok:

You thought you could get away from us! *(He sees Alexa and William)* Well, well, What do we have here. *(To other trolls)* We hit the jackpot! We caught the two elves we were hunting and two humans as well!

All Trolls but Razi, Sollix and Yavo : GRUNTS CHEERS GROWLS

Sollix:

Wait- Capturing any humans will make the rest of the humans angry.

Razi:

... and they will come after us with all their soldiers.

Yavo: *Turn to captain*

Sir, we have to let them go!!

Troll Captain- Klikok:

Stop being so scared of humans. Most of them don't even know we exist. We are trolls and we are strong. I'm not afraid of any human, especially these little ones. Now, tie them all up and let's get back to the cave before it gets dark.

(Trolls take humans and elves off stage right as prisoners.)

Scene 4

Stage Crew: Pull Forest 1 off Stage Right, Pull Forest 2 to Stage Right, Slide Rocks onto stage left. Leave Trees, remove rock boxes. Add giant rock on stage left near cave entrance.

Ann:

Oh, No! Grandpa what is going to happen to them? Where did Rainbow go?

Jake:
How are they going to escape? What is Wind doing?

Grandpa:
Wait, wait, you two. Don't worry! Rainbow left the group to find Nightmare. Nightmare was a very strong unicorn that lived in the forest. Nightmare knew the Trolls and the Elves well and could navigate the forest without problem. She would be a strong ally. y Rainbow hated leaving Princess Alexa but she thought it was the best way to help them.

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Wind comes on stage right and is hiding near the trees watching activity off stage. Rainbow and Nightmare enter from stage left and run over behind Wind.

Rainbow:
Neigh, Wind, I'm back. Are Alexa and William okay?

Wind:
No, things have gotten bad. They were all captured by the trolls. I got away and have been trying to follow them. Oh! you found help for us!

Rainbow:
Yes, this is my friend, Nightmare. She has lived in the forest for many years and knows everything about Trolls and Elves.

Wind:
Glad to meet you. *(Sniff the air)* I can smell the Trolls coming this way.

Nightmare:
I've tracked Trolls many times. Once they catch their prey they become oblivious to everything else. If we stay back a certain distance they shouldn't be able to see, smell or hear us.

Wind:
Let's rescue them now!

Nightmare:
No, there are too many trolls and we will be outnumbered. The Trolls may hurt your friends before we could stop them. We should follow the group into the cave, then find the right time for a rescue. I've been in other troll caves and should be able to find my way around.

Wind, Nightmare and Rainbow hide behind the trees on stage right. The Hunting trolls enter stage right and cross in front of them, but don't see them. They cross to the cave opening which is behind the boulder on stage left.

Troll Captain Klikok:
Push the door away.

The other Trolls:
Yes, Sir.

Nightmare, Wind and Rainbow sneak out from behind the trees and stay a ways back from the trolls.

Nightmare:
Quick- this is our chance. After they enter the cave, let's move in to stop the entrance from closing completely.

The trolls enter the cave with their captives. They close the door and then Nightmare, Rainbow and Wind hurry to hold the door slightly open.

Nightmare:
Got it. Now help me push the door open.

They wait a minute and then they slowly open the door and enter the cave.

Scene 5

Stage Crew:

Pull off Rocks and Forest 2 stage left. Pull in Forest 1 Stage Right. Bring in Elven Thrones. Castle 2, and thrones should still be on stage left. Human King William and Human Queen Elizabeth throne room on stage left and Elf King Roger and Elf Queen Emiline throne room on stage right ... The girls in the King's court are scattered around the stage on their respective sides.

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Narrator Grandpa:

Nightmare, Rainbow and Wind entered the cave and waited until the trolls disappeared from sight. All around them were dark passageways and caverns carved into the rock. Along the passageways a few torches had been set in the walls to light the way. That light revealed many beautiful jewels which the trolls had found while mining and used to decorate their caves. They silently followed the trolls deeper and deeper into the caves.

Jake:

I'm glad that Wind and Rainbow and her friend Nightmare are following them.

Ann:

I wish I had a unicorn like Nightmare. It would be so fun to ride her and have her to protect me.

Grandpa:

I think you'll see what good fortune it was for Alexa, William and the elves to have these wonderful animal friends helping them in the cave.

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Clairice:

I just heard that the Prince and the Princess are missing!

Ava:

Really! Oh no! That makes me so sad. The prince is SO handsome.

Joan:

I've heard that they have been kidnapped by trolls.

Marian:

No, I heard that they were captured by elves.

Samantha:

Elves and Trolls?! Those are just make believe. No one really believes in them!

Joan:

I do! I definitely believe in Trolls and Elves!

Florence:

I would be more worried about wolves and the darkness!

Clairice:

Oh dear, oh dear! I hope the soldiers can find them before anything happens to them.

Marian:

Maybe we should go looking for them ourselves. I'm not afraid of any wolves, or trolls.

Ava:

Oh Yea? You would pass out at the first sighting of a troll.

Florence:

They took their dog and pony with them, so I'm sure they will be fine.

Samantha:

Now I'm going to have nightmares about trolls and elves and dark forests and monsters.

Florence:

Monster? Where did you get the idea that there are monsters?

Clairice:

I think I heard someone say that if there are elves and trolls in the forest, then there must be monsters too!

Human girls freeze ===== Elf girls begin to move and talk...

Leena:

Have you heard? Elaylon and Shaylon have gone missing!

Alaesa:

Oh No! They are so brave to have gone out to find the other missing trolls.

Rona:

And there are rumors that (*lowers her voice*) there are two humans with them, as well.

Manae:

Yes, Yes! It has also been said that the trolls have taken them!!

All Elves gasp

Yanae:

No, No, Not more troll kidnappings! We have already heard rumors of too many troll kidnappings.

Alaesa:

Some of my best friends have gone missing!

Theena:

I have heard that the king and queen have sent all the soldiers out looking for them.

Silvia:

I'm certain that they will be able to find them soon.

Rona:

Maybe we should make some things for them when they get back.

Yanae:

I will make them my yummy hazelnut soup.

Manae:

I will knit Elaylon a pretty dress out of the finest leaves and flowers in the forest.

Theena:

Well, I am going to make the prince a new bow and arrow for his collection.

Leena:

I am going to make Shaylon the best gift he has ever seen - a cloak of deer hyde!

All elf girls start to argue and fight over whose gift is the best.

Silvia:

WAIT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! The prince and the princess will love every one of your gifts. But what if never come back?

All girls:

Oh no! This is terrible! I hope they come back soon!!, etc... etc...

Rumors
Kings Court

We've heard all kinds of rumors, We don't know what is true,
We're trying to wait so patiently, for any better news.
Some say the prince and princess were taken far away
Or captured by the trolls or elves or worse we couldn't say.
Rumors good, Rumors bad,
Rumors happy, Rumors sad,

Rumors weird, Rumors mild,
Rumors crazy, Rumors wild.
We are so tired of rumors, we hear them everywhere
Stop telling us more rumors, we now no longer care
We want things as they really are, we want to know what's true.
So if you talk of rumors more, we will not listen to you.
Rumors here, Rumors there,
Rumors coming everywhere,
Rumors here, Rumors there,
Rumors, We no longer care.

The Human King William and Queen Elizabeth and the Elf King Rodger and Elf Queen Emilime enter their throne rooms and all the ladies of the court go silent and move to the sides and back of the stage.

Human Queen Elizabeth:
It nearly midnight. They've been gone far too long.

Human King William:
I knew I should have gone with them.

Elf Queen Emilime:
They have been gone for several days. I don't know what I will do if anything happens to them. We must do something.

Elf King Rodger:
I've ordered all the troops to search everywhere for them and to let me know if they find anything.

The Human General Donovan and the Elven General Galadriel enter their respective sides and bow to the Kings and Queens.

Human King William: *to Human General Donovan*
Have the troops found anything?

Human General Donovan:
Along with your children's tracks, we found some unfamiliar tracks. Some of the men think they are that of elves. We also found tracks that are thought to be those of trolls and wolf dogs. We have heard rumors of these creatures in the forest, but this is the first time I have seen real evidence of them.

Human Queen Elizabeth:

Oh dear! That doesn't sound good at all! Please continue your patrols. And post extra men at the last place you saw their tracks. Please find my children! (*crying*)

Humans freeze

Elf General Galadriel: *to Elf King Roger*

Sire, we have been hunting for the prince and princess for several days with no clues to their whereabouts, or that of the other missing elves. But, today (*hesitantly*) we found Troll and Wolf Dog tracks. The good news is that we also found tracks that appear to be Elaylon and Shaylons, but they appeared to be with tracks of humans, ponies and a dog. We have never seen anything like this before, sire.

Elf Queen Emiline:

Humans? Trolls? Wolf Dogs? Oh, my dear children. We have already lost too many elves from our kingdom. We can't lose my children too.

Elf King Roger:

Are you sure you have looked everywhere?

Elf General Galadriel:

Yes, Your Majesty. My troops have scoured the area multiple times.

Both Generals: *In unison*

We followed their tracks to a group of rocks and then they just seemed to disappear...

Please Return

*Human King William, Human Queen Elizabeth, Human General &
Elf King Roger, Elf Queen Emiline, Elf General*

(Human King William) The Princess and the Prince have not returned yet

(Human Queen Elizabeth) We're worried if they're going to be alright

(Elf King Roger) We hope that no bad things have happened to them

(Elf Queen Emiline) And that they'll soon return before it's night.

(Kings and Queens) Please return, please come back, 'cause we miss you

Please hurry, we worry, you're so late.

Please return, please come back, 'cause we love you

Please hurry, we worry, don't delay

(Human King William) We've heard of strange things living in the forest
(Human Queen Elizabeth) The rumors say there's elven girls and boys
(Elf King Roger) Some says trolls might be living in the forest
(Elf Queen Emiline) With wolves that make an awful lot of noise.

(All) Please return, please come back, 'cause we miss you
Please hurry, we worry, you're late
Please return, please come back, 'cause we love you
Please hurry, we worry, don't delay

Kings and Queens quietly exit the stage followed by the court.

Scene 6

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*Stage Crew: Scene Change to Troll King and Queen in the Cavernous Throne Room
Pull off Forest 1 to stage right and Castle 2 to stage right. Remove Thrones
Pull on Cave Throne Room from stage left. Cave 1 will be on stage right. Add stalagmites and
stalactites. Bring on Troll Thrones. Bring on Throne Room door upstage center, the inside of the door
facing the audience.*

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Grandpa:
Back in the caves, it was time for the Troll King to have his daily elixir ceremony.

Ann:
What is elixir?

Grandpa:
The Elixir was a potion that the trolls had to drink every day. They naturally had itchy, scaly, skin that
was very painful.

Jake:
That sounds miserable. It would be like having a sunburn all the time.

Grandpa:
I agree, and that is why they drank the elixir. It tasted terrible, but it made their skin feel better, helped
relieve their pain and gave them energy.

Ann:

Grandpa? Grandma always says I should eat my vegetables so I can have energy. Were the trolls not eating their vegetables?

Grandpa:

Yes, my darling. They ate root vegetable and other disgusting food like grubs and worms. Not too flavorful.

Jake and Ann: YEWWWWW

Grandpa:

But I digress... back to the story. Each day the trolls would gather in the great hall to drink their elixir and take some to those trolls who couldn't attend the event.

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In the troll king's palace music is playing and troll court (Niveks children are there, but not Nivek or Neela) is standing around "dancing," talking, etc. Troll Queen, King are on their thrones and Baktay and the Troll King Guards are standing nearby.

Troll King (to Baktay):

Bring the daily elixir for everyone.

Baktay leaves to get the bottles of elixir. Speaking Trolls walk up to microphones.

Rodesa:

I really don't like having to drink this elixir, it leaves such a bad taste in my mouth.

Vanjei:

I know, but if we don't drink it, then we'll feel terrible all day long. I don't want that.

Raingala:

I know exactly what you mean. I missed drinking the elixir a week ago and I itched so bad I couldn't sleep that night.

Bectali:

Oh all of you are such grubworms, it's not that bad. I think it has an interesting flavor.

Xizla:

You are crazy and just trying to pretend you like it. I saw you gag one time when you drank it.

Duxeah:

I gag every time I drink it. I tried to put some dried licorice root in it, but It was even worse.

Shazu:

I tried holding my nose, but that didn't work. I just couldn't breath and about coughed myself to death.

Baktay returns with several bottles and hands them to the king and queen and then several bottles to others who on command from the Queen (in a few lines down) pour some into their cups and pass the bottles around. The king and the queen take the first drink, and both make a sour face.

Troll Queen:

This tastes worse than any other troll food, but at least my skin will feel better and I will be able to get my beauty sleep tonight.

Troll King:

I wish there was some way to make this elixir taste better. (*Exasperated*) , but this is all we have found. I will keep the Royal Elixir Mixers looking for better ingredients.

Troll Queen:

You may now all drink your elixir and take enough home for your children.

The Troll king court begins to sing as they drink their cups of elixir.

They pour from the bottles that Baktay brings, into their cups and then pass the bottles to each other. Drinking and passing is happening during the song....

Praise to the Queen and King

Troll Court

We're grateful to our queen and king
For all the good each day they bring.
Especially this elixir, it's like a body fixer.
We're grateful to our king and queen
So that is why each day we sing

Grab a cup (of elixir), drink it up (its elixir),
pass it on (this elixir), sing a song
We don't care, if we share,
Each other's colds, 'cause we're trolls
* * * Dance* * *

Grab a cup (of elixir), drink it up (its elixir),
pass it on (this elixir), sing a song.

It may taste, really bad,
but if you don't, you'll be sad.

So Hail to our King and
Hail to our Queen
We give you thanks, for this elixir
But can't you make something better

Everyone drinks with sour face, but show relief afterwards.

Nivek enter the stage, interrupting the group.

Nivek:

"Sires, We have wonderful news. The hunters have just returned from the forest and reported that they have captured two more elves..... *Everyone Cheers* ...and two HUMANS!!

Everyone is silent for a moment in shock and then everyone bursts out cheering. The King and Queen sit on their thrones and look thoughtful.

Troll King:

Wonderful! Now we will have more Elf hair to make our elixir. And Humans! I've never met a human!

Troll Queen:

Wait, this could be a problem. Kidnapping two humans might anger the rest of the humans and they will send their armies to hunt us! Then we will have the Elves and the Humans looking for our secret cave entrance.

Troll Court:

Oh, NO! *"talk" in fear amongst themselves*

Pul'juk:

But sires, this could be to our advantage.

Hugral:

Yes, we might be able to trade the humans for something we need! Like a better elixir!

Troll Queen:

Hmmm... Yes, That could be a good thing.

Troll King:
Bring them to us!

All Trolls freeze as Stage Crew Troll brings in the Throne room Door down center stage between the two backdrops. Nivek, Baktay and two guards leave the throne room to get the prisoners. Baktay waits by door as Nivek and guards walk stage right and get Alexa, William, Shaylon and Elaylon who are brought on stage right by the Hunting Troll Leader Klikok ,who hands them to Nivek and the guards and then leaves stage right. Guards and Nivek lead 4 to Throne Room Door which is turned to show the outside to the audience.

Baktay: *(to Alexa, William, Shaylon, Elaylon outside the door as they ready to enter the Throne Room)*
When we enter the Throne Room, you MUST NOT speak unless the King or Queen speaks to you first and you must stand very still. Do you understand???

Alexa, Elaylon, William and Shaylon all slowly nod their heads yes. As Baktay swings open the door Stage Crew "opens" the door and remains standing upstage right. Baktay leads them into the Throne Room. As soon as they see the King and Queen, Alexa is immediately defiant.

Alexa:
Why have you kidnapped us and treated us like this? What right do you have to capture us? We've done nothing to harm you. Our parents will come looking for us and you will be very sorry.

Everyone Gasps

William:*(Whispers to Alexa)*
Don't tell him who we are.

Alexa:
Why?

William:
We don't want him to know we are royalty.

Baktay:
Stop! Stop! You cannot talk this way to the King and Queen. Any troll would be thrown to the Mountain Monster for talking to the King or Queen without permission and insulting them as you have done.

Troll King: *(to his assistant)*
Calm yourself, Baktay. I am impressed with this human girl who is not afraid to speak her mind.

Troll King walks around Alexa and looks at William, and the elves. When the Troll King is behind Alexa, he quickly takes out a knife and cuts of some of Alexa' hair.

Alexa:

What have you done? You've cut my hair. What did you do that for? You are a terrible Troll!

William lunges for the King to fight him, even though his hands are tied behind him. A Troll Guard grabs and holds William.

William:

You leave my sister alone. I'm not afraid of you, any of you.

Troll Queen:(*to the Troll guards*)

That one is a brave young human too. I want a sample of his hair too Rokton!

Alexa:

Why are you cutting our hair?

The King ignores her as he cuts of some of William's hair while one of the Troll guards is holding him. He gives the lock of hair to the assistant.

Troll King:

Take this to the Royal Elixir Mixers and have them make some elixir with it. I want to be the first to try elixir made from Human hair.

Troll Queen:

I'm sure it can't be worse than elf hair elixir.

Baktay takes the hair and puts it into a jar and takes it off stage.

Elaylon:

So the rumors are true. You have been using Elf hair to make an elixir.

Shaylon: (*to the Troll King*)

Where have you been getting this elf hair? We must not be the first elves you have captured.

Elaylon:

Do you have any of the missing elves here?

Troll King: *(Slyly)*

Quiet, I don't have to answer to you.

Troll Queen: *(Coming down from her throne to touch their hair and walk around them. To Alexa, William, Shaylon, Elaylon)* Wouldn't each of you like to stay in our beautiful caves, with glittering gems of all kinds. All we would require is some of your hair every few weeks.

William:

Why would we want to give up the beautiful sunshine and the world above ground for these caves that are dark, dismal, damp, smelly, ugly...

Troll Queen:

Enough!!

William:

We will never give you anything. You have no right to do this to us.

Troll King:

You don't have a choice. Do you think your parents will want you back?

Alexa:

Of course, they are probably looking for us now and you'll be sorry.

Troll King:

How much do you think you are worth to them? Maybe we can work out an arrangement.

The Baktay brings a new elixir back into the king's throne room.

Baktay:

Sire, here is the elixir made with the humans hair.

Troll Queen:

I hope it tastes better than the elf hair elixir. Our trolls have suffered so long!

Troll King takes it and pours half into the Queen's cup. Then without tasting it, they drink the entire cup.

Queen starts coughing and sputtering. King starts coughing and spitting it out, and throws the cup on the floor and starts yelling. The cup stays on the floor.

Troll King:

What have you given me!!!! Are you trying to kill us?

Troll Queen:

This is burning my mouth! Get me some root brew, water or something, even Elf Hair elixir.

Baktay: *In a panic*

Yes, your majesty. I'm so sorry your majesty. I didn't know it would burn you. You should have taken a sip first instead of drinking the entire cup.

Baktay grabs a different cup (not one the cups with the human hair elixir that the king and queen just threw on the ground) of Elf Hair Elixir and gives it to the king and queen who settle down.

Troll King: *Very angry to Alexa and William*

Well, *(spitting and wiping his sore mouth)* it appears that your hair will be of no value to us. All it did was burn my mouth. So I have no further use for you.

Troll Queen:

Humpff... Get rid of them! Immediately!

Alexa:

What did we do? We didn't make you drink that ridiculous elixir made from our hair. That was your choice.

Troll King:

You just about killed me!

Troll Queen:

And Me!

William:

No, your stupidity just about killed you. That's not our fault.

Troll King: *Yelling*

Silence. I have no use for you humans. I am going to send you along with your elf friends to the Mountain Monster. Your parents will never know what became of you.

Troll King:

Troll Guards, Take them away

Alexa, William, Shaylon and Elaylon protest:

No, No you can't do this. You'll regret this!

The Throne room door is brought forward, the 4 are taken away by the troll king guards, up stage center through the Throne room door which is now being held center stage. Trolls girls follow the guards and 4 out and watch them walk off stage. King and Queen and all subjects exit stage left.

Once the guards and 4 pass through the door it exits behind the Throne room door backdrop. They continue to walk through the caves, down stage right, and down the front steps. Walk stage right behind the backdrop- Pantomiming dragging, fighting etc.

The troll girls come downstage right... swooning over Shaylon and William and admiring Alexa and Elaylon. They have never seen humans and elves up close.

Rodesa:

Oh my, I didn't realize how handsome humans and elves are. Why couldn't the king let them stay. I would watch over them. I would.

Vanjei:

Did you see the elven girl? Her hair was the most beautiful hair I have ever imagined. It, it, it looked like flowing emeralds.

Raingala:

Maybe we should plead with the King to spare their lives. I want to meet that human boy. He was so handsome. We could beg the King, on our knees. Please, King, Please!

Bectali:

I feel faint, the elf boy looked at me and I think he smiled. I wonder if he is thinking of me now.

Xizla:

The human boy looked at me and I actually think he winked. I'll never be the same again. *(Pause)*. Wait, what if all the human boys look that good. Wow.

Duxeah:

I wonder what it would take to make my hair look like the human girl's hair. I wish I could ask her what she does to make it so soft and shiny.

Shazu:

I will never love a troll boy after my eyes have beheld two of the most beautiful male creatures in existence. What am I to do now they are being sent to the Mountain Monster?

Zanda:

Oh you silly trolls. Come on, let's head home.

Scene 7

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*Stage crew pull off Cave Throne Room stage left. Bring on big rock and some smaller rocks. Scattered stage right. Leave Stalagmites and Stalactites
Bring on entrance to Mountain Monster's cavern- Boulder Door. Center stage*
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Narrator Grandpa:

After the Troll King drank the elixir and burned his mouth, he had no more use for the Humans. Although he could have kept the elves for their hair, the Troll King seems to have had some anger issues. I guess I would too if I had to live in a cave all day and drink elixir made from hair.

Ann:

That sound terrible! Worse than spinach or liver.

Jake:

I had to take a medicine once that didn't taste very good, but I wouldn't send the doctor to meet his doom in a dark cave with a Monster.

Ann: *(laughing)*

Maybe if they mixed the elixir with chocolate syrup it would have tasted better.

Grandpa:

Maybe so, but I think I would have liked raspberry. In the meantime Rainbow, Wind and Nightmare made their way down the caves following the scent of their captured friends, but with all the various caverns and tunnels, they had great difficulty in finding where their friends were being kept.

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*Stage Crew in black is holding the Entrance to the Mountain Monster cave up stage right- facing the audience.
Sound of growling, The Troll King Guards are afraid of even being near the entrance door.*

Troll King Guards: (*Singing*)

Oh, No!

Oh, No! Oh, No! What could that be?
On, Dear! Oh, Dear! I hope it won't hurt me!
In the Mountain there's a Monster!
Oh, Me! Oh, My! Where could that Monster be?
Throw them inside. Then we must quickly flee!

They open the door and push Shaylon, Elaylon, William and Alexa in and then slam the door shut, lock it and run away. As they go through the door it turns sideways and then moves to stage left where it stays upstage stage left.

*Shaylon, Elaylon, William and Alexa hide behind rocks which are upstage right.
The cave bats fly into the cavern.*

Cave Bats

Cave Bats, Cave Bats, We are Cave Bats, Cave Bats, You can see.
Cave Bats, Cave Bats, We are Cave Bats, Cave Bats, You should flee.

We are the Cave Bats. Don't invade our habitat.
We fly like acrobats. We're meaner than Black Cats and Black Rats.

We protect the Monster here. We don't let anyone near.
You will see we have no fear, We're Cave Bats, is that clear?

Cave Bats, Cave Bats, We are Cave Bats, Cave Bats, You can see.
Cave Bats, Cave Bats, We are Cave Bats, Cave Bats, You should flee.

Cave Bat Leader-Claws :

Who are you? What are you doing in our cave? And what do you want with the Mountain Monster?

Elaylon: (*Sympathetically*)

We are just some children and we want nothing to do with the Mountain Monster.

Shaylon:

We were forced here by the Trolls. Please don't hurt us!

Cave Bat leader- Sharptooth:

I'm sure the Troll King sent you here to be eaten by the Mountain Monster. Right? Ha Ha Ha!
However, you should be more afraid of us than the Mountain Monster.

Cave Bat leader- Claws:

Yes! We have sharp teeth and sharp claws!

Cave Bat leader- Sharptooth:

And we can fly so fast that you will think you are in the middle of a hurricane.

Roar of the Mountain Monster... the Bats except Sharptooth and Claws run off stage right in fear.

Cave Bat leader- Claws:

Ahhh! Just kidding Monster.

Cave Bat leader- Sharptooth:

We wouldn't have hurt them!

The Mountain Monster lumbers out from center stage curtain behind the rocks.

Shaylon and Elaylon look at each other, pause and then charge the monster, yelling in excitement.

William and Alexa stand up and watch in amazement as Shaylon and Elaylon put their arms around the Mountain Monster and jump up and down in joy and excitement..

Elaylon:

Flower? Flower! Where have you been? We missed you so much.

Shaylon:

Did the Troll King capture you too?

*Mountain Monster and Elves "talk" to each other with a series of growls and grunts.
Alexa and William come out from behind the rocks.*

Alexa:

Flower? That thing is named Flower?

William:
What is going on here?

Elaylon:
This is Flower, our pet. We have not seen her in such a long time. We thought she must have been hurt and lost in the woods.

Shaylon:
Apparently, she found this cave and likes the coolness here, so she hasn't tried to leave. She thinks the trolls are playing a game with her which is why she growls so much.

William:
So, we aren't in any danger with the Mountain Monster?

Elaylon:
No, No, *(She laughs)* Flower would never hurt anyone. We have had her since she was a baby! Her growl may sound mean, but she is really very gentle.

Flower growls to talk to Shaylon.

Shaylon:
And she said not to fear the bats. They just try to act tough, but they are really afraid of the trolls too.

Alexa:
Well, it appears that the trolls are quite terrified of your friend here.

Shaylon:
SHHHH Everyone, I think I can hear the trolls coming again. Hurry, take your protection capes and cover yourselves.

Everyone covers themselves, Upstage Right.

Elaylon:
Flower, go back into the darkness. When I call to you I want you to come out roaring as loud as you can.

Monster shakes head up and down and then leaves through the crack in the cave backdrops.

Scene 8

Stage Crew again moves the boulder door back to center stage, facing the audience. The Troll Guards and Nivek enter stage left to check on the Humans. They all act tough but as they get closer to the door they start to get scared....

Xukundhi:

Why do WE have to come to the Monster's Cave again so soon. Didn't the Troll Guard just bring the prisoners here an hour or so ago?

Docklay:

Ya. I hate this job of coming to the Monster's cavern. It scares me to death.

Zundek:

Me too. I'd rather have hunting patrol. Even though I hate being in the sunshine, it is better than being around the Monster.

Tok-mal :

This deep in the caves gives me the creeps. I've even heard of trolls who died from fright just by seeing the monster.

Zundek:

Oh, Tok-mal stop making things up, no one can die from fright!

Polmak :

I just want to get home. My wife made my favorite turnip pie tonight and I can hardly wait.

Nivek-

Trolls! Trolls! We are here because the king is very interested in what the Monster does to the Humans. He's never fed Humans to the Monster before. Now one of you open the door and see what is going on in there.

Who will be first

Troll Guards

Who will be first?

To open up the door

It should be the oldest, Not me

How about the youngest, Not me.

Who will be the first?

I don't want to go.

Who will be first?

You can't make me go! Oh Yeah?

_____ I don't want to open the door into the cave.
_____ I don't want to be the guard that you will have to save.
_____ I would like to stay here, safe, on this side of the door.
_____ I have heard and seen enough, I don't want any more.

Who will be first? To open up the door
He who ranks the highest, Not me
Or the new recruit, Not me.
Who will be the first? I don't want to go.
You can't make me go! Oh Yeah?

_____ We don't want to meet the monster hiding in that cave.
_____ For if we do, we're likely headed for an early grave.
_____ So please let us go back home, we won't say any more.
_____ We plead with you to let us stay on this side of the door.

Who will be first? I don't want to go.
Not me, Not me, Not me, Not me,
Not me, Not me, (rest), Not me.
Who will be first? Who will be first?
Who will be first?
(In Unison) NOT ME!
Oh Yeah?

Stage Crew: The door is now sideways to the audience up center stage with the captives on stage right and the trolls on stage left.

Nivek:
If none of you will go in first, then you all will go in together.

Nivek:
Xukundhi, you have the keys. Open that door and I'll check on the humans and elves. But I command all of you to go in with me for safety and to verify what we find for our report to the king.

Xukundhi (*acting nervous, with a big ring of keys*):
Fine, I'll do it. Move aside. One of these keys is supposed to open the door, but I can never remember which one.

He goes to the door and after fumbling through the keys for a minute and carefully unlocks it. Just then we hear the growing sound of horse hooves and neighing and barking.

Docklay:

What is that sound coming down the cavern?

Nightmare:

In here, follow me!

Just then Wolf, Rainbow and Nightmare charge in from stage left. The Trolls yell and forgetting where they are, run into the Monster cave. As they run in the Mountain Monster's cave followed by the animals, the Stage Crew swings the door stage left flush with the backdrop...

The Guards, in shock, realize where they are. They are scared stiff with absolute terror. The monster roars (is not seen), Wind is barking, Horse/Unicorn neighing, Alexa, William, Shaylon and Elaylon run out yelling and all the guards pass out onto the floor of the Mountain Monster's cave.

Wind, Rainbow are reunited with Alexa and William. They hug each other.

Nightmare is an old friend of Flower so they hug for a minute and winnie and growl at each other.

Elaylon:

Looks like this Unicorn and Flower know each other.

Flower and Nightmare shake their heads up and down vigorously.

Shaylon:

Let's get the trolls tied together. After that fright they may be out for a while, but just in case they wake up I'd rather they couldn't follow us.

William takes Nivek's sword just as he wakes up and points it at him. Nivek is the only one who wakes up.

Nivek *(down on his knees)*

Please don't let the monster hurt us. We were just following the king's orders. Please, Please let us live.

Shaylon:

We're not going to hurt you, but we are going to make you help us escape or we will feed you to the monster.

Nivek:

Ok, I'll do anything. I'll help you escape. I just want be with my wife and children.

Alexa:
You have a family?

Nivek:
Yes, my wife and two young trolls. They mean everything to me.

Elaylon:
Hmm, I never really thought about Trolls having families like ours.

Shaylon, Elaylon and Alexa have finished tying up the other trolls who are still unconscious.

William:
Do you have a name? What is your rank and assignment?

Nivek:
My name is Nivek. I am the Captain of this group of trolls. Our assignment was to check and see what the Mountain Monster had done with you and then report back to the king. He's never fed humans to the Mountain Monster before.

Shaylon: *(Sarcastically)*
Well, you could tell him that we are alive and doing fine and going to escape, but we aren't going to let you. You will stay tied up and if you try to escape, YOU will become food for the Mountain Monster.

Elaylon:
You see, the monster is actually a friend of the Elves and she will do whatever we say.

Shaylon: *(to Alexa away from the Nivek)*
I've told Flower to start growling as loud as she can, as soon as we leave. After an hour she will escape out a hidden passage at the back of this cavern.

Alexa:
Why don't we just escape with her?

Elaylon:
She says the shaft is too steep for us to climb out safely. Unfortunately, that means we will have to go out the main passageway.

William: *(To Nivek)*

Well, Nivek, Do you agree to help us escape? After we are gone we'll tie you up and you can tell the King we threatened to feed you to the monster if you didn't help us.

Nivek:

Yes, I will help you. But I must be allowed to go with you and to bring my family. If I help you escape I will never be able to come back to live among the Trolls. Even if you force me, they will look upon me as a traitor. But I don't want to leave my family here without me.

Shaylon:

Where is your family?

Nivek:

We will pass by our living quarters on the way to the cave entrance. If we can stop for a moment I will convince them to come with us.

Elaylon:

That is fine with me. I think you should be able to keep your family together.

William:

Do you have any food at your house? It has been a while since we have eaten.

Alexa:

William, you are always hungry.

Nivek:

Yes, yes, of course, my wife can feed you.

Shaylon:

Wait, before we leave.... The king said something that bothered me. When we asked if there were other elves here in your caves, he didn't deny it. Do you have other elves held captive in these caves?

Nivek: *(lowering his head in shame)*

Yes. I am sorry to say we have captured many elves. We treat them well, but we keep them captive so that we may use their hair for our elixir. I've never felt good about this practice, but it is the only way we have found to make our painful skin bearable.

Shaylon:

Then you must take us to the elves and help all of them escape too.

Elaylon:
How many elves have you captured?

Nivek:
Somewhere around 30.....

Elaylon:
I can't believe that you would capture elves and hold them against their will.

Nivek:
I know, I am ashamed. So I will help you to right this wrong. The best way to the captured elves is to go through the back passages that only a few trolls know about. However, it is very dark and we will need to find some torches for light.

*The Monster growls. Elaylon listens to Flower.
(Music of the Song of the Luna Moths starts quietly)*

Elaylon:
The monster said the glow of the Beautiful Luna Cave Moths, who are her friends, will be enough to light the dark passageways to the cave entrance.

*Flower growls again and the Luna Moths enter
Song of the Luna Moths*

Light of the Luna, soft and white.
Each moth, though small, together we shine bright.
With the place not safe,
We will use all our power to help you escape beyond this cave.

We are the Luna moths of the cave.
We chase the gloom from caverns and we keep the bats away.
We light the night with beauty like moonlight.
We make all nature glow like winter morns on fallen snow.

* Dance*

Wings Iridescent, soothing sight
Bodies like moonbeams, effervescent light.
We'll help find your way, as if you walked in daylight.
Now, on your journey to be free.
Now of you journey to be free.

Luna moths fly to freeze positions. Luna Moth Queens come forward with 4

Illumination:

Hello - We are the Luna Moth Queens. Our kind have lived in the caves with the Trolls for thousands of years. The trolls do not like the sunshine because it hurts their skin, so sometimes we provide a special light to this dark, underground world.

Alexa:

You are amazing! I have never seen anything like you.

Opalescence:

There are ancient stories that some of our ancestors left the caves and live above ground as creatures the Elves call Ruine-Pi or a Firefly, so maybe you have seen our distant cousins before?

William:

Oh, yes, We love watching fireflies in the evening.

Shaylon:

Are the Trolls unkind to you? Would you like to be free as well?

Moonbeam:

This is our home and this is where we will stay. The Trolls have never been unkind to us, however, we do not agree with them keeping Elves for their hair.

Illumination:

We have tried to discourage the Troll King and Queen from keeping elves, but, their love for their subjects, and their desire to find a cure for the pain they endure, continues to cloud their judgement.

Elaylon:

Will you be able to help us escape?

Moonbeam:

Our friend, Flower, the Mountain Monster has told us stories about Elves, but we have heard little about humans! However, we trust Flower and want to help free the good Elves who have been trapped here. So we will trust that you Humans are good as well.

Shaylon:

You can trust them. You have my word as an elf.

Opalescence:

We know many secret passageways through the caves and with our glowing lights we can lead you safely to the entrance.

William:

Thank you for your willingness to help us! *Turn to others*. Let's get going.

Shaylon:

We will first rescue the elves and then go to your home, Nivek. I assume the elves will be hungry, too.

Elaylon: *(Speaks to the Mountain Monster)*

I've told Flower to start growling. That should keep the trolls scared and drive them crazy long enough for us to escape.

Monster exits and starts growling (into the mic), and then fades out before then next scene begins.

Scene 9

Stage Crew again brings the door center stage and the group walks through it with the Luna Moths in the lead. The door then "closes" and exits center stage through the backdrops along with all of the "unconscious" Troll Guards. The group walks stage left where the Luna Moths exit, except the Luna Moth Queens. Stage Crew brings on the Prison door and sets it up stage left. All the Captured Elves enter stage left and sit around on the floor. Meanwhile the "Group" walk around the front of the stage, through stalactites, to stage right. Then back across the back of the stage to behind the Prison Door. Shaylon looks through the small window and sees an Elf he knows.

Aemma:

Do you think we will ever get to go home?

Willa:

I don't know. I feel like we have been here forever.

Jahandra:

I know! I just want to see the sunshine again.

Theena:

And feel the rain on my face.

Daena:

I can't wait to eat normal food again- like berries and apples.

Elaria:

If I have to eat one more rutabaga I am going to be sick.

Morwen:

I don't like Troll food either! Bleh

Shalana:

They are better than the grubs the trolls sometimes bring us.

Daena:

I can't believe they actually like those things.

Jahandra:

At least they are feeding us and except for cutting our hair, they haven't hurt us.

Willa:

How can you be positive in all of this- We have been kidnapped!

Morwen: *needs short hair*

And look what they did to my hair!

Theena: *needs short hair*

Me Too!

Elaria: *needs short hair*

And Me!

Shalana:

When I get out of here, I'm going to.....

Shaylon: *(whisper calls to him)*

Talaya, Talaya... is that you?

Talaya:

Shhh everyone... *(at the door)* Who's there?

Shaylon:

It's me, Shaylon, but be quiet. We've come to rescue you.

Elves start to cheer but then silence each other

Talaya:

Oh Shaylon, I'm so glad you've come. We'd almost given up hope of returning home.

Elaylon:

Are there any trolls in the room with with you?

Talaya:

All the trolls left a few hours ago and we haven't seen them since.

Shaylon:

Can you open the door?

Talaya:

No, they took the keys with them.

Shaylon:

OK... Have everyone move back from this door. We are going kick it in.

Talaya:

Quickly everyone, away from the door.

All the captive elves scatter away from the door. The door is kicked in. Shaylon, Elaylon, Alexa, William, Wind, Rainbow, Nightmare and Moth Queen run into the room. Everyone hugs and greet the elves..Nivek waits outside the door. .

Elaylon:

Everyone... we are so happy to have found you! These are our new friends, Will and Alexa of the human kingdom (*Reactions from Elves*) and their animal friends Rainbow, Wind and Nightmare. And these are the Luna Moths who have been so kind to use their lights to guide us to you.

Shaylon:

Now grab your things, Let's go home!

All Elves:
Home? Home!

The elves start to sing

Going Home
Captive elves

We are going home to family,
To those we've longed to see.
Going home, with friends that we've made here,
It's been so many years.

For oh so long we've been away,
With many thoughts and fears
We've dreamed about this day to come,
when again we'd all be near.

We've missed the little things we thought,
Were insignificant
Like light, and flowers, and rainy days
And star filled skies at night.

(Elaylon, Shaylon, Alexa, William, Animals join in)
From home so long we've been away,
We've shed so many tears,
But now today we're going home
Oh we are going HOME!

Talaya:
Going Home sounds wonderful!

Aemma:
But how are we getting out?

Shaylon:
Well, we have one more friend, a troll named Nivek. He is going to lead us out of the caves.
Nivek, come inside.

Nivek enters the room. The Elves fall back in fright.

Talaya: *Stepping forward protectively*

We cannot follow a Troll- he will lead us into a trap! You should not trust a troll.

Shaylon:

Talaya, he has earned our trust by betraying the Troll King and agreeing to help us free you.

Elaylon:

Besides, he is our only hope of getting out of these caves.

Nivek *(to the Elves)*:

I am greatly sorry that my people have held you against your will. I know my words cannot change what has happened in the past, but I pledge that I will help you escape. That pledge alone means that I am no longer safe among the Trolls. So I and my family will be fleeing with you.

Nivek *(to Shaylon)*:

Thank you for your trust in me. I will not let you down.

Then the elves talk among themselves.

Talaya:

We will follow you, but if you don't mind I would like to walk behind you with a weapon as added assurance.

Nivek:

I understand. Take my sword, William is holding it.

William: *Handing the sword to Talaya*

Now, let's get moving.

They all leave through the broken door. Walk Stage left down and around the front of the stage again...

Stage Crew lower Nivek's Home Door on stage right.

Nivek:

Turn this way, it's up this tunnel.

Group walks up Stage right to behind the drop down door. Captive Elves and Moth Queens wait on the grass "talking and waiting quietly". Main 4 + animals and Nivek walk into the house. As they walk, Neela and children come out of center bringing a table, baskets, some baskets or potato sacks with food onto the stage. Extra potato sacks to put items into.

Scene 10

Nivek:

Neela, we have visitors. *(Turn to the others)* This is my wife and our children.

Neela: *Looking shocked*

Nivek, what is happening? Who are these elves and Humans! and Animals??!! Explain yourself.

Nivek *(to Neela)*

Neela, it has been a very interesting day. I will explain everything to you later, but for now you must trust me. We must leave immediately. Gather all the food we have in the house, and pack a few important things. We are leaving the caves forever.

Neela:

Forever, what do you mean forever? All we have ever known is this cave. We can't just leave.

Zenda:

Father, what is happening?

Zayla:

Where are we going?

Nivek:

I don't have time to explain. The guards will be after us.

Neela:

Guards? Oh Boulders!

Zenda:

You mean I will never see my friends again?

Zayla:

Mother, Mother, where will we go?

Neela:

Its okay children, we must trust your father. Hurry go grab a few things.

As they gather food and pack a few things around the house, Neela sings her song.

Neela's Longing

Neela

'Tho we've lived here many years
Change now comes which brings new fear.
I will long for family near.
I will miss my friends so dear.
Yet, we've talked of future plan
where we may be more free.
I have wondered what would life be like
Living in the trees.
So, I'll trust my Nivek, dear,
That what he's planned is clear.
So together, share adventures,
Meet each challenge with no fear.

Nivek ushers everyone out of the house then gives his wife a hug and they walk out their door.

Main 4, animals, Moth Queens, Nivek and family stand on the grass in front of the group of captive elves.

Nivek:

All right, we are ready. We must move quickly. Follow the Luna Moths through the back corridors and stay together.

William:

OK, let's get out of these caves and feel the fresh air and sunlight.

Everyone cheers, but in a quiet cheer. Nivek, TALAYA with sword, Elaylon, Alexa, Neela and Children, Luna Moths, Neela, children, followed by captive elves, animals, William and Shaylon bring up the rear, leave stage right behind the backdrop.

Scene 11

=====
Stage Crew pulls up Nivek's door. Stage Crew removes table, house items. Etc.

Stage crew pull on Cave Throne Room from stage left and Troll Thrones. Throne room door is downstage center. Facing the audience.

Stage crew brings on the kings goblet. Troll King and Queen enter stage left and sit dejected on their thrones. Baktay and Troll King Guards stand nearby.

=====
Mountain Monster starts growling again softly at first and growing louder, without a mic, as if in the distance.

Grandpa:

The group was getting quite big now. That would have been quite a sight to see, all the captive elves, the animals, Nivek and his family, the Luna moths, plus two sets of princes and princesses, sneaking through the caves.

Jake:

Did they make it to safety or did Nivek lead them into a trap?

Grandpa:

Nivek was an honorable troll and true to his word, even though it meant he had to abandon his entire life, his friends and his extended family.

Anne:

I can't imagine having to leave you and grandma, or my mom and dad just to help someone.

Grandpa:

You are right, it would be a very hard thing, but Nivek was willing to do it, because he knew it was the right thing to do.

Jake:

Did they run into any other trolls?

Grandpa:

Luckily, Nivek and the Luna Moths knew the back caves well. They were able to guide the group safely through the dark caverns and avoid any other trolls.

While the group was escaping, the Troll King and Queen were in their throne room. They were not too happy about the failure of the human hair elixir, nor the fact that for some unknown reason to them, the Mountain Monster had not stopped roaring for even a moment.

=====
They can hear the mountain monster roaring in the distance.

Troll Queen:

Agh! That roaring is driving me crazy! When will that monster stop?

Troll King:

Why don't you go down and explain to it yourself that you would like it to stop?

Troll Queen: *(Sarcastically)*

Oh Rokton. Thank you for your vote of confidence in me, but I would prefer to send the guards.

Troll Guard Pul'juk:

Looking scared I'm sure the monster is just fine. We wouldn't want to leave you and the king unprotected.

Troll Guard Hugal:

Yes, yes. We will stay with you for the time being....if you would like.

Troll Queen:

Fine, I'm not trying to get any beauty sleep at the moment.

Troll King: *(to Baktay)*

I am very disappointed with the human hair elixir. When I saw the courage of those humans, I thought for certain that their hair would make a better elixir.

Troll Queen:

I fear we will never find something that truly cures our people.

Troll King:

Bring me some more Elf hair elixir. All this roaring is giving me a headache.

Troll Queen:

Yes, I could use some too.

Baktay brings in a jug of elixir.

Baktay:
Your Cup Sire?

Troll King looks around. Picks up cup from off of the floor where he threw it earlier.

Troll King:
Ah, here it is.

Baktay pours a drink and hands it to the Troll King. The Troll King then pours some of the elixir from his cup into the cup of the Queen. The Troll King drinks.

Coincidentally the Mountain Monster Stops Growling as the king drinks the new elixir

Troll King: *Pauses, takes another sip, smiles and then downs the whole cup and in an excited voice starts asking... Batkay- What is this?*

Baktay: *(puzzled and quizzically looking at the cup):*
It's the Elf hair elixir you've always had!

Troll King:
NO, IT IS NOT. Where did you get this? THIS IS DIFFERENT.

The Queen takes a sip of her elixir.

Troll Queen:
Very different, it has a totally amazing flavor. Here *(to the assistant and guards)* try some. And I feel....
Why, I feel, almost... happy?!?

Troll King:
Happy? Is that a good thing?

Troll Queen:
I've heard it is. And my skin, it isn't itchy or painful anymore.

Baktay and the two guards drink some of the new elixir given from the Queen's cup (the King drank all of his).

What Is This?
Troll King and Queen, Baktay and Two Guards

This is the best elixir we've ever had before,
We're not sure where it came from or who has made it so?

It makes us feel so better, It makes us feel so good
our skin feels soft and smooth, just the way it always should.

All we know is
we take a drink, try a sip and then you'll feel much better
The elf elixir is not so good
The human one is badder
But this elixir is so wonderful
We all will be gladder
We have done it
We have got it
We have to make some more
We have found it
We have made it

And We really want some more!!

(Music is still playing while they King and Assistant are talking.)

Baktay :

Wait, *(Pause)* Wait, *(Pause, getting louder)* Wait, *(Pause, finally the loudest time, very excited)*

I poured the elf hair elixir into your cup, *(pause)* it must have mixed with some human hair elixir that was still in your cup from before... *(pause)* and the elixirs mixed together to become this new delicious elixir. Which just happens to be a magical elixir fixer.

Troll King and Queen are ecstatic. Troll guards are dancing around.

Troll King:

Wonderful! Bring me more!

Troll Queen:

And begin production immediately of the new Elven/Human Hair Magical Elixir Fixer! We will deliver it to all the trolls tomorrow.

Troll guards freeze in their dance.

Baktay: *Slowly*
Ummm... we don't have anymore human hair elixir.

Troll King:
What? Then bring the humans to me. I want to talk to them. This is the answer to all our problems.

Baktay (*very reluctantly*):
Ummm, Sire, You sent them to be eaten by the Mountain Monster.

Troll Queen:
Boulders! That monster has been nothing but problems. I told you we shouldn't keep a monster in our caves.

Troll King:
We have to save them!
Guards, Guards, go to the Mountain Monster and save the humans!

*Stage Crew turns the Throne room door slightly so the group can run out of it.
Guards look at each other, not really wanting to go, then they move towards the throne room door,
center stage.*

Troll King:
NO, wait, wait. I'm going with you.

Troll Queen:
Well, if you are going, I am going too! Hurry, we have to save them.

Guards, Troll King, Troll Queen and Baktay run out the Throne room, across stage right and backstage.

Scene 12

=====
Stage crew removes throne room door through backdrop. Pull off Cave Throne Room stage left. Stage crew removes thrones, cups, pitcher, etc.
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Jake:
Will they make it in time to save the elves and humans from the Monster?

Anne:
Jale. Remember, we know the Mountain Monster is nice and didn't eat them!

Jake:
Oh yea

Grandpa:
That's right. The elves and humans and animals have one last cavern to cross before they reach the cave entrance and their freedom.

Anne:
But they don't know that the Troll Queen and King are not mad at them anymore.

Grandpa:
Right again! Now that the Troll Queen and King have discovered the secret to making an elixir that will truly help their fellow trolls, they are willing to do anything to save the humans and elves. Even enter the dreaded Monster cave themselves.

Jake:
Grandpa keep going!!! I want to know what happens.

=====
During the narration Nivek, Shaylon and William are sending the captive elves, Neela and daughters across the stage, from one cavern to the next. They run from stage left to stage right and back behind the backdrop. Shaylon, William, Elaylon, Alexa, Wind, Nightmare, Rainbow, Nivek, Talaya and the Moth Queens are still on stage preparing to exit... Just as they run across the main tunnel, the King, Queen, Baktay, Troll King Guards enter from the center curtain.

Shalylon:
Oh, no, we've been discovered. It's the Troll King and Queen. Run Talaya!

Nivek:

The entrance is just on the other side of this cavern. It will not be guarded at this time of night.

Talaya:

I will get the others out and we will meet you in the forest.

Talaya run around down stage right and out the backdrop stage right.

Elaylon *(to the Moth Queens)*:

Thank you so much for your help. Now fly away back to your families before the Troll King sees you helping us!

Moth Queen Illumination:

From all of the Luna Moths we proclaim, it was a privilege to illuminate your way.

Moth Queen Moonbeam:

And now, we wish you brilliance and light on your journey.

Moth queens fly off stage left

Nivek: *directs the others downstage away from the trolls.*

Shaylon, William, Keep going. Take the others out. I will stay and hold off the Trolls long enough for you to escape.

William:

No, Nivek, we will stay with you.

Troll King, Queen and guards walk down center.

Troll King *(calls to them)*:

Wait, Wait. We do not want to fight you.

Troll Queen:

We just want to talk to you.

Nivek steps protectively in front of group.

Shaylon:

We don't believe you. You kidnapped our people and sent us to the Mountain Monster. How can we trust anything you say?

Troll King:

Let me prove myself. Guards, put down your weapons.

The Troll King Guards look at each other very puzzled.

Hugral:

What? Put down our weapons?

Pul'juk

But your majesties, We must protect you.

Troll Queen:

Do as he says!

Troll King Guards put down their swords and push them away but only a small amount .

Troll King:

Further.

The Permanent Troll Guards kick the swords far away.

William, Shaylon, Alexa, Elaylon, Talaya and Nivek look at each other in amazement.

The king and queen walk toward to them and and then bows down to them.

Troll King:

We are so very sorry for the way we treated you. We should not have grown angry and sent you to the Mountain Monster.

Troll Queen:

You do not know how glad we are to see you alive.

We have come to apologize. Living in the caves causes our skin to hurt and itch terribly. The only relief we have found is through an elixir made from Elf hair. It tastes awful but the bad taste is worth the relief. The only way we could get the necessary elf hair for our elixir was to hold some of the elves captive.

Shaylon:

How could you do that? Hold our people captive, away from their own families, just to make a some foul hair drink? We are leaving this dark and dreary place immediately and you will pay for your crimes against us.

Troll King:

Wait, Please. We know we are in the wrong. However, we have made an amazing discovery. The human hair elixir we made earlier was accidentally combined with some Elf Hair elixir. The combined elixir has completely cured our skin. Today is the first time in my entire life that I have been completely pain free.

Troll Queen:

Finally, our people can be healed!

Alexa:

So, are you going to start kidnapping humans now as well?

Troll Queen:

No, No. Of course not! We will do anything to make amends for all the suffering we inflicted. We were desperate and didn't make good decisions. We hope that in the months and years ahead you will be able to forgive us.

Troll King:

Humans and Elves and Trolls have never worked together, but we would like to change that. Here in the caves we are surrounded by gems and metals that humans and elves treasure. We could trade our diamonds, rubies and precious metals for the trimmings of your beautiful hair. If we could only meet with the Human King and Human Queen and the Elf King and Elf Queen.

Troll Queen:

Do any of you know how we could meet with them?

William:

Just a minute, let us discuss this.

William, Alexa, Elaylon and Shaylon huddle in a group for a few seconds discussing and then turn back to the King.

Shaylon:

You have committed a terrible crimes in kidnapping our Elves, but in reality you didn't hurt any of them, and your actions were done in an effort to help your own Trolls.

Elaylon:

So, we are willing to forgive you.

William: *(back to the king and queen)*

And humans we agree.

Troll Queen:

Do you really think your people will be as forgiving as you?

Alexa:

There will be some reluctance by our people, but over time, we think all of us could get along, maybe even become friends. And I think we might have some influence with the Human and Elf Kings and Queens.

William:

I would like to introduce you to Princess Elaylon and Prince Shaylon of the Elf Kingdom. And I am Prince William and this is my sister, Princess Alexa of the Human Kingdom.

The King and Queen are speechless, and they kneel down before them.

Troll King:

Your majesties, I am so sorry for our actions.

Troll Queen:

Please, we beg for your forgiveness.

Alexa:

Yea, I think we already agreed that you're forgiven. No please, get up, you're making me feel old. I'm just a kid, I'm not my Mom.

Everyone laughs. The Troll King rises smiling.

Elaylon:

We need to find a way to get to meet and know each other. Why don't we plan a huge celebration and bring the Elves, the Trolls and the Humans together.

Troll King:

That's a wonderful idea. I fear the Trolls will be leary of meeting others not of their kind, but the Queen and I will encourage their support.

Elaylon:

And we will do the same with the Elves.

William:

And we will convince the humans.

Troll King:

Then you must be on your way.

Troll Queen:

Tell your parents we send our apologies and greeting!

Alexa:

I think we are going to have to tell them a whole lot more than that!

Everyone starts laughing

William: *(to the Troll King and Queen)*

Before we leave. We need to know what will become of Nivek and his family.

Troll King:

Nivek, you were courageous to stand against me in doing what was right. I respect that strength. You are hereby pardoned of all your actions to help make all this goodness happen. I have in mind a great appointment of honor for you.

Nivek: Thank you, your majesty.

Everyone starts talking as they begin to leave the stage. King, Queen, Guards exit out the middle backdrop. The animals head out stage right. Nivek and 4 head stage right.

William:

Nivek, Thank you so much for your help! You risked your life and the lives of your family to help some strangers.

Nivek:

Well, I didn't realize I was helping princesses and princes. I am proud to call the Humans and the Elves my friends. And now if you will excuse me, I must go find my wife and children and tell them the good news.

Nivek leaves the stage. Shaylon and Elaylon are standing next to each other.

Shaylon:

Alexa and William could we talk to you for a moment?

William:

Of course!

Elaylon:

You have become our good friends and you have shown that you are brave and strong and very courageous. We didn't think that you would stay with us.

Alexa:

You really didn't think we could leave you, did you?

Shaylon:

We weren't sure at first, but because of your courage and help in making peace between the elves and the trolls, and I hope the humans, too, we would like to give you something very special.

Elaylon:

No human has ever been given this gift.

Shaylon and Elaylon then reached inside their jackets and take out two protection capes and hand them to their two new best friends.

William:

Wow, thank you so much! Amazing, This will be so great to have. Think of the tricks we can play on our friends and around the castle.

Shaylon:

But you can only use them for doing good and helping others.

Elaylon:

And also remember the capes must rest between uses. So treat each one as a good friend. It will help you often as long as you take good care of it.

Alexa:

We promise that we will do exactly as you say.

William:

Yes, we will *(as he holds out his hand for a hand shake)*. Now lets get home. I'm sure our parents are worried sick!

The four of them walk off the stage right together. Elaylon and Alexa with their arms around each others shoulders and William and Shaylon silent talking behind them.

Scene 13

Stage Crew pulls on Forest 1 from stage right and Castle 2 from stage left. They each take 1/3 of the stage so the caves are in the middle.

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Grandpa:

Alexa and William went back to their kingdom and told everyone of their adventures and of their new friends. Elaylon and Shaylon and the captive elves went back to the Elf Kingdom where they had a wonderful reunion with their families.

Nivek was promoted to Special Events Planning Advisor to the Troll King and on a beautiful evening a few months later, the Humans, the Elves and the Trolls joined together to celebrate the Tri-Kingdom Trade Alliance and their new friendship.

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All groups come back on stage to bows.

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Then Mountain Monster comes on very last, the Trolls all recoil in fear.

Elaylon:

Don't worry friends! Flower is our pet and although she sounds mean, she would never hurt a moth or a bat or a troll or a human.

(The Mountain Monster takes off her mask and bows)

Although you probably shouldn't stand too close when she is devouring a human made chocolate cake with chocolate icing and chocolate ice cream. That is not a pretty sight.

The End