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# "THE CAVEMAN KING"

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#### FLASHBACK:

BLACK SCREEN: 13 YEARS AGO

Cold open:

A dark expanse of outer space. Several UFOs quickly soar past.

We slowly descend to a clear night sky on Earth.

A spaceship launches upward.

A large airplane glides through the sky.

A noisy metropolis is heard faintly far below.

We move through the sky in the opposite direction away from the modern city, and now a few miles away, see a huge pterodactyl fly over what is now a prehistoric jungle land.

(Dramatic, suspenseful music begins)

A young and concerned PRINCESS EVE(10), skulks barefoot through the castle halls cautiously in a cheetah-print garment and a short skirt of the same pattern. Her hair is shoulder-length and golden much like the uniquely crafted tiara on her head that resembles the shape of leaves at the front. Around her neck is an elegant bone necklace.

BOOM! BANG! BANG! THUD!

It's coming from downstairs. Outside!

Princess Eve pauses.

LOUD footfalls sound from around the corner of an adjacent hall. She can hear the GOLDLEAF SENTRIES, yell from a distance. Their voices get LOUDER and CLOSER.

 $\label{eq:GOLDLEAF} \mbox{GOLDLEAF SENTRY A} \\ \mbox{Find the princess!}$ 

Two Goldleaf Sentries, young, well-built cavemen who wear red smock-like garments made of animal skin and held up by a shoulder strap on one side, turn the corner and survey both directions.

They spot Princess Eve.

One runs toward her as the other walks briskly behind. They both have swords and bow and arrows strapped to their backs.

GOLDLEAF SENTRY A

Princess! You must get to safety! NOW!

The GOLDLEAF SENTRY picks Princess Eve up from the ground and rushes to her room.

He sets her down and puts his hands on her shoulders.

The room is expansive with magenta concrete floor and walls and elegant oil lamps hung all around the place.

GOLDLEAF SENTRY A

Stay here!

PRINCESS EVE nods.

He locks the room door from the outside.

GOLDLEAF SENTRY A (to the other guard)
I'll guard this door. Find the prince!

GOLDLEAF SENTRY B

On it!

SHOUTS and CLAMOR sounds from outside. More and more intense!

Princess Eve shuffles over to the silk curtains of her room.

She slowly peeks her head through and steps onto the small balcony at the side of the castle. She watches from above.

The Goldleaf Sentries are in the midst of a vicious combat with the SILVERSTONE CAVEMEN, considerably larger in size, brawn, and aggression battle barefoot, dressed in tiger print, multi-colored tunics.

Another attempted military Invasion of the kingdom!

GOLDLEAF SENTRY C They've got us surrounded!

GOLDLEAF SENTRY D
Protect the palace! Don't let
them get inside!

The Goldleaf Sentries wrestle with the Silverstone Cavemen in barbaric hand-to-hand combat, fire arrows, wield swords, swing clubs, and launch massive boulders from catapults. Men from both sides become injured, clothes torn and muddied from grappling in the mud, bruised and scarred, some beaten, some unconscious, and some dead. The Silverstone Cavemen appear to get the upper hand as they push back the Goldleaf Sentries closer to the entrance of the Goldleaf Castle.

CAPTAIN IVAN(19), head of the Goldleaf Sentries, taller and stronger than his subordinates, has a military hard hat over his copper hair and wears a brown garment, stands mightily behind the frontlines.

CAPTAIN IVAN

Hold your ground!

The CAVEMAN KING, ruler of the Silverstone Cavemen and twice the size of his men, steps forth from the trees of the surrounding forest valiantly in a lion fur tunic, his unkempt dirty blond hair down to his shoulders, with cold brown eyes that burn with a sinister fire, raises his first mightily in the air.

CAVEMAN KING

Onward, my savages! This kingdom, too, will soon be ours. Show no mercy!

The Silverstone Cavemen lasso long tree vines from the jungle and cast them alongside the castle walls, latch onto the rooftop rails, and begin to scale it effortlessly.

CAPTAIN IVAN
Secure the rooftop! Don't
let them get to the top!

The Goldleaf Sentries are now strategically positioned on the roof and balconies around the castle and began to fire their arrows at the Silverstone Cavemen.

The rival savages are struck and fall a long way down.

The Goldleaf Sentries continue to fire an overwhelming shower of arrows and force the Silverstone Cavemen to a shameful retreat.

Other Silverstone Cavemen who avoided the darts shot at them, vines are severed by the swords of Goldleaf Sentries at top and they, too, fall to the dirt below.

Princess Eve spots a few Silverstone Cavemen slowly climb up to her balcony.

She staggers backward in terror. They have their eyes locked on her. Only a few feet below.

SILVERSTONE CAVEMAN A
Oh, Princess. You have visitors!
(snickers)
There's nowhere to run!

Princess Eve swallows heavily. She thinks.

She rushes back in her room, bends down, and reaches under her bed.

She frantically searches until her hand discovers something. There it is! A small blade twinkles in her hand.

She runs back to the balcony.

A few Silverstone Cavemen are just about to climb over the railing.

SILVERSTONE CAVEMAN B

Time's up! Just come quietly. We won't bite.

PRINCESS EVE

Well I do!

Princess Eve charges at one of the Silverstone Cavemen, his hairy, sweaty palms clutch the top of the rails as he attempts to climb over onto the balcony.

She bites his hand viciously and sinks her teeth deep into his fingers.

SILVERSTONE CAVEMAN B

Ah!!!

He stumbles back and falls a few feet down but catches hold of the vine he mounted before he completely plunges.

SILVERSTONE CAVEMAN B You little bug! I'll crush you!

PRINCESS EVE

Get away from my home, you monsters!

Quickly, she cuts all of the vines with a fierce slash of her knife. They all wail and plummet to their demise.

Captain Ivan looks over his shoulder to see PRINCE ADAM(9) short black spiky hair, wears a royal blue animal print garment, large leather belt, gold crown similar in design to EVE's, leather cuffs, and is barefoot with a skull bracelet on his left ankle is carried away over the shoulder of a Silverstone caveman.

PRINCE ADAM

Hey! Let me go! Help!!

CAPTAIN IVAN

Stop right there! Unhand him!

Captain Ivan jumps mightly into the air and tackles the Silverstone caveman, twice his size, to the ground. A flood of castle sentries rush over to the scene. Captain Ivan helps Prince Adam up to his feet while the Castle sentries subdue the Silverstone caveman with gold shackles.

Captain Ivan kneels down before Prince Adam and puts his hands on his shoulders.

CAPTAIN IVAN

Are you okay, Your Highness?

Prince Adam nods, shaken up.

PRINCE ADAM

Yes, thank you.

KING ANDREW(40s)a herculean man of jet black hair, in a royal blue leopard print tunic and neck collar of the same design with shiny rhinestones and sequin trim and matching pair of wristbands, his face of strongly chiseled features and green eyes rich in color and confidence, slowly approaches.

Prince Adam sees his father and holds his head down.

PRINCE ADAM

Father, I -

KING ANDREW

I don't want to hear it. They almost had you this time. How many times do I have to tell you? A real prince is never to be captured by the enemy.

Prince Adam's eyes remain fixed to the ground. Tears fill his eyes. He wipes his face.

PRINCE ADAM

I - I'm sorry.

King Andrew turns to the nearby Castle Sentries.

KING ANDREW

Take him back to his room.

A pair of Castle Sentries quickly rush Prince Adam back inside the castle.

King Andrew approaches the Silverstone caveman who attempted to abduct his son. The Silverstone caveman is on his knees, hands tied behind him, and held still by the pair of Castle Sentries. He slowly meets the cold eyes of King Andrew.

King Andrew stands before him and peers down at him angrily.

SILVERSTONE CAVEMAN C

All...hail...the Caveman Ki -

King Andrew brutally punches him in the abdomen and kicks him in the face. The Silverstone Caveman crashes to the ground unconscious.

KING ANDREW

Filthy Silverstone scum.

The Silverstone Caveman is dragged away by the castle sentries.

King Andrew returns his focus to the war around him.

The Caveman King's men are completely overtaken and surrounded. Goldleaf Sentries on the ground and from the castle roof and balconies all have their arrows and swords pointed in their direction.

KING ANDREW

Halt!

King Andrew ambles through a crowd of his Goldleaf Sentries until he arrives at the frontline of the battle. He stands before the Caveman King bold and upright.

A TENSE stare off.

KING ANDREW
You've failed again, king.
These invasion attempts

are pointless. You will never add this kingdom to your list of conquests. You are no match for my formidable army.

Retreat NOW! Next time, I will not be merciful.

The Caveman King growls bitterly.

#### CAVEMAN KING

You may have won this battle but the war is far from over! You won't have the upper hand for much longer. Your military has gotten weaker at every clash.

The Caveman King meticulously eyes each one of the Goldleaf Sentries who stare back at him with disdain. He inhales dramatically, finishes his survey of the opposing army, and locks eyes back with King Andrew.

CAVEMAN KING (CONT'D)

I can smell your defeat. The fall of the Goldleaf Kingdom is near. And I and my son shall rule it!

A young, timid PRINCE CHAD, (12), shaggy blond hair, blue eyes, yellow tunic, faux fur sash, and jewel-encrusted crown planted firmly on his head, emerges from behind the Caveman King, anxious, his eyes glued to the ground.

Princess Eve, still observes from her balcony, notices him and gasps in disbelief.

PRINCESS EVE

(whispers to herself)

CHAD?

Prince Chad's eyes lift from the ground gradually and float up to meet Princess Eve's. He partially smiles, awkwardly. Princess Eve forces an uneasy smile back and quickly looks away.

KING ANDREW

I will never allow you to take

this kingdom as long as there is breath in my body.

CAVEMAN KING

(laughs)

Well, I wouldn't count on that for too long.

The Caveman King turns to walk away with Prince Chad and the remaining Silverstone Caveman at his side.

CAVEMAN KING (CONT'D)

We shall return again for what is rightfully ours. One day, the Goldleaf Kingdom, too, shall fall!

Prince Chad turns to look over his shoulder to meet Princess Eve's eyes one last time. She looks hurt.

# PRINCESS EVE (V.O.)

The night of the failed invasion of my kingdom made everything clear to me as a child. I understood now. Chad and I could never be friends because of the war between our family kingdoms. We were both caught in a world of warfare that neither of us asked to be a part of. I thought for sure this would be the last I would see him.

(beat)

I was wrong.

END FLASHBACK

#### PRESENT DAY

#### EXT. GOLDLEAF KINGDOM BEACH SHORE - DAY

A clear blue morning sky and bright shining sun overlook the beach shore. A vivacious beach party, crowded with Goldleaf citizens, takes place.

People congregate in small and large groups and take part in food and drink and others dance and play games. A trio of cavemen musicians play something traditionally festive, one on a wooden flute, one on steel drums, and the other on a colorful xylophone.

PRINCESS EVE(23) stands at the edge of the shore with KING ANDREW and QUEEN EDITH (40's), a tall, beautiful woman with long shiny hair, rosy cheeks, and an elegant leopard print gown who looks gazes at the event in awe.

OUEEN EDITH

What a fascinating display you all have prepared today. Adam, did a great job with the special attention to detail.

Princess Eve frowns.

PRINCESS EVE

I did the decorations, mother.

Queen Edith pauses a moment and grimaces as if her opinion has been suddenly impacted.

QUEEN EDITH

Oh...well then...I suppose it's satisfactory.

Princess Eve rolls her eyes in frustration.

KING ANDREW (to the Queen)

Oh, stop it my love.

(beat)

(to EVE)

Everything looks great. Wonderful job, my dear.

Princess Eve smiles.

PRINCESS EVE

Thank you, father.

Captain Ivan approaches them with two Goldleaf Sentries dressed in white smocks, and golden sashes from their shoulders across their bodies, and armed with polished swords.

CAPTAIN IVAN

Your Highness, the ship is prepared and ready to go at your direction.

KING ANDREW

Very good, Captain. Well I suppose that's our cue.

(to the Queen)

Shall we, my lady?

Queen Edith smiles and they lock arms. She is about to step away with the king when she just remembers something and turns back to Princess Eve.

QUEEN EDITH

Before we go. Eve, let's see how much detail you've given to this. What is your status on finding a prince to marry?

Both Princess Eve and King Andrew share a sigh.

PRINCESS EVE

(irritated)

Mother!

OUEEN EDITH

Don't mother me! The hands of time are more than against you. A prince

on your arm is long overdue. You must find someone soon.

PRINCESS EVE

Mother, you're embarrassing me! I don't need a man to help me run this kingdom. I'm more than capable of handling things on my own.

Queen Edith scoffs and looks up at the sky.

QUEEN EDITH

There she goes again with her non-traditional thinking.

KING ANDREW

Honey, enough of this. Let her figure things out on her own. Love is complicated enough at her age. You don't want to push her to marry the wrong guy.

QUEEN EDITH

Oh rubbish. There are plenty of nice, handsome men in this kingdom. What about Captain Ivan?

Captain Ivan's face goes red. He exchanges a very awkward look with Princess Eve and then looks away. Princess Eve shakes her head and groans.

QUEEN EDITH

What? She needs to pick someone or I'll pick for her.

KING ANDREW

Edith, please!

(to Captain Ivan)

Ivan, will you please have our men board the ship and prepare for departure?

Captain Ivan bows.

CAPTAIN IVAN

Yes, sir.I also must warn you that our intelligence officers have reported an uptick of pirate raids of vulnerable ships on the sea carried out by some man who calls himself Captain Crush.

KING ANDREW

Thank you, Captain. Good to know.

Captain Ivan nods and briskly leaves his presence.

KING ANDREW

Speaking of reports, Eve please promise us you'll be careful in our absence. News of kidnappings near the kingdom have resurfaced again.

PRINCESS EVE

I'll be okay father. You know all Adam and I know how to be is careful.

QUEEN DITH

Where is your brother by the way?

Queen Edith examines the attendees of the party. No sign of Prince Adam.

PRINCESS EVE

I'm not sure. He was supposed to be here awhile ago.

King Andrew exhales.

KING ANDREW

That boy is always daydreaming.

QUEEN EDITH

Don't be so hard on him. (laughs lightly)

I'm sure he's nursing some sick

bird back to health.

KING ANDREW

(mumbles)

Yes, that's what I'm afraid of.

QUEEN EDITH

Are you sure you can handle this, Eve? Three months is a long time to have us away from the kingdom.

PRINCESS EVE

For the last time, yes. I've got this. You both go enjoy your voyage and meet with the other royals of the cave worlds.

Princess Eve exchanges a brief, uneasy hug with Queen Edith and embraces King Andrew longer.

KING ANDREW

Take good care. We love you.

PRINCESS EVE

Love you, too.

OUEEN EDITH

Don't forget what I said.

PRINCESS EVE

GOODBYE, mother.

#### CUT TO:

KING ANDREW AND QUEEN EDITH walk down the middle of Goldleaf Sentries who form two lines that face each other and stand at attention. The Goldleaf Sentries play a ceremonious tune on gold trumpets as King Andrew and Queen Edith board the boat. As the royals board the boat, they wave back at the gathered crowd on the shore who also wave back emotionally. The Goldleaf Sentries lower their trumpets, walk single file, and board the ship as it set sails off to sea.

MARIA(22)Long, shiny brown hair, soft brown eyes, curvaceous, wears a brown and yellow leopard print blouse and skirt joins Princess Eve as they wave at her parents. The boat slowly disappears from view and eventually out of sight.

MARIA

Whew! I thought they'd never leave. Time to really start this party!

PRINCESS EVE

What do you mean?

Maria puts a friendly arm around PRINCESS EVE.

MARIA

Come on, it's time to for you to have some fun. Three whole months to be exact! You gotta make the most of your parents being gone. Another chance like this may never come!

Maria pulls out a long scroll. She presents a list of fun ideas scribbled in a neat, black cursive. Princess Eve reads them aloud.

PRINCESS EVE

Deep sea diving? A trip to the forbidden caves? A shopping spree in the modern town? An unsupervised castle party? A journey through the Dinosaur desert? Hot stone massages? ...wait, why is that one last?

MARIA

For when we get tired from living life on the edge.

PRINCESS EVE

Oh,no,no,no!We are not doing any of these shenanigans.My parents would kill me...if one of these things on this breakneck bucket list doesn't first.Besides we don't even

have hot stone massages.

MARIA

Not YET! But it's something you can implement. And I know exactly who can give them.

Maria sets a gaze at something passed Princess Eve. Princess Eve follows her wandering eyes to a pair of Goldleaf Sentries across the shore.

PRINCESS EVE

I'm going to pretend I didn't hear that...you may as well throw away that scroll unless you want both of us to be exiled forever.

MARIA

Okay, okay! Dang, I really gotta work on my elevator pitches.Let's start with baby steps.How about we just go for a walk? Just me and you and the quiet nature. No guards. I know a really cool place.

PRINCESS EVE

(thinks)

Maria, I don't know. I really sh-

MARIA

Come on, it'll be quick. I promise. No one has to know.

PRINCESS EVE

Okay, but it has to be fast. Nothing crazy.

MARIA

YAY! You won't regret it.

Maria canvasses the shore quickly and notices all Goldleaf Sentries have their eyes off them. She pulls Princess Eve along toward the forest.

MARIA (CONT'D)

We gotta move before anyone sees.

They power walk towards the trees but are immediately confronted by a group of Goldleaf Sentries, sparked with suspicion and concern.

GOLDLEAF SENTRY A

Princess! Did you need us to walk you somewhere?

PRINCESS EVE

Um...no, we're just going for a quick walk alone.

GOLDLEAF SENTRY B

I'm sorry, Your Highness but you know the rules.

MARIA

Look, she doesn't need a babysitter.

PRINCESS EVE

I understand your concern...but can't you at least provide me five minutes of reprieve.

GOLDLEAF SENTRY C

I'm sorry. We can't. Your father would have our heads on a platter if something happened to you.

MARIA

(mumbles)

Well, that's just gonna be a sacrifice we're gonna have to take.

GOLDLEAF SENTRY A

Excuse me?

Maria sighs dramatically. She screams hysterically and points at the sea behind them.

MARTA

Oh my goodness! There's a vicious water dragon coming near shore!

The Goldleaf Sentries clench their weapons tightly and spin around READY FOR DEFENSE.

GOLDLEAF SENTRY B

WHERE?

The Goldleaf Sentries observe a benign scene in the crystal clear waters, a few children splash and play in the shallow end.

GOLDLEAF SENTRY C

Hey...there's no -

The Goldleaf Sentries slowly turn back around. Princess Eve and Maria are gone.

GOLDLEAF SENTRY C (CONT'D)

Princess Eve?

GOLDLEAF SENTRY A Ugh! We should've seen that coming.

GOLDLEAF SENTRY B

We are so dead.

# EXT. GOLDLEAF KINGDOM FOREST, OFF THE GRID LOCATION - DAY

A cool and secluded green area blanketed with the shade of tall and massive trees with purple leaves and bark striped with different shades of brown. A few feet away is a cliff overlooking a beautiful waterfall, the splashing of the spring water sounds peaceful from up above. Colorful birds sing and fly overhead. Princess Eve and Maria sit against one of the trees and soak in the nature around them. Princess Eve lets her hair all the way down and exhales deeply.

PRINCESS EVE

Wow. As much as I hate to admit it. You were right. This is nice.

MARTA

See! I told you. I come here all the time to soak in the nature.I even take my guests from the modern world here on their tours of the prehistoric kingdoms.It's a great touristy spot to snap a photo, too.

## PRINCESS EVE

You take your visitors here? But it's completely off the map. I'm pretty sure that's against the rules.

## MARIA

(sighs)

When are you going to learn that rules are meant to be broken.

## PRINCESS EVE

Maybe in your world. But in my world there are nothing but rules. And pressure. And expectations.

(beat)

Like finding a prince.

## MARIA

(chuckles)

Sounds like a good problem to me. What about that Chad guy you used to see when you were younger. Is he still around?

#### PRINCESS EVE

Him? I-I don't know. I haven't seen him since we were children.

Princess Eve looks off into the distance of the waterfall in deep reflection.

# PRINCESS EVE

The two of us are worlds apart. We're not destined to be together.

MARIA

No distance is stopping me from my true love. One day I'll move to the modern city and find a charming guy who fights crime as a hobby.

PRINCESS EVE

That's oddly specific. Isn't Cone City dangerous?

MARIA

Which is why my guy will fight crime, duh!

PRINCESS EVE

(sighs)

Must be nice to be you. To dream so freely.

MARIA

Don't worry you'll find your perfect prince and you and I will go on a spectacular double date!

An uneasy wind blows through the forest and brings a chill to both of the girls.

A faint shuffle sounds from trees behind. OMINOUS MUSIC rises.

SOMEONE is watching them.

Princess Eve surveys the forest with a growing suspicion. She senses something.

PRINCESS EVE

Okay, this was nice but we should head back now.

MARIA

Oh, come on. We just got here. And I didn't get to show you the secret cave behind the waterfall.

PRINCESS EVE

Something's off. We should go.

MARIA

Okay, fine but don't say I didn't try to help you relax a little.

FOOTFALLS.Slowly advancing towards them. Faster. Heavier. Now right behind them. Large shadows emerge.

Princess Eve and Maria are seized by two Silverstone Cavemen. One CAVEMAN, a burly, redhead with layered and wavy hair and a blue tiger cloth tunic picks up Princess Eve and hoists her over his shoulder. The other CAVEMAN, beefy, wavy chestnut brown hair in a yellow tiger cloth tunic grabs Maria in a reverse bearhug, lifts her off the ground, and hauls her away. Princess Eve and Maria scream in terror and attempt to break free from the clutches of the brutes.

## CAVEMAN 1

(snickers deviously)
Got'cha princess! Pretty dumb of
you to be wandering off the grid!
But you made our job a lot easier!
HAHAHAHA!

PRINCESS EVE

Let go of me, you filthy animal! Put me down!

Princess Eve bangs helplessly on the back of the Caveman. It's no use.

Maria struggles frantically, her feet flail wildly above the ground and she tries to pry open the arms her kidnapper has fastened around her waist tight. She's helpless.

MARIA

Get your hands off me! Who are you?!

CAVEMAN 2

(grunts)

Quit fighting back!

PRINCESS EVE/MARIA

HELP!!!

**CUT TO:** A lost MARCO(24) medium-length indigo hair, dull blue eyes, sinewy, and wears a cheetah print tunic. He wanders the forest confused and frustrated.

MARCO

I have no idea where I am.
I've been circling this same area for hours.

(sighs)

The party's probably over by now.

Marco's stomach grumbles. He hasn't eaten all morning. He leans his head against a tree, defeated.

MARCO

Man, I was really looking forward to that roasted squid platter.

He hears the faint cries of Princess Eve and Maria and is startled.

MARCO

What was that?! Hello? Is anyone there?

# EXT. SILVERSTONE KINGDOM - THE CAVEMAN KING'S CASTLE - DAY

A black stone fortress deep within the prehistoric jungle. Surrounded by overgrown weed fields and piranha infested swamplands. An eerie mist floats about the tall grassess and large catapults are positioned about the landscape. An overwhelming amount of skulls and bones are littered about the expanse.

Silverstone Cavemen patrol the outside perimeter of the castle armed with wooden clubs, while others watch from the rooftop with binoculars. On top of the formidable castle, is a large black flag that flaps in the wind imprinted with a grey stone in the center.

## INT. THE CAVEMAN KING'S CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - DAY

Princess Eve and Maria are forced into a dark, expansive room of mud floors and stone walls. Aside from the row of wall candles that poorly light the room and reveal grotesque insects of a jurassic size running about, the rest of the space appears pitchblack.

MARIA

(shrieks)

Eww!This place is disgusting!

Maria's eyes widen in terror at the size of the bugs.

PRINCESS EVE

(to the SILVERSTONE CAVEMEN) Where are we? What is this place?

The Silverstone Cavemen offer up no response.

A sinister bellow sounds from the darkness. The Caveman King slowly steps out of the shadows and reveals himself. He looks the same as he did 13 years ago.

CAVEMAN KING

After all these years. Greetings, Princess Eve. It's a pleasure to finally meet you.

PRINCESS EVE

Well, this isn't a very pleasant welcome! Who are you?

CAVEMAN KING

You insult my reputation.

(beat)

But I suppose I haven't visited your kingdom in over a decade so it is understandable why your memory is cloudy...I AM THE CAVEMAN KING!

PRINCESS EVE's pupils explode in horror. Now she remembers!

# CUT TO FLASHBACK:

# 13 YEARS AGO - GOLDLEAF KINGDOM INVASION

The Caveman King turns to walk away with Prince Chad and the remaining Silverstone Cavemen at his side.

CAVEMAN KING (CONT'D)

We shall return again for what is rightfully ours. One day, the Goldleaf Kingdom, too, shall fall!

END FLASHBACK

MARIA

Caveman King? I've never heard of you. You sure that's validated?

CAVEMAN KING

(hotly)

SILENCE! I require no validation from anyone!

PRINCESS EVE

(thinking)

That's cause it's been 13 years Since he last attempted to overthrow our kingdom.

(beat)

To this day to be exact.

# CAVEMAN KING

Ah, right you are, princess. I see your memory now revists you. And now it is time for me to revisit what I've started. Soon your entire kingdom will be mine. With the queen and king absent, your home is now crippled with

vulnerability.

PRINCESS EVE

Not without a fight you won't! My brother and I will never let you take this kingdom!

CAVEMAN KING

Your brother?

(scoffs)

It was even easier to remove him from the picture than it was you. You fool! I'm already ten stone skips ahead of you. There's nothing any of you can do to stop me!

(laughs sinisterly)

PRINCESS EVE

My brother?! What have you done to him?
You monster! I swear if you hurt him I'll -

Princess Eve gets worked up and Cavemen 1 holds her still.

CAVEMAN KING

Take them away!

Princess Eve and Maria are hauled away by the Silvertstone Cavemen.

PRINCESS EVE

Hey! You won't get away with this!

# INT. CAVEMAN KING'S CASTLE - PRISON CELL - DAY

Princess Eve and Maria are forced into a small dark detention cell, the only crack of light seeps in from the open door to the hallway.

CAVEMAN 2

Make yourselves at home! (laughs)

Caveman 2 steps back into the hallway.

MARIA

We have to get out of here!

## INT. THE CAVEMAN KING'S CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - DAY

The Caveman King stands before three of his henchmen who stand shoulder to shoulder at attention.

CAVEMAN KING

Search for any witnesses in the area! No one can know of our agenda.

The Silverstone Cavemen nod in obedience and exit the room.

## EXT. GOLDLEAF KINGDOM FOREST, OFF THE GRID LOCATION - DAY

The Silverstone Cavemen search the forest meticulously.

CAVEMAN 3, shaggy dark brown hair and cold brown eyes, wears a light brown tunic and leads the pack on their walk.

CAVEMAN 3

Be on the lookout, guys. We can't let any of those Goldleaf bugs know of the invasion coming.

Marco stands on a branch of a tall tree up high and watches from below.

MARCO

(whispers to himself)
Oh no, I gotta warn the others
before it's too late.

Marco's stomach rumbles loudly enough for the Silverstone Cavemen to hear. Marco holds his stomach in fright and attempts to suppress the sound.

They immediately set their gazes all about the place. Caveman 3 sets his eyes up in the direction of where Marco is.

Marco ducks down behind the leaves before he is spotted.

MARCO (V.O.)

Dang, I should've eaten

breakfast this morning. Come on stomach. Don't do this to me now!

CAVEMAN 3

Did you hear that?

The Silverstone Cavemen pause for a moment. Their eyes float about suspiciously. NOTHING.

CAVEMEN 2

Must be one of the animals in the trees. Let's head back to the castle.

They all turn to head back in the direction they came from.

MARCO

(sighs relieved)
 (whispers to himself)
Whew! That was a close one!

Marco steps back clumsily and loses his balance. He falls to the ground and crashes with a loud THUD! He had to slip up eventually.

He lays on his back and holds his throbbing head in pain. His vision is blurred and slowly comes back to focus only to see the Silverstone Cavemen who stand in a semi-circle around him. His heart skips a beat and he swallows nervously.

CAVEMAN 1

Looks, like we got ourselves a little fly on the wall.

MARCO

(laughs uneasily)

Uh..hey fellas.

(beat)

Pretty nice day today, huh? Hehe.

The Silverstone Cavemen don't appreciate his humor.

CAVEMEN 3

You're coming with us, kid!

They each grab hold of Marco's arms and legs and carry him away.

MARCO

No, no! Wait! Please, I wasn't spying! HELP! HELP! Let me go!

## INT. CAVEMAN KING'S CASTLE - PRISON CELL - DAY

Caveman 1, shoves Marco into the room. Caveman 1 steps back into the hallway to rejoin Caveman 2.

Princess Eve and Maria are relieved to see Marco.

CAVEMAN 1

Is it even worth locking the door?

CAVEMAN 2

Don't bother. These fools are too weak to try and escape.

They both chuckle and walk away.

Marco dusts himself off and readjusts his tunic after being handled so roughly by the henchmen.

MARCO

Hey, we heard that! Jerks! And I don't appreciate being manhandled!

(mumbles)

I swear, if I was just a bit bigger in size, I'd teach those clowns a lesson they wouldn't forget.

Maria punches Marco in the shoulder.

MARCO

Ow!Why is everyone abusing me today?!

MARIA

Marco! Where have you been? You missed the send-off event.

MARCO

Sorry, I got lost on the way. I've been going in circles for hours.

Marco's stomach growls again.

MARCO (CONT'D)

(sighs)

And worse, all on an empty stomach.

MARIA

Ugh! You always get lost! And you're always hungry! What else is new?

Maria smacks Marco upside the head.

MARIA (CONT'D)

Now, look. You got yourself captured, too!

MARCO

Will you stop hitting me? It hurts! I was on my way to get help when those behemoths whisked me away!

MARIA

Here comes the excuses.

MARCO

You know what -

PRINCESS EVE

Okay, both of you, calm down. We need to work together to find a way out of here. They have Adam. We have to save him!

MARCO

(confused)

Adam's here?

PRINCESS EVE

Yes. It looks like they got to him before they got to us. It must have happened last night when we were all at the shore.

MARCO

That explains why I haven't seen him all day...alright, well if we're gonna act we gotta do it now before those guys come back and finish us off.

MARIA

Umm...hello. Yeah, I don't know if you've noticed or anything but none of us stood a chance against those barbarians. They'd crush us like insects! Isn't there another way?

MARCO

What do you wanna do? Flirt with them and hope they fall in love with you?

Maria scowls at Marco.

MARCO

I'm not gonna sit here and run out the clock 'til we get murdered. It's now or never. I'm not letting anyone push me around anymore! Let's go!

Marco cautiously heads for the exit.

Maria and Princess Eve exchange impressed looks. Marco is finally stepping up for once.

MARIA

What's gotten into him?

INT. CAVEMAN KING'S CASTLE - HALLWAY - DAY

Marco, Princess Eve, and Maria sneak through the dark and wide passage of stone walls and mildewed floors. Marco ambles boldly ahead with his chest out while Princess Eve and Maria follow close behind him.

MARCO

Alright, this place is huge and heavily guarded. You girls stay back. I'll protect you from these savages.

Maria rolls her eyes. Princess Eve giggles.

Marco continues to walk toward the end of the hall and prepares to turn the corner. Princess Eve, much more observant, spots a large piece of sharp-edged glass a few steps ahead of him. She leaps ahead and pulls him back right before he steps on it.

MARCO

Hey! Eve, What are you doing?

A pair of Silverstone Cavemen around the corner overhear them and slowly begin to walk in their direction.

Marco stumbles back and catches his balance. Princess Eve bends down and picks up the glass and shows him.

PRINCESS EVE

You should be careful. You almost stepped on this.

MARIA

(mumbles)

Protect us...can't even protect himself.

MARCO

(scoffs)

Look, that was just a fluke.

Marco walks away and is about to turn the corner. Princess Eve tugs him back by his tunic again. She shows him the Silverstone Cavemen in the reflection in the glass. They're about to turn the corner.

PRINCESS EVE

Two for two. That was close!

MARCO

Okay, you've made your point.

Maria stares out one of the castle windows. Her eyes widen in disbelief. The ground is a LONG way down. They're at least 100 feet up.

MARIA

Well, doesn't look like the window's an option.

PRINCESS EVE

Come on, let's go through that door over there.

Princess Eve points to a brown door across the hall. They all hurry across the hall, run into the room, and shut the door behind them.

The Silverstone Cavemen finally come around the corner and behold an empty corridor, puzzled.

Princess Eve, Marco, and Maria find themselves in a large storage room with tall cabinets, dusted shelves holding antiques and artifacts.

PRINCESS EVE

What is this place?

Marco spots a water gourd on the shelf.

MARIA

Do you even know what that is?

MARCO

Ah! Finally, something to drink. I'm so thirsty!

Marco throws his head back and chugs the bottle. He pauses and feels a rumble in his stomach. Something's off.

MARCO

Whoa! I don't feel so good.

MARIA

I told you not to drink that! It could have been poison for all you know!

MARCO

(chuckles)

Well it was good poison for what is worth.

The room begins to quake. Objects on the shelves rattle, fall, and shatter on the ground.

PRINCESS EVE

(looks around)

Wha-what's going on?

MARCO

Whoa! What's happening to me?

The surface beneath Marco's feet cracks violently and he slowly grows taller and more muscular until he is about 30 feet tall.

MARIA

Okay, what just happened? You're a giant!

Marco examines his body and flexes his muscles.

MARCO

(laughs)

What doesn't kill you makes you stronger. This is awesome!
I feel incredible! Now time to teach those ruffians a lesson!

# INT. CAVEMAN KING - HALLWAY - DAY

Princess Eve and Maria step into a long hallway with two Silverstone Cavemen at the other end notice them immediately.

CAVEMAN 4

Hey! What do you girls think you're doing? You shouldn't be here!

Princess Eve and Maria exchange humorous smirks with each other and remain unbothered. They know they've got the upperhand. The Silverstone Cavemen growl impatiently and march over to them hotly.

CAVEMAN 4

HEY! You two deaf or someth'n?

CAVEMAN 5

Don't make us repeat ourselves!

MARIA

I wouldn't go threatening us, if I was you.

Marco saunters around the corner at the TERROR of the Silverstone Cavemen.

MARCO

Leave them alone!

Marco snatches up both of the henchmen and tosses them out of a nearby castle window. They scream horrifically as they descend far below.

MARCO

(waves)

Have a nice trip!

(beat)

I could get used to this.

#### MONTAGE:

Cue: Exciting upbeat music

A Silverstone Caveman charges at Marco. Marco winds up his right foot and punts him away like a kickball.

Marco picks up two Silverstone Cavemen who attempt to attack him. He smashes their heads together and knocks both of them out. He drops them to the floor mercilessly.

Marco repeatedly slams a Silverstone Caveman to the ground like a ragdoll and throws him against the wall.

Marco spins a Silverstone Caveman overhead in a torture rack, drops him, slams his back on his knee, and throws him across the hall.

A group of three Silverstone Caveman charge at Marco with their clubs. He easily overtakes the first two. The third Silverstone Caveman stares off anxiously with him. Marco's eyes burn with an unhealthy craving of strength. He can't get enough of this. This feeds his ego. The third Silverstone Caveman looks intimidated. He eventually retreats back down the hall.

MARCO

(scoffs)

Yeah, that's what I thought.

END OF MONTAGE

Princess Eve, Maria, and Marco move down another hallway, this one reveals several doors. Marco walks before them, still amped up from his previous fights. He mimics the movement of a boxer and bounces around the floor and punches invisible foes, and ducks and blocks invisible attacks.

PRINCESS EVE

(sighs)

He just had to drink that magical growth potion. Now he's getting a big head.

MARIA

Trust me. He's always had a big head. Unfortunately, there's still not much inside it.

Marco overhears and ceases his antics.

MARCO

Hey, I heard that! You know, a a little thank you would go a long way from you ungrateful ladies.

MARIA

Just keep it moving and worry about clearing our path. We still haven't found Adam yet. And quit jumping all over the place like some deranged bunny rabbit!

MARCO

I can't! This is exhilarating! For once, I feel like I can take on an army of guys. I bet the rest of the guards went incognito when they hear12 the rumors of me kicking butt.

Marco begins to practice his combat moves again. A few jabs, uppercut, spin, and KICK!

He kicks down the nearest door and reveals a tiny room with PRINCE ADAM(22) muscular, short black spiky hair, wears a royal blue animal print garment, large leather belt, gold crown similar in design to EVE's, leather cuffs, and is barefoot with a skull bracelet on his left ankle, who lays on his side, bound and gagged with thick, jungle vine.

MARCO

Well...that worked out.

PRINCESS EVE

ADAM! You're okay!

MARIA

(to MARCO)

Finally, your stupidity paid off.

Princess Eve rushes into the room, unties Prince Adam, and helps him up to his feet.

PRINCE ADAM

Eve!It's good to see you! Thanks for rescuing me.

Prince Adam exchanges a brief hug with Princess Eve.

PRINCE ADAM(CONT'D)

Those guys snuck up on me in the forest and dragged me back to this filthy citadel.

PRINCESS EVE

They got to us, too. I'm just happy you're alright.

MARCO

Good to see you, bro!

(chuckles)

So you weren't strong enough to fight those guys off either, huh?

PRINCE ADAM

I was outnumbered.

MARCO

(teasingly)

Yeah...sure.

MARIA

Don't mind him. He's just full of himself now that he's a freakishly large titan.

PRINCE ADAM

Right...and why is he a freakishly large titan?

MARCO

Allow me to demonstrate!

Marco whips out the same water gorde from before. It's still half full. He gives it to Prince Adam.

MARCO

Here. Take a sip of this!

# INT. CAVEMAN KING'S CASTLE - INVENTORY ROOM - DAY

Marco and Prince Adam, now a 30-foot giant as well, fight side-by-side as they take down a squad of Silverstone Caveman. The room is large and oval-shaped, with yellow walls and tall shelves of various weapons.

PRINCE ADAM

Wow, you were right! This does feel incredible! This power feels unmatched!

MARCO

Told you! These guys don't stand a chance against us.

Several Silverstone Cavemen lay comatose on the ground all around them.

Princess Eve spots something out of the corner of her eye that glistens across the room on the shelves.

A pair of Silverstone Caveman slowly come back to their senses and lethargically get back to their feet. They grip their clubs and prepare to strike, an unaware Marco and Prince Adam from behind.

Princess Eve retrieves a magic wand tucked away behind a pile of dusty books. She blows the dust of the wooden stick and waves it around gently - awestruck by the shimmer and glitter that emulates off of it.

Maria grabs a wooden club that hangs from the wall and strikes them fiercely in the head. They both are dizzied and collapse again.

Marco and Prince Adam turn around impressed.

MARIA

Don't celebrate too early.

Another pair of Silverstone Cavemen enter the room and prepare to seize Maria.

Princess Eve points the wand at the Silverstone Cavemen and concentrates.

PRINCESS EVE

MARIA! Look out!

Maria spins around to see two Silverstone Cavemen, both husky and dressed in yellow tunics, one with long brown hair and the other short and white spiky hair and armed with an axe about to grab her.

A powerful beam shoots out of Princess Eve's magic wand and creates a boulder a few feet above the Silverstone Caveman's head. The minions look at the large stone above them bewildered.

CAVEMAN 6

What the - ?

The boulder falls on top of them and squashes them underneath.

MARIA

Whoa! Nice one, Eve. Serves them right.

PRINCE ADAM

Where'd you get the magic wand?

PRINCESS EVE

It was just lying around on the shelf. It felt so natural wielding it. It'll definitely come in handy.

MARCO

Great. Magic definitely trumps being a giant. You just had to steal our shine.

MARIA

Quick, make a handsome prince appear!

Marco rolls his eyes. Prince Adam is confused.

PRINCESS EVE

(giggles)

Maybe after we escape.

(grips the wand tightly)

(beat)

I don't know how much power this thing has but hopefully it's enough to get us out of this place.

## INT. CAVEMAN KING'S CASTLE - NARROW CORRIDOR - DAY

Prince Adam, Marco, Princess Eve, and Maria skulk down an endless barren hall that seems to go on forever.

MARIA

(sighs)

This hall just keeps going on and on. We're never going to get out of this place at this rate.

PRINCE ADAM

Yeah, and we haven't seen any guards for a while.

(beat)

Guess I'm just going to have go back to beating up Marco.

Princess Eve and Maria laugh.

Marco glares over Prince Adam.

MARCO

Haha...very funny.

They all turn a corner and see a large doorway ahead to a spacious room. FINALLY, a way out!

PRINCESS EVE

Look! This might be our way out! Let's hurry! MARIA

Finally! A ray of hope.

They all run down the hall and into an expansive space of dull lighting and high-ceilings. It appears to be a DUNGEON? A large pot of smoldering flames sits in the middle of the room and emits a thick smoke into the air.

# INT. CAVEMAN KING'S CASTLE - DUNGEON - DAY

MARCO

Okay...this doesn't look like a way out.

Marco coughs and waves the smoke away.

MARCO (CONT'D)

Someone must be cooking a really big dinner here.

(swallows nervously) Unless, we're the dinner.

MARIA

Don't be silly. There are a handful of cannibals in the prehistoric world but as primitive as the Caveman King appears to be, he never came off as the man-eater type. If he wanted to devour us, we'd be chopped into pieces and dissolving in his stomach acid by now.

PRINCESS EVE

Although I didn't need that visual, I agree.

Princess Eve studies their surroundings carefully.

PRINCESS EVE(CONT'D)

(beat)

However, this does feel like a trap.

The Caveman King slowly emerges from the shadows of the room to their HORROR.

## CAVEMAN KING

Right you are, Princess Eve. Nothing seems to get past you. How nice of you all to finally join me. Welcome to my dungeon. Your final destination of this castle. This is where your doom meets destiny.

(beat)

Fools, you thought you could move through my palace easily with that stolen growing potion, did you?

MARCO

Uh...yeah. We've pulverized dozens of your guys already. They didn't stand a chance! And you're next!

(turns to Adam)

Come on, Adam. We should be able to take him together.

CAVEMAN KING

(chuckles)

Are you sure about that?

Caveman 1 and Caveman 2 walk into the room behind them. They are giants also, TRIPLE the size of Marco and Adam. Caveman 2 holds the water gourd that Marco once had in his possession.

**ADAM** 

Okay...I don't think we can't take them on.

MARIA

Whoa! And I thought you guys were massive.

CAVEMAN 2

You shouldn't have left your bottle unattended.

(snickers)

MARCO

Whoops...that was my bad.

Caveman 1 and Caveman 2 laugh and close in on them slowly. The ground quakes violently underneath their feet as the Goldleafers all stagger back in fright.

#### CUT TO:

Caveman 1 and Caveman 2 dangle the horrified Goldleafers over the burning pot of fire. The Caveman King stands near the pot ignited with anticipation to see their demise. The flames of the cauldron reflect ferociously in his eyes.

PRINCE ADAM

Well, there goes our plan.

CAVEMAN KING

(chuckles)

This is the end! After you're incinerated, your kingdom will be mine! Dump them!

Caveman 1 and Caveman 2 lower them towards the violent flames. Beads of sweat roll down their faces. Their eyes widen in horror.

CAVEMAN 2

Time to die!

CAVEMAN 1

In you go!

MARTA

This can't be happening! I can't die before I find true love.

PRINCESS EVE

Are you seriously still thinking about that? Even right now?!

MARCO

I gotta say. I never thought it would end like this! Well it was fun while it lasted. Nice knowing you guys!

CAVEMAN KING

Simple minded bugs! You should know that no one escapes this fortress, much less live to tell the tale!

PRINCE ADAM

I can't believe this is really happening! Eve, please tell me you can figure a way out of this!

They are right above the flames. Their bodies are hot from the blazing heat. The grasp of the henchmen loosens more and more.

PRINCESS EVE

I - I don't know. I'm sorry.
I should have just followed
the rules. This is all my fault.
I let us down. I let the kingdom
down.

PRINCE ADAM

No, you didn't.

(beat)

You never have.

Princess Eve smiles back emotionally at Prince Adam. She thinks for a second. That's it! She reaches into her boot. It's still there. Her MAGIC WAND!

PRINCESS EVE

The wand! I almost forgot I had it!

CAVEMAN KING

WHAT?! Where'd you find that?

PRINCE ADAM

There ya go. I knew you'd think of something, sis!

MARCO

(cheers)

Alright, Eve!

They are dropped! They all scream as they hurtle to their deaths. Princess Eve focuses and waves her wand above her head. It begins to illuminate the entire room.

PRINCESS EVE

It's time to rearrange things!

CAVEMAN KING

NOOO!

The Caveman King shields his eyes with his hands from the blinding light and turns his face away.

FLASH!

CUT TO:

A vengeful Marco and Prince Adam as 60-foot giants dangle Caveman 1 and Caveman 2 above the cauldron who are now a third of their size.

Princess Eve and Maria find themselves safely on the ground.

The Caveman King looks on in bewilderment at the warp in setting.

CAVEMAN 1

What happened? What's going on? THIS CAN'T BE!!!

MARCO

The tables have turned that's what happened! Say goodbye!

Marco and Prince Adam drop them into the burning fire. Both cavemen scream as they are swallowed up by the flames below.

MARIA

Whew! I am so glad that wasn't us. That did not sound fun at all.

CAVEMAN KING

NOO! What have you done?!

PRINCE ADAM

Not to worry, Your Highness. You're next in line!

Prince Adam and Marco seize the Caveman King and hoist him above their heads.

PRINCESS EVE

This is the end for you! Your reign of terror is over!

CAVEMAN KING

This ISN'T over! You will inherit a great deal of suffering for this! All of you! I WILL be avenged!

MARCO

Yeah don't count on it, buddy! Bye-bye!

Marco and Prince Adam dump the Caveman King in the burning cauldron. His cries ring loudly and then fade instantly as he disappears into the fire.

# EXT. CAVEMAN KING'S CASTLE YARD - NIGHT

Prince Adam, Princess Eve, Marco, and Maria stand outside the Caveman King's Castle. They are surrounded by eerie swamplands and an ominous jungle ahead. Various creature noises sound from near and afar.

MARCO

Whew! That was a close one! As much fun as that was, let's agree to never do that again!

MARIA

For once, I agree with you. That place was a dump and complete death tramp.

Princess Eve glares at Maria.

PRINCESS EVE

What's the matter, Ms. Living Life on the Edge? Was that too much for you?

MARIA

Okay...I admit. I may have pushed things a little too far.

PRINCESS EVE

A little? We were almost burned to a crisp back there!

MARIA

Yeah, but we didn't. Thanks to you!

PRINCE ADAM

She's right, Eve. The quick thinking with your wand saved all our buts.

MARCO

Yeah, I hate to say it but that last minute move beat anything Adam and I did back there.

PRINCESS EVE

Thanks, it was nothing!

(beat)

Well, time for us to head back home.

They all look ahead to the dark woods before them.

MARIA

Any idea where home is from here?

PRINCE ADAM

None.

A UFO soars quickly over the sky above them and casts a blinding white light below.

PRINCESS EVE

Get down!

They all duck down to avoid the light.

The UFO zips frantically through the treetops and disappears off into the distance.

MARCO

What the heck was that?

## EXT. SILVERSTONE KINGDOM FOREST - NIGHT

#### SEVERAL HOURS LATER.

Deep inside the forest.

A large crowd of Silverstone Cavemen stand shoulder-to-shoulder and beat conga drums in a synchronous ceremony.

A large, grey tombstone engraved with the words: THE CAVEMAN KING is planted firmly in the soil in the center of the commotion. His charred and slightly melted crown has been placed at the foot of the tombstone.

Behind the stone are the remnants of his tunic burning in a blazing campfire. The inferno burns brightly as the only source of light for the night.

Prince Chad(25)well-built and fully grown into manhood, shaggy blond hair, blue eyes, yellow tunic, faux fur sash, and jewel-encrusted crown planted firmly on his head, stands erect a few feet away from the tombstone. His eyes are cold and the wild dance of fire reflects in them. They well up with tears he fights to hold back.

OMINOUS music rises.

He clenches his fists tightly.

A feeling of vengeance slowly sinks in.

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# EXT. SILVERSTONE KINGDOM FOREST, A FEW MILES AWAY FROM THE CAVEMAN KING'S CASTLE - NIGHT

The UFO finally lands on the ground and powers down. The top flips up and two aliens emerge, Ozii, a two-eyed, slimy blue amoeba slithers down to the ground and Blik, a tall, one-eyed, strapping, green-skinned soldier with four arms dressed in a silver, sequin jumpsuit, grips a large plasma rifle and steps down powerfully onto the earth.

Ozzi surveys the quiet forest. He whips out a silver disc that projects a still hologram of Prince Chad.

OZZI

Alright, Blik. The mission begins now. You know the desired target.

Blik adjusts the dial on his gun from KILL to STUN and aims it firmly in front of him.

BLIK

Roger that.

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