

Day 3

[Enter Joshua, Simone, Judy, Andrea, Phil left.]

Andrea: I'm so excited for another day of the journey. After Joshua got us past that bridge that was collapsing, I don't think anything can stop us.

Phil: Yeah, with such a great leader, we'll make it through the frontier in no time. Way to go, Joshua.

Joshua: Thanks guys, but we still have a long way to go yet. We'll have to work hard, and you all will need to trust me.

Simone: Trust you? Why wouldn't we? After yesterday, I know I'm going to follow you anywhere, no matter what. Even if it's dangerous. Even if no one else will.

Joshua: I certainly hope so, but you never know what might happen. It's one thing to say you're going to trust me, but when the going gets tough, I've seen some people turn back and leave. Still, I'm glad you trust me now.

Judy: [To crowd] Well I'm not convinced yet. I mean, sure he got us over the bridge, but all that trouble could have been avoided if he had never led us into danger to begin with.
[She returns to the rest of the group.]

Joshua: We've got a long way to go today, so let's get started.

Simone: Alright! I can't wait to go!

[They all exit right. Montague enters left.]

Montague: That Joshua has got them all believing and trusting him. At this rate, I'll never get them to go with me to be my slaves at Montague Mines. Well, maybe not all of them trust him. That Judy is starting to show some promise. Maybe I'll work on her, get her to doubt.

Joshua: [From offstage] Just a little further and we can rest.

Montague: Uh-oh, he's almost here. I better go and hide. Maybe I'll talk to them when the coast is clear.

[Montague hides behind a tree. The group enters left.]

Joshua: Great job, guys! Let's relax for a few minutes before we continue the journey.

Judy: Finally! I can't keep going on like this, with no food, no rest, at this blistering pace.

Phil: I hate to complain, but Judy's right. I'm starving. Are we sure this is even the right way?

Andrea: Maybe this was a bad idea. I just don't think I'm cut out for this sort of thing.

Simone: Come on guys, we can do this. We just need to trust Joshua.

Joshua: Thanks Simone, but they're right. We have been working hard and you deserve a rest. I'm going to try to see if I can find something for us to eat. I'll be right back. [He exits right.]

Montague: [Coming out from the tree] Well I'll be. I can't believe I accidently ordered all this food. How on earth could I ever finish it all?

Judy: Did you say food? We could help with that.

Montague: If it isn't my favorite band of travelers. How's it going? I'm sure Joshua is treating you all well, keeping your bellies full and legs fresh.

Phil: Not exactly. We're starving, we haven't had much to eat all day.

Montague: That's terrible! By all means, have some of my food. [Judy rushes to grab food, followed by Andrea and Phil. Simone is skeptical, but does take some.] Now I'm glad I ran into you folks. I assumed everything would be peachy for you, what with Joshua leading you on the trail, but it sounds like things haven't worked out so well. Anyway, we aren't far from Montague Mines, and I would love to take you guys over there, if you'll come with me.

Andrea: Well that certainly is a generous offer.

Phil: Especially after we decided to go with Joshua and not you when we first left Burg.

Judy: Generous? This is the chance of a lifetime. Following Joshua has been a disaster. Of course we'll come, right guys?

Simone: Are you serious Judy? After all Joshua's done for us, after all he's brought us through, are we going to abandon him now? Even if the rest of you abandon him, I won't leave him. I will always follow him.

Andrea: What would Joshua think if we did this? How would we even tell him?

Montague: Don't you guys worry about Joshua. I'll deal with him.

Phil: Deal with him? You aren't going to hurt him, are you?

Montague: Me? No, of course not. I'm not going to touch him.

Simone: This doesn't sound good at all! I think you are going to do something bad to Joshua. We have to go warn him! Come on guys! [Simone, Andrea, and Phil head to exit right. Simone turns around and sees Judy still with Montague.] Judy, are you coming?

Judy: I'll... catch up.

[Simone, Andrea, and Phil exit right.]

Montague: I'm proud of you, Judy. You made the right decision. Now if only there was a way to get the others to come with us. But they'll never follow me as long as Joshua's around. I just need a way to get to him.

Judy: Even if you could get to him, there's four of them and only two of us. We wouldn't stand a chance.

Montague: Don't worry about that, I came with friends. Jesse!
Billy!

[2 bandits enter left.]

Bandits: Yes, boss.

Judy: In that case, I think I have an idea. What would you be willing to give me if I could bring Joshua to you?

Montague: Judy, if you do that for me, I'll make sure that when we get to Montague Mines, you'll see more gold than you could possibly imagine.

Judy: Really? That's perfect, I'll do it! So this is how we'll get him. I'll... [he whispers into Montague's ear.]

Montague: I love it! OK, get to your positions, boys. You know what to do.

[Each bandit goes in front of a tree with a rope in between them. Judy goes and lies down in front of the two trees with her

hands tied. Montague hides behind a different tree. Joshua enters right, followed by Simone, Andrea, and Phil.]

Judy: Help! Help!

Joshua: [From a distance] Oh no, Judy, what's wrong?

Judy: Some bandits trapped me and now I can't get up. Can you come over and help me?

Joshua: Of course I can. [He walks over toward Judy between the two trees. As he goes between the trees, the bandits raise the rope and tie him up.]

Joshua: Oh no! Judy, I'm so sorry I couldn't help you. I let you down.

Judy: You sure have, for the last time. [She gets up, removes tie around hands, and uses it to tie Joshua's hands.]

Phil: We gotta get out of here!

Andrea: Run! [Phil and Andrea exit right.]

Joshua: You... you *lied* to me. You *betrayed* me! Judy, why did you do this?

Montague: [He comes out from hiding.] She was tired of your tricks, leading people into danger on the frontier instead of bringing them to Montague Mines.

Joshua: Montague Mines? You mean where they force people to do hard work for no pay?

Montague: Quiet you! Montague Mines is an amazing place. I'm just glad Judy discovered the light before it was too late. Make sure to get his mouth so he can stop speaking his lies.

Bandit 1: Sure thing, boss.

Bandit 2: Hey, what about that lady over there? [Points to Simone] She was with him. Should we tie her up too?

Simone: Who, me? You must have me confused with someone else. I don't even know this guy.

Bandit 1: Really? I thought for sure you were following him.

Simone: I don't know what you're talking about. I just happened to run into him here.

Judy: Yeah, right. I heard you say yourself that you would follow Joshua anywhere.

Simone: Why are you lying about me? He is not my leader! [Suddenly, a look of guilt comes on her face.] Oh no, what have I done? [She runs out, exits right.]

Montague: Don't worry about her. Throw him into the pit.

Bandit 2: Sure thing, boss. [Bandits throw Joshua into a pit on the side of the stage.]

Montague: Now follow me, Judy, and I will show you what real wealth looks like. To Montague Mines! [All exit left.]