

THE LEGEND OF ALRUM

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INT. CHILDREN'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

11 Year old Chris and his 9 year old sister Ellie are happily playing in their room.

Their mother walks in.

MOTHER

Okay children time for bed.

CHRIS

(complains)

Aaah Mom, do we have to, we were just about to save the princess.

MOTHER

You know the rules.

CHRIS

Yes ma'am.

Ellie jumps gets into bed first quickly as Chris moves slower.

ELLIE

(sits up in her bed)

Mom can you tell us a story?
Please?

CHRIS

Yeah, mom tell us a story.

MOTHER

(laughs)

Okay.

She walks over to their book shelve and begins looking

through.

CHRIS

Read us something scary.

ELLIE

No! Read us a love story.

CHRIS

With lots of action.

The mother comes across a book titled The Legend of Alrum.

MOTHER

My mother use to read me this story
when I was a little girl.

The mother takes the book and brings it over to the bed.

CHRIS

What is it?

MOTHER

It's the story of a beautiful
kingdom and how it was saved by an
unexpected act of love.

ELLIE

Wow!

CHRIS

Does it have Action.

MOTHER

Yes.

CHRIS

Okay, then read it.

The Mother opens the book and begins to read.

MOTHER

The Legend of Alrum.
(flips a page)
Alrum was the biggest most
beautiful kingdom of all the land.

Ran by the Sith family for many generations. They were a long line of great kings, but one king didn't live up to the Sith family's great reputation and he's people rebelled putting the crown of Alrum in the hands of the Wist family for one generation before it was back in the hands of the Sith family. This is that story.

FADE TO THE TITLE

THE LEGEND OF ALRUM

INT. ALRUM CASTLE - DAY

The sound of small foot steps echos across the castle.

EXT. ALRUM CASTLE BALCONY - DAY

Five year old Alex Sith bursts threw the doors stepping out on the balcony. He's eyes widen with excitement as he slowly walks to the stone wall gazing over the bright kingdom, under the bright moon

Alex's attention is suddenly taken by the voice of king Jon-allen Sith.

JON-ALLEN

There you are son.

Alex looks back and smiles as he watches his father walk beside him. They both begin to stare at the moon. Then down over the kingdom.

JON-ALLEN

Beautiful site isn't it?

ALEX

It sure is.

JON-ALLEN

And one day, it'll all be yours.

ALEX

(in excitement)
I'll be the best king Alrum's ever
had.

Jon-allen smiles and rubs his head.

JON-ALLEN
I know you will son. I just hope
I'm still around to see the day.

22 YEARS LATER

EXT. SMALL VILLAGE - NIGHT

The villagers scream helplessly as the old knights raid
their village, attacking everyone in site.

some of the men try to fight back but they are no match to
the old knight warriors.

Alex Sith rides threw the village giving orders to the
raiders, with Jacob at his side.

As Alex and Jacob gets off of their horses, one of the old
knights walk up to them.

OLD KNIGHT SOLDIER
(takes a knee)
Prince Alex.

Alex nods he's head.

OLD KNIGHT SOLDIER
(raises)
We've fond nothing of great value,
only produce and grain.

ALEX
All I really care about is
destroying Mana's land.

As they talk an old man crawls out of the rubble of his
home. He looks around to see it destroyed before him.

The old man looks across the field and sees Alex talking to
his men with his back turned. The man angrily grabs a peace

of sharp wood from the rubble of his home and sprints towards Alex.

As the man gets close Alex quickly grabs the handle of his sword unsheathes it as he swings it around cutting the man's hand. The old man falls to the ground in pain as old knight soldiers surround him.

ALEX

(walks up to the man)

He's mine.

(bends down in the man's face)

I admire your courage old man

MAN

You monster, how could you do this to us. We've done nothing to you.

ALEX

Blame your king for stealing my family's throne. I will not stop until he's dead.

Alex quickly thrust his sword through the man's chest finishing him off.

Jacob walks up to Alex as he sheathes his sword.

ALEX

(to Jacob)

Salvage what you can from this village, I don't care what you do to the people.

Alex begins to walk away.

JACOB

You're leaving?

ALEX

(jumps on his horse)

I'm going back to camp.

JACOB

Alone? Don't you.....

ALEX
(interrupts him)
I'll be fine.

Alex kicks his horse and rides off.

INT. EARLY MORNING KAIYA'S QUARTERS

Kaiya sits on her balcony looking over the kingdom as the sun begins to rise. She writes in her diary.

KAIYA V.O.
(her thoughts are played as she writes)
I am up before the sun yet again, but I don't mind. I love the site of the sun light spreading across Alrum. I cannot get the events of my near future out of my head. I never imagined that I would marry a complete stranger. All that I know of prince Martigan is what I have heard. Tales of his heroic actions and fair leadership. My father only wants my safety which is why he's agreed to this marriage. I just want his happiness cause he means the world to me.

A knock comes from her door and the voice of Olivia calls out from behind it.

OLIVIA
ARE YOU AWAKE MY LADY!

Kaiya Shouts back.

KAIYA
YES OLIVIA, I'M AWAKE!

The door opens, Olivia walks in and begins to go through Kaiya's dresser.

Kaiya Doesn't turn from her writing.

KAIYA

Olivia it's still early.

OLIVIA

I know but today is a big day. I expected you would show more enthusiasm.

KAIYA

(sarcastically)

The day I meet the stranger I am to wed. I'm so excited.

OLIVIA

Come on my lady, Prince Martigan is a fine man. Any woman in the kingdom would give anything to take your place.

KAIYA

Then why can't he wed one of them?

Kaiya closes her diary then walks over and sits on her bed.

OLIVIA

You know this marriage will unite your two kingdoms, it's the king's wish.

KAIYA

Yes and my father is the only reason I'm marrying him.

Olivia pulls out a dress and puts it on the bed.

OLIVIA

We must prepare for the banquet tonight.

KAIYA

Well I've been thinking.

OLIVIA

About what my lady?

Kaiya straightens up in excitement.

KAIYA

I want to go into the market today.

OLIVIA

But you know we can't.

KAIYA

That's never stopped us before.

OLIVIA

Things are different now. The old knights have been getting worse with there attacks. It's no longer safe to travel out without your body guards.

KAIYA

But you know how much I hate traveling with them, it draws too much attention. Besides not many people know how I look, so we'll be fine.

Olivia sighs.

OLIVIA

Fine, but we're not staying long.

Kaiya hugs Olivia.

KAIYA

Thank you, I'll get dressed. We'll leave right after breakfast.

INT. DINING HALL - LATER

King Mana sits in the hall at the end of a long table enjoying his breakfast. Servers move around serving him and guards stand behind him.

Kaiya walks in and sits to the left side of him.

KAIYA

(as she sits)

Good morning father.

MANA

Good morning dear.

Servants quickly put food in front of her and pours water into her glass.

MANA

How was your night?

KAIYA

Lovely.

(to the servants)

Thank you.

As the servants walk away she begins to eat.

MANA

I hope you're prepared for this evening.

KAIYA

(with her head down)

Yes father.

MANA

You don't sound very excited.

KAIYA

(picks up her head)

I'm just nervous.

MANA

It'll be fine, you know how important this alliance is to the kingdom. This marriage must work.

A guard walks up to them and whisper's in Mana's ear.

MANA

(get's a look of disappointment the says to the guard)

Okay.

KAIYA

What is it father?

MANA

Nothing you should worry about.

Mana stands up.

MANA

(kisses Kaiya's forehead)

Sorry dear I must go, I'll see you tonight.

KAIYA

(sighs)

Okay father.

Mana walks off as Kaiya continues to eat.

INT. CASTLE ENTRANCE - DAY

Mana walks to his general at the castle entrance.

GENERAL

(Kneels with his men)

My lord.

MANA

What news do you bring.

The General and his men stand.

GENERAL

It's the village Elton, it was attacked by the old knights, there very few survivors.

MANA

(puts his hands on his head)

Not again, I can't allow this to continue.

GENERAL

My lord, our search for their base camp continues. We still have no leads, they're really good at covering their tracks.

MANA

Make sure that security is proficient for tonight for the banquet, I won't have the Old Knights ruining this occasion.

EXT. MARKET - DAY

It is mid day and a hand full of the old knights are spread out across one of the major markets of Alrum. Sith is walking around with Jacob looking at the different shops.

JACOB

What troubles you my prince.

ALEX

Why do you believe I am troubled?

JACOB

You're unusual silence and the fact that you left last night on your own.

ALEX

Can't I have time to myself.

JACOB

Yes, but you usually don't, the elder's have been worried you've been different these past couple of weeks. Is the stress of war finally catching up with you.

ALEX

You nor the other elders should worry about me. Only how to regain Alrum from Mana's hands.

JACOB

As you wish my prince, but if something is wrong don't hesitate to tell me.

ALEX

I promise you'll be the first to know.

EXT. MARKET - DAY

Kaiya and Olivia slowly walk threw the market admiring the sites.

KAIYA

It feels nice not to be locked up in that old castle for once; don't you agree?

OLIVIA

Yes, but if we're caught then it won't be so nice.

Kaiya laughs.

KAIYA

Come on Olivia relax. Enjoy this time of freedom while we have it.

They continue to walk looking at the different shops.

EXT. MARKET - DAY

Jacob looks across the market and notices a woman in the distances smiling at him. Alex notices his stare and looks in the same direction.

ALEX

Oh Mary. Honestly Jacob why do you waste your time with her. This war will never end.

Jacob doesn't turn away from his stare

JACOB

Yes it will, and when it does. I'll make her my wife.

Jacob starts to walk away, as he does he pats Alex on the shoulder.

JACOB

Try to avoid trouble.

Alex watches as Jacob walks to the women and embraces her then engage in conversation. Alex Sighs then walks on.

EXT. MARKET - WEAPON SHOP - DAY

Alex comes to a weapons shop and begins to look at the merchandise. He picks up a knife and begins to scrutinize it as the merchant notices him.

MERCHANT
(walks over to Alex)
Hey no touching.

ALEX
I'm just looking at it.

SHOP OWNER
Then put it down and look.

ALEX
Don't give me orders. Don't you
know who I am?

MERCHANT
A simple peasant.

Alex drops the knife and grabs the handle of his sword.

ALEX
I'll show you what kind of a
peasant I am.

Before Alex could unsheathe his sword he's stopped by the voice of Kaiya, and warmth of her hand over his blocking it's movement.

KAIYA
Hey stranger, there's no need to
get angry at the nice merchant.

ALEX
Mind your business woman.

KAIYA
I can't help it, it's my nature to
resolve conflicts.

Alex lets go of his sword handle.

ALEX

Well it's my nature not to let people disrespect me.

KAIYA

Don't you think pulling out your sword is a bit much?

ALEX

Better safe than sorry.

Kaiya giggles.

KAIYA

You're strange, but since you're so cute I couldn't let you get yourself into trouble over something so small.

ALEX

For all you know I could already be in lots of trouble.

KAIYA

Well if you are then I hope you find peace one day.

ALEX

I'll never truly find peace until I die. I don't know what kind of life you live but the world isn't always a nice place.

Kaiya leans over and kisses his cheek.

ALEX

What was that for?

KAIYA

Maybe it will warm your heart.

Alex Pulls out a small knife lifts her hand and puts it inside her palm then closes it with his.

ALEX

You might find this useful on the day you find out just how cruel the world can be.

Olivia suddenly walks up to them.

Olivia whispers to Kaiya.

OLIVIA

My lady, some of the castle guards have arrived. We'd better leave before they recognize you.

Kaiya sighs and turns towards Olivia.

KAIYA

Okay

Kaiya Turns back towards Alex.

KAIYA

It was a pleasure my lord. But I must leave?

Alex looks into Kaiya's eyes.

ALEX

You should have never come.

KAIYA

(giggles)

Maybe one day our paths will cross again.

Olivia Whispers.

OLIVIA

We must go now!

Kaiya turns towards Olivia.

KAIYA

Fine

Kaiya turns back and bows to Alex

KAIYA

Have a good day my lord.

Kaiya and Olivia walks away and as they do Jacob walks up to Alex.

JACOB

My prince, we must go. Some of the castle guards have just arrived.

ALEX

Okay, let us return to camp.

OLD KNIGHT CAMP - SMALL HUT - LATER

The Elders Sylvester, Lyle, Leon and Jacob are meeting along with Alex to discuss their next move.

SYLVESTER

Tonight the king is having a banquet to celebrate the princess's engagement to Prince Martigan.

LYLE

If we allow this alliance to happen, then our chances of taking back Alrum will drop to none.

Leon notices Alex not paying attention.

LEON

Prince Alex would you like to join this discussion. After all Alrum is your kingdom.

ALEX

(angry)

And what are you saying Leon.

LEON

I'm saying, take charge and start acting like a prince not a peasant.

Alex stands up and reaches for his sword. Jacob stops him.

LEON

How dare you disrespect an Elder.

ALEX

How dare you disrespect your Prince.

JACOB

Calm down both of you. Alex, Leon is right you should take more interest in this, and Leon he may be young but he's still our prince.

LYLE

Can we please get back to the subject at hand.

Alex sits down.

ALEX

(looks at Leon)

You want me to take charge fine. I do have a plan.

SYLVESTER

Let's hear it.

ALEX

We've attacked Village after village trying to break Mana, but he remains stubborn so let's go a little deeper. Let's go after the princess.

JACOB

That's an idea but infiltrating the castle won't be an easy task.

LYLE

Tonight is the banquet, the entire castle will be busy, plus we've never attacked the castle directly before so Mana isn't going to be expecting it.

ALEX

Here's what we'll do, we'll have our spy Samuel get us a couple of invitations some of us will pose as guests then take the princess when she is vulnerable. The rest will have to cause a diversion for us to get her out the castle.

JACOB

Okay, then let's prepare, send for Samuel and ready the men.

INT. CASTLE KAIYA'S BALCONY - EVENING

Kaiya is standing on her balcony leaning on the stone wall and gazing as the sun begins to set. Her door opens, Mana walks into her room and over to the balcony. He walks out and stands beside her.

Mana puts his hand on her shoulder.

MANA

How are you my dear?

KAIYA

(Sighs)

I'm just nervous about this banquet.

MANA

It's natural to be nervous when you are about to meet the man you are to wed.

KAIYA

I always thought I'd marry for love.

MANA

Martigan is a fine man you'll learn to love him.

KAIYA

I don't even know him.

MANA

I have faith that everything will
turn out fine.

KAIYA

Okay father I trust you.

MANA

(kisses her head)

Good, now get dressed, and I'll see
you in the hall.

EXT. FOREST - NIGHT

Samuel rides through the forest on horseback, towards the
old knight's camp. As he comes to the Camp's entrance he
jumps off his horse and walks into a small hut.

INT. OLD KNIGHT CAMP - HUT - NIGHT

In the hut are the elders and Alex. Samuel walks to a table
between them and stretches out a scroll.

SAMUEL

It wasn't easy sneaking this out of
the castle.

They all gather around the table.

LYLE

Good work Samuel.

SAMUEL

The banquet is going on as we
speak.

ALEX

Then we have to act fast.
(points to an area)
I'll take two men and enter here.

JACOB

You'll have to wait until the
princess is alone.

SYLVESTER

I doubt she will be left alone.

LEON

Then we'll have to get her alone.
We can have our men replace her
body guards.

ALEX

Will that work?

SAMUEL

It should she never has the same
guards twice.

JACOB

Okay, then Alex once you have her
give the signal we'll make the
diversion for you to sneak out.

ALEX

Got it, let's bring that bastard
Mana down once and for all.

INT. HALL CASTLE - NIGHT

The hall is filled with people, talking, dancing and eating.

Mana and Kaiya are sitting at a long table in front of the
hall looking down towards the entire area. King Lira and
Prince Martigan are sitting down beside them enjoying a
feast.

MANA

(to Lira)

I'd like to thank you for gracing
us with your presence this evening.

LIRA

The pleasure's all mine Mana. This
is a wonderful castle you have, and
a nice set up for this evening.

MARTIGAN

My father and I are great full that
you've given me your blessing to
wed princess Kaiya.

As they talk Kaiya's head is down in deep thought.

MANA

Kaiya my dear are you okay?

KAIYA

(come's to)

Oh, sorry father I'm just a little tired.

Martigan turns towards her.

MARTIGAN

(grabs her hand)

I am also great full that you agreed to except my hand. I promise to spend the rest of my days making you happy.

Kaiya gives a fake smile, then gets up.

KAIYA

Will you excuse me for a moment.

MANA

Why of course my dear.

MARTIGAN

I shall await your return.

Kaiya walks out.

MANA

Please forgive her. She's a little to excited.

MARTIGAN

Perhaps my charm has gotten the best of her.

EXT. BALCONY - NIGHT

Kaiya walks out onto a balcony over seeing the castle. As she does she passes two guards who greets her as she walks by.

2 GUARDS

My lady.

Kaiya walks to the edge and looks over as she begins to breath, trying to calm herself down.

A couple of Old knight soldiers sneak out and silently take out the guards. Alex then slowly walks out from a dark doorway. Alex sees Kaiya's back turned and sneaks up to her.

As Kaiya continues to gaze across the castle a small blade is pressed against her neck and the voice of Alex speaks to her.

ALEX

Keep your tongue silent or I'll cut it out.

KAIYA

(in fear)

Who are you.

ALEX

The man who's going to one day kill your father.

KAIYA

(whispers)

Alex.

ALEX

That's right now let's go.

KAIYA

Wait! Please let my father be and kill me.

ALEX

Stupid girl, you would give your life for a thief King.

KAIYA

Yes, because he means that much to me.

ALEX

Ha and am I suppose to burst into sympathy and let you go for your heart warming word, please I don't know what kind of life you live but the world is a cruel place.

KAIYA

Yeah well I hope one day your cold heart will warm.

Both their eyes widen in surprise to hear there words from the other's mouth.

ALEX

Wait, turn around slowly.

Kaiya turns putting them face to face.

ALEX/KAIYA

You!

ALEX

Why didn't you tell me before that you were Mana's daughter.

KAIYA

Why would I tell you, and is that habit for you to be nice to strange girls or that a side you don't let anyone see.

ALEX

Shut up.

Old Knight soldier walks out.

OLD KNIGHT SOLDIER

My prince the guards are starting to suspect us we must leave at once.

KAIYA

So you still call yourself a prince.

ALEX
(angry)
I am the rightful prince, your
father stole the crown.

OLD KNIGHT SOLDIER
My lord we must go.

ALEX
(grabs Kaiya)
Try to resist and you're dead.

They run off.

INT. CASTLE PASSAGE WAY - NIGHT

The two old knight soldier and Alex while bringing Kaiya are
moving quickly down a passage way.

OLD KNIGHT SOLDIER
My Prince this way, a horse awaits
you.

As they move they are spotted by some of the castle guards.
The Guards rush towards them, and attacks.

The old knights defeat most of the guards but one of them
runs away.

ALEX
Damn, he'll warn the king.

OLD KNIGHT SOLDIER
My prince we must hurry.

They continue to get away.

INT. CASTLE HALL - NIGHT

As Mana sits with his guess a guard burst in.

GUARD
(shouts as he runs through the
crowds)
KING MANA THE OLD KNIGHTS HAVE
SNUCK INTO THE CASTLE AND TAKEN THE

PRINCESS.

MANA
(stands in anger)
FIND THEM!

The people in the hall begin to scatter.

LIRA
(to Mana)
Let us help you, they couldn't have
gotten far.

EXT. OUT SIDE OF THE CASTLE - NIGHT

The Old knights launch an attack on the castle. Alex comes from inside of the castle on horse back with Kaiya tied up behind him. He quickly rides pass the guards towards the forest as his men holds them off.

Martigan dashes out on horse back quickly passing the Old Knight soldiers following Alex.

EXT. FOREST - NIGHT

Martigan has Alex in his site. He pulls out a bow and arrow aims and shoots. The arrow misses Alex and strikes his horse in the head.

As the horse falls Alex and Kaiya falls off rolling on the ground. They stop right at the edge of a cliff over a raging river.

Martigan rides out dismounts from his horse and pulls out his sword.

Alex slowly stands up and unsheathes his sword.

MARTIGAN
So the infamous Alex Sith at the
end of my blade, you'll pay for
dishonoring the princess.

Alex rushes towards him and they begin to fight. As they do Kaiya pulls out the knife Alex had given her in the market and begins to cut her ropes.

As Alex and Martigan fight they get closer and closer to the edge.

Kaiya finishes with her ropes, then begins to move towards them.

KAIYA
STOP IT BOTH OF YOU!

Martigan Kicks Alex and he slides directly on the edge of the cliff. Kaiya runs in front him.

KAIYA
Martigan please, No more blood has
to be spilled today.

The ground under Alex's feet begins to crack, and Alex begins to fall. Kaiya turns and tries to grab him but is taken down as well. They both fall from the cliff into the river and is taken away by the current.

MARTIGAN
NO! KAIYA!

EXT. FOREST - MORNING

The river flows slowly into a shallow stream. Alex and Kaiya were washed up onto the river bank and knocked unconscious. As the morning light comes they slowly wake up lost, confused, and their cloths are sulked.

KAIYA
(sits up)
My head hurts. Where are we?

ALEX
(sits up)
Don't know The river must have
taken us here.

They both stand up and look around.

KAIYA
Alex do you recognize this area?

ALEX

No, it doesn't look familiar.

KAIYA

I thought you knew this forest.

ALEX

(Turn towards Kaiya)

Not all of the forest it goes on for miles. Besides we wouldn't be in this mess if you hadn't let go of the cliff.

KAIYA

Let go? I was trying to save you

ALEX

Well wait'a go, Kaiya good job.

KAIYA

(angry)

Well you know what, it's fine, because I know that my father has already send out hundreds of guards to find me, and kill you, so I'm not worried one bit.

ALEX

(get's in her face)

Then you just wait here princess, I'm going to find my way back, and I just want you to know. It could be days even weeks before anyone finds you, so enjoy waiting.

Alex begins to walk away.

KAIYA

(shouts)

WAIT! YOUR JUST GOING TO LEAVE ME HERE?

ALEX

(shouts back)

THAT'S THE PLAN!

KAIYA
BUT WHAT IF I RUN INTO WILD ANIMALS
OR EVEN BANDITS!

ALEX
NOT MY PROBLEM!

Kaiya begins to look around and gets scared of being alone.

KAIYA
(Shouts as she runs after
Alex)
ALEX WAIT!

INT. ALRUM CASTLE - MORNING

A guard burst through the door and walks up to Mana who is
instructing some of his men, along with his general.

GUARD
(kneels)
My lord.

MANA
(turns towards the guard)
Yes.

GUARD
We've searched the river and found
nothing. We think she may have
drifted away.

MANA
Then follow the river and continue
the search.

GENERAL
My king I hate to say this but we
must expect the worst. I mean the
chances of survival for a some one
as delicate as Princess Kaiya is
slim. Even if she did survive the
river, Alex wouldn't hesitate to
kill her him self.

MANA

I don't want to hear your thoughts.
Just continue the search and if
Alex did Kill her I want his head.

EXT. FOREST - NOON

Alex, bends down looking at the shadows of a tree behind
him.

KAIYA
What are you doing?

ALEX
(points)
That's west.

KAIYA
How can you tell.

ALEX
Because the sun always rises east.

KAIYA
Oh, that makes sense.

ALEX
The River that we fell into flows
east from the castle so if we head
west then we should find our way
back. I wish I knew how far we are.

KAIYA
Okay, great, let's go.

ALEX
You act like this is going to be a
simple journey.

KAIYA
We're just going in one direction
you don't have to over think it.

ALEX
Look I've been living in this
forest my whole life, I know how
dangerous it can get so if you want

to stay alive you need to start being more cautious. After all, it's your fault we got lost in the first place.

KAIYA

You're right I should have just let Martigan kill you, then I wouldn't be out here.

ALEX

Let's get one thing straight if you hadn't intervened I would have killed him.

Alex begins to walk away.

KAIYA

Whatever.

Follows.

EXT. OLD KNIGHT CAMP - DAY

Jacob is back at the camp meeting with other elders. One of their men suddenly walks in.

JACOB

Any luck?

OLD KNIGHT

We've searched the area but still nothing.

LEON

Well widen the search, We've got to find him.

OLD KNIGHT

Yes my lord.

As the soldier walks out Samuel walks in.

SAMUEL

What's going on? Where's Alex?

JACOB

The kidnapping last night, didn't go according to plan.

SAMUEL

Well from what I heard at the castle is that the princess is missing to.

LYLE

She must be with Alex. In that case we must find them before Mana does. Go back to the castle and see if you can find out anymore information about where they might be.

SAMUEL

Okay.

Samuel walks out.

Jacob stands up.

JACOB

I'm not going to just wait around, I'm going to help with the search.

LEON

But Jacob, you're an Elder, we need you here at the camp.

JACOB

I promised King Jon-allen I would look after his son. So I can't just going to sit around while he's in danger.

Jacob walks out.

EXT. FOREST - LATER

Alrum soldiers reaches the end of the river flowing into a stream.

SOLDIER A
(shouts)
I found something.

The other soldiers run towards him, and sees two sets of foot prints walking into the forest.

SOLDIER A
I looks like they may have survived after all.

SOLDIER B
The king will be pleased to hear it.

EXT. FOREST - AFTERNOON

Alex and Kaiya continue walking through the forest, they had been walking all day and are beginning to get tired.

KAIYA
Alex, can't we take a break.

ALEX
The sooner we get back the better.

KAIYA
But we've been walking all day, I'm hungry.

ALEX
What's that got to do with me?

KAIYA
Go fetch me something to eat.

ALEX
(stops and turns toward her)
You know you're really getting on my last nerve, with all of your complaining. This is not the castle and I'm not your servant.

KAIYA
Yeah well I am your prisoner so take the responsibility.

Alex folds his arms and turns away in anger. Kaiya takes a deep breath calms down then lowers her tone.

KAIYA

Listen Alex, don't you think we'll be able to find our way back better if we were well rested.

ALEX

I guess.

KAIYA

Then how about this, if you go and catch something I'll cook it.

ALEX

(gets a surprised look)
You can cook?

KAIYA

I'm not that spoiled.

ALEX

Find, but it better be good.
(looks around)
Follow me.

EXT. FOREST - OUTSIDE OF CAVE - AFTERNOON

Alex moves a huge rock revealing a small cave behind it.

ALEX

We can camp here.

KAIYA

But it's filthy how am I suppose to be comfortable in there.

ALEX

Well I would take you to the inn
but there's the problem of
(raises his voice)
US BEING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE
FOREST.
(brings his voice back down)

It's in or out princess take your pick.

KAIYA

Fine.

Kaiya grabs sticks from the ground and brings them inside of the cave. Alex walks off further into the forest.

EXT. FOREST - AFTERNOON

Alex walks through the forest unaware of the pair of eyes that are watching his every move from a distant tree. As Alex searches he hears the noise of an animal running through the forest, and quickly moves towards the sound.

INT. CAVE - AFTERNOON

Kaiya gathers up wood and stacks it in the center of the cave. She rips off a peaces of her clothing that covers her belly, and peaces that cover from the top of her knees to her feet and her sleeves. She throws it on top of the wood and began to scratch two rocks together to ignite her pile of wood and clothes.

EXT. FOREST - AFTERNOON

Alex follows the sound and stops just behind a few trees. He peeks around it and sees a deer eating grass.

Alex takes out a small knife and begins to creep until he gets close to the animal. The eyes in the distance continue to watch him.

INT. CAVE - AFTERNOON

After a few minutes of scratching the rocks together Kaiya is getting no results. Sparks would fly on the material but it wouldn't ignite.

KAIYA

Darn! It's just not flammable enough.

She thinks for a minute while rubbing her hair and her eyes widens as she gets an idea.

Kaiya pulls out her knife brings it up to the bottom her neck and cuts off a lock of her hair. She then throws it into the pile and attempted to ignite it again.

EXT. FOREST - AFTERNOON

Alex slowly walks to the deer unnoticed. He lifts his knife and prepares to strike, but an arrow suddenly shoots from the distance and sticks into the deer's neck killing it.

Alex quickly draws his sword and begins to look around.

INT. CAVE - AFTERNOON

Kaiya finally gets the fire lit. She begins to poke it causing it to grow but hears a sound of little foot steps from the entrance of the cave.

Kaiya turns and notices someone standing there.

KAIYA

Well hello. Where did you come from?

EXT. FOREST - AFTERNOON

Alex looks around cautiously with his sword in hand.

ALEX

COME OUT! I KNOW YOUR THERE!

VOICE OF A KID

NO! JUST GET AWAY FROM MY CATCH AND GO HOME!

ALEX

YOUR CATCH? KID I SAW IT FIRST!

VOICE OF A KID

GO AWAY OR I'LL SHOOT ANOTHER ARROW, AND THIS TIME IT WON'T BE AIMED AT THE DEER.

ALEX

LISTEN KID, I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU

ARE BUT YOU'RE REALLY STARTING TO
PISS ME OFF!

VOICE OF A KID
I MEAN IT, I'M REALLY GOING TO
SHOOT ANOTHER ARROW!

ALEX
IF YOU DO, IT'LL BE A MISTAKE ON
YOUR PART.

After a brief moment of silence another arrow comes rushing from the top of the trees. Alex quickly lifts his sword and blocks it.

ALEX
GOTCHA!-†

Alex runs towards the direction the arrow came from. He runs and quickly climbs up a tree until he reaches the top confronting an eleven year old boy standing on a branch with a short sword in his hand ready to attack, and a bow over his shoulder.

ALEX
Told you it would be a mistake. By firing that arrow you gave away your position.

The kid shivers in fear.

KID
Stay away, I'm a great swordsman and I don't have a problem taking your life.

ALEX
(laughs)
Kid when I was your age I was fighting in wars. Don't think I'll be soft on you because you're a child.

KID
Listen you bandit you have five seconds to leave or I'll do you

just like I did to that deer.

ALEX

Is that so, you wanna come and try?

They are interrupted by the voice of Kaiya.

KAIYA

ALEX! ALEX WHERE ARE YOU?

Alex and the kid look towards the sound and sees Kaiya walk into sight followed by a nine little girl.

BOY

(calls out)

Beth!

GIRL

(replies)

Stewie!

The little boy quickly climbs down from tree the hugs the little girl.

STEWIE

Are you okay?

BETH

You've been gone for over an hour so I got worried.

Alex climbs down from the tree, sees Kaiya's changed appearance and stares at her in amazement.

Kaiya notices him staring and blushes a little.

KAIYA

(blushing)

Alex what is it?

ALEX

What did you do to yourself?

KAIYA

Oh, well I needed something to start a fire. Plus this feels a lot

more comfortable in being out here.
(She began to spin around
showing off her body)
Do you like it?

ALEX
(folds his arms and turns his
head acting uninterested)
Hm, I really don't care.

KAIYA
So who is your little friend?

STEWIE
(quickly points at Alex)
That man is trying to kill me.

KAIYA
Alex I know you're trying to put on
a scary image but can you at least
show a bit of compassion for
children.

ALEX
I'm not trying kill him. I'm just
trying to claim my deer.

STEWIE
I killed it.

KAIYA
(sighs)
How about this, I cook it and we
can all share it.

STEWIE
Thank you miss. You really are
nice.

KAIYA
(giggles)
You can call me Kaiya. Anyway what
are you two doing out here in the
forest.

STEWIE

We were going to the market with our parents when our carriage was attacked by bandits. Our parents held them off while we ran away.

BETH

We're from a small village not too far west from here. We were heading there when we got hungry so Stewie decided to catch us something.

KAIYA

Don't worry, we're heading the same way so we'll help you get back.

STEWIE

Thank you.

(turns towards Alex)

You should be more like your girlfriend.

ALEX

She's not my girlfriend!

(folds his arms)

Let's just go and eat, I'm hungry.

INT. CAVE - AFTERNOON

Alex, Kaiya, Beth and Stewie are sitting around the fire eating the food that Kaiya had cooked.

STEWIE

Wow, miss Kaiya this is pretty good. How did you learn to cook like this?

KAIYA

A friend had taught me. I've always wanted to learn so I asked.

BETH

Are you really a princess?

KAIYA

Yes, I'm the princess of Alrum.

STEWIE

Wow!

(Turns towards Alex)

Are you her servant.

ALEX

Ha, I serve no one.

BETH

Then you must be her boyfriend. Her knight in shiny armor, here to rescue her from the evil forest and take her back to her castle.

ALEX

(angry)

For the last time, I'm not her boyfriend. Besides she's engaged to prince perfect.

BETH

(put her hands together in excitement)

Oh, he sounds dreamy.

ALEX

What! You don't even know him.

KAIYA

(laughs)

Well he did try to rescue me from the evil old knight prince.

ALEX

(angrily stands up)

I'm done eating.

Alex begins to walk away.

KAIYA

Where are you going?

ALEX

To get some fresh air.

STEWIE

(Yells at Alex)
CAN I COME?

ALEX
(yells back from outside of
the cave)
NO!

STEWIE
OKAY, I'LL BE THERE In A SECOND!
(as he gets up)
I'll see ya girls later I'm going
join Alex.

Stewie gets up and runs after Alex.

STEWIE
WAIT FOR ME!

EXT. OLD KNIGHT CAMP - SUN SET

A group of old knight soldiers led by Jacob return to the camp in exhaustion. As they enter they pass by Leon who is standing at the entrance holding a lantern.

As the men walk pass him Jacob stops.

LEON
Any luck?

JACOB
No, but it'll be dark soon and
we've been searching all day.

LEON
Get some rest old friend, I'll lead
the night search.

JACOB
(pats him on the shoulder)
Thank you.

Leon watches as Jacob walks into the camp. Once Jacob is out of site Leon walks into the forest.

EXT. FOREST - SUN SET

Leon walks through the forest and stops at a big tree. He puts his back against the tree as a man in a hooded cloak walks out and puts his back against the other side.

LEON

You know this wouldn't have happened if your son hadn't intervened.

HOODED MAN

I tried to stop him.

LEON

If Mana finds them before we do it will ruin everything.

HOODED MAN

Don't worry about Mana. I'll do what I can to slow him down, you make sure your men find them soon, and if the princess dies then the deal is off; got it?

LEON

We won't kill her, but this is a dangerous forest I can't guarantee the same for anyone or anything else.

EXT. OUTSIDE OF CAVE - NIGHT

Two bandits are walking in the forest, they see a faint light in the distance and move closer. As it comes into view they can see a lit cave with Kaiya and Beth sitting by a fire.

BANDIT

Looks like this is our lucky day.

The other bandit laughs and they move towards them.

EXT. FOREST - NIGHT

Alex sits on a rock sharpening his sword while Stewie sits beside him swinging his legs back and forth chattering as

Alex tries his best to ignore him.

STEWIE

And when I was seven my father took me hunting for the first time. He was really good with a bow and arrow and taught me everything I know.

ALEX

(gets irritated)
Dammit kid can't I have just two seconds to my self.

STEWIE

(ignores Alex's request)
And then when I was eight my father took me fishing.

They suddenly hear the screams of Kaiya and Beth from the distance and snap there head towards the sound.

ALEX

Let's go.

Alex takes of running and Stewie follows.

INT. CAVE - NIGHT

Alex and Stewie runs into the cave and notices the fire logs tossed around and the remaining food gone.

STEWIE

Oh no, are they dead?

ALEX

(looks around)
Don't think so.

Alex sees a sash on the ground. He bends down and picks it up.

ALEX

Bandits.

STEWIE

(points)

Look.

They see Kaiya's knife on the ground with a few drops of blood on the blade, with a trail of blood drops leading into the forest.

ALEX

(grins)

She's smarter than I thought. Kid how good are you with a bow?

STEWIE

I'm a pro.

ALEX

Good, cause we're going to get the girls back.

EXT. BANDIT CAMP - NIGHT

The two bandits bring Kaiya and Beth through their camp. As they pass through the other bandits look at them with grins. They bring them to their leader Sy.

SY

So, who is this lovely lady.

BANDIT

We found them both in a cave not too far from here.

SY

(notices a scar on one of the bandits faces)

What happened to you.

BANDIT

This little witch was a handful.

BETH

You better watch out, she's the princess.

The bandits around them laughs.

KAIYA
(whispers)
Beth please.

SY
Princess you say, well you're a
long way from the castle.
(scratches his chin in
thought)
You know you do look familiar, if
you really are the princess, then
I'm sure the king will be willing
to pay a lot to get you back.

The other bandits begin to laugh again.

SY
(to his men)
Please show our guess to their
quarters.

Two bandits escort them away, one of them wearing a a hood.

INT. BANDIT CAMP - HUT - NIGHT

Two bandits take them into a small hut one of them wearing a
hood. Once inside the hooded Bandit knocks out the other and
quickly cuts Kaiya and Beth's ropes.

KAIYA
(in surprise)
What are you doing?

The bandit removes his hood revealing that he is Alex.

ALEX
Getting you out of here.

KAIYA
(throws her arms around Alex)
You came for us!

ALEX
We're not out of danger yet we
still have to make it out of this
camp. If we're caught Sy will have

out heads for sure. Well mine at least.

KAIYA

You know him?

ALEX

We've had our run in's in the past.
Now let's go.

EXT. BANDIT CAMP - NIGHT

Alex opens the hut and steps out as he does he sees Sy and a group of other bandits waiting for them.

SY

Well if it isn't the infamous Alex
Sith. Here to rescue the princess.
I'm surprised this isn't your
usually M.O. but who cares.

(to his men)

Kill him.

Just as a bandit steps forwards an arrow flies from the forest and strikes him down. They all look in surprise.

ALEX

Did you think I'd come here alone
Sy. Maybe you don't know me like
you think. With one word, I can
have this entire camp dead.

Sy looks at him in anger.

ALEX

Now step aside.

As they begin to walk away Sy speaks.

SY

You're a coward Alex.

ALEX

(stops and turns)
What did you call me?

SY

You just come here take my prisoners and leave.

ALEX

Yeah, that's the plan.

SY

Why don't you stick around and we can settle this long standing score once and for all.

Alex stares at him in thought.

KAIYA

Alex No, now's not the time for this.

ALEX

(looks at Kaiya)

Go back to the cave, in the morning take the kids back to their village I'm sure from there you can find a way back to the castle.

KAIYA

What?

ALEX

Kaiya go, Sy and I have been rivals for years, I've always wanted a chance to take him out once and for all.

KAIYA

(sighs)

Can you beat him.

ALEX

Of course.

KAIYA

(turns towards Beth)

Find your brother and go back to the cave. I'll be there later.

BETH

Okay.

Beth walks off.

ALEX

What are you doing?

KAIYA

I'm not leaving you.

Sy is in the center of a circle of his men swinging his sword around to warm up.

SY

Hey Alex are you done kissing your girlfriend goodbye, cause I'm loosing my patience here.

Alex pulls out his sword and walks towards Sy.

KAIYA

Be careful.

FIGHT SCENE

Sy and Alex battle. It's a close match that leaves them both injured by Alex's is the victor ending with Sy on his knees and Alex's sword at he's neck.

EXT. BANDIT CAMP - NIGHT

Sy is breathing heavily with bruises on his face. Alex is standing over him breathing heavy in exhaustion with his sword at Sy's neck. The two stare into each other's eyes.

SY

Go ahead, this is what you've been waiting for.

Alex lifts his sword, just as he is about to swing he is stopped by the voice of Kaiya.

KAIYA

STOP!

Alex turns towards Kaiya.

KAIYA

You've won, no one has to die tonight.

Alex lowers his sword and begins to turn away.

SY

(laughs)

Ha, the great Alex Sith taking orders from a woman.

Alex angrily turns and begins to swing.

KAIYA

ALEX NO!

Alex stops himself, then swings the handle of his sword and knocks Sy out.

ALEX

(to Sy's body)

You owe me for this.

Kaiya runs over and helps Alex as they walk away.

EXT. JUST OUTSIDE OF CAVE - NIGHT

Beth and Stewie lies sleeping in the cave while Alex and Kaiya sits outside of the cave under the bright moon as Kaiya dresses Alex's wounds.

ALEX

Ouch.

KAIYA

Sorry.

ALEX

You know I'm surprised.

KAIYA

Why?

ALEX

The fire, the food now this. I
always took you for a spoil brat.

KAIYA

I'm not as useless as I seem.

Kaiya finishes.

KAIYA

There.

ALEX

Thanks.

Kaiya sits down beside him.

ALEX

And thanks for staying.

KAIYA

Thank you for saving me.

They both look up at the moon and share a few seconds of
Silence before Kaiya talks.

KAIYA

Beautiful night, isn't it?

ALEX

Yeah.

KAIYA

Alex can I ask you something?

ALEX

What?

KAIYA

Do you remember when we first met?

ALEX

At the market?

KAIYA

Yes.

ALEX

What about it?

KAIYA

Why were you nice to me?

ALEX

I don't know, I guess cause you were nice to me first. You were the first person since my father to ever show me kindness, not cause you feared me. When we parted I thought about you all day. That's what made things complicated when I found out who you are.

KAIYA

How?

ALEX

Well for starters, at first I wanted to kidnap you but now I'm not risking my live trying to rescue you.

Kaiya giggles and they share another moment of silence.

KAIYA

Alex?

ALEX

Yeah?

KAIYA

Why do you hate my father so much? The kingdom loves him, he's a good man.

Alex puts his head down in silence and grows a look of sadness. Kaiya begins to regret her question.

KAIYA

Sorry. not

ALEX

(Sighs and picks up his head)
Kaiya, I was there the night of the rebellion. I was only five but I remember it like it was yesterday.

FLASHBACK

INT. ALRUM CASTLE - NIGHT

The castle burns in the dark night..

Five year old Alex desperately runs through the blood shed looking for king Jon-allen Sith. He tries his best to get away from the dangers but everywhere he goes is a fierce battle.

Alex fearfully cries out in tears.

YOUNG ALEX

FATHER! WHERE ARE YOU?

He continues to run.

INT. ALRUM CASTLE - TOWER - NIGHT

In the highest tower, General Mana is locked in battle with King Jon-allen.

JON-ALLEN

I never would have expected you to betray me, you were my most loyal general and best friend.-†

MANA

It didn't have to come to this.
Ever since you've lost Evelyn you've slowly changed. I denied it before, but I just can't deny it any more. What you're planning is wrong and I'm going to do whatever I have to, to stop you.

(lifts his sword)

Forgive me my King.

Alex suddenly burst through the doors in tears.

YOUNG ALEX
FATHER!

Just as Jon-allen turns his head towards his son; Mana thrust his sword through Jon-allen's chest.

ALEX
(falls to his knees)
NOOOOOOOO!

Jon-allen's body slowly falls to the floor. Mana looks up and sees Alex's painful young face.

MANA
(drops his sword and tries to comfort him)
Alex, please.....

Before he could finish his words Alex quickly runs out.

END FLASHBACK

EXT. FOREST - NIGHT

KAIYA
Wow that make's so much since.
That's why my father has been so
hesitant to have you killed after
all you put the kingdom through. He
feels guilty for killing your
father before your eyes.

They share another moment of silence.

KAIYA
But Alex now that you've endangered
me he isn't going be so
compassionate anymore. That's why
he wants me to marry prince
Martigan, he wants me to be safe.

ALEX
Do you love him?

KAIYA

I don't know.

ALEX

Then why are you marrying him?

KAIYA

Cause it'll make my father happy.

ALEX

(turns towards her)

Well then; what'll make you happy?

Kaiya turns towards Sith and stares into his eyes. As the brief seconds past they began to inch closer and closer towards each other, until finally they are face to face. Their heads began to tilt and just before they could press their lips together, the sound of thunder catches them and causing them both to jump back.

ALEX

It's late, we have a long day ahead of us.

KAIYA

Yes, we should both get some rest.

They both stand up and walk into the cave as the rain slowly begins to fall.

INT. ALRUM CASTLE - NIGHT

King Mana stands on his balcony staring into the stormy night.

Prince Martigan suddenly walks up behind him and puts his hand on his shoulder.

MARTIGAN

Are you alright my lord.

MANA

I'm just worried.

MARTIGAN

It'll be alright, I promise that I'll do everything in my power to

bring Kaiya home safely, and Alex will get what he deserves.

MANA

(looks at Martigan)

Thank you, you'll make a fine son in law, and one day a great king.

INT. CHILDREN'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

The mother closes the book.

CHRIS

Wait what happens next?

MOTHER

It's getting late, you two should be getting to bed.

ELLIE

Please Mom, can you tell us the rest of the story?

MOTHER

(sighs)

Fine, but right after this I want you two fast asleep.

The mother opens back up the book.

MOTHER

Okay now where were we.

INT. FOREST - CAVE - DAY

Jacob and a group of old knights find the cave that Alex and Kaiya were in. They inspect it as they notices the mess.

OLD KNIGHT SOLDIER

Jocab, I found something.

Jacob runs over to the soldier and sees the bloody knife. He grabs it by the handle and picks it up.

JACOB

This is Alex's knife, they were

here.

EXT. EASVILLE - DAY

Alex, Kaiya and the kids walk into a small village. As they do the people constantly stop to stare at them, and whisper amongst them selves.

STEWIE

This way!

Stewie leads them to a small house where they see a woman sitting in a chair just outside.

STEWIE

(calls out)

MOTHER!

A woman suddenly rushes from the house as she sees Beth and Stewie running towards her. The Family embraces one another.

The mother turns towards Alex and Kaiya.

MOTHER

Oh, thank you so much, we've been searching for days to find them.

STEWIE

Where's Father?

MOTHER

He's still out looking a lot of the men are, We thought we'd lost you forever.

BETH

These nice people found us and helped us get back home.

MOTHER

(grabs Kaiya's hand)

Thank you so much if there's anything we can do for you.....

KAIYA

We're actually trying to find our

way back to Alrum Castle.

MOTHER

We can take you there, as soon as
the men get back.

An old lady suddenly steps out.

OLD LADY

Let's not rush it.

BETH

(runs to her)
Grandmother!

OLD LADY

You two look tired why don't you
rest here for the night, and enjoy
our hospitality as thanks for
returning our children.

Kaiya looks at Alex and he shrugs his shoulders.

KAIYA

(turns towards the old lady)
Thank you, we'll except.

As more villagers walk in to greet them, a man in the
distance notices Alex and recognizes him. He grows an angry
expression and runs off.

EXT. BANDIT CAMP - LATER

Sy sits in the center of the camp as some of the women in
their gang dresses his wounds.

Jacob and his men enter the camp they walk through looking
around as they get mean looks from all of the bandits they
pass.

Jacob walks up to Sy and stops right before him.

JACOB

What the hell happened to you.

SY

You're prince, I thought you'd know by now, I figured Alex would have been bragging about it.

JACOB

Alex wouldn't have left you alive.

SY

Well he had a sudden change of heart. What brings you here.

JACOB

I'm looking for him.

SY

He left last night, him and that girl.

JACOB

He had a girl with him?

SY

Yeah, she said she was the princess, but I think she was just crazy.

JACOB

Which way did they go.

SY

Don't know, but there's a small village not too far from here. You might want to try there.

Jacob and his men begin to walk off but are stopped by Sy calling them.

SY

Hey Jacob, tell Alex not to expect a friendship just cause he spared my life. After I even this we'll be flushed and back to being enemies.

INT. ALRUM CASTLE - NOON

As Mana instructing his men one of his guards approaches

him.

GUARD

My lord, one of our scouts has found them, in a small village called Easville.

MANA

Then hurry, take a handful of men and go after them, bring me Alex alive.

GUARD

yes my lord.

The guard runs off.

EXT. EASVILLE - NIGHT

The villagers are gathered around a bonfire in the center of the village. There are celebrating the safe return of Stewie and Beth.

Kaiya is sitting down with the mother and father talking to them and Alex is sitting down next to the grandmother.

Alex watched the people dance and enjoy themselves.

GRANDMOTHER

Not much of a talker it seems.

ALEX

I just don't really have anything to talk about.

GRANDMOTHER

You know we're all grateful for you two returning our kids. The world is a dangerous place for children.

ALEX

Lady you don't know the half of it.

GRANDMOTHER

Well I'll admit it's safer then it use to be. When I was your age king

Jon-allen sat on the thrown.

ALEX

I imagine it was a better time.

GRANDMOTHER

It was at first, but then things started to change. He increased the taxing, our village was always raided by bandits, our people always suffered and the king wouldn't do anything to help us.

ALEX

I'm sure he was a busy man.

GRANDMOTHER

King Jon-allen didn't care about his people. Only his riches He was a very greedy king. You know there was rumor that he was planing to destroy our village, and several others, to expain his castle. Leaving us all homeless

ALEX

I'm sure they were just rumors.

GRANDMOTHER

Well it was enough to make his people turn on him. Now with Mana we get the care we deserve.

Kaiya talks to the mother and father.

MOTHER

Are you enjoying yourself dear.

KAIYA

Yes thank you.

FATHER

You're friend doesn't seem to be doing the same.

KAIYA

(looks over at Alex)
He's just been through a lot.

The mother notices Kaiya gazing at him.

MOTHER
Are you with him.

KAIYA
(turns away)
What? No we're just traveling
together.

MOTHER
The way you were looking at him
makes me think otherwise.

KAIYA
I don't think I'm the type of girl
who's right for him.

FATHER
Well you never know.

MOTHER
We didn't think we were meant for
each other at first, but here we
are.

Kaiya sees Alex standing up and walk away.

KAIYA
Um, could you excuse me for moment.

MOTHER
Sure.

Kaiya stands up and walks after him.

INT. INN - NIGHT

Kaiya walks into their room at the inn and sees Alex,
equipping his gear.

KAIYA
Alex?

ALEX
(turns as he hears her)
Kaiya!

As Kaiya walks up to him, Alex grabs her pulls her towards him and kisses her lips. Kaiya is surprised at first but soon she closes her eyes and wraps her arms around him.

Alex finishes and pulls his head back.

ALEX
I've wanted to do that since the market.

Kaiya stares into his eyes and smiles.

ALEX
(releases her)
Goodbye Kaiya.

KAIYA
(surprise)
What?!

Alex turns and continues to equipt his gear.

KAIYA
You can't follow something like that with goodbye.

ALEX
(doesn't stop packing)
The villagers will bring you back to the castle tomorrow. Go home and marry your prince.

KAIYA
Is that what this is about? Alex you know I don't love him.

ALEX
(turns toward her)
What did you expect would happen Kaiya? I'm your enemy remember, if you hadn't notice you father and I

are trying to kill each other.

KAIYA

Then just stop, talk to my father I know you two can make peace.

ALEX

We can't.

KAIYA

Why?

ALEX

Dammit Kaiya it's complicated, why are you making this so difficult.

KAIYA

I just thought that I meant something to you.

Alex and Kaiya begin to argue talking at the same time.

KAIYA

(as Alex is talking)

But obviously you'd rather have this blood contest with my father to prove you're better than him and he doesn't deserve to be king even though he's a good man.

ALEX

(as Kaiya is talking)

Well if you say it like that then it makes me seem wrong when we both know that your father murdered mine and stole the crown.

They are both silent by the sound of Alrum soldiers searching the village.

SOLDIER (VO)

Princess Kaiya, come out we're here to rescue you.

They look out of the window and see the village surrounded with guards.

ALEX
They found us.

Alex unsheaths his sword.

KAIYA
(puts her hand over his on his handle)
NO!

ALEX
Fine.
(lets go of the handle.)
Go with them Kaiya.

KAIYA
But.....

ALEX
At this point we don't have a choice, either you go with them now, or they'll find us and kill me.

KAIYA
(grabs Alex's hands)
Promise me I'll see you again.

The hear the voice of soldiers at the door.

SOLDIER (VO)
Check in here.

EXT. OUTSIDE OF INN - NIGHT

Just as they go to open the door, Kaiya opens it and walk out.

SOLDIER
Princess Kaiya, are you okay.

KAIYA
Yes I'm fine, thank you.

SOLDIER

Where's Alex, we've gotten orders
to detain him.

KAIYA

He's gone, let's just go back to
the castle.

SOLDIER

Yes my lady.

EXT. FOREST - NIGHT

Jacob and his men walk through the forest and comes to an
entrance leading to the village.

OLD KNIGHT SOLDIER

Darn it looks like Mana's soldier
have beat'in us to it.

JACOB

They've gotten the princess, but I
don't see prince Alex.

They suddenly hear the voice of Alex.

ALEX

Jacob!

They see Alex run towards them.

JACOB

My prince, are you alright.

ALEX

Yes.

JACOB

How did you get away from the
guards.

ALEX

I snuck out, we must go now before
they see us.

JACOB

Got it, let's move out.

The Old knight disappears into the forest. Alex stops and looks back at Kaiya for a second.

JACOB

Alex, we must hurry.

Alex turns and continues to get away with them

EXT. FOREST - NIGHT

Leon again meets Lira in the forest.

LIRA

I've just gotten word that Mana's guards have rescued the princess. This changes everything!

LEON

Damn!

LIRA

I'm executing my part of the plan now.

Leon's eye widens he turns and runs back to his camp and sees Lira's soldiers attacking the Old Knights. Leon helplessly watches.

Lira walks up behind Leon.

LEON

(angry)

You Rat!

LIRA

Here's what's going to happen. You tell your remaining men that Mana did this, and at the wedding of Princess Kaiya send your men to assassinate him after the ceremony is complete.

LEON

Fine, but I'm taking a big risk
letting this happen. So you better
hold up your end.

LIRA

Don't worry once Mana's dead
Martigan will be the new King of
Alrum, giving my family two
kingdoms and you'll be the head
General of both.

Lira pulls out a knife.

LIRA

Just one more piece of the puzzle.

He quickly thrusts it into Leon's back.

INT. ALRUM CASTLE - MORNING

The doors burst open and Kaiya runs into Mana's arms.

KAIYA

Father I've missed you so much.

MANA

I'm glad your safe, Alex didn't
hurt you did he?

KAIYA

No father he didn't.

King Lira suddenly walks in.

LIRA

I see the day has brought joy to us
both old friend. I have located the
Old Knight's camp and took the
liberty of launching an attack.

KAIYA

Where there any survivors.

LIRA

No.

MANA

(sighs)

So it's finally over. Thank you.

LIRA

We're about to enter a new era,
let's start it off on a good foot
by moving the wedding to tonight my
lord. It will represent a new start
for us all.

MARTIGAN

(walks over to Kaiya grabs her
hand as he kneels)

What do you say my love. Would you
like to become Mrs. Martigan Mason
tonight.

Kaiya begins to breathe heavy, she wants to object but knows she can't. Kaiya quickly turns her head and runs out of the room as she begins to weep.

MARTIGAN

I'm sorry, I keep forgetting how
intense my presence is for women.

INT. ALRUM CASTLE - MORNING

Samuel listens in on the conversation, his eyes are widened in fear as he hears about his people.

SAMUEL

No.

INT. OLD KNIGHT CAMP - MORNING

Jacob Alex and the other Old knights return to the camp exhausted. As they enter their mouths drop to the site of their slaughtered people.

They begin to walk around in dread finding no one left alive.

ALEX

What...What happened.

They suddenly hear the voice of Leon.

LEON
MANA, THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED.

Leon limps from behind a hut towards them. They run over and help him.

LEON
He found us, I don't know how, but he sent his men to wipe us all out.

JACOB
How could he, there were women and children here I never would have expected Mana to be so cold hearted.

ALEX
No, I don't believe that. Mana would never harm defenseless people.

LEON
Alex, don't forget that Mana killed your father before your eyes. You know how far he would go. Besides I saw him here myself. It was him.

ALEX
It's just that.....

Alex backs up and sits on a log putting his hand on his head.

JACOB
What do we do now.

LEON
There is hope. The wedding has been moved to this evening and Mana believes tha we're all dead.

ALEX
(stands)
Then we crash that wedding and finish this once and for all.

INT. ALRUM CASTLE - DAY

The people of the castle are hard at work decorating the castle and preparing for the wedding.

EXT. OLD KNIGHT CAMP - DAY

The old knights equip themselves and prepare for an attack on the castle.

INT. KAIYA'S QUARTERS - DAY

Kaiya sits in a chair as Olivia-† does her hair and talks to her. Kaiya's head is down in sadness. Olivia talks to her. Un aware of her feeling.

OLIVIA

Oh my lady you must be so excited
this day has finally come. You're
going to be such a beautiful bride.

Kaiya looks out of the window and sees in the clear day sky, the moon dim and deluminated.

EXT. OLD KNIGHT CAMP - DAY

Alex sees the dim moon in the center of the clear blue sky. He stares at it for a second then turns his head and continues to sharpen his sword.

Leon walks up to him.

LEON

How are you holding up my prince.

ALEX

Fine.

(looks at a turnikit around
Leon's waste)

I see you're woond is healing.

LEON

It was just a scratch.

ALEX

I'm suprised Mana, didn't finish

you off as well.

LEON
I hid my prince.

ALEX
Like a coward.

Leon gives him an angry look, Alex gives him the same.

They hear a sudden movement in the trees behind them and quickly turn. They see Samuel coming from the forest.

SAMUEL
(to Alex)
My lord you're alive.

ALEX
Of course, when Mana struck I
wasn't here yet, that's a mistake
he'll regret.

SAMUEL
You mean Lira.

Leon gives an awkward look.

ALEX
Lira?

SAMUEL
Yes it was King Lira who had
attacked the camp, Mana didn't know
a thing about it.

Leon suddenly pulls out his sword and thrusts it through Samuel's stomach.

LEON
Should have kept your mouth shut.

Alex goes to lift his sword but Leon quickly knocks it out of his hand then knocks him out with the handle of his blade.

INT. PRISON - DAY

Alex wakes up tied to a post with Leon and Lira in front of him and guards behind them.

LIRA

Leon what did you do? He's suppose to assassinating King Mana tonight.

LEON

I was compromised, You didn't realize we had a spy working in the castle when you've decided to attack our camp.

ALEX

I should have known.

Leon punches Alex.

LEON

Silence.

Lira and Leon walk out of the cage and locks the bars.

LEON

We can still use him, You're first act as ruler of the two kingdoms can be to publicly execute the man responsible for terrorizing the villages. That will bring the people of Alrum around quicker.

LIRA

Fine.

They both walk off.

As they do Samuel sneaks in limping and still wounded from Leon's attack. He knocks out the guards and cuts Alex's ropes.

ALEX

I thought you were dead.

SAMUEL

(reveals a deep wound in his

stomach)
The wound wasn't fatal, but I was
able to make it this far.

ALEX
Why didn't you go to a healer.

SAMUEL
It's to late for me Alex, I don't
know what's going on, but I do know
that Leon has betrayed us. You have
to stop him no matter what.

Samuel begins to cough up blood.

SAMUEL
Listen Alex, my horse is just
outside the prison take it. You
have to save Alrum. The thrown may
never again be in the Sith family
but don't let it slip into even
worse hands.

Samuel tilts his head and passes away.

Alex close Samuel's eyes then bows his head.

ALEX
Thank you my friend.

EXT. OUTSIDE OF THE PRISON - NIGHT

Alex bursts through the doors and sees a horse next to the
prison building. He jumps on it and rides off.

EXT. OLD KNIGHT CAMP - NIGHT

The old knights prepare to move out. Jacob walks up to Leon.

JACOB
Have you seen prince Alex.

LEON
He decided to go ahead.

JACOB

But that's unlike him.

LEON

He's been waiting his whole life for this moment. Let him do it his way.

JACOB

Okay, let's move out then and meet him there.

EXT. ALRUM CASTLE - COURTYARD - NIGHT

The wedding ceremony begins, and the the old knights sneak on the top of the walls, take out the guards and position them selves to strike.

JACOB

Leon I don't see Prince Alex anywhere.

LEON

(looks around)

It looks like you have to take the shot.

JACOB

But, Alex would want to do it.

LEON

We've only got one chance and Alex isn't here so take the shot.

Jacob looks down a Mana, sitting beside the alter.

JACOB

Forgive me my prince.

Jacob pulls out a crossbow and aims it at Mana.

The priest goes on with the ceremony and gets to the end.

LEON

Get ready.

PRIEST

(as the priest talks Jacob's
finger begins to squeeze the
trigger more and more)

I now pronounce you man
and.....

Before he can finish the gate burst open and the bandits led
by Sy rushes in, attacks the guards and holds their weapons
around to everyone else. After a few seconds Alex walks in.

Kaiya, sighs in relief to see Alex alive.

JACOB

Look there he is.

Leon gets a look of anger.

JACOB

What's he doing.

The crowd is too afraid to move.

MANA

(stands in anger and shouts at
Alex)

HOW DARE YOU RUIN THE MOST
IMPORTANT DAY IN MY DAUGHTERS LIFE!
KILL HIM!

Just as the guards approach him Alex quickly grabs Kaiya and
holds his sword to her neck.

ALEX

Stay back!

KAIYA

(whispers)

Alex! This isn't going to help you
win my father over.

ALEX

Sorry I panicked.

Alex quickly lets go of Kaiya and holds his sword up to
Mana.

KAIYA

ALEX!

ALEX

SORRY.

MANA

I'll never forgive you for this.

ALEX

Look old man I didn't come here to fight.

SY

(shouts)

THEN WHAT THE HELL ARE WE HERE FOR!

ALEX

(shouts back)

YOU'RE NOT HELPING!

(back to Mana)

Please just hear me out.

MANA

(stares at Alex)

I guess I really don't have a choice.

At the top of the walls Jacob and others watch.

JACOB

What are they saying?

LEON

Don't know but now's your chance, do it!

JACOB

No, I'm not going to take this from Alex.

In the courtyard.

ALEX

Look, of all I did to you and your people in the past I don't expect

your forgiveness, in fact I'm through with running I'm through with hiding I'm through with all of this. I'm turning my self in. All I ask is that you not let Kaiya, marry this man.

LIRA

This is an outrage Kill him at once.

As the guards begins to step towards him.

MANA

WAIT!

The guards stop.

MANA

(to Alex)

Continue, I want to know why you of all people would tell me something like this.

ALEX

Well for two reasons the first is because, it's a trick. The only reason king Lira requested this marriage so that he can have you assassinated after wards and Alrum would be in his hands.

They all look at Lira.

MARTIGAN

Father is this true?

LIRA

Don't tell me your going to belief this.

ALEX

(points to the walls)

There are old knight soldiers surrounding this courtyard. As soon as the ceremony ended there were

going to take you out.
(looks around and shouts)
SHOW YOURSELVES MEN!

They all look around and the Old Knights stand up revealing themselves.

Alex lowers his sword, Mana grows a surprised expression.

LIRA
Don't listen, can't you see it's a
trick for you all to let your
guards down.

MANA
(to Lira)
SILENCE!
(to Alex)
Okay, So what's the second reason.

ALEX
(looks at Kaiya)
Because I'd rather die then to see
the woman I love be unhappy for the
rest of her life.

Kaiya smiles.

The crowd begins to talk among themselves.

Lira looks up and Leon and nods his head. Leon quickly grabs the crossbow from Jacob.

JACOB
ALEX LOOK OUT!

Alex looks up and sees Leon about to fire and run's towards Mana. Just as he fires Alex shoves Mana out of the way and the arrow misses his chest but hits his shoulder.

LIRA
GUARDS!

Lira's men rush in and begin to attack everyone, while Lira takes off. Martigan runs after him.

Jacob pulls out his sword and begins to fight Leon.

Kaiya runs to Mana's aid. Once she gets there she hugs Alex then they both turn towards Mana.

KAIYA

Father!

ALEX

Don't worry he'll liv.

MANA

Thanks to you Alex.

Mana notices Kaiya's hand on Alex's and smiles.

MANA

Who ever thought that 22 years of hatred could be broken by 2 days of love.

Kaiya smiles and hugs Mana.

MANA

I'll be fine Alex, if you really want to protect Alrum don't let Lira get away.

Alex nods his head then takes off.

INT. ALRUM CASTLE - NIGHT

Martigan is locked in battle with his father.

MARTIGAN

How could you do something like this.

LIRA

It's called expansion think about it. If you married Kaiya and Mana dies we'd get both kingdoms.

MARTIGAN

Not like this father.

Lira swings his sword and cuts Martigan causing him to fall do his knees in pain. Just as he is about to stab Martigan Alex runs in and stops him.

LIRA

You little rat, his is all your fault. If you would have done the job right the first time we wouldn't be in this mess.

Lira and Alex battle while Jacob and Leon battle as well as The bandits along side the Alrum soldiers to defeat Lira's men.

At the end of the fight Alex kills Lira, Jacob kills Leon and Alrum in victorious.

EXT. ALRUM CASTLE - COURTYARD - NIGHT

Alex steps into the courtyard and looks over it. He sees his men along with the Alrum soldiers standing victorious. Kaiya runs to him and they embrace.

Jacob walks up to Mana and kneels.

JACOB

I'm am at your service my king.

MONTAGE

Times goes by between the characters as the mother narrorates.

MOTHER(VO)

So Martigan returns to his king where he is now the king, where was wed to a beautiful bride.

Martigan sits at the thrown with Olivia as his queen.

MOTHER(VO)

Jacob was wed to Mary had became the new head general of Alrums army, and remaining old knights have made themeselves home within the kingdom.

Jacob is leading the armies of Alrum.

MOTHER(VO)

Sy and the bandits have found a new home in the old knight's former camp.

Sy and his men walk into the camp and begins to look around.

MOTHER(VO)

As Alex and Kaiya, Mana had Alex his blessing allowing him to marry Kaiya, and trained him to be the next King. As the years went by Mana eventually stepped down from the throne making Alex the new King of Alrum, putting the kingdom back into the hands of the Sith family.

INT. CHILDREN'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

The mother closes the book.

MOTHER

Thee end.

ELLIE

That was a beautiful story.

CHRIS

It could have done with more action.

MOTHER

Okay you two no time for bed.

The mother puts the book back on the shelf.

ELLIE

Goodnight mom

CHRIS

Goodnight.

MOTHER

(kisses the children)
Goodnight.

The mother walks to the door turns off the light this closes
the door.