

MAGIC CAMP  
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## CAST OF CHARACTERS

(All of the characters can be of either gender with the except of MOON and MARK)

ZANE (or ZANA) – He is one of the kids who goes to Magic Camp. He has the ability to sense the future.

ZONE – Leader of Magic Camp, wears fantastic circus ringmaster type clothing, mentor of ZANE.

TRISTAN (or TRISTANA) – Kid going to Magic Camp. His powers are unknown.

MOON (f) – She is a kid going to Magic Camp. She has mysterious powers that are untamed.

BRIGIT (or BRIDGER) – Kid going to Magic Camp. She is a singer who is good with animals and plants.

KURT (or KIRA) – Kid going to Magic Camp with wolf like qualities and powers.

JOEY (or JOANNA) – Nerdy kid at Kurt's school.

BILLY (or BETH) – Bully at Kurt's school.

BOB (or BOBBI) – Bully #2 at Kurt's school.

MARK (m) - A handsome young man that was turned into a monster. He has the power of charisma/charm. NOTE: A second actor of similar size and build can play the monster version of MARK so the transformation from monster back to human is more dramatic.

JAG – Woman with jaguar qualities and look. Mentor of KURT.

RUNT – Mentor of BRIGIT – He is a small man, who looks like a little boy but has a grey beard. He is close to the Earth and can make things grow.

SOL – He wears bright colors, skin shines, mentor of TRISTAN. He has the power of happiness that he can give to others.

SPIRIT – She wears flowing clothing, sparkles, skin sparkles. She is the mentor of MOON. She has ghost-like powers.

KING – He is handsome, dressed in black goth-like clothing and makeup, has snake-like speech and qualities.

MING – She is beautiful, dressed in black goth-like clothing and makeup, has cat-like speech and qualities.

ROGER – Father of Mark.

ANNA – Mother of Mark.

## SCENES

NOTE: the staging of this play is extremely difficult. There are several scene changes that require a large crew to move the sets in and out. Sets should be as simple as possible to allow for quick changes.

ACT 1 SCENE 1 – Kids in living rooms, video of ZONE (or ZONE standing on a platform speaking)

ACT 1 SCENE 2 – KURT's school lunchroom (already on set behind screen or ZONE's platform)

ACT 1 SCENE 3 – Actors set up camp as part of scene (tents and fireplace). Crew can be dressed in black and clear lunch tables. The character of SPIRIT can have little spirits (the crew) that help with set changes. The UC backdrop can be of a really spooky trail.

ACT 1 SCENE 4 – L is the entrance to the cave. This can be in place before the play begins as long as it remains out of sight and unlit until this point in the play.

ACT 2 SCENE 1 – Camp again

ACT 2 SCENE 2 - Stage R where there is a ritual stone. Perhaps something like a Stonehenge arch. This can be in place from the start of the play or start of ACT 2.

ACT 2 SCENE 3 – Camp again

ACT 2 SCENE 4 – Ritual stone – R.

ACT 2 SCENE 5 – Camp again

## ACT 1 SCENE 1

(Lights come up on a kid, ZANE, R who puts a video in a player and sits, hits play on a remote and starts watching a tv. A video is projected onto a large screen C with an odd looking man, ZONE, and cheesy text saying "Magic Camp." [note: if a screen and projection is not possible, have ZONE appear on a small platform center with a sign saying "Magic Camp."])

ZONE

Welcome to... Magic Camp.

(Cheesy magical effect on video. Other kids appear UR, UL and L. These are TRISTAN, MOON and BRIGIT)

ZONE (cont.)

If you're watching this video, you have been specially selected for a summer pass to... Magic Camp.

ZANE

Yeah, right. Everyone kid in town probably got one of these.

ZONE (cont.)

Actually, only five children have been selected for this honor.

(ZANE looks around nervously because it's like ZONE is hearing him)

MOON

Children? I'm no child.

ZONE

Children was a poor choice of words... how about young adults?

(MOON is freaked out now too)

ZONE

Our counselors have  
identified each of you  
because of your unique  
abilities.

TRISTAN  
What special abilities?

ZONE  
Well, some of you may not  
know yet what these  
abilities are, but we can  
see the potential in you.

(Lights go off on kids. ZONE points to someone in the audience then his video fades and screen rises)

## ACT 1 SCENE 2

(A school lunchroom appears [already on set behind screen or behind where ZONE was standing] with a table C and another table UC. JOEY sits at the C table. He's a nerdy little kid who looks around nervously. KURT sits at a table behind him with his back to the audience eating hungrily. JAG is in shadows watching them. BILLY and BOB go up to JOEY)

BILLY  
Hey, Joey.

BOB  
How's lunch?

(BOB dumps lunch into JOEY's lunch)

BILLY  
Oops. Looks like you lost your lunch.

(BILLY and BOB laugh. JOEY speaks quietly)

JOEY  
Please leave me alone.

BOB  
What's that? What he  
say?

BILLY  
Don't know. I don't speak  
Loser!

(BILLY and BOB laugh again. KURT rises from his table but doesn't turn. He speaks in a low growl)

KURT  
He said to leave him  
alone.

BOB  
Hey, Joey. Looks like the  
new kid wants to join your  
loser club.

BILLY  
That means a trip to the  
loser whirlpool.

BOB and BILLY  
Swirly!

(BILLY grabs KURT by the arm and BOB goes for the other but KURT grabs them and lifts them up [note: have BILLY and BOB stand on table bench that hopefully can be hidden from audience view]. KURT has wild hair, almost like he has ears and he's got some shadow on his face like he already shaves and his eyes appear yellow [this would involve tinted contacts – only do this with professional consultation so eye damage doesn't occur])

KURT  
Don't touch me.

(BILLY and BOB scream like little girls. KURT drops them down, he howls and they run)

KURT  
You okay?

JOEY  
Thanks.

KURT

Just howl if you need me  
again.

JOEY

Too bad this is the last day  
of school. With you, we'd  
rule this place.

KURT

Maybe next year then.

JOEY

Yeah!

(JOEY picks up his lunch and exits with new found confidence and lets out a little howl. KURT smiles and takes one last big bite of his lunch. JAG enters. She's dressed so you can hardly see her and she hangs by the shadows)

JAG

I like your style kid.

KURT

Who are you?

JAG

Have you ever heard of  
Magic Camp?

KURT

I got some stupid video in  
the mail about it.

JAG

But you didn't watch all of  
it.

KURT

I didn't have to. I know  
those videos. They get  
you all excited and then  
they flash some price you  
can't afford.

JAG

The camp is free.

KURT

Free? Yeah, right.  
Nothing is free.

JAG

This is. I already talked to  
your parents. They're old  
friends. They said you  
could go.

KURT

Is this some camp for  
troubled kids? My  
parents have tried that  
before and you ain't got  
the cure for my troubles.  
They all act like they  
understand but they don't.  
Nobody knows what I'm  
going through.

(JAG steps into the light and removes her hood. We can see she looks like a jaguar [face painted and hair streaked with jaguar colors])

JAG

I do.

(KURT is stunned into silence. Lights fade to black. Everyone starts setting up tents and campfire is setup DC)

### ACT 1 SCENE 3

ZONE

Okay, everyone, let's get  
the tents ready. The  
campers will be here soon.

(JAG, RUNT, SOL, and SPIRIT bring out tents that are already set up and place them R and L. RUNT is very small but has a grey beard. SOL wears bright colors and has very bright skin and SPIRIT wears flowing gowns that sparkle. She has sparkling skin as well)

SOL

This is just like when we  
first came to magic camp.

SPIRIT

We're all a lot bigger now.

JAG

Except for Runt.

RUNT

Very funny.

ZONE

Ready for the kids?

RUNT

Do we have a choice?

ZONE

No.

SOL

Then let's go camping!

(ZONE waves his hands and the kids appears in the light UC)

KURT

What was that?

MOON

I thought I was waiting for  
a bus.

TRISTAN

That was the quickest bus  
ride ever.

MOON

It was so quick we didn't  
even see the bus.

ZONE

Welcome to Magic Camp!

SOL  
Where every day is  
magical.

MOON  
Give me a break.

ZONE  
Let's start with  
introductions.

SOL  
Maybe we could play a  
name game.

(Kids grown and so does RUNT. SOL gives RUNT a disappointed look.)

RUNT  
Hi, kids. My name's Runt.

MOON  
That will be easy to  
remember.

RUNT  
Ha! I like this one.

SPIRIT  
Fortunately, she isn't your  
charge. You, no doubt,  
would be a bad influence  
on her. I'm Spirit, your  
teach and mentor.

ZONE  
Each of you has been  
assigned a mentor during  
this camp. A coach so to  
speak.

BRIGIT  
Coach. I hate sports.

ZONE

This is better than sports  
actually. Your coach will  
be passing along special  
knowledge they have  
worked a lifetime to learn  
and perfect. Brigit. Your  
mentor is Runt.

(BRIGIT shakes hands shyly with RUNT)

BRIGIT

Nice to meet you.

(JAG steps into the light)

JAG

And Kurt and I have  
already met.

(KURT nods slightly. Other kids look at her in wonder)

TRISTAN

Is she for real?

SOL

Amazing isn't she? You  
must be TRISTAN. I'm  
Sol. Your coach.

(SOL shakes hands with TRISTAN and his fear of JAG disappears and he  
smiles)

TRISTAN

Great to meet you, Sol.

ZANE

What about me?

ZONE

I'm your teacher.

MOON

Five coaches and five

kids. This is the weirdest  
camp ever.

RUNT  
Just wait. It'll get stranger.

(Kids look at each other nervously)

MOON  
What is Magic Camp  
anyway?

ZONE  
Good question. It's a  
place where we help you  
discover the magic inside  
you.

MOON  
Oh, great. Another  
cheesy, make you feel  
good, camp.

SPIRIT  
This is real magic, Moon.  
Don't you believe in magic.

(MOON shrugs)

ZANE  
So you're saying you can  
teach us magic tricks?

ZONE  
The magic is already  
inside of you. We are here  
to help bring it out.

SOL  
Everyone has magic  
inside.

RUNT  
But some have more than

others.

SPIRIT

You five have the most  
powerful magic we've  
seen.

TRISTAN

I don't understand. I can't  
do anything.

SOL

Not yet, but soon you'll be  
doing amazing things.

TRISTAN

How do you know?

ZONE

I did a spell. A magic  
detection spell that led us  
to the children with the  
most potential.

BRIGIT

Why kids?

SPIRIT

It's too late for adults.  
They have too many  
barriers and can't discover  
their any magic without a  
lifetime of work. We...  
don't have that much time.

MOON

What do you mean?

ZONE

She means that children  
learn so much quicker.  
And could you see your  
moms and dads going to  
camp for a summer?

(The kids chuckle at this thought)

KURT

My mom would freak if she  
didn't have room service.

ZANE

My dad would die without  
his computer.

SOL

Adults have way too many  
distractions. But kids  
know how to focus.

KURT

You've never talked to my  
teachers have you?

(BRIGIT is looking at JAG)

JAG

Do you have a question,  
Brigit?

BRIGIT

Well, we can see your  
magic pretty clearly. What  
about the others?

RUNT

I am close to the Earth.

JAG

In more ways than one.

RUNT

Funny. I can talk to the  
earth, the trees, the  
animals... and I have to  
tell you, Moon. There's  
an ant who is pretty mad  
at you.

MOON  
What?

RUNT  
You stepped on his friend.

(MOON looks at her shoe)

MOON  
Oh, man.

RUNT  
And you might want to get  
him off your sock before  
he climbs up and bites you  
in revenge.

(MOON finds an ant and looks at him on her finger [note: ant can't be seen by audience so just pretend he's there])

MOON  
Sorry about your friend  
little guy. Ow! He bit me.

(MOON flings ant)

BRIGIT  
Don't hurt him!

(RUNT runs over to ant)

RUNT  
Oh... he's okay. But just  
be glad you can't  
understand him now.  
Wow, ants can curse up a  
storm when they want to.

TRISTAN  
And Sol? What are your  
powers?

SOL

The power of happiness. I  
can bring joy to anyone.

MOON  
Wow, that's special.

SOL  
Actually it is.  
(SOL touches MOON and she tries to fight it but she breaks into a smile and  
skips around [or does a flip or something dramatic])

MOON  
Wow.

SOL  
See.

MOON  
Promise me you'll never  
do that again.

(SOL laughs)

BRIGIT  
What about you, Spirit?

SPIRIT  
I have ghostly powers.

(SPIRIT waves her hands and takes a step back. The kids looks around  
amazed. The audience can see SPIRIT but the kids can't)

BRIGIT  
Where did she go?

TRISTAN  
She vanished.

SPIRIT  
I'm still here, but you can't  
see me.

(MOON waves her hand at SPIRIT but misses)

SPIRIT  
Or touch me.

(SPIRIT waves her hands and steps forward)

BRIGIT  
Amazing.

MOON  
What else can you do?

KURT  
Wasn't that enough?

MOON  
She's my mentor. I want  
to know.

SPIRIT  
Many things. I can also  
speak to the dead.

MOON  
Cool.

ZANE  
And you, Zone?

ZONE  
I'm a collector of magic. I  
have the ability to learn  
other people's magic.

MOON  
That's possible?

SPIRIT  
We can all learn more  
magic than we know now,  
but Zone is a much  
quicker study than the rest  
of us because of his  
ability.

MOON

So you're the most  
powerful of all.

ZONE

This isn't a contest. I  
certainly can't do magic as  
well as the person I learn  
from, so in a duel of  
magic, I couldn't beat  
someone with their own  
powers.

MOON

Duel of magic? Let's see  
that now.

RUNT

No, thank you. I'm still  
sore from the last time we  
did one of those.

JAG

Not up for rematch huh?

SOL

What great introductions.  
What's next?

ZONE

Let's start out with some  
campfire stories.

MOON

But it's not even dark yet.

(ZONE waves his hand and the stage gets dark. Moonlight appears [blue light]  
and stars in the sky [white Christmas lights])

ZONE

How about a fire as well.

(ZONE points DC and campfire flame appears [tiny fan and light on red, yellow  
and orange cloth]. Kids are amazed)

RUNT  
Show off.

SPIRIT  
Come and sit, children.

(Kids come and sit by fire with ZONE in the middle. Other coaches sit behind the kids)

SOL  
Tell them a nice story.

RUNT  
Naw, this is camp.  
Something scary!

MOON  
Yeah!

ZONE  
Sure, let's do a scary  
story. Many years ago,  
when we were your age,  
we came to a Magic Camp  
very much like this one.  
And the camp was near a  
dark, spooky cave, very  
much like that one.

(ZONE points behind them and spooky lights and a cave appear. [NOTE: one option would be to do a video of ZONE's story and blow smoke onto stage and project the video through the smoke for a mystical look])

ZONE (cont.)  
All of the kids were curious  
about the cave despite the  
warnings from the camp  
counselors said the cave  
was cursed.

(SOL makes scared sounds for dramatic effect. SPIRIT smiles at SOL and joins in with spooky sounds. RUNT rolls his eyes)

ZONE (cont.)

Despite the warnings, we all decided to explore the cave. One of us, Mark, convinced the others that the curse was just a way to keep us from finding powerful magic that was hidden away there. Mark led the way. When we found the entrance to the cave, it was covered with thorny vines. Mark didn't care. He ripped at the thorns, refusing to turn back. The thorns pieced his hands and they began to bleed badly. Then he began to change. He turned into a horrible monster before our eyes. We ran as fast as we could to camp and no one has seen Mark ever since.

(SOL and SPIRIT get carried away with their scary sounds. JAG gives SOL a poke and he screams. RUNT laughs)

BRIGIT

So no one went to save  
Mark? No one helped  
him?

ZONE

No one has been brave  
enough. No one has  
wanted to suffer the same  
fate and no one knows the  
cure. I'm afraid he is lost  
forever.

SPIRIT

Time for bed everyone.

RUNT

Yes, good-night.

TRISTAN

You're not leaving us  
alone are you?

ZONE

Yes, but there is a level 10  
protection shield around  
this place. Well,  
everywhere except the  
path up to the cave.

SPIRIT

Boys over there. Girls  
over here.

SOL

Sleep well everyone.

(Coaches quickly exit leaving kids alone)

MOON

This has to be the most  
bizarre camp of all time.  
Did you get a good look at  
all of them? What a  
bunch of freaks.

KURT

They're not freaks.

MOON

Look who's talking. You're  
how old and you're already  
shaving?

ZANE

What's your problem,  
Moon? They didn't force  
us to come here.

MOON

My parents did. What kind  
parents let their kids go to  
camp bizarro with a bunch  
of circus freaks.

KURT  
(growls)  
Quit calling them freaks.

(BRIGIT puts her hand on KURT. He stops.)

BRIGIT  
Let's all get some rest.

MOON  
But we just got here. And  
I'm not tired.

ZANE  
I'm not either. Is it really  
night? It was just  
daylight not that long ago.

(They are all quiet. ZANE is looking up at the cave)

ZANE (cont.)  
Let's go to the cave.

BRIGIT  
What?

TRISTAN  
But... it's cursed.

MOON  
Sure, let's go.

(MOON gets up. KURT shrugs and stands. ZANE does too)

TRISTAN  
You're not leaving us  
alone are you?

(MOON turns)

MOON  
You won't be alone if you  
come with us.

BRIGIT  
I'll stay with you,  
TRISTAN.

TRISTAN  
Okay.

(MOON follows ZANE and KURT up the dark path to the cave. BRIGIT and TRISTAN sit by the fire)

TRISTAN  
I'm scared, Brigit.

BRIGIT  
You want me to sing you a  
song?

(BRIGIT sings. TRISTAN starts to feel better but then wind comes and blows out the fire. Stage goes black. Noises are heard [crew dressed in black start setting up the scene. When one makes a big noise, they freeze]. In darkness:)

TRISTAN  
What was that?

BRIGIT  
Raccoons.

(They are quiet again. More movement and noise)

TRISTAN  
You sure.

BRIGIT  
No.

TRISTAN  
Moon? Kurt? Zane?

(Big noise. TRISTAN and BRIGIT scream and run into darkness)

ACT 1 SCENE 4

(Lights come up on stage and we now see the cave L. ZANE, MOON and KURT approach. Moonlight lights their way)

MOON  
There's a cave. That part  
of the story is true.

ZANE  
But no...

(MARK growls from inside the cave)

MOON  
That wasn't...

(MARK growls louder)

KURT  
I can take him.

MOON  
You really think that's  
monster.

ZANE  
I bet it's one of the  
coaches trying to scare us.

(MARK the monster bursts out of the cave. He's in rags and all dirty and has vines all over him. KURT growls and jumps to defend ZANE and MOON. MARK attacks KURT. They roll on the ground. KURT is down and he is holding MARK's arms. He has huge claws and a large thorn in his hand. MOON and ZANE go to help KURT. MARK flings them away easily and goes at KURT again)

MOON  
(yells)  
Stop!

(MARK stops frozen. KURT moves away)

ZANE  
Wow!

KURT  
Time to even the score.

ZANE  
Wait! Brigit can help him.

MOON  
But she's not...

(BRIGIT and TRISTAN run up)

ZANE  
Brigit. Pull the thorn from  
his hand.

BRIGIT  
Who... ah! Monster!

ZANE  
It's Mark. Pull the thorn  
from his hand.

MOON  
He's breaking free!

ZANE  
Hurry.

(BRIGIT runs up to MARK. MARK breaks free and grabs her. KURT puts MARK in a headlock. BRIGIT starts to sing and pulls the thorn from his hand. MARK screams and drops BRIGIT and throws off KURT. MARK runs into the cave)

TRISTAN  
That's what was wrong  
with him, wasn't it? The  
thorn turned him into a  
monster. We saved him.

ZANE  
He'll turn back to normal

again.

BRIGIT  
How long will it take?

ZANE  
Not long.

MOON  
And how do you know  
that?

ZANE  
The same way you did the  
freezy thing. What was  
that anyway?

MOON  
Magic.

TRISTAN  
You know magic?

MOON  
So does Zane.

ZANE  
I guess so.

MOON  
You know things or see  
the future or something.  
You knew which way to  
go. You knew how to stop  
the monster. You knew  
that he was cured.

ZANE  
It is like I can see things  
coming. It's not like I know  
what's going to happen  
next year or even  
tomorrow, but I seem to be  
able to see things a little

bit before they happen.

MOON

When you turn 21, you  
need to give me a call.  
We're going to Vegas.

TRISTAN

So both of you have  
magic?

MOON

I'm guessing all of us do.  
Kurt's got the wolf thing  
going on. You, I've got no  
clue about though.

TRISTAN

Me neither.

ZANE

But the coaches saw  
something in all of us. I'm  
guessing they know more  
about our powers than we  
do.

MOON

And with you, a guess is a  
bit better than a guess.

TRISTAN

What about Brigit?

MOON

Zane, you asked her to get  
the thorn. Why?

ZANE

I knew she was the only  
one who could do it.

BRIGIT

I'm good with plants...

animals... living things  
respond well to me. I can't  
speak to them like Runt,  
but living things do very  
well when I'm around.

MOON  
The thorn was from a  
plant...

TRISTAN  
So Brigit had the power to  
remove it.

KURT  
That means we're all a  
bunch of freaks.

(KURT grins at MOON who gives him a dirty look)

MOON  
Some of us just look it  
more than others.

(KURT laughs. He's just happy to have found others who are different)

TRISTAN  
I'm not sure why they  
picked me though.

MOON  
Maybe Zane knows what  
your power is?

ZANE  
Nope.

TRISTAN  
Maybe they made a  
mistake.

BRIGIT  
Or maybe your powers  
haven't fully developed

yet. Give it some time.

(MARK stumbled out of the cave and falls to the ground. The kids rush up to him but are cautious. MARK gets to his knees and then reveals that he is a handsome young man. MOON smiles)

MOON

Well, hello. You clean up nicely.

MARK

Where am I? Who are you?

BRIGIT

You've been under some kind of spell. You went to the forbidden cave and touched this torn which...

MARK

Turned me into a monster.

MOON

But we saved you.

MARK

How long has it been?

ZANE

A long time. All the kids you were with that day are all grown up.

BRIGIT

But you didn't age at all.

MOON

At least there was some benefit to being a monster.

MARK

Trust me. It wasn't worth it. I have to get home.

My mom and dad... they  
must be worried. They  
must have thought I was  
dead. (Angry) Why didn't  
they come looking for me?  
Why didn't the other kids  
tell them what happened  
to me?

MOON  
Let's go ask them.

MARK  
They're here?

MOON  
They're adults now...  
running a camp for us.

(MARK's eye narrow. He's still angry)

MARK  
Really?

MOON  
Come on. I'll show you.

(MARK gets up but stumbles a little. MOON and BRIGIT help him)

MARK  
Thanks.

MOON  
Happy to help.

MARK  
You're making me feel  
better already.

(MOON, BRIGIT and MARK exit up the path UC. ZANE, TRISTAN and KURT  
watch)

ZANE  
I have a bad feeling about

this.

KURT

I can smell it on him. He's  
bad news.

TRISTAN

We have to warn the girls.

ZANE

And don't get too close to  
him. There's something...

TRISTAN

What?

ZANE

I don't know yet.

KURT

Come on.

(TRISTAN, KURT and ZANE exit after them. Two mysterious figures, KING and MING, appear DR, watching them go. Both are good looking, but in goth style makeup and clothing. KING hisses as he speaks and MING is cat-like in her speaking)

KING

Sssso they've ressscued  
Mark.

MING

At last he is free.

(They do an evil laugh together, each trying to do a better evil laugh than the other. Then they disappear into the darkness)

### ACT 2 SCENE 1

(Campground again. Kids return to camp with MARK. ZONE appears with the other coaches and meets them)

ZONE

I see you didn't listen to  
the warning and you all  
went to the cave anyway.

(Kids all look at each other nervously. No one knows what to say)

ZONE (cont.)

Good work, kids! You  
passed the first test. The  
test of bravery.

MOON

So we were supposed to  
do that?

SPIRIT

Sometimes you break the  
rules to do what is right.

ZANE

I had a feeling we should  
go.

ZONE

Trust those feelings, Zane,  
and they will take you far.

SPIRIT

Except to Vegas please.

MOON

You heard that?

SPIRIT

I was with you in case  
there was a problem.

KURT

A monster attacking me  
wasn't a problem?

JAG

It wasn't something you  
couldn't handle. You

were challenged, but not  
outmatched.

MARK  
Close.

ZONE  
So, Mark. It is so good to  
see you.

MARK  
I wish I could say the  
same. Look at me. I'm  
still a kid and you're all...  
old.

SOL  
Some people would love  
to stay young for as long  
as you did.

MARK  
But as a monster?! I don't  
think so. I can't believe  
you all left me there for  
that long. What about my  
parents? Weren't they  
worried?

(Coaches all look at each other, not sure what to say)

MARK (cont.)  
What?!

SPIRIT  
They're gone, Mark.

MARK  
Dead?!

SPIRIT  
I'm afraid so.

MARK

What? How?!

SPIRIT  
It's a long story.

MARK  
I still want to hear it.

SPIRIT  
This isn't a good time.

MARK  
It's the perfect time. I want  
to know.

SPIRIT  
Please, come with me.  
Let's not talk in front of the  
others.

MARK  
Why? Did you do  
something to them? Is it  
your fault they're dead?  
You don't want these guys  
to know what horrible  
people you are? Leaving  
me a monster. Doing  
something to my parents  
when they tried to find me.

(SOL tries to touch MARK and calm him down)

ZONE  
It's not like that.

(MARK pulls away from SOL)

MARK  
Get away from me.

(MARK runs R and disappears in the darkness)

ZONE

Mark, no!

SPIRIT  
I'll see if I can find him.

(SPIRIT exits after him)

MOON  
What was that all about?

ZONE  
Mark's upset.

MOON  
Well, duh!

ZONE  
It's like he's been asleep  
for a long time and  
suddenly he's back and  
the world has completely  
changed.

BRIGIT  
That must be so hard.

ZANE  
What happened to his  
parents?

ZONE  
It's best if we wait to speak  
about that later. Sleep  
well everyone.

(Coaches exit)

BRIGIT  
So his parents are gone?

MOON  
I wonder what happened  
to them?

ZANE

We might as well get some  
sleep. I can promise you  
we won't find out any time  
soon.

BRIGIT

Good-night everyone.

TRISTAN

Good-night. Sleep well.

(Lights fade as they head for the tents)

ACT 2 SCENE 2

(Lights come up on R where there is a ritual stone. Perhaps something like a  
Stonehenge arch)

MARK

I can't believe they let this  
happen to me.

KING

It comes as no surprise to  
us.

MARK

Who are you?

MING

Old friends of your  
parents.

MARK

Really? You knew them?

KING

We were very closssse.

(SPIRIT arrives and watches from the shadows)

MARK

Do you know what

happened to them?

MING

No, but the coaches were there. They know how they died.

MARK

Why won't they tell me?

KING

Maybe one of them did the honorssss.

MARK

Do you think one of them killed my parents?

MING

Puurrr-haps.

MARK

But why? They were all my friends when I was a kid.

KING

They were thinking of the future maybe. You were a tool that would help them train these new onessss.

MING

Maybe you parents got in the way of their plan.

MARK

They never seemed like killers. They were all such goody-goodies.

KING

Thossse are the worssst kind. Pretending to be

good to your face...

MING

But ready to stab you in  
the back.

MARK

You really think they were  
just using me?

KING

Why didn't they ssssave  
you ssssooner?

MING

Why wait for these  
children?

(MARK stops a moment)

MARK

Fine. You're making some  
going points, but... why  
should I trust you? I do I  
know you're not trying to  
trick me. You say you  
were friends of my  
parents, but I don't  
remember you.

KING

Ssssmart boy.

MING

You are wise not to trust  
strangers.

KING

But can you really trussst  
your old friendsss?

MARK

I can't trust anyone.

MING  
Fair enough.

KING  
But we can help you find  
the killer.

MARK  
My parents' killer?

KING  
Yesssss.

MING  
We have a stone that can  
render their magic  
useless. Without their  
powers, they won't be able  
to defend themselves and  
they'll have to tell the truth.

KING  
But the magic only works if  
they are bound to this  
ritual rock.

MARK  
How do we manage that?

MING  
Use the children to lure  
them here.

KING  
The children will be bait. If  
they try to fight, then the  
children will suffer for it.

MARK  
This doesn't sound right to  
me.

MING  
Do you want to find out the

truth or not?

MARK

I have to think about it.

KING

There'ssss no time.

MING

It won't be long before  
they discover our plans.  
One of them is probably  
watching us as we speak.

(MING looks with cat eyes around. She stares at where SPIRIT is. SPIRIT freezes and hopes she isn't seen)

KING

They'll never tell you what  
really happened. Our way  
is the only way to getting  
the truth.

MARK

You have to promise none  
of the kids will be hurt.

MING

Once they know we're  
trying to help you, they'll  
probably join in catching  
the adults.

KING

You can use your  
sssspecial charmssss.

MARK

You know about my  
powers?

MING

The power of charisma.

KING

You can charm otherssss,  
can't you?

MARK

I'm good at getting people  
to do what I want, yes.

MING

Do we have a deal?

MARK

Promise you won't hurt the  
kids and we have a deal.

KING

The kids will ssssuffer no  
bodily harm. We promise.

MARK

Fine. So what do you get  
out of all this?

MING

We get magic.

KING

The ssstone will transfer  
their magic to us.

MARK

But you'll give it back  
right?

(MING and KING look at each other)

MARK

If they are innocent and  
they didn't hurt my  
parents, you'll give their  
magic back?

MING

If they are innocent of any

crimes related to your  
parents' death... perhaps.

MARK  
Perhaps?

KING  
Do you want  
anssswerssss or not?

MARK  
Fine. But if starts to go  
wrong... I'll be charming  
the two of you.

MING  
Bring us the children and  
then we'll all get what we  
want.

MARK  
I'll be back soon.

KING  
We'll be waiting.

(MARK exits. SPIRIT does too)

MING  
Do you think he'll do it?

KING  
He ssseemsss like he  
might.

MING  
If he doesn't?

KING  
He mussst. He issss the  
key to our ssuccesssss.

MING

And if he doesn't do it,  
we'll still his power and  
use it ourselves.

(They do their evil laugh contest and lights fade to black)

### ACT 2 SCENE 3

(Lights come up C on campground. Coaches are sitting around the fire waiting for SPIRIT who returns. Kids poke their heads out of the tents after the coaches start talking)

SPIRIT

Mark ran to the ritual rock.  
He ran into a couple of old  
friends.

JAG

Who?

SPIRIT

Ming and King.

RUNT

Oh, great. I should have  
known those two would  
show up.

ZONE

This is why we don't all  
meet together all the time.  
Evil senses our magic and  
is drawn to it. With the  
addition of the children, we  
must be creating a serious  
draw.

RUNT

We should rent out our  
services to grand opening  
events.

JAG

Be serious for once  
please.

RUNT  
So what are we going to  
do?

ZONE  
This is getting too  
dangerous. We should  
send the kids home. Ming  
and King aren't afraid to  
hurt them.

RUNT  
We must finish this before  
it becomes something we  
can't handle.

JAG  
I agree. We can't sit and  
wait for them to attack.  
We must confront them  
now.

RUNT  
We will face them  
together. Ten against  
two. They don't stand a  
chance.

SPIRIT  
I don't agree.

ZONE  
I don't either.

JAG  
We can leave it up to the  
kids. I have a feeling  
they'd want to help and I  
believe their powers could  
be useful.

SPIRIT

They're not ready for this kind of conflict. There hasn't been any time to prepare them.

SOL

Perhaps this will be the best training for them. We know you are listening, children. Please come out and talk with us.

(The kids come out of their tents)

BRIGIT

Is Mark in trouble?

ZONE

Yes, I'm afraid he is.

MOON

What can we do?

KURT

Let us help.

ZONE

You must stay away from the ritual stone and Ming and King until we come up with a plan. Whatever you do, don't talk to Mark. He has powers too so it's important you don't speak with him. Ignore him and you'll be safe.

(Coaches go)

MOON

Ignore him? That's terrible. The guy has lost everything and we have to

ignore him.

TRISTAN

It sounds way too  
dangerous to me. I don't  
even have any powers yet.  
I'd be doomed for sure.

ZANE

TRISTAN's right. We  
shouldn't go.

BRIGIT

And if Zane thinks it's bad,  
I trust him.

MOON

How can Ming and King be  
so powerful that our  
coaches can't take them?

KURT

They must be pretty  
powerful.

(MARK enters)

MARK

They're just afraid. And  
fear makes them weak.

MOON

Mark! You're okay!

BRIGIT

We were so worried.

MARK

I'm fine. I just needed  
some time alone.

ZANE

With Ming and King?

MARK

How did you know about  
them? Is that your  
magic?

MOON

No, Spirit was spying on  
you.

MARK

Figures. She doesn't trust  
me. She never did.

TRISTAN

So... are Ming and King...  
dangerous.

MARK

No. In fact they want to  
help me.

BRIGIT

How?

MARK

They are going to help me  
find the one who killed my  
parents.

MOON

They know who did it?

MARK

No, but they can help me  
find out.

BRIGIT

How?

MARK

They think of you has the  
power to do it.

MOON

So that explains why they  
were acting so weird about  
us helping.

MARK

They don't want you to  
help, do they?

MOON

Of course not.

MARK

They're afraid of what  
you'll find out.

ZANE

Are you thinking that one  
of the coaches did  
something to your  
parents?

MARK

Seems possible.

ZANE

I'm not convinced.

MARK

It makes sense to me.  
They stopped my parents  
from saving me because  
they knew they'd get in  
trouble.

TRISTAN

Huh?

MARK

They let me get turned into  
a monster so my parents  
would be mad at them for  
doing it to me. They'd get  
in trouble.

KURT

That doesn't seem like a  
good reason to kill  
someone.

MARK

Whatever. Maybe  
someone else did it. But  
they know who did it.  
They know what happened  
to my parents and they  
won't tell me. I have a  
right to know.

BRIGIT

Maybe it's so horrible that  
they want to protect you.

MARK

I don't care. I still want to  
know. Will you please  
help me?

MOON

But which one of us has  
the power to help?

MARK

I don't know.

KURT

Ming and King didn't tell  
you?

MARK

I'm not sure they know  
either, but they're sure one  
of you has the power to  
help.

MOON

I'll bet it's TRISTAN. We  
don't know his power yet.  
Maybe he can see the

past or the truth or  
something.

MARK

Maybe, but I'd like you all  
to come to be sure.

TRISTAN

Sorry, but I'm not going.  
It's too dangerous. The  
coaches...

MARK

They're wrong. Ming and  
King won't do anything to  
you. They didn't hurt me.

ZANE

This doesn't make sense.  
Why are they helping you?

MARK

They're old friends of my  
parents. They want to get  
some answers too.

MOON

That makes sense.

ZANE

We should talk to the  
coaches about this.

MARK

You know what they'll say.  
They won't let you help  
me.

MOON

I'll help you, Mark.

BRIGIT

I will too.

MARK

Thank you so much. This means everything to me.

KURT

I'll go too. I hate waiting around anyway.

ZANE

But what if it's a trap?

KURT

That will be fun too. Either way, I win.

MARK

There's no way you'll go, Zane? TRISTAN?

TRISTAN

Nope.

ZANE

Please don't go. I know it's not the right thing to do.

MARK

The right thing for who?

ZANE

Please everyone, listen to me.

MARK

And what if this is another test from the coaches? Like when you saved me? You're going to fail.

ZANE

I don't think so.

(MARK turns to MOON, BRIGIT and KURT)

MARK  
Let's go everyone.

(They start to go. MARK pauses and points to ZANE and TRISTAN)

MARK (cont.)  
If it turns out that one of  
you has the powers I  
need, then I'm coming  
back for you too, whether  
you like it or not.

(MARK exits)

TRISTAN  
What do we do?

ZANE  
I don't know.

(Lights fade to black)

#### ACT 2 SCENE 4

(Lights come up R on ritual stone area. MARK leads MOON, BRIGIT and KURT)

MARK  
Ming? King? I brought  
some of them.

(MING jumps out like a cat. KING slithers out of hiding)

KING  
Only ssssome of them?

MING  
We must have them all.

KURT  
Why? What if we have  
the power you need to  
help Mark?

MING  
You don't.

(KURT and MING face off)

KURT  
How can you know?

(KING stops MING from attacking KURT)

KING  
We need all over you.  
Your combined strength  
is what we need. Your  
powers joined will give  
us the power we need.

BRIGIT  
Power for what?

MING  
Power for anything.  
Power to help Mark.  
Power to help all of you.

KING  
You don't need those  
silly coaches. Join  
us and know the real  
power of your magic.

KURT  
Forget it. Zane was right.  
This is a trap.

(KURT howls and jumps at MING who hisses but is knocked down. KING does a two finger strike to KURT's neck and he passes out)

MARK  
Please don't fight this.  
You can't turn back now.

KING

Join us or be  
ssssacrificed.

MOON  
I will join you.

MING  
Purr-fect!

(MARK takes MOON's hand happily. MOON doesn't look too happy though)

BRIGIT  
Moon, no!

KING  
What about you, Misssss?

BRIGIT  
I'll never join you.

KING  
Then you'll be our first  
sacrificsssse.

(KING and MING tie ropes around her arms and hang her in the stone arch.  
MOON goes to BRIGIT)

MOON  
Please, Brigit. All you  
have to do is say you'll join  
them and you won't have  
to die.

KING  
Ssssilly girl. We're not  
going to kill her.

MING  
We're merely draining her  
of her powers.

BRIGIT  
You can take my powers  
from me?

(KING holds up a rock [rock needs to be something like a sponge or plastic container that can look solid but when squeezed, liquid will come out])

KING

Thissss ssstone has the  
power to drain magic.

(MING takes it from KING)

MING

Hold it to their heart and it  
will suck away their  
powers.

KING

Then you sssssqueeze the  
rocks and drink the magic.

MOON

How can you squeeze a  
rock?

MING

Watch.

(MING goes up to BRIGIT and touches the rock to her heart. Lights flash, thunder booms and BRIGIT screams. Lights go out a second. Then slowly come up. Stone might look different in some way now. MING and KING look at it excited. MOON runs up to BRIGIT who looks like she passed out)

MOON

Brigit? Are you okay?

BRIGIT

Not really.

MOON

Thank goodness you're  
alive.

KING

Now we will drink.

(TRISTAN and ZANE runs in with ZONE and SOL. JAG jumps from above and knocks down MING. If possible, RUNT comes from the ground to grab KING's legs. SPIRT jumps out and grabs KING's hand before he can strike)

MING

No!

(JAG struggles with MING)

JAG

What did you do to Kurt  
and Brigit?

KING

Kurt is merely stung. We  
needed him alive.

(MOON snatches the rock from MING)

MOON

They used this rock to  
drain Brigit's magic.

MING

Give that back!

(MING breaks free and grabs MOON. She puts her claws to MOON's throat)

MING (cont.)

Make a wrong move and  
she dies.

(Everyone stops)

MING (cont.)

Let King go.

(They do)

MING (cont.)

Come, Mark. We must go.

MARK

But I want to know what

happened to my parents.

KING

There'sss no time for that.  
Let's go.

MARK

We'll make the time. No  
one leaves until I get an  
answer.

(MING and KING pause)

ZONE

It's hard to tell Mark no.  
That's his magic.

MARK

Zone. Please tell me...  
what happened to my  
parents?

(ZONE looks a long moment at him and shakes his head)

ZONE

I'm afraid... you killed  
them.

MARK

What?

ZONE

We did tell them what  
happened to you. They  
went to rescue you... and  
that monster that you'd  
become... it killed them.

MARK

No! It's not true.

(MARK turns to run. MOON stops him and holds him)

ZONE

That's why we didn't want  
to tell you, Mark.

(KING and MING take the distraction as a moment of weakness. MING slashes RUNT with her claws. JAG jumps at her but KING stuns her with his two fingers and then gets SPIRT. ZONE jumps to protect MARK and MOON and MING slashes him. SOL defends TRISTAN and ZANE. MING looks at SOL)

MING

What you going to do,  
Sol? Make us laugh to  
death?

ZANE

TRISTAN, you have the  
power to put an end to  
this.

TRISTAN

I do?

ZANE

Yes, hold out your hands.  
And touch them.

TRISTAN

What?

ZANE

Do it!

(TRISTAN holds out his hands and ZANE pulls SOL out of the way)

SOL

You sure about this?

(MING and KING do their evil laughs and then stop as TRISTAN gets closer. They suddenly get fearful and then very sad as TRISTAN gets closer)

MING

What is he doing?

KING

I feel ssss000... ssssad.

(MING and KING fall to their knees)

ZANE  
Touch them, TRISTAN!

(TRISTAN looks at ZANE reluctantly. SOL nods encouragingly. TRISTAN touches them and they burst into tears)

MING  
Mommy!

KING  
I'm ssssooo ssssorry!

MING  
Please mommy... come  
back to me.

KING  
I didn't mean to hurt you.

SOL  
This is amazing. He has  
the opposite of my powers.  
He brings sadness... and  
remorse.

MING  
Please help me find my  
mommy.

KING  
Please don't die. I never  
meant to do this to you.

SOL  
They're reliving their  
saddest moments.

MING  
Make... it... stop.

SOL

Promise to leave here and  
I'll tell him to step away.

MING  
Yes.

SOL  
Promise.

KING  
We promissse.

SOL  
TRISTAN, stop please.

(TRISTAN lets them go. MING and KING struggle to their feet and go)

MOON  
That was incredible.

ZANE  
Powerful stuff.

TRISTAN  
I do have powers!

SOL  
I knew you were a  
powerful one. I sensed it.

ZONE  
Is everyone okay?

(Everyone is recovering. ZANE helps BRIGIT down)

BRIGIT  
My magic. It's gone.

ZONE  
We will return it to you.

(MOON gives the rock to ZONE. ZONE squeezes the rock over BRIGIT and the magic comes out in liquid form)

BRIGIT  
I can feel it returning to  
me.

(BRIGIT reaches up and wipes away ZONE's scratch marks)

SOL  
She can heal!

(BRIGIT touches KURT who wakes up and then SPIRIT and RUNT. She then  
heals JAG)

SOL (cont.)  
You are all so wonderful.  
So much potential.

ZONE  
With time, you will all be  
very powerful indeed.

MOON  
I wish you could heal Mark  
too.

SPIRIT  
Perhaps I can help.

MARK  
How?

SPIRIT  
I can speak to the dead.  
Would you like to talk with  
them?

MARK  
You can do that?

SPIRIT  
It takes a great deal of my  
magic to do so, but I would  
like to do this for you.

MARK

Please.

SPIRIT

Everyone sit in a crescent  
shape and face the moon.

(A full moon is rising upstage. Everyone sits in a semi-circle downstage, facing  
the moon)

SPIRIT (cont.)

I call on the parents to  
Mark Mathews. Roger  
and Anna. Mathews.  
Your son wishes to speak  
with you.

(Lights flash. Boom of thunder. Darkness. Then moonlight appears and two  
shadows are upstage)

MARK

Mother? Father?

ANNA

Mark?

ROGER

Son?

ANNA

Are you okay?

(MARK stands)

MARK

These kids. They saved  
me. I'm human again.

ROGER

We're so glad, son. So  
very glad.

ANNA

We knew you would be  
free one day. There had

to be a way.

MARK

I... I'm so sorry.

ROGER

It wasn't you, son. It was  
the monster.

ANNA

You didn't have any  
control.

MARK

I should have. I never  
should have hurt you.

ROGER

We pushed you too hard.

ANNA

We wanted you free so  
badly. We forced your  
hand.

ROGER

Please don't blame  
yourself.

(Long pause)

ANNA

We love you, Mark.

SPIRIT

They are leaving.

MARK

Please. I need more time.

SPIRIT

I'm losing the connection.

ROGER

We'll always be with you,  
son. Just think of us and  
we'll be close by.

MARK  
I miss you so much  
already.

BRIGIT  
Wait!

(BRIGIT runs toward the shadows)

SPIRIT  
Brigit, no!

(BRIGIT grabs the shadows. Lights flash. Booming thunder. Lights go black)

MOON  
Brigit!

MARK  
Mother! Father!

ZONE  
Everyone stay where you  
are?

ZANE  
Please. It's okay.

ZONE  
Light!

(Lights come up and BRIGIT is holding the hands of ROGER and ANNA)

MARK  
It can't be?

SPIRIT  
They're alive.

(MARK runs to them. They hug him)

MARK  
How did you...

BRIGIT  
I don't know really. I just  
knew I could help them  
somehow.

SPIRIT  
This is impossible.

ZONE  
Nothing is impossible with  
magic, Spirit.

(RUNT goes to BRIGIT)

RUNT  
You are one powerful little  
kid. Be careful how you  
use that magic.

BRIGIT  
I will.

(Lights fade to black)

### ACT 2 SCENE 5

(Lights come up on the camp. SOL and TRISTAN side on either side of RUNT.  
They take turns making him laugh and cry)

RUNT  
Okay, okay. That's  
enough.

SOL  
Thank you, Runt for help  
us today.

RUNT  
Sure, sure. I'm just glad  
this will be the last day for  
awhile.

TRISTAN

I wonder what would  
happen if we grabbed him  
at the same time.

SOL

Yes. I wonder.

RUNT

Well, you'll have to wonder  
until next year.

(RUNT stays clear of them)

SPIRIT

Well, the rest of the camp  
this summer has been  
rather uneventful.

MOON

But I've learned a great  
deal.

KURT

But it's been so boring.

JAG

Tell you what. I promise  
to ambush you at least  
once a month this year.

KURT

Make it totally unexpected.

JAG

Of course.

KURT

Good. Something to look  
forward to.

ZONE

We all have much to look  
forward to. Your magic is

growing stronger by the  
day. Next summer  
promises to be a good  
one.

ZANE

I even have a feeling next  
summer will be more  
exciting.

BRIGIT

Is that good or bad?

ZANE

I can't tell.

RUNT

Good. I want it to be a  
surprise.

ZONE

Now for your homework.

KURT

Homework!

(Each coach gives a pile of  
books to each student)

ZONE

Just a little reading for next  
summer.

MOON

A little reading. I don't  
see this many books in an  
entire school year.

SPIRIT

And whose fault is that?

(MOON is embarrassed)

MOON

Well...

ZONE

Study these books closely.  
We'll have a test of your  
new knowledge when you  
return.

KURT

A test? Oh, great.

JAG

It won't be a written test.

RUNT

Or even those annoying  
little bubbles.

SPIRIT

It will be a test of your  
powers.

ZONE

The knowledge in these  
books will help you survive  
next summer.

TRISTAN

Survive?

ZONE

Learn these lessons well  
and you'll live to see the  
end of next summer too!

(ZONE waves his hands. Lights go black. Boom of thunder)

END OF PLAY