

A PRINCESS'S GREAT ESCAPE

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FADE IN:

EXT. FOREST - DAY

A beautiful forest, green and teeming with life. A tall grey tower stands out in isolation

EXT. TOWER BALCONY - DAY

PRINCESS EUDORA, a young maiden with a pretty pink dress, emerges.

PRINCESS EUDORA

Oh, joy! Another glorious day  
dawns. Soon my gallant savior will  
come riding, rescuing me from this  
prison.

Princess Eudora <SINGS>, as birds fly toward her tower, landing on her balcony.

PRINCESS EUDORA (CONT'D)

Good morning, my feathered friends!  
'Tis another day of waiting for my  
destiny to arrive.

The birds <CHIRP> in reply, flying back into the woods.

CUT TO:

INT. TOWER ROOM - DAY

Princess Eudora enters her rather ugly and unappealing room. Grey walls of unkept stone frame the room, with the only objects present being a bed, a mirror and a small pail.

The princess sits on her bed, gazing at the roof with a <SIGH>.

PRINCESS EUDORA

I have dwelled in this tower for  
what seems to be my whole life, yet  
my prince hath not come. Is all  
this waiting a pointless endeavor?

Princess Eudora starts to cry. After a few moments, her tears subside.

PRINCESS EUDORA (CONT'D)

If my prince doth not come to me, I  
must come to him.

She stands up with a look of confidence.

PRINCESS EUDORA (CONT'D)  
I shall free myself from this  
tower!

CUT TO:

EXT. TOWER BALCONY - DAY

Princess Eudora holds a long, messy rope, tattered with loose strings.

PRINCESS EUDORA  
I shall simply throw this rope over  
yonder edge and climb down to  
safety.

Princess Eudora ties the rope to a loose stone on the balcony, throwing the other side over the edge. She pulls on the rope to secure it. However, the rope snaps in two, the other half falling to the ground.

Eudora peers down in disbelief.

PRINCESS EUDORA (CONT'D)  
Fear not! I have but another  
option.

CUT TO:

EXT. TOWER BALCONY - DAY (CONT.)

Princess Eudora <SINGS> for her bird friends, who land on her balcony soon after.

PRINCESS EUDORA  
My friends, I require your  
assistance in freeing myself from  
this tower. Lift me to freedom with  
your valiant wings!

The birds look at Eudora like she is crazy, but fly towards her anyway. Grasping their talons on her dress, they furiously flap their wings. Lifting her a few feet off the ground, the birds hastily drop Eudora.

PRINCESS EUDORA (CONT'D)  
It's no use! I'm never to escape.

The birds lower their heads. Suddenly, they look off-screen, <CHIRPING> with excitement.

PRINCESS EUDORA (CONT'D)  
 What's that, my friends? You have  
 an idea?

The birds fly into Eudora's tower as the princess follows them.

CUT TO:

INT. TOWER ROOM - DAY (CONT.)

As Eudora enters her room, the birds grasp their talons onto her bed mattress.

PRINCESS EUDORA  
 Thou art geniuses!

CUT TO:

EXT. TOWER BALCONY - DAY (CONT.)

Princess Eudora and the birds carry the mattress, throwing it over the side of the balcony. Eudora climbs to the edge of the balcony and jumps off.

SMASH CUT TO:

EXT. BOTTOM OF TOWER - DAY (CONT.)

Princess Eudora falls into view, landing safely. She dusts her dress off, rising from the mattress.

PRINCESS EUDORA  
 Huzzah! I am free. Thank you, my  
 little friends!

The birds <TWEET> in reply, flying back into the forest.

PRINCESS EUDORA (CONT'D)  
 (to herself)  
 How great it feels to be free from  
 that cursed tower. No longer shall  
 I wait for life to act upon me. I  
 shall act upon life!

Just then, a PRINCE rides up on his horse to Princess Eudora.

PRINCE  
 Fair maiden, I have finally found  
 thee. Come, let us travel to my  
 castle and be wed.

Initially spellbound, Princess Eudora wises up.

PRINCESS EUDORA

Well, mine inconsiderate and tardy  
savior. I have but one offer with  
which I choose to repay you.

She slaps the Prince in the face, walking off into the  
forest. The Prince looks in disbelief at his horse.

FADE OUT.

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