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THE WIZARDS OF WAVERLY PLACE

"Bubble, Bubble..."

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COLD OPENING - A

FADE IN:

INT. WAVERLY SUB STATION - LATE AFTERNOON (DAY 1)

(Alex, Max, Justin, Theresa, Jerry, Extras)

ALEX, MAX, AND JUSTIN ARE SITTING AT A CORNER BOOTH LOOKING AT THE RAIN OUTSIDE. THEY MOPE, WITH THEIR HANDS UNDER THEIR CHINS. IT IS SATURDAY AND ONE OF THE BUSIEST DAYS AT THE RESTAURANT, WITH MANY CUSTOMERS AND THEIR CHILDREN COMING IN TO EAT AFTER SHOPPING OR SPORTS ACTIVITIES. MANY OF THE CHILDREN ARE DRESSED IN SPORTS UNIFORMS.

JUSTIN REMAINS SEATED AT THE BOOTH, TAPPING HIS FINGERS LOUDLY. ALEX AND MAX CROSS OVER TO THE COUNTER WHERE THEIR PARENTS ARE PREPARING THE CUSTOMERS' FOOD AT A FRANTIC PACE.

ALEX

(TO JERRY)

We're so bored, Dad! There's
nothing to do! Nothing's on T.V.

(MORE)

ALEX (CONT'D)

and all my friends are busy!

MAX

Yeah and I've already reached the highest level on my new Xbox game "Dungeons and Dragons Versus Super Mario Brothers".

JERRY

(to Max)

Didn't you just get that game yesterday?

MAX

I guess I'm just a fast worker.

JERRY

Well, you two, you know how your Mom and I are pretty busy back here? Maybe you guys could pitch in and help.

ANOTHER CUSTOMER OPENS THE DOOR AND SUDDENLY, OUT OF NOWHERE, A WHITE OWL FLIES IN THE DOOR IN A "WHOSH" OF SPARKLING "MAGICAL" DUST. THE CUSTOMERS DON'T SEE THE OWL. THE OWL HEADS DIRECTLY TO THE BOOTH WHERE JUSTIN IS SITTING AND PERCHES ON THE BACK OF ONE OF THE CHAIRS.

THE OWL HAS SOMETHING IN ITS TALONS. IT APPEARS TO BE AN OLD-FASHIONED SCROLL.

THERESA APPEARS FROM BEHIND THE COUNTER WITH SOME PLATES. SHE WALKS OVER TO ONE OF THE TABLES AND SERVES THE CUSTOMERS SEATED THERE.

THERESA

One turkey on rye, no mustard, no
mayo, extra cheese. One
cheeseburger no pickles, two orders
of fries.

(TO JERRY WHO IS WORKING
BEHIND THE COUNTER)

THERESA (CONT'D)

What did Harper say she had?

JERRY

Some kind of flu or 24-hour thing,
I don't really remember.

She sees the owl perched on the back of the booth in the corner.

THERESA

Oh my Gosh! How did that bird get
in here? This isn't a zoo you know!

SHE GOES BEHIND THE COUNTER TO GET A BROOM TO CHASE THE OWL BACK OUTSIDE. SHE STARTS TO WALK OVER TO THE TABLE WHERE JUSTIN SITS AND THE OWL IS PERCHED. SHE WAVES THE BROOM AROUND HAPHAZARDLY.

THERESA (CONT'D)

(TO THE OWL)

Shoo! Shoo!

ALEX

What are you doing, Mom?

MAX

Don't hurt him - maybe he was
really hungry, smelled the fries
outside and wanted to come check
them out!

ALEX

Yeah, like they teach us at school.
"Survival of the Fittest" and all.

JERRY

(to Alex and Max)

You two could help by getting rid
of that owl...before any customers
complain and most importantly,
before any health inspectors decide
to do a random check on our place!
Go, go, go!

ALEX

Don't worry, Dad. We've got it
covered.

ALEX AND MAX RETURN TO THE BOOTH WHERE THE OWL IS PERCHED AND THEIR BROTHER IS DAYDREAMING ABOUT HIS GIRLFRIEND, JULIET.

JUSTIN
(LOOKING AT JULIET'S
PICTURE)

Ah, Juliet. How I miss you, my
little Snickerdoodle Loveykins
Honeybun! Are you thinking of me
right now while you're on vacation
in beautiful Transylvania?

MAX
(TO JUSTIN)

Snap out of it, Justin! We've got a
real problem!

JUSTIN SEES THE OWL AND REACTS BY FALLING OFF HIS CHAIR. HE PULLS HIMSELF BACK UP OFF THE FLOOR TO LOOK OVER THE EDGE OF THE TABLE.

JUSTIN
Where did *he* come from?

MAX
Good question!

ALEX
I told Dad we'd take care of this
for him. So, we will. Let's get on
it!

JUSTIN STANDS UP AND THE THREE TAKE OUT THEIR WANDS, ONE AFTER ANOTHER.

SPFX: ALEX, JUSTIN AND MAX(WITH THE OWL) FLASH OUT.

COLD OPENING - B

INT. BACK STORAGE ROOM OF WAVERLY SUB STATION, IMMEDIATELY
AFTERWARDS

(Alex, Max, Justin)

ALEX, MAX AND JUSTIN SIT AROUND A SMALL TABLE. THE OWL IS PERCHED ON A SMALL PILLOW IN THE MIDDLE OF THE TABLE. HE STARTS TO PREEN HIMSELF AND THE SCROLL IN HIS TALONS FALLS ONTO THE TABLE NEXT TO MAX.

ALEX

(STARING AT THE OWL)

You don't say? I never know that
about him? Tell me some more of
Justin's deep dark secrets!

JUSTIN

Have you finally flipped out on us,
Alex? Who are you talking to?

ALEX GIVES MAX AND JUSTIN A LOOK LIKE THEY ARE THE CRAZY ONES.

ALEX

(TO MAX AND JUSTIN)

Do you mean you can't hear what
Henrietta is saying?

MAX

Who's Henrietta?

ALEX

(IN A VOICE USED FOR
TALKING TO BABIES AND
PUPPIES)

She's this beautiful white fluffy
wuffy birdie sitting right in front
of us!

SPFX: THE OWL FLASHES OUT

JUSTIN PICKS UP THE SCROLL AND UNROLLS IT.

JUSTIN

What's this?

MAX

It looks kind of old.

MAX PEERS OVER HIS BROTHER'S SHOULDER TO READ THE SCROLL AS
WELL.

MAX (CONT'D)

It's written in some strange
language too - kind of old and
weird.

ALEX

You mean, weird like you?

JUSTIN

I've seen writing like this
before...once when I was visiting a
friend in Neverland. We should try
holding up the scroll to a mirror
to read it.

ALEX

There's one in the back. I'll go
get it!

ALEX EXITS. SHE SOON RETURNS WITH A MEDIUM-SIZED HAND MIRROR
WITH A HANDLE.

MAX

(TO ALEX AND JUSTIN)

OK. Ready guys?

MAX HOLDS THE SCROLL UP TO MIRROR, WHICH ALEX HOLDS. JUSTIN
SQUINTS AND TRIES TO READ THE SCROLL.

ALEX

(TO JUSTIN)

Have you been to the eye doctor
lately? Maybe you need glasses!

MAX

(FRUSTRATED)

Can we talk about glasses later?
What does the scroll say?

JUSTIN

(BEAT) It says...

"Follow the owl, learn a new spell
Free today only! Time will tell!
Come over to Neverland, you might
as well!"

ALEX

Well, we're not exactly busy here.
I'm sure Mom and Dad won't miss us.

MAX

Shouldn't we leave them a note or
something?

JUSTIN

We don't want them to worry now, do
we?

ALEX

That's alright. We won't be gone
long.

SPFX: ALEX, MAX AND JUSTIN FLASH OUT TO NEVERLAND.

FADE OUT.

END OF COLD OPEN

ACT ONE

SCENE ONE

FADE IN:

INT. NEVERLAND - IMMEDIATELY AFTER

(Alex, Max, Justin, Young Wizard)

ALEX, MAX AND JUSTIN ARE TALKING TO A YOUNG WIZARD DRESSED IN DARK ROBES. THEY HAND HIM THE SCROLL AND HE SHOWS THEM INTO THE NEXT ROOM.

YOUNG WIZARD

(EXCITED)

I see that you received some of our promotional materials.

JUSTIN

Promotional materials? Is that what you call them?

YOUNG WIZARD

Business has been a little slow these days. We just wanted to drum up some interest in our products.

ALEX

We're here for the free spell. You know, the one advertised on the scroll. From Henrietta. Does that ring a bell?

YOUNG WIZARD

Yes of course. There is a little paperwork for you to fill out, though. Waiver forms and such, you know.

JUSTIN

Bring it on!

MAX

(TO ALEX AND JUSTIN)

Do you think we'll get home in time
for dinner?

THE YOUNG WIZARD PULLS A PAPER OFF HIS CLIPBOARD WHICH
CASCADES INTO A LONG LINE OF CONNECTED FORMS. HE HANDS SETS
OF FORMS TO ALEX, MAX AND JUSTIN.

JUSTIN

(TO YOUNG WIZARD)

Why are there so many forms?

YOUNG WIZARD

Well, we're just like any other
business. We have to protect
ourselves from liability you know.
Just like everyone else!

JUSTIN

(TO YOUNG WIZARD)

But, we're just teenagers! Does it
look like we would sue Neverland if
something happened with your
spells?

YOUNG WIZARD

You'd be surprised! We're only protecting ourselves you know! Just like the young ladies say "You can never be too rich, too thin" Or in this case, too careful!

ALEX

(TO JUSTIN)

Come on, we need to hurry up here, get our spells and get home!

YOUNG WIZARD

Just fill out the forms and give them back to me.

ALEX, MAX AND JUSTIN SIT IN CHAIRS THAT LOOK LIKE DESKS THAT ARE LINED UP AGAINST A WALL. THEY TAKE A LONG TIME TO FILL OUT THE FORMS, SCRIBBLING MADLY AS FAST AS THEY CAN. THEY FINISH AND TAKE THEM BACK TO WHERE THE YOUNG WIZARD SITS READING THE NEWSPAPER.

YOUNG WIZARD (CONT'D)
(TO ALEX, MAX AND JUSTIN
AS HE EXAMINES THE
COMPLETED FORMS)

Well, everything seems to be in order here. Are you ready?

MAX

We've been ready since we arrived here!

YOUNG WIZARD

Let me just explain the rules to you. Listen carefully because I'm only going to tell you once.

ALEX

Rules! Rules! Always rules wherever we go!

JUSTIN

Yeah. Suddenly this isn't as fun as I thought it was going to be!

YOUNG WIZARD

(TO ALEX, MAX AND JUSTIN)

Are you sure you want to go through with this?

MAX

Absolutely!

YOUNG WIZARD

Here we go, then. It works like this.

JUSTIN

We're listening!

YOUNG WIZARD

You each get to follow me, one at a time, into the next room.

MAX

Okay? And then?

YOUNG WIZARD

No paper, pens or other recording devices are allowed.

ALEX

(IMPATIENT)

We get it! What happens next?

YOUNG WIZARD

I open our ancient book of spells and chants. Oh, yes. I forgot to mention the part about the protective eyewear. Did you all sign that waiver as well?

JUSTIN

We signed so many pieces of paper that my head is still spinning!

ALEX

(QUIETLY TO ALEX AND
JUSTIN)
(MORE)

ALEX (CONT'D)

No wonder Neverland's business is so bad - it takes forever to do anything here!

YOUNG WIZARD

The reason you need to put on the protective eyewear is because the book is so powerful, so old. It glows so brightly because of all the magic it contains.

JUSTIN

Cool!

YOUNG WIZARD

Anyway, as I was saying. You each follow me into the next room, one by one of course. You only get to choose one spell and you can't write it down.

MAX

(TO THE YOUNG WIZARD)

I am the best one in my English class at memorizing poems and stuff!

YOUNG WIZARD

That's good. Because, this could
be very dangerous!

MAX

How?

YOUNG WIZARD

Well, not to scare any of you away,
but if you pick a spell and
memorize it incorrectly, it could
have serious consequences.

JUSTIN

(IMPATIENTLY)

We get the message! Now, let's get
this underway! I have a major
research paper I have to write
that's due Monday morning!

ALEX

(TO JUSTIN)

Don't tell me...You haven't started
it yet?

JUSTIN

That's right and what are you going
to do about it?

(MORE)

JUSTIN (CONT'D)

I've been busy writing letters
everyday to my Little Snugglywuggly
Juliet in Transylvania!

MAX

(TO JUSTIN)

I'm telling Mom and Dad!

ALEX

Not if I tell them first!

YOUNG WIZARD

(TO ALEX, MAX AND JUSTIN)

Break it up you three! Who wants to
go first? I haven't got all day!

JUSTIN

(TO THE YOUNG WIZARD)

I'm the oldest. I should go
first...just to make sure this is
safe you know.

YOUNG WIZARD

(TO JUSTIN, HANDING HIM A
PAIR OF PROTECTIVE
GOGGLES)

OK Then. Follow me. Just remember
what I told you and your siblings.
You get one chance to pick one
spell.

(MORE)

YOUNG WIZARD (CONT'D)

No writing it down and be very
careful to memorize it exactly as
it's written.

JUSTIN

(PUTTING ON THE GOGGLES)

Or there could be some really nasty
consequences!

YOUNG WIZARD

That's right! I'm glad you
understand the risks!

CUT TO:

ACT ONE

SCENE TWO

INT. WAVERLY SUB STATION, LATER THAT NIGHT

(Alex, Max, Justin, Jerry, Theresa)

ALEX, MAX AND JUSTIN HAVE RETURNED FROM NEVERLAND. THEY ARE SEATED AT THE TABLE AND HAVE JUST FINISHED EATING DINNER WITH THEIR PARENTS, WHO LOOK EXHAUSTED AFTER A BUSY DAY OF PREPARING MEALS AND SERVING CUSTOMERS.

THERESA

(TO THE FAMILY)

I sure hope Harper is able to come back to work tomorrow! As you kids say, I'm wiped out!

JERRY

I second that, honey!

THERESA BEGINS CLEARING THE TABLE.

ALEX

That's okay, Mom. We can take care of the dishes and clearing up and stuff.

ALEX AND MAX BEGIN CLEARING THE DINNER TABLE. JUSTIN GETS UP FROM HIS CHAIR, PUTS HIS ARMS AROUND HIS PARENTS' SHOULDERS AND THEN HELPS THEM UP FROM THEIR CHAIRS.

JUSTIN

(TO JERRY AND THERESA)

You two should just go up to bed. Get some sleep. We'll hold down the fort.

JUSTIN ESCORTS HIS PARENTS TO THE BOTTOM OF THE STAIRS.

JERRY

(TO ALEX, MAX AND JUSTIN)

That's a great idea. Thanks guys. You're the best kids in the world!

(MORE)

JERRY (CONT'D)

(YAWNING)

Good night!

THERESA

See you all in the morning!

ALEX

Good night Mom, Love you. 'Night

Dad.

JERRY AND THERESA MAKE THEIR WAY UP THE STAIRS TO THEIR BEDROOM. JUSTIN RETURNS AND HELPS ALEX AND MAX CLEAN UP THE DINNER TABLE.

ALEX (CONT'D)

(TO MAX AND JUSTIN)

Now, that Mom and Dad have gone up to bed we can try out our new spells!

MAX

I just hope I remember mine - it was a while ago and I feel...(BEAT) kind of nervous about all of this.

JUSTIN

(TO MAX)

You mean you don't think you remember your spell? After all that trouble we went to? Dude?

MAX

I'm not sure.

ALEX

(TO MAX AND JUSTIN)

Did you guys really take that wizard seriously - about not writing down your spell?

JUSTIN

(EXASPERATED)

Yes, Alex. We actually followed the rules. We did it the way he told us to!

ALEX

(TO MAX AND JUSTIN)

You two are the biggest dorks in the world! I wrote my spell down the minute I got out of that room!

MAX

(TO ALEX)

What did you use? There were no pens or paper there.

ALEX

No self-respecting girl would ever
be caught dead without an extra
eyeliner!

JUSTIN

You used eyeliner to write down the
spell?

ALEX

Of course!

SHE ROLLS UP HER SLEEVE TO SHOW THEM HER ARM.

ALEX (CONT'D)

See? It's right here on my arm!

MAX

(PROUDLY, TO ALEX)

You are a sneaky one, Alex!

JUSTIN

Well, at least we know Alex will
get her spell right!

MAX

Then, she should be the first to
pronounce her spell!

ALEX

No problem. I'd be happy to go
first...for once!

ALEX LOOKS AT THE WRITING ON HER ARM AND THEN TAKES OUT HER
WAND.

ALEX (CONT'D)

Here goes nothing!

ALEX WAVES HER WAND WHILE SHE PRONOUNCES THE INCANTATION.

ALEX (CONT'D)

**"LEXICUS ETERNUM ANGLETERRA
OUBLIARUM"**

MAX

(TO ALEX)

Nothing happened, you know. What
were you trying to do, Alex?

ALEX

(CONFIDENT)

Oh, you can't see anything yet.
We'll see if it worked on Monday,
when we go back to school.

JUSTIN

Why's that? Tell us.

ALEX

Well, that spell was an old standby, an old favorite. At least that's what it said in the footnotes of the magic spell book.

JUSTIN

There were footnotes?

ALEX

Duh! Of course there were footnotes.

MAX

What will we find out Monday?

ALEX

Oh. That spell will prevent our teachers from ever giving us anymore homework assignments...at least while we're in high school.

JUSTIN

(SARCASTICALLY)

Great!

MAX

It's my turn now. Everyone be quiet while I try to remember my spell!

JUSTIN

(LAUGHING)

Should we stand back, too?

ALEX

Actually, that's not a bad idea!

ALEX AND JUSTIN CROSS TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ROOM. MAX TAKES OUT HIS WAND AND MOVES IT IN A CIRCULAR MOTION, IN THE DIRECTION OF HIS PARENTS' ROOM.

MAX

(INTENTLY CONCENTRATING)

OK. Here goes....I remember it
now! **ETERNUM LETHARGICUS PATERNUS!**

MAX PUTS DOWN HIS WAND.

ALEX

(TO MAX)

What was that spell for, little
brother?

MAX

Oh. I just wanted Mom and Dad to
get a good night's sleep. That's
all. They worked so hard today and
all.

ALEX

(TENDERLY TO MAX)

Aw..that was so nice.

JUSTIN

(TO ALEX AND MAX)

My turn now. Stand back you two!

ALEX AND MAX OBEY AND STAND OFF TO THE SIDE.

JUSTIN (CONT'D)

Here goes nothing.....**VENUM**

AMORICUS LATITUDINUS!

MAX LAUGHS AT HIS BROTHER'S ODD-SOUNDING INCANTATION. A LOUD WIND IS OVERHEARD OUTSIDE. THE WAVERLY SUB STATION DOOR OPENS UP ON ITS OWN AND A CYCLONE OF LEAVES BLOWS INTO THE RESTAURANT.

ALEX

(TO JUSTIN)

That was impressive! What was your spell for, Justin?

JUSTIN

Well, if I remembered it correctly, it was for my Darling Little Juliet to return early from her vacation in Transylvania. But, we won't know if the spell worked until tomorrow.

ALEX STARTS TO TURN OFF THE LIGHTS.

JUSTIN (CONT'D)

That's enough adventure for me for
one day!

MAX

(YAWNING AND RUBBING HIS
EYES)

Me too!

ALEX

I'm going to bed, too. See you all
in the morning!

CUT TO:

ACT ONE

SCENE TWO

INT: RUSSO HOUSE, THE NEXT MORNING - DAY 2

(Alex, Max, Justin)

ALEX, MAX AND JUSTIN WALK DOWN THE STAIRCASE OF THEIR HOME.
NO LIGHTS ARE ON IN THE KITCHEN, WHICH IS QUIET. ALEX WALKS
OVER TO THE COFFEE MAKER ON THE COUNTER. SHE TURNS TO FACE
HER BROTHERS.

ALEX

What's going on here? Why aren't Mom and Dad up yet? By this time of the morning, Dad is on his third cup of coffee!

MAX

You *do* know it's Sunday - don't you Alex?

JUSTIN

Yeah. Let them sleep in. It's their one day off. They had a really busy day yesterday at the restaurant. Give them a break!

MAX

It's not like we don't know how to make our own breakfast!

ALEX

I'm just a little worried, that's all. This is a little odd for them.

JUSTIN

Tell you what. After breakfast and a few cartoons I'll sneak up to their room, very quietly, and make sure they're alright.

ALEX

(RELIEVED)

Works for me! Especially since I'm
not the one doing the checking!

MAX

Ditto!

ALEX, MAX AND JUSTIN MOVE AROUND THE FAMILY KITCHEN MAKING
THEIR BREAKFAST. THEY TAKE THEIR BREAKFAST TRAYS OVER TO THE
FAMILY ROOM AND SETTLE IN FRONT OF THE TELEVISION.

MAX (CONT'D)

(TO ALEX AND JUSTIN)

This is pretty cool, you know.
It's like camping out! 'Cause you
guys know that Mom would *never* let
us do this!

ALEX

It is kind of fun! By the way,
when were you going to go up to
their room and check on them,
Justin?

JUSTIN WALKS OVER FROM THE KITCHEN WITH HIS TRAY IN HAND. HE
SETTLES IN NEXT TO ALEX AND MAX AND SOON BECOMES
CONTENT AND COMFORTABLE IN HIS PLACE ON THE COUCH.

JUSTIN

(TO ALEX)

Give me a few minutes, here! I was just getting comfortable! And, you of all people should know that I'm going to want seconds on your pancakes - dear Sis!

ALEX SHAKES HER HEAD AND ROLLS HER EYES AT JUSTIN.

ALEX

Tell you what, I'll go!

ALEX GETS UP FROM HER CHAIR AND RETURNS HER BREAKFAST DISHES TO THE KITCHEN. SHE ADJUSTS HER BATHROBE AROUND HER AND MAKES HER WAY UP THE STAIRS. SHE STOPS WHEN SHE IS STANDING OUTSIDE HER PARENTS' BEDROOM. SHE KNOCKS GENTLY ON THE DOOR.

ALEX (CONT'D)

(WHISPERING)

Mom, Dad, are you okay? It's me
Alex!

(SOUNDING INCREASINGLY
WORRIED)

Come on - open the door!

ALEX PUTS HER EAR UP TO THE DOOR AND LISTENS. SHE DOESN'T HEAR ANYTHING AND KNOCKS LOUDER.

ALEX (CONT'D)

(LOUDLY THROUGH THE DOOR)

If this is some kind of joke on us
it's not funny anymore! OK, you got
me!

(YELLING NOW)

Mom! Dad! Are you alright! Justin,
Max and I are really worried about
you!

SHE LOOKS DOWN THE STAIRS TO SEE HER BROTHERS LAUGHING AT THE
CARTOONS ON TELEVISION.

ALEX (CONT'D)

(TO HERSELF)

I always say...if you want
something done right, do it
yourself! Here goes nothing!

ALEX BREAKS DOWN THE DOOR OF HER PARENTS' DOOR. SHE GASPS
LOUDLY WHEN SHE SEES HER PARENTS' CONDITION AS THEY LAY IN
BED, WITH THEIR EYES CLOSED, LIMP LIKE RAG DOLLS.

ALEX (CONT'D)

Oh my gosh! Mom, Dad, wake up!

ALEX ATTEMPTS TO WAKE UP HER PARENTS BUT THEY SEEM TO BE IN A
DEEP SLEEP, LIKE A TRANCE.

ALEX (CONT'D)

(TO JERRY AND THERESA)

Come on you guys, what's wrong?

ALEX RUNS OUT OF THE ROOM AND YELLS DOWN THE STAIRS TO HER BROTHERS.

ALEX (CONT'D)

(YELLING)

Justin! Max! Get up here - it's an
emergency! I'm not playing around!
Something's wrong with Mom and Dad!

JUSTIN AND MAX DROP THEIR TRAYS AND RUN UP THE STAIRS TO THEIR PARENTS' ROOM. THEY COME THROUGH THE DOOR AND STOP AT THE FOOT OF THEIR BED, STANDING NEXT TO THEIR SISTER, ALEX.

JUSTIN GOES OVER TO HIS PARENTS AND TRIES TO ROUSE THEM. HE TURNS TO ALEX AND MAX. JUSTIN STEPS BACK.

JUSTIN

(POINTING TO HIS PARENTS)

What's wrong with them? I can't
get them to wake up!

MAX

Shouldn't we call an ambulance or
something?

ALEX

Wait a minute. I think this is
more like a Sleeping Beauty thing!

JUSTIN

What do you mean, Alex?

ALEX

I just have a bad feeling about this...like one of you got your spell mixed up yesterday and said the wrong thing and made Mom and Dad into crazy sleeping zombies!

JUSTIN

Well, why don't we repeat the spells we said, write them down this time and then look up what they mean on the computer?

MAX

OK. I'll go first. Mine was something like "**ETERNUM LETHARGICUS PATERNUS**".

ALEX FINDS A PIECE OF PAPER IN HER PARENTS' ROOM AND WRITES DOWN WHAT MAX SAID.

JUSTIN

And mine was "**VENUM AMORICUS LATITUDINUS**".

ALEX SCRIBBLES THAT ONE DOWN AS WELL.

MAX

And, just to be safe, what was
yours, Alex?

ALEX HANDS THE PAD TO JUSTIN TO WRITE DOWN WHAT SHE SAYS.

ALEX

You know, mine was the one about
the homework! "**LEXICUS ETERNUM**
ANGLETERRA OUBLIARUM" or something
like that!

ALEX, JUSTIN AND MAX SIT DOWN AT THE COMPUTER IN THEIR
PARENTS' ROOM. THEY LOOK UP THE MEANINGS OF THEIR SPELLS.

ALEX (CONT'D)

Well, I don't know what my spell or
Justin's did, but according to this
Latin dictionary, Max's spell put
Mom and Dad into an Eternal State
of Deep Sleep!

MAX

Oh no! I'm so sorry! I thought I
memorized mine perfectly but I
obviously messed up!

JUSTIN

We all mess up sometime, Max. But the question is - how are we going to fix this? Mom and Dad can't exactly run Waverly Station and make all those sandwiches when they're catatonic!

THERESA AND JERRY MUMBLE FROM THEIR BED, LIKE THEY ARE DREAMING AND TALKING IN THEIR SLEEP.

ALEX

You're right, Justin! This is way messed up!

JUSTIN

By the way, if we're going to school tomorrow, we had better call Harper for back up at the restaurant. We'll each have to work a shift tomorrow until we figure out what to do about Mom and Dad!

MAX

(TO JUSTIN)

Good call, bro!

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SCENE ONE

INT. WAVERLY PLACE STATION, THE NEXT MORNING (DAY 3)

(Alex, Harper, Max, Justin)

ALEX AND HARPER ARE BUSY GETTING READY FOR THE LUNCH TIME CROWD. MAX AND JUSTIN HEAD OUT THE DOOR TO GO TO SCHOOL.

ALEX

(TO MAX AND JUSTIN AS THEY
LEAVE)

Don't forget to come back at lunch
time and relieve me and Harper
here. I have a big Algebra test
sixth period!

MAX

We won't let you down, Alex.

Promise!

JUSTIN

(TO MAX)

Let's go - I can't be late for
first period!

CUT TO:

FADE IN:

INT. TRIBECA PREP, LATER THAT MORNING(DAY 3)

(Max, Justin, Mr. Laritate, Stern Female Teacher, Extras)

MAX AND JUSTIN ARRIVE AT SCHOOL. AS SOON AS THEY ENTER THE SCHOOL BUILDING THEY NOTICE THAT THE STUDENTS ARE DRESSED DIFFERENTLY - IN UNATTRACTIVE, HIGH-COLLARED GREY UNIFORMS. NO ONE IS SMILING OR TALKING IN THE HALLWAYS. THE MOOD IS DISMAL AND GREY, LIKE THE UNIFORMS. THE TEACHERS STAND OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOMS, MAKING SURE THAT STUDENTS DON'T SOCIALIZE OR TALK.

MR. LARITATE IS STANDING IN THE HALLWAY, OUTSIDE ONE OF THE CLASSROOMS, HOLDING A RULER AND METHODICALLY HITTING IT AGAINST THE PALM OF HIS HAND.

MAX

(TO JUSTIN)

Something is *definitely* not right
here. What's the phrase from that
movie?

JUSTIN

You mean, "I don't think we're in
Kansas anymore!"

MAX

Exactly! It looks like Alex messed
up her spell too!

JUSTIN

Yeah, I can see that!

MR. LARITATE CROSSES TO WHERE MAX AND JUSTIN ARE STANDING.

MR. LARITATE

(TO ALEX AND JUSTIN)

Haven't you forgotten something,
Mr. Russo? And you too, Mr. Russo?

JUSTIN LOOKS AROUND FOR JERRY.

JUSTIN

Sorry, Mr. Laritate. My dad's not
here!

MR. LARITATE

I was speaking to you!

JUSTIN

Oh. I get it - you've gone formal
and stuff! What were you asking
about again?

MR. LARITATE

You have forgotten something very
important!

JUSTIN

What's that, Mr. Laritate? My
books? My lunch money?

MAX

(LAUGHING, TO JUSTIN)

Maybe it's your pants! Did you
check?

JUSTIN REACHES DOWN TO SEE IF HE REMEMBERED TO WEAR HIS
JEANS.

JUSTIN

That's not it! Jeans are on! Check!

MR. LARITATE

(TO JUSTIN)

No, my big man, your school
uniform! Didn't you read the
Tribeca Prep School rules! They're
posted at the end of every hallway
now - large enough for everyone to
see!

JUSTIN

Since when did students start
wearing uniforms?

MR. LARITATE

Since....I don't know...it's always
been like this!

STUDENTS IN THE HALLWAY LAUGH AT THIS EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE
PRINCIPAL AND THE RUSSO BOYS.

MR. LARITATE (CONT'D)

(TO THE STUDENTS)

No talking in the halls! And get
yourselves to class! What's taking
you so long?

A FEMALE STUDENT IS TRYING TO CARRY HER ENORMOUS BACKPACK
FULL OF ENORMOUS TEXT BOOKS.

1ST FEMALE STUDENT

(PRACTICALLY CRYING)

These new books are so heavy, Mr.
Laritate! It hurts my shoulders!
I'll never make it to class on
time!

1ST MALE STUDENT

(TO THE FEMALE STUDENT)

Do you need some help, kid?

MR. LARITATE

(TO THE MALE STUDENT)

You must have forgotten yourself there for a minute, son. There's no mixing of genders here. No fraternizing! No talking or touching of the other gender! There's no mixed-up classes of boys and girls, it's all separate now! Remember?

JUSTIN

You mean the girls are in one classroom and the boys are in another? That's harsh, dude!

MR. LARITATE

Ha! Now you're catching on, Mr. Russo!

MAX

(TO MR. LARITATE)

If there are no classes together, then how do the guys get to talk to the girls? You know, to ask them to dances and stuff?

MR. LARITATE

Dances? Dances? Are you kidding?
There are no more dances at Tribeca
Prep! And, no more sports, clubs
or after school activities either!

MAX

Then what do the students do for
fun? To unwind?

MR. LARITATE

Fun? Isn't reading fun? Here at
school we read, read, read! There
are way too many books in this
world and not enough time!

MR. LARITATE WALKS DOWN THE HALLWAY AND LOOKS BEHIND THE
LOCKERS, WHERE A GIRL AND BOY ARE KISSING.

MR. LARITATE (CONT'D)

(TO THE COUPLE)

Aha! You thought you could hide
from me - that you could get away
with that terrible behavior!

2ND FEMALE STUDENT

But, we're not doing anything
wrong! We like each other!

2ND MALE STUDENT

What's so wrong with making out at school? Kids have been doing it for generations!

MR. LARITATE

(FLUSTERED)

Can't you see the rules? They're posted at the end of every hallway!

MR. LARITATE MARCHES THE COUPLE OVER TO WHERE THE RULES ARE HUNG ON THE WALL.

2ND MALE STUDENT

Which rule have we broken?

MR. LARITATE

The "No Touching" rule - Rule #35!

2ND FEMALE STUDENT

But, I can't even see that one!
The print is so small! How is anyone supposed to read that?

MR. LARITATE

Get some glasses! I'm afraid I'll have to call both of your parents about this! And of course, you'll have to go to detention every day for the rest of the month!

MAX AND JUSTIN WALK SLOWLY AWAY FROM THIS SCENE, DOWN THE HALL TO THEIR CLASSROOMS. THEY PASS THE CAFETERIA ON THE WAY. THE SIGN OUTSIDE THE CAFETERIA SAYS "TODAY'S SPECIAL: TEA AND CRUMPETS! GET THEM WHILE THEY'RE HOT!"

JUSTIN

Alex's spell turned this into an
alternate universe or something!

ALEX AND MAX ARRIVE AT A CLASSROOM.

MAX

I thought this was my homeroom but
it sure doesn't look like it!

JUSTIN

(LOOKING INTO THE WINDOW)

Not unless you belong with the
girls!

THE DOOR SWINGS OPEN AND A STERN LOOKING TEACHER ADDRESSES THEM.

STERN FEMALE TEACHER

Aren't you boys in the wrong wing?
Boys' classes are held in the West
Wing!

SHE POINTS TO THE OTHER SECTION OF THE SCHOOL.

STERN FEMALE TEACHER (CONT'D)

(TO HER STUDENTS)

Did I see one of you looking up
from your books? Hmm? Don't you
know we're supposed to be reading,
reading, reading! Get your cute
little noses back in those books!
No lunch until you're done reading
at least six more chapters!

ONE OF THE STUDENTS STARTS TO RUB HER STOMACH FROM HUNGER AND
THEN CRIES. THE TEACHER TURNS BACK TO HER CLASSROOM.

JUSTIN

(TO THE TEACHER)

Excuse me, ma'am. We were just
leaving!

MAX AND JUSTIN RUN DOWN THE HALLWAY.

MAX

We've got to get out of here! Are
you with me?

JUSTIN

You betcha! Let's blow this
popsicle stand!

SPFX: MAX AND JUSTIN FLASH OUT.

CUT TO:

ACT TWO

SCENE TWO

INT. WAVERLY SUB STATION, LATER THAT MORNING (DAY 3)

(Alex, Harper, Max, Justin, Customers)

MAX AND JUSTIN WALK IN THE DOOR OF WAVERLY PLACE STATION. ALEX AND HARPER ARE TRYING TO HANDLE THE LUNCHTIME CHAOS AT THE RESTAURANT. ALEX IS ANSWERING THE PHONE AND PREPARING MEALS AT THE SAME TIME. HARPER IS DEALING WITH IRATE CUSTOMERS AND SERVING THE FOOD AS FAST AS SHE CAN.

ALEX

(TO MAX AND JUSTIN)

Where have you two been? We could have used some help here - like yesterday!

JUSTIN

We haven't exactly been having a good time either, you know!

HARPER

(TO JUSTIN)

FYI - School's not supposed to be
fun, dude!

JUSTIN

No kidding!

ALEX

So what's going on at school?

HARPER

Did they have a run on macaroni and
cheese again? I knew it!

MAX

No, it's much worse! You two
wouldn't believe it unless you saw
it for yourselves!

A CUSTOMER STARTS TO CAUSE PROBLEMS IN THE RESTAURANT -
EGGING ON THE OTHER CUSTOMERS.

1ST IRATE CUSTOMER

(TO JUSTIN)

Hey! Where's my lunch? I've been
waiting at least a half an hour!

2ND IRATE CUSTOMER

I've got to get back to work!
What's going on here? Where are
Jerry and Theresa?

ALEX

(YELLING ACROSS THE ROOM
TO THE CUSTOMERS)

First off, we're doing the best we
can! We're a little short staffed
today!

JUSTIN

(ECHOING ALEX)

Our Mom and Dad were called away
unexpectedly - to take care of my
Grandma who fell and broke her leg!

1ST IRATE CUSTOMER

You know, I come in here at least
three times a week. I'm a regular.
I thought she broke her leg last
year?

JUSTIN

That was her other leg!

1ST IRATE CUSTOMER

Oh. That's too bad. Sorry. Now,
where's my lunch! I'm starving!

HARPER

(AS SHE SLIDES A PLATE IN
FRONT OF HIM)

Here - eat this!

1ST IRATE CUSTOMER

What is it?

HARPER

(SHOUTING TO ALEX BEHIND
THE COUNTER)

What day is it, Alex?

ALEX

It's Monday! Remember? The day of
our big Algebra test!

HARPER

(TO THE 1ST CUSTOMER)

That, my friend, is our famous
Waverly Monday surprise - eat it or
weep!

1ST IRATE CUSTOMER

Gross! I'm not touching that slop!

GETTING UP FROM HIS TABLE AND LEAVING.

2ND IRATE CUSTOMER

Good move! I'm out of here too!
Let me know when Theresa and Jerry
return from taking care of Grandma!

ALEX

But your order's ready! What am I
supposed to do with it...

ALL OTHER CUSTOMERS NOD IN AGREEMENT AND LEAVE AS WELL.

ALEX (CONT'D)

(TO JUSTIN)

Well, it looks like I have some
free time now!

HARPER

Me too! And boy, I'm kind of glad -
I'm exhausted!

ALEX

(TO JUSTIN AND MAX)

Now, what were you two going to
tell me about school today?

MAX

(TAKING HIS SISTER BY THE
ARM)

We'll tell you on the way home.

JUSTIN

Yeah. It's been a long time since
we checked on Mom and Dad.

ALEX, HARPER, MAX AND JUSTIN LOCK UP WAVERLY SUB STATION AND
MAKE THEIR WAY HOME.

CUT TO:

ACT TWO

SCENE THREE

INT. THE RUSSO HOME, SOON AFTER (DAY THREE)

(Alex, Harper, Max, Justin, Jerry, Theresa)

ALEX, HARPER, MAX AND JUSTIN ARRIVE AT THE RUSSO HOME.

ALEX

(DISGUSTED, TO ALEX AND
MAX)

So, you're telling me that they
were wearing ugly uniforms?

MAX

You got it, Sis!

HARPER

And, separate classes for girls and
guys?

JUSTIN

That's right!

ALEX

Well, that's one spell that we've
got to fix! That's a no brainer!

JUSTIN OPENS THE FRONT DOOR OF THEIR HOUSE AND JUMPS BACK
AFTER A LARGE VINE EMERGES FROM INSIDE.

HARPER

Uh, Alex, it looks like that's not
the only spell you guys have to
fix!

SPFX: MAX AND JUSTIN MAGICALLY PRODUCE SOME MACHETES AND
START CUTTING AWAY THE VINES IN THEIR LIVING ROOM.

JUSTIN

This is like the curse of Sleeping
Beauty or something!

MAX

Yeah. But instead of a nasty witch
and a dragon, we're fighting the
plants from "The Little Shop of
Horrors"!

HARPER

Maybe we just need a large can of
Weed-Be-Gone!

ALEX

They don't make them big enough!

JUSTIN

(TO ALEX AND HARPER)

Would you two please stop your
gabbing and help us! Remember, Mom
and Dad are up there!

SPFX: ALEX MAGICALLY PRODUCES TWO WEED WACKERS FOR HER AND
HARPER

ALEX

(TO HARPER)

See, if you want something done
right, have the women do it!

ALEX AND HARPER QUICKLY CLEAR THE VINES AND PLANTS WITH THE
WEEDWACKERS AND ARRIVE UPSTAIRS AT JERRY AND THERESA'S ROOM.

HARPER

Holy Hidden Bat Cave, Alex! Where
are your parents? I don't even see
them!

ALEX

Mom! Dad! Wake up! Where are you!

MAX AND JUSTIN ARRIVE AT THEIR PARENTS' BEDROOM.

JUSTIN

I don't know about you guys, but I have a feeling that the only way we can fix this is to go back to Neverland and get some kind of reverse spell!

MAX

I'm with you on that one, big brother!

ALEX

I guess you're right for once, Dufus!

JUSTIN

(TO HARPER)

Sorry Harper. You'll have to stay here and watch my parents, if you can find them.

ALEX

Yeah. Only Wizards are allowed in Neverland. And if we break the rules....

HARPER

That's okay. I understand. Good
luck!

CUT TO:

INT. NEVERLAND - IMMEDIATELY AFTER (DAY THREE)

(ALEX, MAX, JUSTIN, YOUNG WIZARD, BEAUTIFUL ASSISTANT,
EXTRAS)

ALEX, MAX AND JUSTIN ARRIVE AND SEE A VERY LONG LINE IN FRONT
OF A DESK WHERE THE SAME YOUNG WIZARD DRESSED IN DARK ROBES
TRIES TO PERFORM CROWD CONTROL ON THE OTHER ANGRY WIZARDS IN
LINE.

YOUNG WIZARD

(LOUDLY OVER THE CROWD)

I assume you are all here for the
Reversing Spell! If you would just
be patient and fill out some more
forms which my beautiful assistant
will pass out to you, then we can
give you the spell and we can all
be on our merry way!

BEAUTIFUL ASSISTANT

We also have some delicious cold
beverages - on the house of course -
to make your wait more pleasant!

THE YOUNG WIZARD'S ASSISTANT WALKS UP AND DOWN THE LONG LINE OF DISGRUNTLED WIZARDS PASSING OUT FORMS AND BEVERAGES.

JUSTIN

(TO ALEX AND MAX)

Well, at least he seems to have learned something about customer service!

ALEX

Which I can really understand! I sure appreciate Mom and Dad and the great job they do at the restaurant. It isn't easy!

MAX

Boy, I never thought I'd say this, but after we fix the messed up spells and everything is back to normal again, I can't wait to go back to school!

ALEX

(TO MAX)

If I only had a tape recorder to get down what you just said!

JUSTIN

We could blackmail you for the rest of your life!

MAX

Very funny!

MAX, ALEX AND JUSTIN FINALLY ARRIVE AT THE FRONT OF THE LINE.

BEAUTIFUL ASSISTANT

(TO ALEX, JUSTIN AND MAX)

Did you all enjoy your
complimentary beverages?

JUSTIN

Yes. Thanks. Now, can we have the
Reversing Spell?

YOUNG WIZARD

We thought we'd write it down this
time - just to be sure.

THE YOUNG WIZARD HANDS THEM A PIECE OF PARCHMENT PAPER.

JUSTIN

Good idea!

ALEX

Are we done here? Can we go home
now?

MAX

I never thought I'd say this
either, but I've missed Mom and
Dad!

JUSTIN

Me too!

MAX

Come on. Let's go!

SPFX: ALEX, MAX AND JUSTIN FLASH OUT.

CUT TO:

ACT TWO

SCENE FOUR

INT. THE RUSSO HOME, SOON AFTER (DAY THREE)

(Max, Justin, Alex, Harper, Jerry and Theresa)

ALEX, JUSTIN AND MAX STAND TOGETHER, READING OFF THE PAPER FROM THE YOUNG WIZARD.

JUSTIN

Here goes nothing!

MAX, JUSTIN AND ALEX

(IN UNISON)

**CALAMITAS REMEMDIUM PATERNUS ET
LUDEM!**

HARPER

Do you think it worked?

ALEX

Well, we won't know for a little while longer. That wizard at Neverland said we'd have to wait until the morning to find out.

MAX

So, what's on TV?

JUSTIN

We could always order some of those Pay-Per-View movies - you know, the ones Mom and Dad don't want us to buy!

ALEX

(TO MAX AND JUSTIN)

I don't know about you guys, but
Harper and I had a crazy, busy day -
we're going to bed now!

JUSTIN

You mean, Harper is staying over
here tonight?

HARPER

(YAWNING)

You betcha! And you're going to be
happy about it, too!

JUSTIN

(TO ALEX)

Just out of curiosity, what was the
third spell for? One made Mom and
Dad sleep all the time, the second
turned our school into a jail with
students wearing ugly uniforms -
what did the third one do?

ALEX

(PRACTICALLY FALLING OVER
FROM EXHAUSTION)

I don't remember!

(MORE)

ALEX (CONT'D)

Just let us go to bed. Whatever it
was, it will be fixed in the
morning!

ALL OF A SUDDEN, A CAT WITH JULIET'S FACE APPEARS FROM UNDER
THE SOFA AND RUNS ACROSS THE LIVING ROOM FLOOR.

JUSTIN

(YELLING)

Juliet! Cat! Whatever you are,
come back here! Sweetiekins! How
about a dish of yummy milk! Come
back!

JUSTIN CHASES AFTER THE JULIET/CAT CREATURE.

CUT TO:

ACT TWO

SCENE FIVE

INT. THE RUSSO HOME, THE NEXT MORNING (DAY FOUR)

(Alex, Max, Justin, Harper, Jerry and Theresa)

JERRY AND THERESA WALK DOWN THE STAIRS OF THE HOUSE, LOOKING FOR ALEX, MAX AND JUSTIN.

JERRY

(CALLING OUT)

Alex! Justin! Max! Where are you
guys hiding?

THERESA

(RUBBING HER EYES)

That was the best sleep I've had in
years - since before the kids were
born!

JERRY

I know what you mean! I slept like
a baby and didn't even have to get
up once to go to the bathroom!

THERESA

I feel like a million bucks!

JERRY

(ENERGETICALLY)

You got that right, lady! How
about a spin around the living
room?

THERESA

I'd be delighted!

JERRY SWEEPS UP THERESA IN HIS ARMS. THEY DANCE AROUND THE HOUSE.

ALEX, MAX, JUSTIN AND HARPER COME DOWN THE STAIRS WHILE JERRY AND THERESA ARE DANCING. THEY ALL RUN OVER TO JERRY AND THERESA AND GIVE THEM A GROUP HUG.

JERRY

(TO THE KIDS)

Well, that was sure unexpected!

What was that for?

ALEX

(TO JERRY)

Do you want the long version or the short version?

JUSTIN

(TO JERRY AND THERESA)

We had all better sit down for this one.

ALEX, MAX, JUSTIN, THERESA AND JERRY SIT ON THE COUCH IN THE LIVING ROOM.

HARPER

(TO EVERYONE ASSEMBLED)

I'll take this opportunity to pop in the kitchen and make some nice hot beverages for all of you!

THERESA

(TO HARPER)

Thank you. That's very thoughtful
of you.

THE KIDS EXPLAIN WHAT HAPPENED TO THEIR PARENTS.

THERESA (CONT'D)

So, how long were we asleep?

MAX

Three days.

JERRY

And, the house is still standing?
Waverly Sub Station is still there
too?

JUSTIN

Well, it's there but...

JERRY

But, what?

ALEX

It's just that business might be a
little different when you go there
today, Dad.

THERESA

(CHIMING IN)

Different? In what way?

CUT TO:

INT. WAVERLY STATION, LATER THAT DAY

(Alex, Max, Justin, Harper, Jerry, Theresa, Extras)

THERE IS NO ONE AT WAVERLY STATION FOR LUNCH.

JERRY

(TO THE KIDS)

Is this what you mean by different?

Where are the customers?

AT THAT MOMENT, THE REGULAR LUNCH TIME CUSTOMERS FILE IN TO THE RESTAURANT.

ALEX

(TO MAX, JUSTIN AND

HARPER)

Whew! I guess we're off the hook!

HARPER

Everything seems to be back to

normal, now!

AS THE NEXT WAVE OF CUSTOMERS COMES INTO WAVERLY STATION, THE JULIET/CAT CREATURE RUNS IN AND JUMPS INTO JUSTIN'S ARMS.

JUSTIN

(TO THE CREATURE)

There you are, my little Juliet
Sweetiekins Angelpuff! I was so
worried about you! You came back to
me! I'm so happy!

JUSTIN CRADLES AND PETS THE JULIET/CAT CREATURE.
HARPER WALKS OVER TO JUSTIN WITH HER PAD IN HAND.

HARPER

(TO JUSTIN)

Would you like to order a dish of
cat food? Liver treats?

ALEX

I guess everything is as normal as
it's ever going to be around here!

MAX

(to Alex)

I checked the phone messages.
There's on from Tribeca Prep - from
your Algebra teacher.

ALEX

Really? Uh oh. This can't be
good!

MAX

He said you were to report to school "Pronto" for a retake of the Algebra test you missed.

ALEX

Can't I just use magic and give myself an "A"?

HARPER

Can you do the same for me, Alex?

JERRY CROSSES TO THE GIRLS.

JERRY

After what just happened, I wouldn't use magic for a while, Alex. I'm afraid you girls have to earn your grades the old fashioned way - by learning the subject and studying!

ALEX HUGS HER DAD. THERESA SMILES AT THE TWO AND STARTS TAKING LUNCH ORDERS FORM THE CUSTOMERS.

FADE OUT.

END OF SHOW

(MORE)

JERRY (CONT'D)

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