

The Magic of Friendship

(AKA How To Save Your Friends from Goblins)

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CAST

**The roles of Dani/Danny, Sara, Monica, Quentin, Brody, Nicole, Harlan, and Malice will be open to kids in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. The roles of YOUNG Dani/Danny and all the other “Young” actors in Scene 1 are open to kids in 1st and 2nd grades. All other roles will be open to ages 6 – 12. To audition, a student must be currently enrolled in 1st through 6th grade. Students who are cast in the Chorus and do not have a speaking role will play Pixies, Dwarves, AND Elves throughout the play.*

***The “Young” Friends:** (also all members of the Chorus)

YOUNG DANI/DANNY YOUNG SARA YOUNG MONICA
YOUNG QUENTIN YOUNG BRODY YOUNG NICOLE YOUNG HARLAN

*NARRATOR 1 and NARRATOR 2 (also members of the Chorus)

***The Friends:**

DANI/DANNY: Lonely, not confident, but trying to be a good friend

SARA and MONICA: popular and fashionable, tend to judge others harshly

QUENTIN: loves strategy, role-playing, and video games; afraid to try new things

BRODY and NICOLE: always bragging/boasting, love sports and competition

HARLAN: hides behind books; highly intelligent and knowledgeable

***The Goblins:** (*Must be STRONG SINGERS who can find/hold their part and sing in-tune*)

MALICE: Goblin Queen ANTIPATHY: Goblin ISOLATION: Goblin

GREED: Goblin GOSSIP: Goblin SPITE: Goblin

The Elves, Pixies, Dwarves, and Unicorn: (also all members of the Chorus)

VERITY: Lead Elf HARKEN: Elf AURICLE: Elf

HILARIA: Lead Pixie RASCAL: Pixie MISCHIEF: Pixie GOOF: Pixie

LOYAL: Lead Dwarf ROCK: Dwarf STEADY: Dwarf

UNICORN: an actual unicorn, magical surfer dude

SCENE 1

Narrator 1: Once upon a time, there was a group of young friends who imagined their magical world into their reality.

Narrator 2: *(each young friend comes downstage LEFT in front of "magic tree" with prop/costume as they are mentioned strike a pose)*

The friends were known to each other as The Brave and Bold Knight, Sir Brody; The Wise Elf Princess, Lady Monica; Nicole, the Strong and Selfless Dwarf; Quentin the Imaginative Dark Elf; The Pixies- Harlan the Mischievous and Cunning, and Sara who was Fun-loving and Caring. And last, but not least, the Loyal and Magical unicorn, Dani.

Narrator 1: The friends had many adventures. They always worked together to solve problems, battle evil goblins, and save the day.

Young Brody: The goblins have captured Sara and are holding her prisoner in their lair! We must rescue her!

Young Nicole: I'm small and sneaky – they won't even notice me. I'll go in first!

Young Harlan: I've read that goblins are tricksters – this might be a trap!

Young Quentin: But we can be tricksters too! What if we lure them out? It will be easier to defeat them in the light of day!

Young Monica: I will ready my magical freezing song for when they come out!

Young Quentin: Harlan, the goblins are after Pixie magic. Can you be the bait for our trap?

Young Harlan: Sure can!

Young Dani: This plan is sure to work! Are we all ready?

Narrator 2: Dani the unicorn recorded their adventures in a very special book that they called "The Book of Friendship". Everyone contributed pictures, stories, and new ideas. Working as a team, they played to each other's strengths and talents.

Young Harlan: Did you know that dragons almost always have a soft spot on their bellies? They are NOT invincible!

Young Monica: But what if the dragon is just angry because we are in her territory?

Young Sara: I bet with our magical pixie language I can talk to the dragon! Let her know that we come in peace?

Narrator 1: As with all adventures, there were struggles and hardships.

Young Dani: Oh no! Brody! Are you ok? You fell so far!

Young Brody: Ouch (trying not to cry) I can't move my wrist.

Young Dani: Don't move – I will go get help!

Young Quentin: I'm out of good ideas. Why can't I ever think of anything?

Young Nicole: Remember the story of the dark wizard you came up with? You're great at telling stories! What if you brought the wizard back?

Narrator 2: But because they stuck together through thick and thin, they brought out the best in each other. The Book of Friendship grew to bursting with their memories.

Monica: Ok, so now you know all the words to the song! Let's sing it! *(friends sing together)*

LYRICS:

*I will be your friend, you can take my hand
And we'll walk this path through sometimes shifting sand
I will lend my ear and try to understand
My heart is an open door
Because that's what friends are for*

Narrator 1: Until one day..... the magic of the book started to fade. *(the Goblins pull the magic tree towards the back of the stage; young friends look around at each other, confused)*

Narrator 2: Maybe time sped up too fast. *(older friends come out and one by one, the young friends hand their prop/costume item to their older counterparts – Brody = sword, Nicole = pickaxe, Sara & Harlan = wings or wands, Monica = elf crown, Quentin = cape, Dani = unicorn headband and BOOK)*

Narrator 1: Maybe the hustle and bustle of life got in the way. *(young friends exit behind the tree)*

Narrator 2: Maybe new responsibilities became overwhelming.

Narrator 1: Maybe they just forgot. *(older friends each discard their prop, and move to stage R, take up new poses; except for Dani who remains closer to the tree (stage L)*

Narrator 2: Maybe..... they lost their way. *(Dani looks at book and unicorn headband, and looks around as if for friends)*

Narrator 1: Maybe, someday, they'll find their way back? *(Dani stuffs book/headband in his/her backpack and walks to join older friends)*

Narrator 2: Or maybe they won't.....

CUE: Instrumental scene change music (re-write)

SCENE 2

(Fast-forward 5 or so years to the present day, on the schoolyard after school; school bell rings; B/N enter)

Brody: *(holding basketball)* “Dude! I had more baskets in that last game than anyone else on the team! I’m like the king of the hoops!” *(mimes taking a jump shot)*

Nicole: *(takes ball, mocking)* Oooh, look at me! I’m Brody! I’m a dribbler and a drooler. I bet there’s no way you could hit my fastball. I’m a pitching QUEEN.

Brody: “Gimme the ball back!” *(Nicole sticks out tongue and they start to tussle – both run into Harlan)*

Harlan: “Oh. Em. Gee. You two are always trying to be better than everyone else. Well, I wonder how your grades are shaping up this year, hmmm?”

Brody: “Grades don’t matter when you’re the KING” **Nicole:** “QUEEN”

Brody: “KING” *(Brody and Nicole keep arguing/fighting over ball until Quentin cuts them off; Dani enters)*

Quentin: “Hey doofuses – are you all coming over for my epic role-playing game tournament this weekend?”

Harlan: “Not a chance – have you even started working on your book report? I’m nearly done with it but need to put in some major time on my Native American diorama for social studies.”

Dani: “I want to come Quentin- I have to ask my mom still, but I think I can!”

Quentin: “Not even really worth it if it’s just two people....”

(Monica and Sara enter together, gossiping. Brody and Nicole copy their movements)

Sara: “Have you seen the new Taylor Swift movie? Everyone in class today was so jealous of all my awesome “Swiftie” bracelets. I think I should start selling them since they’re so popular.”

Monica: Totally- all the girls wish they had them. Maybe we could make and sell them together? *(Notices the group)* Oh, it’s you all.” *(rolls eyes)*

Dani: “Hi Monica! Hi Sara! Haven’t really talked to you in a long time. Uh, Quentin is having people over to play board games & Dungeons & Dragons this weekend; do you think you two could make it?”

Monica: “Oh you mean “nerd games”? *(air quotes)* I wouldn’t be caught dead playing stuff like that.

Sara: Besides, Sadie Green is having all the cool kids over to watch scary movies at her house tonight and I’m invited! *(Monica looks frantic)* Oh, well, I can probably bring you with, Mon.”

Dani: “Oh, I see.”

Harlan: “Sadie invited me too, but how can any of you think about fun at a time like this?!? We have SO much homework! Think of your academic futures, people!” *(Harlan throws up hands)*

Quentin: “Nevermind – I just got the latest Minecraft update anyway. Gamer dungeon here I come!”

Dani: “Um, guys? I would really like to hang out with you all again sometime.....like we used to? I miss that.”

Nicole: “We were like kindergarteners, Dani! Too much to do now!

Brody: “Yeah – basketball tournament ALL WEEKEND.” *(Kids start to exit)*

Dani: “Oh. Yeah. I get it”

Monica: *(pats Dani on shoulder as she exits)* “See you in Ms. Brown’s class later. Make sure you sit by me so I can copy..... um..... I mean check your work.”

Dani: “Sure. Yeah. I will. Uh, bye everyone.” *(sighs, alone on stage)* “I just wish.....oh, nevermind”

SCENE 3

(Malice enters, followed by Goblins; she is looking into crystal ball)

Malice: “Yes, yes! Mwah ha ha ha! Look at them! They’re positively nasty to one another! All our influence is working!”

Gossip: “Hashtag facelikeagoblin is trending on Instagram and the “you’re a loser” dance we put up on TikTok has 5 million views”

Greed: *(to Gossip)* You stinky-stinkface! I wanted to tell her!

Spite: *(to Malice)* “Uh, your horribleness? That Dani kid is still really kind and trying hard to be a good friend.”

Malice: “Well you’ll just have to work harder! Friendship for kids this age is such a joke. They’re practically doing your job for you!”

Isolation: “But we’ve been pulling out all the stops- and it’s really working on the rest of them”

Gossip: “Did you see Brody and Nicole bragging and talking over one another?”

Greed: “And that Sara girl lied straight to Monica’s face!”

Antipathy: “And those two, Harlan and Quentin – they wouldn’t go out on a limb for a friend if you dangled fat stacks of cash in front of them on a fishing pole” *(All Goblins patting each others’ backs and laughing)*

Malice: “But I must have them ALL, you fools! Who are we? *(All)* “Goblins” Malice: “And what are we all about?” *(cue music)*

SONG: A ROTTEN TIME

*These squealing little humans are two-faced as can be
And we just simply exploit their nasty tendencies
A whisper into one ear and they’re dancing on our strings
Just a little nudge and they will jump to join us as we sing*

*Stealing, lying, authority defying (and not the protest kind)
Yelling, screaming, insidious demeaning is just what we had in mind
Boasting, bragging, soon we will be snagging all your self-confidence
Give into your greedy guts, throw your friends under the bus
And have a rotten time*

*I’m Spite, I’m Greed, I’m Gossip, Here’s Isolation too
And Antipathy doesn’t care a single lick for you
But we all bow down on hands and knees for her awful majesty
Queen Malice Prejudicious, our goblin royalty*

CHORUS

(Lyrics continued on next page)

So join us all you silly little humans in vile shame and vice

“Treat others as you want to be treated”- what a load of dumb advice

You’ve got to step on others just to make it to the top of the pile

Give into your greedy guts, throw your friends under the bus

And have a really rotten time

Malice: Back to the task at hand, you lazy maggots! I wonder.....what about a different tactic?

This Dani kid has low self-confidence.....let’s play on that.”

Isolation: *(mimes whispering into an ear)* “You’re no good at anything”

Spite: “You always mess things up”

Antipathy: “No one cares about you”

Malice: “Yes! Now you’ve got it! Now fly my little minions you have work to do! Scat! Scoot!”

(smacks them and they go running) “No, not you! *(holds back Isolation)* You’ve got to do something about this ingrown toenail. Where’s your pedicure kit?” *(Isolation looks horrified but follows queen offstage)*

MUSIC: REPRISE OF A ROTTEN TIME

SCENE 4

(Dani sits alone on the playground after school; looks forlorn. Has a thought, pulls magic book out of backpack. Goblins sneak in behind, but Dani can't see/hear them)

Greed: "Whoa! I haven't seen that in years! That's their book of magical friendship or whatever they used to call it."

Gossip: "What is Dani doing with it? *(whispers to Dani)* "That thing is for babies"

Dani: "This thing is for babies."

Spite: *(whispers)* "They're not your friends anymore."

Dani: "They're not even really my friends anymore. I don't know why I even keep this old thing. We used to be such good friends. I really miss them. And I try so hard to keep up with them and show that I care."

Antipathy: *(whispers)* "But they don't care"

Dani: "They don't care.....But, I have to try again, just one last time, to pull us all together.... and then.....well....I guess I'll have to give up." *(Goblins jump around cackling)*

Dani: *(starts writing)* "I wish, I wish with my whole heart, with everything I have.....that we can be real friends again...."

Greed: "Oh no! Not that! I'm melting!"

Gossip: "Shut up, not you're not, you drama llama."

Dani: *(continuing)* ..that we can be kind, and care about each other, and well, just try harder. If you want this too, meet me in the woods this afternoon at our magic ponderosa in the woods near the park and we will figure it out. Signed, Dani the Unicorn"

Spite: "Oh no! What do we do? We need the Grand Poobah!"

Antipathy: "BOSS!"

Isolation: "BOSS-LADY!"

Antipathy: "LADY GOB GOB!"

Isolation: "Shhh you know she hates that!"

Malice: "I was just in the middle of my cockroach exfoliation treatment! What is so urgent?"

Greed: "Look at this!"

Malice: *(reads quickly over Dani's shoulder, under her breath)*....."Hmmmm, no this is not good..... but..... Oh I know! We can make this work for us"

Gossip: "But how?"

Malice: "Simple! While the Dani child is waiting in the woods later today, we side track the kids that may actually try to go meet him/her. Not that those brats would probably come through for their "friend" anyway. But, if they do, we'll be waiting and will dash Dani's hopes to pieces when none of them show up!"

Greed: "Then she'll/he'll be fully in our clutches for good! *(All Goblins: Evil laughter)*

Malice: "Enough! You've got work to do Scat! Scoot! Not you *(Isolation)*.....I bet my cockroaches are halfway to Timbuktu by now. Go get me some more!"

(Goblins exit as foreboding music plays...magical book was left behind and it starts shaking.....out pop elf (Verity), pixie (Hilaria), and dwarf (Loyal))

Verity: “Did you hear that?”

Hilaria: “That Goblin Queen is so horrible and obnoxious!”

Loyal: “Well, we have to do something to help the kids!”

Hilaria: “Friendship! Friendship! Friendship!”

Verity: “Come on! I have an idea!”

SCENE 5

CUE: Scene 5 Music (The ELVES/DWARVES/PIXIES get Dani’s note to each friend; friends/E/D/P go across stage in this order while music plays)

Loyal dangles a note on a fishing pole for Nicole to jump for

Rock & Steady tape note to the back of a basketball and bounce it to Brody

Verity distracts Sara/Monica while Auricle & Harken put a note in Monica’s hand

Harlan drops her pile of books and Hilaria & Mischief slip note into book before she picks up Rascal and Goof, disguised in capes, tape note to Quentin’s forehead as he passes.

SCENE 6

(Lights come up on the woods. Brody & Nicole run into each other and fall down. Spite and Greed have followed them and are miming glee as they argue, but are scared off when dwarves enter)

Brody: "What are you doing here?"

Nicole: "What are YOU doing here?"

Brody: "Just a little run around the park to get my blood moving....gotta stay on top of my game. Quickest feet in the school!"

Nicole: "Ha, that's a bunch of hooley. You're about as fast a sloth with a hip replacement. I could outrun you any day.

Brody: "Whatever, Turtle McTurtle Legs. For reals though, why are you really here?"

Nicole: "You tell me first! *(hears dwarves humming)* Wait a minute, do you hear that?"

(Dwarf CHORUS, whistling/humming melody to their song, marches on stage)

Brody: "Holy canoli! That looks just like your old dwarf character from our little kid magic game!"

Nicole: "Whoa! Look at the beards! No way those are real....." *(Nicole tugs on Loyal's w/o moving it)*

Loyal: "How rude!"

Rock: "You kids today"

Brody & Nicole: "Ahhhhh!"

Brody: "You're really like....d..d..d.."

Steady: "Spit it out kid! We're dwarves."

Nicole: "W-w-what are you doing in our woods?"

Loyal: "We've been watching you two for a while now and we are just fed up!"

Nicole: "With what?"

Rock: "With your bragging and boasting!"

Brody: "Uh, we don't do that"

Steady: "Sloth with a hip replacement?"

Rock: "Turtle McTurtle Legs?" *(Brody & Nicole look sheepish)*

Loyal: "And neither of you will admit why you're really here in the woods"

Nicole: "Well, I got this note from Dani...."

Brody: "I did too!"

Loyal: "And it made you realize what rotten lousy friends you've been..."

Nicole: "I'm just SO busy these days..."

Brody: "I'm busier than you, busy is my middle name"

Rock & Steady: "Knock it off!"

Loyal: "If there's one thing we dwarves know, it's how to work together & build each other up."

Rock: "And you two need a giant shove in the teamwork direction."

Steady: "Ooh! I know! Let's sing them the song from the mine!" *(CHORUS: places, music starts)*

Brody: "Is this really happening? Did you eat some of those purplish berries back there too?" *(Nicole shushes him)*

SONG: NO 'I' IN TEAM

*When you work as part of a crew, everyone depends on you
We've all got our jobs to do to make the magic happen*

*Some dig (echo: some dig), some mine (some mine), some haul the stones away
Some sort (some sort), some sift (some sift), but we always break for play
We're all (we're all) a part (a part) of a tremendous scheme
There is (there is) no "I" (no "I") No "I" in TEAM*

*You may think this sounds quite trite, and my friend you may be right
But seeing value in everyone lets all of us stand in the sun*

(2 X through)

*We give (we give), receive (receive), we lift each other up
We live (we live), we laugh (we laugh), we fill every cup
We're all (we're all) a part (a part) of a tremendous scheme
There is (there is) no "I" (no "I") No "I" in TEAM*

(After song, chorus immediately exits to change)

Nicole: "Wow. I guess we were getting pretty bad. I secretly know you're way faster than me."

Brody: "I secretly know you can throw way faster than me"

Nicole: "I secretly am so impressed with your jump-shot..."

Brody: "I secretly...."

Loyal: *(cuts Brody off)* Sounds like you're MAYBE starting to figure things out. But what about your friend?

Rock: The one you came here for?

Brody: Oh shoot! We gotta go! C'mon Crazy Legs, lead the way!

Nicole: No, no, no, why, after you Speedy Petey!

Loyal, Rock, Steady: "GO!" *(Brody & Nicole run off)*

REPRISE: NO "I" IN TEAM

SCENE 7

(Harlan & Quentin meet up in the woods; Isolation and Antipathy follow them and mime glee as they argue but are scared off by Pixies)

Quentin: “Well you’re about the last person I ever thought I’d see out here.”

Harlan: “Me? You never leave your “gamer dungeon”.”

Quentin: “Well at least I don’t take myself so seriously that I can’t have a little fun every once in a while. Your nose is permi-stuck inside a book!”

Harlan: “Pardon me for wanting to prepare myself for the future.” *(Goblins are following and urging them on, clapping etc.)*

Quentin: “Whatever. What amazing twist of fate has brought Lady Bookworm out into the perilous night?” *(Mischief pinches Quentin)* “OW! You pinched me!”

Harlan: “I did not!” *(Rascal pulls H’s hair)* “HEY! You’re such a child, pulling my hair!”

Quentin: “I didn’t do that....wait” *(Goof runs behind them, buzzing)....*“did you see something?”

Harlan: “I heard something.....buzzing? Laughing?” *(Pixie chorus swarms onto the stage in a giggling, pinching, hair pulling riot. Harlan & Quentin cling to each other)*

Quentin: “I want my mommy!”

Hilaria: “You two are such scaredy cats! How could you be afraid of us?”

Mischief: “We are the very definition of cute and impish!”

Quentin: Harlan, that looks like, you! From like 5 years ago! You used to dress up as, what.... a fairy?

Harlan: A pixie! But...but...they’re not real!

Rascal: “Oh we’re real all right!” *(several start whacking H & Q with sparkly pool noodles)*

Quentin: “Ouch! What you hitting us with?”

Goof, Rascal, Mischief (together): “Pixie Sticks!” *(raucous laughter from Pixie chorus)*

Goof: “Oooh! I’ve got a great joke! Why don’t pixies live under toadstools?”

(Pixie Chorus: “Why?”) **Goof:** “There’s not mushroom” *(Laughter)*

Mischief: “My turn! Which pixie says no to showers?” *(Chorus: “Which?”)* **Mischief:** “Stinker-bell!” *(Laughter)*

Rascal: “What’s a pixie’s favorite kind of drink?” *(Chorus: “What?”)* **Rascal:** “Sprite!” *(Laughter)*
(Harlan and Quentin are holding their sides, laughing)

Hilaria: “See, you two can have fun! You’re so afraid to go out of your comfort zones for a friend!”

Goof: “If you can’t laugh at yourself, who can you laugh at?!”

Rascal: “You’ve gotta be willing to try out things that other people like!”

Mischief: “Let’s “fairy” (ferry) them into this next song, shall we?”

SONG: A FRIENDLY ATTITUDE

*Let's all have a little fun, let's try something new
Live a little, give a little, its not just about you
Laugh a little, joke a little, turn over a new leaf
Attitude will change your view, if you want it to*

*If you can't laugh at yourself, who can you laugh at?
A laugh is just a smile that bursts, whatcha think about that?
Take some chances, make mistakes
You'll learn something new
Attitude will change your view, if you want it to*

Hilaria: *Why do trees have so many branches*

Chorus: *Why?*

Hilaria: *They branch out*

Mischief: *How do you get a squirrel to like you?*

Chorus: *How?*

Mischief: *Act like a nut*

Rascal: *What's the worst way to end a friendship with a rock?*

Chorus: *What?*

Rascal: *Take it for granite*

Goof: *I'm really good friends with 25 letters of the alphabet*

Chorus: *Huh?*

Goof: *I don't know Y.*

*Attitudes are catching, you spread them all around
If you have a good attitude then you have all the power
If you never try new things, then you'll never know
Good attitudes will change your views, you can make it so!
Good attitudes will change your views, you can make it so!*

(Afterward the chorus immediately exits to change into elf costumes)

Quentin: *(laughing)* "Harlan! You used to be the most hilarious and naughty pixie in our little kid games. Dude, Dungeons & Dragons has pixies! You could totally roll up an awesome character."

Harlan: "Really?"

Quentin: "Yeah! For sure!"

Harlan: "Well, did you know that pixies are key characters in the mythology of so many western European cultures?"

Quentin: “Aw sheesh, that history stuff is so boring!”

Harlan: “No! I promise it’s not! I’ve got some amazing books on the subject- and some are even graphic novels! It makes learning way more fun!”

Quentin: “Cool!”

Hilaria: “Um.....kids?”

Harlan & Quentin: “Huh?”

Hilaria, Goof, Rascal, Mischief:”Friendship friendship, friendship....?”

Quentin: “Right! Dani! Sorry fairies, we gotta go!” *(Harlan & Quentin start to exit stage)*

Hilaria/Goof/Rascal/Mischief: *(yell)* “Pixies!” *(they cheer for Harlan & Quentin and swat them with pixie sticks as they exit)*

REPRISE: A FRIENDLY ATTITUDE

SCENE 8

(Monica is leading Sara through the woods. Gossip has followed them and is miming glee as they talk badly about others; Gossip is scared off by Elves.)

Sara: “I can’t believe you dragged me out here on the way to Sadie’s party. I’m going to ruin my new UGGs! If we both show up covered in mud, what will everyone think?”

Monica: “I know, I know, but Dani sounded so sad in the note – like maybe he/she is actually depressed? It won’t take long – we will look at the magic ponderosa by the park and if D isn’t there, then at least we tried. Besides, we want to be fashionably late, right?”

Sara: “I’m always fashionable. I should be an influencer on YouTube. “

Monica: “Have you seen what Tracey wants us to wear for our song for the Talent Show?”

Sara: “Yes! Like who thinks that pink and red go together? She has no fashion sense AT ALL.

Monica: Shhhhh.....I think I hear, like, humming?” *(Elves start humming the Ooohs of Listen to the Wind)*

Sara: “What the what? I hear it too! It’s coming from over there. Do we hide?”

Verity: “There is no need to hide, young humans. We will not harm you. We are here to help.”

Sara: “What in the name of Gucci are you wearing?”

Monica: “Are those leaves and moss?”

Harken: “Of course! We are creatures of the forest and the rivers, at one with nature.”

Sara: “Do you see the pointy ears? What kind of crazy Halloween nightmare is this?”

Verity: “We are the Elves. You especially, Monica, should recognize us.....you used to long to be one of us.”

Monica: “How do you know my name?”

Verity: “You both need to learn the value of listening to others, and not judging based on outward appearances.”

Auricle: “What matters is what is in here.” *(gestures to heart)*

Harken: “Here, sit, take a deep calming breath, and open your ears and hearts.”

SONG: LISTEN TO THE WIND

*When you listen to the wind, you hear howling and whispering
It whips your hair and kisses your face, it takes you away to a distant place
The wind can sing a lovely song, and you can listen all day long
But the wind cannot listen to you*

*When you listen to a friend, you might here heartache and suffering
You might hear fear, uncertainty, or worry over what will be
But listening with an open heart helps your friend not to feel apart
And a friend can truly listen to you too, oooo*

Ooooooohs

When you see others honestly, not just how you wish them to be

*You give the gift of empathy, and it will come back to you
Just when you need it too, oooooo*

Ooooooooohs

(As soon as song is over, chorus exits; some change back into pixie and dwarf costumes)

Monica: "Sarah are youcrying?"

Sara: "I feel like such a jerk. I'm sorry Mon. I think I kinda forgot who I am. I just want people to like me, you know? But if they only like me for my clothes or who I'm friends with, that's not real."

Monica: "We used to have real friends."

Verity: "It's not too late to rediscover your true friendships."

Sara: "Oh! Dani! Thank you,uh.....Elves.....but we've got to go!"

Auricle: "Remember to truly listen.... Listen.....listen" *(Elves gesture at their ears as they go offstage)*

REPRISE OF LISTEN TO THE WIND

SCENE 9

(Dani is sitting alone in the woods surrounded by the Goblins except Malice)

Isolation: “You’ve been out here alone for hours”

Dani: “I’ve been out here alone for hours.”

Antipathy: “They’re not coming – they were never going to come”

Dani: “Maybe they’re just running late?”

Greed: “Nonsense! No one cares about you or your silly little magical friendship book.”

(D starts to cry and goblins form a circle around him/her. Brody and Nicole run onstage)

Brody: “Look! Dani is here!”

Nicole: “Dani! Dani! It’s like he/she can’t hear us!” *(Harlan & Quentin enter)*

Quentin: “Guys! I’m so glad you’re here too!”

Harlan: “Ewww! What are those creepy creatures?”

(Sara & Monica enter, calling: “Dani! Dani!”)

Monica: “Oh yay! You’re all here! But where’s Dani?” *(Brody & Nicole point)*

Harlan: “But he/she can’t hear us over those awful troll thingies.”

Malice: *(has come up behind the group)* “Trolls? How dare you! Ahem... I mean, allow me to introduce myself. I am Malice von Prejudicious, Queen of the Goblins, and these are my minions, Spite, Isolation, Antipathy, Gossip, and Greed. *(Goblins surround the kids)* “We’ve had our claws in you all for years now.”

Sara: “But, you’re not real! You only exist in fairytales!”

Malice: “Tell that to Dani. He/She was the final hold out in your little group of “friends”, but as you can see, we finally have her/him in our grasp!”

Brody: “No!” **Nicole:** “You can’t!” **Monica:** “Not Dani!” **Quentin:** “Don’t! Stop!”

Malice: “It’s too late!” *(all Goblins, evil laughter).* “You’ve driven the nails into this coffin all on your own. None of you remembers what it is to be a real friend. This world is full of goblins, and you are no match for us!”

SONG: VOCAL REPRIS: A ROTTEN TIME

Quentin: “Well, I know what true friendship is. I’ve struggled so much to want to leave the comfort of my video game worlds. But today I did!”

Harlan: “Me too! I know I’ve hid behind books and studying in the past, but today, we are both here, even though we’re maybe a little..... scared.” *(joins arms with Quentin)*

Quentin: “We care about Dani!”

(Isolation gets sucked off the stage- need a magical vacuum/sucking sound effect)

Malice: “What was that?”

Greed: “Uh, your royal disgustingness, Isolation got sucked back into the kids’ magical book!”

Malice: “No! It can’t be!” *(Quentin & Harlan push Brody & Nicole forward)*

Brody: “Uh, and we remembered something today too!”

Nicole: “We’re done with bragging and boasting and lying about our accomplishments.”

Brody: “There’s no “I” in team!”

Nicole: “You can count on us Dani. We will make time for you!”

(Antipathy gets sucked off stage)

Malice: “This can’t be happening! Goblins! Attack!”

(Remaining Goblins surround Sarah and Monica)

Greed: “You’re late for Sadie’s party”

Gossip: “If you don’t go you’ll never be popular”

Spite: “These kids are beneath you, you’re the only ones that matter” *(3 goblins repeat lines, louder & louder)*

Harlan: “We have to DO something!”

(Brody, Nicole, Harlan, and Quentin start singing CHORUS of THAT’S WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR; Monica hears them)

Sara: “Aaaargh! I can’t shut them out”

Monica: “Yes you can! Listen to me! Listen to us!”

(All friends join hands, make a circle around Dani, continue singing the song)

Malice: “Noooooo! You little worms! You can’t.....I won’t..... Aaaaaargh!!” *(Malice and last 3 Goblins are sucked off stage) (Friends all squeezing eyes shut. Dani opens eyes)*

Dani: “Whoa! What are you all doing here? I’ve been alone out here for so long! I thought for sure you wouldn’t come.”

Sara: “Dani!” *(All friends rush to hug Dani and exclaim happiness etc.)*

Brody: “We are all so sorry we forgot what true friendship means. But we remember now! And here we are!”

Nicole: “Well, I mean, we totally had help. The, uh..... bearded kind” *(Brody and Nicole elbow each other and laugh)*

Harlan: “What? You must mean the buzzy, mischievous kind?” *(Quentin nods and agrees)*

Monica: “You’re all crazy, you mean the pointy-eared kind, moss-wearing kind!” *(Sara agrees)*

Dani: “You all sound a little loopy. Maybe I’m just hallucinating. There’s no way you would all be here with me. I’m just not worth your time.”

Unicorn: “EEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE **(Neighing)** NOUGH of that!”

(Friends jaws drop, whisper “A unicorn? No way! This is nuts!” etc.)

Unicorn: *(surfer dude)* “Dani, you’ve got to give it up, dude. Your friends are for real, yo. And they like, really love you.”

Dani: “Now I know I’m imagining things. A magical unicorn is giving me a pep talk.”

Unicorn: “You know it! If you won’t believe it from me then who will you believe it from? D, you’re worth it! You just have to stop trying to make others happy and be confident in yourself. Sometimes being a person is too complicated! And when that happens, it’s time to be a Unicorn!” *(Intro plays, elves, pixies, dwarves come on stage)*

Sara: Be a unicorn? What does that even mean”?

Unicorn: “Be yourself! Unapologetically!”

SONG: BE YOURSELF

Vs. 1: Everyone I know is staring, everyone I know is glaring

Judgin' me, nudgin' me, think they can be budgin' me

Sometimes I feel so lonely and so misunderstood

Like I'm winding my way through a dark, eerie woods

Vs. 2: Where oh where can I find strength to keep my chin up

Keep my eyes on the prize in this game called life

Believe in yourself, I've heard that line a thousand times

But I guess I need to hear it maybe once more

CHORUS:

Be yourself! Unapologetically, truthfully, magnetically, dare even poetically

Be yourself! Leaning into who you are, knowing you're a shining star

Oh-oh-oh-oh, Be yourself!

Vs. 3: Everyday I'm worrying, scurrying, lines are feeling

Awfully blurry, in this thing called life

I rely on my friends to lift me up, fill my cup

But a friend can't be around all the time

Vs. 4: So I learn to tell myself, you are strong, you are worthy

You are smart, you are learning how to stand on your own

I'm creative and persistent and I remain consistent

With this message, so let's hear it once more

CHORUS ---- REPEAT VS 4-----CHORUS

(Some of chorus stay on stage after song, rest go back and around to come up aisles for last song)

(Dani keeps dancing after song. Mains: "go Dani! go Dani! Woohoo!!" All center stage, arms around each other)

Dani: "It is so amazing to have you all back in my life. I'm never letting you go again."

Monica: "I think we have to be a little bit realistic though- we are all growing up, and there are things that will start to separate us over time."

Brody: "It can't be exactly the way it was when we were in Kindergarten."

Sara: "But it can be better! We can learn from each other."

Nicole: "And all our different interests don't have to divide us."

Harlan: "Exactly! We can still find ways to support each other even if we like to do different things."

Quentin: "I'm tellin' you guys – a regular D & D tournament could be epic."

Dani: "Or we can switch it up! Each month, a different person picks what we do. The important thing is that we're together."

Unicorn: (dusting off hands) "And, my work here is done!"

Loyal, Hilaria, Verity: "Ahem....ahem"

Unicorn: "Oh, yeah my dudes! Totally, uh, I mean, OUR work....heh heh"

Verity: "Remember, young ones, this work is never done. Being a friend is a choice, every day."

Loyal: "And working together is the way to play!"

Hilaria: "But don't forget to have fun along the way!"

Unicorn: "Dudes, that was so corny. I love corny. Cuz' I'm a uni-CORN. Get it, heh, heh" (*Verity, Hilaria, and Loyal groan*)

Dani: "Thank you, all of you, for helping us remember. Did I really hear you guys singing our old song earlier?"

Monica: "You sure did! Will you sing it with us?" (*Mains link arms*)

SONG: THAT'S WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR
(*Whole song, whole cast, chorus in aisles*)

*When we were little the world was open wide
It seemed so easy to keep friends by your side
As we grow older we're just starting to see
Friendship is an honor, friendship is a gift
A lifeline from you to me*

*CHORUS: I will be your friend, you can take my hand
And we'll walk this path through sometimes shifting sand
I will lend my ear, and try to understand
My heart is an open door
Because that's what friends are for*

*Growing up means dreaming different dreams
Growing up is harder than it seems
Growing up can mean growing apart
But you will always have a place
These moments cannot be replaced
They are written upon my heart*

CHORUS

(Spoken) Quentin: "I will be at your game next week!"

Monica: "Thanks for coming to my concert!"

Harlan & Sara: "We can't wait for movie night at your house!"

Dani: "I get it- you need some space. Just let me know when you want to talk!"

Brody: "Come hike with my family on Sunday!"

Nicole: "I'm here for you" Sara: "I'm here for you" Dani: "We're here for you!"

CHORUS

THE END

