

TOMMY

Why?

FRANK THE TROLL

Because you savages destroyed a lot of the magic folk
in your war.

TOMMY

I didn't.

FRANK THE TROLL

Your ancestors did.

TOMMY

That's terrible.

*LARRY THE UNICORN enters from stage right,
hissing at Tommy, as he passes to stage left.*

TOMMY

Whoa! Was that a unicorn?

FRANK THE TROLL

Yes.

TOMMY

Cool. Why did it hiss at me?

FRANK THE TROLL

You'd be upset too, if your kind was almost
completely wiped out.

TOMMY

We did that?

FRANK THE TROLL

Yeah, YOU.

TOMMY

I've never even seen a unicorn!

FRANK THE TROLL

Yeah, but you're ance-

TOMMY

My ancestors. I know, I know.

TOMMY (CONT.)

Look, I am quite busy. Can I pass?

FRANK THE TROLL

You most certainly cannot.

TOMMY

Why not?

FRANK THE TROLL

I just told you! We could get into a lot of trouble just speaking to one another. Larry already saw you!

TOMMY

What's he going to do?

FRANK THE TROLL

He could easily impale you with his horn.

TOMMY

I thought that horn just shot out glitter?

FRANK THE TROLL

Glitter? What the hell have you been reading?

TOMMY

This.

Tommy lifts his book.

FRANK THE TROLL

Seriously, why do you have that?

TOMMY

It was passed down to me.

FRANK THE TROLL

Passed down? Like, in a line?

TOMMY

No, like a family heirloom?

FRANK THE TROLL

Isn't that a tomato?

TOMMY

What? No. Hold on, you don't know what a human is, but you know what an Heirloom tomato is?

FRANK THE TROLL

Trolls are a very complicated species.

TOMMY

(in a hushed voice)
Complicatedly stupid...

FRANK THE TROLL

What was that?

TOMMY

Nothing. Step aside Grundle. I have to go.

FRANK THE TROLL

Grundle? Who the hell is that?

TOMMY

You?

FRANK THE TROLL

Me?

TOMMY

Yes, you.

FRANK THE TROLL

The name is Frank.

TOMMY

(laughing) You're name is Frank?!

FRANK THE TROLL

Yes. Why is that funny?

TOMMY

It's such a normal name.

FRANK THE TROLL

So is yours?

TOMMY

But I'm not a troll.

FRANK THE TROLL

And that means you can't have a normal name?

TOMMY

No. Anyway Frank, it's been real, but I have to go.

FRANK THE TROLL

Well you can't.

TOMMY

I really don't have time for this.

FRANK THE TROLL

You late for something?

TOMMY

I have a lot of walking to do.

FRANK THE TROLL

Where exactly do you think you're going?

TOMMY

According to my research, I must pass the first bridge, and onward East.

FRANK THE TROLL

Onward East, to what?

TOMMY

The magic seer stone.

FRANK THE TROLL

The what now?

TOMMY

Magic seer stone. You really don't know this forest do you?

FRANK THE TROLL

Pretty much been here, but I have seen my fair share of the forest.

TOMMY

Then you must have seen this stone.

FRANK THE TROLL

Maybe I have.

TOMMY

Sounds like you haven't.

FRANK THE TROLL

Shut up!

TOMMY

No need to get testy.

FRANK THE TROLL

I can't let you pass.

TOMMY

Don't trolls allow passage with a toll?

FRANK THE TROLL

Yeah. Give me information on this stone, that I totally already know about, and I'll let you pass.

TOMMY

I'm sure.

FRANK THE TROLL

Start talking.

TOMMY

The magic seer stone is said to allow one to summon another being to that location.

FRANK THE TROLL

You can summon anyone?

TOMMY

That's the rumor.

FRANK THE TROLL

Hmm, and you think you can just go waltzing through the forest to this stone?

TOMMY

That's the idea.

FRANK THE TROLL

Look kid, the forest is dangerous, and you'll need a guide.

TOMMY

A guide?

FRANK THE TROLL

A guide!

TOMMY

Like who?

FRANK THE TROLL

Like me.

TOMMY

Just like that?

FRANK THE TROLL

Just like that.

TOMMY

Why the sudden change of heart?

FRANK THE TROLL

Well, you were right. I haven't seen much of this forest in a long time. We can help one another out.

TOMMY

How's that?

FRANK THE TROLL

I act as your guide through the forest, and you help me get away from this bridge.

TOMMY

Why would you need help with that?

FRANK THE TROLL

Because.....its never been done.

TOMMY

A troll leaving a bridge?

FRANK THE TROLL

Yup.

TOMMY

What will happen?

FRANK THE TROLL

Your guess is as good as mine.

TOMMY

What if you explode?

FRANK THE TROLL

Then you explode with me. Deal?

TOMMY

Being that I need to get to this stone, I guess I'll take that risk.

FRANK THE TROLL

Ok, let's go to the other side.

FRANK and TOMMY walk across the bridge. FRANK stops a couple feet from the bridge.

TOMMY

Are you coming?

FRANK THE TROLL

I'm scared.

TOMMY

You've got be kidding.

FRANK THE TROLL

What?

TOMMY

You see, this is why I wasn't scared of you. The book says you're mostly docile creatures.

FRANK THE TROLL

I might explode!

TOMMY

That was a joke, Frank.

FRANK THE TROLL

Well now I can't stop thinking about it.

TOMMY

Just c'mon!

FRANK THE TROLL

Ok. Ok. Maybe I just run for it?

TOMMY

(sigh) Yeah, that might work.

FRANK THE TROLL

Here we go! You ready?

TOMMY

Ready...

FRANK runs off stage while yelling.

FRANK THE TROLL (O.S.)

BANZAI!

TOMMY

Wow.

FRANK comes running back to the bridge.

FRANK THE TROLL

I forgot to leave a note.

FRANK pulls out a piece of parchment from his traveling bag that has been under the bridge. He licks the paper and sticks it on the bridge.

TOMMY
That's disgusting!

FRANK THE TROLL
What?

TOMMY
Nothing, let's go.

FRANK and TOMMY exit stage left.

LARRY THE UNICORN enters stage right.

LARRY THE UNICORN
Frank! Frank! We have to talk about this human.
Frank?

*LARRY THE UNICORN approaches the bridge and
picks up the piece of paper on the bridge and
reads it.*

LARRY THE UNICORN
"Gone adventuring, be back soon." Frank, no! The
spell of binding!

LARRY THE UNICORN runs after FRANK and TOMMY.

Blackout.

Scene 2

*FRANK and TOMMY approach an opening in the
forest. There is lush greenery around, but not a
soul in sight. They sit on some rocks, taking a
rest from their journey.*

TOMMY
We've been walking for days.

FRANK THE TROLL
Yeah, this sun is really unforgiving.

TOMMY
Yeah, speaking of that, you look a little flushed.

FRANK THE TROLL
I'm fine.

TOMMY
You sure you're ok?

FRANK THE TROLL
I'm great.

TOMMY
You look grey.

FRANK THE TROLL
Isn't that my normal color?

TOMMY
I guess? You just look a little odd.

FRANK THE TROLL
I'll be fine. Let's just rest here a bit.

TOMMY
Fine by me.

FRANK THE TROLL
I had no idea this forest was so big.

TOMMY
I knew you hadn't been this way.

FRANK THE TROLL
I said I passed by this way. I never said that I
frolicked here for days on end.

TOMMY
Fair enough.

FRANK THE TROLL
You want to let me in on why you need this stone?

TOMMY
That's personal.

FRANK THE TROLL
Fine. Don't say why.

TOMMY
I'm not.

FRANK THE TROLL
You know, you're one uppity human.

TOMMY
I'm the only human you've ever met.

FRANK THE TROLL
And you're uppity. Point proven.

TOMMY

You're odd.

FRANK THE TROLL

I'm odd? You're the one who goes walking through a dense and dangerous forest, alone.

TOMMY

I have my reasons.

FRANK THE TROLL

Which you won't tell me.

TOMMY

Right.

FRANK THE TROLL

Fine.

TOMMY

Fine.

FRANK THE TROLL

I gotta tell you kid, this has been one hell of a trip.

TOMMY

It's only been a few days.

FRANK THE TROLL

Are you kidding me? I have been sitting at that bridge for an eternity!

TOMMY

How long is an eternity?

FRANK THE TROLL

Like....at least 10 years.

TOMMY

That's a decade.

FRANK THE TROLL

You're a decade!

TOMMY

What does that even mean?

FRANK THE TROLL

I don't know.

TOMMY

So that's why you decided to guide me?

FRANK THE TROLL

Yeah, that's it.

TOMMY

You sure?

FRANK THE TROLL

Pretty much.

TOMMY

I have the feeling you're not telling me the whole
tru-

*LARRY THE UNICORN comes running in from stage
right.*

LARRY THE UNICORN

THERE YOU ARE!

TOMMY

What?

LARRY THE UNICORN

Shut up, meatbag!

TOMMY

Meatbag?

FRANK THE TROLL

Take it easy, Larry. What's up?

LARRY THE UNICORN

What's up?! You left your bridge!

FRANK THE TROLL

And?

LARRY THE UNICORN

Frank, you can't just leave your post! There are
rules!

TOMMY

Why? What happens if he does?

LARRY THE UNICORN

(hisses) I'll deal with YOU in a minute!