Secrets of Montmartre 4

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ACT 1, SCENE 1
PALACE- MODERN DAY

The camera sweeps across the intricate details inside the grand hall of the Palace of Versailles, stopping at a extraordinary portrait of King Louis, painted by Charles Le Brun.

INT: VERSAILLES

Screen Graphics: Palace of Versailles

Muriel, an art historian and tour guide leads a curious group of peopl.

Muriel: Female, Caucasian, French accent, 60's-80's. Tour Museum Leader. She is polished, confident, articulate, and great storyteller.

MURIEL

(excited)

Bienvenue everyone! Welcome as we say in French. Here we stand before one of our greatest masterpieces of all time. This stunning portrait of King Louis the fourteenth, a ruler who truly transformed the monarchy through his vision and artistry.

(informative)

These paintings are not just mere decoration, but depict power. Just like the crowns and jewels worn by the noblemen, each stroke, and color tells a story of legacy, and power.

Young Woman Journalist raises her hand to ask a question.

YOUNG WOMAN JOURNALIST

(steps forward)

I am eagerly awaiting the tale of legacy and power regarding the Crown of Deception. Madam Muriel, can you go into more detail?

MURIEL

(smiles)

Well, the Legend all started when Elizabeth placed the Crown of Hearts on her head, and became Princess Elizabeth, which ignited a magical quest for The Crown of Spades.

YOUNG WOMAN JOURNALIST Is this so called epic quest

include mystical curses?

The mom and her teenage daughter Fiona lean forward.

FIONA (TEEN)

(curious)

Do curses even really exist?

The mother shakes her head in a dismissive manner.

MIDDLE AGED MOM

(stern)

Don't be silly Fiona. Curses are made up storylines in fairytales.

Before Muriel can continue Peter Emerson, Estelle's long lost Uncle interrupts.

Peter Emerson: Male, Caucasian, 70's, Estelle's long lost Uncle. He is looking for Estelle and trying to solve the folklore of ancient relics that his brother left behind.

Fernando: Male, Hispanic or Caucasian, 50's, Lorenzo Bourbon's spy, Mysterious, Calculating, and Corrupt. He is there to find out more about the folklore of the curse, and report back to Lorenzo. Dressed in all Black.

PETER EMERSON

(eyes light up)

Madam moselle you are wrong, those tales often hold a stone of truth! Here you will find real spanish gold.

He instantly takes out a small treasure chest and opens the chest. The Spanish gold is sparkling. The curiosity of the group has piqued.

PETER EMERSON (CONT'D)

(smiling)

Legend says it all began with fearless pirates and commoners who sought to reclaim treasures stolen from greedy nobles!

MURIEL

Indeed, Monsieur Emerson, there is often a kernal of truth in these stories. But first let's go back to the year of April 1701, deep within these very walls.

EXT: PALACE

INT: VERSAILLES ROYAL

ACT 1, SCENE 2 OF VERSAILLES- FLASHBACK- 1701- GARDENS

MURIEL (V.O.)

Political tension was brewing between the noblemen and commoners.

The grand extravagance of the Castle is depicted as the title of the Movie comes on Screen.

Screen Graphics "Secrets of Montmartre 4" Crown of Deception.

The camera shows the exterior of the large Versailles Palace Garden with Victorian orchestra music playing in the background.

Screen Graphic display "A Silver Lights Studios Production" Written by Michelle Lynn....followed by "Starring in...."

The camera travels from outside exteriors of Versailles to inside a window of the royal court.

ACT 1, SCENE 3 COURT-1701-DAY

The camera begins to focus on King Henry, adorned in regal garments, talking quietly with Duke Phillip. Alongside the Duke is the radiant Princess Elizabeth.

King Louis: Male, Caucasian, 50's-70's, French Accent, King Louis the 14th. King of the Royal Court. King Attributes: Confident, Commanding, Polished, High Society, and Humorous.

Princess Elizabeth (Estelle): Female, Caucasian, early 30's, Radiant, Regal, British Accent, Comical, Victorian, Passionate, Torn between two men, and two destinies. Leading Actress- role written for Michelle Lynn

Duke Phillip: Duke of New Orleans, Caucasian Male, Light features, 40's-60's. Handsome, Charming, Philip the Second, first Cousin to King Louis. High Royal Authoritarian in the government and the art world. Patron of the arts, extremely charming, spontaneous. Lead Actor. Smitten with Princess Elizabeth and plans on marrying her.

Chancellor John: Male, Caucasian , 50-70's, Maintains order in the royal court: Voice of Reason, Witty, Polished, and high society

Lawyer Pierre Carron: Male, Caucasian, French lawyer of the royal court. french accent preferred, long curly hair, dressed in the 1700's formal attire. Lawyer of the court, but has his heart in helping the commoners. A man of conviction, and finds himself at odds with his role.

Inside the bustling royal court chambers, chatter is alive. King Henry sits regally on the throne, while Duke Phillip stands beside him, holding the hand of Princess Elizabeth. Lawyer Pierre Carron is reviewing scrolls. Chancellor John parades in a commanding presence as the Court Jester is juggling.

KING LOUIS

(engaging)

Good evening, Sir Chancellor John, I welcome your forecast.

CHANCELLOR JOHN

(steady and loud)
King Louis, The Royal landscape is
gloomy and the off shore tides are
rising Pirates have turned their

rising. Pirates have turned their wicked eye to our noble lands.

DUKE PHILLIP

(curious)

Sir Chancellor who is leading this crusade of merry robbers?

CHANCELLOR JOHN

None other than the notorious Captain Davey Dark Skull, and his pitiful first mate Ethan Cooper. They roam the land, stealing Spanish coins and stirring up chaos.

THE CAMERA PANS ON PRINCESS ELIZABETH'S FACE AND SHE IS NOT LOOKING WELL. THEN DUKE PHILLIP TURNS TO HER.

DUKE PHILLIP

(concerned)

My Dearest Elizabeth, thee looks as thou saw a ghost. Dost thou feel ill?

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(takes a deep breath)
My dearest Phillip, these
nightmarish shadows from my
childhood still haunt me. I grew
up listening to tales of the
Scourge of The Seven Seas. Tis the
name sends shivers down my spine.

DUKE PHILLIP

(holds her hand tightly)
Fret not my love, for upon the
highest hill, no pirate will ever
ever come between us! I protect
thee with valor and anyone that
even tries, I will

(takes out a small sword)
"off with their head!."

ACT 1, SCENE 4
COURT CHAMBERS-1701-DAY

COURT JESTER: Male, Any Race, 20-40, French Accent, shorter and smaller frame. Funny and Entertaining.

INT: VERSAILLES ROYAL

The Court Jester juggles and then moves to the front.

COURT JESTER

(entertaining)

A fishy pirate will stink of dirty truth. They perfer to arrrr their dirty deeds in the heavenly sea!

Laughter erupts in the court chamber, including King Louis.

KING LOUIS

(righteous)

A jest in time. Now Chancellor John what dost thou propose to get rid of the dirty pirates?

CHANCELLOR JOHN

(finger to his facethinking)

Sire, A perfect trap. A cleverly crafted map that X marks the spot of fake treasures and a bloody victory.

DUKE PHILLIP

If my ears hear me right, Chancellor John, thou devised a deadly treasure hunt that sparkles like Spanish gold but smells of a foul death trap?

CHANCELLOR JOHN

(sinister)

Correct, Duke Phillip. A trap of bloody guts.

A sound of a trumpet in the background plays for a second.

KING LOUIS

(animated)

Chancellor, A very brilliant plan! Lawyer Pierre Carron, dost thou agree with such a sinister scheme?

Pierre stops looking at the scroll. His eyes show a slight hesitation for a second.

LAWYER PIERRE CARRON

(forced smile and excitement)

Aye, Your majesty, a most clever plan. But where shall we mark "X" on this feign treasure map?

KING LOUIS

(definitive)

The outskirts of the Versailles Forest.

The courtiers in the audience are excited and resume chatter.

ACT 1, SCENE 5 STREETS OF FRANCE -1701-LATE DAY EXT: TOWN SQUARE-

The crowd cheers Captain Dark Davey protest on at Town Square. Sea Grace, Ethan Cooper, and Liam Dupont are in the crowd too.

Liam Dupont: Male, Caucasian, Handsome, 40's-50's, French Accent, High End Criminal who is a Pirate now. Teams with Ethan to help break the curse. Same actor from past Secrets.

Ethan Cooper: Male, Caucasian, (40-50's) Former American CIA turned Pirate, Estelle's former Husband. Hero figure with an American James Bond personality, and great action skills. He will not stop until he saves the day, and breaks the curse. His heart is with Estelle.

Action skills, and someone fit preferred. (Lead) Same actor in Secrets 1,2,& 3. (Type-Mission Impossible-Stunts-Fit-Great Actor)

Captain Davey-Dark Skull: Male, Caucasian, 40's-50's, Charming Pirate from the 1700's, Pirate Accent, Wit, Calculating, quick thinking, and a Villain. Think Pirates of the Carribean, Jack Sparrow using more wit, than force. (improv skills are a must for complex characters) same actor from Secrets 3

Sea Grace: Female, Caucasian or Hispanic, 30's-40's, Strong Character type but still Feminine, Charming, Pirate Dialect with British Accent. Long Hair, and feminine appearance - same actress from Secrets 3

CAPTAIN DAVEY

(dramatic-loud)

Today, my good people, we clean up the blood spilled from our ancestors. The blood that the monarchy is responsible for.

There is loud cheering.

CROWD

(all together)

Bring down the crown. Bring down the crown.

CAPTAIN DAVEY

(leading)

Why should we be at thou mercy of an almighty King who feasts like a pig, while we starve like skeletons in the dark?

COMMONER 1

Why should we suffer while they live a merry life?

COMMONER 2

If we don't act soon, the King will have us at a loss, marching to the tune of slavery.

COMMONER 3

The King has no time for tunes of lost battles. The Royal Court plans on playing melodies of victories in Spain's grand treaty and the upcoming marriage of Duke Phillip and Princess Elizabeth.

The crowd starts to erupt louder.

THE CAMERA PANS TO ETHAN COOPER'S SOMBER EXPRESSION AS HE HEARS THOSE WORDS.

ACT 1, SCENE 6 INT: ETHAN'S BOAT CABIN-FLASHBACK FROM SECRETS 3 (ACT 5, SCENE 4)

THERE IS A FLASHBACK FROM THE BOAT.

The camera pans to the closet of the Victorian style dresses and then back to Ethan.

Estelle Emerson: (same character as Princess Elizabeth)
Female, Caucasian, Ethan's Wife and partner in crime in the
past time travels, and is currently Princess Elizabeth.

ETHAN COOPER

(teasing)

I'm starting to wonder if your dressing for Captain Davey or for royalty?

Estelle turns around to face Ethan.

ESTELLE EMERSON

(flirty)

Come on Ethan, I would never be interested in a fishy pirate! That is Sea Grace's territory. That ship sailed.

ETHAN COOPER

(playful)

Fair Enough. I just hope I never lose the best treasure I've ever found.

Estelle steps closer.

ESTELLE EMERSON

(serious-she takes his hand)

Ethan, I will always be your most cherished treasure.

ETHAN COOPER

(flirting-upclose)

Well good, I hope you always have the hots for an inner operative agent turned superhero. Estelle looks at him with beaming eyes.

ESTELLE EMERSON

(love struck)

The only superhero I have the hots for is the one I'm going to kiss right now.

Their lips meet in a tender, electrifying kiss, and above the deck. The bell begins ringing.

THE RING OF THE BELL TRANSITIONS THE SCENE

ACT 1, SCENE 7 STREETS OF FRANCE -1701-LATE DAY

1701 PRESENT DAY

EXT: TOWN SQUARE-

The same bell rings in the new scene at town square. Liam notices that Ethan is day dreaming. The crowd in the background is protesting.

LIAM DUPONT

(scolds)

Mate! Your still pining for the princess? It's been ages.

ETHAN COOPER

(heartbroken)

Liam, I can't help it. I would do anything to just see her face again, even if it means risking it all.

LIAM DUPONT

(lectures)

Ethan, all is not fair in love and war. A dirty pirate sure can not battle a new crown of royalty. Hath remind thou she is marrying a Duke!

JUST THEN THE CAMERA PANS TO A SIGN THAT SAYS "TO THE SORCERER" APPEARS AS ETHAN NOTICES IT.

ETHAN COOPER

(defensive)

Our love is stronger than this Duke. Just what if we found a sorcerer that can magically help dirty pirates like us sneak into the castle.

(points to the sign)
(MORE)

ETHAN COOPER (CONT'D)

Look. "To the Sorcerer". You know what that means.

LIAM DUPONT

(mocking)

Mate, Come on? A Sorcerer? Last time I checked we were dealing with uptight royals not a magical fairytale.

ETHAN COOPER

(confident)

Last time I checked, we time traveled from the Isle of Maravillas to Versailles on a mission to change the fairytale legend of The Crown of Spades. We may need a bit of magic to shake up the royals.

THE CAMERA THEN PANS BACK TO CAPTAIN DAVEY RALLYING THE CROWD.

CAPTAIN DAVEY

(determined)

And together, thou will unite, and prevail against the monarchy.

ALL (PIRATES AND COMMONERS)

(determined and loud)
Thou will unite and fight!
 (shout 3 times)

ACT 1, SCENE 8
SQUARE- STREETS OF FRANCE -1701-LATE DAY

EXT: TOWN

Captain Davey notices Lawyer Pierre Carron dressed in disguise, a large colorful hat and tattered clothes. He comes closer to Pierre Carron as the crowd follows him. Sea Grace is by Captain Davey's side.

CAPTAIN DAVEY

(eye brows raise)

If it isn't the Pierre Carrone, a royal mate, why do you hide like a thief in the night?

LAWYER PIERRE CARRON

(caution)

I come not to join thou escapades, but to warn you, and your outlaws.

CAPTAIN DAVEY

(eyes popping out-comical)
Speak now, or I may mark you as a
royal fish to catch, cook, and then
eat you alive.

LAWYER PIERRE CARRON

(rolling eyes)
Captain Davey, for god sakes, stop
the antics! I come with fair
warning that the royals have a
noose with your name on it. They
are planning traps to catch outlaws
like all of you and then to the
gallows.

CAPTAIN DAVEY

(he gets out his swordplayful)

And Here I thought I was the sharpest fighter in town, but fret not, dear Pierre, if you forgot, I sail in storms. Besides gallows or not, I always fancied myself a bit of a rope lover. What pirate doesn't love a good swinging fight? Aye!

The crowd cheers.

LAWYER PIERRE CARRON

(serious)

You jest now but the stakes are higher than a French Soufflé. Your boasting will be your downfall, and the cheering Commoners will not be able to save your sinking ship.

As Pierre Carron is about to leave, Sea Grace interjects.

SEA GRACE

( mocking)

Oh Lord of the night, lighten up, thou act as the pirates plan a bloody tea party with the King. I rest assure you, Captain Davey will not drown in a puddle of royal nonsense!

LAWYER PIERRE CARRON

(upset- shakes his head)
You two think this is a royal game of chess?

(MORE)

LAWYER PIERRE CARRON (CONT'D)

One wrong move, and the checkmate is death. Heed the warning!

SEA GRACE

(mocking)

Oh please Pierre, with that Hat, you look more like an animal trying to miserably hunt, but failing to catch.

LAWYER PIERRE CARRON

(Adjusting his hatdefensive)

My fair lady, If thou were my prey, I would starve as I am not looking to catch or get caught. I am just a fair messenger.

CAPTAIN DAVEY

(mocking)

Aye! Fairness would only be such matters that would put you on trial for that outrageous hat, or just be a mere warning.

The crowd laughs. As Pierre Carron bites his lip and realizes the crowd is turning against him.

LAWYER PIERRE CARRON

(steps back-about to

leave)

Very Well. Just remember Captain Davey, I warned you.

ACT 1, SCENE 9 SQUARE- STREETS OF FRANCE -1701-LATE DAY EXT: TOWN

As he leaves, a group of bandits gallop into the Market causing a stir among the commoners.

Bandit Leader: Male, Caucasian, 30-40's, fit, french accent preferred.

CAPTAIN DAVEY

(raises his his handcommanding attention) Halt! No bloodshed. He is not the Kracken! Let him go. BANDIT LEADER

(sinister)

He may not have tentacles, but he is a filthy rich noblemen stealing our land.

CAPTAIN DAVEY

(serious)

Lads, he is just one of the King's Pawns in this game of injustice. Thou should Let him go or there will be bigger storms to weather.

The bandit leader signals the others to put their swords down.

BANDIT LEADER

(serious)

As you wish Captain Davey.

Lawyer Pierre Carron leaves quickly.

ACT 1, SCENE 10 SORCERER-1701-LATE DAY

Ethan and Liam are walking down a winding path encircled with lingering shadows. There is a worn out sign that says "To the Sorcerer". They walk past it and see a run down lair.

EXT: PATH TO

ETHAN COOPER

(excitement)

Liam, this is it, the lair of the Sorcerer. Our answers lie ahead. Perhaps she can help us sneak into the Castle of Versailles to see Estelle.

LIAM DUPONT

(doubtful)

Aye, but let's not forget Estelle is Princess Elizabeth now, and that we also seek to break the curse of the Crown of Spades, otherwise we will miserably rot in Versailles as the kingdom crumbles, unable to write history.

ETHAN COOPER

(confident)

Liam, I am not prepared to be one knight's deadly feast nor a commoner's famine.

(MORE)

INT: SORCERER'S

ETHAN COOPER (CONT'D)

I'm only prepared to change a royal legacy of love and liberty.

They approach the lair. It resembles a shabby wooden home.

ACT 1, SCENE 11 LIAR-1701-LATE DAY

The Sorcerer's home is dark, dusty, and mysterious. Candles are dimly lit, and there are ancient artifacts spread all over. The Sorcerer, a wise old women with long white hair, and deep set wrinkles welcomes the pirates.

The Sorcerer: Female, Any race, 60-80's, long white hair, full of wisdom, and practices witchcraft

The light appears as the Camera pans on the sorcerer.

THE SORCERER

(eerie voice )

Come in my brave souls. I am the Queen of Sorcerers, the most feared but loved Witch of them all.

(curious)

What brings thee to my magical abode? Broken hearts, wars, or curses? Speak thy wishes.

ETHAN COOPER

(stepping forward-eager)
My great Sorceress, I seek thee
magic that will sneak me into the
Grand Palace of Versailles to
converse with the lady of the royal
court, Princess Elizabeth.

LIAM DUPONT

And don't forget Ethan, we seek thy wisdom to break the legendary curse of the Crown of Spades.

With an air of magic, the Sorcerer raises her hand as the light begins to shine on the large crystal ball.

THE SORCERER

(commands-raises her wand)
The powers of ancient magic, heed
my call! Reveal to me the Crown of
Spades, where destinies intertwine!

The Crystal ball glows fiercely revealing the opulent furniture in the royal chamber. The Crystal ball shows the image of Duke Phillip and Princess Elizabeth conversing.

CUT TO: HIDDEN VERSAILLES ROYAL CHAMBER

DUKE PHILLIP

(excited)

Our wedding will eclipse all others. A memorable night awaits with the grandest of celebrations.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

And my dear Phillip, what about the age old secrets amongst these very walls?

THE CAMERA PANS TO THE CROWN OF SPADES CROWN DURING THE DIALOGUE.

DUKE PHILLIP

(proving a point)

Nonsense, my lady, truth prevails in the royal kingdom, and secrets are for traitors.

CUT TO: SORCERER'S LIAR

The sorcerer waves her hand and a map of the castle appears.

THE SORCERER

The map shows all the important landmark spots in the castle. Use it to help you steer clear of danger and capture the Crown of Spades when thee time has arrived.

She pauses and then her voice becomes low.

THE SORCERER (CONT'D)

(warning-serious)

But to activate the magic of the Crown of Spades, thou must be seeking true love and justice for all.

LIAM DUPONT

(joking)

Aye, Tis thee Romeo, and that would be thee Ethan.

She hands over the map to Ethan Cooper.

THE SORCERER

(echoing loud)

Before the union of Princess Elizabeth and Duke Phillips, a true warrior must claim the crown of spades.

ETHAN COOPER

(worried)

But what will happen to Elizabeth? Will I ever see her? And will she return as Estelle in the future?

THE SORCERER

(softer)

Fret not, brave Ethan! This medallion shall grant thee invisibility. Use it wisely.

Ethan Touches the Medallion and instantaneously, he and Liam are transported to Versailles in invisible form.

ACT 1, SCENE 12 INT: VERSAILLES ROYAL BEDROOM - 1701-EARLY EVENING

The lavishly decorated bedroom is adorned with custom furniture and art. Duke Phillip is adjusting his look while Princess Elizabeth touches the antique pocket watch given to her by Helena, the mermaid.

DUKE PHILLIP

(turns around from the mirror)

Ah my beloved! I can't wait to see you in the most magnificent wedding gown ever worn. The stars will align as our love will light the night!

The camera zooms in on the pocket watch as Duke Phillip eye catches sight of it.

DUKE PHILLIP (CONT'D)

(concerned)

My lovely Elizabeth, thou should be as happy as the sunshine glistening in the meadows?

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(worried )

My dearest Phillip, my sunshine will always be bright, but my father is gloomy with illness, and will not be able to travel from lands far away.

DUKE PHILLIP

(comforting)

Fear not, sweet Elizabeth, the glory of the Lord will bless him. Perhaps a royal visit will cheer him up?

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(nervous)

A visit indeed would be a breath of fresh air, but time is ticking away before our big wedding day. There are loose ends that very much need to be tied up.

DUKE PHILLIP

(points to the watchsuspicious)

And doth this trinket of time connect to witchcraft? Are you keeping a secret of time?

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(reassures)

Ah My love, of course not. All my time is to becoming the Duchess of Versailles, and that means giving my time and heart to only thee.

(She grabs Duke Phillips's hand to gain trust)

Ethan, and Liam are invisible.

ETHAN COOPER (INVISIBLE)

(whispers)

I have her heart your royal pain in the ass! Like he knows witchcraft from wine.

LIAM DUPONT (INVISIBLE)

(warning)

Shhh. Keep your voice down, or we may end up in the gallows before the mission is complete.

Princess Elizabeth hears their voices.

ACT 2, SCENE 1
BEDROOM- 1701-NIGHT

INT: VERSAILLES ROYAL

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(dazed)

Ethan?

DUKE PHILLIP

(confused and brows

raising)

Who is thee Ethan?

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(blushes-embarrassed)

Umm, he's a friend from the countryside when I was young girl. A Jester of sorts, full of jokes

and riddles.

DUKE PHILLIP

(wide eyes piqued with

interest)

A Jester you say? Did thou have fair suitors before our courting?

Ethan leans closer to Estelle still Invisible.

ETHAN COOPER (INVISIBLE)

(softly whispers)

Estelle, come on remember you had the strongest suitor over a cowardly duke.

LIAM DUPONT (INVISIBLE)

Mate, Keep quiet. Let her fancy

Duke Phillip is watching Estelle closely, noticing how uncomfortable she is.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(sharp and recovering from

her mistake)

My dear Phillip, I fancy only one suitor. I adore tales of valor and romance, and truly you are more lovely than a Shakespearean knight.

Suddenly two Lords of the Knight burst unexpectedly into the chamber .

KNIGHT LORD ONE

(urgency)

Your Majesty! The kingdom is in upheaval, duels and fights have erupted across the land.

KNIGHT LORD TWO

Duke Phillip? The royal council demands thou wisdom.

DUKE PHILLIP

(turns to Elizabeth)
Then let us adjourn. I shall attend
to this matter in the garden
tomorrow, my dear Elizabeth.

As the knight exits, Duke Phillip rushes out.

ACT 2, SCENE 2

INT: VERSAILLES

ROYAL BEDROOM- 1701- NIGHT

Ethan's and Liam's Invisible form is glowing.

ETHAN COOPER

(Invisible)

Princess Elizabeth, You must listen now. This royalty act is only part of the curse. You are Estelle in spirt, my long lost wife.

Princess Elizabeth touches her ornate crown.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(disbelief)

You speak nonsense! Estelle was the past at the Isle de Maravillais. Today, I am Elizabeth, Princess of Versailles.

LIAM DUPONT

(sarcasm)

Princess of Versailles, you have bigger shoes to fill than Cinderella. Your loyalty to the mission calls for more than Crowns and gowns.

Suddenly the magic fades, and the two men become visible. Estelle is shocked as she sees the magic fade right before her own two eyes.

ETHAN COOPER

My lady of the royal court, The Crown of Hearts may of transformed you, but don't forget it still binds us. We must be brave to break thy legendary curse.

Princess Elizabeth is upset.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(fear)

And what if we get caught? Then off with our heads, and branded a traitor!

ETHAN COOPER

(intense)

The castle walls hold ancient secrets that can erase history if we don't act soon. The Sorcerer's commands we act swiftly otherwise the universe and Kingdom will all turn into dust.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(snobby)

The mere thought of being a dusty peasant will shatter my crown.

A voice echoes from outside the chamber, and panic floods over Princess Elizabeth.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH (CONT'D)

(urgent- pointing to an
 exit)

Come! You shall be caught if you stay here.

ETHAN COOPER

(grabs the sword and shield)

This royal armour will for sure look good on me.

LIAM DUPONT

(smirking)

If we don't die first.

Liam and Ethan grab the sword an shield.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH (softly- directing them to the secret exit) (MORE)

PRINCESS ELIZABETH (CONT'D)

This way.

INT: HIDDEN BACK ENTRANCE

INT: VERSAILLES GARDEN-

Princess Elizabeth opens a bookshelf which leads them through a dark hidden passage. They rush through the passage as it leads to the Versailles Gardens.

ACT 2, SCENE 3 1701-NIGHT

The moonlight shines on the lush gardens. There is a dimly lit candle flickering. They see the first knight Henry standing near a rose bush.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(pondering)

How dost one navigate such a large garden? We must not be detected.

Ethan quickly reacts.

ETHAN COOPER

(confident)

Time for a distraction.

Ethan grabs a bunch of small garden stones and tosses a handful at the statue, causing a loud noise. The First Knight Henry turns around.

HENRY FIRST KNIGHT

(Surprised)

What was that?

THE CAMERA PANS ON HENRY SEARCHING WHERE THE LOUD NOISE CAME FROM. THEN THE CAMERA PANS BACK TO ETHAN AND LIAM.

LIAM DUPONT

(commanding)

Mate, Let's head to the stables. before he is on to us.

They race to the stables, as Princess Elizabeth looks sad.

ACT 2, SCENE 4 STABLES- NIGHT

Inside the stables, a few candles are dimly lit. Ethan and Liam jump on the horses, and exit the stables.

EXT: VERSAILLES STABLES

INT: VERSAILLES

EXT: VERSAILLES

They kick their horses into high gear, galloping out of the stables. Behind them the first Knights catch wind of the pirates.

KNIGHT ONE

Stop in the name of the King!

KNIGHT TWO

Halt you vagabonds!

Ethan and Liam start speeding up their horses through the winding paths as they head out of Versailles.

LIAM DUPONT

(loud)

Looks like we have company.

ETHAN COOPER

(determined)

Just keep moving. We will lose them.

ACT 2, SCENE 5 FOREST

The race ensues as the Knights begin to catch up closer in the forest. Out of nowhere, a white horse with Princess Elizabeth magically appears. Her long hair beautifully flowing, her silhouette glowing, and voice of bravery echoes.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(raising her hand)
Halt ye villains!

She waves the sacred pocket watch gifted to her by Helena the Mermaid, casting a small tornado that ultimately sweeps the knights off their horses, landing farther back. Elizabeth rides her horse next to Ethan's.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH (CONT'D)

(hands over a sacred
medallion)

Thou forgot this, dear Ethan.

ETHAN COOPER

(taking the medallion)

Aye, the magic of Isle Maravillas.

(reflecting)

A fine treasure, I must say. But once upon a time, not too long time ago, thou were my most cherished treasure. Have thou forgotten?

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(sighs softly)

My dear Ethan, the memory is as clear as morning sky, but I wear thee crown now, a part that suits my royal character. I must act thee part.

There's a brief moment of silence, a shared understanding between them. As Elizabeth is about to gallop away, Ethan's horse inches closer.

ETHAN COOPER

(sentimental)

Until next time.

LIAM DUPONT

(lighthearted)

A princess still has a universal duty to save the world, right?

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

My universal duty is with thee royal court. I am merely a player in this act, that has an entrance and an exit and it is my time now to exit this scene.

(nods her head)

She kicks the horse to gallop away into the night.

ACT 2, SCENE 6 MUSEUM-PRESENT- DAY

Muriel, the museum curator stands in front of a large detailed framed painting of gardens filled with blooming flowers.

INT: MODERN VERSAILLES

MURIEL

(serious)

As I recall, Princess Elizabeth returned back to the castle. Her heart was still pounding out of her chest from the danger of helping the pirates escape.

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(curious)

How did Princess Elizabeth accumulate these magical powers?

MURIEL

(confident-smiling)
The magic transcended with the
relics, the pocket watch and
medallion were from her past
mission in the Isle of Maravillas.

FIONA (TEEN)

(curious))

What about the story of how Elizabeth became a princess?

MURIEL

Ah, the Crown of Hearts! A magical relic that entirely changed her fate. But before we resume the story, we must first explore the rich history of Versailles.

Peter Emerson, Estelle's long-lost Uncle interrupts with a deep tone.

PETER EMERSON

(low but serious voice)
Did you know that legendary tales
often carry rich history but all
camouflaged in folklore. Original
scriptures tied to the Crown reveal
this.

Fernando, Lorenzo Borbon's spy, dressed in all black chimes in.

FERNANDO (SPY)

(sly)

And Monsieur, what particular script do you think could reveal such truth?

Muriel trying to get the group back on course.

MURIEL

(clearing her throat- to raise attention)
Now, let's not get side tracked with records of origin. Let's move on to a great artist of Versailles, (gestures to the painting)
Charles Le Brun. He was not just a

Charles Le Brun. He was not just a master painter, in fact, he was a great visionary behind much of what we see in the gardens.

The group looks around at the paintings.

ACT 2, SCENE 7 INT: MODERN VERSAILLES MUSEUM-CHARLES LE BRUN ROOM- PRESENT-DAY

Suddenly, teen Fiona notices a compartment behind the painting.

FIONA (TEEN)

(points to the shimmer)
Look! There is something shimmering
on the frame.

Muriel reaches for the painting, and moves it away from the wall, revealing a hidden compartment with a vintage leather bound book (The Crown of Spades).

MURIEL

(surprised)

This must be an undiscovered diary- perhaps even belonging to Le Brun himself!

PETER EMERSON

(excitedly)

But this diary could be the key to understanding our own history and what happened to my brother, and his daughter Estelle. We need to know what it reveals!

Fernando, Lorezno Bourbon's spy is uncomfortable. His eyes are wide, and full of worry.

FERNANDO

Some secrets are best left buried. Who knows what dark forces could be summoned?

Then all of sudden the ground begins to shake violently as the lights flicker wildly.

FIONA (TEEN)

(scared- holding her mother's arm)

It's the royal ghosts of Versailles! They're back!

MIDDLE AGED MOM

(rolling eyes)

Oh Fiona, it's probably just an electrical problem.

Muriel sets the vintage book back into the compartment nervously. The camera shows the Spy Fernando eye balling the book as Muriel puts it back.

MURIEL

(firmly)

We must not get distracted. Let's move on.

The camera shows the small group heading down the corridor, filled with ornate mirrors and sculptures, moving deeper into the museum.

ACT 2, SCENE 8 INT: MODERN VERSAILLES MUSEUM- ROOM WITH MIRRORS-PRESENT-DAY

Muriel gathers the group around a large mirror.

MURIEL

(informative)

Many halls and rooms were designed to reflect light, and grand dreams of those noblemen who walked these halls. Duke Phillip and King Louis believed beautiful art and intricate designs held power.

YOUNG WOMAN JOURNALIST So, where does the tale of Princess Elizabeth fit into all this?

Muriel pauses, then leans closer to the mirror.

MURIEL

Princess Elizabeth was believed to be the bridge between the commoners and the noblemen. Legend says her time on the magical Isle of Maravillas changed history.

Suddenly the ghostly voice of Princess Elizabeth echoes softly across the room.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH (GHOST VOICE)

(spooky echo)

A legend of fate.

FERNANDO

(concerned- eyes getting smaller) Did anyone else hear that?

INT: VERSAILLES

MURIEL

(dismissive)

I'm sure it's just a sound from the old ceiling fixtures. Now, where was I..

Before she can finish the shimmering reflection in the large mirror morphs into a vivid image of Duke Philip and Princess Elizabeth dressed elegantly dancing together.

FIONA (TEEN)

(loud)

Look they're right there!

The group stares in awe as they witness the Victorian dance. Just as quickly as it appears, the vision fades, and silence floods the group.

PETER EMERSON

(softly-shocked)
Princess Estelle.

ACT 2, SCENE 9
ROYAL DINING ROOM- 1701-NIGHT

THE NEXT SCENE OPENS UP FROM THE GOLD PLATED MIRRORS IN THE DINING ROOM TABLE TO MAKE THE TIME TRANSITION SMOOTH.

The lavish dining room is adorned with golden chandeliers and lavish tapestries. King Louis, waiting for Duke Phillips approval. Queen Marie Antoinette is besides King Louis, and Charles Le Brun is next to the Duke. Charles Le Brun is skimming over wedding designs. A court Jester is providing light entertainment. There is an air of tension regarding the upcoming union.

Queen Marie Antoinette: Female, Caucasian, French accent, 60-70's. Part of Royalty and lives in a bubble. She is commanding, critical, sneaky, and powerful.

Charles Le Brun: Male, Caucasian, French accent preferred, 50's, Master Artist of Versailles-Painter and Designer. Funny, dramatic, high energy, and influential in shaping Versailles.

QUEEN MARIE ANTOINETTE (holding one hand with one finger up-command)
(MORE)

QUEEN MARIE ANTOINETTE (CONT'D)

Sir Phillip, we must address
Princess Elizabeth's etiquette.
During tea time, she nearly spilled
my chamomile tea all over my gown.
Such behavior is a disgrace to
becoming a Duchess of Versailles.

DUKE PHILLIP

(nodding)

Rest assured Queen Marie, I shall address all matters of etiquette with great care. Our Princess is still on path to become the mere symbol of grace and charm.

Charles Le Brun is sketching as he talks.

CHARLES LE BRUN
Sir Phillip, thou may fancy
etiquette, but what about the
wedding designs? Have you settled
upon colors? I was thinking a
tapestry of gold and white, fit for
a fairy tale?

The court Jester interrupts.

ROYAL JESTER

(humorous)

What is this? A council of serious faces? I thought we were here to plan a wedding, not a funeral! Who knew the Duchess to be would cause such a spectacle over tea? Will she ruin the first dance with wedding jitters?

Laughter erupts from everyone.

KING LOUIS

(eyes animated-wide smile)
Leave it to the Royal Jester to
turn a tragedy of tea time into
laughter. But on a serious note, we
must ensure all is perfect before
the greatest royal union. Duke
Phillip, when do you propose to
review the seating arrangements for
our royal guests?

DUKE PHILLIP (confident)
In due time, King Louie.
(MORE)

INT: VERSAILLES

DUKE PHILLIP (CONT'D) Every detail will be gazed upon, but first I will mold Elizabeth into the women I want her to be.

ACT 2, SCENE 10 ROYAL DINING ROOM-1701-NIGHT

All of sudden First knight Henry comes in with a bandage on his arm followed by another knight.

HENRY FIRST KNIGHT

(out of breath)

Your Majesties! A break in has occurred in the stables. We have theft, some of the noble horses are missing.

QUEEN MARIE ANTOINETTE

(scolding)

How could this madness occur?

HENRY FIRST KNIGHT

(informative)

There is more my majesty. A woman fitting the description of Princess Elizabeth was flying away on a white horse towards the forest.

Gasps fill the room.

QUEEN MARIE ANTOINETTE

(brows raising)

Is this some devilry? Princess Elizabeth riding off without a word? This is not proper behavior for a future Duchess!

DUKE PHILLIP

(doubtful )

If Elizabeth is indeed in danger we must act swiftly. Henry gather a search party, and we will leave at once.

The Jester then makes a joke.

ROYAL JESTER

(grinning)

Maybe she is escaping future teatime with the Queen?

DUKE PHILLIP

(turns to the jesterserious)

This is not a time for jokes. The future Duchess is in possible peril. We must move.

HENRY FIRST KNIGHT

(conviction)

Fear not, My duke, we will find her.

Henry the first knight and the Duke exit.

QUEEN MARIE ANTOINETTE

INT: VERSAILLES

(softly to herself )

My dear Elizabeth, what secrets are you hiding?

ACT 2, SCENE 11 HALLWAY-1701-NIGHT

The lavish hallway is dimly lit as the sound of rushed footsteps echo. Duke Phillip, First Knight Henry, and two other knights exit with urgency. They stop as they see Princess Elizabeth rushing towards them.

HENRY FIRST KNIGHT

(accusingly)

Ah, the fair princess returns just as the thieves flee. Art thou the cause of thee stable break-ins?

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(defiant-trembling)

How dare ye Henry, accuse me of such treachery. I was chasing them away. Your accusations are preposterous!

Duke Phillip steps forward, sensing Elizabeth's distress.

DUKE PHILLIP

(defensive)

Henry must you always jump to conclusions? The Princess is an Ally not the enemy.

HENRY FIRST KNIGHT

(angry)

An Ally who was alone when thieves struck!

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(integrity)

I am not going to quarrel about nonsense.

DUKE PHILLIP

(serious)

Enough Henry. I command thee to go back quarding the gardens.

(soothing-to Elizabeth)

Now, my dear Elizabeth come with me. We shall speak in private.

ACT 2, SCENE 12 NIGHT TIME

The bedroom is dimly lit and lavishly decorated. Phillip closes the door behind them. Princess Elizabeth is trembling with fear of being caught as Duke Phillip's expression is concerned.

INT: ROYAL BEDROOM- 1701-

DUKE PHILLIP

(comforting)

Elizabeth, please do not fear. I will protect our love with no bounds. The accusations are unjust and ignited by lies.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(upset- shaking)

They were so quick to assume. To think I could even be involved in such a royal deception.

Philip steps forward and comes closer to Elizabeth.

DUKE PHILLIP

(gently grabs her hand)
My love, you possess a strength no
woman of the royal court has ever
had. Let us not fall in thy storm,
but stand proud in light as Duke
and Duchess.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(animated)

And what does our sunny future as Duke and Duchess look like? Will a shadow of doubt ever come between us?

INT: VERSAILLES

INT: VERSAILLES

DUKE PHILLIP

(firm, but comical)

I vow to the other end of the world, that no shadow of doubt will ever come between us. Not as long as I can kiss thee lips.

Princess Elizabeth smiles as Duke Phillip begins to kiss her, and the two begin to undress each other in a romantic undertone.

ACT 3, SCENE 1
ROYAL BEDROOM-1701- EARLY MORNING

After they improvise the love scenes, they are entwined in a loving embrace. The sun cracks through the window. Elizabeth senses tension in Phillip's eyes.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(concerned)

My love what weighs on your mind?

DUKE PHILLIP

(sighing deeply)

The weight of the crown grows heavier by the day. Treaties with Spain are cloudy,

(pausing)

And every passing moment without an agreement is a thunder storm ready to flood with consequences.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(touches his hand)

My dear Phillip, together we shall navigate such alliances. And soon we will celebrate the greatest treaty of all, our union.

DUKE PHILLIP

(smiles)

My dear Elizabeth, you always know how to brighten thee day.

They share a sweet kiss, and he gets up and begins to get dressed, and she follows.

ACT 3, SCENE 2
ROYAL BEDROOM-1701-EARLY MORNING

Duke Phillip gets dressed as he notices the glimmering emeralds near Elizabeth's crown.

DUKE PHILLIP

(curious-holding up the

gem)

Where on earth did you acquire such a pirate treasure, my love?

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(rolling her eyes)

Not a pirate, but a family heirloom passed down from generations, a reminder of protection and bravery.

SHE PAUSES AND THEN HAS A FLASHBACK

ACT 3, SCENE 3

INT: YACHT

EVER- DAY- FLASHBACK TO SECRETS 3 SCRIPT

Ethan Cooper stands on the Yacht Ever.

Ethan reaches in his pocket to take out a pouch of emeralds.

ETHAN COOPER

(he hands out the

emeralds)

First things first, These emeralds offer protection from danger like these vampires.

Elizabeth who is Estelle in the flashback, holds on to the gem.

BACK TO: ROYAL BEDROOM -1701-EARLY MORNING

ACT 3, SCENE 4
BEDROOM- 1701- EARLY MORNING

INT: VERSAILLES ROYAL

DUKE PHILLIP

(humor)

My dear Elizabeth, I wonder if this protection extends to royal obligations?

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(joking)

Perhaps, I should wear one in the royal court to protect me from spilled tea and Queen Marie's sharp tongue.

Duke Phillip puts back the emerald and laughs.

DUKE PHILLIP

(warning)

Her sharp tongue may get you exiled from the castle if she catches sight of these pirate like treasures. Hide them with caution, my love. She may believe you are really friends with Pirates.

(laughs)

And she doth not tolerate anything she deems as commoner gestures.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(curtsying-mocking)

And here I thought I mastered the perfect curtsy! What must I do my dear Philip to avoid the Queen's dismay?

DUKE PHILLIP

(softly-flirting)

Perhaps a graceful hand and foot gesture may sweep her off her feet?

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(laughs, flirts)

And what can I do to sweep my dear love off his feet?

DUKE PHILLIP

(seductive)

Ah, Just be in the flesh.

They share a tender gaze as Phillip pulls Elizabeth towards him for a kiss, before a loud knock startles them. Lawyer Pierre Carron is at the door.

LAWYER PIERRE CARRON

(out of breath)

Duke! Forgive the interruption, but urgent matters demand thee attention. The commoners revolt. They are setting fires in the forest.

DUKE PHILLIP

(brave)

Lead the way Sir Pierre Carron. These flames shall not consume our land. ACT 3, SCENE 5 COURT -1701- MORNING INT: VERSAILLES ROYAL

The lavish court is filled with nobles in formal attire. Queen Marie is seated on her throne next to King Louis. Princess Elizabeth curtsies in front of Queen Marie's critical eye.

QUEEN MARIE ANTOINETTE

(a slight snub)
Princess Elizabeth, how lovely it
is that you join us, though I see
your curtsy still remains flawed.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(forcing a smile)

Your majesty, I will keep striving for the perfect curtsy.

Elizabeth's cheeks start to flush, as Phillip reaches for her hand.

The nobles in loud conversation are cut short by the loud command of King Louis.

KING LOUIS

(standing with authority) Silence! I must address urgent matters of the land.

The room is in dead silence, and all eyes are on the king.

KING LOUIS (CONT'D)

There are rumors of revolts in the forest. Fires are being set to distract us from thieving and chaos. I demand all knights mobilize at once. Find these bandits and see them imprisoned!

The room erupts with concern.

COURT JESTER

(loud)

If looks could kill, we would all be dead now!

Laughter erupts. The camera pans to Sea Grace, now Caroline a royal seamstress. Elizabeth recognizes Sea Grace in her new disguise.

Elizabeth nods, and her gaze is on Caroline, formerly known as Sea Grace.

INT: VERSAILLES-

ACT 3, SCENE 6
ROYAL COURT - 1701-MORNING

Queen Marie presents Caroline to the royal court, formerly known as Sea Grace. Lawyer Pierre Carron is next to the King and Duke.

QUEEN MARIE ANTOINETTE

(dramatic)

And now let me introduce, Caroline our new head seamstress who creates the most exquisite wedding gowns!

Caroline steps forward and Elizabeth gasps in shock.

DUKE PHILLIP

(concerned)

Elizabeth, you look as if you've seen a ghost!

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(eyes wide open)

Nonsense, I assure you I am merely fatigued. Animated eyes are the talk of the castle? Aren't they?

DUKE PHILLIP

(raising an eyebrow)

Is that so?

Sea Grace, now Caroline approaches the couple.

SEA GRACE

(jovial)

Good day your majesties. I assure you the wedding attire will be a sight bigger than the moon and stars. Imagine the most beautiful silks touched by the most skilled hands!

Duke Phillip looks at Elizabeth and then to Sea Grace.

DUKE PHILLIP

(humor)

Ah yes, a legendary fabric is the utmost importance, but tell me Caroline, do these gowns come with a guarantee against haunting memories?

The royal court begins to laugh. King Louis then begins to interrupt.

KING LOUIS

(intense)

Enough jesting Duke Phillip. Let us not forget another urgent matter. Those wretched pirates are stealing our merchant vessels! Who leads this band of thieves?

The court falls silent, and all eyes on the King as the figure rises from the shadows.

LAWYER PIERRE CARRON Your majesty, the Pirates are led by the notorious "Captain Davey Dark Skull."

KING LOUIS

(serious)

There is no time for foolery. This "Dark Skull" character sounds like a grave yard monster.

The Camera pans on Sea Grace's facial expression.

DUKE PHILLIP

(leaning forward)

King Louis, then what do you propose? Perhaps a bait and switch with our merchant vessels?

LAWYER PIERRE CARRON

(hand near his chinthinking)

Explosions could end the pirates brigades. A well place trap will do the trick.

KING LOUIS

(a definitive nod)

Then order the First Knight to set the explosives! We shall not be robbed of future treasures!

Then the crowd of noblemen start cheering as the camera pans out.

INT: VERSAILLES

ACT 3, SCENE 7 ENTRANCE -1701-NIGHT

Knight Christopher, and Knight Jude stand guard in the front entrance of the castle, eyes peeled for intruders.

KNIGHT CHRISTOPHER

The King of Spain arrives next week. Tis a moment of judgement, either Victory or doom for our bold King.

KNIGHT JUDE

(sighing)

Aye, with his gold tongue, the King must deliver eloquently on promises, or else the kingdom can crumble.

Suddenly a rustle in the bushes. The two knights go to where the sound is coming from.

KNIGHT JUDE (CONT'D)

(steps forward- holding a
sword out)

What foul creature hides here?

Out of the darkness leaps a pirate with a dagger, slitting Knight Judes throat, before a fight ensues with Knight Christopher. In a split second Knight Christopher charges toward the pirate.

KNIGHT CHRISTOPHER

Jude!

A fight sequence ensues as Knight Christopher swiftly kills both pirates.

KNIGHT CHRISTOPHER (CONT'D)

(breathing heavily )
You wretched pirates!

KNIGHT CHRISTOPHER (CONT'D)

(intrigued )

What treasures are you after ?

ACT 3, SCENE 8
GARDEN-1701- NIGHT

INT: VERSAILLES COURTYARD

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(muttering to herself)

What if Duke Phillip sees that I am just a commoner underneath this gown and crown?

As she nervously paces , Caroline, formerly Sea Grace approaches.

SEA GRACE

(direct)

Estelle, my lady you clean up well for a commoner!

Princess Elizabeth turns around.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(reprimand)

No Caroline. I am Princess Elizabeth now! Estelle is a mere shadow of the past. I dare not linger near it.

Sea Grace steps closer.

SEA GRACE

(earnestly)

But why hide old friend in a lavish crown. Our bonds were forged in past time. You can not outshine the deceit of your shadows.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(frustrated)

By waltzing in as a seamstress, you risk exposing my humble origins and ruining my future at Versailles. My wedding to Duke Phillip is the utmost duty of my time.

SEA GRACE

(softly)

When you placed the Crown of hearts upon your head, you pledged a great duty to universal peace, not just that of the royal court.

Before Elizabeth can respond, a mysterious handsome man dressed in black appears.

ACT 3, SCENE 9 GARDEN COURTYARD-1701- NIGHT INT: VERSAILLES

MYSTERIOUS MAN

(urgency)

Time is ticking away every day! May the bravest heart find The Crown of Spades before it's too late, and fate of Versailles becomes doomed.

(MORE)

MYSTERIOUS MAN (CONT'D)

But beware of a pirate's scheme to find the crown and shake up the King of Spain's Treaty ball!

Duke Phillip passes by and jumps into action with his sword raised to the Mysterious man's neck. The man raises his hands.

DUKE PHILLIP

(enters, sword drawn)

You dare speak of schemes in my presence. What treachery is at play here?

MYSTERIOUS MAN

(calmly)

Fear not, noble Duke! I am no enemy but a messenger of goodwill.

Philip looks at him cautiously and lowers the sword.

DUKE PHILLIP

(serious)

A messenger tangled in a few dark secrets? One simply doth not show up randomly to the kingdom with dire warnings!

The mysterious man nods, and his expression serious.

MYSTERIOUS MAN

(intense)

The Witch of Versailles has brewed a dark spell that has set off an ancient curse. Haunted secrets buried in the rich history of Versailles might erupt a royal lineage. Take Heed!

Suddenly with a swift motion, the mysterious man vanishes into thin air, with a trail of gold pixie dust left behind.

DUKE PHILLIP

(stares at the spot where
 the mysterious man
 vanished)

For god sakes! What magic is this?

He turns to Elizabeth and Caroline.

DUKE PHILLIP (CONT'D)

(determined-serious)

We must notify the Majesty and King of this witchcraft.

(MORE)

INT: VERSAILLES

DUKE PHILLIP (CONT'D)
This ancient curse may haunt of
truth causing a crack in the state
of Versailles.

ACT 3, SCENE 10 GARDEN COURTYARD- 1701-NIGHT

Sea Grace and Elizabeth are dead silent. Duke Phillip suspiciously looks at them until Knight Christopher's loud voice and bold entrance catches the Duke's attention.

KNIGHT CHRISTOPHER (loud and out of breath.)
My Lord, I have news.

Knight Christopher has blood all over his clothes.

DUKE PHILLIP
(looks at the blood on
Christopher)
What in the bloody hell happened?

KNIGHT CHRISTOPHER
(out of breath)
I defeated a dirty pirate up to no good. He tried to ambush me at the gate, but I swiftly maneuvered my sword, and killed him.

Caroline leans closer to Duke Phillip.

THE CAMERA PANS IN ON A FAINT ANCHOR TATTOO. DUKE PHILLIP NOTICES THE WRIST TATTOO, AND A LOOK OF HORROR WASHES OVER HIM.

DUKE PHILLIP

(worried)
Caroline, what is that mark upon
your skin?

SEA GRACE

(nervous)
It..it is merely decoration,
nothing more.

DUKE PHILLIP

(sternly-to Christopher)

Liar! Seize her! We have a pirate amongst us.

Knight Christopher instantly captures Sea Grace.

KNIGHT CHRISTOPHER

(to Sea Grace- grabs her)

Stop! If you make a move, I will

off with your head.

(pointing the sword)

Sea Grace fights back with determination.

SEA GRACE

(defiant)

I am no pirate!

As she dragged away, she begins to plead.

SEA GRACE (CONT'D)

(pleads-voice rising)

Wait, the fate of the kingdom depends on the wisdom that I carry. If thou dost not heed the sacred codes of magic, then all shall be lost.

Sea Grace gets dragged away by Knight Christopher.

SEA GRACE (CONT'D)

(shouting)

And if we shall not follow the codes of magic, doom shall descend upon us all, royals and commoners.

ACT 3, SCENE 11
GARDEN COURTYARD-1701- NIGHT

INT: VERSAILLES

DUKE PHILLIP

(serious)

My dear Elizabeth, what was thou doing alone with that crazy woman?

Elizabeth calmly trying to cover up her true character.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(calmly)

My dear Phillip, she's merely a seamstress. We discussed the wedding dress, nothing more.

INT: VERSAILLES

Duke Phillip studies her intently.

DUKE PHILLIP

(serious)

Elizabeth, a seamstress with a pirate mark? How can thou trust her words?

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(softly)

My dear Phillip, she comes with a dire warning. She speaks no ill will, but the will of only the people. Perhaps, she is sent to help with the dark curse on Versailles.

DUKE PHILLIP

(eye brow raising)
Perhaps, but she still wears a
pirate mark on her wrist, making
her an enemy.

Elizabeth is silent.

ACT 3, SCENE 12 DUNGEON-1701- NIGHT TIME

Caroline, formerly Sea Grace is in shackles in a dimly lit prison cell. The door creaks open and there are a few candles burning. Lawyer Pierre Carron strides in.

LAWYER PIERRE CARRON

(mocking)

Well, well, How did such a fine pirate become disguised as seamstress of the royal court? Fooling us into believing your shenanigans.

SEA GRACE

(pleading)

You must listen. I speak of truth, an ancient curse has been set off. If it's not stopped, the world will come to end. Please let me go before it's too late.

LAWYER PIERRE CARRON

(dismissive)

Why should I trust the words of a deceitful pirate? I am no fool!

Appearing out of nowhere a Ghost Pirate Skull takes form above Sea Grace. Flames of fire blazing out of the Pirate skull.

GHOST PIRATE SKULL

(Haunted)

Bloody knights may roar, don't be floored, sinners roam free, saints will never be, unless thou who wears thy crown, fearless and free, doth take thy stand.

Lawyer Pierre Carron is in shock.

GHOST PIRATE SKULL (CONT'D)

(haunted)

Beware of the curse of darkness, or thou shall drown in despair.

The ghost disappears.

LAWYER PIERRE CARRON

(shocked)

What devilry is this? Is this some spell? Does Captain Davey reckon this curse?

SEA GRACE

(persuasive)

Aye, the Ghost speaks truth. The curse is tied to the Crown of Spades, a relic of immense powered hidden in the palace of Versailles. Only those with pure of heart and soul can break thy curse.

LAWYER PIERRE CARRON

(serious)

What assurance have I that thou are not spinning tales?

SEA GRACE

(earnest)

Remove these chains and I will show you what I know. Time is slipping away, and if we don't hurry, everything will fall.

Lawyer Pierre Carron hesitates initially, but then motions to the guards to come and remove the chains.

INT: DOCKSIDE-1701-

ACT 4, SCENE 1 DAWN

The dawn glimmers through as Ethan and Liam gallop on horses arriving at the dock. Captain Davey Dark Skull immediately notices them.

CAPTAIN DAVEY

(eagerly waving)
Ahoy, lads! Just in time. Where
have you been galloping?

LIAM DUPONT

(suave)

Sneakin round the Palace of Versailles, Captain.

ETHAN COOPER

(upbeat)

Looking for lost treasures and long lost loves, and dusting off buried royal secrets.

CAPTAIN DAVEY

(chuckling)

You two think you are Royal Pirates parading around like knights in the wind, but you are part of Dark Skull's army. Hath you forgot?

LIAM DUPONT

(sarcastic)

Arrgh..How could we forget a Captain as dirty as the fish waste in the night. We are ready to sink a royal ship or two. Arrgg!

CAPTAIN DAVEY

Aye! Ye better be ready for a bloody fight for our rights. We prepare the sharp swords tonight and shine our shields to battle a fight.

ETHAN COOPER

(eyes wide-animated)

Aye! Captain Davey, before we go fight, a dark spell with might has erupted over Versailles. A sight of devilry, but magic will win this quest, and put an end to a royal fight.

CAPTAIN DAVEY

(warning)

Mates, Magic is the devil in disguise, and will lead all down a stormy path. Arrr...

ETHAN COOPER

(Justify)

A little magic has never hurt anyone. In a land of title and deception, magic will help restore justice for all.

LIAM DUPONT

(slick)

Speaking of Magic, where is thee magical Sea Grace? Always by your side like a good luck charm.

CAPTAIN DAVEY

(nodding solemnly)
Ahh Sea Grace is disguised as a seamstress within Versailles, huntin secrets of gold and lost treasures.

ETHAN COOPERR

(concerned)

Playing dress up in Versailles is for no amateur lassie. If she reveals her mark, they will catch and kill her.

CAPTAIN DAVEY

(loud and determined-eyes
bulging)

Arggh! They will have to fight the dirtiest pirate of them all! Dark Skull! No one kills under my nose. We will attack back!

ETHAN COOPER

(takes out his sword)
Aye! I will fight to that.

All the other crew members follow as a chant ensues.

ACT 4, SCENE 2 VERSAILLES ROYAL COURT-1701 -MORNING INT:

In the grand hall, Duke Phillip walks confidently next to Princess Elizabeth. He walks in front of Queen Marie as King Louis is next to her.

DUKE PHILLIP

(serious)

Your Majesties, I must confess I seen a ghost lurking in the courtyard yesterday. A stranger hiding in the shadows warned me of century dark spell. Then vanished in thin air.

QUEEN MARIE ANTOINETTE

(crossing her arms)
Vanished in thin air? Be it magic
or madness, I'd say Duke Phillip
you're losing your mind or reading
too many ghost stories.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(stepping forward)
Indeed, Your majesty it's true. I
saw him myself, his form flickered
and then he was gone in an instant.

KING LOUIS

(firmly)

Then we shall increase our guards. I expect a visit soon from the King of Spain. An alliance must be secured not stirred up by ghost stories.

King Louis pauses and then looks to Elizabeth.

KING LOUIS (CONT'D)
And Elizabeth, how are your wedding preparations coming along?

PRINCESS ELIZABETH
Well your Majesty, they are moving along rather slowly.

QUEEN MARIE ANTOINETTE (raising an eyebrow)
What seems to be the hold up? Is the wedding gown up to your standards?

INT: VERSAILLES-

DUKE PHILLIP

(interjecting)

Queen Marie, the problem is that the design isn't quite regal enough for a Duchess to be. We need something more splendid, better suited for her new rank.

Duke Phillips eyes glance over to Pierre Carron near the entrance.

DUKE PHILLIP (CONT'D)

(confident)

I've arranged for Penelope to take over Caroline's position. She is a renowned seamstress of Paris, to craft a gown fit for royalty. Good day.

Queen Marie nods.

DUKE PHILLIP (CONT'D)

(to the King and Queennods)

Now that matters of the wedding are in order, I need to attend to other duties.

Princess Elizabeth looks worried as Duke Phillip leaves her with the King and Queen.

ACT 4, SCENE 3
THE ROYAL COURT HALL-1701-MORNING

Duke Phillip approaches Lawyer Pierre Carron by the royal court entrance.

DUKE PHILLIP

(urgency-softly)

Pierre Carron, what news dost thou carry about Caroline from the prison chambers?

LAWYER PIERRE CARRON

(lowering his voice)

Duke, forgive me. I had no choice.
(MORE)

LAWYER PIERRE CARRON (CONT'D)

Last night, a ghost pirate appeared in the prison chambers and commanded me to set Caroline free, or face hell. She vanished into the labryinth maze beneath the palace.

FLASHBACK- INT: VERSAILLES-LABRYINTH BACK CELLAR- FLASHBACK

Caroline, formerly known as Sea Grace leads the way through shadowed doors with Lawyer Pierre Carron right behind. They come to a back cellar door where art surrounds a shimmering crown, the Crown of Spades. She reaches out, and places it upon her head. Dark ghostly spirits begin to swirl around her and then Caroline gets sucked into a black tornado cloud, vanishing into night. Pierre Carron in panic begins to leave.

BACK TO VERSAILLES- ROYAL COURT HALL

DUKE PHILLIP

(concerned)

A cursed crown and a pirate? Where is thee Caroline now? Is she in danger?

LAWYER PIERRE CARRON

(worried)

I fear my lord, she is dead. A magical tornado sucked her in and then she vanished. The curse is more powerful than we thought. Perhaps we seek the Wizard of Versailles for counsel before something horrific happens?

DUKE PHILLIP

(resolute)

I concur, we can't afford for any more ghosts to rule our kingdom.

ACT 4, SCENE 4
ROYAL COURT -1701- MORNING

INT: VERSAILLES

Queen Marie is questioning the intentions of Princess Elizabeth while King Louis remains silent.

QUEEN MARIE ANTOINETTE

(curious and Cold)

Now tell me Elizabeth, will your family join you during the wedding festivities? Will your father, your kin stand by your side?

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(defensive)

Your Majesty, unfortunately, My father's too ill to travel. My kin are bound by royal duties.

Queen Marie's gaze begins to harden. She steps closer and becomes more suspicious.

QUEEN MARIE ANTOINETTE

(suspicious)

A royal bride all alone, and abandoned on their wedding day? No family, or kin by your side. Who are you Elizabeth?

Elizabeth's face tightens and her voice sharpens.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(sly smile)

I am Elizabeth, Second of Yorkville, soon to be Duchess of France. I've perfected my etiquette and I plan to master the role of royalty with your approval?

Elizabeth curtseys perfectly, then steps back, and walks away. Soon King Louis follows.

QUEEN MARIE ANTOINETTE

(underneath her breath)
A clever commoner, but I see right
through your flawed curtsy.

ACT 4, SCENE 5
ROYAL HALLWAY- 1701-LATE MORNING

INT: VERSAILLES

Princess Elizabeth walks swiftly down the grand hallway visibly on edge. Suddenly, King Louis appears from the shadows right before she is about to enter her royal bedroom.

KING LOUIS

(serious)

Elizabeth, you're quick, but I have seen enough to know you are hiding something. Come.

(MORE)

KING LOUIS (CONT'D) (he gestures her to follow him)

He gestures her towards a hidden library in the opposite direction.

INT: ROYAL LIBRARY

They enter the dimly lit library filled with ancient books and a large ornate diamond crown resting on a shelf.

KING LOUIS (CONT'D)

(serious)

This crown, do you realize what it truly means? It's not just about wealth and prestige. It's a heavy burden, are you prepared for that? To Carry more than a title?

Elizabeth gazes deeply at the crown.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(sincere)

I am willing to bear whatever weight is needed for France, for it's future.

Suddenly a Ghostly figure and voice appears with a warning.

SEA GRACE (GHOST)

(scary-echoing)

The world's end is here, bend backwards to move forwards, A crown of deception will end in reception, a night to remember, so thou must fight with right.

The ghost vanishes quickly. King Louis visibly shaken and concerned.

KING LOUIS

(softly-serious)

Not a word of this. If anyone finds out about this haunting, the consequences will be dire.

Elizabeth nods in agreement.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(serious)

King Louie, you have my vow of silence.

INT: VERSAILLES

Elizabeth opens the door to leave.

THE CAMERA PANS TO THE DOOR OPENING WHICH TRANSITIONS TO THE WIZARD'S DOOR OPENING OF IT'S CHAMBER

ACT 4, SCENE 6
WIZARD'S CHAMBER-1701-NIGHT

Duke Phillip and Pierre Carron arrive cautiously at an unassuming wing of Versailles where the Wizard's chamber glows faintly. The wizards' space is cluttered with magic and ancient artifacts.

DUKE PHILLIP

(skeptical)

So this castle's cursed? Haunted by a sorcerer and pirates? Seems a bit mad don't you think?

LAWYER PIERRE CARRON

(nervous)

Pirates and magic, a royal nightmare, and fate has led us.

DUKE PHILLIP

(sarcastic)

To a never ending ghost story.

The Wizard, an old man cloaked in a shimmering robe greets them.

THE WIZARD

(friendly, but mysterious)
Ah, Monsieur le Duke, and Monsieur
Carron, Welcome. You seek knowledge
of the pirates and the dark magic.
Let's see what the crystal shows.

He gestures toward his crystal ball, which begins swirling with images of the Isle of Maravillas- an enchanted island glowing with gold, and Captain Davey Dark Skull's boat traveling through a time portal. Pirates on decks glowing with gold.

THE WIZARD (CONT'D)

They come from Maravillas, an Isle of both wonder and danger. For centuries they sailed through time portals to steal magical treasures, aiming to destroy the crown's power.

LAWYER PIERRE CARRON

(concerned)

Wizard of Versailles, what magical treasures do thou speak of?

The wizard's eyes flicker with a neon yellow light.

THE WIZARD

(possessed by magic)

There is a crown that holds the power to revolutionize or bury the kingdom.

He begins to fade, his voice echoing as a he becomes an ominous glowing figure.

THE WIZARD (CONT'D)

(glowing as a ghostly

figure)

Deception sneaks into a grand reception, A facade behind the mask of deception, unbind the ties that bind fate, and live forever great, bait in the Apollo Room.

He vanishes in a burst of light, leaving a glowing wand behind.

DUKE PHILLIP

(picking up the wand)
The Apollo room is where the King
holds all the ceremonial decisions.
A Grand reception awaits this week.

Lightning from outside strikes.

ACT 4, SCENE 7
MUSEUM OF VERSAILLES APOLLO ROOM-PRESENT-DAY

INT: MODERN

Muriel stands confidently before the group, gesturing to the antique bronze throne, as she explore the history.

MURIEL

(informative)

Duke Phillip was next in line behind King Louis to oversee court affairs. The Apollo Room was designed as The Sovereign's Ceremonial room, the very core of royal power, where the secrets began to spill. Fiona, the young teen, gazes upward, eyes tracing the intricate artwork on the ceiling, depicting chariots and celestial gods.

FIONA

(wonderstruck at the
 ceiling art)
Look at the ceiling. Are those part
of the magical fairytale of
Princess Elizabeth and Duke
Phillip?

Her mom shaking her head subtly.

MIDDLE AGED MOM (interrupts-rational) Fiona, honey I told you history isn't just fairy tales.

Fernando, the secretive spy for Lorenzo Bourbon, stands silently, observing the reactions with an irritated gaze. Peter Emerson, Estelle's long-lost Uncle and historian continues back to the roots of folklore.

## PETER EMERSON

(informative)

Some stories are rooted in truth while others are legends. Folklore and relics are woven into Versailles's rich history, Whether you believe or not. Some artifacts hold secrets beyond our understanding.

The Young Journalist steps forward.

YOUNG WOMAN JOURNALIST

(eyes wide open)
Monsieur, can you tell us exactly
what kind of power these relics
hold?

Peter begins to respond but is cut off by Fernando, who steps forward aggressively.

## FERNANDO

(loud voice and angry)
You and I both know what you're
really after. Tell me, where are
Estelle and Ethan Cooper hiding?
Where is the Golden Compass?

Fernando's words echo as the security guards comes in to escort Fernando out. His struggle is brief but fierce.

SECURITY GUARD 1

(serious)

You need to leave Monsieur.

The second security quard grabs Fernando.

**FERNANDO** 

(assertive)

Your a thief Senior Emerson. I am not going anywhere.

SECURITY GUARD 1

Enough! You need to exit.

Fernando agrees and begins to walk away with the guards.

MURIEL

(calm and apologetic voice)

Please continue Monsieur Emerson. Tell us more about The story of Princess Elizabeth and Duke Phillip. A tale of sorts.

PETER EMERSON

(excitement)

A tale that was about to magically unravel. Two days before the King of Spain's visit, the Throne room was buzzing with anticipation.

THE SCENE THEN TRANSITIONS BACK TO A FLASHBACK.

INT: VERSAILLES

ACT 4, SCENE 8
APOLLO THRONE ROOM- 1701-DAY

The grand throne room bustles with royal activity. Duke Phillip stands regally next to King Louis and Queen Marie. Princess Elizabeth is right by his side. Duke Phillip is holding the wizard wand which is glowing. Princess Elizabeth gently touches the wand in awe.

KING LOUIS

(sternly)

Duke Phillip, remember these relics carry powers beyond mere magic that can ultimately unite or destroy thou Kingdom. PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(giggles)

Maybe the wand can make all the court duties disappear!

DUKE PHILLIP

(smirk-holding the wand)
Your Majesty, With this I can rule
the universe. The magic will
dictate my orders.

QUEEN MARIE ANTOINETTE

(scolding)

Elizabeth, Duke Phillip, enough jests! These relics are not a fancy delight. They are dangerous.

Suddenly the wand ignites a glow that brings spirits and ghosts to swirl around.

DUKE PHILLIP

(confidently)

This magic can reshape the fate of Versailles, the greatest Castle ever.

The wand begins to glow with an orange blazing light while a spooky voice echoes a riddle.

SPOOKY VOICE

(echoes)

"Land's worth, land's fight, and commoner's rights, don't sit tight, secrets spill at night"

The wand stops glowing and the light comes back.

COURT JESTER

(comical)

The verdict is full of formal magic like politics, full of tricks and commanding voices.

(laughs)

A mixture of emotions run through the air as laughter erupts and the Queen looks horrified.

QUEEN MARIE ANTOINETTE

(reprimanding)

Order in the castle. Enough of playing with magic. We have affairs to attend to.

ACT 4, SCENE 9 INT: MODERN VERSAILLES-APOLLO THRONE ROOM-PRESENT-DAY

The scene transition back to the modern Museum. Peter Emerson continues to tell the story to the group as he holds a medallion.

PETER EMERSON

(dramatic)

And Queen Marie despised magic, fearing it's evil in destroying the throne, but King Louis was starting to believe the ghostly warnings. And behind it all, Duke Phillip was having a grand old time playing with the wand.

The Journalist asks a question.

YOUNG WOMAN JOURNALIST

(curious)

So is this wand in the museum now or is it lost?

All of sudden Evelyn, the old woman from Ever Society in the group interrupts.

Evelyn: Female, Caucasian, 50's-60's, Older woman part of Relic Society, A sophisticated organization that deals with supernatural events. She is quick, smart, and is there to help Ethan and Estelle from danger. French accent

**EVELYN** 

Our society Ever has received intel this wand has been activated.

FIONA

(Wide Eyes- excitement)
Then where do you think it is? The
Hall of Mirrors or behind a secret
door?

**EVELYN** 

(nodding)

It can be anywhere between the mirrors of illusion to the secret passages concealed within the castle.

MURIEL

(raises an eyebrow)
And how do we know you are with
Ever?

EVELYN

(holds her Necklace-a
light flickers)

See my necklace it's a channel. We are the only kind of underground organization that deals with relics, and historical curses that often read like legendary tales. And Mr. Emerson, your niece Estelle and her fiancee, intel agent Ethan Cooper, have been missing for a year now, traveling somewhere off the grid.

PETER EMERSON

(serious)

Madam Muriel, I can vow she is from Ever.

**EVELYN** 

(to Muriel)

Madam, please resume your tour but I do need a moment with Mr. Emerson.

MURIEL

As you wish Madam. We will be in the Hall of Mirrors when you finish.

Muriel nods and takes everyone in the group towards the Hall of Mirrors.

MURIEL (CONT'D)

(In front of the ancient mirrors)

The Hall of mirrors is a grand illusion crafted to deceive even the sharpest minds. Beneath the reflections, truth was hidden.

THEN THE SCENE TRANSITIONS BACK TO THE FLASHBACK IN THE 1700'S FROM A MODERN MIRROR.

ACT 4, SCENE 10 INT: HALL OF MIRRORS-1701- CASTLE OF VERSAILLES- DAY

The scene transitions back to the 1701 in the Versailles Hall of Mirrors. An eerie yet a dreamlike quality the scene conveys. Princess Elizabeth and Duke Phillip stop at a large mirror.

DUKE PHILLIP

(admiration)

My dear Elizabeth, what a stunning reflection of a future Duchess.

ESTELLE EMERSON

(smiling)

My gracious Duke, your words mean the world to me but my beauty is fleeting. Time is ticking away at my age.

DUKE PHILLIP

(romantic-grabs her hand)
I have only eyes for a timeless
Duchess.

Suddenly, a French seamstress approaches with a shimmering ballgown that glows magically.

SEAMSTRESS

Majesty, this gown is made with magic, crafted from the finest silk of Paris. It shall make thee shine like the brightest star.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(eyes wide-amazement)
Magnifique. It feels like it has
spun from the heavenly stars. I
shall dance the night away with my
love at the Treaty Ball.

She touches the dress and turns to the mirror.

FUTURE VISION OF GRAND BALLROOM

ACT 4, SCENE 11 INT: VERSAILLES GRAND BALLROOM- 1701-FUTURE VISION-DAY

Elizabeth turns towards the mirror and she sees a future reflection of her dancing in the gown with Duke Phillip by her side. Then the camera pans to Ethan Cooper disguised as a Knight sneaking into the ballroom.

The scene darkens as Ethan blends into the kingdom's surroundings. Ethan quietly sneaks up behind a knight. Ethan strikes the guard quickly, as the knight drops to the floor. Shadows begin to swirl.

THE SCENE TRANSITIONS BACK TO THE MIRROR.

INT: VERSAILLES

ACT 4, SCENE 12 HALL OF MIRRORS- 1701-DAY

The scene transitions to the pale shocked face of Princess Elizabeth in the mirror.

DUKE PHILLIP

(concerned)

Elizabeth, what doth trouble thee? Thou look as if thou seen the devil.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(trembling)

My dear Phillip, I see a vision of danger. Darkness descends upon the castle, and the legendary curse of the Crown of Spades awakens, and soon it will claim us all unless a miracle from the heavens shines.

DUKE PHILLIP

(holding his wand- the wand is glowing-with conviction)

The Crown of Spades shall not bring our downfall. By the codes of magic I will change destiny. The devil will not prevail.

Duke Phillip waves his wand across as gold shimmers across the  $\operatorname{room}$  .

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(fearing)

My dear Phillip, I must rest. These visions haunt my mind, and I dare not wither away to fear. A good night rest will make me brave.

DUKE PHILLIP

(steady)

Go rest my love, but the curse will not rise above our heavenly love, a force greater than a curse.

Princess Elizabeth nods and immediately leaves.

INT: VERSAILLES HALL

ACT 5, SCENE 1 OF MIRRORS ROOM- 1701- NIGHT

The room fills with magic. Bones of the falling kings rise and come to life as ghostly soldiers unite together, marching in unison. Duke Phillip stands in the center with his glowing wand.

DUKE PHILLIP
(chanting- voice echoes)
I am no treasure's fool, no ghoul
shall scare my rule, say thee good
byes, sorcery of this night, I will
not go down with out a fight.

Phillip's wand flickers intensely and a bolt of lightning erupts, catching flames of the corner of the woven tapestry hanging against the wall.

PETER EMERSON V.O.
The darkest days loomed over
Versailles, but even in the
shadows, a flicker of light was
igniting, an age long fight of
freedom.

First Knight Christopher and Lawyer Pierre Carron rush in the Room of Mirrors. At first sight, both are visibly shocked by the magic.

KNIGHT CHRISTOPHER (staring in disbelief)
Your Majesty, By the saints what devilry is this? Bones of dead kings?

LAWYER PIERRE CARRON
(gasping at the walking
skeletons)
The holy spirt will save us. This
magic, dark and dangerous ,bones
marching to death. What has the
curse become?

The fire begins to crackle more and ignite a blaze.

DUKE PHILLIP
(calm and resolute)
The darkest days are gathering like storms, but see these bones are connected to the throne.

(MORE)

DUKE PHILLIP (CONT'D)
No hand of treachery can break thee immortal codes of thy ancestors.

Duke Phillip activates the wand magically to extinguish the flames.

KNIGHT CHRISTOPHER

(urgent)

Lord Phillip, News has traveled of the vessel, Dark Skull, Captain Davey's ship has exploded. No bodies, just wreckage floating in the sea.

DUKE PHILLIP

(confident)

The wizard's wand destroys all filth from the seven seas and on, sweeping up dirty pirates into the dark tide, no chance to hide.

LAWYER PIERRE CARRON

(skeptical)

My lord, expect the victory, but the devils' disguise may fear the worst. Yet if any have escaped the wrath of death, they may hide and strike like a cannon.

ACT 5, SCENE 2 INT: PORT OF VERSAILLES - FLASHBACK- 1701-NIGHT

Night falls over the sea. Captain Davey, Ethan Cooper and Liam Dupont leap onto a French Vessel. They violently kill them, and set the boat to fire, and then all jump back on their yacht as they sail back to port.

CAPTAIN DAVEY

(loud and vengeful)
Arr, the noblemen think they can
bloody axe us. Nay! We make chaos
our anthem, chant lyrics of
revenge, and a solemn praise to
rebellion. Mark my words, The siege
of Versailles is just beginning.

ETHAN COOPER

Captain Davey, mark my words, winning Elizabeth is the real victory I seek in this act of war.

Liam from a slight distant.

LIAM DUPONT

(softly mocking to himself
with a smirk)

Mark my words, I have plans to seize The Crown of Spades, and then turn their world upside down.

The flames of the burning vessel explode into the sky like fireworks.

ACT 5, SCENE 3 HALL OF MIRRORS ROOM-1701-NIGHT INT: VERSAILLES

RETURNS FROM THE FLASHBACK TO 1701 PRESENT DAY

DUKE PHILLIP

(triumphant)

All pirates are dead! Their shadows no longer cloud over Versailles.

LAWYER PIERRE CARRON

(hesitant)

My lord, rumors still whisper that the Duchess to be has past dealings with pirates.

KNIGHT CHRISTOPHER

(joking)

Your Majesty, if only your magic wand could conjure a real princess that speaks truth and not deceit, and doesn't hide behind a crown.

DUKE PHILLIP

(defensive)

But love needs no spell. I marry Elizabeth, the woman of my dreams, no act, no Shakespearean tragedy, just a woman of royal class. A real Princess indeed.

There is a pause.

LAWYER PIERRE CARRON

(earnest)

Indeed, love is the greatest magic, and more powerful than a spell.

DUKE PHILLIP

(convinced)

I have found it.

INT: VERSAILLES

EXT: DREAMLIKE-

ACT 5, SCENE 4 ROYAL CHAMBERS- 1701- NIGHT

Princess Elizabeth kneels in prayer, her hands clasped tightly over the magical medallion from Isle of Maravillas. She speaks fervently, her voice steady with hope and determination. Servant Isabella enters.

Servant Isabella: Female, Any race, 20's-30's, French accent

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(praying)

Holy Spirit, Please grant peace to the landless and the noblemen. Let justice reign, and evil fade.

Suddenly, a faint glow ignites around her. Elizabeth begins to shimmer as her body begins to float in the air.

ISABELLA

(gasping)

My lady! You're glowing! And... you're floating! What in heaven is happening?

TRANSITION OF THE SCENE FOCUSES ON THE SHIMMERING EFFECT

ACT 5, SCENE 5
WATERFALL AT ISLE OF MARAVILLAS

The scene fades into a shimmering glow from the Mermaid. A dreamlike scene in a lush waterfall setting as Elizabeth is glittering under a moonlit sky in the Isle of Maravillas. Helena, the mermaid Spirit appears surreal.

HELENA THE MERMAID

(commanding)

Elizabeth, your mission's not done. Captain Davey's plan of deception runs deep. He seeks to conquer the Crown of Spades, and chaos will follow. You must warn Ethan.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(determined)

I will warn him. No lie will shatter a glass fate, only truth, love, and justice will reign.

HELENA THE MERMAID

(softer)

And you my dear, know that the Crown of Spades must fall into the hands of true love at night, you must also fight to convince the royal court to return the land back to the commoners.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(conviction)

I vow to fight for land, liberty, and love in what feels right.

Helena starts to fade in and out.

HELENA THE MERMAID

(voice lowers )

My lady, fail to do so and you will be trapped in a time portal, forever, repeating different missions.

With a final burst of shimmering water, Helena fades into the dreamy waterfalls. Elizabeth begins to grow longer and her form shimmers with magic. The scene brightens, and then she's back in her chambers, standing quietly.

SCENE TRANSITION ON THE SHIMMER OF MAGIC

INT: ROYAL

ACT 5, SCENE 6 CHAMBERS- VERSAILLES-1701- NIGHT

The scene opens with the shimmer of magic dust off Elizabeth's body.

ISABELLA

(shock)

My lady you grew longer and then you floated . I have never seen such magic. What happened?

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(serious)

The magic is calling my name, Isabella. I have a universal duty to return and protect the land to those who work the soil, and restore peace.

ISABELLA

(caution)

A war is brewing my lady, it will take a miracle to return the land and restore peace.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(determined)

A miracle is right, but I will not stop to fight until there is peace, truth, and justice. Promise me, nothing will be spoken outside these walls. Not a word to the court.

**ISABELLA** 

(nods)

I swear my lady.

The scene fades.

ACT 5, SCENE 7 GARDEN 1701-DAY

PETER EMERSON V.O.

INT: VERSAILLES

The Versailles garden was a secret place where Queens and Kings whispered, treaties where sealed, and every step was a dance of power.

The garden is bustling with royals and anticipation of the Treaty for Spain.

Queen Marie, King Henry, Duke Phillip, Princess Elizabeth, the King of Spain, and Queen Maribella stand amidst lush greenery in a gentle breeze.

Queen Maribella: Female, Caucasian, 30's, Preference to the same Maribella Character in Secrets 3. Regal, calculating, attractive, and dramatic.

King Fernando: Male, Hispanic or Caucasian, Spanish Accent preferred, 40's-50's, Serious, commanding, and calculating. Married to Queen Maribella. (Preference to the same character as King of Spain in Secrets 3."

Elizabeth's eyes catch Queen Maribella, and her heart skips a beat as a flash of recognition overcomes her from a past memory from the Isle de Maravillas.

Elizabeth is surprised but remains calm.

QUEEN MARIBELLA

(teasing and soft spoken)
Elizabeth, you wear royalty like a
perfect cloak. You do remind me of
a girl I met long ago, before I
rose to royalty. She loved
adventure, and sailing.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(calmly)

Thank you, Queen Maribella. I can assure you I have never sailed the Seven Seas, but I do cherish our kingdom.

Queen Marie with her sharp tongue of wit, and spiteful dislike of Elizabeth interrupts.

QUEEN MARIE ANTOINETTE

(sarcastic)

Maybe Elizabeth's just cleverly playing the role of a Juliet with our Duke as Romeo. If you ask me, her manner's are more like a pauper than a Princess.

Elizabeth starts to flush, but she keeps calm as Duke Phillip interrupts.

DUKE PHILLIP

(stepping forward)

My love for Elizabeth is greater than any Shakespearean tale! Her grace outshines any treasures of the palace. No wisecrack will change what I see.

Elizabeth smiles to Phillip and all of a sudden, the royal crowd starts to become excited as trumpets and flutes harmoniously burst into the scene.

NOBLEMEN

(holding the trumpet)
The Grand Treaty festivities has
begun! Tomorrow, promises will be
sealed, alliances formed, and
futures changed.

The crowd erupts into applause and cheers. The trumpets and orchestra play.

THE CAMERA PANS TO QUEEN MARIBELLA TALKING TO KING FERNANDO.

OUEEN MARIBELLA

(quietly to Fernando) Tomorrow's treaty might form peace, but in the shadows, Fernando, we will take what is ours, the rarest jewel of all, the Necklace of Hearts.

ACT 5, SCENE 8 VERSAILLES-1701-EARLY EVENING INT:FOREST OF

PETER EMERSON V.O. While treaties were signed and trumpets echoed through Versailles,

deep in the forest, a storm was brewing of hope and rebellion.

The scene opens in a dark forest. The sounds of marching boots and fighting gear ripple through the forest. Captain Davey leads a ragged but fierce army of pirates and peasants, marching in unison.

Captain Davey fiercely leads with Ethan Cooper right behind.

Suddenly, from the trees, the ghost of an old pirate skull begins to swirl.

GHOST PIRATE SKULL

Deception in night, beware don't fear, Liam Dupont's lies must come down. He'll cut you in the back with a polite face, plotting to take your rightful place.

Everyone is quiet, and Liam gets his sword out and turns to Ethan as a fight is about to take place.

LIAM DUPONT

(hostile)

You think you can stop whats coming? I've got plots darker than the night.

ETHAN COOPER

(Calm but ready to attack) Your plots are old, and your deception has no place in our pirate face. The truth will cut through the disgrace.

(His sword is out)

Without hesitation, Liam lunges forward with his sword and Ethan ducks and they begin dueling fiercely as the army of pirates watch. Finally, Ethan strikes upward to Liam's side, he gasps, falling to the ground.

LIAM DUPONT

(gasping)

You'll regret this.

Liam Falls falls to the ground. Ethan stands over him, and notices a map in his hand. Ethan takes the map.

ETHAN COOPER

(gazing down-angry)
Traitor. We have no room in this army for traitors!

Ethan tucks the map into his coat. Captain Davey steps forward with a grin and raises his sword to send a message to the army.

CAPTAIN DAVEY

(threatening)

Any traitors amongst us will meet the same fate with bloody guts, not glory. I am no pirates's fool and any fishy lies I smell, I will kill like a sea monster. I will make their bones rattle throughout Versailles.

The army cheers in accord and becomes more unified in their march as they raise their swords and axes.

ACT 5, SCENE 9 EXT: MODERN VERSAILLES-GARDEN-FOUNTAINS-LATE DAY-PRESENT

The garden of Versailles gleams under the late afternoon sun. The Grand Apollo water fountains shimmer with cascading water. The small tour group is curious and excited as Peter Emerson continues the enriching story. The camera pans the scenic gardens.

PETER EMERSON V.O. (camera pan over the gardens)
(MORE)

PETER EMERSON V.O. (CONT'D)

In the magical land of Versailles, two stories unfold, one of a crown built on deception, and another of commoners fighting for land and liberty. But only one story will prevail.

CAMERA MOVES TO GROUP

Fiona right next to her mom comes forward.

FIONA

(wide eyed)

Will Ethan win over Elizabeth's heart and reach the Crown of Spades in time or will fate take a wrong turn?

YOUNG MAN

(well spoken)

What if Elizabeth has fallen for the Duke, and chooses him over Ethan? Perhaps, a game of cupid's swords and hearts.

Muriel, the Curator interrupts.

MURIEL

(raises her hand)
Please, all hold your questions.
Before we dive into love and
legends, lets take a look at these
fountains. Their significance runs
deep, beneath their beauty.

The tour group turns their gaze towards the fountains as Muriel resumes her tour.

MURIEL (CONT'D)

King Louis commissioned Charles Le Brun to craft Apollo's fountain. Not just to shine, but to mark Versailles as the wealthiest, most magnificent Kingdom in all of Europe. Every fountain and sculpture was a monument to power.

PETER EMERSON

(nods with a smile)
And that was no accident.
Everything King Louis did was over the top, and to mark Versailles as the greatest Kingdom ever.

MURIEL

(to the tour group)
Just look at the beauty of the
fountains, they were a symbol of
immense wealth. But remember the
grand celebrations started behind
closed doors. Like the treaty
festivities they all began in the
garden, but the real decisions were
made inside the walls of
Versailles.

The group begins walking slowly along the path in awe of the beauty of both the fountains and sculptures.

The mom of the group begins to nod.

MIDDLE AGED MOM

(curious)

Did they really throw parties out here, near the fountains?

MURIEL

(eyes look at Mr. Emerson)
I will pass the mic to Mr. Emerson
to discuss the lavish parties of
Versailles.

Peter steps forward in the group.

PETER EMERSON

(High Energy)

Back then these fountains weren't just for show and beauty, but they symbolized strength, and solidarity. But the real celebrations, those grand events all started behind doors in the castle, not in the gardens. The biggest ones like the Treaties began in the Grand Halls, and when talks ended, the deals all made their way inside Versailles gilded chambers.

ACT 5, SCENE 10
GRAND BALLROOM-1701-NIGHT

FLASHBACK TO 1701

INT: VERSAILLES-

A victorian regal ballroom has come to life with music, candles, noblemen, and guests dancing. Duke Phillip escorts Elizabeth through the ballroom with King Louis and Queen Marie behind.

PETER EMERSON V.O.

That night amongst the royal gowns, and grandfathered suits, deception danced in the shadows, and whispers fueled betrayal.

Elizabeth notices Queen Maribella's gaze settle on Queen Marie's Necklace. She leaves Duke Phillip's side and approaches Maribella.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(soft spoken)

Such an splendid evening, your majesty. The music, the guests, and your presence seem to just shine for us. Truly a night to remember.

QUEEN MARIBELLA

(softly with a smirk)
Indeed, Elizabeth, a treasured
night. It would be more glorious if
only I could wear Queen Marie's
treasured necklace. If that jewel
were only mine.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(confused)

Your Majesty, if I am not mistaken you want to take the Queen's Necklace?

QUEEN MARIBELLA

(condescending)

Elizabeth, don't be a pirate's fool. This isn't a celebration of diplomacy, it's a game of treasures. I am on a hunt, my duchess to be, and that Necklace is more than a Jewel, it's a symbol of power.

Elizabeth's eyes get bigger as she realizes Queen Maribella's real motives.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(shocked)

Your going to steal Queen Marie's necklace?

QUEEN MARIBELLA

(cold and threatening)
Look around, this night may appear
a celebration but it's a dance of
secrets. I warn you that if you
don't get that necklace before our
departure,

(voice becomes sinister)
I will reveal your true identity to
all. A spy, an imposter, and a
flimsy girl lost in time playing a
dangerous game with fate.

Elizabeth in shock and visibly upset.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(upset)
You wouldn't dare.

QUEEN MARIBELLA

(cold, and nods)
I would. Try me.

Queen Maribella signals King Fernando to leave and walk away.

Duke Phillip notices Elizabeth's expression and runs to her side.

DUKE PHILLIP

(concerned)

What's wrong my dear Elizabeth? You look as if a tornado swept you away from the castle.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(upset)

It's Maribella's greedy appetite, she's hungry for more than croissants. Her eyes are ready to feast on the Necklace of Hearts. She is willing to do anything to claim it, even betray the court, and put the treaty at risk.

DUKE PHILLIP

(confused)

You mean Maribella, the Queen of Spain? How do you know this?

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

Yes , she pulled me aside, and confessed her true wishes for Queen Marie's necklace.

DUKE PHILLIP

I will sort this matter out. Don't fret my love.

ACT 5, SCENE 11 BALLROOM-1701-NIGHT INT: VERSAILLES GRAND

Out of nowhere, a loud eruption of cheers roar across the room as the camera pans towards Chancellor John.

CHANCELLOR JOHN

(loud, raising his voice)
Tonight, King Louis and King
Fernando seal their fates! Let this
treaty ignite peace and prosperity.

The crowd erupts in more cheers as glasses click, and music plays louder.

King Fernando then raises his glass.

KING FERNANDO

(cherish)

In the highest heavens, I swear this treaty will be as strong as a fortress. Long last unity!

The crowd resumes dancing, and drinking.

ACT 5, SCENE 12 CASTLE GATES-1701- NIGHT TIME EXT: VERSAILLES

Not too far from the gates, an army of commoners and pirates are marching fiercely in the night.

ETHAN COOPER

(raising voice)

No end in sight, no treasure is small, We rise tonight to fight. A war not done, a love like the sun, Hail to justice, freedom for all, we will not fall.

The band of pirates and commoners shout.

ALL

(shout twice) We will not fall!

THE CAMERA PANS TO THE GATES AND BACK TO THE ARMY

CAPTAIN DAVEY

(tough and fierce)
Avast! Charge mates! We fight
through the gates, bait and seize
tight and fight in the night to
make bloody right!

The army crashes through the gate, killing the guarding knights, as they enter the kingdom.

ACT 6, SCENE 1
GARDEN-1701- NIGHT

The rebel of pirates and commoners flood into the gardens. Swords fly and arrows are shot. Knights go down, but many start to fight back.

PETER EMERSON V.O.

The gardens once a place of unity and beauty, became a bloody battle ground. But the quick moves of one knight leveled the battlefield.

The camera shows the fighting between the knights and rebels. Knight Christopher notices afar and rushes into the Grand Hall.

ACT 6, SCENE 2 VERSAILLES-1701-NIGHT INT: GRAND HALL OF

INT: VERSAILLES

KNIGHT CHRISTOPHER

(urgency and out of breath)

Royals of the Court, the gardens are under attack by Captain Davey Dark Skull's army.

(MORE)

KNIGHT CHRISTOPHER (CONT'D)

They are storming the castle killing our knights.

KING LOUIS

(loud and commanding)
All knights go to the gardens and
attack! Secure the royal chambers,
and everyone to the back.

There is commotion and panic amongst the nobles. They begin to scatter out of the Grand Hall.

ACT 6, SCENE 3
HALLWAY-SECRET LIBRARY-1701- NIGHT

Duke Phillip leads the way to the secret library with Elizabeth by his side and the King and Queen of Spain following behind. Duke Phillip opens the room to the Secret Library.

DUKE PHILLIP

(serious)

Here you will be safe. My dear Elizabeth, I won't forget our ever after. I will return once the battle is over.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(concerned)

My brave Phillip, promise when thou returns we can marry.

DUKE PHILLIP

(genuine)

I promise you as the sun sets every waking day. I will come back and wed thee Elizabeth the first Duchess of Versailles.

QUEEN MARIBELLA

(sarcastic)

These promises sound like a rotten Shakespearean tale. And you call this a treaty ball, celebrating chaos over peace?

King Fernando interrupts .

KING FERNANDO

(inquiring)

Lord Phillip, with all due respect to forget the chaos of the night, all I ask is Queen Marie's Necklace of Hearts be a treaty gift of appreciation to forget this madness.

DUKE PHILLIP

(nods)

King Fernando, what a big favor to request after sealed alliances. Right?! I do suppose Queen Marie can part with a jewel to honor a word class treaty.

KING FERNANDO

Lord Phillip, we look forward to our treaty gift, a cherished national treasure as an omen to our alliance

Duke Phillip rushes off.

ACT 6, SCENE 4 SECRET LIBRARY-1701- NIGHT

QUEEN MARIBELLA

( exploit)

Ah my lovely Elizabeth, did thou think that a clumsy lady could actually escape the past? Do you think a Duke Phillip would marry an imposter of the court who has past relations with a pirate?

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(cold, and strong)
Careful what you say Queen
Maribella. Ethan is a mere memory
of time and adventure. Your words
seem anything but peaceful for this
treaty.

QUEEN MARIBELLA

(revengeful)

As you command Elizabeth, just know A Treaty is comprised of truth and fairness.

Maribella, then notices a large painting on the brick wall. Maribella approaches the painting, and moves the art work which opens a hidden shelf that displays the shimmering Crown of Spades, glowing.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

Queen Maribella, this isn't the time or place to move art around.

QUEEN MARIBELLA

(moves the painting out)
This Painting is splendid.
(excited)

At last the Crown of Spades. It will change everything.

Queen Maribella reaches her hand towards the crown and Elizabeth intervenes.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(steps forward - sharp)
Stop! That crown is for peace. If
you dare touch it, darkness will
eternally storm, destroying any
chances for a forecast of sparkling
jewels in your near future.

KING FERNANDO

(voice of reason)
Maribella, don't mess with black
magic. We don't need to be forever
showered in darkness.

Maribella agrees as King Fernando takes her hand to move her away from The Crown of Spades.

QUEEN MARIBELLA

(takes a deep breath)
As you wish. I will not mess with light.

ACT 6, SCENE 5 VERSAILLES-1701-NIGHT

The moon is shining brightly in the nighttime. The scene displays a violent battle with bloody screams of both fallen knights and commoners. Steel swords clashing, and aggressive fights between pirates and knights.

INT: THE GARDENS OF

PETER EMERSON V.O.

Instead of dancing the night away, a dance of death was taking over the Garden of Versailles.

(MORE)

PETER EMERSON V.O. (CONT'D)

Once a place of stillness and beauty was now a place of madness and gory.

Captain Davey leads the battle.

CAPTAIN DAVEY

(roaring)

Go Mates, we fight the bloody royal all night! Arrrr.

Knights surge forward fighting the pirates and commoners. Knight Christopher sees Captain Davey.

KNIGHT CHRISTOPHER

(grunting)

Dirty Pirates, this madness stops now.

Captain Davey swings his sword.

CAPTAIN DAVEY

(loud-hostile)

Feed the fish You stinkin royals!

A dueling fight ensues between the two, and captain Davey takes a swing that sends Knight Christopher to the ground which kills him. Fighting still continues amongst the knights and pirate.

THE CAMERA TRANSITIONS TO THE GALLOPING OF DUKE PHILLIP, AND HIS BAND OF KNIGHTS. THE KNIGHTS BEGIN TO OVERPOWER CAPTAIN DAVEY, POSITIONING HIM TO BE BLOCKED IN.

DUKE PHILLIP

(commanding)

Have no mercy for the Scourge of the 7 Seas! A bounty to the knight that does thee deed.

The knights begin to gang up and confront Captain Davey, knocking him down in one final blow.

DUKE PHILLIP (CONT'D)

(cold)

Take him, and burn his bloody guts.

The knights begin to out fight the remaining pirates.

ACT 6, SCENE 6 CASTLE-1701-NIGHT

Ethan dressed as a fallen knight cleverly moves through the dark castle halls.

PETER EMERSON V.O.

In a castle on the brink of demise, a hero in disguise sneaks in like a phantom of the night.

Ethan quietly slips past guards, courtiers, knights, blending in seamlessly.

INT: REGAL CHAMBER

INT: VERSAILLES

Ethan sneaks into a regal chamber that is filled with flickering candles. Pierre Carron, unaware of Ethan's Presence is intensely looking over scrolls and relics. Ethan ambushes Pierre Carron with a knife.

From behind Ethan ambushes Pierre Carron.

ETHAN COOPER

(low and threatening)
If you make so much a sound I'll
slit your throat faster than
lightning. Understand?
 (pulls out a small sword)

Ethan raises the sword to Pierre's neck.

ETHAN COOPER (CONT'D)

(threatening)

Now listen, I need you to get Princess Elizabeth back in my arms. Tell me where the cowardly duke is hiding her. Speak up.

LAWYER PIERRE CARRON

(tense and shaking)

Princess Elizabeth is residing in the Duke's chambers, set to marry soon. There is no way I can pull off such a charade.

ETHAN COOPER

(sinister laugh and then inches closer with knife)
Your fancy days of scrolls and treaty plans are stale like yesterday's tea.

INT: VERSAILLES

ACT 6, SCENE 7
RELIC CHAMBER-1701-NIGHT

Then Suddenly, a thunderous earthquake floods the room. The Sorcerer of Versailles dressed in a large cloak appears in a cloud of mist glowing with power. Her voice is commanding.

SORCERER

(fierce)

Obey me, or burn in eternal damnation!

There is an image of a fire near the sorcerer. Bolts of lightning strike again. Pierre begins to shimmer and turn dark as his body and face morph into a fierce pirate, as Ethan caught in the magic, transforms into a noblemen. Pierre notices in the mirror a reflection his new face.

SORCERER (CONT'D)

(loud and commanding to Pierre)

Pierre you are a ruthless Pirate that won't stop until my orders are complete!

PIERRE (THE PIRATE)

(growling and angry)

What curse is this? My face is no longer me.

Then a searing bolt of energy transforms Ethan.

SORCERER

And you Ethan you are now Sir Elliot, a clever noblemen that will execute regal orders.

There reflections shimmer in the vintage mirror.

ACT 6, SCENE 8
RELIC CHAMBER- 1701-NIGHT

Both are in shock, and nearly unrecognizable with new looks. Ethan now Elliot the noblemen smirks.

ETHAN (THE NOBLEMAN)

(laughing)

Well at least one of us is magically fine. Who knew a curse could dress a man so well.

INT: MODERN

PIERRE (THE PIRATE)
Aye, look at us, all suited up to
kill by a legendary curse. Magic ,
aye is funny, Now your a royal,
and I speak like a dirty pirate.

The Sorcerer's voice booms again.

SORCERER

(sound like thunderbooming)

Suited up to be more than fools! You both must find the Crown of Spades. By tomorrow night, it must be brought to the chapel. True love in sight, land right, and end these cursed fights, or the legacy of Versailles will demise.

BOTH (PIERRE AND ETHAN)

(in unison)

Together we seek the crown before tomorrows dawn, and let love, land and liberty reign!

The Sorcerer's cloud of mist begins to evaporate, and lightning strikes down.

ACT 6, SCENE 9
VERSAILLES CHAPEL-PRESENT-LATE DAY

The scene transitions to modern day Versailles. It opens in the Versailles Garden Chapel. Sunlight glimmers through the chapel as Peter Emerson, confidently stands in the center, leading the tour group. Amongst the group are The Journalist, Muriel, the curator, Young man, the teen Fiona and her middle aged mom, Peter Emerson, a young couple, and the Grant Phillips, the modern day incarnation of Duke Phillip, confident and commanding arrives.

Grant Phillips: Male, Caucasian, Modern Day incarnation of Duke Phillip- Same Character but different role. High powered world Art Dealer and Agent. Confident, sharp, and charming.

PETER EMERSON

(rich storytelling voice)
The legend of Versailles is
beautifully fabricated with both
love and curses. A story whose fate
depends on one sacred relic, The
Crown of Spades.

(MORE)

PETER EMERSON (CONT'D) And here in this Holy chapel, it's final destiny will be sealed.

He gestures to the intricate details in the chapel. Suddenly, Grant Phillips steps into the tour circle.

GRANT PHILLIPS

(charming and commanding)
And might I say that whoever claims
the crown, controls the very fabric
of love and fate , and is rewriting
history as we know it.

Peter acknowledges with a nod.

PETER EMERSON

(curious)

And then what, Monsieur? What is your name?

GRANT PHILLIPS

(excitement)

Grant Phillips, the fourth, worldwide art dealer, seeker of truth buried in centuries of myth. I've studied your research on 17th century myth and art. I'm well versed on the secrets buried in history.

PETER EMERSON

(nods in agreement)
Ah, great minds think alike.
Monsieur Grant Phillips, the fourth
I welcome your insight.

Then teen Fiona interrupts.

FIONA

(eagerly curious)

Wait, if the Crown of Spades is this so called legend then can it truly change fate? Then what about the fate that awaits Princess Elizabeth? Is she cursed too?

Her mom gently scolds her.

MIDDLE AGED MOM

(slightly scolding)
Fiona, let the story run it's
course. Don't plant any seeds of
doom.

Muriel, the museum curator steps forward.

MURIEL

(directing and soft)
Ladies, and gentlemen we will
return to Mr. Emerson's tale soon,
but for now we are running short on
time, so please look around at the
last stop on the tour. The only
sacred chapel of Versailles where
love and royalty unite as one.

The tour group gazes with wonder at the Chapel's intricate design. As this is happening, Evelyn from Ever approaches Peter Emerson and gives him an old vintage book titled " The Crown of Spades." She cautiously hands it to Peter Emerson.

**EVELYN** 

(softly)

Please read the last few pages aloud. The truth lies in the words, and shall reveal a powerful ending.

Muriel right next to Peter, hears this, and then summons the group to come back. Peter with wide eyes opens the book, and begins reading out loud as the tour group gathers with interest.

PETER EMERSON

(reading aloud)

As a grand treat, an old friend has provided a key piece to this saga.

(He holds up the vintage book)

GRANT PHILLIPS

(disbelief)

That can't be! Are you kidding me? The original 1701 vintage book of The Crown of Spades. How did you get your hands on a such a story?

EVELYN

(serious)

Monsieur Phillips, our society Ever will always have access to the most revolutionary relics.

MURIEL

(directing)

Let's get back to the story. Our time is running short, so Sir Emerson please resume.

## PETER EMERSON

(reading)

Thank you Muriel. Now where was I (finding his spot in the vintage book).

After the chaos in the gardens, the court of Versailles was left to debate the land. Time was running out to claim the Crown of Spades in right, but first Versailles would have to unite.

ACT 6, SCENE 10 GRAND COURT-1701- DAY

The scene is a flashback to the 1701 in Versailles grand Court room. King Louis and Queen Marie leading the matters, along with chancellor John are center court. Tension is high as they ponder the fate of the land.

KING LOUIS

(concerned)

Shall the land be given back to the peasants or leave it barren?

There is whispering amongst the court, and then a noblemen stands up followed by another noblemen.

## NOBLEMEN 1

(determined)

Your Majesty, without the hands of the peasants to tend to the land, it will all go to waste. Grant them rights, and the land will be of good use.

## NOBLEMEN 2

(nods in agreement)
Your lord, leasing land to the
peasants will be a great alliance
for the Kingdom and will be
favorable to our food supply.

There is loud noise erupting in the court, and then Queen Marie interrupts.

QUEEN MARIE ANTOINETTE

(high voice)

Order in the court. All those in favor stand and say Aye?

More than half the court responds. Princess Elizabeth steps forward with conviction.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(conviction and determined)

I stand for justice and fairness. These are the true treasures for the state of France and Versailles.

Duke Phillip looks at her with admiration and then follows her lead.

DUKE PHILLIP

(solemnly)

I follow the Princess. Justice is the bones of the body of Versailles, and we must honor the very foundation of this kingdom.

Chancellor John begins to count and then rings the bell.

CHANCELLOR JOHN

(loud, rings a bell)
In favor! Land granted with
conditional rights! Let the

commoners and peasants start working the land.

The court erupts in cheers, trumpets start thundering and the melody of triumph is playing in the air.

PETER EMERSON V.O.

(majestic storyteller)

The melody of victory was playing loudly, but the fate of the Crown of Spades was hanging on the thread of true love and legend.

ACT 6, SCENE 11
GRAND HALL COURT OF VERSAILLES- 1701-DAY

Duke Phillip smiles at Elizabeth.

DUKE PHILLIP

(softly)

Tonight, we finalize details, tomorrow our holy matrimony will be sealed. Love's true crown will forever be ours.

Duke Phillip kisses Elizabeth gently.

DUKE PHILLIP (CONT'D)

(excitement)

Our future awaits.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(with affection)

To our long lasting union.

Elizabeth parts with the Duke and then her eyes gaze across the hall to Ethan, now disguised as Sir Elliott, the nobleman stands among the court. He moves to her.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH (CONT'D)

(soft but confused)

Ethan, in this guise? How in the world did you pull this off?

ETHAN COOPER (THE NOBLEMAN)

(steady, quiet, and
poetic)

My love, I have no time for chatter. Meet me tonight at the holy chapel To change fate, all deception left behind, to gain a new crown of reception.

He slips into the crowd quickly after that.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

(whispers to herself)
What about my dear Phillip? Will I
forever be cursed if I don't walk
in a line for a new crown of
reception?

PRINCESS ELIZABETH (V.O.)

(echoing)

Reception, Reception

HER WORDS OF RECEPTION SEEM TO ECHO OUT AS A VOICEOVER OVER TRANSITIONS THE CAMERA INTO NEW SCENE.

ACT 6, SCENE 12 INT: THE SACRED CHAPEL-VERSAILLES -1701-NIGHT

Under the moonlit sky, Princess Elizabeth slips into the chapel, her heart pounding. Ethan dressed still as a regal nobleman, and Pierre Carron dressed as a pirate leading the ceremony, and holding the crown of spades. The wedding music is playing.

LAWYER PIERRE CARRON (THE PIRATE)

(leading with authoritymajestic)

In the name of our royal fathers, justice is restored. Love and fate must bind to unite!

He places the Crown of Spade on Ethan's head. Electric sparks crackle wildly, swirling around the pair. As the crown is placed, an ominous glow begins to encircle both Ethan and Elizabeth.

PETER EMERSON V.O.

The curse that chained Versailles was finally broken, forming a new legend, and rebirth of royalty in an eternal light.

Suddenly, the Sorcerer of Versailles appears radiant, her voice echoing like thunder.

THE SORCERER

(loud)

Ethan Cooper, Estelle Emerson your mission at Versailles is complete! You are eternal bound to the rich legacy of Versailles and the story shall never be rewritten. History is etched in stone.

As she finishes, both Ethan and now Estelle begin to lift in the air, spiraling upward. Duke Charles makes an entrance, and his eyes are wide and shocked.

DUKE PHILLIP

(stunned)

Elizabeth! What magic is this?

Ethan and Estelle fade into the night .

ACT 7, SCENE 1 INT: MODERN VERSAILLES ROYAL CHAPEL- PRESENT- EARLY EVENING

Peter Emerson continues to read the vintage Storybook to the same tour group.

PETER EMERSON

(rich storytelling voice)
The light in a new crown of
reception, broke an ancient curse.
As two hearts united, a new fate
flooded the gates of Versailles.

Out of nowhere the doors of the chapel swing open, two shimmering figures appear: Estelle, dressed as a Victorian bride, and Ethan in a dapper Victorian suit, walking into the chapel. The crowd stares in shock and whispers fill the air.

YOUNG WOMAN JOURNALIST

(disbelief)

And fate indeed has brought us the Victorian characters!

The tour group is stunned.

PETER EMERSON

(amazement)

Estelle? My niece? How is this possible?

ESTELLE EMERSON (PRINCESS ELIZABETH)

Uncle, it's light years in time. It's magic crossing time and space. It's more than a legend, it's real.

PETER EMERSON

(emotional)

Your father would be so proud of the women you have become. A legendary character and story woven into time.

Estelle acknowledges his statement with a nod..

FIONA

(excited)

Folks is this for real? Did the Duke and Duchess of Versailles just really travel in Time?

INT: MODERN DAY

MIDDLE AGED MOM

Fiona, don't be foolish. These characters are part of the Versailles tour experience.

ESTELLE EMERSON

(wise)

As a wisemen once said, there's far more that meets the eye.

ACT 7, SCENE 2 VERSAILLES CHAPEL- PRESENT- EARLY EVENING

Then Grant Phillips, the charming art dealer who is reincarnated as Duke Phillip steps forward and confidently says.

GRANT PHILLIPS

(smitten with Estelle)

Estelle, indeed my eyes have been following your family's work, your story and art work. I am the Grant Phillips, the fourth of the art world. I'd love to showcase your masterpieces in our Paris and New York galleries where legends can shine.

ESTELLE EMERSON (PRINCESS ELIZABETH)

(gracious)

Thank you Mr. Phillips, but now is not the proper time.

GRANT PHILLIPS

(persistent)

Please reconsider Madam. Once you settle, your art will shine in our royal galleries.

Ethan recognizes the connection and steps in.

ETHAN COOPER

(Sincerely)

This isn't a time for art shows or legacies. We must return to Montmartre where the heart of our story lives on. Come my love.

(He grabs her hand)

Estelle nods and looks at Duke Phillip one last time. Estelle and Ethan both head outside the chapel as an elegant carriage waits.

EXT: CHAPEL OF

ACT 7, SCENE 3
MODERN DAY VERSAILLES- EARLY EVENING

Outside the Chapel of Versailles, a grand carriage awaits. The camera shows Evelyn, the old woman from Ever is in the driver seat with the magical wand glowing in the seat over. Ethan guides Estelle into the Carriage, and close the door. The two sit next to each other holding hands the entire time as the carriage drives into the sunset.

ACT 7, SCENE 4 EXT: STREETS OF MONTMARTRE - PRESENT- EARLY DAWN

The carriage moves effortlessly through the early morning streets of Montmartre. Ethan and Estelle hands intertwined, gazing endlessly into each other's eyes. Outside, the city awakens with cafes putting their signs out, painters setting up their canvases, and early tourist begin to stroll.

THE CAMERA STARTS TO PULL AWAY, AND THE CARRIAGE BEGINS TO SHRINK. THE STREETS APPEAR AS A LABYRINTH MAZES, AND TOURISTS SOON BECOME ANTS AS THE CAMERA MOVES AWAY TO A DISTANT PICTURE.

PETER EMERSON V.O.
The final destination may of been
Montmartre, but great stories truly
never end. Age old Secrets, truly
never die. Heroes, lost in time,
truly never fade, and missions
complete, never truly stop.

Fades to black as the credits start rolling with the theme music coming back.