

“A Potato Forest Adventure”

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Scene 1

Narrator: Once upon a time, not too long ago, there lived an ordinary girl in an ordinary village. To the untrained eye, there wasn't anything that set her village apart from all of the other villages. Each house looked similar. Each person had similar routines: wake up, go to school, do chores, and go to bed. This particular girl had the same routine as the others and was very similar in many ways, apart from her name...

Gwendal: **to audience** Hi! I'm Gwendal.

Narrator: ...and the drive to do something that no one in her village had done in at least 100 years:

Gwendal: **determined** Eat. A. Potato.

Narrator: You see, many, many years ago, potatoes were abundant in the village. People ate them in every way you could imagine: baked potatoes, mashed potatoes, hash browns, french fries, potato skins, wedges.. they put potatoes in their pancakes, in their soup, and in their cereal. But on one dark day, the village sent all of their potatoes out to the woods to be banished forever.

Gwendal: And there hasn't been a potato in sight since then. **To Narrator** Thanks, I've got it from here. **Back to audience** Nobody will talk about it, but the rumor is that our potatoes were cursed and something strange and unfixable will happen to anyone who eats one. I think that's silly though. I've dreamt of tasting a potato since I was tot (or tater-tot, if you will). I just need to know! So I've made a plan. **She begins packing a bag**

Narrator: Gwendal has decided to do the bravest thing she's ever done and venture into the forest *alone*. No person in her village has been there since they banished the potatoes, but that doesn't bother Gwendal. So as she packed up her map, a compass, and some salt and pepper (for the potato of course), she took a deep breath and began her adventure towards the forest.

Scene 2

Narrator: Gwendal had easily snuck out of her house and was making decent time towards the forest when she heard a noise. **The noise is a mixture of a meow and sob**

Gwendal: What was that?!

Foxfur: **The noise that is a mix of a meow and sob grows louder**

Gwendal: Who's there? Are you okay?

Foxfur: No, I'm not okay at all. I wandered into your village because I saw some trees and I thought it was the forest.. But this is not a forest at all.

Gwendal: Woah!! Are you a cat??

Foxfur: You can't tell by my whiskers and tail?

Gwendal: I just.. Didn't know cats could talk.

Foxfur: I thought I was the only one too until I met another talking cat a few days ago. He told me that all of the talking animals live in the forest. I've been trying to find it since then, but I don't have a compass and I can't figure out which way north is!

Gwendal: Well you're in luck because I have a compass with me AND I happen to be heading towards the forest.

Foxfur: Wow! This has just turned into a great day. I'm Foxfur, by the way.

Gwendal: Gwendal! Nice to meet you.

Narrator: And with that, the two new acquaintances started on their journey to the forest, each being very glad to have the company.

Scene 3

Narrator: Unbeknownst to our two new friends, another animal in the forest was searching for something as well.

Emily the Banana Cheetah: **Runs onto the stage** I'm here!!!! Hello family!!! I- wait... ugh did I miss them AGAIN??

Narrator: This is Emily, a Banana Cheetah. A very rare, but interesting breed.

Emily: **to audience** My spots look like bananas and so does the shape of my tail.

Narrator: Emily has been wandering around the forest trying to find the rest of her tribe, with no luck.

Emily: **To audience** I wandered off weeks ago and haven't been able to find them since! I know where their path is but every time I get to that spot, no one is there! But I will not give up! Family, here I come! **runs offstage**

Scene 4

Narrator: As Emily ran off to try to find her tribe, our other friends had just stepped foot into the forest.

Gwendal: Woah... so this is the forest. I'm really here.

Foxfur: I can't believe I searched all that time alone and all I had to do was bump into you. Thanks for bringing me with you.

Gwendal: Of course! **Kinda sad** I guess now you have to go find the other talking animals.

Foxfur: Well... maybe I could hang out with you a little longer? I've had a lot of fun. Plus, you still need help finding those potatoes!

Gwendal: **Mood instantly brightening** Yes of course! I would love the company.

Narrator: Just then, Gwendal and Foxfur heard twigs snapping in the distance.

Gwendal: Uh... that's probably totally normal right?

Narrator: The sound grew closer until they saw something coming RIGHT AT THEM!

Foxfur: QUICK!! TAKE COVER!

Foxfur and Gwendal "hide" as we see Emily zooming onto the stage. She zooms right past them and goes offstage

Gwendal: Whew, that was close... wait, it's coming back!!

Emily: **Zooms back onstage and halts right in front of them** Wait, who are you?? I've never seen you in the forest before!

Gwendal: Who are we??? WHAT are you??? Are you going to eat us??

Emily: Eat you? No way, blah, gross. My name is Emily. I'm a Banana Cheetah. I'm trying to find my tribe.

Foxfur: Oh my goodness.. Another talking animal!!!! **to audience** Well that was easy.

Narrator: Suddenly, Gwendal had an idea:

Gwendal: If you live in the forest, you must know where everything is. Have you ever seen a potato??

Emily: What's a potato?

Foxfur: You know, it's lumpy and brown and round.

Emily: OH. I ran through a field of those earlier! I can take you there if you want?? Follow me!!!
runs off quickly

Gwendal: Okay, I guess we are following her. **both shrug**

Scene 5

Narrator: So our friends moved quickly through the forest, trying to keep up with Emily the Banana Cheetah. She took them deep into the forest, through a river, over a fallen tree, and down some winding, curving trails until she found the potato patch.

Emily: Here we are!

Gwendal: Woah... it's more beautiful than I ever imagined.

Foxfur: Well... what are you waiting for?? Dig in!

Narrator: And with that, Gwendal dove head first into the patch of potatoes. She picked up the first one she saw and said to Foxfur and Emily:

Gwendal: Get me the salt and pepper out of my bag!

Narrator: But as they went to grab it for her, Gwendal became so excited and impatient that she took a huge bite of the potato! Just then, Foxfur and Emily turned back around with the salt and pepper... but Gwendal was nowhere in sight!

Foxfur: Gwendal? Where did you go?

Gwendal: I'm right here??

Foxfur: No you aren't! All we see is this field of potatoes! Stop playing tricks on us and come out.

Gwendal: Do you really not see me? I am sitting right here in the potatoes.

Emily: **Bends down to potatoes** I hear her but don't see her..

Gwendal: Oh no... the curse!!!

Narrator: Just then, Gwendal realized why all of the potatoes were banished. She was discovering, firsthand, that the curse was real. She looked down and realized she couldn't see her legs OR her arms.

Gwendal: Uh guys... down here...

Emily & Foxfur: AHHHHHHHHH!!! YOU'RE A TALKING POTATO.

Gwendal: I KNOW HOW DO I FIX THIS???

Narrator/Bob: Suddenly, another voice came from amongst the potatoes, "Uh hey, I'm Bob, another talking potato. Listen, if you want to fix this, there's a well deeper in the forest that has magical powers. Just take a little dip and all should be fixed."

Foxfur: Do you want us to bring you too?

Narrator/Bob: Nah, I kinda like being a talking potato. It's never been an issue until y'all almost ate me earlier.

Gwendal: Oops.. my bad.

Emily: I know exactly where this well is at!! Follow me! **Zooms off**

Foxfur: Wait up!!

Gwendal: My parents are NOT going to be happy!

Scene 6

Narrator: After venturing further down the trail with Emily the Banana Cheetah leading the pack, they finally reached the magic well. Foxfur was just about to dip Gwendal into the water when they were interrupted by the sound of animals on the other side of the forest.

Emily: AHH! THAT'S MY FAMILY **Zooms offstage**

Narrator: Yes, after months of searching, Emily the Banana Cheetah had stumbled upon her tribe in the least expected place, by the magic well.

Gwendal: Well, good for her. Now, let's do this thing.

Foxfur dips Gwendal the potato into the magic well, which miraculously turns her back into a human

Gwendal: Thank GOODNESS it worked. I would've been grounded for LIFE.

Foxfur: I guess you're going back home now?

Gwendal: Well, I've tasted a potato, and that's what I came here to do. Until they aren't cursed anymore, I definitely will not be eating them again soon... So back home I go. I'm sad our adventure is over..

Foxfur: Me too... Listen, talking animals are cool and all but... do you think I could maybe come home with you? I'd rather sleep in a house than on the ground. Plus I think we make a pretty good team!

Gwendal: YES. I would LOVE that! And I would be the only kid in town with a talking cat as a best friend!

Enter Emily

Emily: Guys!! I found my family. They've been looking for me this whole time. We wanted to know if you would like our tribe to walk you out of the woods?

Foxfur & Gwendal: That would be awesome!

Emily: Great! They're over here. Let's go! **zooms off**

Foxfur & Gwendal: Wait up!!

Narrator: So the gang, led by Emily and her tribe, all headed back to the forest entrance, where Gwendal and Foxfur would have some explaining to do to Gwendal's parents, but all would be well as they are tucked in for a bedtime story and a good night's sleep. Emily would also cuddle up by her tribe as she settles in for rest, but not before they make her promise to stop zooming off everywhere because that's how they lost her in the first place! And so, that concludes our tale of Gwendal, Foxfur, & Emily's potato forest adventure.

Everyone: And we all lived happily ever after. The end!