

A Batty, Forest Adventure

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Cast:

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Scene 1

Narrator: Have you ever been stuck between a rock and a hard place? No, I mean literally. A rock and a hard place. **Gestures to set** Well one of the characters of our story today has and boy did it cause some trouble. Meet Rose, an average gal on all accounts aside from the magical staff she carried and a surprising love of sports. Late one afternoon, Rose was taking a walk through the forest and practicing tricks with her staff, when all of a sudden it stopped working.

Rose: **To staff** Ugh, why did you stop working??

Narrator: Rose uses this staff to grant wishes, do cool tricks, and defend herself against danger. The fact that it just stopped working, so late in the evening and in the middle of the forest, is not a great sign.

Rose: Okay. Don't panic. I know how to get back! **Looks around and realizes she is lost** I think... Oh no. I was too distracted with my tricks that I didn't pay attention to where I was going. Okay. No problem. Think, Rose, think.

Narrator: Upon thinking, Rose figured she could just take the closest trail and see where it led her.

Rose: Surely it will bring me somewhere I recognize.

Narrator: So Rose began walking, and walking, and walking, and eventually she realized she was only going in a huge circle. When she reached the same place she started at, the sun had gone down completely making it hard to see. So Rose said...

Rose: I need to find shelter for tonight. Oh look! A cave right up against the side of the mountain. That's perfect.

Narrator: But as Rose began venturing towards the cave, she realized she stepped in gooeey mud and that she was stuck. She pulled against the mountain with no luck. She tried to crawl towards the cave, but nothing.

Rose: Wow, I'm really stuck right between this rock and this hard place.

Narrator: Unfortunately for Rose, she was not alone as she thought. Living inside the cave was Cocoa, a hot cocoa bat-dragon. As scary as a dragon but as small as a bat, she fled to this cave long ago after an accidental biting accident. Because of this, Cocoa is not very used to visitors. Which may not be good for our friend Rose.

Rose: I have an idea! This staff has got to be good for something.

Begins trying to pull herself out of the mud, getting frustrated she begins flailing the staff all around in desperation to get out

Cocoa: Ahh yes, the sun is down and now I can wake up and do my chores for the day. First task is to go collect berries from the woods. **Hears a noise/Rose outside** What's going on. WHO'S THERE?

Rose: Oh no.. what was that?? Staff please help me! Do something!

Cocoa: It looks like a creature is trying to break into my cave with a dangerous sword! LEAVE NOW OR I WILL BREATHE FIRE ON YOU. 3, 2...

Rose: I'm trying! I'm almost out.

Cocoa: 1! I must defend my cave! THAT'S IT, HERE I COME!

Rose: I'M OUT! Oh no!!

Narrator: But before Rose could run away, Cocoa had swiftly flew in and bit Rose. As Cocoa flew back into the cave, Rose realized she wasn't feeling too good.

Rose: My skin feels all cold, my teeth feel sharp and pointy, I feel super hungry but not for regular food, and I'm feeling like I might be developing an allergy to the sun. Oh no! I must find shelter before the sun comes up!

Narrator: If you haven't guessed yet, Cocoa's bite had not only scared Rose away, but turned her into a vampire. Rose ran through the forest until she stumbled upon an old castle, which she promptly ran inside, not realizing that locks clicked shut after she entered. She would figure this out soon enough.

Scene 2

Narrator: Now, let's meet a new friend. This is Faye, and she's about to have a conversation with her mother...

Faye: But mom, our soccer game is this week. I really, really need to get some extra practice in. I want to be the best player in the world.

Narrator/mom: I know sweetie but that doesn't mean I can let you just go run around in the forest when it's almost dark out. That place is dangerous!

Faye: Mom, it's only dangerous if I leave the path. It'll be fine! I will go straight to the big clearing, practice my shots, and be back soon. I'm going to be the best player ever and then when I'm older I'm going to become an architect and build the largest and greatest soccer stadium in the world- just wait.

Narrator/Mom: **Sigh** Why couldn't you have just stuck with gymnastics. Okay, be back soon and be safe.

Faye: Thanks mom!

Narrator: So Faye took off towards the forest to practice. She found the field, which was easily recognizable because it was right beside an old, abandoned castle.

Faye: **Practicing her moves** There. I think I've almost mastered this trick. Let's try one more time... OH NO. My ball! I just broke a window in that castle AND lost my ball. My mother is going to be so upset.

Rose: **Hisses** HEY. Would you watch it here?? You almost cracked my window and some of us are allergic to sun!

Faye: What?? Who said that?

Rose: Me! My name's Rose. What are you doing on my lawn??

Faye: Oh, I was just practicing soccer. I'm going to be the best player in the world.

Rose: Sure. Look kid, I can't come down and talk and shouting is kinda hurting my throat so beat it.

Faye: Why can't you just leave? I didn't think anyone even lived here.

Rose: I've been stuck in this castle for months now. I ran to this castle for shelter but then the castle trapped me inside of it. The locks are stuck and I'm not strong enough to break out.
Having a sneaky idea Hey... what about using that ball of yours to help me out?

Faye: Hmm.. I could. But you're a stranger. And you look suspiciously pale.

Rose: It's all good really! Just hit the lock really hard with your ball.

Faye: Hmm. Okay, stand back.

Does a special kick with her ball on the door that breaks the lock

Rose: **Has come down from her castle** Wow, that was easy. Listen don't freak out but I should tell you I'm a vampire.

Faye: What! Are you going to eat me?

Rose: Ew no. I want to be a human again. Would you want to go on a trip with me to find the bat that did this to me? I've had a lot of time to do research here and the only way to reverse this is from the creature that bit me.

Faye: Sure! As long as I can be back home before bedtime.

They shake hands to say "deal" and are off

Scene 3

Narrator: Meanwhile, back at Cocoa's cave...

Cocoa: Whew, I finally finished collecting my nightly berries. Not sure why it takes me so long, they're just so tiny. I guess now I should start trying to bake the berry pie... If only I could remember where I put everything.

Narrator: Cocoa bakes a berry pie every night to go along with her specialty hot cocoa, and yet she can never seem to find her cooking utensils. She is always misplacing things.

Cocoa: Ahh! There you are. Let's get to baking.

Narrator: So Cocoa made her pie, alone in her cabin, with some difficulty.

Cocoa: There! It's finished. Now, time to make my special hot cocoa.

We see Cocoa stumbling to look for ingredients and grabbing the wrong ones. She tastes it and realizes she's added the wrong ingredients

Ugh! Why does this taste so bad??? Back to square one.

Narrator: **To audience** Perhaps I ought to help. **Narrator places correct ingredients in front of Cocoa**

Cocoa: Aha! Right where I left you. Let's try again.

Narrator: After Cocoa made a new, correct, batch of hot cocoa she was refreshed.

Cocoa: I think I'll clean this place up a little bit! **Notices berry basket on the floor** AHH! A CREATURE COMING TO ATTACK ME... Oh... silly me, that's just my basket. Alright, back to sweeping.

Cocoa grabs mop instead of broom

Narrator: As Cocoa tried her best to do chores, she started feeling lonely.

Cocoa: This would be a lot more fun if I had someone to share this food with and help me clean. Oh well.

Narrator: After Cocoa's accidental biting incident years ago, she hasn't had a visitor since. When she fled her old village, no one knew where she went. Cocoa was too nervous that if she made a friend she might accidentally hurt them again, so she never invites anyone inside.

Cocoa: I'm probably better off alone.

Sweeps as she leaves the stage

Scene 4

Faye: We've been walking, like, a really long time. I'm getting hungry.

Rose: You should be grateful I'm not hungry.

Faye: This forest is really big. How do you know where we are going?

Rose: Vampire’s have really good memories. One of the only good things about this.

Faye: Hey why do you carry that old stick around?

Rose: It’s not just a “stick”. This is my staff. It used to do magic but right before I turned into this, it stopped working.

Faye: That’s a bummer. If it was working you could make me the best soccer player-slash-architect in the world!

Rose: I don’t think that’s how that works. Besides, you don’t want to win by cheating.

Faye: Uhh... I don’t want to freak you out but what is that in the distance?

Rose: Oh no... those look like the tyrannosaurus vultures that live in the forest! They’re super rare and super dangerous. And it’s coming right at us!!

Faye: Hold on! I have an idea. **Faye uses her soccer tricks to kick the ball and keep the vulture away**

Rose: Nice shot! Wait... they are still coming. I’ll protect us Faye!

Narrator: Out of desperation and instinct, Rose lifted her staff and then banged it on the ground, causing the forest ground to shake and all of the vultures to fly away. The magic had returned to her staff. All it needed was to be used for protecting others and not just for silly tricks.

Rose: Wow, you work again! Oh staff I’ve missed you! Wish you would’ve helped when I was stuck in the mud thing but I forgive you.

Faye: Dude that was so cool. Thanks for saving me.

Rose: Thank you for saving me!

Narrator: This close call with danger had removed any hesitancy between these two new friends. They both now trusted each other and were ready to take on whatever came next, even if that meant fighting the hot cocoa bat dragon. Speaking of which...

Cocoa: Woah.. did the ground just shake?? Weird. Oh! It’s about time for me to go out and roast my marshmallows.

Narrator: Cocoa harvests local marshmallows from outside of her cave when she runs out. They grow on a tree not too far away from her home, so she feels safe leaving. After some difficulty of finding her things, Cocoa headed off into the forest.

Scene 5

Rose: This tree looks familiar. I think we are almost there.

Faye: Bring it on. I'm ready.

Narrator: Just then, Faye and Rose rounded the corner and saw the cave. At the same time, a giant flame shot out from around the corner of the cave.

Faye: OH NO. That must be the bat-dragon we are looking for. And she seems ANGRY.

Rose: She must be if she's breathing fire. HEY. COME OUT HERE AND DEFEND YOURSELF.

Cocoa: WHO'S THERE?? LEAVE NOW OR ELSE.

Faye: Not a chance! Show yourself or we fight!

Cocoa: You must be the creatures from my old village! I must defend myself. HERE I COME.

A small fight ensues, in which Cocoa is a bit bumbly, Faye uses gymnastics and soccer skills, and Rose uses her magic staff. Eventually, they have Cocoa cornered

Cocoa: Please don't hurt me please! I was just trying to roast my marshmallows, not hurt anyone!

Faye: Is that what you were doing earlier?

Cocoa: Yes it's for my hot chocolate!

Faye: OOH yum.

Rose: Faye, focus! **To Cocoa** You turned me into a vampire a long time ago. And I need you to fix it.

Cocoa: What do you mean??

Rose: I once got stuck in the mud right outside of your cave. I was trying to escape but instead, you came and bit me!

Cocoa: I remember that. I thought you were a dangerous creature with a sword. Also... I didn't know my bite could turn people into vampires.

Rose: Well surprise. It does. Wait, did you say you thought I was holding a sword? This is clearly a stick. Aren't bats supposed to have great vision.

Cocoa: Well I'm a bat-dragon, so my hearing and flying skills are great. My sight, not so much.

Faye: Wait a minute **Faye takes her glasses off and gives them to Cocoa**

Narrator: Suddenly, everything made sense for Cocoa. This is why she's always been so scared. This is why she accidentally bit someone in her last village. This is why she accidentally bit Rose.

Cocoa: WOAH. I CAN SEE. You two clearly aren't creatures. And that's definitely a sword. Wow, I didn't know trees weren't blurry. I'm so sorry I bit you.

Rose: That's okay, you clearly just needed some glasses. But I do need you to undo this before the sun comes up. You can make an antidote with your venom.

Cocoa: Actually, my venom is one of the secret ingredients in my famous hot cocoa. Wait right there!

Narrator: So Cocoa flew into her cave to fetch her batch of cocoa with freshly roasted marshmallows.

Everyone drinks it and it does help Rose change back

Rose: Wow, I'm feeling so much better. My skin feels warm again and I'm not craving blood.

Faye: Whew. Lucky us.

Cocoa: I really am sorry. I've just been so lonely and scared since I found shelter in this castle.

Faye: We all get scared sometimes.

Rose: I forgive you. We could be your friends if you want?

Cocoa: Really?? You'd be friends with a bat-dragon?

Faye: Just don't bite us! Hey, how are your soccer skills?

Cocoa: Not so good.

Rose: Mine are! Could I teach you some new tricks Faye?

Faye: When did you learn soccer?

Rose: Before I was a vampire, I used to be really good at sports. Then, when I got bit all of my reflexes became really great. I learned some great tricks while I was stuck in that cabin.

Faye: Woah! Okay, let's play!

Narrator: So our three new friends went off to play soccer until Faye had to go home for dinner. Rose returned to the castle that night and decided she would use the magic in her staff to fix the place up. Now that Cocoa isn't scared anymore with her glasses, she was able to fly to her last village and undo her bites with hot cocoa and an apology, which they forgave. Now our friends all meet at the cabin twice a week to practice gymnastics and soccer. Cocoa always brings her famous hot chocolate and has shared her secret recipe with her new friends.

Everyone: And they all lived happily ever after!

THE END