

KATE AND AVA

"Pilot"

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Animation

**TEASER**

FADE IN:

**EXT. IVYWOOD - MRS. WEBB'S HOUSE - NIGHT**

The moon glows in an ethereal way and the stars around it glimmer in a beautiful and mesmerizing array of pastel colors that contrast starkly on the dark sky.

Cicadas SING and owls HOOT from the trees. Everything is still and calm.

A green, 70's inspired house with a small, overflowing garden that stands at the end of a street, lined with similar houses of different colors. Behind the house, the greenery becomes thicker as the forest starts.

The bushes beside the house RUSTLE suddenly and GORDON (age unknown), a power hungry, manipulative and scheming, wolf-like Monster, steps out from the shadows.

He has a dark look in his eyes as he holds a handful of bone shaped DOG TREATS. He tip toes towards the house as faint GRAY glow outlines his body.

Behind him emerges TODD (age unknown), a chaotic, unpredictable and childish, wolf-like Monster. The same GRAY glow outlines his body as he frantically catches up to Gordon. He also has a couple of DOG TREATS in his hand.

Gordon stops abruptly and aggressively SHUSHES Todd.

Todd pouts like a child and slumps down on the ground.

TODD

I'm hungry.

GORDON

I know, Todd. I promise this is the one, this plan will work.

Gordon walks towards the back door and sneakily pokes the top half of his body into the house through the doggie door.

Todd waits impatiently and fidgets with the DOG TREATS in his hands. He lifts one up to his mouth and smells it. He shrugs and bites down on it.

But the taste is horrible. His face turns comically green and he spits the chewed treat on the ground.

Gordon comes back out and continues to lay a path of dog treats from inside the house towards the Newdale Forest.

TUCKER, Mrs. Webb's adorably dumb Golden Retriever, sticks his head out of the doggie door, enticed by the treats.

Todd throws his arms up, excited.

TODD

Food!

GORDON

Yes, Todd.

(ominous)

We're eating good tonight.

Gordon waves more treats in front of Tucker, who strolls toward him as he sucks the treats off the ground like a vacuum.

Todd, exhilarated, accidentally crushes the DOG TREATS in his hands. CRUMBS fall from his fists on the ground, but he pays them no mind.

Gordon walks into the darkness as he flaunts a treat in front of Tucker's adorable and wobbly face. Tucker, being the good boy he is, follows him without hesitation.

Left alone, Todd darts after them. Crumbs from his treats fly everywhere and land on bushes and on the grass creating a visible trail.

**END OF TEASER**

ACT ONE**EXT. IVYWOOD - SIDEWALK - DAY**

The sun shines bright on the neighborhood from the night before. The row of colorful, 70's looking houses sit in front of a small forest hill.

KATE (11, Latina), an act first, think later type of girl with a big heart, pulls on a poorly made and dilapidated lemonade stand.

On the other end, AVA (12, Black), an organized rule follower with a big brain, pushes the stand forward.

On top of the stand sits BUBBLES, the embodiment of perfection and Kate's fluffy, pink bunny.

Kate and Ava stop in the middle of the side walk and set the stand down with a THUMP which causes one of the wooden boards to fall off the stand.

Exhausted, they move behind the stand to set up.

Ava takes off her yellow backpack and digs out an overly colorful, squiggly written and super, duper glitter soaked sign that reads: **Kate and Ava will help you with anything.**

She places it front and center on the stand next to Bubbles.

Kate and Ava straighten their posture, put on their brightest smiles they wait...

**EXT. IVYWOOD - SIDEWALK - LATER**

...And they wait.

Ava leans forward on the stand, a *Famous Five* book open as she reads calmly. Beside her, Kate TAPS her foot on the ground impatiently.

People walk past their stand, some walk their dogs, others simply lost tourists with big hiking bags.

A COUPLE walks past them.

KATE

Can I interest you in a--

The Couple ignores her.

Kate's face turns a deep shade of red. She TAPS her foot faster.

Ava continues to read her book.

AVA  
I told you to bring something to  
distract yourself.

Kate turns to glare at her like a scolded child.

A MAN (40s), jogs past their stand. Kate perks up and runs after him.

KATE  
(aggressive)  
Sir, do you need help with  
anything? My friend Ava and I are  
at your service!

The Man is startled and jumps back in fear. Kate smiles innocently.

The Man shakes his head disapprovingly and continues forward.

Kate's smile immediately falls into a frown.

Ava CHUCKLES playfully. Before she can answer, BILLY (girl) and TYLER (boy) (13, twins), the bullies of the town, roll down the street. Billy on her bike and Tyler on a skateboard.

On the back of Billy's bike hang two small messenger carrier bags, one stuffed to the brim with water balloons and rolled up fliers in the other.

The Twins come to a SCREECHING stop in front of Kate and Ava's stand.

BILLY  
Oh look, it's weird and weirder.

Tyler CHUCKLES. Billy rolls her eyes.

Kate puts on a serious face. Ava visibly tenses.

AVA  
(small)  
Billy, Tyler, we don't want any  
trouble.

Billy and Tyler LAUGH.

Kate steps up, ready to fight. Ava panics.

KATE  
Oh yeah? Well if we're weirdos then  
you're...you're a--

AVA  
(whisper)  
Kate...

BILLY  
Typical Kate, can't come up with a  
comeback to save her life.

Kate's ears slowly turn red, she's very angry.

AVA  
Kate, don't say something you'll  
regret.

Kate doesn't stop to process what Ava just said.

KATE  
You are the *worst*, Billy--

Tyler throws a water balloon at Kate. It hits her in the face  
and explodes on impact.

Ava stares in shock.

TYLER  
Only I can call my sister the  
worst!

Billy playfully pushes Tyler as she picks up two water  
balloons, ready to fire.

BILLY  
Attack!

The Twins throw water balloons at Kate and Ava.

Kate quickly grabs Bubbles, and the three fall to the ground  
to hide behind the stand, which gets drenched along with  
Ava's book.

Kate sets Bubbles down, who looks unfazed.

KATE  
Do you trust me?

AVA  
(hesitant)  
Yes.

KATE  
Draw their fire towards you.

AVA  
What?

KATE  
I have a plan.

Ava GULPS down, afraid but she looks into Kate's eyes.

Ava nods. Kate nods back.

Ava takes a deep BREATH and stands up, directly in the line of fire.

AVA  
Hey! Over here!

Billy and Tyler smirk deviously. They aim and fire at Ava.

Kate expertly sneaks away as three balloons fly rapidly through the air and hit Ava, who falls backwards on the grass, dramatically like a wounded soldier.

AVA (CONT'D)  
(to Kate, "last breath-y")  
Avenge me!

Billy and Tyler continue to throw balloons at their now ruined stand.

TYLER  
Had enough yet?

BILLY  
Yeah, wave the...green flag, or whatever.

KATE (O.S.)  
Never!

Everyone turns to look at Kate who stands in the distance, water hose in hand and cheeks painted with mud like a football player.

Billy and Tyler look terrified.

TYLER  
Oh no.

Kate turns on the hose and a strong stream of water shoots out.

It almost sends her flying back, but she stands her ground. She LAUGHS maniacally as she drenches Billy and Tyler in water.

The posters on the back of Billy's bike get wet and ruined in the process.

The Twins, powerless, scramble towards their bike and skateboard. Billy gets on and rides away, followed close behind Tyler.

Kate turns off the hose.

KATE  
Victory!

AVA  
Whoohooo!

Kate drops the hose and helps Ava get up. They high five. But then realize their stand, Ava's book and their sign are destroyed. Their enthusiasm disappears.

Next to them Bubbles SNEEZES adorably, his wet fur covering his eyes.

**EXT. IVYWOOD - ROSIE'S DINER - DAY**

The town of Ivywood looks like it's stuck in the 70's. It's charm resembles Maine meets Icelandic architecture.

The busy town center is lined with shops and restaurants. At the end of the block sits a bright, "retro" inspired diner.

Kate and Ava drag themselves into the diner.

**INT. IVYWOOD - ROSIE'S DINER - CONTINUOUS**

The diner is sparsely filled with people, enjoying all kinds of comfort foods. The door DINGS as they enter.

Kate and Ava walk up to the bar and climb onto the stool chairs. They look tired, on the verge of surrender.

Ava sets her backpack on the counter with a wet THUD and SIGHS.

Kate sets Bubbles down on the counter and slumps back in her chair. Bubbles violently shakes as he tries to dry himself.



Behind the counter stands ROSIE (75, Latina), Kate's grandmother and the nicest person in town. She turns around to face them as she dries a milkshake glass with a towel.

ROSIE

Oh dearies, what happened to you two?

KATE

The Twins.

AVA

The Twins.

Rosie nods, knowingly.

AVA (CONT'D)

What do we do now Mama Rosie? They ruined our stand. They ruined my book. My beautiful, beautiful book.

ROSIE

Now's not the time to be giving up.

KATE

I wish there was another way we could find people that need help.

ROSIE

Look around, dearie. Anyone could use your help here. But you won't know until you ask.

(beat)

Now, let me get you two some towels so you can dry up.

Rosie walks away into the back of the diner.

Kate pulls out napkins from the dispenser in front of her and covers Bubbles with them. She pats him dry.

Ava pulls out a couple of juice boxes, some pens, a journal and her wet book from her bag.

Kate, lost in thought, stares at Ava's belongings.

MRS. WEBB (O.S.)

I don't know who to ask for help, Carrie. He just went missing yesterday.

Kate's eyes light up. She turns around in her seat and scans the room.

By the large windows sits MRS. WEBB (76), next to her stands CARRIE (19), a plain, doe-eyed waitress, who pours coffee into Mrs. Webb's cup.

CARRIE  
Have you tried putting up posters?

MRS. WEBB  
My grandkids told me they would  
help me put them up today.

Kate practically falls off her chair eavesdropping.

CARRIE  
I'll ask around. But don't worry,  
someone will find him.

Carrie walks away.

Kate leaps out of her seat and rushes over to Mrs. Webb.

Ava turns to look at her go, confused. Beside her, Bubbles sits on the counter, completely covered in napkins.

Kate approaches Mrs. Webb and sits down on the chair in front of her.

Mrs. Webb is startled but smiles kindly when she sees Kate.

MRS. WEBB  
Oh, hello, pumpkin.

KATE  
Mrs. Webb, who went missing?

MRS. WEBB  
My dog ran away last night.

Kate GASPS, deeply hurt.

KATE  
Oh, no! Not Tucker!?  
(determined)  
Mrs. Webb, my friend Ava and I  
would love to help you find Tucker.

MRS. WEBB  
Oh, would you? Thank you so much,  
pumpkin.

Kate stands up feeling like a hero. She nods encouragingly and rushes back to the bar.

Ava shoots Kate a confused look who simply wiggles her eyebrows playfully back at her.

KATE

Mama Rosie is right. We *can* find people who need help here.

AVA

We don't know the first thing about finding a lost dog.

KATE

We know this town better than anyone. With your brains and my--

AVA

Creative personality?

KATE

We can do anything!  
(beat)  
Or at least we can try.

Ava ponders for a moment as Kate stares at her with puppy eyes. Ava caves, grabs hold of her bag and jumps down from the stool.

AVA

Let's go find Tucker!

Bubbles SNEEZES and the napkins fall off him. He FLUFFS up from the static.

Kate and Ava GIGGLE.

**END OF ACT ONE**

ACT TWO**MONTAGE:****EXT. IVYWOOD - TOWN SQUARE - DAY**

Kate and Ava race down the Main Road on their bikes. Bubbles sits comfortably, wearing a helmet, inside Kate's bike basket.

KATE

Tucker!

AVA

Here boy.

**EXT. IVYWOOD - ICE CREAM PARLOR - DAY**

Kate and Ava come to a SCREECHING stop in front of HAROLD'S ICE CREAM PARLOR. They look around.

Nothing.

**EXT. IVYWOOD - OLD TIME-Y MOVIE THEATER - DAY**

Kate and Ava stop in front of a preserved, old time-y movie theater. They look around. Nothing.

**EXT. IVYWOOD - PARK - DAY**

Kate and Ava arrive at a beautifully kept park. Families sit on the grass having picnics. Dogs run around free and chase toys and squirrels.

They get off their bikes and set them against a tree.

Kate walks up to a WOMAN (30's).

KATE

Have you seen an adorably fluffy golden retriever? Answers to Tucker.

The Woman shakes her head and walks away.

Kate and Ava share a discouraged look.

**END OF MONTAGE.**

**EXT. IVYWOOD - PARK - LATER**

Kate and Bubbles sit under a large tree, their bikes lie on the ground. Bubbles is half asleep.

Ava walks up to them and sits down. She takes off her backpack and pulls out two Pear Juice Boxes. She hands one to Kate.

AVA

No luck?

Kate shakes her head, annoyed.

KATE

Who would even do something like this? Steal a dog?

AVA

A bully?

Ava's eyes light up.

AVA (CONT'D)

Oh my god, Kate! Only a bully would do this! It has to be the Twins.

Kate's brain does the math.

KATE

Of course! It's--

Kate grabs hold of Ava's wrist and looks at the watch around it.

She tries really hard to read it, but is confused.

KATE (CONT'D)

Remind me which arrow is which again?

AVA

Short is hours, long is minutes.

Kate nods and reads again.

KATE

They should be in their "forest hideout" right now. If we hurry, we might still catch them.

Kate grabs Bubbles, startling him awake.

They get on their bikes and ride away.

**EXT. IVYWOOD - CAMP SITE - DAY**

The campsite looks deserted, as if no one has been there in years.

Billy and Tyler stand in front of a very, very tall tree. Tyler holds small rocks in his hand and throws them at a bird's nest to knock it off a tree branch.

Meanwhile, Billy stands to the side, engulfed in her phone.

Tyler throws a rock and it almost hits.

Kate and Ava roll into the camp site.

Billy and Tyler turn to face them, smug looks on their faces.

BILLY

Look who's back for a rematch.

Bubbles hops off the bike. Kate dismounts after him.

KATE

We're not here for that. We're here because we know what you stole.

Billy and Tyler exchange a nervous glance.

BILLY

What are you talking about?

AVA

Where did you take him?

TYLER

We're innocent.

AVA

Oh yeah? Then where were you last night?

BILLY

Why do you care?

TYLER

We were home with our grandmother.

Billy shoves Tyler down to the ground.

AVA

You're not getting out of this so easily.

KATE  
You had plenty of time to sneak out  
and steal Tucker.

Tyler stands up and dusts himself off.

TYLER  
But why would we take our own dog?

Kate and Ava are confused.

AVA  
Wait, what?

KATE  
You're Mrs. Webb's grandkids?

BILLY  
Duh, who else did you think we  
were?

KATE  
I dunno, Webb is a very common  
name.

BILLY  
Typical Kate.

Tyler CHUCKLES.

BILLY (CONT'D)  
(annoyed)  
Ugh, shut up, Tyler.

TYLER  
You shut up.

AVA  
Then what happened to the posters  
you were supposed to put up?

TYLER  
You ruined them this morning.

BILLY  
Yeah, so if Tucker doesn't come  
back home, it's all your fault.

Billy gets on her bike and rides off.

Tyler looks back at the tree and quickly throws one last rock  
for the road.

The rock hits the nest and tips it over the branch.

TYLER

Later, losers.

Tyler gets on his skateboard and rides off after his sister.

Kate throws herself bellow the nest and catches it before it can hit the ground. She gently places it on a low branch. The small birds inside it CHIRP and the mother flies to it.

AVA

You are right, they're the worst.

Kate walks back to Ava, discouraged.

AVA (CONT'D)

Where are we supposed to look now?

Kate walks around the camp site, her attention everywhere.

AVA (O.S.) (CONT'D)

I guess we could go back into town  
and look around again...

Kate stops in front of the start of an animal path. She notices something on the bushes around it.

AVA (O.S.) (CONT'D)

...Ask more people if they've seen  
him.

On the bush in front of Kate, DOG TREAT crumbs cover some of the leaves. She follows the trail further down the path.

Ava notices and walks up to her, Bubbles hops behind her.

Kate swipes over the crumbs with her finger, collecting dirt and crumbs. She holds her finger up to her mouth and tastes it.

Ava jumps back in disgust.

AVA (CONT'D)

Kate, gross.

KATE

Dog treats! That's weird.

Ava investigates further and singles out a pice of golden fur caught on a bush. She SNIFFS it and immediately pulls back, the smell disgusting.

AVA

Definitely dog fur. Tucker must've  
come through here.



Kate stands up with purpose, grabs hold of the piece of fur and holds it down so that Bubbles can SNIFF it.

Bubbles' nose crinkles as he gets a good whiff.

KATE  
Go get it, boy.

Bubbles springs into action. He rapidly bounces down the animal path into the Newdale Forest. Kate and Ava run after him.

**EXT. NEWDALE FOREST - PATH - DAY**

The Newdale Forest is a rich and deep Laurel Forest. It is a tourist destination for its hiking paths that go along the outskirts of the forest.

The afternoon sun shines down on Kate, Ava and Bubbles as they walk along an animal made path. Thick trees line the sides of the path and the flora and fauna around them indicates they're not on charted territory anymore.

They are tired, thirsty and sweaty, but they carry on.

KATE  
How much further?

AVA  
I don't know, why don't you ask Bubbles?

KATE  
Bubbles, how much further.

BUBBLES  
(on thought bubble above his head)  
*I don't know. I'm not a GPS.*

The girls completely ignore Bubbles, since they don't understand him and continue forward, walking straight through his speech bubble.

The sun glares down at them.

KATE  
Ava, I'm thirsty.

AVA  
Drink from your juice box.

Kate holds the juice box over her mouth and taps it, hard. A few drops drip out, but it's empty.

Kate GROANS in frustration.

Ava stops abruptly. It causes Kate to bump into her.

KATE

Hey!

AVA

Shhhh! Can you hear that?

The faint sounds of WATER RUNNING can be heard in the distance.

Kate and Ava light up. They run forward, the path beneath their feet opens up and disappears as they see CRYSTAL FALLS, a glistening river with clear waters.

**EXT. NEWDALE FOREST - CRYSTAL FALLS - CONTINUOUS**

The river's current runs strong. Mist forms at the bottom and flies up to the sky, creating a wall of mist that hides the other side of the Forest.

Kate, Ava and Bubbles run up to the river. They kneel down and shovel handfuls of water into their mouths frantically.

They come up for air, satiated. A gust of wind runs through them and breaks through the mist. It creates a visible path over a rock bridge.

SKELETON (O.S.)

Help! Someone help me!

Kate and Ava's interest peaks and they turn to look to where the voice came from.

Suddenly, a SKELETON (Dad) hops across the opening over the river. He holds one of his leg bones in his hand. The Skeleton ignores Kate and Ava.

But, Kate and Ava YELL in surprise. Bubbles simply scrunches his nose.

The Skeleton YELLS back at them.

SKELETON (CONT'D)

(surprised)

You can see me? How can you see me?

Kate turns her head to look at the every bone. The Skeleton gets self conscious and covers up.

SKELETON (CONT'D)  
What are you looking at?

AVA  
Maybe we're still dehydrated?

SKELETON  
Wait...you drank the water?

KATE  
What else?

The Skeleton YELPS in panic. Ava YELPS back.

AVA  
Is the water bad?

SKELETON  
No, it's not bad. It's just--

KATE  
What are you?

The Skeleton gestures down to himself.

SKELETON  
I think it's obvious what I am.

AVA  
Why can we see you if we're not supposed to?

A loud dog BARKS in the distance. The Skeleton YELPS back in fear.

Kate, Ava and Bubbles are confused.

SKELETON  
You have to help me! There's a vicious wolf attacking my family. He's trying to chew us alive and no one from the village will help me.

Kate lights up. Ava panics.

KATE  
We can help--

AVA  
(angry whisper)  
Kate, no. Stranger danger.

KATE  
But strangers are just friends you--

AVA  
Haven't met yet because maybe you  
shouldn't.

Another BARK.

Bubbles goes up to the Skeleton and SNIFFS him.

BUBBLES  
(on thought bubble above  
his head)  
*He's not lying. If he tries  
anything I will take him down.*

SKELETON  
I believe you little rabbit.

Kate and Ava are confused.

KATE  
He's a bunny, actually.

AVA  
You can understand Bubbles?

SKELETON  
You can't?

Kate and Ava shake their heads no.

SKELETON (CONT'D)  
Are you going to help me or not?

Kate glances at Ava with puppy eyes. Ava gives up.

Kate turns back to the Skeleton.

KATE  
Yes, we would be happy to help you.

**END OF ACT TWO**

**ACT THREE****EXT. NEWDALE FOREST - SKELETON HOUSE - DAY**

A house made out of intricately carved wood stands in a clearing. GROWLS AND KNAWS are heard coming from the house.

A MOM SKELETON and her SKELETON CHILD are trapped inside the house.

Attached to the house is Tucker as he chews on the logs like Hansel eating the gingerbread house. A dark, purple energy glows around Tucker, the Skeletons and the house. It soars out of them and towards the bushes beside the house.

**EXT. NEWDALE FOREST - SKELETON HOUSE - BUSHES - CONTINUOUS**

From the bushes, Gordon and Todd watch the events unfold through a small gap between the leaves. They sneakily LAUGH and GIGGLE as the purple energy reaches them.

Gordon holds up a fork and broken spoon, a devious smile on his face. Beside him, Todd holds up a straw to his mouth and places it like a snorkel.

The energy wafts towards them and they attack it, ravenous. They begin to eat the energy, Gordon like a classy fancy man eating a stake while Todd SLURPS down the energy with his straw, impatient.

GORDON

I told you we would eat good today,  
Todd.

Gordon and Todd begin to glow purple too, their energy growing. Todd, invincible, picks up a large boulder. He YELPS in excitement as the energy around him grows brighter. Beside him, Gordon CHUCKLES in satisfaction.

KATE (O.S.)

Tucker! We found you!

Gordon's peace is quickly tarnished as he turns towards the sound and peaks through the bushes.

**EXT. NEWDALE FOREST - SKELETON HOUSE - CONTINUOUS**

Kate, Ava, Bubbles and the Skeleton walk towards the house.

SKELETON

You're terribly mistaken. That's  
the vicious Blonde Wolf.

Kate and Ava ignore him and walk forward.

SKELETON (CONT'D)

Be careful! He'll eat you.

KATE

How? He's literally a walking hug.

The Skeleton is confused.

AVA

Tucker, c'mon boy. Let's go home.

Tucker pays them no attention.

Kate walks up to Tucker. Tucker BARKS at Kate, loudly. Kate jumps and BARKS back.

Tucker continues to chew on the house.

Ava closes her eyes and thinks.

Her eyes shoot open, she's got a plan. She looks at the Skeleton beside her and pulls off a bone from his arm.

SKELETON

Hey!

AVA

Sorry.

Ava walks up to Tucker and waves the bone in his face.

AVA (CONT'D)

Here, boy!

Tucker's attention is directed to the bone. He lets go of the house. He drools profusely, entranced by the bone.

Kate quickly catches up to Ava's plan and grabs a loose vine from the ground to use as a leash.

AVA (CONT'D)

Do you want it? Yeah?

Tucker gives her his full attention, tail wagging.

AVA (CONT'D)

Kate, now!

Kate grabs hold of Tucker's collar and laces the vine around his collar. The "wild Wolf" is tamed.

**EXT. NEWDALE FOREST - SKELETON HOUSE - BUSHES - CONTINUOUS**

The energy around Gordon and Todd becomes dimmer and goes down to a lavender color.

Gordon is confused. Todd's arms tremble and shake, comically.

TODD

Gordon!

GORDON

Todd, drop it, drop it now!

But it's too late. The boulder is too heavy without the energy to help him lift it. Todd looks panicked as the boulder falls backwards and sends Todd to the ground with it.

Gordon winces and runs over to help him. He looks back at Kate and Ava through the gap in the bush, very angry.

**EXT. NEWDALE FOREST - SKELETON HOUSE - CONTINUOUS**

The Skeleton family runs out of the house to get reunited with the Father Skeleton. They embrace.

Ava notices Gordon and Todd through the bushes and Gordon sees her back. Ava's heart beats faster and faster and she begins to panic. Kate's LAUGHTER pulls Ava back to reality and when she turns back Gordon isn't there anymore.

Ava walks back to the Skeleton and returns his arm bone.

AVA

Here. Sorry for taking it.

Mother Skeleton GASPS lightly, but Father Skeleton reassures her it's okay.

SKELETON

You saved my family. Thank you so much.

KATE

You are very welcome.

SKELETON

If you have time, I would like to introduce you to someone special.

Kate and Ava nod.

**EXT. NEWDALE FOREST - BRIVET - AFTERNOON**

The town of BRIVET, a magical medieval world of creatures, sits just on the other side of Crystal Falls. The town is the home to all magical creatures (fairies, nymphs, werewolves, vampires, ghosts, witches, satyrs, etc).

The main square is lined with shops. A pastel pink FAIRY FLOWER SHOP, a rotten GHOST antique, a HAROLD'S ICE CREAM SHOP and a small area with tables.

A FAIRY flies up into a hole in a tree, a GHOST sells a VAMPIRE an intricate Victorian necklace, A WITCH sips on her tea while she reads a book.

Kate and Ava stare in awe as they follow the Skeleton into town. Bubbles hops along beside them and Kate strings Tucker along.

The Creatures around them pay them no mind.

KATE

Woah, this is so cool.

AVA

This can't be real.

The Creatures FREEZE, terrified.

Kate runs up to the Fairy.

VAMPIRE

(from the corner of his  
mouth)

Okay, nobody move.

Kate steps back.

GHOST

(from the corner of her  
mouth)

Can they see us?

AVA

Yes?

Panic ensues. The Creatures scamper around. They SCREAM for help as they hide inside the buildings.

MARA (ancient), the Witch of the Forest, sets her book and tea down. She stands up and walks towards the girls.



SKELETON

I'm sorry for the commotion, Mara.  
But these two young ladies helped  
me tame this...what did you call  
it?

KATE

A dog?

Tucker BARKS, startling the Creatures.

VAMPIRE

It's so...fat.

KATE

Hey! He's full of love!

SKELETON

(to Mara)

I found them by Crystal Falls and  
they could already see me.

MARA

(to herself)

They must've been found worthy by  
the river.

(to everyone)

My apologies, girls. My name is  
Mara, I am the Witch and protector  
of Newdale Forest. And who might  
you be?

KATE

My name is Kate and that is my best  
friend Ava. That's my pet bunny,  
Bubbles and the walking fluff ball  
is Tucker.

AVA

We found him chewing up the  
Skeleton's house.

MARA

Well, it's lovely to make your  
acquaintance.

Kate is confused, she doesn't understand the last word.

AVA

(to Kate)

She means it's lovely to *meet us*.

KATE

Ooooooh. Okay, it's lovely to meet you too.

MARA

Thank you for your help.

AVA

It's our pleasure really.

MARA

You know, we've been having more and more instances where things and...creatures from your world cross over into ours and we're having trouble dealing with them.

AVA

What if we helped?

Kate lights up.

KATE

(super energetic)

Yes! We could come around whenever you needed us and help you solve any problem you might have! We could even have code names, like spies--

Ava stops Kate.

AVA

Calm down, deep breaths.

(beat)

We would be honored to help.

MARA

(to the creatures)

Does anyone object to having these two human girls helping out the community?

CREATURES

(mumble)

No, not really.

MARA

Alright, then...

Mara leads Kate and Ava over to Crystal Falls. She walks into the river and pulls out two small crystal bottles from her many pockets.

AVA  
Mrs. Mara--

MARA  
Just Mara, darling.

AVA  
Mara...while we were in the woods,  
we came across something else? I  
don't know how to describe it, they  
looked like--

MARA  
Shaggy wolves with mischievous  
faces?

Ava nods. Kate looks confused.

MARA (CONT'D)  
Those no good monsters are Gordon  
and Todd. They were recently exiled  
from the Town for causing too much  
chaos. They like to eat it, you  
see, so if they're around, any sort  
of shenanigans will follow close  
behind.

Kate and Ava nod.

MARA (CONT'D)  
There we are.

Mara presents them with the two bottles filled with the water  
from river. They hang at the end of necklaces. The water  
glows brightly.

MARA (CONT'D)  
Now every time you want to come to  
Brivet, you won't have to drink  
from the river. You can just walk  
right in.

Kate and Ava accept them and put them on around their necks.

The Creatures MURMUR in excitement.

FAIRY  
That's exciting. I've never met a  
human before.

VAMPIRE  
So they're friends not food?

Kate and Ava look at each other. They smile brightly.

**EXT. IVYWOOD - MRS. WEBB'S HOUSE - DUSK**

Kate, Ava, Bubbles and Tucker arrive at Mrs. Webb's house.

Ava KNOCKS on the door. Mrs. Webb answers the door, a little confused.

MRS. WEBB

Girls? What are you doing here this late?

Ava steps aside to reveal Tucker. Bubbles hops off him.

Mrs. Webb's eyes light up! She kneels down and gives Tucker a hug.

MRS. WEBB (CONT'D)

You found him! Thank you so much, pumpkins.

AVA

You're very welcome, Mrs. Webb.

BILLY (O.S.)

Grandma, what's taking so long?

Tucker BARKS, excitedly and wags his tail.

Billy and Tyler hear the BARK and rush to the door. They kneel down and pet Tucker, overwhelmed with excitement.

BILLY (CONT'D)

Tucker we missed you so--

Billy looks up and notices Kate and Ava.

BILLY (CONT'D)

Oh, it's you.

Mrs. Webb ushers Tucker into the house. Billy and Tyler stand up, blank expressions on their faces.

BILLY (CONT'D)

I guess that makes us even.

KATE

I guess it does.

Billy and Tyler look angry, but they remain quiet. As Kate and Ava walk away, satisfied looks on their faces.

**EXT. IVYWOOD - SIDEWALK - NIGHT**

Kate walks in front, Bubbles to her left and Ava to her right.

KATE  
That was so much fun! And so weird...

Ava LAUGHS.

AVA  
Yeah, who knew there were magical Creatures living right under our noses?

KATE  
I was talking about Billy having emotions.

They both LAUGH.

AVA  
Just imagine all we can learn from them.

Kate looks at her friend, a wide grin on her face.

KATE  
But you know what is the coolest part?  
(beat)  
We actually found a way to help people. And Creatures too, I guess.

Ava smiles. She stops and holds her hand up for a high five.

Kate, excited beyond containment, high fives her super hard.

FADE OUT.

**END OF ACT THREE**

**THE END OF PILOT.**