

INT. TREE HOUSE - DAY

We open on a close-up of a window on their mobile tree house. We are introduced to CECIL, a small cat prince, looking out the window towards a large snowy mountain. His expression is blank and attentive. Cecil opens the window and pokes his head out. He sees that they are approaching their destination - the Frozen Fountain!

We cut to a young witch with baggy clothes, ANYA, carving runes into a disc while sitting at a table. Cecil quietly approaches the table and stands silently for a moment.

CECIL

Anya.

Anya is so focused on her work that she doesn't notice. He pokes her.

CECIL (CONT'D)

ANYA.

She leaps up, completely and utterly spooked. Magical sparks fly out of her hand and flowers pop up everywhere, including in Cecil's nose. He lets out a tiny sneeze. As she's standing back up, knees shaking, she smiles awkwardly.

ANYA

Oh, Cecil, darling! You know you can't do the sneaks on me!

CECIL

Yeah, sorry, but there's a mountain? And we're in a tree? How are we gonna-

ANYA

Oh, yeah, yeah, that is no problem for my baby.

She taps the walls, causing runes to fly out and activate something, allowing the roots to walk up the mountain.

ANYA (CONT'D)

Thrilling, yes?

CECIL

Meh.

Cecil makes an unimpressed face.

CECIL (CONT'D)

Let me just get this all
straightened out in my head. We go
into the Frozen Fountain?

ANYA

Da.

CECIL

We find the witch.

ANYA

Da.

CECIL

We unfreeze her.

ANYA

Da.

CECIL

She gives me a blessing?

ANYA

Hmm..... Da.

Cecil is silent for a moment. He looks up with a sincere
expression.

CECIL

And then I'll be human again?

ANYA

My prince, as long as I walk in the
land of the living, I'll make sure
you walk beside me as a human.

Cecil blushes a bit.

CECIL

You could have just said "Da".

The tree suddenly comes to a halt as the two are knocked off
their feet. We cut to a shot of the tree slamming onto the
ground, rooting itself into the ice. Cut back to Anya, who
enthusiastically jumps up.

ANYA

Here!

EXT. FROZEN SPRING - DAY

Anya and Cecil exit their tree house and walk out into the frozen wasteland. Cecil shivers.

CECIL

I thought having fur would keep me warm, but I feel more naked than ever.

ANYA

Well, you technically are naked.

Cecil's nose perks up. They see the frozen witch, surrounded by frozen solid geysers.

CECIL

Whoof, the scent of curse is thick here... Let's fix this mess before my nose falls off.

ANYA

Um, Cecil...

We zoom out to show that they are completely surrounded by shadowy figures.

CECIL

Nyah?! When did this happen?!

ANYA

While you were complaining.

CECIL

Y-You know what this means, right...?

Sweat beads form on Anya's forehead, as she shakes in her boots.

ANYA

D-Da...

The henchmen part, revealing their shadowy leader. A huge, hulking soldier shrouded in mystery. Anya and Cecil's eyes get wider as he walks into the light.

EDGAR

Oh-ho-ho-ho!! Guess who, you ninnies!

Anya and Cecil's faces quickly turn to that of annoyed. This is EDGAR, a bombastic nutcracker who sees himself as a rival of sorts to Cecil.

EDGAR (CONT'D)
It is I, Edgar the Supreme!!

CECIL
Yeah, a supreme pain in my-

EDGAR
The very SAME Edgar whom you stole
the map to this Frozen Spring from!

Anya turns to Cecil.

ANYA
Cecil, you did not mention that you
stole the map!

CECIL
What did you think I meant when I
said I 'got it from a nut'?!

ANYA
Maybe you found it in a magical
walnut? It has happened to me
before.

EDGAR
So you're a thief AND a liar!

CECIL
Like you were putting it to use! I
stole it while you were lounging on
a beach!

Edgar's face fumes up. Steam blows his hat off for a brief
second.

EDGAR
DON'T YOU MESS WITH ME!! I'm a very
busy man who deserves some rest and
relaxation every now and then!

HENCHMAN
Yeah! Do you have any idea how many
hours the boss puts in down at the
homeless shelter? A LOT.

HENCHMAN 2
He's a modern-day samaritan!

Edgar gets embarrassed at this and blows up at his henchman.

EDGAR
Q-Quiet!! Edgar the Supreme does
not help those down on their luck!
(MORE)

EDGAR (CONT'D)

Edgar the Supreme is the REASON they're down on their luck!

CECIL

Probably the same reason you're down on your luck yourself.

Edgar begins to get steamed, but calms himself down.

EDGAR

I used to be concerned with one-upping you.

CECIL

You mean two minutes ago?

EDGAR

But I refuse to degrade myself to the level of a stinky kitty! No, we'll settle who gets the map in an extremely fair one-on-one duel!

Edgar pulls out two swords. Cecil looks down and points out that he only has his claws.

CECIL

First off, you don't need the map, you're already here! Second off, no way! That's totally unfair!

EDGAR

I was not asking!

Edgar closes in on the two, along with his henchmen. Sweat begins to drip down Anya's forehead. Cecil notices this and decides to use it to their advantage.

CECIL

Sorry for this, Anya...

ANYA

H-Huh?

Cecil jumps up and makes a very loud cat screech, spooking Anya into releasing a massive cloud of flowers and pollen, acting as a smokescreen. Cecil grabs her hand and the two run.

CECIL

Come on!!

As the pollen begins to settle, we see all the henchmen on the ground, sneezing uncontrollably. Edgar rubs his now blood-shot eyes.

EDGAR
MY ALLERGIES!!

Squinting through the pollen, he spots the duo getting away.

EDGAR (CONT'D)
YOU WON'T BE-
(sneeze)
GETTING AWAY THAT EASILY!

Cecil whistles hard. Just as a few sneezing henchmen stand up, they're knocked to the ground by a derpy, blank-faced horse made of sticks. This is SIEGFRIED, Cecil's cursed horse. The two jump onto their steed.

CECIL
Atta boy, Siegfried!

Cecil drops Anya off near the frozen witch, as he and Siegfried run off to distract Edgar.

CECIL (CONT'D)
Now Anya! Melt that witch!

ANYA
Right!

Anya takes out a flint and tinder and starts clacking them together.

CECIL
Where are your runes?!

ANYA
I forgot them in the tree!

CECIL
Urgh! Keep trying! I'll distract
Edgar's henchmen!

Cecil and Siegfried, distracting most of the henchmen into chasing them instead of pursuing Anya. Edgar, who is still in the middle of a sneezing fit, sees that none of his men are following orders.

EDGAR
YOU NINNYHAMMERS! He's trying to
distract you! Oh, enough of this
foolishness!

Edgar raises his sword in the air. His airship appears, previously hidden by the clouds. Edgar points his sword at Cecil.

EDGAR (CONT'D)

FIRE!!

The cannons fire massive blasts, despite the fact that they're only 20 feet away. Cecil and Siegfried manage to dodge a few blasts, instead hitting the henchmen. However, one unlucky blast hits Siegfried, blowing him into flaming smithereens. As the dust settles, Cecil and Anya look up to see piles of flaming sticks.

ANYA

SIEGFRIED!!

Edgar lets out an obnoxious laugh as Cecil becomes enraged. He grabs one of the unconscious henchmen's swords and charges at Edgar.

EDGAR

Very well! Be prepared to have all
nine of your lives flash before
your eyes!

As Edgar and Cecil duel it out, Anya tearfully collects the smoldering remains of Siegfried. Behind her, we see that some of Siegfried landed on the frozen witch, who is slowly melting. Just as Cecil and Edgar get into a power struggle, a blinding white light stops the fight. One henchman stands up, wiping his eyes.

HENCHMAN

My allergies are gone! I can
finally see again!

He turns toward the white light. His eyes burn and he falls to the ground.

HENCHMAN (CONT'D)

WHAA!!

Cecil, Anya and Edgar are awestruck. Before them is the radiant WATER WITCH. The ice and snow melts around them turning into a beautiful green field, with shimmering waters reflecting the sunlight.

EVERYONE

The Water Witch...

The ice that once trapped her flows around her now as a cloak of water.

WATER WITCH

I shall keep my promise. For the
one who freed me, a single
blessing.

The witch looks directly at Cecil and Anya. Cecil's eyes widen, but before he can get too excited, the bundle of sticks in Anya's hands begin to shake. They float into the air, and a bright light bursts from them. Siegfried is reborn as a beautiful black stallion with a flowing white mane, complete with his usual derpy face. Edgar's jaw literally drops the ground. (It broke off. It is made of wood after all.)

EDGAR

(a bit hard to understand
without his jaw)
It went to... the horse?!

CECIL

I literally don't know how to feel
right now.

Anya runs up to the radiant new Siegfried.

ANYA

Siegfried, you are looking amazing!
We were so worried we lost you!

She gives him a smooch on the nose, causing a flower to sprout. Siegfried sneezes. Edgar is now a depressing mess.

EDGAR

(still can't understand
you buddy)
I'll never be human again!

Cecil, who feels a little bad for the guy walks up to him.

CECIL

Uh... here, you can have this back.

Cecil hands him the map. Edgar glares at him and snatches it. He blow his nose on it and crumbles it up. He puts his jaw back in place.

EDGAR

This isn't over, my feline fiend!
Wherever you go, wherever you are,
I shall be one step ahead! That
blessing will be MINE! Henchmen!
Retreat!

Edgar and his henchmen run back towards the airship. The one who was blinded has to be dragged back. As Anya and Cecil watch them leave, they turn and see the witch, who is still there. She stares directly into Anya's eyes.

WATER WITCH

You do not belong here. You should return home.

ANYA

I... I don't know how.

WATER WITCH

Then learn.

The witch swirls into a spiral of water and shoots upwards towards the sky, disappearing. Anya watches on. She turns around and sees Cecil sitting on the ground, looking upset. Siegfried gives him a comforting lick. Anya walks over and sits next to him. The two watch the wind gently blow the flowers in the field.

CECIL

We were so close. *I* was so close.

ANYA

And we'll get close again, my prince. It simply wasn't meant to be this time.

CECIL

(sigh)

At least it went to my dear Siegfried.

Cut to Siegfried poking around the witch's shrine. There's a small offering plate with apples and such to appease the witch. He eats one, and a bolt of lightning comes down, striking him and turning him back into a horse made of sticks.

CECIL (CONT'D)

Siegfried, you blasted fool!

ANYA

Aw, Siegfried!

CECIL

You are just the worst, Siegfried.

Siegfried stares back at them blankly, as he continues munching on the apple. We zoom out to see a wide shot of the field, as Edgars airship flies away. We pan upwards to see the great cocoon in the sky, the witch's haven.

THE END

