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PIRATES AND POWERCHAIRS

Cast:

Nova-- ten-year-old girl, who is half Neanderthal half modern female. She has been told she is Native American. Special reddish-brown hair. Magical and strong.

Mom-- forty-three-year-old, who is mother of Nova and a large animal vet.

Scott--fifteen-year-old half-brother to Nova.

Wilha--thirteen-year-old half-sister to Nova.

Benny--ten-year-old boy, in a wheelchair Motocross accident He is a science geek and skeptic.

Takeesha--ten-year-old girl, who is mulatto, and is a Shaman. She knows folklore as though she were an encyclopaedia.

Max Kim ---eight-year-old boy, adopted South Korean. Want-tobe magician and always wears black. He follows Benny.

Leandra--- fourty-two-years-old woman, who gains magical powers from a blood transfusion. She is from New Zealand.

Ralf-- fourty-four-year-old Neanderthal man. He is wearing a silk tunic and has bare feet. Can do logical magic.

Ahlon-- thirty-four-year-old Neanderthal man. He is wearing spider web clothing. Can do logical magic.

Braund--fifty-six-years-old Neanderthal man. Wearing a silk tunic with a sash left to right with "8" for infinity going down.

Royand-- thirty-five-years-old Neanderthal man. He wears the same thing as Braund.

Grunderfund-- forty-five-years-old Neanderthal man. He wears the same thing as Braund.

School Nurse---thirty-eight-years-old woman. She wears a cartoon smock, white pants and shoes.

Ms. Martin--- thirty-two-years-old woman. She wears dress clothes.

Pirate ghost --- Wearing pirate clothes and eye patch.

Mr. Mead---male psychic--- thirty-nine-years-old. Wearing vest, dress shirt, slacks and dress shoes.

Ms. Brown---twenty-eight-years-old psychic.

Ms. Childress--- forty-four-year-old woman. Dressed in flowery dress.

News Anchor --- twenty-eight-year old man.

Principal Schmidt---thirty-nine-years-old dressed in button down dress shirt and cardigan.

Extras: Police officer, and kids for various scenes.

Note: Neanderthals don't use pronouns and they refer to themselves in first person.

Teaser

INT. NOVA'S FARMHOUSE-MORNING

Establishing shot: An old farm house. We go inside the farmhouse and see a family, MOM, SCOTT, WILHA, and NOVA getting back packs ready for school. The TV is flipping but stops enough that Nova can see the news. Breakfast has been eaten on the table. Nova is putting her jacket on.

> NEWS ANCHOR ...(static) psychic Susan Swensen was arrested thanks to Private investigator Leandra Contrast...

Nova is twirling around what looks like a heavy dumb bell. She's not even breaking a sweat.

NOVA Looks like they got another psychic. Why can't the detective leave them alone.

MOM

Honey, I know you're very strong but I wish you wouldn't twirl that dumbbell like it's a feather.

NOVA Sorry, I can't help it sometimes.

SCOTT Leave my dumb bells alone. How many times do I need to tell you.

NOVA I suppose I'll never get any stronger anyway.

SCOTT (sarcastic) Ha ha ha.

MOM Time to go to school. Here try on this bike helmet. It's the biggest one the hardware store had. Nova tries on the helmet.

NOVA Nope, still doesn't fit.

MOM I don't know why you have such a strange shaped head. Time for school. Have fun anyway.

Nova is handed her back pack which she puts on her back. She goes outside.

EXT. FARMHOUSE-MORNING

You can see Nova's breath as she finds her beat up boy's bike near the barn and hops on. She heads up the driveway toward town.

> NOVA I hope the psychic got rid of the stupid pirate ghosts in the school this time.

INT. DAY- ORDIN- LEGISLATIVE CHAMBERS--CAVE

Big yellow, round lights stand in columns within the walls.

Ralf is looking down into a viewing pool. He is scrying and watching Nova as she is rides her bike to school. Ralf hears a noise and looks behind him. Ahlon is coming into the room. He is tip-toeing over the sleeping spotted leopards. Ralf quickly hides what he is watching by pressing a button on the wall of the viewing pool. He acts nonchalant by looking through a photo album of Nova, her mother and even Ralf. The pictures show roller skating and picnics. Ahlon comes to the waterfall rainbow portal and stands before it, his back to Ralf. A vampire saunters out of the violet color. She hesitates.

> AHLON No, don't want vampire right now.

The vampire turns around and goes back inside her color. A fierce dragon head roars out of the red color. Then he hesitates.

AHLON (CONT'D) No, don't want dragon either.

The dragon pulls his head back in. A werewolf runs out growls and stands there hesitating.

AHLON (CONT'D) No, don't want a werewolf now.

The werewolf huffs and turns back around. A pirate ghost floats out of the UV color and laughs evilly. It hesitates there in front of Ahlon, who shuffles his hands in front of the ghost like his hands are walking.

AHLON (CONT'D)

Bardsville school, ghost know what to do.

The ghost leaves smiling back into the portal. We follow the ghost.

INT-PORTAL-DAY

The pirate ghost goes into the green color from the UV color and we see a box of green light. It looks like a room. The ghost closes his eyes and...

Beat

disappears. He appears inside an elementary school near a mist on a bubbler and light which created a rainbow...portal. We hear kids in the hallway and the pirate ghost smiles evilly.

End of teaser.

Act 1

INT-LEGLISLATIVE CHAMBERS-DAY

Ralf closes the photo album and grabs his fishing pole next to the viewing pool. He puts a worm on the hook and puts the hook into the viewing pool water. He stands there fishing.

> RALF Ahlon, It's not the Prime Minister's job to keep sending whatever monster is available to the Lower Echelons. And con-artists there are taking advantage of the situation.

AHLON Speaker Ralf can't stop Ahlon. Besides Idealites are gods and that's what Idealites do. (MORE) BEAT

Was Ralf Watching something interesting?

RALF Ahlon's nose is too big to see face.

AHLON The Seven Sages wouldn't want Ralf to start any projects that would take away from duties as Speaker.

RALF Then let the Seven Sages worry about it.

Ralf catches what looks like an invisible fish. He takes it off the line.

AHLON By the way, It is important to send many monsters to Lower Echelons to get back our land. Remember, Squatters must kill each other from fear of superstitions.

Ralf rolls his eyes. He lumbers away from the basin with his fish and sits down to eat his sloth stew. The large spotted cats come over for scraps. Ahlon stomps out of the chamber in disgust.

INT. BARDSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-DAY-FALL

Nova strolls into the school. The wind slams the door violently behind Nova. She sees a pirate ghost. She feels sick with dread. The nurse is chased out of her examining room. She is backed up against the wall where Nova can see her.

> PIRATE GHOST Using science is not acceptable!

NURSE Stop harassing me! I need to help the students.

PIRATE GHOST

You should have thought of that before you picked up a science instrument like a tongue depressor.

The ghost stares at the nurse and the nurse is showing signs of feeling sick. She runs and throws up into a water fountain. Then the office lady Ms. Martin throws up into a waste paper bin. Nova approaches the ghost.

NOVA

I'm not afraid of you. I've had it with your shenanigans. Leave her alone. She never did anything to you.

PIRATE GHOST No one is allowed to use science.

NOVA I'll kick your butt. I don't care who your ancestors are.

PIRATE GHOST I'm only doing my job. Remember to never walk under a ladder. It's bad luck.

The ghost fades away. And Nova's stomach threatens to spill it's contents. She looks at the nurse but she's not going to be any help. Neither is Ms. Martin. Nova runs to English class.

> MS. CHILLDRESS Put your books in the desk. And take out a piece of paper. It's time for the spelling test.

NOVA Oh, no wonder I almost threw up.

INT. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA -DAY

The lunchroom is crowded with kids. The old vending machines in front of the kitchen rattle in protest. Nova is sitting down at a table with Benny and Max Kim and Takeesha. Nova is reading a magic book and Takeesha is reading a shaman book. The four kids are eating their lunch.

> NOVA Hey guys, I think I kicked a ghost's butt this morning. He was threatening the Nurse. (MORE)

NOVA (CONT'D)

Looks like moving to a new school doesn't change anything.

BENNY I remember since kindergarten we had monsters in this school, luckily we can talk to the creeps.

TAKEESKA

Yeah, I'm getting fed up with these stupid folklore monsters always coming into the school and harassing us. First the boggarts, then the ogres now the ghosts. What the hell is going on? Oh, say, Something happened with a pirate ghost this morning.

Max Kim looked scared as he gulped his chocolate milk.

NOVA What? What happened?

TAKEESHA Do you remember Dayton? The science kid? His hat made him look bald with three eyes--?

NOVA Yeah, I remember him. Was he doing anything with science? Folklore monsters really don't like that.

Takeesha continues to stuff her sandwich into her mouth. She gestures "give me a minute" with her finger. Nova sits back. A folded metal chair crashes to the floor and everyone jumps. Nova looks around the room for a ghost but did not see or sense one. The kids in the cafeteria look like they are on edge. Benny couldn't wait for Takeesha any longer.

FLASH BACK

BENNY (V.O.) Dayton was carrying a chemistry book from Ms. Chilldress. Anyway, he opened his locker and there inside was a big bloody arm hanging from handcuffs.

Benny, Max Kim and Takeesha are grossed out when they see the bloody arm in handcuffs hanging in the locker getting bigger, growing into a pirate ghost.

NOVA (V.O.) Then what happened?

TAKEESHA (V.O.) The ghost chased terrified kids down the hallway of the school.

Kids in the hallway are getting sick with dread and throwing up. The pirate ghost stands with hands on hips and laughs. Then he goes up to individual kids, crosses his arms and stares angrily. The kid runs away in terror and holds his stomach.

> PIRATE GHOST (shouting) Step on a crack, you will break your mother's back.

Takeesha gasped. Benny and Max Kim scoffs.

BACK TO PRESENT

BENNY I believe it's my turn now.

TAKEESHA

Fine.

Nova gives Benny a curious look.

FLASHBACK

BENNY (V.O.)

The pirate ghost caught up with Dayton. It grabbed him and said, 'By all that's unholy...

PIRATE GHOST ...I'll keelhaul you by pulling you from one end of my ship to the other, a-long-ways.

Dayton's eyes go white. He falls backward and hits his head on the floor tiles.

BACK TO PRESENT

Takeesha elbows Benny in his chest. She gets up on the table and now lies across it in front of Benny and his wheelchair, careful not to lie in his food. Benny, now it's my turn.

Benny scrunches up his face and sticks out his tongue. Nova and Max Kim grin. That is Takeesha for you always wanting attention.

FLASHBACK

TAKEESHA (V.O.) (CONT'D) Coach was giving mouth to mouth when the paramedics showed up.

Two paramedics are hovering over Dayton. Dayton is on a stretcher on the floor. The paramedics use paddles to give him a jolt that makes his body jump. Dayton awoke screaming.

BACK TO PRESENT

TAKEESHA (CONT'D) The paramedics put him on a stretcher and took him away to the hospital. So what do you think?

NOVA

Oh my gosh, that's horrible. And that's probably the same ghost I saw. Benny, you actually believe you saw something?

BENNY Yes, but it could most likely be explained.

TAKEESHA Aw, come on Benny. You know they exist now.

Takeesha climbs off the table.

BENNY

I don't want to discuss it.

Benny pops the last of his sandwich into his mouth.

INT. HALLWAY OF SCHOOL-DAY

Principal Schmidt is showing Mr. Mead, the psychic, around the school.

PRINCIPAL

...and over here in the gym. There have been many reports of ghosts. Do you think you can handle them? We can't have the school disrupted like this.

PSYCHIC Leave it to me. I will get rid of them.

PRINCIPAL We paid you enough. You better.

PSYCHIC

Excuse me?

PRINCIPAL

Oh nothing, happy hunting. By the way, why are the ghosts haunting **this** school?

PSYCHIC

Are you kidding? I'm booked up for six years. The monsters are everywhere.

The principal walks away down the hall scratching his head. The swaggering male psychic begins talking to the walls of the school trying to find the ghosts. He sets his briefcase down and pulls out a bundle of white sage and an abalone shell. He crumples up some sage into the shell and takes out a charcoal disk and lights it until it turns the color orange then he puts it onto the sage. He uses a feather to fan the smoke through the school. Also, he stops every time he comes to a corner or doorway and sprinkles a handful of sea salt onto the floor.

Act 2

INT-EXT-ROOFED PEAK OF LEGISLATIVE MOUNTAIN-IMPERIAL BALCONY-DAY

A large strange-looking Alphorn sat ready to call the Idealites from all over the land of Ordin. Ahlon speaks to the gathered crowd.

> AHLON ...And therefore the Idealites will forever fight the Lower Echelon people with...

Ralf could only stand so much and left to start his other matters. He walks down a corridor headed for the Legislative chambers.

RALF

Ahlon will be busy doing speech on the Imperial Balcony for a short time. Therefore, must hurry. Time to get Nova ready for the next step in the Nova project.

Ralf rubs his hands together.

INT. ORDIN--LEGISLATIVE CHAMBERS--DAY

Ralf enters the room and paces. Then Ralf hears the voice of Braund.

BRAUND Mystics are here, Speaker Ralf.

RALF

Please enter.

All three (Braund, Gunderfund and Royand) came readily into the chamber.

RALF (CONT'D)

Must hurry. Ahlon will only be away for short time. Therefore, Braund, need the Three Mystics to find a strong woman mentor for Nova Project. Make sure this woman is in good health and strong but just needs a blood transfusion. Then give woman Braund's blood.

Ralf points to Braund.

BRAUND Yes, Speaker. But what's the Nova Project?

RALF

Nova is Ralf's project, daughter, and also half modern female. Here look in viewing pool.

Ralf shows Bruand and the other Mystics Nova in school.

RALF (CONT'D)

Hurry, Nova is of age now. My daughter will be like Hercules was a long time ago. Nova is a hybridvigor and more powerful than Idealites.

BRAUND

How will the Mystics find a good specimen for Ralf's project?

RALF Accidents in Bardsville, Wisconsin are everywhere. Observe the woman to make sure she is the one. Use the time/space continuum to Mystic's advantage.

The three Idealites nod their heads in understanding. Ahlon arrives and overhears part of the conversation and sees the scene in the Legislative Chambers as he stands behind the doorway.

> RALF (CONT'D) Go through the rainbow portal into Bardsville. May logical magic reap great rewards!

Braund, Royand, and Gunderfund leave through the portal into the green light toward Bardsville. Ahlon smiles evilly, then continues to watch Ralf as Ralf watches the scene unfold in the water of the basin.

INT. SCHOOL HALLWAY-DAY

Kids are milling around, getting their books, talking, slamming lockers, singing, etc.

Pirate ghost sees Benny and approaches him stopping everyone in their tracks. Students scream down the hall. Benny stands (or sits) his ground.

> PIRATE GHOST I'll come back for you for being in a power chair after I get the English teacher, Ms. Chilldress, for trying to teach science, first.

Pirate ghost glides down the hall. The psychic stops rubbing his temples and chanting.

PSYCHIC

Spirit, this is our duel.

Now, leave this school.

Go and stay in your realm.

Students are overwhelmed.

Leave now, leave now,

ghosts are not allowed.

PSYCHIC (CONT'D) (to Benny)

I got him to go away for now. But you need to get a manual chair.

BENNY

(angry)
That is why the ghosts always win.
We keep giving up on science and
technology. I will not give up my
power chair. I need it to go over
ramps at the skate park. Not only
that but you'll never get rid of
the ghosts. I don't know why you
think you can. You're like dampness
trying to get rid of the rain.

PSYCHIC

(hands on hips)
Why don't you believe I can do
psychic stuff?

BENNY

You would spend your days at the racetrack or Las Vegas not try to deal with something like a ghost when we have no idea if you are doing anything or not. I mean what about Dayton?

The psychic shrugs and goes into the boy's bathroom and when he comes out many of the other school kids are lying on the floor in the hallway. The nurse comes out of the school office and sees the kids on the floor.

> NURSE Oh no... can't be dead.

The kids appear to not be breathing.

NURSE (CONT'D) (to the psychic) Mr. Mead, you are not doing your job.

The nurse runs to call the paramedics.

NURSE (CONT'D) Call 911!

The psychic is stunned. He takes a seat outside the office. The bell rings out. The kids get up off the floor walk and groan like zombies, laugh and go to their classes. The nurse comes out and is embarrassed. She runs to phone again.

The psychic wipes sweat from his brow with a cloth hanky in utter relief. Benny, Nova, Takeesha and Max Kim laugh their butts off.

Kids leave the school and grab their bikes. Or they ride home on back of parent's motorcycle, or use horse and buggy.

EXT. BARDSVILLE- PSYCHIC EXPERIENCE MALL- NEXT DAY-MORNING

The Bardsville streets have mostly bikes, peditaxis, and horses. One car sputtering along, passes the three men in the bushes. They watch Leandra, a Private Investigator who is athletic, tall, and beautiful with a New Zealand accent approach a psychic who is just leaving her booth at the end of the day.

LEANDRA

Ms. Brown, Mrs.Bonsworth came to me last week and told me her nest egg was stolen from her by you. I had gone to one of your psychic sessions in disguise and I had videotaped you. I have proof you are scamming people out of their money. The police will be here in five minutes to arrest you.

MS. BROWN

(Upset) Look, Leandra, you can't have me arrested. I was just telling fortunes for the fun of it, you know.

LEANDRA

That's not what you advertise. You will spend some time in jail for taking Mrs. Bonsworth's nest egg.

MS BROWN You can't. I mean, she knew what she was doing.

LEANDRA Tell it to the judge.

INT-FARMHOUSE-MORNING

Nova is putting her jacket on and she grabs her back pack. Breakfast is eaten in the background. Scott, Wilha and Nova leave the house.

THREE KIDS

Bye Mom!

The kids hop on their bikes and head to school.

SCOTT

I'll race ya.

EXT-POLICE STATON-MORNING

After watching the conversation at The Psychic Experience Mall between Leandra and Ms Brown, The three mystics looked at each other and nodded in agreement.

BRAUND

This is the one. Her name is Leandra. She will make a very good mentor for Nova.

ROYAND We must find the point in time where Leandra needs a blood transfusion.

BRAUND

If Leandra stays in this line of business. Then yes, there will be a necessary transfusion.

GUNDERFUND Let's find a place to use the time /space continuum. The Three Mystics step into the grass behind the police station and hold up their hands as though to tell the time using the sun, then they did a circle with their arms.

BRAUND

Future!

Nova pulls up on her bike. Her brother and sister race by. Her backpack is on her back.

> NOVA Hey, whatcha doing?

An iridescent whirlwind full of fractals engulfs all of them causing their hair to blow in the turmoil. Then they all disappear including Nova into a green light.

INT. LEGISTATIVE CHAMBERS- ORDIN- DAY

Ahlon enters the cavern and he is alone in the room. He approaches the viewing basin and looks inside.

AHLON

What are The Three Mystics up to?

The basin full of sand and sea life changes into a scene inside a farmhouse. Leandra has a deadly wound on her left upper arm and is lying on the couch bleeding. Future Nova and her family stand around her as Future Nova's mom puts a tourniquet on the arm.

> LEANDRA Con-artists caught me spying on their operation.

> > CUT TO:

INT. LEGISLATIVE CHAMBERS-NIGHT

AHLON Hmmm. What does all this mean?

Ahlon rubs his chin. He is still watching the scene in the viewing pool.

INT. FARM HOUSE-NIGHT

NOVA/FUTURE NOVA looks worried as she sits next to Leandra on the couch. Mom, Scott and Wilha stand around the sofa. MOM

Time for you kids to go to bed. Hopefully we will get an ambulance out here soon. I'll stay on the radio all night if I have to.

NOVA/FUTURE NOVA, Wilha and Scott reluctantly go to bed after NOVA/FUTURE/NOVA holds Leandra's hand. Mom leaves to sit with a ham radio in the room off the kitchen. The room with Leandra in it is empty now except for Leandra. Suddenly, A portal with wind arrives in the living room. Leandra's hair blows around. She lies on the sofa. The Mystics and NOVA/PAST NOVA with her bike arrive through a rainbow portal's green light that Leandra can only stare at. Leandra is pale and pretty drained and weak from loss of blood.

BRAUND

Must hurry. Leandra has lost much blood already.

NOVA/PAST NOVA What is going on? Why am I back home? Who is that on our couch?

Braund sits next to Leandra on the couch. He gives Leandra a much needed blood transfusion. He rubs his temples and rocks back and forth humming. The NOVA/PASTNOVA and her bike stand there with mouth open as Braund works.

ROYAND

It is called **time travel.** This woman is Nova's future mentor. Nova was never meant to see this. Now that Nova and The Three Mystics are here, Leandra's life needs to be saved.

NOVA/PAST NOVA I didn't accidently shoot her, did I?

GUNDERFUND

No, con-artists found Leandra, the detective, snooping around the fake medicine factory, and shot Leandra's arm.

Suddenly, NOVA/PAST NOVA with her bike realizes who is in front of her.

NOVA/PAST NOVA Hey, that's Leandra Contrast the famous Private Investigator... BRAUND Keep it down, girl. This is a **secret** mission.

NOVA/PAST NOVA

Oh, right.

Leandra gives NOVA/PAST NOVA a small smile. NOVA/PAST NOVA smiles back. Leandra tries to stand but her legs are too wobbly. Her legs won't hold her up. Braund pats her on her shoulder.

BRAUND Let the magic consume and heal.

Leandra's tourniquet falls off and her wound heals up.

NOVA/PAST NOVA When can you do that to me?

BRAUND Nova already has the makings of a great magic-user.

NOVA/PAST NOVA

I do?

BRAUND Yes, but it's for a later time.

INT. LEGISLATIVE CHAMBERS-DAY

Ahlon is watching Braund as Braund says something to Leandra.

BRAUND

Farewell Leandra, just get used to the magic and all will be well. Time to travel back in time. Nova needs to go to school. Come Nova.

Then The Mystics and NOVA/PAST NOVAa and her bike turn and leave through the green in the rainbow portal. Ahlon bangs his fist on the basin.

AHLON What? A squatter gets the Mystical blood? Nooooo! This is unacceptable. And that girl? Hmmm.

INT-GREEN -PORTAL ROOM

NOVA/PAST NOVA and her bike stand with Braund and the other two Mystics. Braund puts a hand on Nova's shoulder.

BRAUND

Nova, when the magic in Leandra consumes her. She will be ready to help you however Nova needs Leandra. But not until the future. Until then it is up to Nova to fight battles on own. Goodbye.

EXT.BARDSVILLE SCHOOL-MORNING

The portal opens and drops the NOVA/PAST NOVA and her bike off at the school, then closes back up and disappears.

NOVA/PAST NOVA Did I just dream that? Would anyone believe me?

Nova chains up her bike at the whale rib cage bike rack.

INT. SCHOOL HALLWAY-MORNING

Kids grabbing books and homework out of lockers getting ready for their first class of the morning. In a daze, Nova comes in the door. She sees Benny and approaches him.

> NOVA Hey Benny do you want to hear something weird?.

INT-LEGISLATIVE CHAMBERS-DAY

Ahlon is showing digital pictures on a camera of Nova and Leandra to four pirate ghosts.

AHLON Harrass Nova. See this picture here? Get her first. Even if she is with her friends.

He changed the picture on the digital camera to a picture of Leandra.

AHLON (CONT'D) Then get this one next. Go now. Ahlon sends four more pirate ghosts to go through the rainbow portal using sign language.

INT-SCHOOL-SCIENCE LAB- DAY

Near the fish tank a portal opens up. The ghost comes through and heads out into the hallway looking for Nova. Nova is trying to talk to Benny then Takeesha and Max Kim arrive.

> NOVA Hey guys, guess what happened just now.

TAKEESHA Not another ghost problem, I hope.

NOVA No, there was this...

Suddenly the pirate ghosts arrive and approach them.

PIRATE GHOST This is a warning. I brought some o' me hearty mates. We'll see if you can respect the paranormal.

Montage:

Nova tries to use her strength and punch it, but her arms go right through their bodies. Her hair stands on end. The ghost laughs evilly.

Max Kim throws his cape over one of the ghosts and waves his wand but the cape just falls through the ghost. The ghost smiles wickedly and Max Kim throws up.

Benny reaches over and at the water fountain he throws water at a ghost, but the ghost crackles and steams as a reaction. The ghost frowns at Benny. Basically nothing happened.

GHOST

Nice try. Fail!

Takeesha tries to communicate with it. She sits on a bench in the hallway, goes into a trance, and meditates trying to connect with the ghost on it's level. The ghost bends forward and stares at her eyes. Takeesha gets a confused look on her face and she opens her eyes. She sees the ghost looking at her and lets out a scream. The ghost laughs. The ghosts vanish their laughter echoing in the hall.

Nova's shoulders slump as do the rest of her friends.

NOVA How do we get rid of the ghosts?

BENNY There has got to be a way. And I will not give up!

MAX KIM Magic won't work.

TAKEESHA I'm a shaman and should be able to communicate with them. I'll try again.

NOVA Why couldn't you just now?

TAKEESHA Something was blocking the spiritual path, ya know what I mean?

The Bell rang.

BENNY I got to go to science class now. I'll think of something.

NOVA Me too. See ya guys.

Nova and Benny went to their lockers and got their books then walked and trundled down to the science lab/ English room.

INT. SCIENCE LAB-DAY

They entered the room and Nova took her seat in the middle row, where Benny sat near the front in his wheelchair.

MS. CHILLDRESS Good day students! We will be learning about rocks and other minerals for two weeks. So we will get started talking about gold... Oh my goodness!

Just then a couple more pirate ghosts came out of the rainbow portal on the fish tank.

PIRATE GHOST What are you doing teaching science? It is forbidden! Ms. Chilldress stands in front of the class petrified. Benny and Nova look at one another, smile, and give each other knowing nods.

Act 3

INT. LEGISLATIVE CHAMBERS-ORDIN-DAY

Legislative chambers in the cavern. Ahlon is alone with the viewing pool basin.

AHLON Stupid basin, turn it back to The Mystics.

The image in the basin changes back but then changes to Nova again. Ahlon looks around for anyone in the Legislative chambers, but no one is here. He watches Nova for a minute.

AHLON (CONT'D) Girl looks like half Idealite and half squatter... an abomination! Ah, this must be Ralf's project. Girl must die!

INT. SCHOOL -LIBRARY-DAY

The psychic has set up candles and is doing a chant with his eyes closed. The four kids enter and look around.

BENNY You're deluded if you think you have the power to get rid of these ghosts.

Psychic comes up to the kids.

PYSCHIC (points finger at Benny's chest) Science won't solve everything. You have to keep an open mind to mysterious energy around us. Yes, there are things that are unexplainable but most things are explainable and we shouldn't assume just because a light went out it was a ghost. We need to think with concrete ideas and not something that is magical, eventually everything gets explained.

The psychic huffs and stomps away to the candles and the magic book. Suddenly the ghost arrives.

PIRATE GHOST Did you call?

PSYCHIC Lets get this over with, once and for all.

BENNY This, I gotta see.

The psychic opens a spell book lights a black candle and chants a spell.

PSYCHIC Spirit, this is our duel.

Now, leave this school.

Go and stay in your realm.

Students are overwhelmed.

Leave now, leave now,

ghosts are not allowed.

PIRATE GHOST (laughing) That won't get me and me mates to leave.

BENNY See, what I mean?

PSYCHIC Why not? It's a perfectly good spell. PIRATE GHOST Shela, you should do a spell to get rid o' science if you want me an' me mateys gone.

NOVA Science can't be stopped with a spell. That's ridiculous!

Nova slams her fist into the table making it collapse under the force. Suddenly the ghost's body starts to deteriorate and the ghosts scrabble to hold on to anything and keep themselves into this realm.

> PIRATE GHOST Noocoo! We must staaaaay.

The ghosts pop out of existence with a loud pop!

NOVA Wow! Did I do that?

Nova examines her hands.

The final bell rang for the school to be over.

PSYCHIC Well, I don't know what happened.

BENNY

(to the psychic) You did nothing.

The psychic sighs and stares at Benny. Then the psychic slams the magic book.

PSYCHIC My techniques don't work one hundred percent of the time. Sometimes I don't succeed. I'm not leaving, you are. Have a nice trip home. I still have much work to do.

The psychic turns from the kids. He waves them off with a flick of his wrist. He leaves the library walking down the hallway.

BENNY I'm still not giving up my power chair and there is another day tomorrow. NOVA

Maybe Private Investigator Leandra contrast should arrest him for being fake.

Nova moves away from her friends and stands near the windows.

NOVA (CONT'D) And I can't let it slip she almost dies in the future by getting shot by a con-artist.

BENNY I'm going to get to the science lab and turn off the bubbler on the fish tank now that the ghosts are gone. Come on let's go. Time's a waistin'.

The kids rush down to the science lab and right before they turn off the bubbler that creates the mist that creates the rainbow portal a ghostly hand reaches out then an arm and Benny turns off the bubbler just in time. The ghost arm fades with a satisfying scream from the other side. The kids smile in relief.

INT.-LEGISLATIVE CHAMBERS-ORDIN-DAY

Braund, Gunderfund, and Royand arrive back in Ordin in the Legislative chambers. Ralf is there alone fishing in the viewing pool.

RALF Ah, welcome back Mystics. Were The

Three successful?

BRAUND Yes, Speaker. The mentor has the Mystical blood. And Nova knows about it.

RALF That's fine. Can Leandra control her magic yet?

BRAUND The detective is taking a bit longer to get used to the Mvs⁻

longer to get used to the Mystical blood because Leandra was almost dead when the Three Mystics got there. RALF

Sounds like things could go awry very quickly. Hopefully, Leandra won't get accused of witchcraft and something bad happens.

Ahlon walks into the room.

AHLON

Witchcraft? Let's hope the squatters in the lower Echelons get accused and killed off from the fear of witchcraft like at the witch trails long ago.

RALF

This has nothing to do with Ahlon. Nose is too big for face.

AHLON

Squatter sympathizers must be eliminated too. Watch Ralf's back old man, Speaker.

The End.

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