

EXT. THE BORDER OF A MEDIEVAL VILLAGE

Two young brothers, Kylar age twelve, and Aspen age fourteen, stand outside their village swinging around wood swords.

KYLAR

Hey have you ever thought about something? What if one day, you and I became something other than village folk?

ASPEN

Well we weren't born into royalty so what do you mean?

KYLAR AND ASPEN

(Looking down to their swords exclaiming)

What if we became Knights?

KYLAR

For that to happen we'll need lots of training!

ASPEN

But I don't know if I want to put in that much effort into that. What if it doesn't work out or something?

KYLAR

Or something? You're willing to live the life of a peasant just because you don't want to try hard enough to become better?

ASPEN

This is another one of your fads brother. Remember last week when you wanted to be friar.

KYLAR

Well I mean nobody judges you when you have that bald spot and I'm pretty sure one of us will be by the time we are men.

ASPEN

Well if you're serious about it you better get to training then huh? You'll probably need someone there

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ASPEN (cont'd)
to help you with training won't
you?

KYLAR
Oh I will, I'm going to become
something great, just you wait
brother.

ASPEN
Well let's go to the woods and hit
some stuff with swords, I'll show
you just how great of a knight I'm
going to become.

INT. FOREST BRUSH

The two brothers make their way through the dense trees,
swinging their wooden swords at branches and other vines
that hang in their path.

KYLAR
Take THAT! And THAT!

ASPEN
Calm down, you're being a
knob-gobbler.

KYLAR
(With fake shock)
You dare call me, Sir Kylar, a
knobgobbler? Prepare yourself for a
duel you peasant!

ASPEN
A peasant? That's it, put up your
sword O worthy knight.

The brothers begin to swing their swords at one another,
hitting each other in the arms and legs, enjoying the game.
Kylar drops his sword after being hit in the hand

KYLAR
Oww watch it stupid! That hurt.

ASPEN
(Mockingly)
You're just mad because a peasant
like me outclassed a "knight" like
you.

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KYLAR
(Angry and embarrassed)
Shut up! I'll show you. I swear
I'll be a knight someday.

KYLAR runs off into the forest with no idea where he's going, ASPEN doesn't chase after his brother.

EXT. TREE BRANCH

After running away, Kylar climbs up a tree and talks quietly to himself.

KYLAR
(Angrily to himself)
You know what? Who needs him. I don't care what he, or anybody else, has to say. I'm going to become a knight no matter what it takes. I'm going to devote all my time into this. I'll give up every trip to the market with mom, and I'll stop playing with our cows, and I'll eat less to lose weight...
(Suddenly realizing) Oh, what the hell? I don't want to be a knight.

Below the tree KYLAR hears rustling and footsteps, the sound of the footsteps re-angers him.

KYLAR
Go away! I want my alone time!

As KYLAR gets done yelling, a BEAR looks up into the tree and growls.

KYLAR
(Frightened)
AHHH!! ASPEN HELP!

INT. FOREST BRUSH

ASPEN sits down on the ground poking his wooden sword absent-mindedly into the dirt, he is upset with his brother for running off and leaving him alone in the woods.

ASPEN
Stupid idiot, why does he feel like devoting all his time to become a knight? They aren't even that special. You get to hang out in the castle, you get to have amazing feasts, and the queen personally
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ASPEN (cont'd)
knows me. Oh what the hell, I want
to be a knight!

The sound of screaming and growling can be heard, the source being a hundred yards away and up in a tree. ASPEN runs over to the tree wielding his sword.

EXT. LARGE TREE

The bear turns towards ASPEN and snarls at him, it stands up on two legs and lets out a ferocious growl.

ASPEN
(Frozen with fear)
AHH! KYLAR DO SOMETHING!

KYLAR looks around at something to throw at the bear, he only sees a few pine cones.

KYLAR
(While throwing pine cones)
Take that! and one of these!
Ha! dumb bear.

The bear becomes increasingly angry and starts to attack the tree.

KYLAR
This was a bad idea! Do something
to help me too!

ASPEN
This wouldn't be happening if you
didn't run off in the first place!
I'm sorry I made you mad, but you
can't run away by yourself into the
woods without me.

KYLAR
Oh yeah? Well you shouldn't have
told me that I wasn't going to be a
knight!

KYLAR AND ASPEN
Well, I have something to tell you.

The bear rams the tree with it's head, knocking Kylar off balance. Kylar loses his grasp in the tree and falls.

ASPEN
Brother!

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ASPEN runs at the bear with his wooden sword in his hand. He swings and hits it multiple times before getting swatted with the bear's large paw.

ASPEN
Oww, that bear is too strong. Kylar hit the damn bear!

KYLAR
I can't, if I can't beat you in a fight how can I beat a bear?

ASPEN
JUST DO IT!

Kylar swings the wooden sword into the leg of the bear. The bear whimpers and falls down hard onto its chest, stunned with the blow.

KYLAR
(Urgently)
Let's go! We have to hurry, come on!

ASPEN
Okay, I'm up, this way!

KYLAR
(While running)
What did you have to tell me?

ASPEN
What were you going to tell ME?

EXT. CLEARING IN THE FOREST

The boys stop running and look to each other, the mood intensifies because neither boy is sure who is going to go first.

KYLAR
Okay let's go at the same time.
Ready? One

ASPEN
Twooo

KYLAR AND ASPEN
Three!

ASPEN
(At the same time)
I want to be a knight with you!

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KYLAR

I don't want to be a knight
anymore.

ASPEN

Wait what? What happened to being
dedicated to this?

KYLAR

Well that's the thing, I would have
to give up all the things I love
doing to become something that I'm
not even sure I'm good at.

ASPEN

Don't worry, you're going to become
something amazing Kylar. You're
strong, and smart, and super brave.
I mean, did you see the way you
took out that bear's leg?

The boys smile and hug, their happiness is short lived when
the bear come out of the bushes off to their side.

KYLAR

(Fearful)

OH GOD! It's back!

ASPEN

(Calm)

It's okay, I have an idea.

KYLAR

Well if you would fill me in that
would be great.

ASPEN

Follow my lead.

(Pointing)

Grab that rock!

KYLAR

This one?

ASPEN

Does it matter?

KYLAR

I don't know! Does it?

The bear snarls and lowers itself onto all fours.

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KYLAR
(Shocked)
Oh god it's coming!

ASPEN takes the rock out of Kylar's hand and throws it hitting the bear in the forehead and causing it to flee.

KYLAR
You actually did it! I mean really did it. What the heck.
(Tears well up in his eyes)
Maybe you really should be the knight. I guess I don't really fit the part.

ASPEN leans in and hugs KYLAR

ASPEN
Hey don't worry little brother, I'm supposed to protect you. That's my job as the older brother. Listen, I only want to be a knight with you. I couldn't take away your dream. Plus, without all that training, I have free time now!

KYLAR
(Smiling)
Well, you can always be a friar you know. We both know you're going to be the bald one.