

CLADEMEAM

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EXT. VILLAGE - DAWN

The sun rises over the horizon on a small and quiet village nestled in a deep forest.

EXT. HOUSE - DAY

A rooster crows as it sits on top of the thatched roof of a small cobblestone walled hovel.

INT. BEDROOM - DAY

ALEX, wakes up in his bed as the sun light spreads over his face through the window.

The room is covered in piles of clothes and books. A small, homemade, wooden flute sits on a desk next to an open letter bearing the logo of the Bard's College.

SPIRIT, a forest green ethereal human-shaped creature, pops into the room from Alex's body. Blue lines connect Alex's joints to Spirit.

Spirit manipulates the lines to move Alex out of bed and makes him walk over to his desk. Alex picks up the letter.

Spirit smiles and so does Alex.

Alex picks up the flute and plays a few notes.

CLADEMEAM, a navy blue ethereal human-shaped creature, pops out of Alex's body and stays in the corner of the room.

Spirit dances around the room as Alex plays the flute. A moment later Alex joins Spirit in the dance.

A thought bubble appears above Spirit and Alex. Inside the bubble Alex is older. He plays the flute in a crowded room. The audience throws coins at him as he takes a bow.

The lines from Spirit snap. Alex stops moving.

Spirit falls on his face. He gets up and dusts himself off. Navy blue lines connect Alex to Clademeam. Spirit scratches his head and raises one eyebrow.

Clademeam makes Alex point at dollar signs at the bottom of the letter. Clademeam shakes his head. A moment later so does Alex.

A lit light bulb appears above Spirit's head.

Spirit grabs a piece of paper and writes "Looking for work."

He grabs Alex's hand and tries to walk to the door, but Alex doesn't move and Spirit falls to the ground.

Clademeam shakes his head. He forces Alex back into bed. Alex lays on his side and stares out the window

The sun sets and rises several times.

Spirit dances around the room waving the letter in Alex's face. Alex does not respond. Spirit jumps on the bed and tugs on Alex's arm, but can't move him.

Spirit sits down on the floor next to the wall, head in his hands. He taps his foot while the days go by.

INT. BEDROOM - DAWN

Alex wakes as the sun light spreads over his face.

Spirit looks up as Alex sits up in bed. Green lines connect Spirit to Alex. Spirit lifts his hands. Alex follows suit. Spirit shrugs and exits. Alex follows.

EXT. TOWN SQUARE - DAY

Spirit uses his lines to have Alex post posters that say he's looking for work.

OLD MAN, 85 with a cane, walks up to the poster, turns to Alex, and motions for Alex to follow him.

INT. BEDROOM - DAY

Spirit and Alex enter with a sack of gold. Spirit pulls out the letter. Alex gets a pencil from the desk and makes a giant check mark over the dollar signs on the letter.

Spirit and Alex smile at each other and high five. As their hands hit, Clademeam pops out of Alex.

Spirit gets in the between Clademeam and Alex and shakes his head with arm stretched out to stop Clademeam.

Spirit reaches with his other arm and grabs the letter from the desk. He shows Clademeam the check mark next to the dollars. He gives the blue ghost a smug look.

Clademeam shakes his head, grabs the letter, and points to the address on the letter. Spirit looks at Alex and shrugs.

Clademeam pulls a dusty map from a bookshelf. He unrolls it on the desk and points to where the school is. He then points to where they are on the map.

Next to the address on the letter he writes "1000 miles."

Clademeam shakes his head. He reaches out and his cords attach to Alex as Spirit's fall away.

Clademeam makes Alex get in bed.

The sun sets and rises several times.

INT. BEDROOM - DAY

Spirit gets Alex out of bed. They pack a backpack with the money, some clothes, and a blanket.

Spirit gets the map. They study it and makes notes about where to go. They roll the map up, stick it in the bag, and exit.

EXT. EDGE OF TOWN - DAY

Spirit and Alex stare at the road leading out of town. They look back at the town and then to each other. They nod and walk down the road.

They travel ten feet and Clademeam appears. He points at the road and shakes his head. Question marks appear above Spirit and Alex.

A speech bubble appears above Clademeam. Inside the bubble a dragon breaths fire across the road.

The dragon fades and is replaced by a group of bandits attacking Alex while he sleeps.

Spirit and Alex's eyes are wide and they are trembling. They huddle together and collapse to the ground. Clademeam stands behind them and places an arm on their shoulders.

SARA, young red-haired girl, walks up as she leaves town. She glances at Alex and walks up to him. A question mark appears above her head.

A speech bubble appears above Clademeam, Alex, and Spirit. Bandits attack them in the bubble. The speech bubble fades away.

Sara shakes her head and laughs. She pulls a bow and some arrows from her bag.

A speech bubble appears above Sara. Inside the bubble she shoots arrows at the bandits, chasing them away.

A speech bubble appears above Alex, Clademeam, and Spirit. Inside the bubble and dragon flies through air breathing fire.

Sara pulls out a sword from her bag and hands it to Alex.

A speech bubble appears above Sara. Inside the bubble she shoots the dragon with her arrows. The dragon falls to the ground.

Alex stabs the dragon. Alex and Sara cheer over beating the dragon. Clademeam pops the speech bubble with a needle.

Clademeam grabs the map and shows how far it is. A speech bubble appears above Sara. Inside the bubble she and Alex walk down the road holding hands.

Sara holds out her hand to Alex.

Spirit and Alex meld into one creature. Alex grabs her hand and they walk down the road.

Clademeam sighs and vanishes into Alex.

The sun sets and rises many times while Alex and Sara travel down the road.

EXT. ROAD - NIGHT

Alex, Sara, Spirit, and Clademeam sit around a campfire. Clademeam is connected to Alex.

Spirit looks at Sara and shrugs. Sara sifts through one of their bags and pulls out Alex's flute.

She walks over to him, smiles, and hands him the flute.

Alex takes the flute but does not play. He stares at it for a moment. Alex looks at Clademeam. Clademeam shrugs.

Alex plays the flute. Clademeam shrinks a little as the music plays. Spirit smiles.

As Alex plays the flute, Spirit grows and smiles. Clademeam shrinks again.

Clademeam shrinks more and then vanishes into Alex.

Alex, Spirit, and Sara dance around the fire to Alex's flute music.

EXT. ROAD - DAY

Alex and Sara dump water on a campfire. They gather their belongings and leave the camp site. Clademeam appears. He is twice as big as normal.

Clademeam grabs Alex with one hand and pulls Spirit out with his other hand. He throws Spirit to the side. Clademeam then shoves Alex into the ground.

Sara finds the flute and hands it to Alex.

Alex stares at the flute for a moment then throws it to the ground.

Clademeam's hand wraps around Alex.

Sara shoots her bow at Clademeam, but the arrow passes through his form.

Sara drops her bow and tries to push Clademeam's hand off of Alex. Clademeam does not budge.

Tears streak down Sara's face.

Lines appear between Alex and Clademeam. Clademeam lets go of Alex then sits down. Alex sits in front of Clademeam.

Sara grabs Alex's arm and pulls, but Alex does not move. Spirit runs over to help Sara, but even with both of them pulling, Alex does not move.

They pull again really hard. Alex's hands slip their fingers and both of them fall to the ground.

WIZARD, a tall, elderly man with a beard, appears and stands in front of Clademeam and Alex. He pulls a wand from his blue robe waves it around.

Shimmering light seeps out of the wand and surrounds Clademeam. There is a flash of light. Clademeam's form is now half the size of Alex.

Spirit jumps into Alex's body and makes Alex walk. Clademeam digs his heels into the ground, but is pulled forward by Alex.

The sun sets and rises.

Clademeam grows and the wizard casts his spell. Clademeam shrinks.

The sun sets and rises.

Sara and Spirit pull Alex's arms, dragging a normal sized Clademeam behind.

The sun sets and rises.

Clademeam appears. Alex plays his flute and Clademeam vanishes.

The sun sets and rises.

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The sun sets and rises.

Sara and Spirit pull Alex's arms, dragging a normal sized Clademeam behind.

The sun sets.

The group sets up a camp.

Alex's glazed eyes stare at the fire. Clademeam sits on Alex's left. Spirit is on his right. Clademeam and Spirit have glazed eyes.

All three take a deep breath and sigh in unison.

Everyone crawls under their blankets and goes to sleep.

EXT. ROAD - DAY

Sara and Wizard try to get Alex to stand up. He won't move. Spirit is on the ground passed out. Clademeam sits next to Alex.

Sara gives Alex his flute. He throws it in the embers of the camp fire. The flute catches fire.

Sara panics. She grabs a bucket and throws water on the fire. She picks up the flute. It is charred and ruined.

As Sara and Wizard pull on Alex, Clademeam grows. Wizard gives his wand to Sara then leaves.

Sara uses the wand on Clademeam and he shrinks, but Alex still won't move.

JESUS walks up and surveys the situation. He goes to Spirit and holds out his hand. Spirit stirs and looks at Jesus. He takes Jesus's hand.

Spirit sits up and Jesus sits down. Nothing happens for a few seconds. Spirit smiles weakly. Alex stirs. Everyone stands up, including Clademeam.

Jesus holds out a silver flute to Alex. Alex's mouth drops. Spirit slides in next to him, mouth hanging open.

Spirit smiles. Spirit jumps into Alex's body. Clademeam pulls on the tethers, but Alex doesn't move.

Alex walks forward and Clademeam pulls along.

Jesus and Sara walk on either side of Alex.

They travel down the road and pull Clademeam behind. Clademeam is irritated.

The sun sets and rises.

Spirit uses the wand's spell on Clademeam.

Sara kisses Alex.

Alex plays his flute.

Jesus smiles and leads the way.

The sun sets and rises.

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Sara kisses Alex.

Alex plays his flute.

Jesus smiles and leads the way.

The sun sets as they walk into the distance.

EXT. ROAD NEAR CITY GATE - DAY

The party stands on the road atop a hill. The city gate is half a mile away. Sara smiles and does a dance with Spirit.

Clademeam's lines wrap around Alex and force him to the ground.

Sara gets the flute and hands it to Alex, but Alex is unable to move.

Spirit runs over with the wand and waves it at Clademeam. Before the spell is finished, Clademeam reaches out and grabs Spirit. Spirit drops the wand.

Sara returns to her bag and pulls out her bow and some arrows. Sara shoots at the tethers between Clademeam and Alex.

The arrow shatters when it hits.

Sara drops her bow and pulls a sword from her pack. She runs over to the tether and swings. The sword shatters when it hits.

Wizard enters the scene from the town. He pulls out a fancy wand and casts a more powerful spell at Clademeam. Nothing happens.

Jesus calmly walks in between Spirit and Alex and puts a hand on both them.

Alex looks at Jesus. Jesus nods at him.

Alex turns his gaze to Clademeam, who is twice his normal size.

Alex glares at Clademeam. Jesus pulls his hand away from Spirit holding the green tethers of Spirit.

Clademeam frowns and tugs on the tethers. Alex stands his ground and doesn't move.

Alex wraps both green and blue tethers around his arm and takes a step backwards. Clademeam is pulled forward. Spirit is drug along.

Jesus looks at Sara and nods.

Sara kisses Alex on the cheek. Pink energy swirls around Alex.

Wizard sends a swirl of silver energy from his wand.

Jesus places a hand on Alex and yellow energy joins the pink and silver.

Alex pulls more of the tethers around his arm. He yanks hard. Spirit moves closer and stirs. Clademeam stumbles forward.

Alex pivots and pulls the tethers over his shoulder. Spirit flies into Alex and vanishes. Alex's body turns slightly blue.

Clademeam falls forward.

Alex smiles at his companions and takes a step forward, the tethers over his shoulder taught. Clademeam shrinks as his body slides across the ground.

Alex walks forward. The others walk beside him. Clademeam shrinks with every step. Clademeam returns to normal size.

Alex pulls again and Clademeam and pulled into Alex. Alex turns a slight teal color as Spirit and Clademeam merge into one being with Alex.

Alex hugs Jesus then hugs Wizard. Wizard bows then goes on his way to the city. Jesus also bows and heads in to the city.

Alex walks over to Sara and holds her hand. They kiss then walk towards the town.

The sun sets as Alex and Sara walk into town.

INT. LIBRARY - NIGHT

Alex sits at a desk hunched over books of sheet music. Several musical instruments line the walls of the library.

As Alex moves his hands, the green of Spirit and the blue of Clademeam move as an echo.