

FAIRY

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EXT. FOREST - DAY

ALEX, 13, out of breath is dirty and sweaty. With the back of his hand he wipes a few tears away. His eyes bloodshot and tired.

He leans against a large tree deep inside this thick forest.

A FAIRY, a child. Around five years old. Wings on his back and a green tutu around his waist. This fairy approaches Alex.

FAIRY
You look so sad.

Alex sees him and is taken aback. Shocked. Mouth hangs open.

ALEX
Where did you come from?

The fairy places both hands against the trunk of the tree. Still with a big smile.

FAIRY
Right here. It's where I live.

ALEX
You live in a tree?

The fairy throws up his hands and huge sparkles shoot out like magic.

FAIRY
In fact this whole forest is my home.

ALEX
What are you.?

FAIRY
I'm a fairy.

ALEX
That's so cool.

The fairy laughs, jumps excited up and down in front of him.

FAIRY
Not so sad now are you?

ALEX
No, how can I be when you're standing in front of me.

FAIRY

Good.

ALEX

You don't like sadness?

FAIRY

No, no one should ever be sad.
Only happy.

ALEX

You've never been sad?

FAIRY

Not ever, the life of a fairy is
a happy one.

Alex looks downcast at the ground.

ALEX

Well mine isn't.

The fairy senses Alex's mood drop, a return to sadness.
The fairy grabs Alex's hands tries to get him to dance with
him.

FAIRY

What have you got to be sad
about?

Alex lifts his head up, fresh tears have built up.

ALEX

I've got no friends. I hate
school. And my parents are
always angry with me. They don't
think I can behave.

FAIRY

I'd like to be your friend.

Alex looks up at the sky.

ALEX

It's getting dark. I need to go
soon. I come here to get away
from it all.

FAIRY

You can come see me whenever you
want to. I'm always here.

ALEX

It's so awesome. Would you like
to see where I live?

The fairy's face lights up excited.

FAIRY
I've never left the forest
before.

ALEX
What's the worst that could
happen. You're magic. I'd like
to show you.

INT. ALEX'S HOUSE - ALEX'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

Messy and cluttered Alex shows the fairy around. Piles of
dirty clothes on the floor. The curtains closed. The bed
not made. Posters of sports stars on the four walls.

The fairy looks around him, nervous.

FAIRY
Nothing like the forest.

ALEX
This is my world. It's not so
bad. Got my games. Got my TV.

FAIRY
Maybe I should go back?

Alex rushes over to the door, locks it.

ALEX
No, please stay.

FAIRY
Really? I'm not sure that's such
a good idea.

ALEX
Just for one more day. I've
never had a friend stay over
before. I normally just talk to
myself. I like having someone
with me.

The fairy smiles and nods.

FAIRY
OK, I trust you.

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INT. ALEX'S HOUSE - ALEX'S BEDROOM - DAY

Alex wakes up. The fairy is now a teenager and stands at
the bottom of his bed.

Alex bolts upright, startled.

ALEX
Wow, what happened to you?

FAIRY
I don't know.

Alex laughs, points at the Fairy.

ALEX
You're voice. It's so deep now.

FAIRY
It happened during the night.
Whilst you were sleeping.

ALEX
That's so cool.

The fairy now laughs along with him, reassured.

FAIRY
Really.

ALEX
Come on.

Alex quickly throws on some clothes, grabs a hold of the fairy's hand unlocks the door and rushes out.

INT. ALEX'S HOUSE - KITCHEN - DAY

Fairy is now a fully grown man, the wings and green tutu remain. But the fairy now also has a fully grown beard.

Alex plays around with a pancake maker. Already has a pile of freshly made pancakes on a plate. The sink is filled with used bowls and spoons. Pancake mix is everywhere.

Alex looks across at the grown up version of the fairy.

ALEX
I'm always really hungry after
I've just woke up but it looks
like you're going to need a lot
to eat too.

The fairy laughs back at Alex, shrugs.

FAIRY
This is weird for me too.

ALEX
Buts it's so awesome having you
all to myself.

The fairy leans down and smells the plate of pancakes.

FAIRY

These smell incredible. I've never seen food like this before.

ALEX

Then you've got a lot to learn.

EXT. ALEX'S HOUSE - GARDEN - DAY

Alex and the fairy, who's now a middle aged man. Massive bald spot included.

They play together. Each armed with a soft play gun.

A beautiful lawn with well looked after hedges all around them.

Alex and the fairy duck and dodge as they shoot at each other.

The fiery begins to slow down, obviously has difficult breathing.

Alex stops, looks concerned.

ALEX

Are you alright?

The fairy doubles over, fights to get his breath back.

FAIRY

I'm not normally so tired.

ALEX

You don't look so good.

The fairy tries to laugh it off.

FAIRY

I don't look so good either.

ALEX

You're aged so fast, is this normal?

FAIRY

No. Not really.

Alex drops his toy gun and comes over to the fairy. Puts an arm around him, tries to offer him support as he stands back up straight.

ALEX

Then what's going on?

FAIRY

I think the longer I stay away
from my home the faster I age?

ALEX

Then you need to go back.

The fairy considered, nods as he smiles at Alex sweetly.

FAIRY

I do miss my home.

ALEX

But I need you here with me. I
need a friend. And you're the
only one I've ever had.

FAIRY

I need to go home Alex, but that
doesn't mean we'll ever stop
being friends.

ALEX

No.?

FAIRY

You know where I'll be.

EXT. FOREST - DAY

Alex guides the fairy now a very elderly man through the
long grass.

Alex desperately searches for his tree.

The fairy now finds it incredibly hard to move.

FAIRY

Let me just sit down.

Alex takes a tight hold of the fairy's hand. Pulls him
along. Forces him to keep on the move.

ALEX

No. We'll be home soon.

FAIRY

I'm so tired. I don't like this.
I need to lay down.

Alex panics.

ALEX

No, no sadness. You're not
allowed to be sad. You're never
sad. You hate it.

Alex sees the tree in the near distance. He hurries fairy along.

Alex touches the trunk of the tree and lets out a relieved cheers.

He looks down and sees that the fairy has returned to normal. Back to being a small child.

ALEX (CONT'D)
You're back!

FAIRY
I'm sorry I couldn't stay with you.

They come together and hug.

ALEX
I'm sorry for being selfish.

FAIRY
You'll come back and see me?

Alex nods, closes his eyes tightly shut.

ALEX
Everyday.

FADE TO BLACK

THE END