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Character List

LUNA: lives in a haunted house. Every time she touches something, the thing she touches turns into slimy gloop. She wants to be normal and happy

DWANE “BLACK MAMBA” DEFINE: is a professional wrestler from New Orleans who loves mysteries and never lost a match. His ambition is to retire from wrestling without ever losing, become a wrestling coach, and get to the Hall of Fame. He likes when things are being kept secret. He is training his child, Luna, to be a wrestler.

ELIZA: knows the BIG SECRET. She is the one who built the cave. Eliza built the cave because she was lonely and loves unicorns. So when someone comes in the cave they can stay with her forever and eat cookies together. But she has a fear of someone finding the cave. She loves baking and loves riding horses. She hates black mambas (which are extremely venomous snakes). Eliza likes her inventions. She built the cave because she was lonely and turns pillows into unicorns. Eliza actually wants the unicorns to cut the horns off and put them on her head and use their power. Unicorn horns are the ONLY antidote to gloop power. Eliza is evil. But she was acting good to turn people into unicorns. She is insecure. She feels like she needs to brag so that other people will be afraid of her and be her friend.

WILD WOLF: a wrestler and Eliza's dad.

JAYLA: Luna's mom, who has been in Texas on the wrestling circuit for the past few months.

SETTING:

- an abandoned cave underneath the Hollywood sign. Next to the cave is a scary treehouse with broken windows.
- The year is 1870
- There were no cars, no cell phones or computers, no television



SCENE 1

SETTING: The hills outside of Hollywood. Rain is dripping down, lightning. A green rain cloud hovers overhead.

BLACK MAMBA: This is your training day, Luna!

LUNA: I'm ready!

(Two minutes later.)

BLACK MAMBA: Anddddd 100!

LUNA: Phew! I need a break!

BLACK MAMBA: NO BREAKS!

LUNA: But Dad!

BLACK MAMBA: No buts! Get back to training!

LUNA: Ugh! I hate training!

BLACK MAMBA: Come on! Laps!

(LUNA starts to run but trips and falls on the asphalt.)

LUNA: Owwww!

BLACK MAMBA: That's okay. Come on into the locker rooms and wash up. There is disinfectant soap in my bag.

(LUNA goes to Black Mamba's bag takes out a glowing bottle. The label is smudged, and all you can see is one letter in the middle, "O", and the last letter, "P". She squirts some into her hand.)

BLACK MAMBA: Wai--

(LUNA is washing her hands, which start to glow.)

You know what? Let's end training for the day.

LUNA: YAY!!



BLACK MAMBA: Let's go home and go to bed. Here, let me wrap those hands up.

(LUNA starts to stare off into space)

BLACK MAMBA: Are you OK?

LUNA: Yeah, I'm fine. Do you remember last year when you were in that match with Wild Wolf and you threw trash at him and won the match? Can you teach me how to win like that?

BLACK MAMBA: You're too young. You don't need to learn that yet.

LUNA: Pleeeeease?

BLACK MAMBA: Fine. Let me tell you the story of that match.

SCENE 2

(SETTING: Hollywood. BLACK MAMBA is in a wrestling match and is afraid that he'll lose. He is staring down his opponent, holding up his fists. WILD WOLF stretches. The REFEREE blows the whistle.)

REFEREE: Start wrestling!

MAMBA: Time to lose, Wild Wolf!

WILD WOLF: Yeah, OR NOT. I'm taking out your undefeated streak and I'll be the best.

MAMBA: Then come at me.

WILD WOLF: Take this.

MAMBA: Oh, MISS! You're trash, so have some of this!

(BLACK MAMBA rolls out of the ring. He grabs a trash can.)

MAMBA: Come over here right now!

WILD WOLF: No way!

MAMBA: Excuse me? I think you misunderstood me.



WILD WOLF: Whaaat?

(MAMBA throws the trash can at WILD WOLF.)

WILD WOLF: OW!

(The trash oozes with gloop. WILD WOLF falls to the ground and BLACK MAMBA gets the cover. REFEREE pounds the mat while he counts.)

REFEREE: One. Two. Three. Black Mamba wins!

BLACK MAMBA: Still got the streak!

(BLACK MAMBA's theme song plays: Thunder.)

SCENE 3

SETTING: It is the next morning, and it is at LUNA and BLACK MAMBA's house.

LUNA: What should I do?

(LUNA looks around her room.)

LUNA: I am very tired. Maybe I should go back to sleep?

(BLACK MAMBA comes in the room.)

BLACK MAMBA: Oops! Wrong room!

LUNA: Dad?

BLACK MAMBA: Sorry sweetie.

LUNA: Okay?

MAMBA: It's bedtime, let's go to sleep.

LUNA: It's morning.



MAMBA: I know.

(BLACK MAMBA walks out of the room.)

LUNA: That's really weird. He knows this place like the back of his hand!

(LUNA yawns. She hears BLACK MAMBA downstairs.)

BLACK MAMBA: I can't!

(LUNA thinks for a while. She goes downstairs.)

LUNA: What's going on?

BLACK MAMBA: I can't!

LUNA: Can't what?

BLACK MAMBA: Okay...so...nothing.

LUNA: I'm bored.

BLACK MAMBA: Go play with your toys.

LUNA: Okay.

(LUNA looks for toys to play with.)

LUNA: I found a lot of slime.

MAMBA: Ummmmm just don't touch it, ok?

LUNA: I found a toy!

MAMBA: Don't touch it.

LUNA: Too late.



(Picks up toy with her left hand, and it turns to gloop.)

LUNA: Wait, did my toy just turn into gloop when I touched it? What's happening?

MAMBA: When you were training outside yesterday, you fell and your hands were bloody. Remember? But when you washed your hands you used gloop instead of soap. I didn't want you to find out about my secret gloop, it is powerful stuff. I use it to...never mind. But it will run out, don't worry.

LUNA: Dad. That really does not add up. Have you been lying to me?

MAMBA: Yes.

LUNA: Is that your only lie you have been keeping?

MAMBA: No.

LUNA: Tell me more.

MAMBA: I have been using the gloop to win. So I might have cheated before...

LUNA: In what?

BLACK MAMBA: WRESTLING!

(LUNA gasps.)

LUNA: Why?!

BLACK MAMBA: I'm sorry! I just --

LUNA: Why did you cheat?

MAMBA: I had to.

LUNA: No, you DID NOT!



MAMBA: I am sorry, I'm sorry, I just want to be in the hall of fame.

LUNA: But you should have told me.

MAMBA: I thought that you would hate me.

(LUNA is crying.)

MAMBA: I am doing this for us so we can be superstars, live in a mansion, have a limo.

LUNA: I don't care about all that!

MAMBA: Noooooo! Come back, Luna!

LUNA: No! I'm never talking to you again!

(She runs two miles away.)

MAMBA: I should have told her. I pray to God she comes back.

(He goes after her.)

SCENE 4

(SETTING: In the alleyway two miles from LUNA's house. It is raining.)

LUNA: WHY IS MY LIFE WRONG?!

(LUNA runs to a garbage can and sits next to it.)

LUNA: I WISH MY DAD NEVER KEPT SECRETS FROM ME!

(LUNA sobs. Hears Dad calling her.)

LUNA: Oh no! I hear my dad!

(Runs past a pole, then looks back.)



LUNA: (gasps) OMG! What is that?! Ewww, it's green!

(sees BLACK MAMBA.)

LUNA: I better think about things twice!

(Thinks for 30 seconds.)

LUNA: I KNOW! I can hide behind this garbage dumpster!

(Puts hands on dumpster to jump in, but it turns into gloop.)

LUNA: WHAT IS HAPPENING TO ME!?

(LUNA keeps running into the night, all the way to the woods. She gets tired. She spots a tree and goes to rest by it.)

LUNA: Here.

(When LUNA's hand touched the tree, it turned to gloop.)

LUNA: AH! How come this happened to me?!

(LUNA sighs.)

LUNA: Why did he cheat?

(She gets up and starts walking even though she is so tired and upset.)

LUNA: Hey, look at that treehouse!

(A treehouse next to a dark cave. Near the treehouse are colorful ghosts. Black grass grows all around the scary treehouse. There is a path leading up to it. Giant carrots grow in the garden. LUNA climbs up into the treehouse and sees ELIZA building a purple, blue, and pink machine with a magical chainsaw and unicorn horns stuck to the sides and top.)



LUNA: Who are you...random girl?

ELIZA: Random? This is MY treehouse you just climbed into. Who are YOU?

LUNA: I am Luna.

ELIZA: I - I'm Eliza.

LUNA: Do you live here?

ELIZA: Of course not. What are you doing here?

LUNA: I ran away from my dad. (She sighs.) Don't let me touch anything, okay?

ELIZA: Why not?

LUNA: You don't need to know. Just don't. What are you making?

ELIZA: Nothing.

LUNA: I think you're up to something. I'm going to find out.

ELIZA: This is just for my grandma. It's for her birthday.

LUNA: That's weird. Did you bump your head on a tree or something?

ELIZA (ignoring the question): Let's just move on.

LUNA (whispers): I'm going to figure out what that machine is.

(LUNA starts to walk over to the machine but accidentally touches it. The machine suddenly turns into gloop.)

ELIZA: Look what you've done to my machine! It's ruined! Aaah!

LUNA: I'm sorry.

ELIZA: How did you turn that into gloop?

LUNA: Oops. (whispers) I shouldn't have done that.

ELIZA: Hey, is that some kind of magic trick or something?

LUNA: Yeah, it's a magic trick. I learned it from my dad.



ELIZA: OK, since it's just a trick, turn it back into a machine.

LUNA: I can't do that. I can only turn things into gloop. Once it's gloop, it's gloop.™

ELIZA: You broke it and you can't fix it?

LUNA: (beings to cry) I didn't mean to break it! THIS IS ALL MY DAD'S FAULT.

ELIZA: How is this your dad's fault?

LUNA: He has been training me to be a professional wrestler, like him, but--

ELIZA: Seriously? Who's your dad? I don't need to know but I want to know.

LUNA: If you don't need to know then why are you asking?

ELIZA: Um...cuz I want to know.

LUNA: (confused why ELIZA is being so weird) Well, my dad's Dwayne Define.

ELIZA: Your dad is th-th--The Black Mamba?

LUNA: Yes. My dad is the Black Mamba. Are you a fan of wrestling?

ELIZA: I'm a fan of the Wild Wolf, aka MY DAD.

LUNA: Your dad is Wild Wolf? My dad hates Wild Wolf, for some reason.

ELIZA: Well, that's my dad. So, we're enemies now.

LUNA: But he's not a good wrestler.

ELIZA: Oh YEAH?

LUNA: Not your dad! My dad. He is the worst.

ELIZA: Well YOUR DAD...wait what?

LUNA: My dad cheated.

ELIZA: I knew it! I knew Wild Wolf is the better wrestler, he just didn't prove it yet because his awesomeness will change the universe! HA!

(ELIZA blows raspberry.)



And your dad stinks at wrestling! HA!

LUNA: Well s-o-r-r-y!

ELIZA: You're not really. You're being sarcastic. See? I'm smart!

LUNA: Sure...

(ELIZA stares at LUNA.)

ELIZA: I don't like you.

LUNA: That's nice.

ELIZA: Your dad beat my dad. I'm mad! AND YOUR DAD STILL STINKS AT WRESTLING.

LUNA: So what? I don't care.

ELIZA: Wait? You don't?

LUNA: No...

ELIZA: That's it. I'm going to my cave -- um...house.

(LUNA gets suspicious.)

LUNA: Are you hiding something?

ELIZA: ...No.

LUNA: You live in the dark cave down there, with all the colorful ghosts?

ELIZA: (pause) Come here. Come into the cave. I'll show you.

(ELIZA leads LUNA into the cave and invites her to touch the magic pool.)

Do you want to take a swim? Go ahead. You can go first.

(LUNA is suspicious but it looks like a normal pool so she dives in anyway. As soon as she touches the water, LUNA starts to grow a tail.)

LUNA: What's happening to me?

(And a horn.)



You will rue the day you ever tried to harm me!

ELIZA: Now you are a unicorn and no one will be your friend! I will never turn you back.

LUNA: But the unicorns will be my friend. And together we will stop you from turning everyone into unicorns with your secret magical pool. And we'll be rich.

ELIZA: You haven't met a lot of unicorns, have you?

LUNA: I will try to stop you no matter what.

ELIZA: Why do you want to stop me? Besides. This world should be full of kindness. Not gloop. Or evilness. OR CHEATING. Tell your dad that Wild Wolf and THE RAINBOW DESTROYER say hi.

(She leaves the cave, leaving LUNA as a beautiful but sad unicorn.)

SCENE 5

SETTING: ELIZA is at a wrestling match. WILD WOLF is wrestling. ELIZA goes up into the ring.

ELIZA: STOP THE MATCH!

(The match stops.)

WILD WOLF: WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

ELIZA: DAD. I know why you lost last year!

WILD WOLF: WHY, HUH?

ELIZA: Because Black Mamba cheated. His daughter told me.

WILD WOLF: Two questions. How do you know his daughter and how did he cheat?

ELIZA: She went into my treehouse and I met her and she told me how. He used some gloop to beat all his opponents.

WILD WOLF: I'm going to get revenge. I wanna beat that filthy rat!

ELIZA: And I already got revenge on his daughter by turning her into a unicorn!

WOLF: Great spirit, champ!



ELIZA: Thanks, Dad. I get it from my favorite person.

WOLF: Who?!

ELIZA: You of course!

(ELIZA hugs her dad.)

WOLF: Let's get to our revenge, kid.

Scene 6

(It is the Fourth of July. WILD WOLF and ELIZA go over to BLACK MAMBA's house. BLACK MAMBA is barbecuing sadly by himself.)

WOLF: Hi, Dwayne.

MAMBA: Hi, Wild Wolf. Long time, no see.

ELIZA: Hey, BLACK MAMBA. You're the one who made my dad lose in the tournament. I hate you! We're here to turn you into a human pretzel!

BLACK MAMBA: (to himself) I wish I had my daughter here with me. The 4th of July was when I had my first wrestling match when I was 21, and now I have no one here to celebrate with me.

WOLF: Yeah.

MAMBA: Wolf, tell me you're not still mad. Are you?

WOLF: Dwayne, did you ever wonder why I'm called Wild Wolf?

MAMBA: No, not really.

WOLF: Well, you're about to find out!

(A unicorn gallops up to the yard. Eliza looks at it and goes over quickly.)

ELIZA: Wait, what are you doing here Luna?

(They hear a wolf noise. They all turn around and see Wild WOLF as a werewolf. BLACK MAMBA grabs a steak off the grill and throws it far away from him to



distract Wild WOLF WILD WOLF ducks and dodges the steak so it doesn't hit him.

WOLF: Stop throwing things at me! I'm allergic to steaks!

(BLACK MAMBA throws a salad at him.)

WOLF: Why are you ALWAYS throwing things at me?! Isn't it enough that you won the big match?

MAMBA: I'm trying to keep myself safe from you, not hurt you.

WOLF: I didn't know that you were scared.

MAMBA: I'm not scared, I just don't want to get hurt.

WOLF: If you don't want to get hurt, then why would you do that to me? Why would you cheat?

LUNA: (crying) Why DID you cheat, Dad?

MAMBA: Luna! I finally found you! Wait...why are you a unicorn?

LUNA: Why did you lie to me all my life!?

MAMBA: Not all your life. I lied about being the best at wrestling. I had to lie to be perfect, and to make it to the Hall of Fame.

LUNA: You could have just told me. You didn't have to lie.

MAMBA: I'm sorry. I was just afraid to tell anyone.

LUNA: It's okay, just don't lie to me again.

MAMBA: Never. Can you now tell me WHY you are a unicorn?

LUNA: Eliza did it to me.

MAMBA (to ELIZA): Why would you change my daughter into a unicorn?? Say sorry and make friends.

ELIZA: YOU say sorry. Say sorry to my dad.

BLACK MAMBA: We should just get over it. It was such a long time ago.



WILD WOLF: You think I'm going to forgive you? You ruined my reputation and my chance of being a famous wrestler! And now you tell me you're afraid of me?

ELIZA: We should stay enemies. I am Wild Wolf's daughter, and you are Black Mamba's daughter. Wild Wolf and Black Mamba are enemies.

LUNA: But you and I have become friends. Kind of. I know how friendship works.

ELIZA: How does friendship work?

LUNA: We talk it out. And hopefully both of us forgive each other. And I lose my gloop powers for good.

ELIZA: Yeah, well. It's not going to be interesting if we keep fighting. And I was thinking if we team up, we can take over.

LUNA: Nice.

(JAYLA comes home from Texas.)

LUNA: Hi, Mom! How was the Texas wrestling circuit?

JAYLA: Why is there a strange, talking unicorn talking to me??

BLACK MAMBA: Because Wild Wolf's daughter turned OUR daughter into a unicorn. It isn't a big deal. Just don't ask any more questions about it.

LUNA: Mom, it's OK. Don't get too crazy about it. Remember what your therapist said.

JAYLA: OK, I'll breathe. (She breathes.) The trip to Texas was good. It was great, honey, thanks for asking. I brought home some cactus juice. Do you want to try some?

LUNA: I didn't know cactuses had juice inside them. Is it safe to drink?

JAYLA: Yes. It's the best thing I've ever tasted. I drank like about 8 whole bottles a day and nothing happened to me.

LUNA: OK, I guess I can trust you.

(LUNA takes a sip of the cactus juice. She immediately turns back into a human. EVERYONE gasps!)

BLACK MAMBA: Luna! You're human again! (He runs to her and gives her a big hug.)



ELIZA: Wait! How did you-- How did he-- How did he not turn into gloop?

LUNA: I guess the cactus juice reversed everything weird that was going on with me.

ELIZA: You're lucky you turned back into a human. I didn't know there was any way to turn you back.

BLACK MAMBA: In celebration let's all have a barbecue together.

(They all have a BBQ together.)

BLACK MAMBA: Want a veggie kabob, Wild Wolf? Since you're allergic to steaks?

WILD WOLF: Aw, you remembered.

(He takes the veggie kabob and everyone else eats steaks.)