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Songs of Flight

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INT. MODERN HOME - LILY'S ROOM - NIGHT

LILY (16, shorts and a top, typical teenager) practices her violin as her sister, ROSE (10, a dress) comes in.

ROSE
Hey Lily, come play CLUE with me!

LILY
No! Can't you see I'm practicing my violin?

ROSE
Come on, you never play with me.
Can't you practice tomorrow?

LILY
I have to practice today and tomorrow. You know my new violin teacher expects me to practice a lot.

ROSE
Oh come on, you're so busy all the time! You never spend time with me.

LILY
Well I don't have any time because I have a lot to do, unlike you. One day I want to become the world's best violinist and to become that I have to practice a lot.

ROSE
Jeeez, you're so rude!

Rose stomps out of Lily's room and bangs the door shut.

INT. MODERN HOME - LIVING ROOM TO LILY'S ROOM - AFTERNOON

Lily comes back home and goes to her room. You can see her place her backpack on the ground and head over to lie down on her bed but then she decides to play her violin instead.

She practices for a while and then starts to compose her own music. Then suddenly she feels a breeze rush past her and feels a slight push in her back. She starts to float upwards and looks frightened.

LILY
What just happened?

The wind rushes past her and she slowly starts to rise up.

LILY (cont'd)

Woah!

(pause)

I can fly.

Lily hears a knock on the door and panics. She hears her friends JASMINE (16) and ANNIE(16) from behind the door.

JASMINE

Hey Lily, can we come inside?

ANNIE

Lily?

Lily rushes into her bathroom and locks the door. Her friends walk into her room.

JASMINE AND ANNIE

Lily, where are you?

Silence.

JASMINE AND ANNIE (cont'd)

Lily, Lily.....

LILY (O.S.)

Yeah? I'm in the bathroom.

JASMINE

Ok, we're waiting for you.

LILY (O.S.)

Waiting to do what?

ANNIE

To go out and enjoy our very rare early release day of course!

JASMINE

Yeah, you need to get out of your room. You stay in there all day!

LILY (O.S.)

I am not going anywhere. I have to practice my violin. You guys might as well leave.

ANNIE

We're not going anywhere until you come out and enjoy life for once.

LILY (O.S.)

I am enjoying my life...by playing.

JASMINE

Annie means enjoy life with *us*.
You're stuck to your violin 24/7.

LILY (O.S.)

I have to practice a lot in order to
get into the Vienna Philharmonic. Now
will you guys leave me alone?

ANNIE

Nope! Not today.

LILY (O.S.)

Ugggggh!

Lily comes out of the bathroom with an annoyed look on her
face. Her friends stare at her.

JASMINE

Is something wrong?

Lily looks at Jasmine with a nervous stare.

LILY

Yeah! I was playing my violin and
suddenly.... well, something happened
and now I can fly.

JASMINE AND ANNIE

What?

LILY

Yes!

ANNIE

OMG! Show us.

Lily tries to fly and ends up bumping into the ceiling.
Jasmine and Annie start laughing at her, so Lily gets mad.

LILY

Why are you guys laughing?

JASMINE

Sorry. It's just funny that you
bumped into the ceiling.

ANNIE

Yeah.

Annie continues laughing.

Lily stares at them with glaring eyes and then looks away.

LILY
Fine, keep laughing then. I'm just
going to try to figure this flying
thing out myself.

Lily flies again but bumps into the wall and hurts herself.

LILY (cont'd)
You guys are the best of friends,
letting me *die* with this power.

JASMINE
Fine we're sorry.

Lily rolls her eyes.

LILY
So can you help me?

ANNIE
Sure, I guess.

JASMINE
Maybe try going slow at first so you
can build your balance.

Lily tries again but slowly this time. This time she is able
to balance and get in control of her power.

LILY
Finally this thing is under my
control!

Lily continues practicing but suddenly hears a vibration on
her phone. She stops flying and gets back on her feet. She
grabs her phone and starts reading her new message.

JASMINE
Is everything ok?

LILY
My mom just asked if Rose is back
home.

JASMINE
Oh ok,
(pause)
Hmmm...I didn't see her when we came.

LILY
Yeah, I'll let her know.

ANNIE

Guys come on, let's do something fun!
Maybe we should all learn how to play
that song and learn how to fly!

Lily ignores Annie.

LILY

Wait, Rose is supposed to be home by
now!

Jasmine and Annie look unsure, but then...

ANNIE

Let me check if my brother is home.

Annie steps away to call home.

LILY

Is your brother back home?

Annie nods her head.

LILY (cont'd)

Shit. Then where is Rose?

JASMINE

Don't worry, we'll find her.

Lily takes a deep breath in and out.

ANNIE

Yeah, let's go find her.

All three of them step out of the room.

EXT. NEAR MODERN HOUSE - AT BUS STAND - DAY

Lily, Jasmine, and Annie are all at the bus stand.

JASMINE AND ANNIE

Rose? Rose where are you?

Lily looks in the other direction.

LILY

Rose? Rose are you here?

They all look but find no sign of her. After a couple of
moments they hear someone screaming down the street and they
all run together to see who it is.

EXT. EMPTY PARK - DAY

The three of them spot someone and run up to them.

LILY
Hello? Have seen a little girl
around. I'm looking for my little
sister who's 10 years old.

A SHADOWY FIGURE turns around and Lily gets shocked.

LILY (cont'd)
Ms. Fitzgerald? What are you doing
here?

The figure is MS. FITZGERALD (57) with short gray hair and wears a long black dress with 2 necklaces. Long pause.

MS. FITZGERALD
I am here to *kill* your *sister*.

Ms.Fitzgerald stares at them and gives them an evil grin.

The three of them look at each other and panic.

LILY
What! What the hell are you saying?

MS. FITZGERALD
You heard it right.

LILY
Why would you want to kill my sister?

MS. FITZGERALD
You broke my heart the day you told
me you were going to quit my violin
lessons. You were one of my best
students, who I was always proud of.
And you suddenly wanted to leave. I
knew there was something fishy, so I
checked up on you and then realised
that you left me to join that new
modern teacher that just moved to
town. She had just won many awards
and you wanted to go to her since you
knew she had connections to get you
into the Vienna Philharmonic.

(pause)
I had to do something to get my
revenge. So I decided to go after
your sister.

Lily seems like she got the biggest shock of her life and stares at Ms. Fitzgerald.

LILY

But why are you involving my sister in this?

MS. FITZGERALD

Because I knew if I kidnapped her you would come looking. Then I could not only take away your sister, but also your ability to play the violin.

Ms. Fitzgerald plays the violin intensely and suddenly Rose appears inside a box. After a few moments you can see water start to rise up to Rose and Lily starts to run to Rose.

However, Ms. Fitzgerald plays another tune which causes Lily to fall to the ground and hold her head screaming in pain.

LILY

What are you doing to me.

MS. FITZGERALD

Just playing a song that will wipe your memories on how to play violin.

LILY

No! You can't be doing this to me.

Soon her friends, Jasmine and Annie, run up to her and try to get her up. Lily falls unconscious, but slowly wakes up.

Ms. Fitzgerald is busy laughing at Rose when Lily tries to fly over to Ms. Fitzgerald's violin but fails and falls to the ground very hard. She stays like that for a few seconds, and her friends start getting worried.

JASMINE

Lily, are you ok?

ANNIE

Oh Shit. Jasmine look Rose is drowning. We have to do something.

JASMINE

(Whispers)

Let's try to get Lily up and then distract Ms. Fitzgerald so Lily can get to Rose.

ANNIE

(Whispers)

Good idea.

They both shake Lily to wake her up but Lily doesn't respond. Ms. Fitzgerald just stands there laughing at the whole scene.

JASMINE AND ANNIE
Lily? Lily are you ok?

Jasmine and Annie's eyes fill with tears, but they continue to shake Lily and she finally opens her eyes. Then Jasmine and Annie run up to Ms. Fitzgerald. She gets confused as she sees them running towards her.

MS. FITZGERALD
What are you doing?

Suddenly, Lily gets up and starts to fly.

MS. FITZGERALD (cont'd)
I see. You played that song I taught
you and gained the power of flying.

Lily looks confused.

LILY
You taught me that song?

MS. FITZGERALD
Yeah, don't you remember?

LILY
Not really. I recently started
composing my own songs so I thought
it was my composition.

MS. FITZGERALD
No. It is a piece that holds magical
powers. I only taught it to you out
of all my students.

LILY
(looks shocked)
Really?

MS. FITZGERALD
Yeah, but I guess you don't respect
that.

Suddenly Lily hears Rose screaming and flies over to her. Soon she realises something and her face brightens up.

LILY
Wait, the violin. That's what's
giving Ms. Fitzgerald power.

Lily flies over to the violin while Jasmine and Annie countinue to distract Ms. Fitzgerald. They run after her.

JAMINE

You know we have powers as well!

MS. FITZGERALD

Are you trying to threaten me?

ANNIE

Nope just telling you some facts.

Jasmine and Annie countinue to distract Ms. Fitzgerald while Lily reaches for Ms. Fitzgerald's violin.

LILY

I'm sorry.

Lily slams the violin until it shatters into pieces.

MS. FITZGERALD

NOOOOOOOOOOOO!

Ms. Fitzgerald falls to the ground. Rose is finally out of the water-filled box. Lily and her friends run over to Rose.

LILY

Rose, are you ok?

ROSE

(replies faintly)

Yes.

LILY

Thank God. I got so scared.

Ms. Fitzgerald starts to walk away. Lily feels bad.

LILY (cont'd)

Wait, Ms. Fitzgerald. I'm sorry. I know I hurt you, but that didn't mean that you would come around and kill my sister. That was selfish of you because you knew if your best student left you, you wouldn't get recognized for teaching me. You wanted fame, and to get that back you tried to kill my family and threaten me? That's just pathetic!

Ms. Fitzgerald turns around and walks toward Lily.

MS. FITZGERALD

I am not being selfish I.....You
know what fine, I will come back for
you later.

Ms. Fitzgerald limps away and disappears. Lily helps Rose
get up and walks back home. Jasmine and Annie follow along.

INT. MODERN HOME - ROSE'S ROOM - DAY

The trio enter Rose's room and help her onto her bed. Rose,
tired and sick, has a runny nose and breathes heavily.

LILY

Are you really ok, Rose?

ROSE

Yeah, I'm fine.

ANNIE

What are we going to do about Ms.
Fitzgerald?

LILY

Don't worry, we'll figure it out
later but for now I'm sorry for
getting you into this whole mess
Rose. It's all my fault.

ROSE

No, it's ok. You didn't know that Ms.
Fitzgerald would go this far.

LILY

Yeah, but I still feel bad.

ROSE

Don't. It wasn't your fault. Although
if you do want to make it up to me...
(in a playful voice)
You have to play Clue with me.

Rose and Lily both start laughing and eventually Jasmine and
Annie do too.

LILY

Come on, we deserve a group hug.

They all hug together and the scene fades out.