



HOOK, LINE, AND STINGER

SIDE QUEST

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INT. GRAVERS DIG - PYRAMID BAR - DAY

AGGEE, HELIOS, and RAINBOW sit together at a table, stone faced, jaws agape, staring in disbelief.

NEARBY, a man sings and dances while playing ARMPIT FARTS.

FART MAN

*A good fart, is fine art,
a kickstart to a poo.*

The current applicant for "Somarria's Got Talent" bows deeply and throws kisses to the masses.

RAINBOW

Can ya fight?

FART MAN

I can fart ten different sounds at any octave.

HELIOS

I HATE toilet humor. Get out!

The dejected man exits, leaving Ariadne's Artisans deflated.

RAINBOW

All the best gravers already belong to a hunting party.

AGGEE

I'm starting to think resurrecting Bedia would be easier. Maybe we should just stick with three.

HELIOS

Teen Tigada Kaam Bigada!!

AGGEE

Huh?

HELIOS

*"When ominous three come together,
work will definitely suffer."*

RAINBOW

Death always comes in threes.

AGGEE

Three isn't bad. Third time lucky? Third time's a charm? Three fates, three wishes, three bears.

RAINBOW

Three candles burning. Bad!
 Three knocks on the door. Bad!
 Three butterflies on a leaf. Bad!
 Three hoots of an owl. Bad!
 Three times a bridesmaid--

HELIOS

Bad luck comes in threes.
 (shakes his horns sadly)
 No, we need a fourth member. The
 universe is made up of four
 elements: earth, water, air, and
 fire.

ALLIE (O.S.)

Who am I? Am I the fire? Please
 let me be fire.

AGGEE

Who are you?

ALLAREYA MAYLEAF, (a delightful half-elf maiden with a spring
 in her step), CONJURES RESUMES and hands one to each judge.

ALLIE

Hello, I'm Allareya Mayleaf. My
 friends call me, Allie.

RAINBOW

What's your talent, Allie?

ALLIE

This a, audition for a musical
 troupe?
 (off affirmative nods)
 I'm a bard. More of a tribal poet-
 singer. I like to compose and
 recite hero verses, valiant deeds.
 I can fart backup if required.

They quickly survey the resume.

HELIOS

Says here, you're a half-elf?
 Where you from?

RAINBOW

Are we allowed to ask that?
 Interesting though Helios is half-
 Minotaur, I'm a Half--ling, and
 you're a half-elf.

(off Aggee)

Where does that leave you, Aggee?

AGGEE

I play a mouth harp. My lovely friend here, Rainbow plays a theremin. And, the big lug, Helios plays--

Helios elbows Aggee sharply and brandishes his axe.

HELIOS

I play the axe.

AGGEE

He plays the flute.

The bartender on duty, slams the bar with his palm.

DRAGNET (O.S.)

HELIOS! Damn your eyes! You know the rules.

Helios sheepishly stows the axe.

ALLIE

Are you a traveling band?

AGGEE

We're Hunter musicians. Can't have the musician without the hunt first. We perform primarily on weekends and holidays.

ALLIE

Given the opportunity, I would love to travel. That's what brought me to Gravers Dig.

HELIOS

Somarria has some exotic locales that'll get you killed, if that's what you're into.

AGGEE

How are you in a standup fight?

Allie yanks a blade and taps the crossbow on her back.

ALLIE

It is better to stand and fight. If you run, you'll only die tired.

DRAGNET

HEY! Stow those weapons!

RAINBOW

Sorry, Dragnet. She's new.

SIR DRAGNET OF DINWOODY, (a down on his luck, Perrin knight royalist, has turned over his charger and lance for a dishcloth and towel). He struts close, and slaps an OFFICIAL DOCUMENT onto the table, displaying the HOUSE RULES.

DRAGNET

Read her the Riot Act, willya?
 (levels evil-eye on Allie)
 The only weapons allowed in here,
 are my rapier wit and this vorpal
 towel.
 (cracks the wet towel)
 You abide, hear?

RAINBOW

(off Dragnet's exit)
 Are you on the lam? A lot of folks
 come to the Grave running from
 something or another. I ain't
 judgin' if you is. The past has a
 way of catching up to a person.

ALLIE

Nah. Nothin like that. Just
 looking to see the world.

SNAGGLE, (a one-eyed, malformed GEKKON news carrier), FLIES IN, performs a wide sweep, SEARCHING--

Finds his target. He lands abruptly--CLANK--onto the table.

SNAGGLE

Snaggle! Snaggle! Saaa-nagg-ll!

The Gekkon's gnarled claw passes Rainbow a gold leaf LETTER.

RAINBOW

Who's it from?

SNAGGLE

Snaggle!

RAINBOW

Anonymous? Hmmm.

SNAGGLE FLIES AWAY

AGGEE

I don't trust that lizard.

HELIOS
 Why? He only tried to murder you.
 (to Rainbow)
 What's the letter say?

RAINBOW
 It's addressed to, The Corsicans?

AGGEE
 Who are the Corsicans?

DRAGNET
 Hunters from Latium. I heard they
 left town last week.

HELIOS
 Stupid ass, Gekkon. He delivered
 the letter to the wrong people.

DRAGNET
 What's it say?

RAINBOW
 Should I open it?

ALLIE
 I would.

Rainbow tears into it, revealing exquisite penmanship--

RAINBOW
 (reading)
*WE HAVE BEE ARTHUR! If you ever
 want to see her alive again, bring
 the **Book of Kelleth** to the Anumian
 Grove tonight, by twelve Gary
 Calls. Speak of this to anyone and
 we'll smoke her ass.*

A fearful gasp catches in Rainbow's throat.

RAINBOW (CONT'D)
 Someone has abducted Bee Arthur.

AGGEE
 Who could do such a thing?

ALLIE
 You know this Bea, she's a friend
 of yours?

RAINBOW
 Yes. The dearest, sweetest soul.

ALLIE

Then we should do everything possible to save her.

HELIOS

What's this, Book of Kelleth?

Rainbow shrugs.

RAINBOW

Couldn't tell ya. Never heard of it. But we only have like... what time is it?

ON CUE: We hear an eerie GARY CALL echo over Gravers Dig.

HELIOS

6 o'clock. Six hours.

ALLIE

Do we know who sent the letter?

RAINBOW

Probably the person who hired Snaggle. We could ask him.
(scans the bar)
Dragnet, where did Snaggle fly off too?

DRAGNET

Just left, said something about getting back to business.

AGGEE

Omba must be in town.

RAINBOW

We need to find him. See what he knows.

HELIOS

How is this our problem?

RAINBOW

I'm saving Bee. You can stay here if you want.
(to the others)
Who's comin'?

Rainbow runs to the door, followed by Allie and Aggee.

ALLIE (O.S.)

What does this job pay?

Dragnet clears the table of cups and scraps.

HELIOS
You like ships? I hate ships.
Especially Oomba's. I hate Fluffy.

DRAGNET
You picking up the tab?

Helios scrambles for the door--

HELIOS
Wait! I'm coming.

EXT. GRAVERS DIG HARBOR - DOCKSIDE - EARLY EVENING

Ariadne's Artisans roll up on the, ROLLING TARGONIAN.
Immediately they spot a familiar congenial COOK on deck.

Rainbow waves excitedly, jumping up and down.

RAINBOW
(channels Cookie Monster)
COOKY!

He waves back and she rushes to greet him.

HELIOS
I'll wait here, keep a watch out
for imminent threats.

ALLIE
Is this a rough neighborhood?

AGGEE
No, it's okay. Helios has a bad
phobia of ships. Stay with him,
make sure he doesn't get into
trouble. We'll be quick.

ONBOARD THE ROLLING TARGONIAN - A BEAT LATER

Rainbow arrives on deck DOPEY WITH EXCITEMENT, her voice
glitching with cracks, followed by Aggee.

RAINBOW
C-cc-cooky.

COOKY
Your tiny friend is broken.

RAINBOW

Cooky, Cooky. We have terrible, terrible new news. You gotta, gotta help help us.

COOKY

Wait here. I get potion to fix your word salad brain injury.

RAINBOW

What? No, no--

AGGEE

Bee is in trouble.

COOKY

Bee trouble? You should call pest and rodent control.

AGGEE

Snaggle gave us a ransom note.

RAINBOW

Bee Arthur was bee-napped.

COOKY

Snaggle shanghaied a bee?

RAINBOW

Listen Cooky. Snaggle was just the messenger, the middle-man. He mistakenly gave us a ransom note. We need to speak with him. Is he here?

COOKY

He's somewhere. HEY SNAGGLE!
(pause, no response)
He gets around, that guy.
Worthless beast.

RAINBOW

Does he still work for Omba?

COOKY

Mostly side hustles these days.
Maybe I can help.

AGGEE

Have you ever heard of The Book of Kelleth?

Cooky thinks for a moment, then slowly shakes head.

COOKY

I know Kelleth the Kooky. He too scatter brained to write book, me thinks. Me Cooky, but he way more kooky.

AGGEE

You know him?

COOKY

Aye. Psychotic Wizard. He much too infatuated with Cthulhu for his own good health. By the way, Fluffy wants to know when you come to visit. You want to say, Hi, now?

RAINBOW

I can't. Not now, Bee needs me.
(second thought, hands
Cooky one of her shoes)
A gift for Fluffy.

Cooky grins accepting the precious gift.

AGGEE

If Kelleth did write a book, where might he have hid it?

COOKY

Have you tried the library?

BACK ON THE DOCKS - SAME TIME

Allie and Helios watch the ship from a safe distance.

ALLIE

You dislike ships, because you were in a ship wreck, or something?

HELIOS

Or something. I died on that ship. Only a little bit. I got better.

ALLIE

You? Wait. How do you get better from dying?

HELIOS

What are you pretending to not be running from?

ALLIE

Man, I'm here for a good time, not
a long time.

HELIOS

We could break into the Anumian
Grove and knock-some-heads, I mean,
while we wait.

ALLIE

Would your friends, like that?

HELIOS

Yes.

Rainbow and Aggee run up--

RAINBOW

C'mon on, hurry.

HELIOS

You find Snaggle?

AGGEE

He's a free agent, work for hire.
Ain't here.

RAINBOW

Cooky suggested we search the
library for the book.

We hear an eerie GARY CALL echo--

RAINBOW (CONT'D)

It's 7 o'clock. Let's go.

Rainbow runs.

ALLIE

Hey! You lost a shoe.

INT. GRAVERS DIG - JARNETHAN'S LIBRARY - 8 O'CLOCK

The four friends pile into JARNETHAN'S LIBRARY, having just
finished an anxious town-wide search.

Distantly we hear, GARY CALL!!

RAINBOW

How did you get us lost? Aren't
you a guide?

AGGEE

This library is new. I've never
been here before.

JARNETHAN (O.S.)

Quiet!

Everyone turns to the LIBRARIAN working behind a desk.

The man, JARNETHAN, wears studious glasses and is impeccably
dressed business casual. He takes a sip of HOOCH FROM A JAR.

JARNETHAN (CONT'D)

Shssss! Have some respect, hmmm?

The four quietly approach the desk and the obvious drunk
behind it.

JARNETHAN (CONT'D)

(heavily slurred)

How may I assist you?

AGGEE

We're looking for a book.

JARNETHAN

What's the title? I'll see if I
have it in stock.

The four scan the "so-called" library and find a CAVERN OF
EMPTY DUSTY BOOK SHELVES staring back.

ALLIE

Where is your stock?

Jarnethan points to a lone shelf with THREE BOOKS.

Rainbow quickly flips through the three, reading the spines.

RAINBOW

We're looking for, the Book of
Kelleth.

JARNETHAN

I don't have it.

HELIOS

Have you ever had the book?

JARNETHAN

What book?

HELIOS

Book of Kelleth, comma, the.

He thinks and takes another quick sip from his jar.

JARNETHAN

Sounds vaguely familiar. I feel déjà vu, like, it's a popular title. Yeah, I had it.

AGGEE/HELIOS/RAINBOW/ALLIE
WHO CHECKED IT OUT?

JARNETHAN

A bunch of sailors in pirate hats, nay, one pirate hat, wanted it.

RAINBOW

When? Today? Did you give it to them?

JARNETHAN

Nah! The curator from the museum, Cynthia, she already checked it out. And hasn't return it.

(fist pounds the desk)

People keep checking out my books and never return them. I need to hire, Book Bounty Hunters.

Jarnethan suddenly notices a STACK OF BOOKS on the counter.

JARNETHAN (CONT'D)

Would you like to buy my book? I wrote and illustrated it myself. It's a children's book about cute baby tunnel terrors who take over Gravers Dig. It's a true story.

RAINBOW

Gravers Dig seems like a tough market for children's books.

JARNETHAN

Nobody brings their kids here.

ALLIE

Imagine that.

Rainbow hands Jarnethan casino chips.

RAINBOW

I'll take a copy.

He hands her a book.

JARNETHAN
 It's a signed, limited edition.
 (looks at everyone)
 So, what brings you in?

HELIOS
 We're Book Bounty Hunters you hired
 to help retrieve your book.

JARNETHAN
 What book?

HELIOS
 Book of Kelleth.

ALLIE
 Comma, the.

Jarnethan suddenly JUMPS UP, EXTREMELY MOTIVATED.

JARNETHAN
 Let's storm a museum.

EXT. THE HUNTERS MUSEUM OF GRAVERS DIG - 9 O'CLOCK

If there is a fun part of Gravers Dig, the Museum is on the
 block that it's furthest from.

Four shadows skulk slowly toward the main entrance. Rainbow
 steps into moonlight scanning for any unwanted attention and
 then gazes skyward to admire the THIEF CONSTELLATION.

RAINBOW
 That bodes well.

A green ill Jarnethan stumbles drunkenly, holds up his hand--

JARNETHAN
 Wait.

He HURLS CHUNKS. Beat...

JARNETHAN (CONT'D)
 Whew! Okay. That's better.

AGGEE
 Maybe you should slow down, huh?

JARNETHAN
 I possess special aptitude for
 transforming hooch to heave. Very
 accomplished.

He giggles and we distantly hear, GARY CALL!!

RAINBOW

Damnit! It's 9 o'clock. Where's the book?

JARNETHAN

What book?

HELIOS

Gods damnit, the Book of--

JARNETHAN

Kelleth, I know.

(wipes mouth)

I was just pulling your tail, Mr. Minotaur.

He points.

JARNETHAN (CONT'D)

This way. Archives Collection, round back.

(brushes nose)

I have nose for books.

AROUND BACK, MOMENTS LATER

A STEAMPUNK DOOR with lead glass windows bar their entrance.

Helios tries to peer through smoky glass. And then, GRASPS a RING DOOR KNOCKER and receives an ELECTRIC SHOCK.

HELIOS

Ouch!

AGGEE

What are you doing?

HELIOS

Seeing if anyone was home.

ALLIE

Let me see that lock.

Helios steps back nursing his hand.

Allie wiggles the handle.

THE FLOOR DROPS OUT

Allie flails, running in space like Wile E. Coyote and FALLS--

She lands on a quivering mass of *SOMETHING*, and sticks like a fly on flypaper. And then, slowly sinks, absorbed into a transparent living organism.

A BEAT LATER, she floats weightless, slowly being digested inside a GELATINOUS CUBE.

HELIOS

It's a trap!

Helios reacts swiftly, yanks his axe and leaps in. The axe's sharp edge shears a gaping wound in the jello substance.

AGGEE

Helios, what are you doing?

Aggee releases a volley of arrows that slice and disappear inside the thing--

SPEAKING OF INSIDE

Allie holds her breath and uncorks arcane energy in the form of ELDRITCH BLASTS.

The cube hums, illuminated with brilliant flashes.

Rainbow and Jarnethan peer apprehensively into the pit.

RAINBOW

What is that?

JARNETHAN

Did I not mention? The museum has formidable security.

RAINBOW

What if a child had tried to open that door?

JARNETHAN

Like you said, no one brings their children here.

Rainbow THROWS HER CHAKRAM whistling into the thing and like Aggee's arrows, it too disappears.

RAINBOW

Are you gonna help?

Jarnethan pours hooch onto the creature causing it to get violently angry. Bubbling and coursing like lava it slowly rises out of the pit.

JARNETHAN KICKS the thing and it bursts like a water balloon.

JARNETHAN

I'm afraid my home brew was more
than it could bear.

He takes a swig from the jar and offers it to Rainbow.

A LITTLE WHILE LATER

Everyone a little worse for wear, reconvene, ready for museum
assault #2.

RAINBOW

Is there anything else we should
know?

JARNETHAN

We're gravers, we don't plan, we
do.

HELIOS

I don't feel well. I think we
should postpone this adventure for
another time.

AGGEE

What about Bee Arthur?

HELIOS

We'll figure something out,
tomorrow.

ALLIE

I know I'm new to this band. But
we can't just leave an innocent
victim held hostage by, who knows,
what kind of thugs--

HELIOS

I don't think you're a good fit for
our band.

Rainbow gasps.

ALLIE

Should I leave?

HELIOS

That's probably for the best.

RAINBOW

What? No. Allie stay here.
Helios, why are you being so rude?

HELIOS
 We're the power trio of Gravers
 Dig. We don't need 'em.

AGGEE
 Helios, that's enough, now.

RAINBOW
 He's just afraid.
 (to Helios)
 Are you okay?

HELIOS
 I'm fine.

RAINBOW
 Do you want to talk about your
 feelings?

HELIOS
 No.

RAINBOW
 We can.

HELIOS
 No.

RAINBOW
 It's healthy.

HELIOS
 No.

AGGEE
 Helios chill. We're gonna find the
 Book of Kelleth, save Bee. And
 then you and I are gonna have a
 talk.

HELIOS
 Get out of my face.

ALLIE
 Are your friends always like this?

RAINBOW
 They're normally really nice.
 Helios is scared most of the time.
 Right now though, he's not acting
 scared.

AGGEE
 I don't like this new attitude.

HELIOS

I don't like this new penchant for
breaking and entering.

Rainbow and Aggee bust-a-gut. Bwhaahahah!

AGGEE

Penchant? Really? What did you do
with Helios?

RAINBOW

Helios, I need you to look at my
face. Are you cursed right now?
Blink twice if you're in there?

HELIOS BLINKS TWICE.

Everyone recoils.

Allie SLAPS Helios. He HEAD BUTTS her in return, sending her
reeling.

HELIOS

GET OUT.

Rainbow CASTS SUGGESTION on Helios--

RAINBOW

Helios, STOP! Stop being
bullheaded.

Helios snorts angrily.

AGGEE

Just. Stay. Calm.

Allie shakes off mental cobwebs, WEAVES AN INCANTATION
creating an ear piercing KLAXON ALARM that drives Helios mad.

He ROARS and storms forward, his axe a whirlwind of bad
intentions.

The two friends, Helios and Aggee exchange a flurry of blows,
slash, dodge, lunge, block--

ALLIE

There is honor among thieves. But
what you're doing, is not
honorable.

RAINBOW

He is not himself.

JARNETHAN

It must be one of the museum's
elaborate security measures.

Aggee raises his staff to the heavens

AGGEE

Thief aid us in this heist.

IN THE HEAVENS, THIEF pulses and the sky suddenly goes DARK.
ON HELIOS, 70's BLACKLIGHT stand two superimposed minotaurs.

HELIOS

Kill it.

DOPPELGANGER HELIOS

(indecipherable)

<click-clack alien chitter>

AGGEE

Oh, no. It's the return of Faux-
lios!

RAINBOW directs a MAGE HAND that binds Helios in a tangle of
slithering python ROPES.

RAINBOW

I want people to know, I was this
close to taking Hold Person today.

Helios struggles against the ever tighter living ropes.

AGGEE

Forgive me, Helios.

He clobbers Helios with his bo-stick. Bam. BAM. B.A.M.

Allie lights him up with an ELDRITCH BLAST. THUNDER BOOM.

ALLIE

After this, hopefully I'm still in
the band.

RAINBOW DASHES, quick as a bunny, rapier point extended and
runs him through.

RAINBOW

Last name Skewers. First name
Beef.

She yanks her rapier free--

THE DOPPELGANGER FALLS DEAD at Helios' feet.

THE NIGHT SKY RETURNS.

 HELIOS
Get these off me. I hate ropes!

 AGGEE
First Helios. Give us one-of your
merry moo's.

 HELIOS
Before or after I kill you?

 RAINBOW
Now that's, Helios.

INT. THE HUNTERS MUSEUM OF GRAVERS DIG - NIGHT

The HEIST infiltrators slowly tip-toe their way through the museum, past elaborate exhibits featuring Somarria's notorious hunting grounds and a zoo of exotic creatures.

 HELIOS
Don't touch anything.

 ALLIE
This is the weirdest crime I've
ever committed.

 RAINBOW
Committed a lot of crimes, have
you?

 ALLIE
A lot.

 AGGEE
What was that?

Everyone pauses, listening intently. Distantly we can hear Gary calling the 10 o'clock hour.

 RAINBOW
We're running out of time.

Jarnethan snaps a finger and nods.

 JARNETHAN
Follow me folks, the archives are
this way...
 (stops, looks)
No wait. That way.

IN THE BACK OF MUSEUM - A LITTLE WHILE LATER

They stand in awe, marveling at TWO TITANIC STONE HAND SCULPTURES, that guard a distant hallway beyond.

AGGEE
 (nudges Helios)
 You know what they say? Big hands,
 big flute.

HELIOS
 You're incorrigible.

AGGEE
 Glad to have you back, buddy.

JARNETHAN
 They're harmless. They were
 created for a Hands Across Chaldea
 exhibit for the World's Fair.

Jarnethan points to an INSCRIPTION ON THE WALL:

ALLIE
 (reading)
 "Foes don't proceed. Only friends
 do."

RAINBOW
 We're all friends.

ALLIE
 How do you demonstrate friendship?

She shakes hands, her dainty hand swallowed up in the massive mitt of a hand.

The HAND GRINDS SLOWLY OPEN.

ALLIE (CONT'D)
 That's remarkable.

AGGEE
 It's true what they say, Friendship
 is Magic.

Aggee shakes hands with the other and it RUMBLES OPEN.

They move down the hall and once past, THEY GRIND CLOSED.

INT. MUSEUM ARCHIVES - SOON THEREAFTER

The archives is a warehouse of crates, mountains of crates like something out of an archaeology documentary.

ALLIE
Holy Hera, look at all this.

RAINBOW
Jarnethan, how about that nose of yours. Which way?

He points to an adjoining chamber--they quickly move--where they find vast columns and rows of--

AGGEE
That's a lot of books.

RAINBOW
Where do we start?

ALLIE
Do we even know it's here?

Helios walks over to a table that has a sign that reads: "New Arrivals". Picks up a lone book.

HELIOS
Book of Kelleth, comma, the.
(holds up victorious)
Banzai baby!

RAINBOW
Thief favors you, Helios.

Helios flips open the book.

JARNETHAN
That's a book, you don't want to read. Trust me. It'll drive you to drink.

AGGEE
Why are we standing around? We have a Bee to save.

EXT. GRAVERS DIG - DIRE STREETS - LATER

The Book Thieves huddle up to make plans.

RAINBOW
Aggee, you know where the Anumian grove is?

AGGEE
Pfft. Of course. You insult me.

HELIOS

You didn't know where the book store was? You had us wondering around the Vim & Vigor.

JARNETHAN

It's been a long week. I think I'm gonna head home. My jar is empty.

RAINBOW

Thank you, Jarnethan. We'll return your book when we're done with it.

She holds up **CROSSED FINGERS** to her friends.

JARNETHAN

I love you more than drink, but don't make me prove it. Farewell.

They wave good-bye as Jarnethan disappears into the shadows as we hear **GARY CALL 11 O'CLOCK**.

RAINBOW

We're cutting it close.

ARIADNE'S ARTISANS RUN

EXT. ANUMIAN GROVE - APPROACHING MIDNIGHT

The four band mates come barreling into the grove after a sustained overland marathon, huffing and puffing--

RAINBOW

You didn't tell us... it was an hour's... run... outside of town?

AGGEE

I'm a chan. How was I supposed to know how damn slow you run.

RAINBOW

Look at these legs. I wasn't built for marathons.

Helios and Aggee draw weapons, sweep the grove for trouble.

Allie gently nudges Rainbow.

ALLIE

You, you see this?

In a nearby tree, hangs a **HUNTER'S CAGE** and inside it--

RAINBOW
BEE ARTHUR!

AGGEE
Careful, it could be a trap.

Rainbow runs to the cage.

RAINBOW
Bee, are you okay?

Bee attempts to fly, but her delicate wings are limited by the tight confines of the cage.

RAINBOW (CONT'D)
Poor girl, what did they do to you?

Allie scratches her head confounded.

ALLIE
So, Bea Arthur is a bee?

RAINBOW
A-huh, a Dire Bumble Bee. Isn't she the most beautiful thing you've ever seen?

Rainbow shakes the cage.

RAINBOW (CONT'D)
Help me get her out.

Rainbow and Allie search for a door or a lock, but nada.

ALLIE
Its hermetically sealed.

The boys join the gals.

AGGEE
We're alone. No one is here.

RAINBOW
Maybe we need to read the book?

ALLIE
Jarnethan warned us not to.

Helios closely analyzes a rectangle opening in the bars.

HELIOS
What is this?

RAINBOW

That's just a food tray slot. To feed prisoners.

HELIOS

Is it? Or is it a book drop. Huh?

A MAGICAL SHIMMER radiates around the opening.

RAINBOW

That's a stretch.

AGGEE

Just try it.

Rainbow feeds the book through the slot and--

THE BOOK AND THE CAGE MAGICALLY DISAPPEAR.

Bee Arthur HOVERS excitedly, buzz, buzz, buzz.

RAINBOW

Bee you're free!

AGGEE

Now how are we going to return the book to Jarnethan?

ALLIE

I think it best, we didn't. That book was a bad influence on him.

HELIOS

But who the hell kidnapped Bee?

Shrugs all around.

RAINBOW

I don't want to stick around and find out.

AGGEE

Lets get the Helios out of here. Let's run.

RAINBOW

I'm not gonna run, when I can fly.

Rainbow mounts Bee and away they go.

IN THE DISTANCE WE HEAR GARY CALL 12 O'CLOCK.