

**COLD OPEN**

EXT. GRASSY FIELD - DAY

Large clearing surrounded by trees. Fields of flowers. Cobblestone path.

A GROUP OF PIXIES (various) - bug wings, neon rainbow skin colors, fly around the flowers.

A single TINY PIXIE (10) - neon orange skin, big bug eyes, butterfly wings, flies around flowers that are larger than her. She stops at a purple one. Smells it.

Two sets of four hooves run down the path towards screen left.

The Tiny Pixie flies towards screen right. Smells another flower. Sits on it. Kicking her feet.

The hooves are unicorns. They pull an elaborately decorated pumpkin carriage.

A unicorn hoof and Tiny Pixie collide. The Tiny Pixie is squashed under it. Then trampled and ran over by the carriage. She twitches, still alive.

MEAT (13) - human girl, green cloak with hood up, messy clothing, sits crouched in the grass beside the Tiny Pixie. She picks up the Tiny Pixie gently. Straightens her wings.

The Tiny Pixie flies around her and blows her a kiss. Meat smiles back. The Tiny Pixie flies back to her friends.

JADE (O.S.)  
(yells)  
Meat! Hurry up!

Meat stands up. Runs to Jade.

The Tiny Pixie sits on pink flower. Catches her breath. A GREMLIN (77) - green skin, ugly, weird, naked except for a loin cloth, scampers out of the woods.

The Gremlin crawls to the Tiny Pixie. Grabs the flower she's sitting on. Eats both then scampers off.

The other Pixies <SCREAM> in terror. Scatter.

**END OF COLD OPEN**

ACT 1

EXT. MARKET - DAY

The unicorn drawn carriage parks in front of the market. DALLYCHIME and GOLDENCLOUD (12) - violet skin, beautiful glittery translucent wings, elaborate medieval style dresses, get out of it. They walk into the market.

Meat follows JADE (45) - pale green skin, humanoid praying mantis woman, tall, elegant. Walks with a purpose. Squints at her grocery list.

JADE

Ahg. Who wrote this garbage.

MEAT

You.

JADE

Right. Thank you, Meat.

Meat takes her cloak hood off. Waves enthusiastically at Dallychime.

Dallychime looks Meat up and down. She turns to Goldencloud. They speak, inaudibly. Then both turn to look again. Dallychime points. Goldencloud <LAUGHS.>

Meat glares at them. Starts walking towards them.

HAIR (15) - an anthropomorphic dog boy, wearing human clothes, grabs Meat's hand. Stopping her. He makes eye contact with Meat. Shakes his head.

Jade turns around to look at the kids. Her eyes widen. Meat's hood is down.

JADE (CONT'D)

Hey. How many times do I have to remind you to keep the hood up or you can't go outside? What's the hold up?

Jade pulls the hood over Meat's head.

MEAT

Am I ugly?

Jade grabs Meat's face in both hands. Forces Meat to look at her.

JADE  
Who called you that?!

Meat shrugs. Looks away.

JADE (CONT'D)  
Baby girl, do I look like I could  
raise something ugly?

Meat shakes her head.

JADE (CONT'D)  
Good. That's settled then. Let's  
get our groceries in a fast and  
orderly fashion.

Meat and Hair nod.

JADE (CONT'D)  
First on our list, we need Magic  
Mushrooms. And non-magic mushrooms.

Hair nods. He sniffs the air. Points to a booth up ahead.

JADE (CONT'D)  
Good boy.

Jade ruffles his fur. He smiles. They walk towards the booth.

Meat stares at her reflection in a bunch of crystals and  
mirrors in a booth they walk past. A crystal distorts her  
reflection.

MEAT  
This is borrrringggg.

Jade <HUFFS.>

JADE  
You wanted to get out of the house,  
darling.

MEAT  
Yeah, but not for groceries.

Meat trails farther and farther behind Jade and Hair.

JADE  
Well, the faster you walk the  
faster we'll be finished here.

Meat pouts. Speed walks to catch up.

EXT. MARKET - DAY

Thick trees. GAELAN & HAGMER (30s) - elf knights, blue skin, intricate wooden armor, patrol the area.

HAGMER

Reduced to Market duty again. What a joke. Nothing interesting ever happens here.

GAELIN

This is your fault, man.

HAGMER

No it isn't!

GAELIN

Who's stupid idea was it to prank the Queen?

HAGMER

Oh, yeah.

GAELIN

Market duty! My parents would be so disappointed!

EXT. MUSHROOM BOOTH - DAY

Booth filled with magical mushrooms that sparkle, pop, glow, sing, etc. And a little tiny corner has a label with "NORMAL MUSHROOMS." ALEXANDER (45) - a giant mushroom man with a silly mustache, stands behind the booth.

Jade leans against the booth. Hair picks up a few magic mushrooms. Puts them in Jade's hand.

JADE

So my last date couldn't handle me. Again. I'm really starting to think it's me that's the problem.

Alexander shrugs.

JADE (CONT'D)

I mean I don't know what I could be doing wrong. Am I unloveable?

Alexander shakes his head no.

Meat pokes a mushroom. Jade slaps her hand away.

JADE (CONT'D)

Aww. Thanks, Alexander. Your name  
is Alexander, right?

Jade bats her eyelashes. Alexander nods.

JADE (CONT'D)

Say. You're pretty handsome.

Alexander blushes.

JADE (CONT'D)

So, How do you feel about single  
moms?

ALEXANDER

Well I respect their strength and  
dedication, especially as a single  
father myself.

JADE

Oh. Ew. Ok. Never mind. I'll just  
get this.

Jade picks up and holds up a normal brown mushroom. She slams  
some coins down on the table. Briskly walks away. Hair waves  
goodbye to Alexander as he follows Jade.

ALEXANDER

Alexander LXIII jr.! No!!

Jade looks back. Cringes.

JADE

Sorry. Already paid for him.

Jade bites Alexander LXIII jr.'s head off.

EXT. MARKET

FLEALICIA (45) - tiny pastel pink flea, wings, curly white  
hair, glasses, lands on Meat's arm. Bites her.

MEAT

Ouch!

Meat slaps her arm. Flealicia jumps out of the way of Meat's  
hand. She flies around Meat's face.

FLEALICIA

Hey! I'm eating here!

Meat stops walking.

MEAT

Well, go eat somewhere else! I'm not food.

Meat watches Jade and Hair walk away.

FLEALICIA

I'd beg to differ. Dunno what you are but the sweet smell of your blood drew me to ya instead of any old animal. Say, what are you?

Meat takes a step to follow Jade. Flealicia intercepts.

MEAT

I don't know.

FLEALICIA

Cause I tasted many fae and creatures in my life and I've never tasted somethin' like you. You're like a meal made for a queen. But I'm just spit balling, y'know. Hey, you seem like quite the intellectual. Do you mind if I sit here?

Flealicia points to Meat's arm.

MEAT

Uhhhh.

FLEALICIA

Oh. Don't worry. I don't bite.  
(laughs hysterically)  
Oh wait. Yeah I do. But I won't this time. I thought we should have some girl to girl talk y'know.

Flealicia sits down on Meat's hand. Meat holds her hand up to her face to see her better.

FLEALICIA (CONT'D)

So, I've been attending this self help group. And it's really helped me to discover myself. Figure out who I truly am. You should totally join. You look lost.

MEAT

I gotta get back to Jade.

**FLEALICIA**

No! Please! Their booth is right around the corner. They'd love to meet you, uh you... what's your name?

**MEAT**

Meat.

**FLEALICIA**

They'd love to meet you, Meat.  
Aahahah! What a fun sentence.  
Let's go.

Flealicia flies into the air again. She grabs Meat's pinky finger. Drags Meat along.

**MEAT**

You're surprisingly strong.

**FLEALICIA**

Awwww. Thank you.

Meat looks back. She sees Jade and Hair round a corner out of sight. Jade still engrossed in her grocery list.

**MEAT**

Okay. Okay. But I have to be quick.  
It won't take long for Jade to notice I'm missing.

Meat walks along willingly.

**FLEALICIA**

Excellent!

**END ACT 1**

**ACT 2**

EXT. MARKET - DAY

Hair leads Jade through the market. Sniffing out a trail. Jade holds a large shopping bag.

COWBERT (40) - big cow man, tiny head on top of a regular sized neck (as if his head is growing back), stands at a jarred ingredients shop. Random jarred things line the booth like flowers, rats tails, eyes, etc.

Cowbert sees Jade. Squints at her.

COWBERT

Jade?

Jade startles. Her eyes flick towards Cowbert. She raises her shopping list in front of her face. Walks faster. Hair looks back at the shop owner, confused. Then back to Jade.

HAIR

Meow?

JADE

Shhh. He'll see you.

Jade drags Hair in front of her. Shielding him with her body. Walking faster. Pushing Hair along.

COWBERT

Jade! Jade, I see you!

Jade and Hair run.

JADE

Quickly.

COWBERT

JADE! GET BACK HERE!

Jade glances back. Cowbert is chases her.

JADE

Heyyy, Cowbert, didn't see you there. Don't lose your head... again. HA!

Jade looks forward again. Runs past a pottery booth. Knocks over a large clay pot. Continues running.

Cowbert trips on the pot. Jade and Hair run around the corner. Hide. Catch their breath. Jade peeks back.

Cowbert lays flat on his face.

Jade crouches down. Out of sight. Hair next to her.

JADE (CONT'D)

Okay. Here's the plan.

Jade digs two coins out of her pockets.

JADE (CONT'D)

You take these. You go to his booth. You steal- er- purchase without his knowledge- a jar of rat's tails. And you leave these two on the table for him.

She hands the coins to Hair.

JADE (CONT'D)

And then, push a different jar off of his table to shatter it. The coins should cover both. But we need him distracted. Can you do that?

Hair nods.

JADE (CONT'D)

Go.

Cowbert stands up. Looks around.

Hair slips between the booths. He runs over to Cowbert's booth. He picks up the jar of rat's tails. He puts the two coins in it's place.

He pushes the money jar off of the table. The money jar <SHATTERS> on the floor. Hair slips back behind the booths to return to Jade.

Cowbert turns to look. He sees his broken jar but no person at his booth.

COWBERT

WHO DID THAT? WHO ROBBED ME? GET THEM!

EXT. MARKET - NEARBY

Jade scratches "rat's tails" off of her list. She <GROANS,> annoyed.

JADE  
Guess he's still mad.

Hair returns with the jar of rat's tails. He holds them out to Jade. She takes them and puts them away in her bag.

JADE (CONT'D)  
Thank you! Amazing work!

EXT. MARKET - SPIRITUAL RETREAT BOOTH - DAY

BILTOR (65) - old gnome, pointy red hat, beard, light blue skin, stands behind a booth. Banners with his face plastered all over them surrounding his booth. The main banner also reads "SPIRITUAL RETREAT! FIND YOURSELF!"

Biltor throws pamphlets with the same graphics at random PATRONS.

BILTOR  
WHO AM I? WHO ARE YOU? DOES YOUR  
MOMMY SAY YOU'RE TRASH? DOES YOUR  
STEP-DAD TRY TO KILL YOU. DID YOUR  
DADDY RUN AWAY WHEN YOU WERE A  
BABY? DOES EVERY GIRLFRIEND YOU'VE  
EVER HAD SAY YOU PROJECT YOUR MOMMY  
ISSUES ONTO HER BEFORE LEAVING YOU.  
WELL I HAVE THE SOLUTION FOR YOU!  
TODAY WE MEET IN THE FOREST  
CLEARING. YOU KNOW THE ONE. THAT  
ONE. SURROUNDED BY TREES AND SHRUBS  
AND GRASS. YEAH, THAT ONE. I'LL  
TELL YOU WHO YOU ARE AND WHAT  
YOU'RE WORTH.

Biltor throws a pamphlet at a random CYCLOPS(20). It hits her in the eye. The Cyclops <CRIES.> Runs away.

Flealicia drags Meat towards Biltor.

MEAT  
Woahhh. That's him?

FLEALICIA  
Yeah. He told me I was a flea-fairy! I thought he was speakin' crazy talk at first.  
(MORE)

FLEALICIA (CONT'D)

But I ask my mama before she passed  
and, wouldn't ya know it, she said  
he was right.

MEAT

And he'll know what I am?

FLEALICIA

Absolutely. Let's talk to him!

Flealicia drags Meat forward.

FLEALICIA (CONT'D)

Biltor! Look! I brought a new  
member for the Seeing Eye Covin!

BILTOR

AHHH! YES! WE LOVE NEW MEMBERS!

Flealicia gets behind Meat. Pushes her the rest of the way to  
the booth.

FLEALICIA

Biltor loves new members!

BILTOR

What would you like the Seeing Eye  
Covin to reveal to you today?

MEAT

I just what to know what I am.

FLEALICIA

She wants to know what she is! I  
just knew I had to bring her to  
you. Since you're the expert.

BILTOR

Ah! Of course! Of course! Well I'm  
glad you came-

FLEALICIA

Meat!

BILTOR

Meat? That's your name.

MEAT

Yeah.

BILTOR

How peculiar. You are an  
interesting case indeed.

MEAT

Sorry. Jade is going to realize I'm missing really soon. So can we do this quickly?

BILTOR

Of course!

Biltor grabs magnifying glass from behind the booth. He holds it out. Grabs Meat's hand. Turns it over. Studies her palm.

BILTOR (CONT'D)

Got any urges to drink blood?

MEAT

No, I-

BILTOR

Your palm says your not a flea-fairy!

Meat looks at Flealicia. Flealicia claps.

FLEALICIA

He's good, isn't he?

MEAT

Woahh. Yes! Thank you! And?

BILTOR

Let me check these next.

He turns over Meat's hand. Holds the magnifying glass to her finger nails.

BILTOR (CONT'D)

Well, your nails say you're not a gnome.

Meat's nails look nearly identical to Biltor's. He lets go of her hand. Scratches his head.

BILTOR (CONT'D)

Wow, you sure are quite the hard case for me to crack. I can't say I've ever seen anything like you.

Biltor hops over the booth.

BILTOR (CONT'D)

No matter! There's no case I can't crack! Let me see that adorable face of yours!

Biltor grabs Meat's cloak hood. He tries to take it off. Meat jerks backwards. Knocking Biltor's hand away.

MEAT

Sorry. I think Jade is calling me.  
I have to-

Meat takes off running. She slips between two booths.

BILTOR

HEY! GET BACK HERE! YOU DIDN'T PAY  
FOR THE CONSULTATION!

FLEALICIA

Youth these days. So disrespectful.  
You try to help them and they don't  
even thank you.

Flealicia sees Goldencloud and Dallychime walking by.

FLEALICIA (CONT'D)

Girls! Girls! Over here! You look  
like you need a spiritual awakening  
to find yourselves.

EXT. MARKET - SWEETS BOOTH - DAY

Booth selling tea and pastries. OCHO (20) - octopus woman,  
sits behind the booth knitting a scarf.

Jade stands near the booth. Reads the grocery list.

JADE

Magic Mushrooms, Rats Tails,  
Or dorant, uhhh, I think we got it  
all. Wait. Normal Mushrooms. We got  
those too.

Hair looks around. He doesn't see Meat anywhere. He grabs  
Jade's arm. Tugs it a few times.

JADE (CONT'D)

What?

HAIR

Meeee-ow! MEow!

JADE

You wan't a treat? Well I guess we  
have the money for it.

Hair shakes his head aggressively.

JADE (CONT'D)

No?

OCHO

They're delicious.

HAIR

Meow!

He points to Jade's other side.

JADE

Is my outfit ruined.

Hair <GROANS.> He looks around. Sees a booth that is selling dried meat. His eyes widen.

He runs over to the booth. Points at the meat.

JADE (CONT'D)

You want... meat?

Hair points at Jade when she says "meat." Nodding.

Jade's eyes widen in realization. Jade looks around frantically.

JADE (CONT'D)

Meat? MEAT!

Meat is no where in sight.

EXT. MARKET - CENTER

Fountain surrounded by shops, booths selling cooked food, tables, and benches. The fountain is a stone statue of the Queen, a woman in a fancy dress with giant butterfly wings.

Meat runs into the clearing.

MEAT

JADE!

She looks around. Doesn't see her or Hair.

MEAT (CONT'D)

JADE?!

Meat runs up to the statue. Climbs up it. It gives her a better view of the whole market. She looks around for Jade and Hair. Doesn't see them.

She sees Dallychime and Goldencloud approach a HUMAN BOY (12) - scrappy clothing, dirty. Meat's eyes widen.

The two fairies bump into him. He falls onto his butt on the ground. Dallychime and Goldencloud corner the Boy. They <LAUGH.>

DALLYCHIME

Like, where did you come in from?  
Ugly town?

GOLDENCLOUD

What even are you even supposed to be?

Meat jumps off of the statue. Runs to the Boy and two fairy girls. As she runs the hood of her cloak falls off again.

BOY

(laughs)

I think you've mistaken my true identity-

His eyes flash white.

MEAT

Hey! Get away from him!

Dallychime and Goldencloud look at Meat. Dallychime sneers.

GOLDENCLOUD

Or what?

DALLYCHIME

Oh, it's you again. Look Goldie, we have two freaks in our midst.

Goldencloud <LAUGHS.> Meat frowns. She balls her fists.

MEAT

Leave us alone.

DALLYCHIME

Why are your eyes like that? Can you even see?

GOLDENCLOUD

What are these.

Goldencloud pokes a mole on Meat's face.

DALLYCHIME

Don't touch her! She might have diseases.

GOLDENCLOUD

Eww!

Goldencloud jerks her hand away. Meat <GROWLS.> Bites her finger as it retreats.

Goldencloud <SCREAMS.> Rips her finger fully away.

GOLDENCLOUD (CONT'D)

Oh my queen. Oh my queen. Oh my queen.

DALLYCHIME

We need to get you to medical fast!  
What if it, like, gets infected?

GOLDENCLOUD

What if I lose my finger?!

They run off <SCREAMING.>

Meat approaches the Boy. She holds her hand out for him.

MEAT

Are you okay?

The Boy tilts his head. Narrows his eyes. He grabs Meat's hand. She helps him up.

He stands. Grabs her face with both hands. Pulls her close stares straight into her eyes.

Meat blinks. The Boys eyes flash white again. Then copy Meat's eye color before returning to normal. He lets go of Meat's face.

MEAT (CONT'D)

What are you?

BOY

How are you alive?

MEAT

Can you tell me what we are?

The Boy <LAUGHS.>

BOY

You and I are not the same.

The Boy walks away. Meat chases after.

MEAT

Hey! But- Wait- I helped you! The least you could do is answer a few questions!

EXT. MARKET - BILTOR'S BOOTH - DAY

Biltor and Flealicia pack up the booth. Put up a sign that says "BE BACK IN AT HOUR 12. TO JOIN SPIRITUAL RETREAT MEET IN THAT CLEARING IN THE WOODS BEHIND THE MARKET."

They walk away from Biltor's booth.

Biltor stops walking.

BILTOR

Oops. Almost forgot.

He runs back to his booth. Grabs the tip jar. And runs back to Flealicia.

BILTOR (CONT'D)

We wouldn't want to forget to take mandatory donations now would we?

EXT. MARKET ENTRANCE - DAY

Hair and Jade run around looking for Meat.

Hair sniffs the air and follows a straight path. Jade follows. Checking under random booths table cloths. Behind plants.

She sees a PERSON IN A CLOAK.

JADE

Meat!? If that's you-

Runs up to them takes their hood off. Revealing a FLOATING HEAD(70s) - beard, no body.

FLOATING HEAD

Hey!

JADE

You're not my lost child.

She pushes the Floating Head out of the way. Goes back to checking places following Hair.

Dallychime and Goldencloud run past.

GOLDENCLOUD

Oh my queen! It's still bleeding! I  
WANT MY DADDY!

DALLYCHIME

Is it turning green!? Does that  
mean you're going to like die?!

And off screen.

Jade and Hair pause. Look at each other.

JADE

She must be that way.

They run the direction Dallychime and Goldencloud came from.

EXT. MARKET EXIT - DAY

The Boy walks. Pushes random CUSTOMERS out of his way. Meat follows.

BOY

Leave me alone! Go get lost and  
eaten.

MEAT

No!

BOY

Fine. If you insist on following  
me.

He turns around. Grabs her arm.

BOY (CONT'D)

I'm sure the Queen will be happy  
with me bringing her a fresh meal.

Meat tries to jerk her arm out of the Boy's hand.

MEAT

What?! No! Jade said I can't- Let  
me go!

EXT. FOREST CLEARING - DAY

Biltor sits in a circle with VARIOUS CREATURES. Including a GIANT FLY, a SENTIENT SLIME PILE, and Flealicia. Biltor points at a Flealicia.

BILTOR  
What was that?!

FLEALICIA  
I'm not trash!

BILTOR  
Louder!

FLEALICIA  
I'M NOT TRASH!

BILTOR  
Yassss, girl! Preach!

A hole rips open in the sky. A bunch of human artifacts, mostly garbage, fall through. Crushing the group.

EXT. MARKET - DAY

Jade and Hair search the area. Hair stops sniffing he looks up. Looks around.

The Boy runs by, dragging Meat along by her arm. They bump into Jade on the way past.

Jade knocks into a booth selling lit candles. Knocking over a candle and starting a fire. Her dress also catches on fire.

They run out of the market. Into the forest.

JADE  
Hey! Stupid kids! Watch where  
you're- MEAT?!

The fire gets hotter and larger behind her. <SCREAMS> fill the air. Customers run away.

Hair grabs a nearby bucket of water. Splashes some on Jade's dress. Putting out the fire.

JADE (CONT'D)  
Hair! Go follow Meat! Make sure  
she's okay. I'll meet you there in  
a second.

Hair nods. Jade takes the bucket from him. He runs after Meat and the Boy.

Jade throws the rest of the water in the bucket onto the booth. It doesn't do much to contain the fire. She looks around at other booths.

A nearby booth sells salt. Jade's eyes widen.

She runs over. Grabs two large containers of salt. Flies up. Throws a circle of salt around the fire. Stopping its spread.

**END ACT 2**

**ACT 3**

EXT. FOREST CLEARING - TRASH HEAP - DAY

Giant trash pile filled with various human things like picture frames, stuffed animals, action figures, dolls, clothing scraps, pots, bricks, etc.

The Sentient Slime Pile drags his body out from underneath the rubble. Random pieces of trash absorbed into him.

SENTIENT SLIME PILE  
Help. Help us. My friends. They're buried.

Flealicia digs through the trash for her friends.

The Boy runs in carrying Meat.

MEAT  
Let me go! Once Jade finds us she's going to end you!

The Boy <LAUGHS.> Looks at Meat while still running.

BOY  
That means nothing to m-

Hair runs into the clearing. Ramming into the Boy. Knocking the Boy flat on his face. Making him drop Meat in the process.

Meat scrambles away. Climbs the trash pile to get out of the way.

MEAT  
Hair! Thank you!

Hair gives a thumbs up and smiles. The Boy gets up.

BOY  
Mind your business, Mutt.

Hair <GROWLS.> Lunges at the Boy.

The Boy dodges Hair. Hair trips. Lands on his feet. Runs back at the Boy.

MEAT  
Stop!

Meat grabs a rubber ducky from the trash pile. Throws it at the Boy.

The Boy turns back to look at Meat. Glares.

BOY  
I'll deal with you in a second.  
Wait your turn.

Hair gets back up. Runs at the Boy. Bites his ankles.

The Boy kicks Hair off. Hair's back hits into a tree. He falls limply to the ground. Hair <GROANS.> Doesn't move.

BOY (CONT'D)  
Good. Stay. You'll make a great meal.

MEAT  
Hair! HAIR?! Are you okay!?

The Boy stalks towards Hair.

MEAT (CONT'D)  
HAIR! No! Don't hurt him!

Meat grabs a random empty plastic bottle from the trash. Throws it at the Boy. It bounces off. The Boy ignores it. Continues walking.

EXT. MARKET

Jade helps a CREW OF FAE throw water at the fire. Now only a small flame.

She leaves them to handle the rest. Runs towards the forest.

Two guards stop her. Gaelin grabs her arm. Hagmer stands in front of her.

HAGMER  
Halt! Did you start the fire?

JADE  
What?! No!

Jade tries to run past them.

GAELIN  
Stop! We have more questions.

JADE  
My child is being kidnapped!

HAGMER

We will help once we've identified  
the fire threat.

JADE

I think it was him. The guy who  
kidnapped my child. Who started the  
fire.

GAELIN

Oh. Sorry ma'am. Lead the way.

They let go of Jade. She rushes off into the forest. They  
follow.

EXT. TRASH HEAP - DAY

The Boy towers over Hair.

MEAT

Hey! It was me you wanted.

Meat crouches down. Digs around the trash for something  
heavy. She grabs a metal pipe. Practices swinging it at  
nothing. Stands up. Runs down the trash pile. Metal pipe held  
like a baseball bat.

MEAT (CONT'D)

AHHHHHHHHHHH!

Meat runs towards the Boy. Swings. Hits.

The Boy <GRUNTS> in pain. A red rash appears where the pipe  
hit. The Boy flickers through forms. Shifts between a bunch  
of VARIOUS HUMANS of multiple ages and races. Settles back  
into the shape of the Boy.

MEAT (CONT'D)

What? What are you?

The Boy faces Meat. He balls his fists. Punches. Meat hits  
his hand away with the pipe. A rash is left behind.

The Boys skin bubbles. Changes shape. He stretches. Grows. In  
his place a MONSTER, now two times Meat's size. Sharp edges.  
Constantly shifting shape. Absence of color and light except  
glowing white eyes. Giant mouth like a void.

MONSTER

I'm a changeling! We are not the  
same! We will never be the same! My  
job is to bring you to our queen to  
be eaten.

(MORE)

Changing

MONSTER (CONT'D)

But if you're going to be difficult  
I have no problem eating you  
instead!

The Monster opens his mouth. It bubbles. Grows larger. He  
<ROARS.>

Meat scrambles backwards. She holds the pipe protectively  
against herself. Trash slips out from under her feet.  
Revealing Biltor.

BILTOR  
You've saved me!

Meat places her hands on the ground. The pipe accidentally  
touches Biltor. His skin burns. A rash forms.

BILTOR (CONT'D)  
Ahhhhh!

MEAT  
Sorry.

She moves the pipe. Looks around for an out. Looks back down  
at the pipe.

MEAT (CONT'D)  
Come and get me!

The Monster runs at her. Opened mouth. Meat throws the pipe  
into his mouth.

The Monster chokes. Bright red steaming rashes form around  
his mouth and spread all over his face.

He hacks, trying to spit the pipe out. Convulses. His form  
shifts again going between multiple HUMAN FORMS of people  
different ages and races.

The monster falls to his hands and knees. The pipe falls out  
of his mouth. He <HEAVES> in giant gulps of air. His form  
settles into a smaller more human shaped version of the  
monster. The CHANGELING's (1000) true form.

Meat runs to him. Grabs the pipe again. And holds it up  
between herself and the Changeling.

MEAT (CONT'D)  
I'll ask you this one more time-  
what am I?

The Changeling <LAUGHS.> <CHOKES.> He <TRIES TO TALK,> but  
his throat is injured.

Biltor scrambles out of the trash pile. A red rash marks his face.

BILTOR  
I'll tell you what you are. I know  
what you are now. A *monster*.

Meat startles. Turns to look at Biltor.

MEAT  
What? Me?

She points to herself with the pipe. Biltor flinches at the movement. Meat takes a step closer.

MEAT (CONT'D)  
I'm not-

BILTOR  
Get back. You are officially  
uninvited to all future meetings of  
the Seeing Eye Covin.

Biltor runs off. The Changeling <LAUGHS.> <CHOKES.>

Jade bursts into the clearing. She is followed by the guards. She quickly surveys the damage. She runs to Meat. Pushes Meat behind her. Then points to the Changeling.

JADE  
It was him. The Changeling. He  
started the fire at the market.  
Shirking his assigned duties. He  
must have become a human  
sympathizer. Can back to spread  
chaos among his own kind.

HAGMER  
You'll be locked up for a long time  
for your transgressions to the  
crown.

The Changeling <TRIES TO SPEAK> again. Can't.

The guards drag him off.

Jade turns around. Faces Meat. Puts her hands on Meat's shoulders.

JADE  
What were you thinking?!

MEAT  
I-

JADE

Where did you get that?!

MEAT

The-

Jade grabs the pipe from Meat. Jade <HISSES> in pain. Drops the pipe like its hot. It leaves a rash on her hand.

MEAT (CONT'D)

Are you okay?

JADE

Never. Ever. Touch random trash you find again.

Jade kicks dirt and leaves over the pipe.

JADE (CONT'D)

Do you understand me?! Do you understand how dangerous that just was?

MEAT

Y-yes, yes. Sorry.

Jade <SIGHS.> Brushes Meat's hair out of her face. Readjusts Meat's hood.

Jade stalks over to Hair. Checks him for injuries. He stands up with Jade's help.

JADE

And that goes for you too, bud.

Hair nods.

MEAT

Sorry.

JADE

No. I'm just glad you both are okay. I think that has been enough adventure for today. I'm sorry.

Jade walks down the path. Hair by her side.

Meat hesitates behind them. Looks over the trash pile again.

Jade <SIGHS.> Glances back at Meat.

JADE (CONT'D)

Come on.

Jade looks away.

Meat nods. Crouches down. Grabs the pipe. Sticks it in her jacket. Runs to Jade.

EXT. JADE'S HOUSE - MEAT AND HAIR'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

Cramped room. Two beds on opposite sides of the room. A third mattress is tucked between Meat's bed and the wall.

Meat's side of the room is decorated with a bunch of trinkets. Sticks, candy wrappers, rocks, shells, fabric scraps.

Hair's side is decorated with childlike drawings. Lots of them showing a happy family of three. Two parents and a kid. Or a parent and two kids.

Hair lies tucked into his bed facing Meat. Meat sits on her bed facing Hair. Jacket still on.

MEAT

Sorry you got hurt because of me.

Hair shrugs. Smiles. He closes his eyes. Turns around in bed to face the wall.

Meat waits a second. Fiddling with the buttons of her jacket.

MEAT (CONT'D)

Goodnight.

No response.

Meat slips the pipe out of her jacket. Crouches down on the floor next to her bed. Slips the pipe under. And covers it with bags and other random trash under her bed.