

Almost Frozen

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Our story starts in Arendelle
A land so warm and bright
And so our tale unravels
Upon a faithful night.

Ugh, I can not stand unnecessary rhyming. So trite. I'll tell the story my way.

Elsa was a special, magical child. She and Anna were best friends and loved to play together – including using Elsa's powers of snow and ice.

One night, the princesses snuck out of bed to build a snowman. When Elsa's magic accidentally struck Anna, Queen Iduna called on the Hidden Folk to undo the damage. Anna was lucky: if the magic had struck her heart, it would have been fatal, since a heart is not as easily changed as a head.

Although they had saved Anna, Bulda and Pabbie warned that Elsa's magic was dangerous. To protect their children and the kingdom, the King and Queen isolated the royal family, hiding Elsa's powers and separating the princesses. Elsa further isolated herself, hiding away from the entire world.

Song: Do You Want to Build a Snowman?

Once Elsa was of age, there was no hiding. For the first time in forever, the castle opened to the people. After being cooped up in the castle for so long, the young princess was infatuated with almost everyone she encountered.

Unfortunately, she missed the chance to meet the debonaire, suave, sophisticated, and dashing Duke Weselton -- yours truly. She instead fell for Prince Hans, who was... okay.

Song: Love is an Open Door

Despite the pleasant aroma of the coronation (hmmm, chocolate) and my amazing skills on the dance floor, there was quite a bit of underlying tension. This was, in fact, the calm before the storm.

When confronted with Anna's unexpected engagement to Prince Hans, Elsa snapped. Her frosty powers, after years of being concealed, exploded into the coronation crowd, panicking the kingdom's subjects and causing Elsa to flee to the North Mountain.

Kristoff and Sven, recognizing that their ice business was no longer viable in the magical winter, also left the kingdom.

Song: Reindeer are Better

In the meantime, Anna ran after Elsa completely unprepared. I could have easily offered my assistance, of course, but she first ran into Kristoff and Sven, who agreed to escort her to the Northern Mountain.

They then ran into Olaf, a magical snowman from Elsa and Anna's childhood. Olaf, despite his chilly appearance, had quite a warm personality and an odd fascination with summer...

Song: In Summer

In their search for supplies – and warmer clothes -- they also ran into a large, strangely happy family...

Song: Hygge

Meanwhile, on the North Mountain...

Song: Let It Go

When they reached the North Mountain, Anna confronted Elsa. All the turmoil from their childhoods, the pain of their pasts, emerged as they argued about the unending winter caused by Elsa. In a fit of anger, Elsa accidentally froze Anna's heart.

Before I could arrive and salvage the situation, Kristoff rushed Anna to the Hidden Folk, hoping they could save her life as they had when she was a child. Pabbie gave them the key to saving Anna – an act of true love to thaw a frozen heart – and took the opportunity to play match-maker.

Song: Fixer Upper

There's more to the story, of course. I've left out all of the courageous and daring ways I supported the princesses through this saga.

In the end, Anna returned to Arendelle thinking that Hans could save her with "true love's kiss" -- but Hans never actually loved her and was just using her to take over the kingdom. After explaining his betrayal -- as all two-bit villains do -- Hans left Anna to freeze to death in the castle while he chased Elsa.

When Hans finally cornered Elsa, Anna sacrificed herself by stepping in front of his sword when he tried to strike the fatal blow. But Elsa's magic had taken its toll and Anna froze. All seemed lost, but the act of saving her sister -- an act of true love -- thawed Anna's frozen heart and ended the magical winter.

And so, with all my hard but unappreciated work, everyone lived happily ever after.