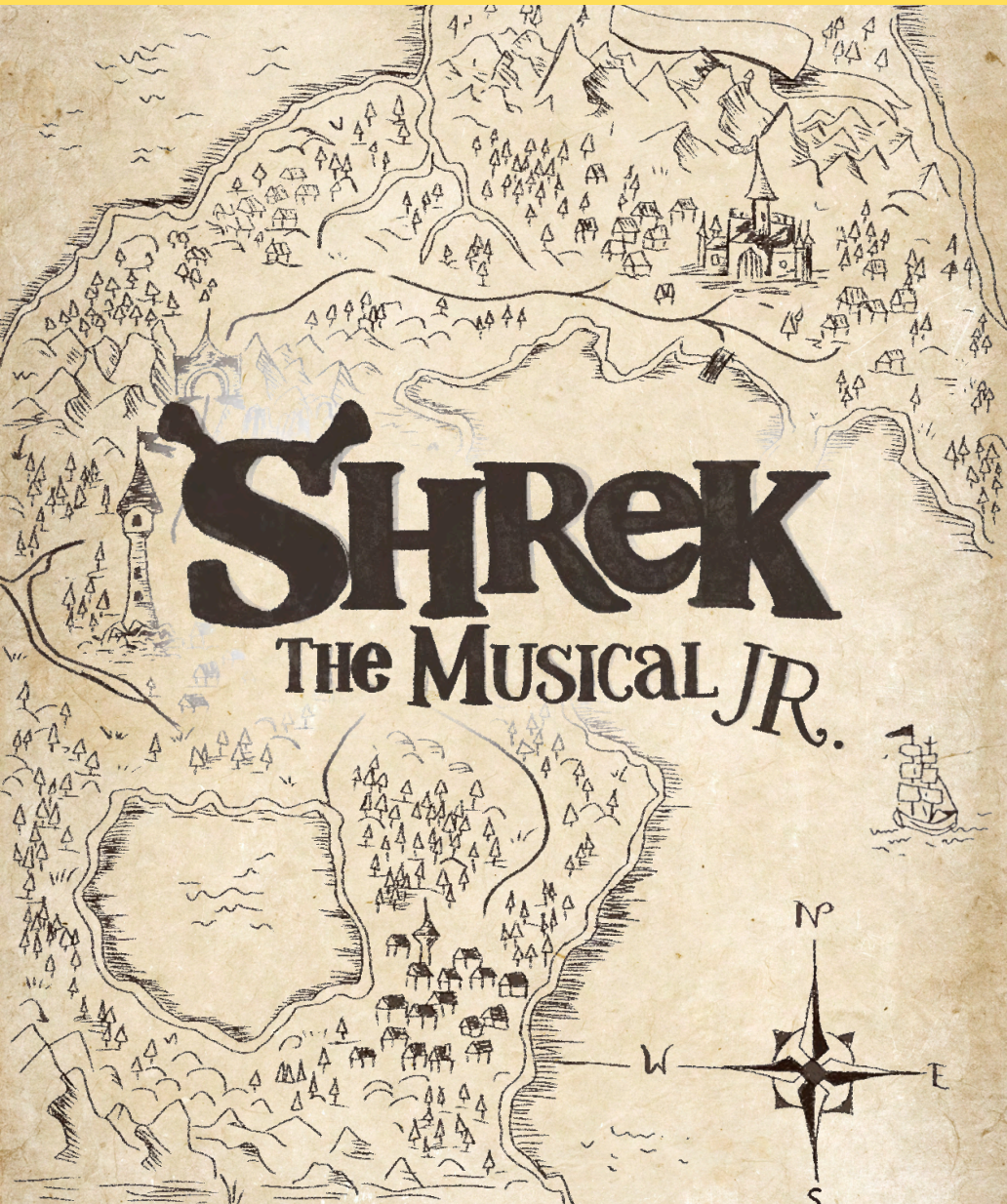


GRIFFBILL

GLENDALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY





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An Arizona native, Mrs. Kratz holds music education degrees from NAU and ASU and a degree in liberal arts from the University of Dallas, which she earned in the midst of Covid. While her first love is teaching instrumental music, teaching the art of singing in a musical comes a close second.

This is her third collaboration on musicals here at GP and her second collaboration in directing with Mrs. McCauley. She lives in Glendale with her husband (who teaches at GP), son and daughter (who attend GP), and assorted pets. She would like to thank her family, especially her mom, whose purchase of a yard-sale clarinet in 5th grade started her on this path.



Amy Kratz

Music Director/Music Teacher



Maia Hunter

Choreographer

Maia Hunter is so excited to be choreographing her first show! Her most recent appearance was in Griffin Players' Steel Magnolias as Shelby Eatenton, and Maia also serves on GP's Theater Guild leadership board. She is currently a dance student at Copper Hills Center for the Arts. Additional credits include High School Musical (Kelsi Neilson), Moana (ocean ensemble), and Annie (Grace Ferrell) at Theaterworks, and Mary Poppins (Katie Nanna/ensemble), Arsenic and Old Lace (costume team), and Boy Meets Girl (studio officer) with Griffin Players. A HUGE thank you to the amazing Mrs McCauley, the wonderful Shrek Jr. cast and crew, and her family and friends for all their support. Enjoy the show!

Allison Wright (co-choreographer) is a senior at GP, and she is so grateful for the opportunity to work on this production. She has loved working with all of these talented students and seeing them grow throughout the process! She previously choreographed Mary Poppins and is so impressed with everyone's growth and dedication. She has been performing herself since elementary school and has dived deep into musical theatre throughout high school at Musical Theatre of Anthem. Some of her favorite roles include Anna of Cleves (Six: the Musical), Barbara Maitland (Beetlejuice), Ronnette (Little Shop of Horrors), and Gabriella Montez (High School Musical). She can currently be seen as Dan's Wife in Joseph.... She hopes you enjoy watching this fairytale adventure come to life!



Allie Wright

Choreographer



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Suzanne McCauley
Director/Drama Teacher

Dear GP Community,

Welcome to Shrek the Musical, Jr.! It is truly a joy to share this production with you. Working with this group of students has been one of the highlights of the year for me. From auditions to tonight's performance, I have loved watching them take risks, support one another, and grow not only as performers but as confident, collaborative young people. Each rehearsal brought new discoveries, bigger choices, and a deeper sense of ensemble. Seeing students step into this "Big Bright Beautiful World" of creativity together has been incredibly rewarding.]

I am especially proud of the students who are consistently active in Griffin Players. With every show, I see their confidence expand, their leadership develop, and their commitment to one another strengthen. They lift each other up, welcome new members, and create a space where everyone can become the very best version of themselves. Their growth, both onstage and off, is something I'm grateful to witness, and I couldn't be more proud of the dedication they bring to this program.

This production would not be possible without the support of our families. Thank you to the parents and families of our cast and crew for the rides, the schedule juggling, the encouragement, and the countless ways you help make theater possible in your kids' lives.

And to our audience: thank you for being here tonight. Your presence affirms that storytelling, laughter, and live performance are meaningful parts of our community. When you support theater at our school, you help our students believe in themselves and in what they can accomplish together.

Thank you for joining us on this adventure. We hope you laugh, enjoy the fairy tale chaos, and leave reminded that everyone has a story worth telling. Enjoy the show!

Griffins forever,

Mrs. McCauley

Griffin Players Presents...

Shrek the Musical Jr.

Book & Lyrics by
David Lindsay-Abaire

Music by
Jeanine Tesori

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Director
Suzanne McCauley

Choreographers
Maia Hunter
Allie Wright

Music Director
Amy Kratz

Playbill Design by
Bella Wondergem

Chapter 1: Meet the Characters

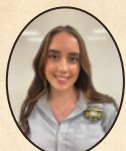


Storyteller 1.....	ZAYLEE BROWN
Storyteller 2.....	CHLOE TEIXIDOR
Storyteller 3.....	CLAIRE STAPLES
Mama Ogre.....	MIA ZIMMERMAN/RYLEE STEPP
Papa Ogre.....	BENNETT MCCAULEY
Little Ogre.....	CONNOR LEE
Shrek.....	DAX CHAVEZ
Captain of the Guard.....	JACOB WIELAND
Pinnochio.....	MADDIE KRATZ
Big Bad Wolf.....	BENNETT MCCAULEY
Pig 1.....	HAILEY HAVERKAMP
Pig 2.....	ELIZABETH ALEX
Pig 3.....	HARPER NAVARRETTE
Wicked Witch.....	BELLA GILGUR
Peter Pan.....	TAYLOR BEGLEY
Ugly Duckling.....	WAVERLY SEELIGER
Mama Bear.....	RYLEE STEPP
Papa Bear.....	LUCAS ABUAITAH
Baby Bear.....	HARPER MEIWES
Donkey.....	SUZY TAMARGO
Lord Farquaad.....	ELI ZIMMERMAN
Gingy.....	CLAIRE STAPLES
Young Fiona.....	LILY SANTISI
Teen Fiona.....	SUMMER WHARTON
Princess Fiona.....	EMELIA SNAIR
Puss in Boots.....	HARPER MEIWES
Knight 1.....	ALEX DOAN
Knight 2.....	LUCAS ABUAITAH
Knight 3.....	ETHAN ARNOLD
Dragon.....	DAPHNE BEGGS
Pied Piper.....	ADDYSEN HAVERKAMP
Bishop.....	ZAYLEE BROWN
Dwarf.....	CONNOR LEE
Rooster.....	JACOB WIELAND

Meet the Characters

And here you shall find the portraits of our noble cast. They are brave and bold, silly and sweet, each one a part of this enchanted tale. Though their journey began on the stage, their magic lives on in these pages.

Behold the faces behind the fairytale.



Zaylee
Brown



Chloe
Teixidor



Claire
Staples



Mia
Zimmerman



Bennett
McCauley



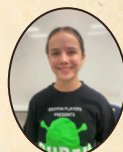
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Suzy
Tamargo



Eli
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Emelia
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Alex
Doan



Ethan
Arnold



Daphne
Beggs



Addysen
Haverkamp

Chapter Two: The Tale-Tellers



ZAYLEE BROWN (Storyteller 1) Zaylee Brown has worked with Griffin Players since her freshman year, acting most recently in *Curious Savage* and *Steel Magnolias*, doing hair, makeup, and costumes. This is her final performance with Griffin Players! This has been such an amazing group to work with and Zaylee hopes this community continues to grow closer to each other and the acting they all so deeply love. She is so excited for *Shrek* and hopes you enjoy the costumes, makeup, and wonderful show!

CHLOE TEIXIDOR (Storyteller 2) Chloe Teixidor is a senior and is super excited to perform in *Shrek Jr.* This is her 3rd and last Griffin Players show, and has done many musicals before. She is grateful for everyone's hard work and hopes you enjoy the show!

CLAIRE STAPLES (Storyteller 3/Gingy) Claire is a senior, and is over the moon to be performing with this awesome group of people. This is her seventh and final show with Griffin Players. She has most recently been in *Mary Poppins* with Griffin Players, and really enjoys acting. She hopes to continue acting even after graduating in May.

MIA ZIMMERMAN (Mama Ogre) Mia is so excited to be performing *Shrek* this year! This is her second musical with Griffin Players. She has been involved with Griffin Players since 2022. She is excited to share her talent and love for musical theatre. She hopes you enjoy the show!

BENNETT MCCAULEY (Papa Ogre/Big Bad Wolf) Bennett has had so much fun being a part of this musical! He is in 7th grade, and this is his 8th production. He was most recently seen as *Willy Wonka* in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. He has had the time of his life working with Griffin Players and he hopes you enjoy the show!

CONNOR LEE (Little Ogre) Connor is a sophomore at the prestigious academy that we call GP. The theater arts run in his blood and he is excited for another show. This is his seventh show and second musical. When he isn't on the stage, he's probably leading a seminar, reading a good book, talking with his friends, or being the biggest nerd ever.

DAX CHAVEZ (*Shrek*) Dax is happy to be in his first and last Griffin Player show. Dax is looking forward to graduation in May and looks forward for griffin players and curricular drama performances. He thanks his mom for her support for everything.

JACOB WIELAND (Captain of the Guards) Jacob Wieland has loved being a part of this production! This is his 8th show and 3rd musical. Some of his previous theater experiences include, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, and *Descendants*. He hopes you enjoy the show!

MADDIE KRATZ (Pinnocchio) Maddie is a freshman at GP. This is Maddie Kratz's third Griffin Players production. In addition to participating in drama, she plays lead tenor saxophone in the GP Jazz Band and sings in both *Bella Voce* and in the GP Concert Choir. She would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her.

HAILEY HAVERKAMP (Pig1) Hailey Haverkamp is a 6th grader and thrilled to return for her second production with the Griffin Players after appearing in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. When she's not performing, Hailey enjoys dancing and playing flag football. She hopes you enjoy the musical!

ELIZABETH ALEX (Pig 2) Elizabeth Alex is thrilled to be in this show. This is her second production for griffin players. She hopes you enjoy *Shrek the Musical*

HARPER NAVARRETTE (Pig 3) This is Harper's second time in a GP production, she has done other productions before in earlier years like *A Christmas Carol*, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, and *ASops* fables. She loves to do drama. She is so excited to be in this show of *Shrek*!

BELLA GILGUR (Wicked Witch) Whether it's being ensemble, a swan, a witch, or a mother, Bella loves acting with all of her friends and making new ones along the way. She thanks Mrs. McCauley, her friends, and her family for all of their help and support.

The Tale-Tellers

TAYLOR BEGLEY (Dance Captain/Peter Pan) Taylor Begley is so happy to be in this amazing show! This is her first musical ever. She is so profoundly proud of being a part of this great community! She really hopes that you enjoy the show!

WAVERLY SEELIGER (Ugly Duckling) Waverly has been a part of several Griffin Player productions so far. Although she loves being on stage, her favorite part is the community that is Griffin Players; everyone is so inviting and loving and the directors and dance coaches always make her feel welcome. She hopes you enjoy the show!

RYLEE STEPP (Mama Bear/Mama Ogre) Rylee is so happy to be in Shrek the Musical! Rylee is a 8th grader who always takes the chance to use her creativity to conquer any task and project! This is the second production she has been in. She has used her talents to tackle this musical! Rylee hopes you enjoy the show!

LUCAS ABUAITAH (Papa Bear/Knight 3) Lucas Abuaitah is very excited to be in his first Griffin Players show. Lucas is a 14-year-old middle school student who is thrilled to be part of his drama class. He loves learning new lines, practicing fun dances, and spending time with his friends in the drama community. Lucas also enjoys working with his awesome director and teacher, who help make every rehearsal exciting. With his friendly, energetic, and positive personality, Lucas brings lots of enthusiasm and big smiles to the stage.

HARPER MEIWES (Baby Bear/Puss in Boots) Harper is making her theatrical debut in this production of Shrek the Musical Jr. This is her first musical experience and she enjoyed it very much. She sends all her love to her Mom and Dad and friends for always encouraging her dreams.

SUZY TAMARGO (Donkey) This is Suzy's 8th show at Glendale Prep. She has recently acted in Steel Magnolias (M'Lynn), Curious Savage (Florence), and Mary Poppins (Miss Andrew). While acting is her passion, she has also helped with publicity for Arsenic and Old Lace, and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Suzy and her cast-mates have worked so hard putting this show together. She hopes you enjoy it!

ELI ZIMMERMAN (Lord Farquard) Eli could not be more ecstatic to participate in this production. He has never felt more at home than with the role of Lord Farquaad. His exuberant and ridiculously funny personality make him the perfect fit for Eli and he hopes that at least one point in the show he causes you to fall into an explosive belly laugh which lasts for several minutes.

LILY SANTISI (Dance Captain/Young Fiona) Lily Santisi is thrilled to be a part of this show! This is her second production with Griffin Players. She is very grateful to be a part of this amazing show. She hopes you all enjoy the show!

SUMMER WHARTON (Teen Fiona) Summer is a junior who has enjoyed getting to be a part of this show. She has previously performed in several plays, most recently as Anelle in Steel Magnolias, as well as Jane Banks in Mary Poppins. In her free time, she enjoys reading and writing. She hopes you enjoy the show!

EMELIA SNAIR (Princess Fiona) Emelia Snair plays Fiona in Shrek Jr. She helped put together costumes and make up for this production. She has starred in past shows like Steel Magnolias and The Curious Savage. Emelia says a bittersweet goodbye to Griffin Players this year as a senior and she hopes you love watching this show as much as she loved being in it.

ALEX DOAN (Knight 1) Alex Doan is an eighth grader who is excited to be in Shrek the Musical Jr.! This is his 2nd Griffin Players show, the first being Charlie and the Chocolate Factory earlier in the year. He also plays in the GP Jazz Band and Orchestra along with this production. He hopes that you enjoy the show!

ETHAN ARNOLD (Knight 3) Ethan is thrilled to present all of his hard work over the past few months for Shrek the Musical and is currently performing in his second show. In the eighth grade production of The Trumpet of the Swan he was the second leading role, and, helped by Mrs. McCauley, has found a love of drama that he didn't know he had.

DAPHNE BEGGS (Dragon) Daphne is extremely excited to be performing in Shrek! She is a vocalist, travel enthusiast, and avid reader. She hopes you love the show just as much as she does!

ADDYSEN HAVERKAMP (Pied Piper) Addysen Haverkamp is a 9th grader and excited to be part of her second production with the Griffin Players! She previously performed in Mary Poppins and Charlotte's Web. When she's not on stage, she enjoys dancing, playing the flute, and getting lost in a good book. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Chapter Three: The Magic Makers



Assistant Director.....	ADDY BRILL
Stage Manager.....	MOLLY HALEY
Technical Lead.....	EVAN IBRAHIM
Technical Apprentice.....	CREW CANNON
Set Design Lead.....	CORA SCALISE
Set Design Apprentice.....	MOLLY HALEY
Set Team.....	BRYNN FORSETH
Set Team.....	ADALYN HAYWARD
Set Team.....	COLE CANNON
Set Team.....	AIDYN FIAME ARMIJO
Set Team.....	ILIANNA CHAVEZ MEDINA
Set Team.....	NIKOLETTE CHAVEZ MEDINA
Production Assistant.....	CHARLOTTE STAPLES
Tech Assistant.....	GRACE MCLVAIN
Sound.....	LUCAS WRIGHT
Publicity.....	SUZY TAMARGO
Costumes.....	EMELIA SNAIR, ZAYLEE BROWN



Addy
Brill



Molly
Haley



Evan
Ibrahim



Crew
Cannon



Cora Scalise



Brynn
Forseth



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Hayward



Cole
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Fiame Armijo



Charlotte
Staples



Grace
McIvain



Lucas
Wright



Ilianna
Chavez Medina



Nikolette
Chavez Medina

Chapter Four: The Hidden Heroes



ADDY BRILL (Assistant Director) Addy is a senior at Glendale Prep and is thrilled to be a part of Shrek! This is her 5th play with Griffin Players and one of her favorites! She is so proud of all the hard work and pure talent that the cast and crew have demonstrated!

As this is her last play with Griffin Players, she wishes all of them good luck for their future projects and hopes they continue to grow and prosper. She would like to give a big thanks to Mrs. McCauley for this amazing opportunity and for all her guidance. She has absolutely loved her time with the GP drama department and is very sad that she has to leave it behind. She hopes you all enjoy the show!

MOLLY HALEY (Stage Manager) Molly Haley is assistant to Cora and has been helping the tech team with her attitude. She worked on the previous play, Steel Magnolias and has helped outside of school for some behind the scenes tasks. She's loved working on Shrek and hopes you laugh as much as she did while making the set. Enjoy the show!

EVAN IBRAHIM (Technical Lead) Evan Ibrahim is the Technical Lead for Shrek Jr. and helped coordinate the many technical pieces that somehow came together to make this show happen. When not solving last-minute problems backstage, he enjoys the creativity and chaos of his job.

CREW CANNON (Technical Apprentice) Crew Cannon, is so excited about drama because he loves helping out and the people in the drama department. He loves to paint as well as helping Evan out with tech when he can. He loves to learn about drama and how everything works.

CORA SCALISE (Set Design Lead) Cora Scalise has been doing set design for 5 years and has enjoyed every second of it. Being in her last year of drama and school before she moves on to the University of Delaware, she has put as much time and care as she could into this play. Doing a set with the middle schoolers and being able to pass on her knowledge of design and set building will forever be in her memories. She truly hopes you enjoy the show!

BRYNN FORSETH (Set Team) Brynn Forseth is a part of the set team, this is her first play with Griffin Players. Aside from theatre; she enjoys playing soccer, the piano, and running and throwing for track. When working on the set she enjoys painting the most. Her favorite part of drama is seeing all the hard work come together at the end in a beautiful final production.

ADALYN HAYWARD (Set Team) This Adalyn's first time being part of a drama performance at Glendale Prep. She has enjoyed learning more about the process of putting on a performance. She thanks the senior leaders on the tech team for teaching her.

COLE CANNON (Set Team) Cole Cannon is so excited to be in drama. This is his second play and first extracurricular one. He loves to be on the set team.

AIDYN FIAME ARMIJO (Set Team) This is his first time working with Griffin Players, he is on set team. His favorite part of doing griffin players is construction and painting. He likes spending time with his sisters, and he hopes you enjoy!

CHARLOTTE STAPLES (Production Assistant) Charlotte Staples is the production assistant under Addy and working on set team! She's super excited to help out because this is her first musical!

GRACE MCLVAIN (Tech Assistant) Grace McIlvain is the Technical Assistant for Shrek the Musical. She is a junior at GP and loves the community Griffin Players creates for students. Grace likes to help cultivate the environment in a positive way to encourage her peers with making choices that are beneficial to the show and others around them. She has been in five of the many productions put on by Griffin Players: Mary Poppins, Once Upon a Mattress, The Curious Savage, Arsenic and Old Lace, and Steel Magnolias. Aside from drama, she enjoys reading mystery novels, likes to sketch, and read about the history of architecture.

LUCAS WRIGHT (Sound) Lucas Wright, 7th grade, has grown up loving the stage. But recently he has discovered a new passion: tech! Shrek Jr. will be his second show working backstage, having worked on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory in January. He has loved bringing the magical story to life and hopes you enjoy the show!

Chapter Five: Special Thanks

Behind every scene, every spotlight cue, and every line spoken onstage, there are countless hands and hearts making the magic happen. From emotional support to physical tools, late-night pep talks to last-minute prop runs, this show was only possible because of the generosity, creativity, and kindness of those listed below. Whether you loaned a hand, a hammer, a shoulder, or a snack... we noticed. And we're so grateful.

Mrs. Janssen

Mrs. Mooberry

Mrs. Haley

Mr. Cecil

Mr. Roper

Mr. McCauley

Mrs. Wieland

Mrs. Deutsch

Dr. Ustach

Mrs. Wright

Griffin Players Parents

Shoutouts:

To all cast and crew: your dedication, combined talent, and teamwork made this production possible. You are an inspiration to all.

-Matt and Valerie Begley

Summer, we are so proud of you and can't wait to watch you in Shrek!

Love, Dad, Mom, and Cash

Good luck, Lily! You are amazing, and we are so proud of you! We love you!

Love, Mom, Dad, and Tristan

Zaylee, watching you step into each role and truly own it has been incredible. What started as a quiet curiosity has turned into a genuine confidence on stage, and it's been incredible to see you step into each character with more depth, presence, courage, and more of yourself every time. Keep chasing what challenges you, what excites you, and what lets you keep becoming who you're meant to be.

Love Always, Momma and Papa

Connor, we are so proud of you! And we love watching you do what you love. Keep shining, Son!

Love, Mom, Dad, Noah, and Audrey

Fueling the Magic



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