

Mari: Legends Episode 2: Fairies of Florkvyet

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We pan over from the sky down to see Mari doing what she usually does, delivering letters. She walks down the road connecting the forest over to the town. She's checking the addresses on the letters to check where she should deliver first.

Out of nowhere though something strange happens. The sky gets quickly covered in dark purple clouds, then the wind picks up, blowing all of the letters from Mari's hands. The speed of the wind keeps picking up until Mari has to hold on to a tree to not be blown away herself. Then thunder can be heard followed by lighting, completely opposite of how it usually goes.

The storm keeps getting more intense, Mari is just barely holding on when she suddenly hears a voice calling out to her.

THE VOICE
Help us...

Mari looks around to see who's calling for help.

THE VOICE
Help us...

MARI
Where are you? I'm on my way!

The voice doesn't respond. Instead, it gets increasingly desperate.

THE VOICE
Help us... Mari...

Mari's hands start slipping as the voice grows louder and even more desperate.

After a bit the wind gets too strong and Mari slips and gets blown away.

INT. DANA'S SHIP – MIDNIGHT

Mari gets up in a cold sweat, gasping for air. Once her mind calms down, she sees the others are still asleep. It was a dream, one that has been haunting Mari for years.

Mari gets up from her bed and walks out onto the ship's deck.

EXT. CALDERA CITY DOCK, DANA'S SHIP – MIDNIGHT

Mari stands at the railing of the ship, staring at the sky. From behind her comes Dana and stands next to her.

DANA
Hey Mari, you alright? I saw you bolt out of the berthing compartment. You seemed disturbed.

MARI

I had that dream again, Dana. I started having it just before Yamita stole the Stone of Balance and after I stopped her, it was gone. But now it's returned.

DANA
I see...

Mari sighs and looks down at her reflection in the water.

MARI
You know Dana, after everything that has happened since that day, especially finally meeting my birth father just for him to die in my arms, I... I don't know how I'm still going. I found out that I am the Oracle of Nature the same day and I don't really feel like I'm ready to bare that kind of power. Heck, I can't even do anything with it and no one's here to teach me. I would rather just be a human, like you and all the others.

Dana puts her hand on Mari's shoulder.

DANA
I understand. Thinking you're someone just to learn you're supposed to be someone else must be tough. You know, I always believed that the only way one can be happy is by being who they feel they are inside. Being an Oracle might be an important role, but knowing you, I believe you can strike a perfect balance. It's just a matter of figuring out said balance. Mari, I've seen you overcome the impossible time and time again. I know you got this.

Mari chuckles.

MARI
I suppose you're right. I just need time. Probably a lot of it.

Mari turns around and heads back to the berth.

MARI
I'm gonna try to go back to sleep.

DANA
Absolutely, we gotta be up early to set sail to Florkvyet.

MARI
(excited)
So that's where we're going next? That place is full of nature! I better be prepared then! Good night Dana!

DANA
Sleep well Mari! I'll be back in bed shortly too.

Dana looks to the sky, letting the noise of the waves in the water take over.

DANA
You've got this Mari, I know you do.

We pan back to the sky and we see it go from night to day.

EXT. RIVER – MORNING

We pan back down again and see the ship sailing through the river. Everyone on board is having breakfast, except Mari who is standing against the railing again and staring into the river. Dana comes over to her.

DANA

Still thinking about last night?

Mari nods.

MARI

Yeah, I could barely sleep. As excited as I am to see Florkvyet, I can't stop thinking about being an Oracle as well as the dream. I still don't understand it, who is the voice that calls me for help?

Out of nowhere Grayson is heard.

GRAYSON

Having that weird dream again, are ya?

Grayson comes over.

GRAYSON

Don't let it bother you too much. Even if it means something bad is afoot, we're already on Yamita's tail. So just relax, okay? I heard Florkvyet is a beautiful place, surely you'll get your mind off things there.

Mari chuckles.

MARI

You're right, we're on vacation after all. I should just stop overthinking things.

Then they spot something in the water. Or rather someone. It's Yamita and Troy flowing along the river holding onto their hoverboards.

YAMITA

I told you we should have charged them!

TROY

Hey, you're the one who was in a hurry! By the way, what even was the idea behind letting your enemies know we were after something powerful? If we just went about our business things would be like a million times easier!

YAMITA

(nervously)

Well... uh... It wouldn't be a challenge! You know a Queen of Dark Magic such as myself needs to be challenged to feel gratified on her success!

Troy rolls his eyes.

TROY

Right...

The ship passes past them. Mari and the others are looking at them blankly.

Yamita looks over and spots them. She points to them and lets out a loud scream. While still screaming she grabs Troy and starts paddling rapidly away from the ship.

The group looks at each other and collectively shrugs in confusion.

EXT. FLORKVYET, DOCK – DAY

The group arrives in Florkvyet. The town is inside a lush forest, it's full of beautiful flowers and small crops can be seen all over. The houses are built inside tree trunks. Near the dock is a market with tons of vegetables, fruits and a lot of different foods for sale.

The group is walking around the market, taking in the natural beauty of the town.

YUREI

This place is so beautiful! I can't believe I've never been here before!

MARI

I heard a lot about the connection between the people here and nature. But seeing it in person is a sight to behold!

DANA

It sure is. Everything you see here is built on the relationship between the two. The soil here is also the most fertile in the whole world! Every crop that gets harvested is of exceptional quality.
(quietly)

The price reflects that too...

(back to normal tone)

Florkvyet is also a monarchy where the Queen leads her people. Her garden is a must visit location for tourists.

As Dana talks about Florkvyet and its people Mari sees something that piques her interest and walks off screen. After a bit of talking, she comes back eating a pack of peanuts. Clover looks over at her.

CLOVER

Hey Mari, where'd you get those peanuts?

MARI

Oh these? Bought them at that stand over there.

Clover gives a concerned look.

CLOVER

Um... did you check the price tag?

Mari looks down at the pack of peanuts. Upon seeing the price tag her jaw opens wide and her eyes widen.

YUREI

Turns out listening to Dana's endless rambling can be pretty useful sometimes.

DANA
I'll pretend I didn't hear that.

The group leaves the market and starts making their way through the town square to the Castle Garden. They're all in awe at how beautiful it all is and the castle that's seen from the Town Square on top of a hill.

MARI
Wow! I feel like I'm in a fairy tale!

GRAYSON
(chuckling)
This place is exactly your vibe Mari, you know in high school, besides Rat, we'd also call you the Forest Gremlin occasionally.

MARI
Did you really have to bring that up?

GRAYSON
Sorry, I couldn't help but remember that.

As Mari and Grayson have a bit of friendly banter, Yurei remembers a story her mother used to tell her. She turns to Clover.

YUREI
Hey that reminds me, my mother used to tell me about The Forest Fairies of Florkvyet, maybe that's why we ran into Yamita and Troy earlier!

CLOVER
You might be right, I heard those stories too. No one in my village believes them though, it's just something we tell children.

Clover tries to bring Mari's and Grayson's attention to them but then they all hear a voice.

VOICE
Oh no! Not again!

The group heads the direction of the voice. They find two girls squatted at the ground looking at a small dying plant.

FLORKVYET GIRL 1
It's dying again!

FLORKVYET GIRL 2
Aw man, just when it finally seemed like it would finally bloom... such a shame.

Dana looks over at Mari and pokes her with her elbow. Mari turns to her. Dana nods at her with a smile.

Mari nods back, reaches her arms towards the plant and closes her eyes trying to focus.

A little bit of green aura starts appearing along Mari's arms but disappears shortly.

Mari opens her eyes and looks at her hands. She sighs.

MARI
I can't do it...

CLOVER
You did your best Mari.

MARI
And it wasn't enough. I just don't understand my own power.

YUREI
You'll get the hang of it eventually, took me a while to adjust to being a ghost too!

Mari looks at the flower with disappointment in herself. She then silently walks away, the group following behind.

EXT. FLORKVYET FOREST – DAY

We switch to a view of the forest where Yamita and Troy are walking around on the lookout for something.

YAMITA
So, you say these fairies have magical power that I could absorb to improve mine?

TROY
Exactly, these fairies tend to the local flora and fauna using their magic, they don't approach human beings though so if we run into one, we've gotta be sneaky.

YAMITA
(rolling her eyes)
You sure this isn't another fairy tale you heard from your parents?

TROY
Absolutely.

YAMITA
Sure...

As they keep walking, they suddenly hear crackling below their feet. They stop.

The crackling gets more intense and the ground breaks below them. Yamita and Troy fall down into a body of water. They swim up.

YAMITA
Darn it! Now my favorite cloak is wet again!

TROY
Shh!

Troy pokes Yamita and points to a little island in the middle of the water with a blossoming tree. Near it the forest fairies are seen having a snack of some nectar.

YAMITA
Perfect!

Yamita snaps her fingers and a cage appears around the fairies capturing them. The fairies start panicking.

Yamita walks up to the cage and grabs it.

YAMITA
You my little friends are gonna help me rule this world.
GAH HA HA HA HA HA!

EXT. FLORKVYET CASTLE GARDEN – DAY

We switch back to the group as they walk around the Castle Garden. The garden has a hedge maze in the middle surrounded by branching paths decorated with tons of rare flowers beside them. Many statues of Florkvyet's past rulers are on display all around the garden.

As they walk Dana shares information about the flowers growing in the garden. Yurei seems a bit fed up with the constant talking but is enjoying the beauty of the flowers, Clover and Grayson listen carefully to what Dana has to say, Mari is looking down still sad about her inability to help the flower earlier.

Clover stops listening for a bit and turns to Mari.

CLOVER
Hey, you still thinking about the flower?

MARI
Oh! Sorry, I'm just lost in thoughts is all.

CLOVER
Mari... I know this, you're masking your feelings again.

Mari sighs.

MARI
Alright, you got me. I feel like I should do better, you know?

CLOVER
Hey, it's all right, I'm sure you'll-

Clover gets interrupted by Yurei.

YUREI
Guys look over there! It's Yamita and Troy!

Yurei points towards the fence, on the other side Yamita and Troy can be seen running. Yamita is carrying the cage with the Forest Fairies.

MARI

That cage, the glow... They have the fairies you talked about Yurei! We've gotta catch them before they get away! Let's go!

Mari starts running to chase Yamita and Troy, the rest of the group follows.

EXT. FLORKVYET TOWN – DAY

The chase is on. Yamita and Troy are running through the busy streets, bumping into people. Mari and friends are close behind.

Troy looks back and notices them.

TROY

Ma'am! We've got company!

Yamita looks back.

YAMITA

(irritated)

That annoying rat and her useless friends! Keep moving!

They keep running until they reach the spot where the dying flower is. They stop there, Mari and friends catch up.

MARI

Let those fairies go Yamita!

YAMITA

In your dreams spray painted chinchilla! How about I show you a fraction of what I can do with them instead!

Yamita puts her hand on the cage, the fairies glow brighter, then their glow moves over to Yamita's hand. Yamita reaches her hand towards the dead plant and raises it.

The ground trembles and the plant begins to grow to an absurd height, it then blooms at the top, forming a mouth with sharp teeth. Vines extend from the bottom of its body. The flower was turned into a monster. It screeches in rage.

Yamita smiles proudly of what she has created out of the plant.

YAMITA

Such beauty, only a Queen of Dark Magic such as myself could pull this off with the power of these fairies. Now teach them a lesson!

The plant monster lets out another screech and with its vines starts grabbing each person one by one, Clover, Dana and then Grayson. Its vines pass right through Yurei who keeps dodging out of instinct.

Mari dodges each oncoming vine. While dodging she starts making her way towards the vine that's captured Dana. She turns her light ring to saber mode and swings at the vine. It does nothing.

MARI
How is it so sturdy?!

Another vine swoops in and smacks Mari towards the side of a nearby tree house. She then falls onto the ground.

YUREI
Mari! Why you big bee attraction!

Yurei reaches her hands and grabs nearby objects with telekinesis and throws them at the plant monster. But it also has no effect.

Yamita smugly watches all of this unfold when suddenly a vine comes towards her and grabs her and Troy.

YAMITA
What the- Hey! You're supposed to obey! Put me down right now!

The plant monster does not listen.

Mari on the ground gets up and shakes her head. She looks around and sees her friends helplessly struggle in the monster's wrath. She starts breathing heavily and a tear falls down her face.

She quickly grabs her light ring and runs towards a vine holding Clover. Mari desperately tries to keep swinging to no effect. She gets knocked away by another vine again.

Mari gets on her hands and knees, her head down.

MARI
(quietly, voice trembling)
What do I do?

As Mari's tears fall down onto the ground, her hands suddenly begin glowing. Mari stares at them and slowly gets up on her feet. She reaches her arms towards one of the vines holding her friends and hopes for something to happen.

The vine she points to holds Clover but then suddenly stops in place and releases them.

Clover lands down and runs towards Mari.

CLOVER
Mari! Whatever you did keep doing it! I'll try to help!

Mari, with her hope back and filled with determination nods and reaches her arms towards the next vine.

Clover runs up to the vine where Dana is held. The vine lets go and Clover helps Dana land safely.

Mari turns towards Yurei.

MARI
Yurei! Get that cart with hay!

Yurei nods and using telekinesis moves it below Grayson.

Then with Mari's work the vine holding him lets go. Grayson lands safely in the hay cart.

Everyone regroups.

MARI
Get your weapons out! On three I want you all to use them!

The group nods.

MARI
Ready? One. Two. Three!

The glow in Mari's hands intensifies and the monster lets out another screech. Then Clover gets their boomerang and throws it, Grayson pulls out his shield and also throws it, lastly Yurei lifts Dana up on a cart towards the monster's head and Dana swings a bat against it, dealing the final blow.

The monster lets out one last screech and a cloud of purple smoke begins to come out of it. The monster begins to shrink. Afterwards it turns back into the plant it was before.

Then out of the sky fall Yamita and Troy. They slowly get up, groaning in pain. After them the cage holding the fairies falls down and breaks, setting the fairies free. They fly out towards the woods.

Yamita's face turns red, steam coming out of her face. She growls in anger.

YAMITA
GRAH! I can't believe it! They were mine, mine, mine! I was this close to finally squashing that blue duster!

Yamita stomps towards Mari in anger, gets really close and points right at her face.

Mari and friends, visibly concerned, can't help but stare at Yamita's fit.

YAMITA
You! Your luck is going to run out eventually, I just know it. The next time we'll meet I will make sure you and your pathetic friends suffer! Mark. My. Words.

Yamita turns back and pulls Troy up violently.

YAMITA
Come on you baboon, let's get out of here before I throw up from seeing that gremlin's face!

Yamita and Troy run off out of the town.

As the group catches their breaths they hear a crowd of people approaching and cheering.

CHEERING PERSON 1

Hooray to our heroes!

CHEERING PERSON 2

You sure showed them not to mess with the fairies!

As the townsfolk cheers the two girls who were taking care of the dying plant come out of the crowd. They run up to the plant which still seems down.

FLORKVYET GIRL 1

It's still here but... not any better.

Mari comes up to the girls.

MARI

Here, let me try something.

Mari closes her eyes and reaches her arm to the plant. Her arm glows faintly and the plant starts slowly rising up. Then it opens up into a beautiful bloom.

FLORKVYET GIRL 2

It's blooming! I can't believe it!

Both girls hug Mari tightly.

BOTH FLORKVYET GIRLS

Thank you so much miss!

Mari looks over to her friends who are smiling at her, Grayson giving her a thumbs up, Yurei clapping.

EXT. FLORKVYET DOCK – SUNSET

We skip some time to the group resting onboard Dana's ship.

Mari is looking out at the town which is now full of fireflies lighting up the surroundings.

Dana approaches her with a smile.

DANA

All's well that ends well. And look at you! You managed to figure out how to use your power!

MARI

(giggles)

No, not really, I still don't know how it works fully. I have some idea but it's gonna take some time to take a grasp on it. I'm just glad you guys are alright after Yamita turned that poor plant into a monster.

Grayson comes over to join in on the conversation.

GRAYSON

It's a bit surprising that Florkvyet's townsfolk of all people didn't realize you were an Oracle after that.

DANA

Well, there are witches that can possess a similar power too, their magic is not as powerful as that of an Oracle though. Besides...

As Dana gets onto another passionate talk, to which Grayson rolls his eyes to and pretends to listen. Mari walks out of the ship.

EXT. FLORKVYET FOREST CLIFF – NIGHT

Mari's walk takes her to a cliff overlooking the entirety of Florkvyet's land. The town's beautiful shine can be seen close by.

Mari looks over and notices something that she walks towards. She walks up to a big stone pillar with many candles whose flame is still glowing.

MARI

(whispering to herself)

Here we are.

We switch to see text on the pillar: "May our candles shine as long as there is an Oracle still with us."

Mari reaches into her pocket and pulls out a candle and a lighter. She lights the candle and puts it down. She takes a deep breath.

MARI

Mother, I'm making progress, I wanna make you and Sarah proud, but it will take time. I won't let you down.

As Mari turns around Yurei stands there with a pouty expression on her face. Her sudden appearance startles Mari.

This turns Yurei's pout into a laugh.

YUREI

I can't believe I got you again and I wasn't even trying!

MARI

Well, color me surprised. Where did you even come from?

YUREI

Oh, that's right! I noticed you disappeared so I set out to find you! Everyone is worried sick!

MARI

Yeah, I probably should have told you guys, sorry about that.

YUREI

Well, grab that bum of yours and come back! I don't wanna see you yawning all day tomorrow because you haven't had enough sleep!

MARI
(giggling)
Okay, okay I'm coming.

We watch from behind as Mari and Yurei together leave the cliffside.

The wind picks up and some cherry blossoms fly by. We switch to an above view of the ground as the cherry blossoms land and form a heart.

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