

ANI AND OKO

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LOGLINE: Ani's daily routine of Astral Projecting is interrupted when she realizes her friend Brianna has been kidnapped. She now must enlist the help of a tricky demon, Oko, to find and save her from becoming the main entree at the Demon's Feast. Can they successfully scheme against the celestial beings while in their domain?

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INT. ANIJAH'S HOUSE - NIGHT

Music plays softly throughout the house. Ani's MOM applies cream at her vanity chair, while DAD lays in bed. OLDER BROTHER sprawls, asleep in his dirty room.

ANI(V.O)

I am a witch who has the power to --

INT. ANIJAH'S ROOM - CONTINUOUS

A night-light illuminates the room, stacked books crowd the floor. ANIJAH (10) - a meticulous, witch - sleeps peacefully in bed. Her soul slowly rises from her body floating to the roof.

ANI(V.O)

-- travel to the world's beyond.

She has now entered the Astral Plane. She walks along the overhead power-lines, her pajama dress flowing in the wind. She heads to BRIANNA'S (10) -- an eccentric, novice astral projector -- house.

INT. BRIANNA'S BEDROOM - LITTLE LATER

Her walls are filled with travel posters. A picture rests beside a sleeping Brianna, showing her family at The Great Wall in China. Her secret snack drawer ruffled through.

ANI

(enters)

Brianna! Sorry, I'm late.

Brianna's soul is no-where to be found.

ANI (CONT'D)

Brianna?

(pouts, to self)

I know that girl didn't leave
without me again.

Something with a similar height of a 10-year-old suddenly moves from the corner, it bounces all over.

ANI (CONT'D)

Brianna??

OKO

(laughs evilly)

Silly girl..

That was so not Bri. Ani holds up her necklace - A medallion embedded with the family's crest, A Raging Dragon - for protection.

ANI
(terrified)
You shall come no closer...For I am
protected.

She closes her eyes, the energy too much. The movement stops. OKO (??) - a small, grimy red demon with a missing horn - takes the form of a red snake, and climbs up her body.

OKO
Oh, honey... don't be so dramatic.

He slips through the necklace, attempting to break it, but it only grows brighter in defiance.

OKO (CONT'D)
What a cute little necklace you
have.

Ani throws him off her body, appalled. He lands near the bed and slithers up onto Brianna's body.

ANI
You shouldn't be here, Demon.

OKO
Oh yes, it seems you were expecting
someone else... but I wonder where
she might have gone...

ANI
(brave)
We have no business with demons.
You can't trick me.

OKO
Listen Ani... right?

Ani's heart drops, no demon should know her name. Something is up.

ANI
Where is she?

OKO
(proud)
The Fourth Demon World where the
Demon King currently resides --

ANI
The Demon World?!

Oko relishes in Ani's ignorance. She was easy pickings.

OKO
Don't worry, I'm willing to take
you there... for a price.

ANI
(crosses arms)
My grandma told me never to trust a
demon.

OKO
But wouldn't you like to see that
friend of yours?

Ani contemplates Brianna's face, She was doomed to sleep
forever without her help.

ANI
Okay. Deal... but you must lead me
to her.

Oko transforms into his original form and jumps onto Ani's
back.

OKO
(smiles)
Perfect.

They flash away, leaving the human world behind.

INT. HALLWAY. DEMON CASTLE - INSTANTLY

Torches hang on the sparkling black walls. A row of stone
windows overlook the society. Ani looks out the window.

A group of demons relax in the lava pit, a few bathing under
a lava fall. A huge demon interrupts, eating several monsters
whole.

ANI
(shudders)
Ew.

Ani turns back to see Oko sneaking down the hallway.

ANI (CONT'D)
Hey! Where you going? You promised
to lead me to her.

OKO
Don't follow me. You're on your
own.

ANI
(looking around)
Uh-uh, not with all these horrible
creatures running --

Ani bumps into Oko's back.

DOOR KEEPER
(to Ani)
Well, isn't that such a nice
compliment.

Here stands the DOOR KEEPER (??) - a monstrous, fickle demon -
guarding the double doors riddled with red rhinestones.

DOOR KEEPER (CONT'D)
(to Oko)
You shouldn't be here tonight with
a WITCH... no less.

His big teeth stretches across his face. Ani grips her
necklace, shaking slightly. This demon was not the one to
play with.

ANI (quietly) Oh--	OKO (smirks, to Door Keeper) And yet here I am.
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A plastic bag filled with crunchy, cheesy chips appears out
of thin air.

OKO (CONT'D)
And I have this for you.

The Door Keeper's smile gets creepier. Oko has smuggled in
his favorite contraband.

DOOR KEEPER
Dear old friend. How can I be of
service to you?

OKO
Just open the door. I need to see
The Demon King.

The grand doors open and the duo walks through. The Door
Keeper swallows the bag whole.

DOOR KEEPER
(after-thought)
He won't be happy to see you!

The doors SLAM. They walk down the small corridor.

ANI
Was he talking about me or you?

INT. KITCHEN. DEMON CASTLE - CONTINUOUS

The DEMON KING (????) - a giant winged demon - stirs the centered big cauldron. He's devoted to his cooking task, as pots and spices fill the dirty counters. His ruby crown pushed to the side.

DEMON KING
(muttering to self)
...Okay so I just rip out the innards...

Ani spots Brianna inside a locked bird cage. She scurries to her.

ANI
(whispering)
Bri!

BRIANNA
Ani!

Ani shushes Brianna. She doesn't want the Demon King's attention.

BRIANNA (CONT'D)
(whispering)
Ani please help, He's going to eat me!

ANI
We gotta get you out of this cage.

BRIANNA
I know! It needs a key.

The Demon King sniffs, catching something foul in his premises. He smells the food then himself in confusion. He closes his eyes and takes one last big breath.

DEMON KING
(opens eyes)
Witch.

He zeros into the corner, where Ani and Brianna tinkers with the cage. Oko steps into his POV. The Demon King's in a full chef get up with the key around his neck.

OKO
King, baby.

The Demon King deflates. A bigger annoyance has found him.

DEMON KING
I see you caught a ride on a witch's back.

OKO
Forgive me King, I brought her as an extra side for the meal.

DEMON KING
(dismissive)
Witches don't taste very good.

OKO
Ah... That's why I bought this sir.

Oko phases in a big bottle of Ketchup. The Demon King is not impressed.

OKO (CONT'D)
This smolders the bad taste...Trust me -- Your majesty, I had to get home somehow... After you left me on accident AGAIN.

DEMON KING
(disbelief)
Accident?

Ani BANGS on the metal cage.

ANI
What are we going to do to get you out of there??

BRIANNA
Duh... Magic-- Look...
(points to demons)
He's plenty distracted already by that dimwit. You have like a teleport spell right?

The Demon King is miserable as Oko runs his mouth. He's having trouble concentrating on cooking.

ANI
 (to Brianna)
 And you really think he won't
 notice?

BRIANNA
 What are we supposed to do then
 Ani? Do you want him to deep-fry me
 for demon dessert?

ANI
 (grumbles)
 You know I don't but this is
 ridiculous, why would a demon
 kidnapped a human.

Brianna buries her face into her hands. It's hopeless without
 Ani's help.

ANI (CONT'D)
 Fine... we just need to
 get out of here...

Ani takes a deep breath working up the nerve, she shakes. Her
 necklace brightens.

BRIANNA
 I hope this works.

ANI
 (waves finger)
 Ignia Phantetus.

Magic surges from Ani's fingertips wrapping around the key.
 She UNHOOKS it carefully. Brianna ramps up as the plan
 success rate increases.

BRIANNA
 (chants)
 Yes. Yes. Yes.

The key hovers just below the Demon King's POV. Oko's still
 yapping.

OKO
 I was thinking for the marriage
 proposal--

The floating key knocks into the ruby crown. The Demon King
 captures it, absolutely pissed. The girls are horrified from
 being caught.

DEMON KING

(to Ani)

You, Witch. You hold no power while
in my domain.

DEMON KING (CONT'D)

(points to Brianna)

And I'm going to eat you per our
deal human.

He goes back to his main task, retuning the key to its place.

ANI

Bri? What's he talking about?

BRIANNA

I may have... Bet the Demon King
that I could win a game of Rock,
Paper, Scissors.

ANI

(shocked)

Why? You know better than that!

BRIANNA

I wasn't planning to lose... I'm
the best player at school!

INT. BRIANNA'S BEDROOM - FLASHBACK - EARLY NIGHT

Brianna's soul swings her legs around waiting on the bed. Her
science notes heavily marked on the floor. She hears a THUD.

BRIANNA

(hops off bed)

Ani! Finally you're hear.

Multiple shadows move rapidly, the wind sharp. They stop
revealing two demons: The Demon King and Oko. They are both
pleased.

DEMON KING

(to self)

This one would do nicely.

OKO

(bows)

I'm glad she's to your liking.

But Brianna has no fear of these intruders, her back straight
and proud.

BRIANNA
(crosses arms)
Get out. You're not welcomed here.

The Demon King spots the stressed science notes. He throws his hands up, relenting.

DEMON KING
Lets just talk... You seem to have many worries. I'm sure we can help.

He nods to the notes all knowingly, it strikes a nerve.

BRIANNA
(unsure)
Uh-huh, Ani said not to listen to demons.

Oko rummages through her belongings, peeping the snack drawer. Brianna kicks at him to back up.

DEMON KING
(to Oko)
Why don't you be useful and go fetch us something to go with dinner.

OKO
(salutes)
On it.

The nuisance leaves and Brianna relaxes a bit.

DEMON KING
I have something you desire and you have something I want. Lets make a deal -- Now miss I'm in a terrible hurry... How about we play a game.

Brianna ears prick up, she's good at games. Her last science test peeks through the note book. It's a 69D.

BRIANNA
(shrugs, confident)
Ok. I won't lose anyway.

INT. KITCHEN. DEMON KITCHEN - PRESENT

Brianna's reckless choices have her near tears.

ANI

Bri... without a demon's help,
you're bound by your promise.

BRIANNA

Ani, I'm really sorry. Please help
me.

Ani hugs Brianna through the bars, she sighs. The situation
has only gotten worse.

ANI

Next time, You can just ask me for
help... We'll figure this out, I
won't leave you behind --

DEMON KING

Now it's time to prepare the
special dish.

The Demon King begins to walk over. He unlocks the cage. The
girls grip each other but The King easily rips them apart. He
holds Brianna in his hands, she swarms tirelessly.

BRIANNA

No.No.

ANI

(shouts)
Stop this Demon.

DEMON KING

And who's going to stop me.

He moves Brianna back to the cauldron. He's about to drop her
in, when Oko starts up again.

OKO

Sire, if I may...

DEMON KING

(broken inside)
What do you want?

OKO

Out of your appreciation for my
hard work. I believe a promotion is
in order.

Oko picks up the ruby crown putting it on his head.

OKO (CONT'D)
 (pleased)
 I'm thinking some nice new wings
 will do.

The Demon King's tight fist squeezes Brianna.

BRIANNA
 Hey! That hurts.

DEMON KING
 (booms)
 OKORAZ! YOU DARE MOCK ME--

Oko's smirk drops not expecting the King's anger.

OKO
 Sire...

DEMON KING
 -- We can mark this day as your
 death.

Brianna bites on The King's hand, doing no damage. An idea
 HITS her.

BRIANNA
 (excited, hopeful)
 His name! He said his name! Ani
 bind him. Hurry!

ANI
 What? No I can't do that.

OKO
 What? No she can't do that?

BRIANNA
 Yes, you can they do it in the
 movies all the time!

ANI
 This is not a movie!

BRIANNA
 It might as well be!

Suddenly Ani hears a loud RING. It's her alarm clock back
 home. It was now or never. Her necklace lights up, she has
 made her choice.

ANI
 (chants)
 Mora Absoluro...OKORAZ, I COMMAND
 YOU!--

OKO
You wretched Witch! Don't do it.

ANI
-- Unbind Brianna and get her home
sa--

Ani disappears.

BRIANNA
Anijah!

Oko has now switched sides. He now has to do as commanded.

OKO
Sire, I apologize... but from this
moment on. We're enemies.

The Demon King burst into laughter.

DEMON KING
You're pest. That belongs under my
feet.

An intense stare down ensues.

OKO
Release her.

DEMON KING
Make me.

Oko uses his small stature to grab at The Demon King's Apron sleeves. He TUGS multiple times but The King doesn't budge, Oko only manages to stretch out his uniform.

BRIANNA
(mutters, to self)
I'm gonna die.

DEMON KING
(annoyed)
Hell or high water. I will serve
the perfect meal.

Oko head bumps him and tries to tip the big cauldron, causing a small spill.

OKO
Enjoy this.

The Demon King swipes at Oko managing to stop him but he slips in the process. With only one hand available, he knocks into the cauldron and the hot contents spray everywhere.

DEMON KING
(grabs Oko)
You fool. You've ruined everything,
just like I knew you would.

Oko's smothered by The King's fingers. He struggles to breathe, heaving dramatically.

BRIANNA
You're gonna kill him. Stop!

OKO
Wait. I don't need oxygen --
(to King)
Let me go!

DEMON KING FIANCEE
What in the baby angel?

The room freezes as The Demon King's Fiancee stands disgusted by the destroyed kitchen. No one heard the door open.

DEMON KING
(beat)
Honey... Marry me!

DEMON KING FIANCEE
(choked up)
I don't even know who you are
anymore? You used to be so scary.
Now look at you!

She heads back out the door, Brianna and Oko are freed as The Demon King tails behind his fiancee.

DEMON KING
It's not what it looks like
sweetie. I'm dominating just like
how I used to.

BRIANNA
That was insane.

She pats herself down, double checking her safe status.

OKO
(sighs in relief)
Kid. Just make sure to bathe in
salt.

He grabs her and they dissipate.

INT. BRIANNA'S BEDROOM - MORNING

Brianna eyes pop open. She's back home safe and sound.

BRIANNA

Woah!

INT. ANIJAH'S BEDROOM - MORNING

Ani slaps her alarm off, she walks to her desk where her dream journal is. She plops down and writes.

ANI(V.O)

I am a witch who has the power to
travel to the world's beyond...

MOM(O.S)

(shouts)

Honey, are you awake. It's Bri on
the phone.

ANI

(sighs in relief)

Yes. Thank God.

Okoko jumps onto Ani's back. It's the place he now belongs.

OKO

You need to be thanking me...
master.

ANI (V.O.)

...and now I have this annoying
Demon attached to me.

Ani resigns to her fate. She runs out of her room.

ANI

Coming!

INT. KITCHEN. DEMON CASTLE - LATER

The Demon King bitterly stares at the ruined kitchen. He's
all alone.

DEMON KING

Anijah... I'll remember this!

END OF EPISODE.