

Alfhild the Viking Princess - Podcast Transcript & Sound Credits

5th C. Denmark

By Brigitte Paulus For Lincoln Drama Club Spring 2020

The Lincoln Middle School Drama Club, in Portland Maine, was just a few weeks into rehearsals for the spring play when the Covid-19 pandemic forced schools to shut down.

So, we decided to make a podcast.

The 1st of 4 short plays is Alfhild, the Viking Princess. Based on a true story from Denmark in the 5th century. Alfhild was a princess who took charge of her own life and decided to become a pirate.

SCENE 1 - (A 1 Tower pt 1)

Inside Tower

Freya: Hi Alfhild.

Alfhild: Hi Freya.

Freya: I'm sorry you have to be locked up in here.

Alfhild: It's not your fault. My father's just being stupid. He can't do it forever can he?

Freya: Did you know they put more guards outside the door? And snakes too.

Alfhild: I heard. I like snakes. Why on earth would they do that?

Freya: Whoever can get by the guards and the snakes gets to marry you.

Alfhild: I don't suppose I get a say in the matter do I?

Freya: No, I don't think you do.

Alfhild: Will you be ready? Something could change. When it does we're getting out of here!

Freya: I will definitely be ready.

Battle sounds off stage - Alf bursts into the room.

Alf: I have won! Those snakes and guards were no match for me. Now you will become my wife.

Alfhild: I don't think so!

Alf: But that was the deal.

Alfhild: You didn't make that deal with me, now did you?

SCENE 2 - (A 2 Tower pt 2)

Inside Tower

Freya: I think it's cool your dad isn't making you marry the first guy who got through the guards.

Alfhild: Yeah, but he's putting more guards and snakes back, and saying that other people are welcome to try to win my hand.

Freya: Oh that sucks!

Alfhild: He's letting me choose from the winners. Mom thinks I should take the first guy who got through. Dad says I should wait and see who comes next. But I'm not doing either of those things.

Freya: Really!?

Alfhild: Yeah. I'm making my own choice. Wanna come be a pirate with me?

Freya: Would I ever!

SCENE 3 - (A 3 new crew)

On Alfild's Ship

Freya: I got more women for our crew. Would you like to meet them?

Alfild: Of course I would.

Freya: Come aboard.

Crew comes onstage and stands in line.

Alfild: Hello. I'm Alfild. I'm your captain. This is Freya, she is the first mate. You listen to her like you listen to me. You all look like strong, intelligent women. You are running with me now, I expect you to live up to the tales. The King has launched many expeditions to stop me, but none of them have succeeded. Now, tell me who you are and what skills you bring to my ships.

Sigrid: I'm Sigrid. I can navigate by the stars. I know when a storm is coming and it's time to put in at port. I also can sense when there's foul play in the air.

Karina: I am Karina, I can use my knives to cook a fine meal, or to sever the heads of our enemies.

Astrid: I'm Astrid. I've been sailing ships since I could walk. There's not a ship I can't sail. And I can repair them all too. No ship will go down with me on board.

Siv: I'm Siv. Heights don't frighten me and I'll be fixin' the rigging even in the worst storm. I can also put an arrow anywhere you ask me to, be it fish, foul, or foe.

Alfild: Yes, yes. You will all be a welcome addition to my crew. Go stow your things. We leave on the tide.

Crew go to put their things away. Alfild and Freya stay.

Freya: We have three ships now. One more and we'll have more than Saxo.

Alfild: Wouldn't I really love to rub his face in the fact that we have more ships than him. We'll have to figure out how to get a fourth.

Freya: I think I know a way. I heard there were some sailors whose captain has taken ill and left them. I know where they're docked. If you want to go with me, we could meet them.

Alfhild: Sounds like a great plan.

SCENE 4 - (A 4 More crew)

In a different part of the harbor. First mate and his sailors are hanging around looking sad.

Freya: There they are. Want me to come with you?

Alfhild: No. You stay here. But stay close by.

Alfhild goes to sailors

Alfhild: I see you have no captain

First Mate: That's right. What's it to you?

Alfhild: I am Alfhild. Your ship is mine and you're my crew now.

First Mate: You're Alfhild! Please be merciful.

Sailors: Please let us join with you.

Alfhild: Of course. Which one of you is first mate?

First Mate: That's me.

Alfhild: Congratulations! You're in charge of the ship now, under me. You'll get a cut of the treasure to split amongst you. And a share of the glory. But... if you try anything I'll gut you, throw you overboard and give command to the next person in line. Do you understand?

First Mate: I understand.

Alfhild: Good. Then welcome to my fleet! Bring your ship around to the south side of the island. We leave on the tide.

SCENE 5 - (A 5 Bad Feeling)

Alfhild and her crew are on her ship. Alf and friend on a different part of the stage.

Alf: There she is! That's who I'm supposed to marry.

Alf's Friend: But she's a pirate sir.

Alf: She's also a princess. And it's time she came back to her father, married me, and got on with the cooking and cleaning.

Alf's Friend: She doesn't look much like she wants to cook sir.

Alf: Do I look like I care?

Alf's Friend: It looks like maybe you should.

Alf: Never mind that! Get some men together and let's follow them.

Alf and friend exit. - Sigrid pulls Alfhild aside on ship.

Sigrid: I have a feeling something ill is coming in Captain.

Alfhild: Weather looks fair to me. Sea looks fine, the wind is from the right direction. What could it be?

Sigrid: I don't know. I just sense something is all. It's too quiet.

Alfhild: Well then let's get some people ready.

Sigrid clangs a bell. The crew comes onstage

Alfhild: Sigrid has a sense that something's wrong. Have your weapons near to hand just in case. I can't hurt to heed the warning.

SCENE 6 - (A 6 battle)

Alf and men rush on ship there's a battle. Alf goes to Alfhild

Alf: Stop this madness at once! You are coming home to marry me!

Alfhild: The only one mad here is you! You think you can take my ship? Think again. Your men are no match for my crew.

Alf: This is mad! You are a princess!

Alfhild: I'm also a pirate. Now get off my ship while you still have the chance.

Fight ensues - Alf's people doing poorly

Alf's Friend: Retreat!!!

Alfhild: Cowards. Like I said. Go while you have a chance!

Alf: You'll regret this!

Alfhild: I doubt it.

I hope you enjoyed this podcast. If you know any of the students involved - please tell them you heard it, and how great they are. Please catch the next one - the Story of Sybil Ludington

The stories were inspired by the times in which we live, and Jason Porath's book *Rejected Princesses*. The scripts were written by and sound files were edited together by the drama club advisor, Brigitte Paulus. Not all the students were able to send in recordings, so when needed, some Lincoln Drama alums* stepped up to fill in.

Alfhild voice actors are:

- Laura Callaghan - Alfhild
- Olivia Chong - Freya and Alf's Friend
- Sawyer Surkin - Alf
- Emma Walsh - Sigrid
- Linda Nicholson - Karina
- Norah Deluty - Astrid
- Jillie Fehrs* - Siv
- Roxie Van Oostern - First Mate

Original music - Sea Song - by Joseph Paulus

Many thanks to freesound.org and soundjay.com for providing free downloadable sound effects. Check out the list of effects creators on the Lincoln Middle School website.

I'm grateful to everyone who helped these students still have their spring play.

The creators on Freesound and SoundJay are the reason the students are on ships and in forests, having epic battles and cups of tea. Without the people who recorded random sounds and shared them with the world, these podcasts wouldn't be the same.

Thanks for listening!

SOUND CREDITS

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Rain Sound Effect 06

door-3-open.wav

Spring-weather-1.wav

Door-3-close.wav

Door-lock-2.wav

Door-knock-3.wav

Footsteps Sound Effect 5

Footsteps Sound Effect 4

Footsteps Sound Effect 1

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Carthny - birds after storm <https://freesound.org/people/carthny/sounds/467438/>

MilanKovanda - plates <https://freesound.org/people/MilanKovanda/sounds/377044/>

Wlabarron - thumps on ceiling <https://freesound.org/people/wlabarron/sounds/451238/>

JoeDoe22 - sword sheath - unsheath <https://freesound.org/people/JoeDoe22/sounds/462579/>

DeadVDI - viking battle practice <https://freesound.org/people/DeadVDI/sounds/376646/>

Freefire66 - sword battle 2 <https://freesound.org/people/freefire66/sounds/175951/>

Indigoimac - men fighting noises <https://freesound.org/people/indigoimac/sounds/137830/>

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AmeAngelofSin - female battle cries/grunts <https://freesound.org/people/AmeAngelofSin/sounds/264982/>

Volonda - Female battle cry <https://freesound.org/people/Volonda/sounds/439515/>

Lydmakeren - boats_wave <https://freesound.org/people/Lydmakeren/sounds/510900/>

Etienne.leplumey - seagulls, waves <https://freesound.org/people/etienne.leplumey/sounds/266182/>

Joedeshon - walking on boat dock <https://freesound.org/people/joedeshon/sounds/78368/>

Cliftonmcarlson- harbor ambience 1 (no people) <https://freesound.org/people/cliftonmcarlson/sounds/254125/>

Squidge316 - valletta harbor (with people) <https://freesound.org/people/squidge316/sounds/327006/>

OBXJohn - Footsteps over wooden bridge (for harbor) <https://freesound.org/people/OBXJohn/sounds/253091/>

Benboncan - 3 bells, ship time <https://freesound.org/people/Benboncan/sounds/77698/>

Juskiddink - flock of seagulls <https://freesound.org/people/juskiddink/sounds/98479/>

Roscoetoon - rr crossing (alarm bell) <https://freesound.org/people/roscoetoon/sounds/26385/>

Craigsmith - men running away <https://freesound.org/people/craigsmith/sounds/480450/>

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