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"How long do you think you can protect her for?" 1

"Doesn't matter, how do I save her from the consequences mother" her voice turned colder.

"Sigh. Seems your mind is already set, receive your punishment" Selene's voice deepened.

Zareal bowed, kneeling before Selene.

"Zareal, first daughter and child of the moon Goddess, Elder sister to Zorya, you've been found guilty of harboring and protecting a treacherous child, helping her perpetrate forbidden acts, refusal to let her undergo the same training as you did, ultimately leading to her current willfulness, DO YOUR ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR FAULTS" she thundered.

Four new figures, coated in black appeared, face covered by a dark "we the enforcers have arrived to hand out punishment" their voices echoed,

Zareal knelt quietly, not saying a word to the accusations,

"You are hereby stripped of your title and powers," A sharp blinding light struck Zareal, a scream tore though her lips, she spat a mouthful of blood, her body collapsing, her breath turned shallow.

The four figures threw a giant chain over her body, the chain coiled around her, tightening immediately it got in contact with her skin, they held her down, her body spasmed uncontrollably, streaks of tears rolled down her face.

My heart constricted at the sight,

"You will spend a century in the pool of torture, a century in the sea of silence and a century wandering in the lost world. After your punishment, you will be thrown into the pool of endless reincarnation, you will re-incarnate endlessly in the mortal realm until you are able to redeem yourself."

Her mouth moved to say something, but no sound came out, suddenly her eyes locked on me, like she could somehow see me.

She let out a weak smile, "don't blame yourself" she mouthed, "I don't regret it" she said before she was finally dragged away by the four enforcers.

Zorya is dragged in next

"Where's Zareal?" She asked immediately she stepped in.

"Paying for your foolishness as usual" Selene scoffed.

"I told you I did it, punishing her wasn't necessary" Zorya insisted.

"I know you did, but the rules are set, enough banter, ACCEPT YOUR PUNISHMENT"

Zorya's knees collided harshly against the ground, four different figures appeared again, surrounding her.

"You are sentenced to the pool of reincarnation, you will reincarnate endlessly as a mortal until you redeem yourself for the act you have committed." Selene's voice thundered.

Zorya scoffed, trying to stand "is that all?" But a sudden force slammed into her, Selene let out a smirk, "not so fast"

"You're hereby stripped of both power and title," the same light that cut through Zareal, pierced through her, taking her powers it, "you will serve the same man you ruined his life, remain with them until you have redeemed

yourself"

She collapsed directly on the floor, the enforcers threw the rope on her, it wrapped round her spasming figure almost instantly, showing her no mercy.

With a nod from Selene, the enforcers dragged her away.

Immediately they all left, Selene collapsed backwards, blood spilling out of her lips, she wiped it off with the back of her hand, "I've done my best, the rest is in your hands my children" she muttered to herself.

The scene changed to Zorya's location, she had met up with Rafael but he couldn't recognize her, unfortunately for her she had to serve as a maid to him and his partner, it broke her heart over and over again. But with no way to reveal who she was or how she got there and being barely able to keep her life, she remained quiet, forced to watch it all unable to do a thing.

Soon she ends up betrayed and killed by Rafael, on her death bed she finds out that the blood they fed to him had placed him directly under Nica's control, after her death, Selene freed the wolves from the witches, letting them have a mind of their own.

Gasps.

My eyes were still open, facing the ceiling. I suddenly felt odd, I had just lived for over a hundred years, somehow I ended up stuck to Zareal's side and hence suffered part of the punishment on her side with her.

"The Oracle and the Flame. Zorya and Zareal" I reasoned, only two of them can defeat Ursa and Vega.

A stream of memory hit me all at once, flooding my mind with new information.

"How did I not notice" I muttered sadly, "accusing Zareal of being like mum, resenting and hating her, when all she had done was protect me, she took the punishment made for me, she and mother, that blood selene spat, no doubt it was from the backlash of bearing some part of my punishment.

"You remember," Ava said.

"Hello Avalyne" I greeted, "being awhile. When were you able to recall?"

"The punishment only affected you, not your goddess spirit silly" she scoffed.

"Okay, that's good at least." I said lowly, "I'm sorry, for everything" a wave of remorse hit me,

"You probably recalled your memories because the enforcers deemed you worthy of remembering. Your redemption isn't far, you'd have the opportunity to return soon" Ava said dryly

"Going back huh....." do I even want to return?

Sigh.

"Celestiana got punished with us?" I remembered my friend.

"Everyone who had an idea of what happened and failed to stop you got punished actually, even the ones that helped previously.

"That's why she's here" I realised.

"First things first, to go fix things with my sister. Hopefully she doesn't hate me, wouldn't blame her if she did though"

Gathering the courage, I headed to her room, freezing at the door, unable to enter.

"Come in Zorya" she ordered from inside the room.

I stepped in, tears pooling at my eyes

"You know," she noted.

Without saying much I quickly knelt before

her "I'm so sorry, for everything, my words, my actions, my stupidity. Please forgive me" I pleaded.

"I'm not mad at you" she smiled warmly, helping me to my feet and engulfing me in a hug "I'm just happy my sister is okay."

My heart felt at peace at that moment. At that moment I understood that I would do whatever it took to protect my sister this time around, especially since the tables have turned.

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