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She went white instantly. 1

It was like her heart stopped at that very moment.

It seemed that all she had been hoping for, all that she had prayed for was true.

"It is scarlet." She said in excitement. "She is alive!" 1

No one said a word. The entire hall went quiet.

She looked at one man to the other and looked at her husband.

Disappointment was heavy in her eyes.

"Do not look at me like I am crazy!" she snapped at them all. "I know what I am tellin you. It is scarlet." 1

Then she felt a hand on her shoulder. 1

"Our baby girl is gone." He informed her. "She died many years ago. It is high time we accept it." 1

"Do not touch me!" She snapped in anger. "Remember what Mira said about the red flame and the emerald. It is because of her that the

kracken broke free." 2

He shook his head. "If this was true, then why did the monsters not break free when..::"

He paused and was quiet.

He held his fist and managed to suppress the pain that he felt of being countlessly reminded of his daughter's death.

"When Scarelt died." He finished. "When she died and we found the broken bit of the emerald which you currently have in your possession. If she is alive all this time then why did it just happen now? Why did the monster just break lose?! Why how?" 3

She shook her head. "I don't know. Someone must have taken it from her that is why. As you know each member of our family must have the emerald necklace on them at all times. No matter what." 2

"Or the emerald necklace is still with her longer with her body somewhere under the lake." He said with reason. 1

"Do not say that! We have checked everywhere! The sirens even searched for us and told us that they did not find her body." She said.

He shook his head exasperated. "The last thing

we will do is listen to the sirens. They are not to be trusted. Anything from their lips are a lie." 1

"And was that why you banished them?!"

She demanded. Then he stopped. "Did you think I will never find out! That I did not know?!"

Now it was becoming like a private row between husband and wife and the members of court were uncomfortable.

Eventually the maester spoke up. "We will give you two privacy."

And they all proceeded to bow and started to leave when she stopped them.

"You are not going anywhere!" She snapped. "You were all there when it happened and you will all stay and testify the truth." 1

"Let then go for the sake of the gods Rose. They are obviously embarrassed." He said . 1

"I do not care!" She snapped back. "I am 1

Speaking only the truth." 1

He turned to them. "You may leave."

They started to go again and then she turned to them her eyes blazing red hot. "Do you defy your own Queen the one with the royal

Blood filled in her bones!" 1

There was clap of thunder and then all of them stood still.

"I said you could leave." Roland said . 2

"We will stay my lord." The maester spoke for them as they were well afraid of the Queen. 1

She turned back to him. "You banished the sirens because of what? You stopped them from coming up to land why? Because you belive that they were the ones who killed scarlet?" 1

"Yes!" He snapped at her. "How do we explain not finding her body. We searched every single path of the sea for an entire month and 1

Nothing was found except for the tiny bit of the emerald! How do you explain that!" 1

"They would never do that! She is alive and well! And you made such a rash decision without counseling me! Because what you are king consort!" She raged on. 1

"I did not even want that responsibility."

He said. "And you know it! You abandoned your duties in your distress and I was forced to take over!" 1

She rolled her eyes at him. "I am sorry if I was grieving for my missing daughter!"

"And do you think I am not grieving?" He demanded. "Do you think I did not grieve." 1

She held her head up high. "You showed no indication that you were grieving. You went right ahead to take care of the castle."

"BECAUSE YOU ABANDONED IT! Do you have any idea how hard it was for me?!

How even as a man and King consort I was forced to see to the matters of the kingdom. I was not let to grieve! I was bombarded and left to handle it all on my own! How do you think that let me feel?!" 2

The entire room went quiet.

She started to speak up again. "You don't know what you are syaing . You did not birth her! You did not carrry her for over twelve months! you did not bleed during- 7

"And I never invalidated you!" He barked and even Rose was forced to keep quiet. 1

The whole room went Quiet like a ghost of silence had passed through. 1

"I never said that I birthed her not once did I

say I carried her for twelve months! Not once did I say I bled!" And then his words became calm. "But I stayed with you. All through that time. I wanted to be there. And when you had the two of them at once I was there. I never invalidated your pains or struggles." 5

Her eyes became clouded with tears.

"Yes, I banished the sirens from coming above sea water because it was the only thing I could do. Because I belived that they 1

Were responsible for what had happened to our daughter." He said. 1

"It was not your decision to make." She said. 1

"Have you seen yourself?!" He demanded. "Have you seen yourself in the past over thirty years?! You look nothing like you." 1

"Stop." She said. 1

But he did not stop. Rather her went on further tormenting her. 1

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