

Part 5.5: Twinsies

I woke up feeling really tired. I know I'm going to have to leave today.. yesterday night I had a weird outburst about not wanting to leave Willow. I tried to shove that away and focus on the goal of this. Getting back home. I probably won't see her again, so why think about her?

I walked downstairs and saw Willow waiting for me. She had dark green backpack in her hands, it looked like it was packed full. She glanced up at me and smiled.

"Thought I'd give you something before you leave." Willow said, she sounded very soft but with a hint of solemnness. She handed me the bag. "To remember me.. maybe?"

I took it and tried to smile back, despite being nervous. I opened the bag to find an assortment of things; bandages, a box of matches, food, water, and a book. It was the same book I was reading earlier. "Escape". Oddly, there was also a stick. It looked very pointy, like it could stab someone. I guess for self defense? I wore the bag on my back, I kinda looked like a little kid on his first day of school which felt embarrassing. I'm glad Willow gave it to me though, she really cares I guess.

"So... you ready?" Willow asked. I nodded, and she lead me back down the hallway by the glowing door. She offered me the key. "Would you like the honor?"

Of course I took it. The key was very dusty.. I don't think it'd been used in quite a while. After brushing off the dust, I put it in the lock and slowly twisted it. I very cautiously opened the door, and got hit with a large beam of white light. After adjusting to it, I faced Willow. She admitted something to me that lightened my nerves a bit. "I'll be honest... I'm gonna miss you. Being here alone is hard... but you have to go. Don't think of me. You can do this! You have... power."

I took a deep breath, and walked through the door.

The last thing I heard from Willow was "Good luck! I'm counting on you!" It was hard to see at first but after adjusting, I realized I was in a tunnel. I walked forward for about 5 minutes, until I reached the end of it. There was an exit to the tunnel, leading to what looked like another pathway with a forest on both sides. It was... kinda calming. Just.. trees, bushes, and quiet. I took a minute to just admire the surroundings. It was really pretty despite it all being black and white. I started to walk along the path-

Then I heard a noise. There was some rustling in the bushes. I stopped in place, and stared at the bushes. What the heck...

I decided to make a dumb move and approach the bush. I moved as slow as possible, as my heart beat a hundred miles an hour. On some sort of STUPID instinct, I stuck my hand in the bush. I hit something hard, and then heard a voice screech "OWWWW! WHAT-". I jumped back in fear and watched as two.. creatures came out of the bush. Neither of them looked human- but they both looked very similar. One was tall, the other very short. The tall one had white (literally bright white) skin, black eyes, wore a white sweater and sweatpants. It was holding a black crown in it's hands. It also had a heart shaped tail, with a Yin-Yang sort of design on it. The tall one seemed angry, I'm guessing it was the one I punched on accident.

The shorter one looked a bit more simple, it's head was half black half white (once again in a Yin-Yang sort of look.) One of it's eyes was white, the other was black. The short one also had white a t-shirt on with 2 thick black stripes along the torso. It wore black pants and black shoes. Very basic... and it looked kinda nervous. Like it didn't wanna be there. Right away, the tall one started yelling at me. "WHY'D YOU HIT ME MAN I DIDN'T DO ANYTHIN!" I panicked and started to apologize. "I didn't mean to!! What else am I supposed to do when two.. things start making noise in a bush???" The shorter one seemed more polite, and it explained things. "Sorry- they get mad easily- And.. we're not things... we're a species called Karmae. My name is Yang, the angry one is my sibling named Yin. Very original.. I know." I was still a bit

confused. "What the heck is a Kar- Khar... Karm- whatever you're called- and why were you two in a bush-??"

Yang corrected me. "Pronounced car-may. And we were in the bush because Yin lost their crown and we were looking for it. Now about Karmae... Karmae are very similar to humans, we just look different. All Karmae look similar. Basically redesigned humans, nothin special. All Karmae serve as King Shani's soldiers... except somebody isn't listening and doesn't wanna do their job, and is dragging me along!" Yang seemed to be directing that last part at Yin, who wasn't really paying much attention. Yin rolled their eyes and responded "But protecting King Shani is so boring! Besides, it's not like he's gonna get attacked and 2 people not being there will kill him!!" Yang rolled his eyes.

"King... Shani?" I questioned. "Isn't Shani the name of like, the god of Karma??" Yin answered this time. "Well yeah, he's just named after the god. If he really was a god he wouldn't need protection. I guess the dude's name explains why we're called Karmae. Anyways.. enough about us. WHO ARE YOU?" Yin pointed a finger at me. "I wanna know who punched me in the face."

I responded a bit nervously, I had a feeling Yin would do something if I didn't tell him. "Im Sage. Human if you couldn't tell.. I'm trying to get back home. Except I don't really know how..." Yin's face was beaming. "YOU'RE TRYING TO LEAVE???" Yin got on their knees and started begging to come along. "PLEEEEEEASE BRING ME WITH YOU THIS PLACE SUCKS! I WANNA SEE EARTH! I KNOW THIS PLACE REALLY WELL I CAN HEL-"

Yang cut Yin off before they could ramble on further.

"Lemme rephrase for you. You want to leave? We can help if you want. We've been here for as long as we can remember and we know how to exit. Yin has tried multiple times, sadly king Shani has rejected them every time... but you're a human!

Maybe that'll convince Shani to let us go?"

I nodded in agreement. "I'll take any help I can get here... so sure. You two can tag along."

Yin responded excitedly. "Awesome! We can head out tomorrow then!" They started doing a little dance. "We're gonna leave this disgusting placeeeee ~"

(A/N: Hello ~ and ty for reading! Yin and Yang are very goofy, and will accompany Sage through his adventure. Hope you enjoyed! Also thanks Husky for Yin's design :]]]]))