

I fell into some sort of dream limbo sleep. They weren't nightmares, but not happy dreams either. More like memories but with new details. Like one with me and my mom baking but next to us was a purple elephant (Don't ask me how it got there because I don't know). I was in a particularly weird one (Grey was in a VERY tight ballerina outfit and doing ballet.) When that dark sinister power pulled me from the dreams into a version of reality. A dark figure in the shape of a human stood in front of me.

"Why did you bring me here? WHY DID YOU MAKE ME HURT HIM?!" I yell at EO. He just chuckled.

"I warned you. I gave you many chances. But my patience has worn thin. I just used the mortal as motivation for you, and a demonstration of what your up against. There is no hope Audrey. None at all. The sooner you accept it and free me the better you and the world will be." He says as if it was the most obvious thing ever. I shook my head and grasped it.

"No no no theres always hope." I tell him but I didn't believe in it. He laughs.

"You know, I could just make you free me but where's the fun in that? Seeing you and your friends try to stop me is the most fun I've had in centuries." He says and the figure turns to me and it didn't even have a face. Just two white spots for eyes. It was unnerving how they looked at me and how they drilled into my skull. I turned away.

"So, are you finally ready to listen?" EO asks.

"No, because I'm gonna make sure you never see the light of day again. My friends will stop you, and I'm not gonna let you hurt them for it." I tell him and the surroundings shake and darken.

"You realize your 'friend' won't make it right?" He says and I pause.

"What do you mean?" I ask him.

"The wolf one, the one you stabbed with my dagger. You think I'd let him go unscathed? No no, that was no ordaniry dagger. It's tipped with a special poison that will only get worse. I believe your father is familiar with it but this is a deadly version. He has a few days at most. Theres only one cure. I can give it to you, but you must come to me and free me." He says and I find myself running out of air. Poison?! Days to live?! this can't be real. I think.

"How will I know it'll heal him?" I ask him. he chuckles.

"Unlike most monsters like me, I keep my word. Come to me and I'll heal him." He says. I think for a second. I hate the answer I have to give.

"Fine, I'll come." I tell him and theres a bitter taste in my mouth.

"Wonderful! I'll send you back now. Head toward the Hill of Legends, there you will meet someone who will get you out of the underworld and near me." He says and I feel the world spin a bit.

"WAIT! I have one more condition." I tell him and the spinning stops.

"Your not in any position to bargain here." He says.

"I want your word that you won't kill them. My family, my friends, when I free you." I tell him.

"Interesting. I gave you this offer and you refused. What makes you think I'll let you take it this time?" He asks me smugly.

"Because you need me." I tell him and pray its enough. He doesn't laugh.

"Fine, you have my word, now I grow tired of this conversation. Goodbye and see you soon Audrey." He says and I sat straight up in my room. I hated what I had to do next. I forced myself to get out of bed and I stopped at the door. It was slightly cracked and I could hear and see through the crack. There was a table and Ben was laying on it. He was pale and his hand twitched weirdly. The poison. I thought with a sickening horror. My fault. My fault. My fault. My fault. I thought as I listened.

"Something's wrong. The dagger came out clean thankfully but hes still super weak and hes way too pale." Madelyn says with a hint of worry in her voice.

"Is there anyway it was poisoned? I know Audrey would never do that to him but..." Lola says and both grow quiet.

"You didn't tell me that your monster could do that to her." Madelyn said to Lola. I cringed.

"We just found out not too long ago. We thought maybe he would leave her alone after we rescued her but... I guess we were wrong. And Ben paid the price for it." She says quietly and looks at Ben. Tears fell down my face.

"Do it. Leave now." EO says in my mind but doesn't take over. I blanched and backed away from the

door and prepared myself to scream if he took over.

"Don't worry, I won't harm anyone as long as you hold up your end of the deal." He says darkly. I try to calm my heart but I feel so horrible for having made this deal. I had no choice. I tell myself but it doesn't help. I sigh.

"I'm not leaving without saying some sort of goodbye." I decide finally.

"Your making a mistake. It will only make it harder. And I'm already impatient." He says.

"I won't leave without saying something." I tell him. He sighed heavily.

"FINE! But I'll make it quick. Don't freak out. I'm just gonna move you and do somethings but I WONT hurt them. Your lucky your needed or else I would've killed you a long time ago." He grumbles and takes over. I couldn't help it. I freaked out. EO made me walk out the door and Madelyn and Lola froze and turned to look at me.

"Audrey? Is that you?!" Lola asks me. I had control over my mouth.

"Don't tell them or I will make this worse for them." EO threatens. I gulp.

"Yeah, its me." I say in a scratchy voice. Lola looked relieved but Madelyn stopped her.

"How do we know your Audrey?" She asks and points her sword at me.

"You don't. But it is me. How could the Evil One know that Lola wore a Twilight Sparkle outfit to halloween when she was 9?" I say and Lola grows bright red. Madelyn turns to her.

"Is she right?" Madelyn asks her.

"Its her. Nobody else knows that." Lola says and I relax a bit.

"How is he?" I ask and pale when I get a good look at him. His side was a bloody bandage and he was even paler up close.

"Not good, we think there was something on the dagger that you... I mean EO... stabbed him with." Madelyn says softly. My heart wrenched and I felt like throwing up.

"I'm gonna do my thing now." EO says and makes my hands move and he touches Lola and Madelyn on the shoulder. Both freeze up and float off the ground. He makes them turn to face me. Lola's eyes locked onto mine and I almost cried more tears. She searched my face, for anything. Her eyes were pleading. Madelyn looked hurt and betrayed and angry and I could tell she was trying to free herself.

"I-I-I'm sorry. I have to or else Ben will die. I'm sorry Lola... this is all my fault." I tell her and EO's power flows through me. "Hes promised not to hurt you or my family. We'll be safe. I just... can't let him die." I say and walk over to Ben. I bent down and kissed his forehead and I backed away as he stirred a bit. His eyes flared open and he looked at me. EO was shocked like me. He looked around and looked confused at Lola and Madelyn in the air surrounded in green energy and then looked at me.

"A-Audrey, whats happening?!?" He asks me hoarsely. My heart broke.

"I'm sorry Ben. Its all my fault. It's just like I feared. But i'm going to fix this." I tell him through tears.

"Wait what? What do you mean- Audrey why are they floating?" He asks me. I look away from his face.

"I hurt you. Just like I said would happen. Just like I feared. and about them, its complicated." I tell him and I sense EO's impatience.

"This is taking too long. I'm going to fully take over if your not done in the next minute." He says.

"Ok! Just give me a minute ok?!" I yell and realize I yelled it out loud.

"Who are you talking to Audrey?" Ben asks me and coughs.

"Thats not her." Madelyn says and EO makes me jump out of the way just in time to dodge Madelyn's blade. How did she get free??? I think but EO doesn't seem concerned.

"Madelyn. I don't want to hurt you. I have to go. I'm sorry for all of this." I tell her and I move away from her as she circles me.

"To think I trusted you... I THOUGHT YOU WERE MY FRIEND! But you lied to me. and I'm done being lied to." She says and charges. EO takes over and blocks with his blade.

"She's an obstacle. And I know how to deal with obstacles." EO says and I try to stop him but he takes over and makes me attack with inhuman strength and with a excellence I had never seen before. Madelyn stood no chance. He fought her back and then my hand pulsed green and a cage formed around Madelyn and trapped her there. She grunted and lunged at the bars to no success. I

looked at Ben and Lola who looked shocked and Ben had disbelief written on his face.

"Ben...I...I..." I started but shook my head and ran as fast as I could out of there and ran straight into Nerth who looked at me with confusion.

"Audrey? Where are you going?" He asks but I raise my hand and green clasps and chains freeze him and place and bind his mouth and I keep running. I ran till I had to stop for air. I sat there and sobbed. I looked at my hands like they were foreign to me. The green was gone.

"Why did you have me bind Nerth? He didn't do anything." I ask EO. I could tell he was laughing evilly.

"I didn't do that. You did. Your finally seeing reason." He says and all the color drains from my face and I start shaking.

"No no no no no theres no way. I-I didn't." I say but as I played the scene through my head and realized he was right. I did that. I'm a monster. I think.