

VISIONARIES (THE FIRST AND THE LAST)

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INT. BLOOD TOWER - CONFERENCE HALL - NIGHT

Ethenia sits at the glass table inside of the conference room. Radon paces back and forth.

ETHENIA

Boul had no right taking my slave without my consent.

RADON

I don't care about your slave. She's been a problem since Lor's vision.

**SFX: The door opens.**

Ira walks Jarno inside.

RADON (CONT'D)

Thank you Ira.

IRA

Is there anything you need me to do?

ETHENIA

You can go back to slaves camp.

JARNO

Ira wait outside for me.

**SFX: Ira shuts the door behind her.**

RADON

No word has gotten out yet. I told Boul to keep his guards quiet. Ariz, the slave, and Graezen are all arrested.

JARNO

The healer shouldn't have been arrested.

ETHENIA

Neither my slave.

RADON

You just took ownership. All of the sudden you're vouching for her?

ETHENIA

I'm keeping her close to keep a pulse on the rebellion.

RADON

I didn't ask you to do that.

JARNO

I told her to do it.

RADON

Why wasn't I told.

ETHENIA

Arresting her after burning Udo alive? You're rallying the slaves.

JARNO

And we don't treat our own like that. You don't want visionaries thinking you'll approach them as if they're dead-eyes.

RADON

I don't care what anyone thinks. You two should've told me!

JARNO

You're right. Let's move forward.

RADON

Boul said that Ariz was trying to defend Slave Saiya. And that Graezen was awake long before he got there.

ETHENIA

Boul would do and say anything to please you.

RADON

I appreciate that type of passion and loyalty.

ETHENIA

Passion? He was going to rape her. You want to reward him for that?

RADON

If it's in line with protecting Visionaries then absolutely.

ETHENIA

Like Jaxen's death?

RADON

Careful.

ETHENIA

Everyone hated that he wanted to free slaves. So poisoning him was the best way to end it. With your thinking, it was in line with protecting Visionaries.

RADON

You've had too much to drink.

ETHENIA

The whole time I thought Merrin acted alone. But maybe he had help. You did become the Arch Seer by default.

JARNO

Enough! Ethenia go cool off.

**SFX: Ethenia slides her chair back. She exits the room and slams the door shut.**

JARNO (CONT'D)

Do I need to be worried about you two?

RADON

No.

JARNO

Does she do that in front of other people?

RADON

I know how to handle my wife.

JARNO

We need the Healer to look into Boul's eye.

RADON

I don't trust Ariz. If what Boul said is true, he's no different than Ion. I want to have Lor send a healer from his city.

JARNO

Then word would get out that Graezen is a GreyBorn with a threatening ability. This needs to be kept in house.

RADON

How is he a GreyBorn? And the only one that actually have power in his eyes.

JARNO

He wasn't the only one. There was a first. What Graezen did. What he can do. It's extremely rare.

RADON

What are you saying?

JARNO

When the Great Diviner created Vision Rock, he had two sons.

RADON

Arak of the First Blood and Oarz of the GreyBorn.

JARNO

Back then it was GreyStorm. Both sons had the Multi-ring eyes.

RADON

Yeah but Oarz could never use his power, just like all the GreyBorn's.

JARNO

That's what Arak told people. But the truth is Oarz could use his eyes. His power was the same as Graezen's. Absorbing a Visionary's light.

RADON

Why was it a secret?

JARNO

Can you imagine the fear of losing your light? And Visionaries with grey eyes holding that type of power. Oarz decided to keep it a secret. But then he started butting heads with Arak.

RADON

Why?

JARNO

Vision Rock became home to many dead-eyes. This was at the end of their World War.

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JARNO (CONT'D)

And the spores plague started spreading everywhere. Arak wanted to turn them away, but Oarz thought they should do what their father would've wanted. They let dead-eyes come and live with Visionaries as one people. But some dead-eyes tried to takeover Vision Rock. The Great Diviner was killed by a dead-eye three years before, and Arak never let that go. Whereas Oarz believed they shouldn't blame the entire human race for the faults of one man.

RADON

What did he do? Arak.

JARNO

Killed those responsible and started dead-eye slavery. Visionaries backed Arak and declared him as the Arch Seer.

RADON

Then Oarz got jealous. He killed Arak, and then himself.

JARNO

No. That was a lie. Arak committed suicide after Oarz absorbed his light. After that, Oarz killed himself. Arak's son saw everything. He became the second Arch Seer and told everyone the lie of Oarz killing Arak. He banished all grey-eye visionaries to the end of Vision Rock. That's how GreyStone came to existence.

RADON

Why did Oarz blind Arak?

JARNO

Arak killed the child of a slave.

RADON

Why?

JARNO

Arak believed the child was Oarz secret son. So to keep the Visionaries gene pool clean, Arak killed the boy.

RADON

Arak made the right choice. Family first. He saved our legacy.

JARNO

Once Ryker became the second Arch Seer, he took control of the situation. So he lied. Because he knew the GreyStorm were the strongest Visionaries. We thought since Oarz was the direct son of the Great Diviner, he would be the only one with that power. Now Graezen has it.

RADON

Then Graezen is a problem.

JARNO

Just don't do it publicly. And make it painless.

EXT. BURNING CANDLE - NIGHT

Price walks outside. Every First Blood citizen moves away from him. However, Lokin stands his ground as Price approaches him.

PRICE

What's all this about?

LOKIN

Some incident with a guard and the Arch Seer's brother.

PRICE

What did he do?

LOKIN

They won't say. I think a slave girl was involved too. It's only a matter of time until Radon snaps. Dead-Eye slaves' rebellion. Dead-Eye remainders across the sea. His brother.

PRICE

Do you believe his across the sea story?

LOKIN

Lor is a lot of things, but I don't think he would lie.

PRICE

If they come to Vision Rock. It's GreyStone that will be the first on their list. It seems like no matter what, I'll end up fighting Dead-Eyes for an Arch Seer that doesn't respect me or my city.

LOKIN

What were you thinking back there? You put a target on your back in the conference room.

PRICE

I know.

LOKIN

Chances are he'll ask me to deal with you. I can't say no.

PRICE

I guess we're enemies now. At least I can expect a fair fight.

LOKIN

I don't understand how can you treat this like a joke?

PRICE

I feel the same about you following him?

LOKIN

I'm following orders.

PRICE

From a man you don't agree with.

LOKIN

It's not my place to disagree.

PRICE

Then what are you if you can't voice your opinion.

LOKIN

Don't blame me for your reckless decisions. I've always told you to make peace.

PRICE

You never had your city burned to ground.



LOKIN  
Because we made peace.

PRICE  
You think it's my fault for what the Third Arch Seer did? My son is dying. And I can't get help because he's a GreyBorn. There is no peace.

LOKIN  
I can talk to Radon for you.

PRICE  
I'm done talking.

LOKIN  
What's that mean?

PRICE  
I don't have a choice Lokin.

LOKIN  
You want to rebel?

PRICE  
I can't stand and do nothing anymore. That's why I'm telling you. I'm not asking you to pick my side. And I know what this means for our friendship.

LOKIN  
When do you leave Price?

PRICE  
Tomorrow night.

LOKIN  
You're not an ally anymore. Leave sooner.

PRICE  
Are you breaking your honor old man?

LOKIN  
I'm serious. Leave.

INT. BLOOD TOWER - CELL - NIGHT

Graezen sits on the floor in his cell. The black bag remains over his head.

**SFX: The sound of footsteps inches closer and closer to him.**

A cell door slides open.

The bag is ripped off of Graezen's head.

RADON

How long have you had those eyes.

GRAEZEN

I don't even know what happened. I swear.

RADON

You blinded him and took his light.

GRAEZEN

I did what?

RADON

Tomorrow is your trial for being an accomplice to the slaves rebellion.

GRAEZEN

Radon if--

RADON

If there's any part of you that actually cares for the family, you'll accept the sentence with no push back. Open

**SFX: The cell door opens.**

GRAEZEN

Will it be the same trial as Udo?

RADON

Same result.

INT. BLOOD TOWER - CELL - NIGHT

Ethenia enters the cell.

Saiya is shackled to the wall.

Ethenia pulls out bandages and wraps Saiya's leg.

ETHENIA

What happened at the healer's shop?

SAIYA

Graezen warned me that you would use me to get information.

ETHENIA

I didn't set you up.

SAIYA

You sent me to Ariz shop to see Graezen, and now we're both arrested.

ETHENIA

I had nothing to do with that.

SAIYA

I don't believe you.

ETHENIA

I'm all you've got!

SAIYA

And what can you do? Besides sulk in the shadows, drunk and whispering secrets. You let your husband die and did nothing. I was stupid to think you could help in any way.

ETHENIA

Which one of us is chained waiting to be executed just like Udo. What did you do to avenge his death?

**SFX: The chains rustle as Saiya tries to leap at Ethenia.**

SAIYA

Don't say his name!

ETHENIA

If just saying his name unhinges you, then you don't have what it takes to lead the rebellion.

SAIYA

What does it take? Bending over in front of Radon?

ETHENIA

If that puts you two steps ahead then yes! You need to see moves others haven't even thought of yet. Graezen just changed everything.

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ETHENIA (CONT'D)

You want to win the rebellion? He's the key.

SAIYA

What are you doing in all of this? Why do you want the rebellion to happen so bad?

ETHENIA

Because it will help me.

SAIYA

With what?

ETHENIA

Killing the Arch Seer and anyone else I think played a part in Jaxen's death. We don't have time.

SAIYA

A flash of white light streamed from his eyes. It brightened the entire room.

ETHENIA

How was Graezen after everything happened?

SAIYA

I can tell he had no idea what was going on. He also looked like he was in pain. Then his eyes turned back to normal.

ETHENIA

We need to get him out of Burning Candle. You have to leave with him.

SAIYA

I can't leave. The slaves--

ETHENIA

Radon can't ignore everything that's happening. And he's getting paranoid. I'll get you out. You leave for GreyStone tonight.

EXT. BLOOD TOWER - COURTYARD - NIGHT

Lokin sits down on a bench in the empty courtyard. Suddenly, Merrin plops down next to him.

MERRIN

Where are your guards? I could have killed you.

LOKIN

No you couldn't.

MERRIN

No First Blood guards around either. What's going on? Something's not right.

LOKIN

I don't know.

MERRIN

Why do I have a feeling that you know something.

LOKIN

If I did, you're the last person I'd tell.

MERRIN

Honorable Lokin. That honor blinds you.

LOKIN

Sounds like you're saying dishonesty enlightens you.

MERRIN

Would you put honor before your people?

LOKIN

The only time a Sun-Warrior breaks his honor--

MERRIN

Is to fight dishonor. Yeah I know the mantra. I'm asking what if the Arch Seer is dishonest.

LOKIN

Is this the same Arch Seer you said you will stand behind?

MERRIN

Did you ever wonder what will happen when we go on that suicide mission across the sea? And think again if you believe the Arch Seer will come with us.

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MERRIN (CONT'D)

He plans on staying and putting  
First Blood guards in every city.  
First Blood guards that will tell  
our people what to do.

LOKIN

He said that?

MERRIN

Yes. We can stop him if we work  
together.

LOKIN

Rebel against the Arch Seer.

MERRIN

I'm not saying that. I didn't say  
that.

Lokin stands up and exits the courtyard.

INT. BLOOD TOWER - LIBRARY - LATER THAT NIGHT

Ethenia pokes her head inside of the library.

Slave Ira stands by the bookshelf.

IRA

Lady Seer.

ETHENIA

What are you doing here?

IRA

I was asked to stay longer.

ETHENIA

By who?

IRA

Master Jarno.

ETHENIA

If I go to his room right now and  
ask?

IRA

Your husband. He's the one that  
asked me to stay.

ETHENIA

Why?

IRA

I report all suspicious slave activities. I'm the one who told Radon about the slaves' rebellion.

ETHENIA

Thank you. Thank you for sharing that with my husband.

IRA

I would do anything for Vision Rock.

ETHENIA

Radon has too much on his plate to meet with you. You can go to slave's camp.

IRA

Yes Lady Seer.

**SFX: Slave Ira's chain drags as she walks away.**

ETHENIA

Hold on. You said you would do anything for Vision Rock.

IRA

Yes.

ETHENIA

The place that enslaved you and your people. It's hard to believe you love it like the rest of us. What is my husband doing for your loyalty?

IRA

I don't understand.

ETHENIA

Yes you do. You can leave now.

**SFX: Slave Ira walks away.**

ETHENIA (CONT'D)

Wait. Mask on.

Ira puts on her mask and exits. She shuts the door behind her.

Ethenia pours herself a glass of wine.

VOICE

AHHHHH!

**SFX: CLANG!**

She puts her ear by the books.

She removes all of the books from the shelf and notices a passageway.

INT. BLOOD TOWER - SECRET PASSAGE - CONTINUOUS

She descends down the spiral staircase and approaches a shut door.

She slowly opens it and finds Metz putting a First Blood Visionary's limp body on a table.

METZ

Lady Seer.

The room is surrounded with water filled jars. Each jar has a single-ring red eye floating inside.

Metz has a scalpel in one hand, and the boy's red eye in the other.

ETHENIA

What are you doing?

METZ

You shouldn't be here.

ETHENIA

Answer me!

METZ

Research.

ETHENIA

Is he dead?

METZ

Yes.

ETHENIA

I'm going to speak to Radon about this.

METZ

Lady Seer.



INT. BLOOD TOWER - GRAEZEN'S CELL - NIGHT

**SFX: Graezen picks up a stone off of the floor and beams it at a bucket in the cell across from his cell.**

TASHA

That's really annoying. Please stop.

GRAEZEN

Tasha? What are you doing here?

TASHA

Boul is convinced that I had something to do with the eternal sleep ceremony.

GRAEZEN

Did you tell him anything?

TASHA

No. But he figured it out on his own. He'll start looking for her in slaves' camp. I'm sorry.

GRAEZEN

So that's it? You're telling me we did everything for nothing.

TASHA

You tried your best.

GRAEZEN

My best?

TASHA

That's all Lexie really wanted.

GRAEZEN

You spat on my face and called me disgusting because you thought I was doing nothing to save Mya. And here you are, doing nothing.

TASHA

You still don't get it. Life isn't all about you. I ignored the sleep ceremony until I had to burn my own son. I was 17. Maybe if I cared before, my son would still be alive. Things need to change.

**SFX: A door opens.**

A guard walks up to Graezen's door. The guard is Price GreyBorn in disguise.

PRICE

Follow everything I say, and I'll keep my promise. The other two are waiting.

GRAEZEN

You got them out?

PRICE

We don't have a lot of time.

Price opens Graezen's door. He leads him down the tunnel.

Graezen stops at Tasha's cell.

GRAEZEN

We have to get her out.

PRICE

There's no room.

GRAEZEN

We can make room.

TASHA

Graezen it's okay. Don't jeopardize everything for me. Go.

GRAEZEN

They're going to question you.

TASHA

I can handle them. Go.

INT. BLOOD TOWER - RADON'S ROOM - SAME TIME

Two slaves take off Radon's mantle from his back.

Ethenia enters the room.

ETHENIA

Everyone out.

**SFX: The slaves scurry outside of the room.**

RADON

What?

ETHENIA

I saw your little experiment.  
You really live up to the name The  
Borrower. Borrowed eyes. Borrowed  
power. Borrowed mantle. Borrowed  
wife.

Radon grabs Ethenia by the throat.

RADON

I am not Jaxen. Remember that.

ETHENIA

People will find out.

RADON

Are you threatening me?

ETHENIA

I don't spread secrets.

RADON

You don't sound convincing.

ETHENIA

Why didn't I tell anyone about the  
cheating. Do you realize the damage-

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RADON

What did she tell you?

ETHENIA

You're not even denying it.

RADON

What did she say?

ETHENIA

Nothing. It was spilling out of her  
eyes.

RADON

I can't control her feelings.

ETHENIA

What feelings? She's power hungry.  
That's what I saw spilling out of  
her eyes. I mean do you have  
feelings?

RADON

Don't be ridiculous.

ETHENIA

She's using you. You know that right?

RADON

I'm using her. She turned on her own people and told me about the slaves' rebellion.

ETHENIA

What did she get in return?

RADON

She's my informant. That's it.

ETHENIA

What did you promise her?

RADON

I don't have time for this. I have a war coming. My brother is a GreyBorn. Slaves want to rebel. And Dead-Eye remainders on the other side will attack by air three years from now. I will do whatever it takes to protect Vision Rock.

**SFX: KNOCK! KNOCK!**

RADON (CONT'D)

OPEN!

The door opens and Metz steps inside.

RADON (CONT'D)

What is it?

METZ

It's Graezen. He escaped.

INT. BLOOD TOWER - HALLWAY - NIGHT

**SFX: A horn blasts in the background.**

Radon marches the hall with Metz beside him.

RADON

He had help.

METZ

Must have been someone in the Tower.

A First Blood guard runs up to Radon and drops on one knee.

RADON  
What is it?

FIRST BLOOD GUARD  
Locals say they saw General Price  
GreyBorn talking with General Lokin  
Sun-Warrior. It looked like they  
were planning.

RADON  
Did you check the shore?

FIRST BLOOD GUARD  
Not yet.

RADON  
What are you waiting for? GO!

**SFX: The guard shoots up and walks away.**

RADON (CONT'D)  
Where's Lokin and Price?

METZ  
Lokin is in his room. I stationed  
guards there. We can't account for  
Price.

RADON  
Price GreyBorn is guilty of  
conspiring with Graezen. BRING THEM  
BACK!

EXT. BURNING CANDLE - SHORE - SAME TIME

**SFX: A horn blasts in the background.**

Three people wearing black cloaks sneak onto the shore.

It's Price, Graezen, and Saiya. She's holding baby Mya.

GRAEZEN  
(whispers)  
The shore has guards.

Graezen looks to his side and sees a row of dead First Blood  
guards, including the Lead Patrolman.

**SFX: Mya cries.**

PRICE

Let's go.

Price unties his boat.

PRICE (CONT'D)

C'mon, I have to tie you guys up.

SAIYA

You're sure this will work?

PRICE

Our best bet is if people thought you were run away slaves that I captured.

Graezen jumps into the boat. Price ties him up with a rope.

Saiya jumps on.

FIRST BLOOD GUARD

HOLD!

SAIYA

You won't make it.

PRICE

We need to row faster.

SAIYA

You won't make it. I'll buy you some time Price.

GRAEZEN

Saiya wait, no. Don't do this.

SAIYA

Graezen. I love you.

GRAEZEN

Saiya! Price, Price stop her please!

**SFX: Saiya jumps into the water and walks towards the shore.**

Price, Price!

Price black-bags Graezen and continues rowing.

END OF SHOW