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In all my travels, I have never seen a place as peaceful as the forests of Dragon Shire.



They hold so many mysteries...



...and I still struggle to understand them.



THEY'RE CATCHING UP!



NOT GOOD.



SHE VANISHED!

YOU THERE!







WHERE IS SHE?!



I BEG YOUR PARDON?

GIVE US THE GIRL!

THIS MUST BE SOME MISTAKE. I HAVEN'T SEEN A GIRL HERE.



LET ME CLEAR THIS UP...



I'M ORPHEA.



A-AND I AM **DECKARD CAIN!** THESE MEN ARE SEARCHING FOR YOU?

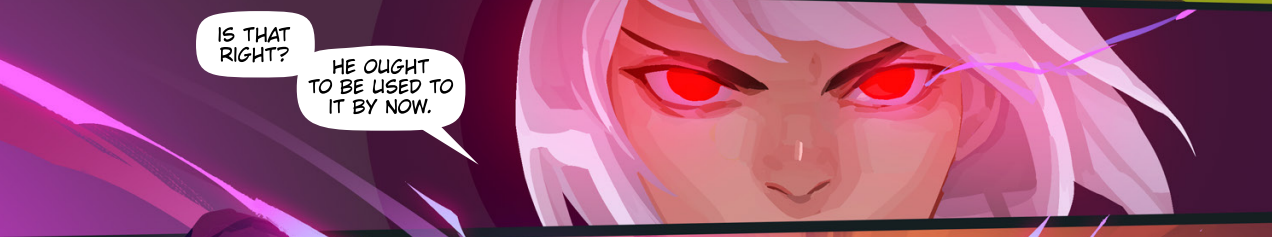
YOU MIGHT SAY I BURNED SOME BRIDGES.

ALLOW ME TO HELP.





THE RAVEN LORD  
WILL NOT TOLERATE  
ANY MORE OF YOUR  
INSOLENCE!



IS THAT  
RIGHT?

HE OUGHT  
TO BE USED TO  
IT BY NOW.



YOU  
VILE LITTLE  
TRAITOR!



THAT WAS  
THE LAST OF  
THEM.

FOR THE  
MOMENT. WE  
SHOULD GET  
MOVING.



AH, A  
SINGULARITY  
SHELL...

WHAT  
IS IT?



EVERY  
REALM HAS ONE.  
CLAIMING IT WILL  
MAKE YOU THE  
REALM LORD.

BUT THIS  
SINGULARITY  
DIED WITH ITS  
LAND LONG  
AGO...






HOW CAN  
A REALM  
DIE?

THERE ARE  
MANY WAYS: CHAOS,  
DESTRUCTION,  
WAR...

LET ME  
SHOW YOU  
SOMETHING...



THE RAVEN LORD  
HAS SUMMONED THE  
DARK NEXUS OVER  
THERE--ACROSS  
THE BORDER.

SUCH EVIL...  
SOMEONE MUST  
STOP THEM!

NO. THIS  
IS JUST THE  
BEGINNING. WE  
SHOULD RUN.



IF WE DO  
NOT FIGHT FOR  
THE DAWN, IT CAN  
NEVER COME.

IS THERE  
NO ONE WHO  
WILL HELP  
US?

WELL,  
MAYBE...



DRAGON SHIRE, HOURS LATER...

YOUR COMPANION ISN'T ON THE LIST, MASTER CAIN.

OH, MY WARD? TAKE NO NOTICE OF HER. SHE WILL KEEP TO HERSELF.

HMPH.

WHO ELSE HAS REQUESTED AN AUDIENCE?

DECKARD CAIN, THE LADY OF THORNS WILL HEAR YOU NOW!

I COME WITH DIRE TIDINGS.

THE RAVEN LORD HAS UNLEASHED A TERRIBLE THREAT!

THE DARK NEXUS HAS ALREADY SCARRED THE LAND, LEAVING A PATH OF DESTRUCTION.

THAT IS ENOUGH!

GUARDS, COURTIERS-- LEAVE US.





YOU HAVE CAUSED QUITE THE COMMOTION, MASTER GAIN.

I MEANT ONLY TO WARN YOU OF THE COMING DANGER!



I KNOW IT WELL, BUT MY CONTROL OF THE COURT HANGS BY A THREAD.

THEY ARE LOYAL ONLY TO MY HUSBAND.



HE WAS A FINE KING UNTIL THE CURSE CLAIMED HIM...

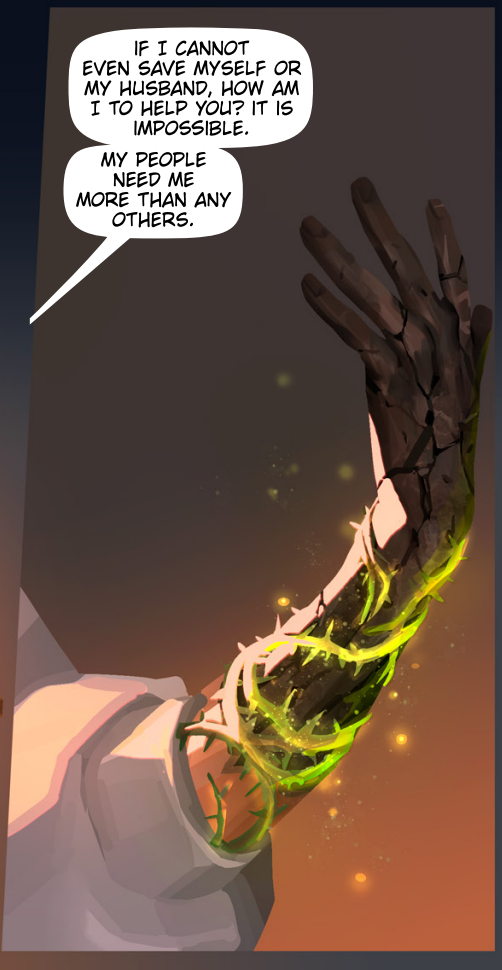
...TURNING HIS BODY TO STONE.



I AM SORRY.

IT SEEMS I AM TO BE NEXT...

NOTHING I HAVE DONE HAS CURED MY OWN CURSE.



IF I CANNOT EVEN SAVE MYSELF OR MY HUSBAND, HOW AM I TO HELP YOU? IT IS IMPOSSIBLE.

MY PEOPLE NEED ME MORE THAN ANY OTHERS.



YOUR PEOPLE  
ARE THE ONES UNDER  
THREAT!

THE RAVEN  
LORD'S KNIGHTS HAVE  
ALREADY ATTACKED  
TRAVELERS WITHIN  
YOUR BORDERS.

IT'S  
WORSE THAN  
THAT.

THERE'S  
ANOTHER REALM THE  
RAVEN LORD WANTS  
EVEN MORE--ONE  
THAT HAS JUST  
FORMED.

IF HE  
TAKES IT,  
HIS POWER WILL  
FAR EXCEED  
YOURS.

I WILL NOT  
SEE ANOTHER LAND  
FALL INTO HIS HANDS!  
KING'S CREST WOULD  
BE IN TOO MUCH  
PERIL...

I SHALL  
DO WHAT I  
CAN.

AND YOU, MASTER  
CAIN... YOU MUST COME  
WITH ME.

I WOULD  
BE HONORED,  
MY LADY.

GOOD.

AS FOR YOUR  
"WARD," SHE MAY  
STAY AS LONG AS  
SHE WISHES.

TRUST ME,  
THAT WON'T BE  
LONG.



**DAYS LATER**



*Raena, the Lady of Thorns, called on her greatest allies from across the lands--and they answered.*

*All who heard her warning felt its weight upon their hearts.*

THE RAVEN LORD SENDS HIS ARMIES TO SEIZE A NEW REALM--BUT WE WILL NOT LET HIM SUCCEED!

THIS IS THE DAY HIS TYRANNY WILL COME TO AN END!



**ALTERAC PASS**

*Together, they marched forward to battle!*

*But that is for another chapter in my Book of the Realms...*



**TO BE CONTINUED**