

Red Butterfly

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EXT. FOREST-NIGHT

It's a still forest at night. Silence and darkness all around.

Suddenly a bright spotlight shines on a

RED BUTTERFLY

as it flits onto a white flower.

REDDEN (V.O)
What is belonging?

The RED BUTTERFLY stays very still.

Silence until-

SCREAM!

The spotlight turns off. All black.

REDDEN (V.O)
I know I've never belonged.

EXT. FOREST-DAY

The forest of fairies. All sorts of fairies mill around, noisy and boisterous.

All of them go silent as

REDDEN

flies in. Surrounded by guards. She's shaped differently, heavier than the others. Half mermaid, half fairy.

Her subjects bow.

FAIRY LAI
Princess. Fly with us?

Cruel laughter from the fairies. REDDEN stays silent.

FAIRY LAI
What? Scared you can't keep up?

More cruel laughter. The fairies take off in fast flight.

REDDEN blushes, embarrassed.

REDDEN
 (to guards)
 Go.

The guards fly.

Once gone, REDDEN smiles. She flies through the forest.
 Perfectly content.

EXT. RIVER-MOMENTS LATER

REDDEN flies just over the water. Happy.

On the edge MERMAIDS snigger at her. REDDEN does not notice them. The MERMAIDS swim away.

DARK PRINCE (O.S)
 Beautiful flight.

REDDEN turns in surprise. She sees a silhouette of the

DARK PRINCE

on the water bank.

REDDEN's guard is up.

REDDEN
 Go away nomad. You're fishing in
 mermaid territory.

The DARK PRINCE does not move.

REDDEN flies to get a closer look.

He's handsome, part man, part hobbit.

DARK PRINCE
 I'm not a nomad.

REDDEN
 What tribe are you from?

DARK PRINCE
 I'm the prince of the half bloods.

REDDEN
 There is no such tribe.

DARK PRINCE
 There is. Located past the western
 forest.

REDDEN
You're lying. There are only
monsters there.
(starts to fly away)

DARK PRINCE
I could take you there, princess.

REDDEN stops and turns.

REDDEN
How do you know me?

DARK PRINCE
I have my ways.

REDDEN flies to the Dark prince's side.

A beat.

Redden kisses him on impulse. Another kiss. They part. Heavy breathing.

DARK PRINCE
You could be my princess.

REDDEN
Fine.

EXT. FOREST-DAY

The western forest. REDDEN and the DARK PRINCE are flying together. Hands holding each other. The brightest things in the melancholic forest.

True love.

They stop flying and sit on the ground.

DARK PRINCE
We'll rest till night.
(kisses Redden)
Take a nap.

REDDEN giggles. Lies on the floor.

REDDEN
Goodnight sweet prince.
(goes to sleep)

The DARK PRINCE watches her. His eyes like a wolf eying it's prey.

EXT. FOREST-NIGHT

REDDEN is slowly waking up. She opens her eyes. Darkness all around.

The DARK PRINCE is nowhere in sight.

REDDEN sits up, suddenly aware. Heavy breathing. REDDEN looks around rapidly.

REDDEN
Prince? Prince?

No reply. Heavier breathing.

REDDEN
(voice gets warier)
Where are you? Prince? Prince? Come
back!

DARK PRINCE (O.S)
Don't worry, I'm right here.

REDDEN turns around and sees the DARK PRINCE behind her, looking downwards.

REDDEN tries for a smile.

REDDEN
I was so worried.

No answer.

REDDEN starts to walk.

REDDEN
Let's go...or we won't get to your
tribe in time.

The DARK PRINCE does not move.

REDDEN
Prince? Come on...

The DARK PRINCE finally looks up. He looks different, less handsome, his eyes are bloodshot and there are bruises under his eyes.

Now REDDEN is scared. She starts to back away.

REDDEN
Maybe I should go back...?

The DARK PRINCE starts to morph into a grotesque monster of all sorts. He doubles in size. His body turns into a hollow black mass. His eyes, pure evil.

REDDEN
What are you?

DARK PRINCE
The angel of death.

REDDEN
Why did you...

DARK PRINCE
You have been starved of belonging
your whole life. Death will put you
out of your suffering.

REDDEN screams and starts to run.

POV: REDDEN

The angel of death flies in front of her and stops her path.

CUT TO:

The red butterfly we saw before.

SCREAM!

CUT TO:

DARK PRINCE
Don't resist me.

The angel of death wraps his hands around REDDEN. She struggles.

REDDEN
Let go of me! I loved you! Let go
of me!

All of a sudden, REDDEN stops struggling.

REDDEN
Fine. Take it. It's worth it. You
gave me my first sense of belonging
and love. Take it.

The angel of death smiles. REDDEN shuts her eyes.

Black out.

SCREAM!