

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!