

# ***Alderona***

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INT. FOREST - DAY

ALDERONA and her brother KLUDO walk side by side along a stream.

ALDERONA

I don't know how to tell father  
that I no longer wish to hold  
onto this power.

KLUDO

I don't think you should say  
anything, not yet.

ALDERONA

Why not?

KLUDO

You haven't completely thought  
through the consequences, Alderona.

ALDERONA

But it's my right.

KLUDO

It is your right, but...

ALDERONA

But, what?

KLUDO

It will change things.

ALDERONA

Aren't we used to everything  
changing?

KLUDO

You know what I mean.

ALDERONA

...

KLUDO

We harness the four pillars, our  
ultimate power. Without it, it  
weakens not only our history, but  
fails to protect the greater  
purpose.

ALDERONA

I can be replaced.

KLUDO

You can't.

ALDERONA

You are wrong.

KLUDO

Why would you want to do this?

ALDERONA

It is a burden I no longer wish to carry.

KLUDO

And why do you not wish to carry what you believe to be a burden?

ALDERONA

I desire free choice.

KLUDO

You mean, to be, human?

ALDERONA

...Yes.

KLUDO

Who is Thomas?

ALDERONA

Don't read my mind!

KLUDO

Then tell me the truth!

ALDERONA

Thomas is a friend.

KLUDO

I don't believe you.

ALDERONA

Kludo -

KLUDO

You have feelings for him.

ALDERONA

I don't care!

KLUDO

You know what could happen.

ALDERONA

This is why I want my choice.

KLUDO

You have responsibilities.  
Gifts you've been endowed with,  
for a reason! Your supposed  
feelings, which aren't to be  
trusted, are overriding your  
duty.

ALDERONA

My -

KLUDO

It should be understood.

ALDERONA

No!

KLUDO

You know the principles of what  
we abide by.

ALDERONA

It isn't fair! I should have the  
right to decide.

KLUDO

You do -

ALDERONA

And I decide to oppose.

KLUDO

You know what happened to those  
that have opposed. We have been  
taught. Once you turn your back  
on your calling, there is no re-  
entry. Nothing can be done.

ALDERONA

What makes you think I would ever  
wish to return?

KLUDO

Because you are young and feeble  
minded.

ALDERONA

I am not!

KLUDO

You will be making a major mistake,  
for an idea that can't be trusted.

ALDERONA

Isn't it better to make a mistake,  
rather than never knowing what  
could have been?

KLUDO

Could have been? Rona, you are  
too young to actually imagine that  
some infantile romance with a human  
can ever rise to great love.

ALDERONA

You are wrong, Kludo!

Pause.

KLUDO

I once felt for someone, as you  
do now...

ALDERONA

...You have?

KLUDO

There was a woman. We fell in  
love, she captivated me, I would  
wake up and think of her, at night  
I would long for her. But, soon I  
realized that it wasn't meant to be.  
I wouldn't have been able to fully  
trust my heart with hers. This  
work, it's bigger than us, it's  
more important to serve others than  
ourselves.

I thought about you, our mother,  
father, and the four pillars of  
our heritage. I would have destroyed  
everything, our lineage, our history,  
and for what? For love? Is human  
love so important? Is it more  
important than the ultimate sacrifice?

I had to choose, Rona. It does  
not mean I have stopped loving her,  
but, she is happy. She will be  
married with someone who will love her,  
someone who will be there for her,  
more than I ever could.

KLUDO (CONT'D)

Someone she will eventually grow old with, someone who could protect her and keep her from harm.

ALDERONA

I can't stop thinking of, what could be, what a life could be like, with him.

KLUDO

Eventually, in time, you'll outgrow this feeling. You'll have greater things on your mind.

ALDERONA

What if I don't want greater things?! I wish to be impulsive. Free. Alive. All your rules Kludo, exhaust me. I'm fed up with following these rules handed over to me.

Being told what to do, what not to do. Which places we can be in and places we can't possibly be seen in! Playing everything safe and keeping it all so secretive, for fear of what could happen, if anyone finds us out!

That's no way to live. Constantly having to edit out my true feelings, lie in order to fit along with what is expected of me! I feel as if I have no soul and it fills me with dread.

I'm not sure how long I can go on like this. I too, think that one day, I'll take full responsibility of our legacy, I'll hold my head up and believe that we have a duty, a real duty I can live up to, but it hasn't happened yet. It all seems so false, as if we are intruding on human life, as if we are trying to almost, perfect it. What if it is all immoral? Perhaps we don't have a place here at all?!

I'd rather have no place to live in, than live without fully understanding a purpose that no longer fulfills me!

ALDERONA (CONT'D)

Can't we be allowed the freedom to make mistakes and become better beings because of those mistakes? Humans have this gift, the gift of free will, to choose.

What gifts, what powers do we possess that gives us anything close to that? I observed a bird the other day, it had a broken wing, I felt close to a robot for a moment, zoning in on figuring out how to fix it... and I did, it flew away but I myself, felt trapped. I could not let the bird free, without myself, being entirely fixated on healing it. I deserve to fly too, Kludo. I deserve the freedom to evolve naturally.

What's the point in being brought here to Earth, if you can't be permitted to fully taste it?

KLUDO

You can do all of that, through sacrifice.

ALDERONA

What sacrifice, Kludo?!

KLUDO

Working within the confines you talk about.

ALDERONA

Haven't you heard a word I said?

KLUDO

I have.

ALDERONA

You've heard me, but you do not feel me.

KLUDO

Give it time.

ALDERONA

I don't want to.

KLUDO

Then talk to father and mother  
and be done with it! You'll regret  
it!

ALDERONA

How mad you get at me, for confiding  
in you.

KLUDO

Why bother confiding in me, if  
you refuse to listen? I'm not  
telling you what to do, all I'm  
suggesting is that you should give  
yourself more time. You are  
rushing your decision.

ALDERONA

I want to be fully human!!!

(pause.)

KLUDO

You must take this up with our  
parents. I can no longer help you.

ALDERONA

Kludo! I didn't mean to shout.

KLUDO

All I ask of you is to give yourself  
more time, Alderona. Your feelings  
may change and I would rather you  
wait before doing something you might  
forever regret.

Kludo leaves.

FADE OUT.