A Wolf and A Bat

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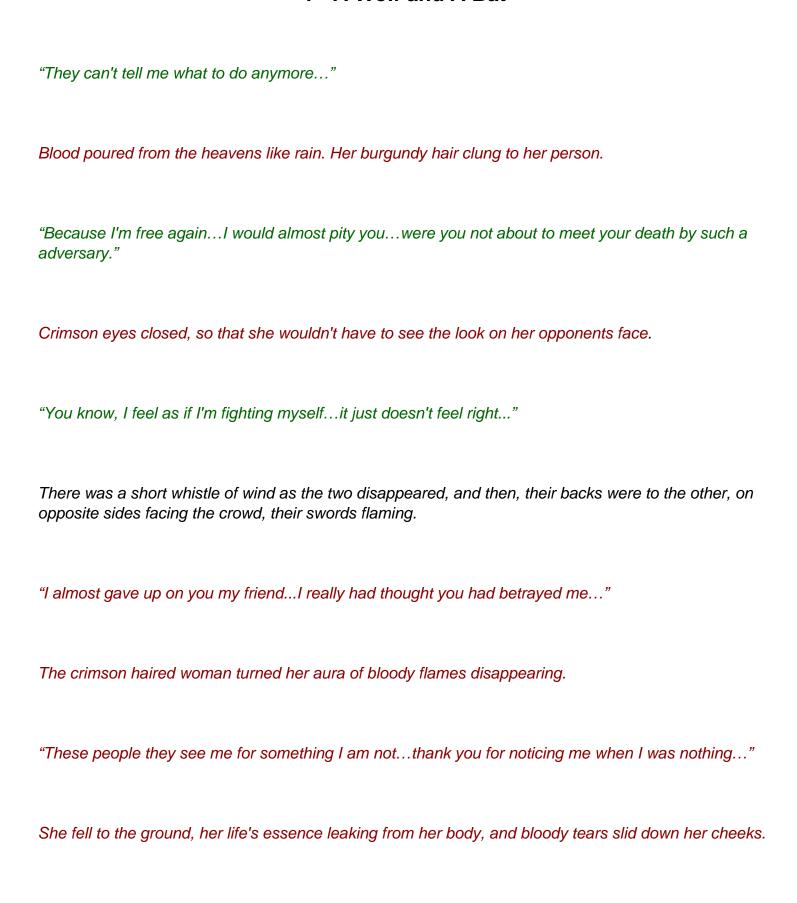
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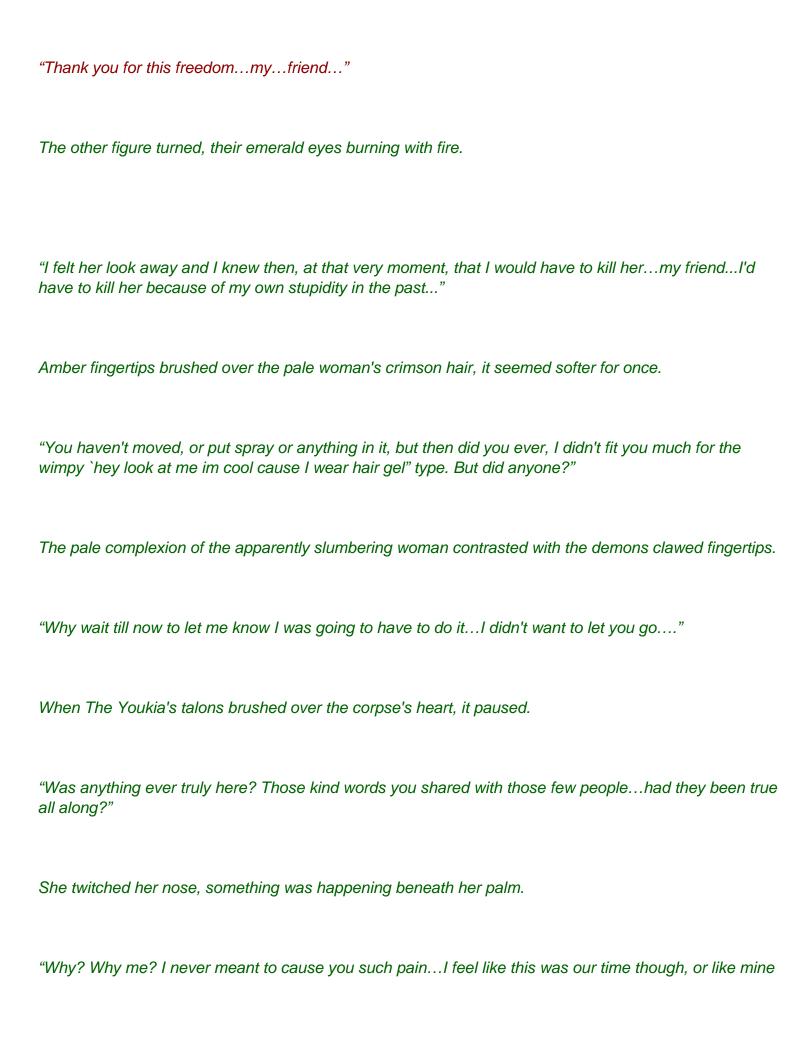
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had been passed, you just kept me from it for so long"
The body beneath her hand was slowly losing its tone and turning gray, sinking in, becoming impossibly thin.
"Is this how it ends? You leaving me here after I cheated death and then killed her? Im tired of fighting my demons, and now I've inherited yoursI don't want to fight them aloneI just, don't wanna be alone"
As it crumbled to dust, the eyes snapped open one final time and fell on her, their depths cold and lifeless, but to the girl, they were honest.
"So that's it?"
The coffin was slammed closed as she backed away, turning and walking out the door.
She could hear them calling herbut she knew she couldn't stop, She needed to get away.
"And that Is the story of the Wolf and the Bat, usually a folktalemost people believe but it seems to have actually happenedThe Wolf Betrayed the bat and then murdered the bat to make up for her mistakes, then wondered away to be lonely for the rest of eternity"
The child emerald green eyes gazed up at her elder.
"But, Grandmawhat were their names?"

The old woman seemed taken aback but smiled.
"Zakiand the otherYumiko"
"Wow, grandma just like your namethat's pretty cool huh?"
The old lady looked away, "Cool? You just don't know the meaning of the word."