

THE NIGHTMARE

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EXT. DARK GRAND WOODLANDS - NIGHT

Forest of darkness, dead plants, large trees creating a cover over the forest ground, full of dirt and bugs. The somber sky begins to pour down.

SOLDIERS, ADA, 23 skittish AND ARNOLD, 25 fearless, walk through the forest. Each are fully armed with 3 Blades, Bowie knife, Karambit, and Twin blades. Twigs cracking break the soldiers' silence.

ADA

Did you hear that? Holy Royals,
grant us strength and safety.

ARNOLD

It's fine. Your family was right
you're too soft for this.

ADA

Arnold I'm scared, please lets go
bac-

Arnold does a hand motion and fire emerges from his hand. As he look around Arnold realizes Ada has vanished.

A chilling gust blows out the fire in Arnold's hand and a darkness falls over the forest and an unsettling SHADOW FIGURE materializes with the darkness.

SHADOW FIGURE

You crossed the line your own
royals put. You my friend are free
game.

ARNOLD

I come on orders from the royals.
To tell your-

SHADOW FIGURE

Tell me! Tell us to do something in
our own prison.

ARNOLD

Your people better-

Shadow figure gets impatient and does a hand motions that knocks out Arnold and throws him to a forest full of life and light.

Shadow figure returns to the darkness of the woods.

EXT. GRAND WOODLANDS - DAY

Arnold walks through the forest. Then he looks up and sees the massive glass Royal palace and heads inside.

INT. ROYAL PALACE - DAY

A loud noise comes from the end of the hall and the HERALD moves to the front of the two large doors in front of Arnold.

HERALD

The King, his Queen and their
eldest daughter.

The large doors open up and THE KING, 55 larger than life holding a large staff , QUEEN, 53 graceful, ESME, 25 eldest daughter and THE ROYAL ARMY are lined up along the walls.

THE KING

Arnold I see you're back and alone.
Did you deliver the message?

ARNOLD

My King I am so sorry but when we
went out to the forest I lost her
to the Shadow people... No, I
didn't get the message delivered.

The king notably angry stomps his staff on the ground and royal army sends Arnold flying through the doors he had previous come through. The Royals walk back through the Place.

ESME

You could've just send him to a
holding cell.

THE KING

It's not his fault, Ana wasn't
ready to join the army. She's isn't
like us she's soft. However, he
didn't finish his mission and that
is unacceptable.

QUEEN

We should have never let her join
the army.

ESME

Father, the shadow people haven't
come out for years. Why tell them
now to stay in the dark side of the
forest.

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THE KING

Well, the Shadow people have been crossing the line recently. Only for a second or two but I have a bad feeling about it.

ESME

I'll prepare my squad if anything where to happen.

EXT. DARK GRAND WOODLANDS - 5 YEARS LATER - NIGH

Shadow Figure walks through gothic gates with brick around it. There the shadow figure comes face to face with a large CROWD.

The shadow figure walks through the crowd and reaches the main camp center where SEBASTIAN, 24 eerie looking. The Shadow figure takes its hood off and faces the crowd.

SHADOW FIGURE

The invasion happens today, the Woodlands is ours, all of it.

The crowd cheers and holler. The Shadow figure and Sebastian walk into a small wooden hut.

SEBASTIAN

You ready to be Ada again?

SHADOW FIGURE

It's what I trained for and I'm ready to see the fall of my family.

SEBASTIAN

You raging war on the Royals, your very own family.

SHADOW FIGURE

They aren't my family. As long as I have the staff in my hands the woodlands is ours.

SEBASTIAN

Time to take back our land.

EXT. GRAND WOODLANDS - NIGH

The Shadow figure, Sebastian, and SHADOW ARMY approach the palace. The Shadow Army and Sebastian walk towards the sides of the palace. The Shadow figure does a hand motion and takes the form of Ada.

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Ada enters the palace and Esme is there to meet her. They lock eyes and Esme call out to the Harold to get her parents. Her parents come into the corridor and are faced with their lost child.

ADA
5 years, you never even tried to
look for me.

ESME
There was a war coming we couldn't
look for you we had to prepare.

ADA
If it's a war you wanted then a war
you shall get.

Ada does a hand motion with her hands and she becomes the Shadow figure, everyone gasps.

ESME
This whole time! You were the one
threatening war?

SHADOW FIGURE
Yes and we are done living in the
shadows.

Sebastian and the Shadow Army come crashing down through the roof and a war brakes out between the Shadow army and royal army. The Shadow figure goes straight for her father taking out anyone that dare get in her way. She comes face to face with her father.

THE KING
My soft little Ada.

The Shadow Figure fires a shot of her magic at her father. They begin firing their magic at each other and after some time The Shadow figure knocks her father down and shoots one last blow. She kneels next to him and takes the Staff from is hands.

SHADOW FIGURE
Not so soft Anymore am I.

Ada stands up staff in hand. The Royal army stops fighting face her and kneel.