

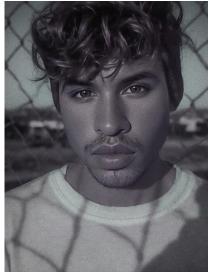
## **ESRĀ DUNCA-SPRAWLING**

Wallflower of The Year

"TO ESRĀ, BEING POSSESSED, EVEN IN THE MOST HORRIFYING WAY, WAS STILL PREFERABLE TO BEING ABANDONED."



discard."





"I THOUGHT TO MYSELF: THIS WHITE BOY IS GOING TO KILL ME AND USE THE 'PANIC DEFENSE' TO GET AWAY WITH IT". - Hearing EsRā recount the story, I couldn't shake a dark thought: In this alternate universe of theirs... I imagined he would hide the body. The cold, calculated nature of it would be a strategic move, eliminating the possibility of a 'panic defense' by admitting to the act. What I found most unsettling was EsRā's tone—a peculiar, almost romanticized, view of this outcome. It was as if he believed that even after such a monstrous act, he would be seen by him as too precious to simply

FOR ESRĀ, WITH REVERENCE.

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