

In a land called Modrrof, where the clouds kiss the trees and the water so clear and so pure. There was a lady with a smile like sunshine and eyes to brighten up the saddest soul. One day her Aunty asks her, "Would you go on a trip with me" , a voyage into uncharted land.

"Of course, I'll be ready right away" she said

On arrival, they would encounter a local man, with striking features, his hair long and dark and his eyebrows perfectly arched like they had been drawn on.

Staring slowly the spark in her eyes would enchant this man as they both stare each other in the eye like they were waiting till the world ends.

He had never seen anyone with such demeanor, She walked with the strength of a warrior and the elegance of a Queen, Her aura would silence the noisiest of rooms.

What is your name? he asked.

"Rapurum", she replied. Taken aback by the name he responds "I have never heard such a name around these parts, but I have also never seen anyone like you before". "STOP IT" she cried out, "this is not a journey of love, I have simply come here on holiday with aunty and soon would return to my father's land".

"But how can that be, no one in their right mind comes to these parts for a holiday, you must not be aware of where it is you are" said the Man.

Looking around, she begins to notice that this is in fact nothing like anywhere she's ever been to.

"Come on, I don't have all day you can gallivant with the locals after we get to our lodge" her Aunt screamed.

On getting to the lodge, it started to feel less and less like a girls holiday.

" Why exactly are we here? This looks nothing like a place either of us would call a holiday" Rapurum asked.

Slowly raising her gaze, "find your room and rest up, all will be revealed in the morning" she said.

Bright and early the following day, Rapurum was up and out of the lodge, filled with all the holiday excitement and itch for adventure. She couldn't wait for her Aunt's schedule, she was off to find her own fun.

"RAPURUM!!!" a deep voice yelled, it was the man from yesterday.

"Hi, you had me scared for a second" Rapurum replied. Rolling her eyes and not at all amused by the interruption.

"I'm sorry to have startled you but it is just a bit worrying seeing you out here by yourself" He said.

"Why do you sound so down about this place, it feels like you don't want me here! Also what is your name?" - Rapurum asked.

"Sorry if I have misrepresented my intentions" he said before taking a long sigh. "It's just that no one that ever made it here has made it out. Besides, I don't have a name" He continued.

The air got thin and and you could hear the birds from 10 miles away

"Now that is just ridiculous, who doesn't have a name? I'll just call you Henry" She said as she ran back towards the lodge.

“YOU SHOULD LEAVE AS SOON AS YOU CAN WHILE YOU STILL CAN” Henry screamed.

The lodge looked a lot brighter today, with a lot more guests in the lobby. Rapurum ran towards her aunty to let her know what had just happened, before she could speak her Aunty interrupted her. “Rapurum, follow me the ceremony is about to start, this is the sole reason we are here” She said.

On entering the hall, Rapurum in a bit of shock asks “why are there hundreds of young adults here? I walked around the town and couldn’t count this many people”.

“CALM DOWN CALM DOWN, could we all sit down” A voice from the stage yelled.

Right as the hall goes silent, the light goes out.

“Well that was a weird dream!!” Rapurum exclaims. She gets up, gets ready and heads into town

As soon as she steps out she hears a familiar voice “Rapurum! Rapurum!”, it was the guy from the first day.

“Hi stalker, what’s wrong and why have you screamed my name so violently” Rapurum asked.

“Again I’m sorry, it’s just been a while since I saw you I thought something happened to you” He replied as he looked deep into her eyes, he sensed something familiar, something had changed.

“Haha you are hilarious! I saw you yesterday when we got here, this is just like in my dream, you say something ridiculous but thanks for asking but I’m fine” Rapurum scoffed.

“What dream?” He asked.

“Huhn!? Oh yes you tell me to get out of town and tell me about all these horrible things” Rapurum responded.

“And you said you’d just call me Henry, yes that wasn’t a dream at all” He said.

A lump had suddenly formed in Rapurum’s throat as she struggles to reconcile how he knew that with the reality of not knowing what had happened since the lights went off at the last ceremony

“I have waited everyday for the last two weeks outside this lodge for you to come out” Henry exclaimed.

Rapurum lifts her head slowly “What do you mean two weeks? If anything, the ceremony would have been yesterday” - “I don’t know what any of this means”

“You were at a ceremony? Henry says through his face in his palm - “But I’m afraid we don’t have much time, come with me I’ll show you something”...

Henry takes Rapurum to what looked like an experimental lab base, the housing was very peculiar with rooms facing each other and no doors.

“Everyone you see here, only remembers being here, and nowhere else but we were all brought here by a transporter just like you” Henry explained

“W-what?” Rapurum let out while still in disbelief

"Don't you find it weird, that you've called your aunty just that and you've known her all your life?" Henry said

"A-actually, only since I was 10, everyone calls her that" - Rapurum just about let out.

"Your aunt is a transporter" Henry said-

"Do you remember where you've come from?"

"Yes! Modrrof" - She replied.

"That's great means we either have time or you're the one but regardless we've got some time" Henry said

"All we do here is work sleep and work just so Modrrof could be everything that it is" Henry continued.

Rapurum finally realising the extent of everything that's been said, filled with so many questions.

"Why do you remember everything then?" Rapurum asked

"Typically I don't, we found out that our memories are suppressed by something in the food so we take turns in skipping 48 hour meals so we have one person who knows everything at all times" Henry replied - "many years ago, there was one like you who wasn't affected until much later, he helped us get this far till he couldn't anymore" He continued.

"So what can I do?" Rapurum asked

"Help us find the way out, you find the way out and we can get everyone out. You have to seem responsive to treatment or this would be the last time we see again" He replied

"Alright I understand, I'll go back now before anyone suspects anything" Rapurum said as she ran off

At the entrance of the lodge was Aunty

"Where have you come from?" She asked

"I woke up early and went into town before you show me why we're here like you said" Rapurum replied

"Ah that's right! I made breakfast we would be off right after"

After breakfast Rapurum went up to her room to sleep, a sleep that would last longer than she'd have thought, the transformation was happening but there was no knowing to what extent Rapurum would change.

While she slept word had got around about a rogue subject, it was Henry. Henry had heard about the guards looking for him and had already made a run for it.

"Who let the word out? Who snitched? How could someone give us away and how would they have known?" Henry kept thinking to himself as they escaped their base.

They ran through forests for days surviving on insects, leaves and whatever animal they could find

At this point back at the lodge it had been a week and Rapurum was heavily sedated.

"We would have to wake her up to find out how much she remembers" it was the speaker from the ceremony.

"My Lord, the subjects that escaped have still not been found" said a Guard.

"That's fine we need to make sure Rapurum is a 100%, she's the key to controlling the subjects" the speaker said

Immediately, Rapurum woke up with a glare in her eyes

"I know where they are, I'll need two guards so I don't spook them" Rapurum said

"Do you know where your Aunty is?" The speaker asked

"What might that be?" She asked

"Never mind me, where are you from?" He asked again

"Here!" She replied. "Now would you let me go so we don't lose any more time"

"Very well, you must hurry up now" the speaker said

She took the guards and headed straight into the forests, she felt like she could sense anyone she had been in contact with in this place.

Meanwhile Henry and the others had just approached a sea which was very confusing as they had never seen one before and didn't know how to swim so they sat in the trees while they plotted what to do.

It had been a day and the Speaker decided to send a troop of guards just to make sure no one apart from Rapurum was alive because they knew too much.

Rapurum approaches the sea and Henry has already spotted the guards, they jump out of the tree seizing the guards and Rapurum.

"How could you betray us? I knew it was you I just didn't want to believe it" Henry asked

"No it wasn't me, I'm here because I found it" Rapurum replied

"Found what" - Henry pressed

"The doorway" she said

"We have to be quick, I'm pretty sure the Speaker would have people after us immediately" she continued

"Where is it? Henry asked

Pointing towards the sea she replied "there it is we just have to go in"

"But we don't know what it is and what it does" Henry complained

"Trust me, it's freedom" Rapurum exclaimed

"Whatever it feels like, just keep going" she yelled as she ran into the sea.

Henry and the others ran into the sea just after her.

"NO FEAR!!" They collectively screamed

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