

**BECAUSE HE NEEDS ME
(THE QUEEN'S SONG)**

WHEN WE FIRST LIVED TOGETHER, IT WAS HARD SOMETIMES
TO REACH AN UNDERSTANDING
HE PUSHED AHEAD RELENTLESSLY, AND THINGS HE SAID
TOO OFTEN SEEMED DEMANDING
HE USED ME FOR HIS PURPOSES, AND TOLD ME WHAT TO DO
WHO TO SEE, AND WHAT TO SAY, AND HOW TO LEAVE WHEN I WAS THROUGH
THE ONLY WAY I MANAGED WAS TO HOLD MY TONGUE AND PRAY
TO FIND A WAY TO MAKE HIM WANT TO CHANGE

NIGHTS OF PASSION HELD US TO EACH OTHER, AS WE STRUGGLED THROUGH THE DAYS
THEN A CRISIS TORE OUR WORLD APART, AND DROVE US BOTH IN SEPARATE WAYS
THE DREAMS WE'D HELD WERE SHATTERED, AND HE KNEW IT WAS HIS FAULT
THE REASONS THAT I HATED HIM WERE SPOKEN
THE BITTERNESS THAT HELD US BOTH APART CAME LIKE A FLOOD
HE WASN'T MERELY CRYING, HE WAS BROKEN

BECAUSE HE NEEDS ME, AND I KNEW THAT I SHOULD STAY
AND I SAW THAT IF WE WORKED TOGETHER, WE COULD FIND A WAY
AND MAYBE HE'D SEE, THAT I'M REALLY ON HIS SIDE
I CAN HELP HIM IF HE LETS ME,
IF HE'S STRONG ENOUGH TO TELL ME THAT HE NEEDS ME

I WAS TEMPTED TO ABUSE HIM, AND TO TREAT HIM IN THE WAY HE'D TREATED ME
BUT THIS MIGHT BE MY ONLY CHANCE TO SHOW HIM
HOW I THOUGHT THINGS OUGHT TO BE
SO I TOLD HIM OF MY PLANS, AND LET HIM QUESTION WHAT I SAID
WE ARGUED AND WE FOUGHT AND DISAGREED
I HELD THE STRONGER HAND, I COULD HAVE SIMPLY WALKED AWAY
I COULD HAVE DONE TO HIM WHAT HE HAD DONE TO ME

BUT I TALKED WITH HIM AND LISTENED AS HE POINTED OUT
THE FLAWS WITHIN MY PLAN,
I FOUND MY OWN SOLUTIONS AS HE HELPED ME LIKE HE WOULD HAVE HELPED A MAN

I THANKED HIM, AND I LOVED HIM, AND I LEFT HIM ALL ALONE
HE WAS HELPLESS WHILE I FOUGHT TO SAVE HIS DREAMS
I WAS FREE TO DO MY BEST, AND I WAS STRONG ENOUGH TO WIN
I COULD HAVE LEFT THEN, BUT I CHOSE TO STAY HIS QUEEN

BECAUSE HE NEEDS ME, AS A PARTNER AND A FRIEND,
AS A TEAMMATE AND AN EQUAL, IN A GAME THAT NEVER ENDS
FINALLY HE'S SEEN, THAT I'M REALLY ON HIS SIDE
I CAN HELP HIM IF HE LETS ME,
IF HE'S STRONG ENOUGH TO TELL ME THAT HE NEEDS ME.

SOMETIMES I RESENT THE ROLE THAT I WAS BORN TO PLAY
THE ONE WHO HAS TO BALANCE EVERYTHING
I MUST BE STRONG AND SELF-ASSURED, AND INDEPENDENT WHEN HE'S GONE,
BUT WHEN HE'S NEAR THEN I MUST YIELD TO HIM
AND HOLD HIM WHILE HE TELLS ME THAT
HE LOVES ME, AND HE NEEDS ME, AND HE WANTS ME BY HIS SIDE,
I TELL HIM THINGS THAT OTHERS CAN'T, AND THEN WE BOTH DECIDE
HE KNOWS I WANT THE BEST FOR US, HE KNOWS I'LL ALWAYS TRY
I PLAY WITH HIM AND MAKE HIM TELL ME WHY
HE NEEDS ME.

QUEEN CONFRONTATION: What Are You Doing Here?

This needs to be a controlled-rage, utterly venomous exchange between the two Queens, when the Red Queen invades the White Castle. But, it also needs to relate to real life, as in . . . a wife is being confronted by some woman she regards as a stupid slut, who shows up at her house, to tell the wife that she (the intruder) has been boinking the wife's husband . . . and he's probably going to leave his wife, pretty soon, for the slut . . .

WHITE QUEEN:

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? AND, IF YOU WOULDN'T MIND, TELL ME,
HOW DID YOU CONVINCED YOURSELF, THAT YOU COULD SOMEHOW FIND
SOME SEMBLANCE OF A REASON YOU SHOULD COME HERE TO MY HOME
DID YOU HOPE TO TAKE ME BY SURPRISE, AND CATCH ME ALL ALONE?
AND SO ASTONISHED YOU WOULD COME HERE,
THAT YOU'D GAIN THE UPPER HAND . . .
WELL, TAKE A LOOK AROUND, YOU'LL SEE,
THIS ISN'T GOING . . . AS YOU PLANNED . . .

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? AND WHY WOULD YOU SUPPOSE,
THAT I WOULD EVER LISTEN, IF THE THING YOU SOMEHOW CHOSE
WAS TO COME HERE AND ATTACK ME, TRY TO TAKE ME BY SURPRISE,
TO SEE IF THAT MIGHT HELP YOU SELL YOUR PACK OF VICIOUS LIES?
ALTHOUGH WE'VE NEVER MET, I THINK I KNOW JUST WHO YOU ARE
I'VE HEARD ABOUT WHAT YOU HAVE DONE,
THE WARNINGS HAVE SPREAD WIDE . . . AND . . . FAR

YOU ARE NOT WANTED HERE
YOU ARE NOT WELCOME HERE
AND THE BEST THAT YOU COULD DO NOW, IS JUST
LEAVE AND DISAPPEAR
YOU WILL NOT COME INSIDE MY HOME,
TO SAY OR DO A SINGLE THING,
TO FILL THIS PLACE WITH HATEFUL LIES,
TO SPREAD THE POISON THAT YOU BRING,
SO TURN AND LEAVE THIS PLACE,
JUST TURN AROUND, AND WALK AWAY,
OR CRAWL OR SLITHER, IF YOU CHOOSE,
THAT'S YOUR CHOICE . . . JUST GO AWAY

RED QUEEN

I THINK WE AT LEAST SHOULD TRY TO TALK,
BEFORE WE MUST DECIDE
GIVE OURSELVES AT LEAST A CHANCE
TO HEAR THE OTHER SIDE
IF YOU THINK YOU KNOW EVERYTHING,
I'LL TELL YOU NOW – YOU DON'T
IF YOU THINK YOU'LL ALWAYS DO WHAT'S RIGHT,
I'LL TELL YOU PLAIN AND CLEAR . . . YOU WON'T

SO PLEASE AT LEAST JUST TRY TO LISTEN, ONCE, TO SOMEONE ELSE
SOMEONE WHO'LL SPEAK THE TRUTH TO YOU,
AND NOT JUST HELP YOU PLEASE YOURSELF,
YOU THINK YOUR FRIENDS ALL LOVE YOU,
BUT, REALLY, THEY'RE AMUSED
AT HOW YOU PUT YOURSELF IN CHARGE
OF TELLING THEM HOW THEY'LL BE USED

WHITE QUEEN:

I WILL NOT STAND HERE WHILE YOU LIE,
YOUR LIFE'S A TRAIL OF SLIME AND SHAME,
YOU'LL CHEAT AND LIE TO ANYONE WHO TRIES TO PLAY YOUR GAME
YOU EVEN HAVE A TEAM OF LIARS, HELPING YOU TO PLAN
THE WAY YOU'LL TAKE DOWN ANYONE WHO TRIES TO TAKE A STAND,
WHO TRIES TO STOP YOUR VICIOUSNESS,
YOUR LIES, YOUR CHEATS, YOUR SCHEMES,
SO DON'T PRETEND YOU'RE ONLY HERE TO TALK,
I'VE HEARD THE SCREAMS

RED QUEEN:

I DON'T KNOW WHO OR WHAT YOU'VE HEARD, SO HOW CAN I RESPOND?
BUT THIS IS NOT WHY I CAME HERE, WE NEED TO LOOK BEYOND
AND FIND SOME WAY TO COEXIST, AND LET EACH OTHER LIVE,
IN WAYS THAT GOD ALONE CONTROLS, IN LIVES THAT ONLY HE CAN GIVE

WHITE QUEEN:

DON'T YOU TALK OF HEAVEN, WITH YOUR VILE AND AWFUL SNEER,
AND DON'T TALK OF GOD, CAUSE WE BOTH KNOW
THAT'S NOT WHY YOU'RE HERE
YOUR LIES MIGHT TRICK THE FOOLISH INTO LOWERING THEIR GUARDS,

BUT NOT IF THEY ALREADY KNOW THE PREDATOR YOU ARE,
SO LET ME JUST REPEAT THE ONLY THING I'LL SAY TO YOU,
IF YOU HEAR IT ONCE AGAIN, PERHAPS YOU'LL SEE HOW MUCH IT'S TRUE

YOU ARE NOT WANTED HERE
YOU ARE NOT WELCOME HERE
AND THE BEST THAT YOU COULD DO NOW, IS JUST LEAVE AND DISAPPEAR,
DON'T TRY TO TELL ME YOU'RE SOMEHOW MY FRIEND,
OR YOU JUST WANT WHAT'S BEST,
CAUSE YOU'LL TAKE EVERYTHING YOU CAN,
THEN LAUGH AT THOSE WHO'VE NOTHING LEFT

RED QUEEN:

I THINK I KNOW A LITTLE MORE ABOUT THE WHERE'S AND WHY'S,
OF HOW YOU CAME TO BE HERE, IN A PLACE THAT YOU DESPISE,
ANYONE WHO QUESTIONS YOU MUST SOMEHOW BE A LIAR,
AND ANYONE WHO WON'T OBEY GETS THROWN INTO THE FIRE
IF THIS IS HOW YOU LIVE, IT'S NO WONDER YOU'RE AT WAR,
WITH ANYONE WHO DISAGREES WITH WHAT YOU THINK THAT LIFE IS FOR

WHITE QUEEN

I WON'T STAND HERE, LISTENING,
WHILE YOU TRY TO INSULT ME MORE,
THIS CONVERSATION'S AT AN END,
SO PLEASE JUST LEAVE . . . AND – OH, YES – CLOSE THE DOOR

ALTERNATE LAST LINE:

SO PLEASE JUST LEAVE, AND GO BACK TO YOUR HOLE, YOU WHORE

I CAN'T STOP IT (SO I GUESS I'LL LET IT RAIN)
(ballad by female pawn, while walking alone in a forest)

I ALWAYS DREAMED OF FINDING SOMEONE SPECIAL
AND SHARING WARM AND GOLDEN SUNNY SKIES
IT'S HARD TO HOPE FOR JUST ONE THING, THEN SEE IT TORN APART
TO HAVE TO STAND AND WATCH IT WHILE IT DIES

BUT ALL MY HOPES AND WISHES WILL NOT CHANGE THINGS
I CAN'T STOP THIS RAIN AND BRING A SUNNY DAY
I PLEADED AND I PRAYED, BUT NO ONE HEARD ME
AND ALL MY FUTILE DREAMS HAVE WASHED AWAY

THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO TO TRY TO CHANGE IT
THIS WORLD WON'T LISTEN, AND IT WON'T HELP TO COMPLAIN
TO CRY OR SAY HOW MUCH IT HURTS WON'T BRING A SUNNY DAY
I CAN'T STOP IT, SO I GUESS I'LL LET IT RAIN

I WISH THE DAYS OF SUMMER COULD BE LONGER
WITH SOFT AND GENTLE BREEZES, WARM AND FAIR
WHEN EVENING LINGERS LONG ENOUGH TO SAVOR
AND THE SOUND OF LAUGHTER FLOATS UPON THE AIR

BUT WINTER IS LIKE WAR; WE KNOW IT'S COMING
IT MOCKS OUR HOPES, AND SHOVES OUR NEEDS ASIDE
ITS COLD, RELENTLESS, GREEDY HANDS TAKE EVERYTHING THEY FIND
AND ALL OUR WISHFUL DREAMS WON'T LET US HIDE

THERE'S NOTHING ANYONE CAN DO TO CHANGE IT
IT NEVER CARES WHAT PEOPLE THINK, OR DO, OR SAY
IT'S ONLY LAW IS THAT OF NATURE, LIKE THE RIVERS AND THE SEA
AND WE CAN ONLY LET IT HAVE ITS WAY

I'VE DONE EVERYTHING I CAN TO TRY TO CHANGE THINGS
AND I'VE TORN MY HEART APART TO FIND A CLUE
I'VE BEEN THROUGH EVERY PRAYER, EVERY HEART-FELT SOBBING PLEA
AND I'VE FINALLY SEEN THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO

SO CARRY OFF THE LOVE I TRIED TO GIVE YOU
JUST TAKE IT AND BE GONE, BE ON YOUR WAY
IT'S NO USE FOR US TO ARGUE, YOU'VE ALREADY SAID GOODBYE
WHAT I WANTED DOESN'T MATTER ANYWAY

AND AFTER YOU HAVE GONE, I'LL DO MY CRYING
THAT'S WHEN I'LL SCREAM AND CALL AND CURSE YOUR NAME
I'LL TRY AND TELL YOUR MEMORY TO JUST LEAVE AND LET ME BE
BUT I KNOW THAT'S JUST LIKE TRYING
TO STOP THE RAIN

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UNTIL NOW
(SONG BY THE PAWN WHO BECAME THE NEW QUEEN)

I REMEMBER WHEN I USED TO DREAM, SOMEDAY I MIGHT BE A QUEEN
BUT I WAS JUST A PAWN IN SOMEONE'S PLAN
I SCRAPED AND SET MY DREAMS ASIDE, TO STRUGGLE AND TO SACRIFICE
I WORKED TO LIVE, AND TRIED TO LOVE A MAN

THE SPRING HAD GONE, THE SUN WAS SLOWLY SINKING
I WAS WISHING I WAS SOMEWHERE ELSE, AND THINKING
UNTIL NOW, I'VE NOT ACCOMPLISHED ANYTHING
UNTIL NOW, THERE'S NOTHING I ALONE CAN SING
AND IF I TRY, NO ONE HEARS ME ANYWAY
NO ONE'S HEARD MY SONG, UNTIL NOW

THEN MY WORLD TURN HARD AND COLD, THE MAN I LOVED CAME HOME AND TOLD ME
THAT HE HAD A DREAM HE HAD TO FIND
I CRIED AND BEGGED HIM NOT TO GO, BUT HE HAD SET HIS MIND, AND SO
I SWORE THAT I WOULD NOT BE LEFT BEHIND

THE SUN WAS GONE, THE PAIN AND COLD WERE STINGING
I WAS HURT AND SCARED, AND I REMEMBER THINKING
UNTIL NOW, MY LIFE HAD BEEN SECURE
UNTIL NOW, MY WORLD WAS SAFE AND SURE
BUT I'M ALONE, AND FRIENDS ARE FAR AWAY
IT ALL HAS GONE SO WRONG, UNTIL NOW

BROKEN HEARTS AND WOUNDED MEN, A WORLD OF MISERY HELD ME THEN
JUST ONE THING GAVE ME STRENGTH TO FACE EACH DAY
I'D SEEN MORE THAN I'D HOPED TO SEE, I'D LEARNED WHAT LIFE COULD MEAN TO ME
I'D CRIED BUT I HAD NEVER LOST MY WAY

I TOOK A CHANCE, I KNEW THAT I MIGHT LOSE IT
I GAMBLERD AND I WON, AND NOW I'LL USE IT
UNTIL NOW, I HAD TO FIND OUT ON MY OWN
UNTIL NOW, I HAD TO STRUGGLE ALL ALONE
BUT STILL I TRIED, AND FINALLY FOUND MY WAY
THOUGH NO ONE HEARD MY SONG . . . UNTIL NOW

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