

REVENGE OF THE QUEEN MOTHER DRFT 1

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ENDE stands with her back turned to her advisor, IGNIS.

ENDE

50,000 dead. How did this happen? Lord Barkan assured safety within his borders. We'd barely crossed into his airspace when the Fomori attacked. How'd they know we'd be there?

IGNIS

You thought Barkan was a man of his word. You were betrayed, .

ENDE

Yes. I was.  
(turns around)  
If only he were still alive to account for this misunderstanding.

IGNIS

A fitting end for a traitor.

His eyes flit between her eyes and her necklace until he is completely transfixed by its beauty.

IGNIS (CONT'D)

I must say, your Highness, that necklace is simply resplendent.

ENDE

(heartbroken)  
Thank you. It belonged to my mother.

IGNIS

Fascinating. I don't recall the late queen mother ever wearing it.

ENDE

Well, she couldn't wear it all the time otherwise it'd effect almost every man she came across. She called it Liar's Bane. Extremely compelling to anyone who deals in falsities. Possibly even deadly.

IGNIS

That's not good.

ENDE

It controls me as well, for as long as I wear it, my words must always...

She touches his chin gently. Light's on but no ones home.

ENDE (CONT'D)  
...and will always, be truth. For  
example, if I say you will touch  
your finger to your nose.

He touches a finger to his nose with a drunken giggle. She  
smiles sadly.

ENDE (CONT'D)  
I will miss your laugh. Let's try  
another one. You will tell me who  
conspired with the Fomori and  
killed Lord Barkan.

IGNIS  
That would be me, your Highness.

ENDE  
You will tell me how long you've  
been betraying me.

IGNIS  
From the very beginning.

ENDE  
You will tell me who killed my  
mother.

He hesitates to answer.

ENDE (CONT'D)  
You will tell me who killed my  
mother now.

IGNIS  
I didn't want to. It was beyond my  
control. It was the Urge.

ENDE  
Not for all of it. And now, Ignis  
Hedger, *two-face*, you will sit  
perfectly still at this desk, never  
eating, never sleeping, never  
dying, for all time.

She waits and watches as Ignis makes truth of her words. Then  
she turns her back on his frozen body and walks out without  
looking back.