

## Tear For Four

It seems it was about that time.....the fake orchestra of blessings from before as they recollected and unwind. Things were feeling nothing but better for the heroes of the world. Princess Peach of Mushroom Kingdom, Princess Daisy of Sarasaland, Toadson The Knight and the newcomer....but a familiar face.

"Rosalina"

"Nothing more than an observer"

"Not this time you aren't.....if we're to move on we all have to accept each other."

Peach completely broke into all that nonsense. Before it even started she cut through it like a blade. Pouring tea for the four of them into glasses situated neatly and perfectly on a table.

"To think of the future we understand the past and this means coming clean with each other"

She walks over to the chair of a table then sits with her legs crossed.



"This is the time to get whatever stresses you off your chest"

Toadson blinked and looked her dead in the eye with his usual blankness. They were all cordial before but not close as there was always that nagging little information that said there was a lot they needed to work out. Air in the room was starting to thicken with tension as the toad took this time to speak.

"Where is Jolene?"

"She isn't involved with this specifically"

"You don't want her to hear what you want to say"

"Toadson.....she isn't involved. She knows her job and respects it enough to know that as the princess-"

"It's not about you, it's about all of us"

Daisy takes her time to step in.

"If it involved all of us then what happened before would have never happened. You and Rosalina wouldn't be making deals behind our backs because you don't trust us."



Toadson stayed silent and so did Rosalina. The first felt he said what he needed to say during their altercation a few weeks to a month ago and Rosalina felt she also spoke her peace. Whatever the two thought about what they said was now their business which is exactly why they are here right now. There's something more to this story that they are not telling the princesses. It is obvious that Jolene has something to do with this or maybe the lack thereof. Rosalina isn't even supposed to be involved in this world anymore as she left it for Toadson due to the Mario Brother's disappearances. The mantle of an empty but also fake throne that nobody wanted to claim.

"After what happened before and during the invasion it was inevitable that the world needs a leader"

"Leaders....what do you think our titles are for?"

Daisy grit her teeth and balled her fist.

"I said a leader Daisy....."

"No one man can run the world Rosalina"

Peach sighed and looked down but back up at Rosalina with a hint of venom.

"When Mario and Luigi were still around they protected us together"

"And....during all that.....they"

Daisy tries her best after Peach is finished talking to remember but still nothing. It's been a problem since the beginning that these two just up and disappeared leaving the defense of the kingdom's crippled. Princess Shroob was smart as she didn't directly attack Sarasaland or The Mushroom Kingdom but instead went for Bowser's Kingdom. Toadson looked at her trying to remember and spoke up sternly.

"Best to not bother.....if i can't remember anything neither can you"

"They're still out there....somewhere they are out there. You can tell me to move on but not even you believe it."

Daisy wipes her face.

"Nobody in this room! believes it either."

Rosalina takes a deep breath.

"I'm sorry but what was happening between the kingdoms is my responsibility. With out them i needed to act but it's not in my law to get involved. I can only protect when it was absolutely necessary but i chose Toadson because he is the most powerful out of all of you."

"He.....killed her"

"Proving my point"

"Rosalina we banished her before.....THEY banished her before with the Cobalt Star and that-"

"Had no time for that Daisy"

"We never tried it! You both just wanted to jump the gun and that is not how it works"

Toadson steps forward.

"Then what?.....keep her around so you can have your fight and get stronger or maybe we put her in prison with a high chance of escaping which she did. No matter the powers she would have kept coming back and when she was bored with you then she'd do what I thought was right."

"And who is next Toadson?.....Bowser? The remaining Koopa Army? What about us if we so happen to step out of line"

"I'll have to deal with that when I see fit"

Their eyes were as wide as dinner plates. This was such a change in demeanor even Rosalina didn't process that he would say it so sternly and vehemently. They all knew him, knew what he was capable of and knew that he was a protegee of Mario and Luigi. Neither of those two would say this but they are looking at the strength, wit and magical prowess of those two in the hands of something they can never pin down. Toads are creatures of the world, they are very versatile and they can take many forms. Some are good at magic, some are great at fighting and some are just plain skilled at doing any given task. This is one that the bros themselves say potential in but that is as far as it went. When they trained him they could probably never imagine he would end up being this formidable so when he says those words.....they weren't to be taken lightly.

"You and your....how dare you."

Peach was taken aback but nah....Daisy went for the throat.

"Wait a minute now Daisy.....enough!"

Rosalina stepped up as things were getting serious. Daisy had the toad by the collar.



"What are you!? A spy!?! You say things like that so casually like you're planning something!! What is it!?"

"If things come to it then i would rather it not escalate to that point because....."

He grits his teeth

"...This is only my absolute contingency with it is absolutely necessary. I don't want *her* to do anything to the people i love"

They all looked confused at him even Daisy who still had him by the collar.

"Don't you get it....Shroob isn't your only problem and there was a reason why she never went after her Kingdom.....not even she is crazy enough to go against her"

"So it is true....."

"What is it?"

Peach looked shook because she kind of knew but kind of didn't. It might not have been that specifically but more like she didn't wanna entertain the thought of being true.

----Elsewhere----



A literal air of superiority whipped its way through a Kingdom just south of the homes of our heroes. On her throne she sat going over her recent training because she loved the thought of battle but there was no time to actually indulge in it. During the war, she caught wind of the possible invasion of her home but it never happened so needless to say she is hankering for a good fight.

"My Queen!....."

Two Hammer bros run in and kneel before their ruler. Juxtaposed to the bright outside is the dimly lit and flickering of torches that lined the halls along with the walls of the throne room.



"What is it?"

"We have our reports! Written as instructed by our superior and hand delivered to you directly"

A Toad gets up lazily and sighs before warping over to them and warping back. One of the soldiers narrowed his eyes behind his sunglasses but he could see everything as he glanced up at his leader and his assistant. The Hammer Bros waited a second before they heard their ruler speak up.

"Excellent now...go uh...do whatever"

"Y-yes ma'am thank you"

She scurry out as fast as they came. She relaxes a little more in her seat before whipping her head over playfully to the Toad that sat beside her.

"Let me guess...pointless patrolling, useless information on enemies that are too stupid to even attack and you have absolutely nothing to tell me."

"They found a power moon"

Her assistant said reassuredly

"Yay.....add it to our collection or some shit"

"Noted"

She dug two of her sharp nails into some grapes and ate them.

"Vekkan.....Vecky my boy"

She says playfully

"Sup?...."

The Toad continues to read the report as he can feel her smile next to him but is unphased.

"What do you say? I think it is time we pay old Peachy a visit....."

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