

CIAMPO AND HER TEAM HAVE BEEN STUDYING SOME KIND OF MYSTICAL EVENT THAT HIT SEVEN MONTHS AGO.

SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN EFFECTING TIME TRAVELERS.

KIERA'S A TIME TRAVELER?

NO... BUT NEITHER LIFE NOR TIME ARE *LINEAR* FOR PHOENIXES. THEY ARE A PERSONIFICATION OF SCHRÖDINGER'S CAT.

COME AGAIN?

LIFE AND DEATH EXISTS SIMULTANEOUSLY INSIDE OF HER. I IMAGINE ANY EVENT THAT HAD A TRUE RIPPLE ON *REALITY* WOULD UPSET THE DELICATE BALANCE WITHIN.

SHE WAS *STUCK* IN THE MOMENTS BETWEEN HER DEATH AND RESURRECTION. HER POWERS WITHIN WERE LASHING OUT, AND THEY COULDN'T GET TO HER.

"I MANAGED TO USE THE *GREEN* POWER OF OZ TO HEAL HER."

KIERA... IT'S ME. IT'S GOING TO BE OKAY.

...WHO ARE YOU?

"HER MEMORY IS WIPED. SHE HAD NO IDEA WHO I WAS."

WITH NO RECOLLECTION OF THAT "EVENT" THAT STARTED ALL OF THIS? GREAT.

AND CIAMPO? DOES SHE HAVE ANY IDEAS?

WELL...



"WE DIDN'T LEAVE ON THE BEST OF TERMS."

YOU HAVE SOME DAMN NERVE, SELA. I BROUGHT YOU IN TO HELP ME.



I DID. AND NOW I'M DOING THE RIGHT THING.

KIERA SHOULD STAY HERE WITH US. WITH THE PROPER TRAINING, WE CAN FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO HER.

WE CAN REHABILITATE HER. MAKE HER STRONG.

I KNOW YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING GOOD HERE.



BUT THIS? IT LOOKS A LOT LIKE HIBOCORP TO ME. LIKE THE REALM KNIGHTS.



AND WE ALL KNOW HOW THAT ENDED.

DAMMIT!

"SO CIAMPO KNOWS ABOUT ARCANO ACRES?"



NOT THE DETAILS. SHE KNOWS KIERA IS IN OUR CARE, AND THAT THERE ARE OTHERS.

I'M NOT COMFORTABLE WITH THAT.

SHE'S A GOOD PERSON...SHE JUST GOT CAUGHT UP IN SOMETHING BAD.



YOU DID THE RIGHT THING, SELA.

UNTIL KIERA REGAINS HER MEMORIES AND TRULY TAKES CONTROL OF HER POWERS, SHE WILL REMAIN HERE, WITH US.



JUST LIKE YOU WERE.

"SHE'LL BE
SAFE HERE."



FRIGGIN'
TENNER DOESN'T
KNOW HOW HARD
I WORK.

ALL THEY'VE
GOTTA DO IS
COOK AND
SERVE, COOK
AND SERVE.

ME? I'M
HERE TO CLEAN
THE MESS WHEN
THEY'RE ALL
DRINKIN' THE
NIGHT AWAY.

S'NOT
FAIR, IS
IT?

I
DESERVE SOME
APPRECIATION IN
THIS ROTTEN
PLACE.

I
APPRECIATE
YOU.