

Alderona

EXT. BACKYARD - EVENING

ALDERONA

I do not know how to tell father
that I no longer wish to hold onto
my spirit power.

KLUDO

Whatever do you mean?

ALDERONA

I do not want this, this gift as
it's called.

KLUDO

Alderona, give it time...I have also
gone through a difficult time with
mine.

ALDERONA

I don't want it, Kludo, I've
thought about it.

KLUDO

Have you already made your
decision, Alderona?

ALDERONA

I believe I have.

KLUDO

Have you spoken to anyone else
about this?

How long have you been debating
this?

ALDERONA

Months. It's too much to handle.
I want to be normal, like everyone
else. I don't want to keep this
secret inside of me anymore.

KLUDO

Why not decide to never use your power only? Why must you have it removed and erased?

ALDERONA

I want to disconnect from it entirely, it consumes so much of my thoughts.

KLUDO

What if you grow to regret it, Alderona? I would suggest giving yourself more time and if you still feel as you do, then you should talk to father.

ALDERONA

I'm not sure I can wait much longer...I will try. I feel as though I belong more to the others, that I am more like they are, have more in common, similar interests. It's where I belong.

KLUDO

I was going through the same thing at your age, which was not so long ago. I wanted to remove my gift as well. But then, there was an incident that happened. Do you remember the train wreck that took place in Marcudian?

ALDERONA

Of course.

KLUDO

Well, I was the one who prevented tragedy.

ALDERONA

What? How?

KLUDO

I ran away from home. I was walking along the tracks when suddenly I heard a crash and noticed the train had come off its track. Without thinking I slowed the train and held it afloat until I brought it back on its track.

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KLUDO (CONT'D)

I stopped the train entirely because the wheels had been so badly damaged, it couldn't have continued going regardless. But, had I not been there, had I not used myself, there would have been horrible consequences. This is why, ever since that day, I realized the importance of what it is we do and I am thankful I did not have it erased.

ALDERONA

Rebecca was on that train.

KLUDO

I know. I found out later on that she was. My point is that—

ALDERONA

I know your point. I understand what you're saying. It only makes my decision harder, Kludo.

KLUDO

Give it time. Please. For me, give it time. Either way, I will support you but you must be sure before making such a decision.