

APOLOGY TOUR

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EXT. THE UNDYING GOBLIN - PROW

VANVIREN looks out at the shining blue sea. She takes a steadying breath and turns to face someone.

VANVIREN

Okay. So I've got to talk to you about something. Something kind of important...

DJANGO puts down the rope he's looping up.

DJANGO

O..kay?

VANVIREN

It's not bad, I promise!

Match cut to...

INT. CAPTAIN'S QUARTERS

VANVIREN

...I've just been doing a lot of thinking since we left Panuu, about the way I've been acting since we started up the mountain. The way I've been treating everyone...

INT. THE HOLD

VANVIREN

...I wanted to start off by saying that I'm sorry...

EXT. CROW'S NEST

VANVIREN

... Because I am. I really am so, so ashamed of the things I did. For putting the team in danger, for putting you in danger...

INT. GALLEY

VANVIREN

... But at Panuu, I also started thinking about the way I'd been acting before the mountain, the way I'd been acting since we met...

INT. CREW QUARTERS

VANVIREN

...And I realized that, besides sorry, there's something else I have to say. Something I should have said a long time ago...

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VANVIREN

...I love you.

Beat.

DJANGO

Oh! Um. That's really flattering, um, uh...

VANVIREN

Vanviren. Barrowseeker.

DJANGO

Vanviren. Right. Look, I don't want you to take this the wrong way because it clearly took a lot for you to say that, but I don't exactly know who... you... are?

Beat.

VANVIREN

Excuse me?

DJANGO

This is the first time I've ever seen you in my life.

VANVIREN

Oh! Wait, I'm so sorry, my bad, I should have-

Vanviren pulls her bandana up to reveal the golden mark on her forehead.

DJANGO

Oh! Holy shit, it's you!

VANVIREN

Yeah!

DJANGO
That's so cool, it was you the
whole time!

VANVIREN
Django, I've been doing this since
we met. It's just costuming.

DJANGO
No, but it's like, magic!

Beat.

VANVIREN
Django, I can do magic. I can do
actual magic.

DJANGO
It's different!

VANVIREN
I guess?

Beat.

Several more beats.

VANVIREN (CONT'D)
So is that it? Like, do I just walk
away now? You have more "I love
you" experience.

DJANGO
Oh! I love you too, Vanviren.

VANVIREN
Oh. Huh. I wasn't- I didn't think-
(beat.)
I love you too.

DJANGO
Yeah well, I love you too.

VANVIREN
Right, and I love you to-

INT. GALLEY

DAIN UNGART nods and goes back to stirring his stew.

DAIN
I know.

VANVIREN

What?

DAIN

I know you love me, lass. Thanks for saying so.

VANVIREN

What do you mean you know?

DAIN

Was I not supposed to?

VANVIREN

I've been keeping it pretty close to the chest, Dain! I would say that it's the central crux of my whole emotional deal!

DAIN

But you're always saying I'm your best friend.

VANVIREN

Well, yeah.

DAIN

And laughing whenever I make a joke.

VANVIREN

Sure, but-

DAIN

And telling me not to drink so much for my health. Which you don't need to do, by the way. I keep telling you, ale is herbal tea for dwarves.

VANVIREN

I'm not sure that's-

DAIN

And besides, I'm Dain fucking Ungart. Everyone loves me.

Beat.

VANVIREN

Huh.

DAIN

You want some stew?

VANVIREN

You know, this thing is going pretty well. I was afraid you'd laugh at me.

DAIN

Who'd do a thing like that?

EXT. CROW'S NEST

ASRAEL is laughing his ass off. Vanviren tries to say something else, but is silenced by more laughing.

COLETTE shoves him and gives Vanviren a hug. Vanviren pats her head a couple times, but isn't completely at ease. Something's wrong.

INT. CAPTAIN'S QUARTERS

SQUEE

Oh Van...

Squee walks over reaches for Vanviren's hand, but cannot reach. He gets up on his tip-toes, and eventually just jumps for it. He brings her hand between his.

SQUEE (CONT'D)

...I know you've been holding this in for a long time. I can't say I didn't see this coming, but I'm not looking for anything serious right now.

VANVIREN

Oh that's not-

SQUEE

It's not you, it's me. Well, honestly it's not, not you, but it's also me.

VANVIREN

Yeah, okay. I think I'm just gonna-

Vanviren picks up her stuff and leaves the room. Squee doesn't notice.

SQUEE

To tell you the truth it might be more you than it is me. It might not be me at all actually-

INT. THE HOLD

PAALKAL stares at Vanviren. Vanviren frowns and then quickly flips up her bandana.

VANVIREN

Oh, and it's me! And it's not romantic, and I know you probably know already because everyone loves you, it's just that now, you know, I'm vocally a part of the "everyone."

PAALKAL

Aww!

Paalkal boops Vanviren's nose.

PAALKAL (CONT'D)

I love you too, Van.

VANVIREN

Yeah. Thanks...

Paalkal walks out of the room.

When Vanviren is sure she's gone, she walks to the wall and rhythmically bangs her head against it.

VANVIREN (CONT'D)

Be. Happy. About. This. Be. Happy. About. This. Be. Happy. About-

INT. CREW QUARTERS

Vanviren stares at a silent PALADIN. Paladin stares back.

VANVIREN

What am I doing? We don't even- I don't even- YOU DON'T TALK!

PALADIN

Yes I do.

VANVIREN

No, I know that but... we don't talk.

Paladin says nothing.

VANVIREN (CONT'D)

Case in point.

Vanviren crumples to the ground. She splays out on her stomach and turns her head so one of her cheeks is smushed.

VANVIREN (CONT'D)

I'm sorry to drag you into this. I don't love you, Paladin, I'm sorry for toying with your emotions or whatever. Not because I *can't*, just because I... don't. I don't know you. I've been telling everyone about my feelings, but this is rock bottom, I think. I've overcorrected.

Vanviren knocks a fist on Paladin's armored boot. Paladin looks down, but is silent.

VANVIREN (CONT'D)

It's just... The Blues wouldn't say goodbye to me. I loved them. I'd been loving them the whole time I was gone, and they wouldn't even say goodbye. Isn't that stupid? My whole life, I thought that I just couldn't do it, and the whole time, love wasn't magic, it wasn't special, it was just another feeling. I've been distancing my family for *this*? I lost Valafar over-

(beat.)

I feel like such an idiot.

Paladin awkwardly lowers himself into the same position as Vanviren.

VANVIREN (CONT'D)

You don't even know who the Blues are.

Paladin cannot smush his cheek into the floor, his breastplate elevates the top half of his body. He pats Vanviren's shoulder.

Vanviren smiles.

PALADIN

You do love a disservice.

VANVIREN

Story of my life, Paladin.

The two enjoy laying facedown on the floor together for a few more moments.

VANVIREN (CONT'D)
Do you sleep in the armor?

Paladin says nothing.

VANVIREN (CONT'D)
Are you asleep right now?

Paladin says nothing

VANVIREN (CONT'D)
Okay.

EXT. THE UNDYING GOBLIN - PROW - SUNSET

Vanviren watches the sun set at the front of the ship. GARRET joins her.

GARRET
So. How'd it go today?

VANVIREN
Fine? I guess?

GARRET
That's not what I heard.

VANVIREN
Did Squee tell you I professed my undying love for him?

GARRET
He may have mentioned it.

VANVIREN
Why does anyone do this?

GARRET
You turned telling people how you felt into a to-do list. No one does that.

VANVIREN
I don't have time for it to come up organically, Garret! I need people to know now!

GARRET
We know. I knew before you told me.

VANVIREN
Then what was the point of any of this?

GARRET

The sun's going down, Vanviren.
It's gonna get below the horizon,
and it'll be really beautiful,
right? You know that, I know that.
But you still don't actually *know*
until...

Out on the sea, the sun hits the horizon. Vanviren and Garret look out at the golden-pink sea.

GARRET (CONT'D)

That's the point of all of this.

VANVIREN

Maybe I was imagining something
better.

GARRET

Maybe. Isn't this still nice?

INT. GALLEY

Squee tries to steal a spoonful of Dain's stew. Dain hands him a bowl of the stuff.

EXT. CROW'S NEST

Django, Colette, Paalkal, and Asrael hide, giggling, as SOMRA calls them down for dinner on the decks below.

EXT. TOWER'S END

VALAFAR watches the sun rise. He is drinking a cup of orange juice.

EXT. THE UNDYING GOBLIN - PROW

The waves crash against the side of The Undying Goblin.

VANVIREN

I love you Garret.

Garret smiles.

GARRET

I love you too.

END.