

OPENING CUTSCENE

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INT. BLACK VOID - UNKNOWN

In the distance, a light sparkles for a second. Then it repeats again. A hand appears holding the light in the middle of it's palm.

A CELESTIAL, unknown age, appears in a feminine body, stars make up her hair and galaxies make up her body. She cradles the star in her hand.

CELESTIAL
(Whispering)
Wake up, Wake up my champion...

INT. FOREST - NIGHT

A YOUNG MAN, early 20's, rags for clothes, wakes up to a cold night. Snowy slides off his shoulders as he begins to shift. His body weak from the cold. He slowly moves.

YOUNG MAN
(weak)
Where...

He sluggishly looks over through the bars. He is suspended in the air inside of a cage. He settles back into the cage.

CELESTIAL (V.O.)
Can you hear me?

The young man looks around, then from above a small light flows down to him. He opens his hands to allow the light to settle in his palms.

YOUNG MAN
(weak)
Who... who are you?

CELESTIAL (V.O.)
I am someone who can help you. I am
a Celestial. If you will accept me,
we can get out of this cage
together.

YOUNG MAN
Why should I?

CELESTIAL (V.O.)
You were once a innocent man,
condemned to death for the mistake
of another.

(MORE)

CELESTIAL (V.O.) (CONT'D)
Do you not want revenge? Or at the
very least clear your name?

The young man nods weakly. As he begins to pass out again, there is a creaking coming from above him. The frozen, aged metal snapped and his cage came crashing to the ground.

As the cage crashed down, snow and dirt flew around it.

HUNTER #1
What in the hell was that!?

Two HUNTERS, arrived at the scene. Both are wearing uniform looking, fur clothing. Masks covered half their faces from the cold.

HUNTER #1 (CONT'D)
Hey, look at this.

HUNTER #2
I guess the Inquisitors got lazy,
they didn't secure this one
properly.

The hunters go to examine the cage that the young man is in. As they examine, the young man moves.

HUNTER #1
Holy shit, he is still alive!?

The hunters begin to examine the door to the cage. One goes back to the sled they were pulling and pulls out a shovel and begins to try to break the lock on the cage.

HUNTER #2
Are you sure about this? We can get
in trouble with just setting eyes
on him.

HUNTER #1
He is still alive, we can't just
leave him here.

After a few swings they got him free. The two hunters grabbed the young man and pulls them to the sled. They gave him clothes and bundled him up. They mount him on the sled and secure him to it.

HUNTER #1 (CONT'D)
Hopefully now he won't move around,
we should get back to the village
ASAP.

HUNTER #2
Alright, alright, I still say this
is a bad idea.

HUNTER #1
Keep your britches on and let's
just go.

The two hunters start to pull the young man on the sled.

CELESTIAL (V.O.)
Wake up...

The young man slips in and out of consciousness. He slowly moves, feeling himself bound to the sled. He slowly opens his eyes to the little light of the Celestial.

YOUNG MAN
Can they see you?

CELESTIAL (V.O.)
No, only you can.

HUNTER #1
Hey you alive back there?

HUNTER #2
Give him a minute. He just got out
of a prison. I'd be surprised if
his brain hasn't frozen.

HUNTER #1
The fact that he is even still
alive is a miracle of itself. Kid,
do you remember your name?

CELESTIAL (V.O.)
Samuel...

SAMUEL
Samuel... my name is Samuel.

HUNTER #1
(laughing)
See? He is stronger than he looks.
Good, good, is there anything else
you remember?

Samuel starts to slip out of consciousness again. A large and beastly roar is heard from the distance. The two hunters froze and look at each other. Samuel passes out again.

As he regains consciousness, the two men are moving faster, pulling Samuel along.

HUNTER #2
We gotta go, we gotta go.

HUNTER #1
Just keep pulling, we can make it.

HUNTER #2
We need to leave him behind. That
thing wants HIM.

HUNTER #1
How can you say that!?

HUNTER #2
Don't act stupid. We go half a day
without attracting any of those
beasts, now all of a sudden one
finds us!?

HUNTER #1
Stop wasting your breath and JUST
PULL!

Eventually the two men including Samuel are thrown. Snow and
rocks fall from the sky as Samuel slowly wakes up.

HUNTER #2
Please, help me-

The one of the two hunters are seen by Samuel as they are
devoured by a beast covered by shadows, its eyes glowed a
blood red. The first hunter comes by and begins to cut Samuel
free.

HUNTER #1
Listen to me kid, you need to get
out of here.

SAMUEL
What? What bout you?

HUNTER #1
I am going to distract that thing.
But you need to go, NOW.

The Hunter stepped from behind him. Ready to distract the
monster. Without a second to waste the beast sends the man
flying to his death. The beast stands tall before Samuel.

CELESTIAL (V.O.)
For now, I'll lend you some power.
You MUST survive.

Samuel finds a blade that came from one of the hunter's bodies. His eyes glowed with a sparkle of a star.

CELESTIAL (V.O.)
Go my champion, let your soul be
free.

Samuel bests the beast. After he kills it the shadows that covered the body, dispel. The corpse of a brown bear lays where the shadows once were.

CELESTIAL (V.O.)
So, his reign is still as powerful
as ever. This poor child.

SAMUEL
Who are you?

Samuel looks around. He checks out his own body as it begins to feel as if nothing had happened to himself.

CELESTIAL (V.O.)
I've already told you who I am.

SAMUEL
No, I don't accept that, you helped
me out of that cage, you drove
these men...

The Celestial just let out a sigh, what was once a little flame, turned into a appearance less body with a feminine shape.

CELESTIAL
I am known as a Celestial being, my
true name, I cannot reveal, not
right now. But know this, you are
my champion, that much is true.

SAMUEL
Champion?

CELESTIAL
Yes... I need you to live and fight
this darkness.

She extends her arm towards the beast Samuel defeated.

CELESTIAL (CONT'D)
In due time I'll reveal more. But
for now you must move forward.

SAMUEL

What about them?

Samuel looks around to the dead hunters.

CELESTIAL

They are gone, even though if I would like too, I can't bring them back.

SAMUEL

If? These Hunters died for me, ME. I shouldn't be here.

CELESTIAL

You are here, cause you are my champion.

SAMUEL

No, I shouldn't be here.

CELESTIAL

Do you think your not meant to be saved? Or do you think your fate was meant to die?

Samuel stands in silent.

CELESTIAL (CONT'D)

Fate is something even I can't control, for being a all powerful being. Destiny is something that you can't avoid. These hunters are proof of that.

SAMUEL

Is that all you can say about them?

CELESTIAL

In the grand scheme of things, it doesn't matter who lives or dies. YOU are the only thing that matters.

Samuel looks around at the dead bodies again. He walks over to them and tears a necklace off of them.

CELESTIAL (V.O.)

It won't make a difference. Once they realize who you are, they won't care about the corpses.

SAMUEL

I will make them care. Its not
right, for them to be thrown away,
after risking there lives for me.

The Celestial disappears before Samuels eyes.

CELESTIAL (V.O.)

Fine. Make your way to the village
just head in the direction they
were going and you will reach it. I
must rest for now, helping you in
the fight took a more effort than I
needed.

The Celestial falls silent. Samuel looks at the necklace. He
turns and begins to make his way to the nearby village.

INT. EXILES VILLAGE - NIGHT

A tired Samuel arrives at the village gate. As he arrives,
the gates flow open.

MAN

Is looks like its one of the guys!

A MAN, late 30's, in the same uniform type outfit, comes
running out to help, he shines a lantern over Samuel.

MAN (CONT'D)

Who...?

He lifts the lantern up, to attempt to see in the distance.
Without seeing anyone else, he gets Samuel up with the help
of others and begins to carry him into the village.

INT. EXILES VILLAGE - COTTAGE - NIGHT

Samuel lays in the bed, in a cottage of one of them man that
helped him. As one goes to check up on him. The ELDER of the
village comes through the door way.

As he comes into the room, the man from earlier looks over at
him. In his hand he hold the necklace Samuel was carrying.
The Elder, softly grasped it.

ELDER

Go and start the preparations for
the burials. We will send out a
search party at first light.

MAN

They could still be alive...

ELDER

You know as well as me, no one survives out there for long, not for four days.

The man leaves. The Elder looks over at Samuel and walks over to him.

ELDER (CONT'D)

Why were you so important...?

The Elder touches Samuels body as it glows brightly, illuminating the room a bit.

ELDER (CONT'D)

By the All-Mother... you have finally sent us your champion...

The Elder dropped a tear from his eyes.

ELDER (CONT'D)

You have a long journey in front of you child. I feel bad for you, but I hope you can save us from this impending darkness. Or we are all dead.

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