



Eye Mask

Her eyelids were opening slowly, as well as her consciousness was regaining gradually. A bit later, she was able to see some blurry and undetermined riot of colors that she has never dreamed of in her whole life. Even the park which she always passed by in the way of work seemed like it has never been before, so she thought she was in an utterly different place.

She had been born in an uncolored world like silent cinema. She just knew the outline of the objects; therefore, she had no idea about other colors except to white and black, so she was captivated by the beauty of all these colors. At first, she didn't believe what she saw, and she thought that was a kind of hallucinations but then she slipped this idea from her mind, because everything seemed so real that she couldn't deny otherwise.

During all these things occurred Marinette was trying to remember everything from beginning to end in order to figure out what happened to her and what triggered off this change. While she thought about these questions over for a while, she stood up slowly from where she was lying down. As soon as she stood up, she felt a terrible headache, and when she touched the painful side of her head, she found some green gel in her hair. The same gel was also around her eyes, and it almost had covered her whole face. As Marinette examined the gel for a moment she suddenly paused, because she had realized that her eye mask has gone. She said to herself 'what will I do without the eye mask, and more importantly how will I protect myself against shadow creatures?'

In the Marinette's city, Zedcity, they had dubbed these strange creatures "shadow". They had given that name to creatures, just because they were quiet and dark as a shadow. Even the mentioning of these creatures had made her scared but on the other hand, it reminded her of something. Therefore, suddenly everything downed on her. She had just got off work and she had been passing by the park but before long, she had come across a shadow. At that moment, she had frozen with fear, there was nothing she could do. Then the shadow has sprayed a green gel from a water gun on her in a flash. That gel had caused damage on her eye mask, it had destroyed the filters of the mask; therefore, she had begun to be able to see the other colors.

Being able to remember the incident at least relieved her, but in the meantime, it has frightened her though and thus Marinette began to be worried sick with fear. ' I don't want to



transform into a soulless shadow' she said in a scared voice'. Then she began to look around despairingly for a way out. At that moment, Marinette caught an elderly lady's eye. As soon as, the lady saw Marinette, she started to scream saying 'shadow!'. Her scream gathered a bunch of people together around Marinette.

Not long before, two men wearing white uniforms which had a black wing symbol in the center began to run towards Marinette with weapons in their hands. They were the defenders of Zedcity. They only would show up when a shadow appeared. At that moment, Marinette understood she was in serious trouble. They had detected her, as a threat and they were being prepared to remove her. Marinette got into such a flap that she run without looking back. She didn't know where to go nonetheless she kept running. Meanwhile, she was thinking of why they supposed she was the shadow. The questions on her mind made her more confused but she had nothing to do apart from running.

Just when she was exhausted with running, she heard someone called out to her and then Marinette began to run towards the direction where the voice came. In the end, she managed to reach the street where the voice came. When she arrived, she found herself in a dead-end and the voice had interrupted by the way. She had stuck in a narrow street, on the other hand, defenders' footsteps were approaching more and more.

Just when she would lose her hope, the same thin voice was heard again but this time, she saw where the voice was coming from. It was coming behind a garbage container. When she looked at there, she saw a woman who was nearly the same age as her, had dark-skinned and had shoulder-length hair. At first, she couldn't recognize her but as she looked at her carefully, she remembered her. She was Alya.

Alya was Marinette's colleague, they had worked in the same factory many years but then the factory managers had announced she passed away during an industrial accident. Marinette hadn't seen her after that announcement in about two months. Therefore, Marinette was so amazed to see Alya in front of her that she only could say 'you are alive!'. 'Well... it is nice to see you again Marinette... but we gotta go right now!' Alya said. Then she pointed at a service elevator of an old hotel, it was hidden behind the container. 'They will be here coming soon... come on Marinette this way'. Marinette a bit hesitated at the beginning but she didn't have another option, so she followed Alya.



Just after that, they went down to the basement by the elevator. By the time, Marinette was burning with curiosity, she desired to know what all these things meant. She was hoping to find some answers in the basement, but what Marinette saw had stoked her astonishment.

There were a bunch of people who had no eye mask on their faces, they were bustling around depressingly.’ Who are they... and what are they doing here?’ she asked Alya in a husky whisper. ‘Don’t you remember them?... they are our creepy shadow creatures...’. She said that to Marinette in a half-mockingly smile, then she continued to explain what happened. ‘One day while I was working in the eye mask production factory, I analyzed one of the reports...and what I read was blood-chilling.’ Alya’s previous mocking smile was replaced by a serious facial expression. ‘The report was revealing dark aims of eye masks...according to the report, eye masks had been invented to remove immigrants from Zedcity...because of eye masks, society had seen them like dark, monster shadows...many years, authorities had told us eye masks, protected us against shadows...so that they had convinced society. Then society had started to remove them in cold blood...but they had actually put many innocent people’s lives in danger.’

Marinette was looking all the people in need around her while Alya was telling her the pathetic affair. ‘We need to do something...we have to stop this cruelty.’ she said to Alya. ‘When I learned the dark side of eye masks, I started to work on finding a solution in to destroy eye masks...fortunately, I could find a solution.’ Then she showed Marinette some test-tubes that had green gel in them. Marinette recognized that gel, it was the same gel that she had found on her face when she regained her consciousness. At that moment, the test-tube in Alya’s hand was shattered with a sound of a bullet. Alya fell onto ground at the same time, she had been shot. The defenders succeeded to find their traces. Unfortunately, all their hopes were shattered just as the test-tube.

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