

Line wrap ☐

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1 <!doctype html>
2 <html lang="en-US" class="scroll-smooth scroll-pt-12">
3   <head>
4     <meta charset="utf-8">
5     <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1">
6     <title>Sea Monster Stew &#8211; Chapter 3 &#8211; Readhive</title>
7     <meta name='robots' content='max-image-preview:large' />
8     <link rel="dns-prefetch" href="//readhive.org" />
9     <link rel="stylesheet" href="/public/css/app.c45fbd.css"><link rel="canonical" href="https://readhive.org/series/132967/3" />
10    <meta property="og:title" name="og:title" content="Sea Monster Stew &#8211; Chapter 3" />
11    <meta property="og:type" name="og:type" content="website" />
12    <meta property="og:image" name="og:image" content="/public/images/2022/07/F0721D5FA0CC7-02-scaled-e1658075230203.jpg" />
13    <meta property="og:image" name="og:image" content="/public/images/2025/09/Screenshot-2025-09-22-111904.jpg" />
14    <meta property="og:url" name="og:url" content="https://readhive.org/series/132967/3" />
15    <meta property="og:description" name="og:description" content="The bluntly delivered explanation pierced Bicchè&#039;s heart like a finely honed blade." />
16    <meta property="og:locale" name="og:locale" content="en_US" />
17    <meta property="og:site_name" name="og:site_name" content="Readhive" />
18    <meta property="twitter:card" name="twitter:card" content="summary" />
19    <link rel="icon" href="/public/images/2022/07/F0721D5FA0CC7-02-scaled-e1658075230203-150x150.jpg" sizes="32x32">
20    <link rel="icon" href="/public/images/2022/07/F0721D5FA0CC7-02-1536x1536.jpg" sizes="192x192">
21    <link rel="apple-touch-icon" href="/public/images/2022/07/F0721D5FA0CC7-02-1536x1536.jpg">
22    <meta name="msapplication-TileImage" content="/public/images/2022/07/F0721D5FA0CC7-02-1536x1536.jpg">
23    <style>
24    #wp-admin-bar-ai-toolbar-settings .ab-icon:before {
25      content: '\f111';
26      top: 2px;
27      color: rgba(240,245,250,.6)!important;
28    }
29    #wp-admin-bar-ai-toolbar-settings-default .ab-icon:before {
30      top: 0px;
31    }
32    #wp-admin-bar-ai-toolbar-settings .ab-icon.on:before {
33      color: #00f200!important;
34    }
35    #wp-admin-bar-ai-toolbar-settings .ab-icon.red:before {
36      color: #f22!important;
37    }
38    #wp-admin-bar-ai-toolbar-settings-default li, #wp-admin-bar-ai-toolbar-settings-default a,
39    #wp-admin-bar-ai-toolbar-settings-default li:hover, #wp-admin-bar-ai-toolbar-settings-default a:hover {
40      border: 1px solid transparent;
41    }
42    ul li#wp-admin-bar-ai-toolbar-status {
43      margin: 0 0 5px 0;
44    }
45    #wp-admin-bar-ai-toolbar-blocks .ab-icon:before {
46      content: '\f135';
47    }
48    #wp-admin-bar-ai-toolbar-positions .ab-icon:before {
49      content: '\f207';
50    }
51    #wp-admin-bar-ai-toolbar-positions-default .ab-icon:before {
52      content: '\f522';
53    }
54    #wp-admin-bar-ai-toolbar-tags .ab-icon:before {
55      content: '\f475';
56    }
57    #wp-admin-bar-ai-toolbar-no-insertion .ab-icon:before {
58      content: '\f214';
59    }
60    #wp-admin-bar-ai-toolbar-adb-status .ab-icon:before {
61      content: '\f223';
62    }
63    #wp-admin-bar-ai-toolbar-adb .ab-icon:before {
64      content: '\f160';
65    }
66    #wp-admin-bar-ai-toolbar-processing .ab-icon:before {
67      content: '\f464';
68    }
69    #wp-admin-bar-ai-toolbar-processing-fe .ab-icon:before {
70      content: '\f464';
71    }
72    #wp-admin-bar-ai-toolbar-positions span.up-icon {
73      padding-top: 2px;
74    }
75    #wp-admin-bar-ai-toolbar-positions .up-icon:before {
76      font: 400 20px/1 dashicons;
77    }
78    .ai-insertion-status {
79      line-height: 26px!important;
80      height: 26px!important;
81      white-space: nowrap;
82      min-width: 140px;
83    }
84    #wp-admin-bar-ai-toolbar-settings .ab-sub-wrapper {
85      width: max-content;
86      width: -moz-max-content;
87    }
88  </style>
89  <link rel="preconnect" href="https://fonts.googleapis.com">
90  <link rel="preconnect" href="https://fonts.gstatic.com" crossorigin>
91  <link rel="preload" href="https://fonts.googleapis.com/css2?family=Poppins:wght@400;500;700&display=swap" as="style">
92  <link rel="stylesheet" href="https://fonts.googleapis.com/css2?family=Poppins:wght@400;500;700&display=swap">
93  </head>
94
95  <body
96    x-data="theme"
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97     class="3" >
98
99     <div
100       id="app"
101       up-main
102     >
103       <div x-data="{nav:false}" class="text-foreground bg-accent-2 w-full h-full">
104     <div class="flex flex-grow min-h-screen">
105       <aside
106         x-init="nav = ($screen('lg'))"
107         class="bg-accent fixed inset-y-0 z-30 lg:static shadow-lg"
108         :class="{ 'overlay': !$screen('lg')}"
109         x-transition:enter="transition-spacing ease-in-out"
110         x-transition:enter-start="-ml-60"
111         x-transition:enter-end="ml-0"
112         x-transition:leave="transition-spacing ease-in-out"
113         x-transition:leave-start="ml-0"
114         x-transition:leave-end="-ml-60"
115         @click.away="if (!$screen('lg')) nav = false"
116         x-show="nav"
117         x-cloak
118       >
119         <div class="sticky top-0 px-4 w-60">
120           <div class="py-2 text-2xl tracking-widest text-center uppercase">
121             <a aria-current="page" href="/" up-follow up-preload>Readhive</a>
122           </div>
123
124           <hr class="h-px mx-8 my-2 bg-accent-border">
125
126           <nav
127             :class="nav || 'collapsed'"
128             class="text-sm mb-44">
129             <ul>
130
131
132               <li class="relative px-4 rounded cursor-pointer font-medium hover:bg-accent-hover">
133                 <a class="flex items-center py-2" href="https://readhive.org/" up-follow up-preload>
134                   <svg xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2000/svg" width="20" height="20" viewBox="0 0 24 24" fill="none" stroke="currentColor" stroke-width="2" s
135                     Home
136                   </a>
137                 </li>
138
139
140               <li class="relative px-4 rounded cursor-pointer font-medium hover:bg-accent-hover">
141                 <a class="flex items-center py-2" href="https://discord.gg/zzGdEQjS3U" up-follow up-preload>
142                   <svg xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2000/svg" width="20" height="20" viewBox="0 0 24 24" fill="none" stroke="currentColor" stroke-width="2" s
143                     Discord
144                   </a>
145                 </li>
146
147
148               <li class="relative px-4 rounded cursor-pointer font-medium hover:bg-accent-hover">
149                 <a class="flex items-center py-2" href="https://readhive.org/updates/" up-follow up-preload>
150                   <svg xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2000/svg" width="20" height="20" viewBox="0 0 24 24" fill="none" stroke="currentColor" stroke-width="2" s
151                     Updates
152                   </a>
153                 </li>
154
155
156               <li class="relative px-4 rounded cursor-pointer font-medium hover:bg-accent-hover">
157                 <a class="flex items-center py-2" href="https://readhive.org/reading-list/" up-follow up-preload>
158                   <svg xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2000/svg" width="20" height="20" viewBox="0 0 24 24" fill="none" stroke="currentColor" stroke-width="2" s
159                     Reading List
160                   </a>
161                 </li>
162
163
164               <li class="relative px-4 rounded cursor-pointer font-medium hover:bg-accent-hover">
165                 <a class="flex items-center py-2" href="https://readhive.org/browse-series/" up-follow up-preload>
166                   <svg xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2000/svg" width="20" height="20" viewBox="0 0 24 24" fill="none" stroke="currentColor" stroke-width="2" s
167                     Browse Series
168                   </a>
169                 </li>
170             </ul>
171           </nav>
172
173     <div class="my-2">
174       <hr class="h-px mx-8 my-2 bg-accent-border">
175
176       <div
177         :class="nav || 'collapsed'"
178         class="mb-4 text-sm">
179         <ul>
180
181
182           <li class="relative px-4 rounded cursor-pointer font-medium hover:bg-accent-hover">
183             <a class="flex items-center py-2" href="https://readhive.org/dmca/" up-follow up-preload>
184
185               DMCA
186             </a>
187           </li>
188
189
190           <li class="relative px-4 rounded cursor-pointer font-medium hover:bg-accent-hover">
191             <a class="flex items-center py-2" href="https://readhive.org/copyright-faq/" up-follow up-preload>
192
193               Copyright FAQ
194             </a>
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195         </li>
196
197
198         <li class="relative px-4 rounded cursor-pointer font-medium hover:bg-accent-hover">
199             <a class="flex items-center py-2" href="https://readhive.org/terms-of-service/" up-follow up-preload>
200
201                 Terms of Service
202             </a>
203         </li>
204     </ul>
205 </div>
206
207 <footer class="px-8 py-2 text-xs">
208     <div>© 2022 Readhive</div>
209 </footer>
210 </div>
211
212 <div class="py-3 overflow-hidden relative">
213     <div class="flex justify-center">
214         <div x-data="unit" data-fuse="22792698429"></div>
215     </div>
216 </div>
217 </div>
218 </aside>
219
220 <div
221     x-init="$store.app.main = $el"
222     :class="{ 'pointer-events-none': nav && !$screen('lg')}"
223     class="flex flex-col min-w-0 w-full relative"
224 >
225     <header
226         class="relative w-full z-20"
227     >
228     <div
229         x-data="{opacity: 0}"
230         class="relative flex justify-between w-full px-4 py-1 banner sm:px-8"
231     >
232
233         <div class="flex items-center justify-start">
234             <button @click.prevent="nav = !nav" class="p-2 transition rounded-full hover:bg-btn-hover hover:bg-opacity-30 active:bg-opacity-50">
235                 <svg xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2000/svg" viewBox="0 0 24 24" width="28" height="28" class="fill-foreground"><path d="M2 5.995c0-.55.4
236                 </button>
237
238                 <div
239                     x-show="!nav"
240                     class="hidden text-2xl tracking-widest text-center uppercase truncated md:block"
241                     x-cloak
242                 >
243                     <a aria-current="page" href="/" up-follow up-preload>Readhive</a>
244                 </div>
245                 </div>
246
247         <div class="flex items-center justify-end flex-grow">
248             <div
249                 x-data="{focus:false}"
250                 class="flex flex-grow max-w-xs mx-4 transition-width duration-500 rounded-md"
251                 :class="{ 'max-w-full lg:max-w-md': focus, 'max-w-xs': !focus}"
252             >
253                 <form
254                     x-data="search"
255                     class="relative flex-grow opacity-80 transition z-30"
256                     :style="focus && 'opacity: 100%'"
257                 >
258                     <div @click.outside="focus = false">
259                         <div class="relative overflow-hidden rounded-md">
260                             <input @click="focus = true" type="search" class="w-full px-4 py-2 pr-10 rounded-sm shadow-md bg-accent text-sm focus:outline-none placeholder
261                             <div class="absolute inset-y-0 right-0 flex items-center pr-3 pointer-events-none">
262                                 <svg class="w-5 h-5 text-foreground" fill="none" stroke="currentColor" viewBox="0 0 24 24" xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2000/svg">
263                                     <path stroke-linecap="round" stroke-linejoin="round" stroke-width="2" d="M21 21-6-6m2-5a7 7 0 11-14 0 7 7 0 114 0z"></path>
264                                 </svg>
265                             </div>
266                         </div>
267                     </div>
268
269                     <div
270                         class="absolute w-full mt-4 flex items-start justify-center overflow-hidden"
271                         x-show="focus"
272                         x-transition:enter="transform transition"
273                         x-transition:enter-start="opacity-0 translate-y-4"
274                         x-transition:enter-end="opacity-100 translate-y-0"
275                         x-transition:leave="transition transform"
276                         x-transition:leave-start="opacity-100 translate-y-0"
277                         x-transition:leave-end="opacity-0 translate-y-4"
278                         x-cloak
279                     >
280                         <div class="relative w-full max-w-2xl max-h-full overflow-auto bg-accent-2 rounded shadow-lg">
281                             <div class="p-4">
282                                 <div x-show="!value || !results">Enter a search query...</div>
283                                 <div class="grid gap-2" x-show="value && results">
284                                     <template x-for="series in results">
285                                         <a :href="series.url" up-follow up-preload>
286                                             <div class="flex gap-2 p-2 rounded bg-accent hover:bg-accent-hover">
287                                                 <div class="flex-shrink-0 h-16 w-14 cover">
288                                                     
289                                                 </div>
290
291                                                 <div class="flex flex-col justify-between gap-2">
292                                                     <h4 class="font-bold break-all line-clamp-2 text-foreground" x-text="series.title"></h4>

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293         <div class="flex flex-col sm:flex-row gap-x-4 gap-y-2">
294         </div>
295     </div>
296 </div>
297 </a>
298 </template>
299 </div>
300 </div>
301 </div>
302 </div>
303 </div>
304 </form>
305
306 <div class="fixed inset-0 bg-black/50" x-show="focus" x-cloak"></div>
307 </div>
308 <div
309   x-data="{open:false}"
310   class="relative"
311 >
312   <button
313     class="flex items-center flex-shrink-0 space-x-2 focus:outline-none"
314     @click="open = !open"
315   >
316     <div class="flex items-center justify-center p-2 bg-header-profile border-2 border-accent-border rounded-full">
317       <svg xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2000/svg" width="18" height="18" viewBox="0 0 24 24">
318         <path opacity="0" d="M0 0h24v24H0z" />
319         <path d="M12 11a4 4 0 1 0-4-4 4 4 0 0 4 4zm6 10a1 1 0 0 0 1-1 7 7 0 0 14 0 1 1 0 0 0 1 1z" />
320       </svg>
321     </div>
322   </button>
323
324 <div
325   class="bg-header-profilemenu absolute top-full right-0 mt-2 px-3 py-2 rounded-md shadow-lg min-w-64 overflow-hidden z-20"
326   @click.outside="open = false"
327   x-show="open"
328   x-transition:enter="transition ease-out transform"
329   x-transition:enter-start="opacity-0 -translate-y-2"
330   x-transition:enter-end="opacity-100 translate-y-0"
331   x-transition:leave="transition ease-in"
332   x-transition:leave-start="opacity-100"
333   x-transition:leave-end="opacity-0"
334   x-cloak
335 >
336   <div
337     class="px-3 pb-2 mb-2 border-b border-accent-2-border"
338   >
339     <div class="font-medium">Eterna8</div>
340     <div class="flex items-center text-xs">
341       <div class="mr-2 italic">Reader</div>
342       <div class="flex items-center">
343         <svg width="14" height="14" viewBox="0 0 24 24" class="mr-1" fill="currentColor"><path d="M20.895 7.5531-2-4A1.001 1.001 0 0 0 18 3h-5a1 1
344         <span>0</span>
345       </div>
346     </div>
347   </div>
348
349   <div x-data="theme" class="flex flex-wrap justify-center items-center border-b border-accent-2-border pb-2 mb-2">
350     <div @click="reset" :class="theme === 'light' && 'border-red'" class="bg-white rounded border mr-1 w-16 h-5"></div>
351     <div @click="update('dark')" :class="theme === 'dark' && 'border-red'" class="dark bg-accent-2 rounded border mr-1 w-16 h-5"></div>
352   </div>
353
354   <ul class="mb-2 pb-2 border-b border-accent-2-border">
355     <li>
356       <a href="https://readhive.org/settings/" class="flex items-center px-3 py-2 text-sm font-medium rounded hover:bg-shade" up-follow up-prelo:
357         Settings
358       </a>
359     </li>
360     <li>
361       <a href="https://readhive.org/settings/#topup" class="flex items-center px-3 py-2 text-sm font-medium rounded hover:bg-shade" up-follow up-
362         Top Up
363       </a>
364     </li>
365     <li>
366       <a href="https://readhive.org/logout/" class="flex items-center px-3 py-2 text-sm font-medium rounded hover:bg-shade" up-follow up-preload:
367         Logout
368       </a>
369     </li>
370   </ul>
371
372   <div class="border-accent-2-border">
373     <a href="logout" class="flex items-center px-3 py-2 text-sm font-medium rounded hover:bg-shade">Logout</a>
374   </div>
375 </div>
376 </div>
377 </div>
378 </div>
379 </header>
380
381 <main class="min-h-screen pb-24 px-4 py-2 sm:px-8">
382   <div
383     x-data="{toc:false}"
384     class="relative flex flex-col items-center justify-center flex-grow py-2 mx-auto mt-2 md:max-w-4xl"
385   >
386     <h1 class="font-semibold text-center">
387       <a href="https://readhive.org/series/132967/" class="flex flex-col lg:flex-row items-center justify-center text-center text-xl " up-follow up-pr:
388       <svg xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2000/svg" viewBox="0 0 32 32" width="24" height="24" fill="none" stroke="currentColor" stroke-linecap="round" sti
389       <path d="M16 7 C16 7 9 1 2 6 L2 28 C9 23 16 28 16 28 16 28 23 30 28 28 L30 6 C23 1 16 7 16 7 Z M16 7 L16 28" />
390     </svg>

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391 <span class="ml-2">Sea Monster Stew</span>
392 </a>
393 <strong class="text-lg">Chapter 3</strong>
394 </h1>
395 </div>
396
397 <div class="flex justify-between py-2 mb-4 border-t border-b border-accent-border">
398 <div class="flex justify-between flex-grow mx-auto md:max-w-4xl">
399 <a href="https://readhive.org/series/132967/2" class="flex items-center justify-center px-3 py-2 font-medium text-white bg-red-600 rounded s
400 <svg viewBox="0 0 24 24" fill="none" xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2000/svg" class="h-5 w-5">
401 <path d="M15 6L9.21261 11.7874V11.7874C9.09519 11.9048 9.09519 12.0952 9.21261 12.2126L15 18" stroke="#fff" stroke-width="4" stroke-:
402 </svg>
403 <small class="text-sm leading-none">Previous</small>
404 </a>
405
406 <a href="https://readhive.org/series/132967/4" class="flex items-center justify-center px-3 py-2 font-medium text-white bg-red-600 rounded s
407 <small class="text-sm leading-none">Next</small>
408 <svg viewBox="0 0 24 24" fill="none" xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2000/svg" class="h-5 w-5">
409 <path d="M9 18L14.7874 12.2126C14.9048 12.0952 14.9048 11.9048 14.7874 11.7874L9 6" stroke="#fff" stroke-width="4" stroke-:
410 </svg>
411 </a>
412 </div>
413 </div>
414
415 <div class="justify-center flex-grow mx-auto prose md:max-w-4xl lg:relative">
416 <div @click="$dispatch('tools')" class="mb-4" style="font-size: var(--font-size); line-height: var(--line-height); font-family: var(--font-family)"
417 <div class="flex flex-col text-xs">
418 <span>Author: Dakku-san</span>
419 </div>
420 <div class='code-block code-block-1' style='margin: 8px 0; clear: both; width: 100%; overflow: hidden;'>
421 <div x-data="unit" data-fuse="22792698414"></div></div>
422 <p>The bluntly delivered explanation pierced Bicche&#8217;s heart like a finely honed blade. She muttered in a trembling voice, </p>
423 <p><b>You don&#8217;t mean humanoid sea monsters, do you?</b></p>
424 <p><b></p>
425 <p><b>Huh? I&#8217;m not sure about that part, but&#8230;</b></p><span style="font-weight: 400"> The boy scratched his cheek with a puzzled e
426 <p><b></p>
427 <p><b></p>
428 <p><b></p>
429 <p><b>The wife couldn&#8217;t forgive herself for being satisfied after eating such a filthy monster.</b></p>
430 <p><b></p>
431 <p><b>The fear and sorrow welling inside Bicche grew steadily. Her heart began to pound as if it might leap out of her ches
432 <p><b></p><div class='code-block code-block-9' style='margin: 8px auto; text-align: center; display: block; clear: both;'>
433 <div x-data="unit" data-fuse="22792697793"></div></div>
434
435 <p><i><span style="font-weight: 400">'Would I have felt nothing hearing this if I were just an ordinary human?</span></i></p>
436 <p><b></p>
437 <p><b>The more she dwelled on the riddle, the more her heart ached. Bicche identified as both human and sea monster. Thus,
438 <p><b></p>
439 <p><b>Doubts about herself resurfaced. She agonized over the suspicion directed at her existence—neither fully human nor fu
440 <p><b></p>
441 <p><i><span style="font-weight: 400">'I can never truly blend in with humans.</span></i></p>
442 <p><b></p>
443 <p><b>As she crawled back under the blanket, newly aware of her predicament, the boy tapped her shoulder and asked, </span>
444 <p><b></p>
445 <p><b>Bicche defiantly pulled the blanket over her head.</span><b> </p><div class='code-block code-block-10' style='margin: 8px auto; text-align: center; display: block; clear: both;'>
446 <div x-data="unit" data-fuse="22792698441"></div></div>
447
448 <p><b></p>
449 <p><b>Really? The pirate uncles all laughed and said it was thrilling when they heard it.</b></p><span style="font-weight: 400"> The boy mumi
450 <p><b></p>
451 <p><b>A moment later, she sensed a slight movement outside the blanket. Bicche lowered it slightly with a confused look.</p>
452 <p><b></p>
453 <p><b>The boy was lying on his side beside the blanket, staring intently at her with his amber eyes. Startled by his sudder
454 <p><b></p>
455 <p><b>Wh-What are you doing? Go back to your spot.</b></p>
456 <p><b></p>
457 <p><b>You still haven&#8217;t answered my question. I asked why you were crying earlier.</b></p>
458 <p><b></p><div class='code-block code-block-4' style='margin: 8px 0; clear: both;'>
459 <div x-data="unit" data-fuse="22792698426"></div></div>
460
461 <p><b>Bicche looked at him flustered. First, he tells a horrifying riddle to cheer her up, and now he lies stubbornly besic
462 <p><b></p>
463 <p><b>He was an utterly unpredictable boy. She felt that evading the question or lying would be pointless. After hesitating
464 <p><b></p>
465 <p><b>My mother&#8230;</b></p>
466 <p><b></p>
467 <p><b>Okay. Your mother.</b></p>
468 <p><b></p>
469 <p><b>The boy echoed her words in a slightly kinder voice. His gaze was no longer cold or indifferent. Unexpected warmth mi
470 <p><b></p>
471 <p><b>There was a precious locket necklace my mother gave me&#8230;</b></p><span style="font-weight: 400"> Bicche confessed in a trembling vo
472 <div x-data="unit" data-fuse="22792698432"></div></div>
473
474 <p><b></p>
475 <p><b>Captain Hawk took it&#8230; and still hasn&#8217;t returned it.</b></p>
476 <p><b></p>
477 <p><b>Captain Hawk?</b></p><span style="font-weight: 400"> The boy asked, puzzled. Bicche recalled the moment the captain snatched the neckla
478 <p><b></p>
479 <p><b>Even when she begged, saying it was precious, the captain ignored her, merely examining the locket intently.</span></p>
480 <p><b></p>
481 <p><b>I thought he&#8217;d return it when we disembarked on Sanshakrit Island&#8230;</b></p><span style="font-weight: 400"> Bicche mumbled, u
482 <p><b></p>
483 <p><b>So he didn&#8217;t let you off the island and still hasn&#8217;t returned your necklace.</b></p><span style="font-weight: 400"> The boy
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486 </div>
487
488 <p><b>Where are you going?</b></p>
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<p> </p>
<p>“I’m going to confront the captain.” The boy glanced back at her over his shoulder.</p>
<p> </p>
<p>His voice held a resolute determination. His initial indifference had completely vanished.</p>
<p> </p>
<p>“Wait, if you provoke him for no reason…!”</p>
<p> </p>
<p>Bicche scrambled up and rushed toward the door, but the boy had already slipped out. She peeked outside and looked ar
<p> </p>
<p>By the next morning, the boy still hadn’t returned. Even as Bicche changed into clean clothes brought by a sail
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<p> </p>
<p><i>'Could he have been severely punished by the captain?'</i></p>
<p> </p>
<p>Her anxiety refused to settle. Though he was just a stranger whose name she didn’t even know, the subtle connec
<p> </p>
<p>Unable to suppress her worry, she cautiously asked the sailor who brought her food.</p>
<p> </p>
<p>“Um… I haven’t seen the boy who was brought back onboard with me since yesterday.”</p>
<p> </p>
<p>“Huh? Oh, you mean the lanky kid?”The sailor nodded as if remembering. “He’
<p> </p><div class='code-block code-block-2' style='margin: 8px 0; clear: both; width: 100%; overflow: hidden;'
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<p>“I was worried since he suddenly disappeared…”</p>
<p> </p>
<p>Bicche breathed a sigh of relief. At least he hadn’t been fed to the sharks. But her anxiety didn’t fully
<p> </p>
<p>“Um, where is this ship headed now?”</p>
<p> </p>
<p>“Huh? Didn’t the captain tell you?” The sailor scratched his tousled hair and answered offh
<p> </p>
<p>“Karabas…?”</p>
<p> </p>
<p>The name made her breath catch. Bicche’s eyes widened.</p><div class='code-block code-block-2' style='m
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<p> </p>
<p><i>'Karabas.'</i> It was the infamous stronghold of the Crocus Pirates. Her sli
<p> </p>
<p>As soon as the sailor left, Bicche buried her face in her hands. Her chest tightened painfully.</p>
<p> </p>
<p><i>'They say the Crocus Pirates value chivalry? What a lie!</i></p>
<p> </p>
<p>She seethed inwardly, swallowing her frustration. Her faint trust in the pirate crew had shattered to pieces.
<p> </p>
<p><i>'I have to escape.'</i></p>
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<p>As if entranced, she rose and approached the round window in the crew quarters. Beyond it, the blue sea waves surged.
<p> </p>
<p>Firmly resolved, she placed one knee on the windowsill. Now, the only way was to leap into the sea and swim aimlessly
<p> </p>
<p>Though she didn’t have gills yet, the sea monster blood in her veins might protect her.</p>
<p> </p>
<p>“What are you doing?!”</p>
<p> </p>
<p>At that moment, a voice made her jolt. The gray-haired boy appeared, firmly grabbing her from behind.</p>
<p> </p>
<p>“Are you insane? Were you trying to kill yourself?!”</p><div class='code-block code-block-2' style='margin: 8px 0; clear: both; v
<div x-data="unit" data-fuse="22792697793"></div></div>
<p> </p>
<p>He pulled her away from the window, his voice mixed with anger and confusion. Dangling in the air, Bicche muttered av
<p> </p>
<p>“What? You were going to run away and leave me behind? How treacherous!”</p>
<p> </p>
<p>He set her down roughly among the hammocks, his expression fierce. “You traitor. I thought we were c
<p> </p>
<p>Though his tone was fierce and rough, his twisted face couldn’t hide his disappointment. He seemed genuinely be
<p> </p>
<p>Bicche bowed her head deeply, avoiding his gaze. “Sorry…”</p>
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<p>“All my back-breaking work to get this back feels wasted now.”</p>
<p> </p>
<p>He sighed shallowly and held out a silver necklace to her. Bicche’s eyes widened at the sight of the swinging r
<p> </p>
<p>“How did you…?”</p>
<p> </p>
<p>“I got it back in exchange for polishing the captain’s quarters floor spotless.”</p>
<p> </p>
<p>As he fastened the necklace for her, he looked like an angel. Tears welled in Bicche’s eyes as she looked up at
<p> </p>
<p>It was the first warm kindness she’d felt since being kidnapped onto the slave ship. A warm emotion bloomed in
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<p> </p>
<p>Overcome with emotion, she pulled him into a tight hug. He looked down at her, flustered, as she buried her face in t
<p> </p>
<p>“What are you doing?”</p>
<p> </p>
<p>“Thank you so much…” Bicche mumbled, trying to compose herself.</p>
<p> </p>
<p>He hesitated, then carefully pushed her away. “That’s enough. Step back.”</p>


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587 <p>&nbsp;</p>
588 <p><span style="font-weight: 400">Bicche obediently stepped back, wiping her tear-soaked face. When she glanced up, the boy&#8217;s face was bright rec
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592 <p><b>&#8220;I returned your necklace, so stop your blubbering.&#8221;</b><span style="font-weight: 400"> He grumbled, comfortably lying on a nearby ha
593 <p>&nbsp;</p>
594 <p><span style="font-weight: 400">Now that she thought about it, though they&#8217;d been captured together on the pirate ship, they still didn&#8217;t
595 <p>&nbsp;</p>
596 <p><b>&#8220;What&#8217;s your name? Where&#8217;s your hometown?&#8221;</b></p>
597 <p>&nbsp;</p>
598 <p><span style="font-weight: 400">When Bicche cautiously asked, the boy clasped his hands behind his head as a pillow and shut his eyes firmly.</span><
599 <p>&nbsp;</p>
600 <p><b>&#8220;I have no home or family to return to.&#8221;</b></p>
601 <p>&nbsp;</p>
602 <p><span style="font-weight: 400">Bicche&#8217;s heart sank at his answer. She worried she might have touched a painful subject.</span></p><div class=
603 <div x-data="unit" data-fuse="22792697793"></div></div>
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605 <p>&nbsp;</p>
606 <p><i><span style="font-weight: 400">'But at least his name...'</span></i></p>
607 <p>&nbsp;</p>
608 <p><span style="font-weight: 400">However, his tightly closed eyes held irritation, making it difficult to ask further.</span></p>
609 <p>&nbsp;</p>
610 <p><span style="font-weight: 400">At that moment, the door burst open, and Captain Hawk appeared. Bicche hurriedly tucked the locket necklace into her
611 <p>&nbsp;</p>
612 <p><b>&#8220;Come out.&#8221;</b></p>
613 <p>&nbsp;</p>
614 <p><span style="font-weight: 400">The captain didn&#8217;t even glance at the startled Bicche, jerking his chin toward the door. His eyes, filled with
615 <p>&nbsp;</p><div class='code-block code-block-2' style='margin: 8px 0; clear: both; width: 100%; overflow: hidden;'>
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618 <p><b>&#8220;Let&#8217;s go, then.&#8221;</b></p>
619 <p>&nbsp;</p>
620 <p><span style="font-weight: 400">The boy sighed and leaped down from the hammock. The captain glared at him as he left the room before turning to Bicc
621 <p>&nbsp;</p>
622 <p><b>&#8220;Sorry to startle you. Rest well.&#8221;</b></p>
623 <p>&nbsp;</p>
624 <p><span style="font-weight: 400">With that, the door slammed shut.</span></p>
625 <p>&nbsp;</p>
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627 <p style="text-align: center;"><span style="font-weight: 400">* * *</span></p>
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631 <p>&nbsp;</p>
632 <p><span style="font-weight: 400">As he stepped onto the deck, the sound of slapping waves greeted him. Kisa yawned lazily, stretching his arms across
633 <p>&nbsp;</p>
634 <p><b>&#8220;Kisa, you brat!&#8221;</b></p>
635 <p>&nbsp;</p>
636 <p><span style="font-weight: 400">A fist came flying from behind with a </span><i><span style="font-weight: 400">whoosh</span></i><span style="font-we:
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1005   </h3>
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