



YOU SHOULD'NT ANNOY YOUR DAD SO MUCH, GUY.

YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS.

I KNOW.

THEN WHY DO YOU DO IT?

BECAUSE IF I PISS HIM OFF, HE TAKES IT OUT ON ME. NOT YOU.

WE SHOULD JUST GO.

IT'S NOT THAT EASY.

IT'S OKAY, MOM.

ONE DAY, HE'LL BE GONE. THEN WE'LL ALL BE SAFE.

\*GUY?\*

# broken illusions

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GUY?



HUH?



HE'S BACK.

WELL DONE, XRILL.



YOU'RE SURE HE'S NO LONGER UNDER THE CONTROL OF AUSRAS' WORDS?



GIVE ME BACK THE RING.

IT'S WHERE I KEEP MY PANTS.



AND MY DIGNITY.



I'M SURE.





I ATTACKED YOU.

YES.

AND, I WARNED MONSTERS THAT YOU WERE COMING.

YES.



AND I PUT OUR FRIENDS BETWEEN US AND THE MONSTERS.

WE KNOW YOU WEREN'T YOURSELF. DON'T BEAT YOURSELF UP.

NO. LET HIM BEAT HIMSELF UP.



HE GOES FROM ASHAMED TO ANGRY IN ABOUT TEN SECONDS.

LET IT HAPPEN.



I WAS USED. BY WORLD-EATERS.

YES.



I'M GONNA GO TEAR OUT THEIR TEETH.



THERE HE IS.



THE BLACKEST KNIGHTS WILL HAVE YOUR FRIENDS UNDER THEIR INFLUENCE.

IF WE END AUSRAS AND DISMAS, WE END THEIR INFLUENCE, RIGHT?

PERHAPS. BUT YOUR FRIENDS WILL FIGHT FOR THEM. THEY WILL DIE FOR THEM.

YEAH. THEY WILL. IT'S HARD TO DESCRIBE, BUT I WOULD HAVE DONE ANYTHING FOR AUSRAS. AND I MEAN ANYTHING.

I'VE NEVER BAKED. I WOULD'VE LEARNED TO BAKE JUST TO BAKE HER SOMETHING.

WE CAN'T TALK ABOUT THIS ANY LONGER.

THE WHOLE UNIVERSE STOPS EXISTING IN TWO DAYS. WE HAVE TO STRIKE.

MY SCOUTS HAVE REPORTED TEN LANTERNS HAVE STAYED TO PROTECT THE CITY.

YOU ARE ONLY FIVE.

I BELIEVE I CAN CONVINCE A SIXTH TO JOIN US.

YOU WILL STILL HAVE TO GO THROUGH YOUR FRIENDS TO GET TO THE BLACKEST KNIGHTS.

MAYBE NOT.

