

Sinner's Confession

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Prologue

I felt cold and famished. The pain in me seemed to have worsened. The wounds had yet to heal and yet I'm being held by the Guards.

Why am I here? Not like I mind but I need him to be alright. The world seems pretty dark with this blindfold on. Has it always been this way?

"Stand here."

The Guards pushed me to the middle of the court I suppose. I have been here way too long to know where I was standing. But I felt weak. I just wanted to sleep.

The murmurs had stopped. The Jury must have arrived at the venue. I should greet him.

He said that it was the second time meeting him. Definitely not a pleasant one but I just bowed at him. I knew exactly where he was standing. I did not even need to think.

He read out from his papers; the crimes that I had done. I didn't really see it as a crime but it was their law and they had the rights.

I just stood there obediently. I did not have the energy to move. Rather I did not want to move. If I did, he would be in trouble.

I did not really care what the Jury was reading. I did not care what punishment I were to receive. *Death?* It's nothing to me. The audience seemed to be enjoying this. They wanted me dead but I did not care.

It was my choice. It was my rights. This was the only thing I could do. I did not wish to cause any trouble. I did not want to be a burden.

I was not powerless. I could murder everyone in this room anytime but that would just create more trouble. Trouble for you.

Death was never a threat to me but why am I feeling this way? Am I scared that I would actually die? *No*. Then, am I scared because I had to lose everything? *No*. I had nothing to lose except...

Then, am I scared that I would never see him again? Am I scared that I had to lose you? Am I scared that I would not be loved again?

Yes.

But I shouldn't be weak. I should not regret. I should not be scared.

I am someone who should protect you. You were willing to risk everything for me despite knowing who I am. I should be able to do the same.

If death was my punishment then so be it. This will help to protect you. This will erase your sins you did for me. *To be with me. To love me.*

Thank you for everything.

All I ever wanted was for you to be *safe*.