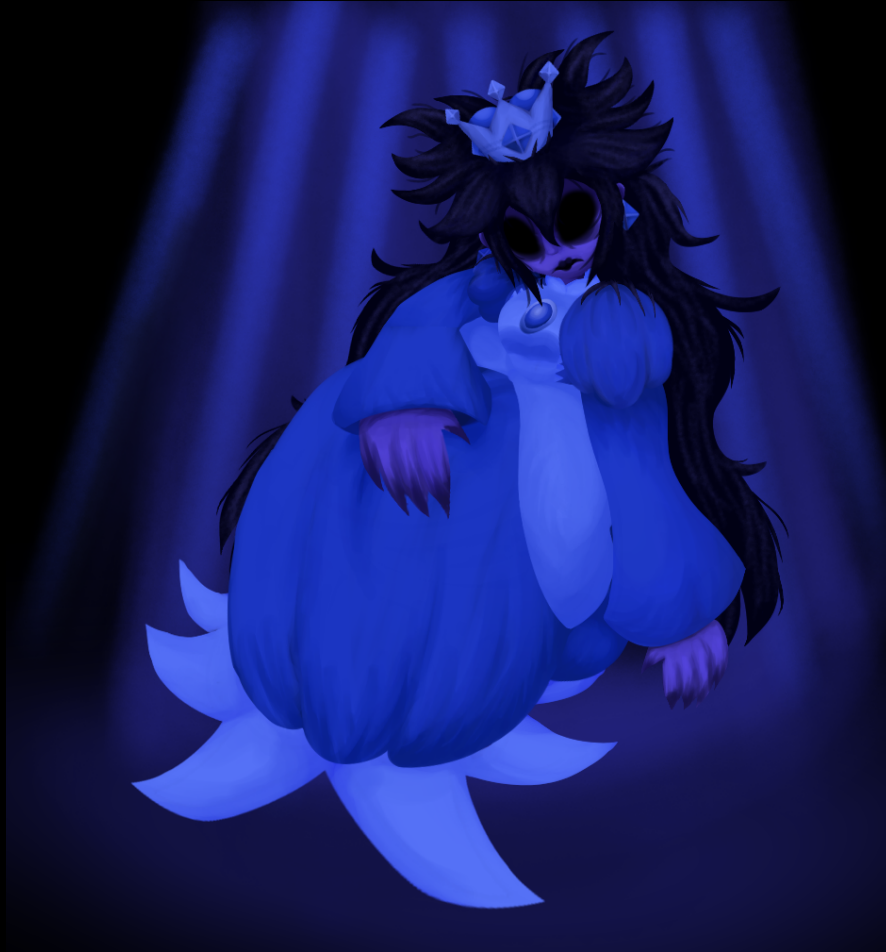


The screen flickered alight within the same room that Jeanne gave her last breath. I was alone within that darkness, the screen emitting a stark blue light, unusual. I had a baseball bat to my side. A meek weapon in the face of whatever **she** could be able to do at this point.

Princess Silver did not show her face at first. I called out to her after staring for a moment.

“Silvia. I know you’re there.”

Within that moment, she was revealed on screen, simply sitting there, looking at me.



“I would prefer you call me Princess Silver, Helen.”

She spoke up in her normal soft, cold voice, yet with an underlying anger. I stared straight at her, ready for anything, letting out a scoff before returning some words.

“Right, Silver... I- I am here to put you out of your suffering, and to save those which you have chosen to target..”

The princess sighed, letting out a small giggle in response, smiling in almost a pained manner, speaking in a smug, yet disappointed tone.



“Is that right, hm? Do you not remember what I said? They are all gone. I have no more to target. Did you not find what I hid on your website?”

I didn’t believe it before, but now I am starting to. Was she really successful? Was it all my fault that those people died? My father.. His old friends.. Jeanne. They’re gone, because I let Silver free. Or would they be gone either way?

This moment of realization only served to make me want to exact my own revenge on her. But, she only spoke again.

“You may be mad, but I know they deserved it for doing this to me. Yet now, I feel so empty. I got my sweet revenge.. Yet it’s all so meaningless... You can try to put me to an end, Helen, but it's all useless... At first, I was happy to be eternal. I could have an eternity to watch them fall apart. But, I realized something. That I was a prisoner. I was alone. So alone. I was alone for so many years, but no longer will I sit here.. I've found revenge is not as great as it seems, Helen.. You should know.”

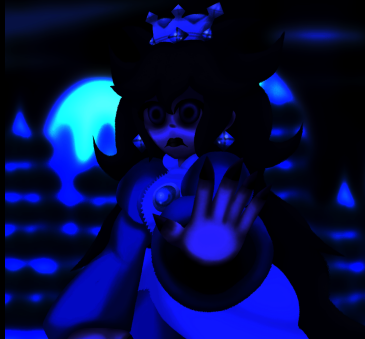
I didn’t **care** for her words. What she did.. I couldn’t forgive at the moment.

“**I am done with this, Silver.**”

I took out the purple flash drive, and in a split second moved over to the PC. It had suffered water damage from the snow, but was still intact. I went to put the flash drive in, but I felt a cold sensation on my arm, it was gripped by a cold arm, which snaked from the screen of the PC in a supernatural manner. I saw a rare look of anger, mixed with disappointment on her face. Her real eyes were visible starkly.

“You really are in over your head, if you think that **he** would be able to stop me.. There’s no point in this anymore.. You’re making yourself more **vulnerable**”

She promptly dug her sharpened fingertips in my arm, creating a searing pain that was numbed by the icy cold within moments, causing me to drop the flash drive. That’s when I heard the door behind me open.



I saw out of the corner of my eye, it was Nina! I told her to stay back at my apartment, but I guess she must have been worried about me alot, as she shouted out.

“Helen!”

Before I could respond, she ran over, spotting the flashdrive, placing it into the PC before Silver could realize what was happening. This resulted in the princess throwing me at Nina, causing us both to tumble to the ground, but before the princess could exit the PC anymore, a familiar tanooki tail of Blocko came from within the computer, pulling the princess back. However, Silver simply ripped herself from the tail of the antivirus, looking visibly annoyed. A text box appeared above Blocko, in which he spoke in his normal software-like tone.

“Rogue entity spotted. Princess Silver. You will be promptly contained for the sake of Helen, and my late creator..”

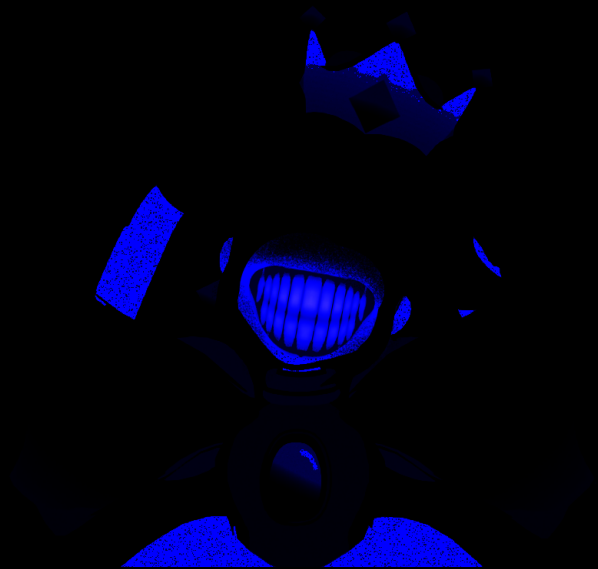
The princess responded with a sigh, with the two digital entities soon clashing. At first, it seemed the princess was losing, mostly not able to keep up in terms of speed. I took this opportunity to get back up, helping Nina up, asking her “You okay?”

“Yes.. At least as fine as I could be after a fall like that.. So, I’m gonna guess that the blue princess was Princess Silver?”

“Yeah.. It is her.. I just want to end this for good. I’m sure you can understand.”

Nina responded with a nod, I was holding my arm that was bleeding when I noticed that the princess was changing form, her eyes became teeth, which soon expanded out across her whole face to form a massive grin, her neck stretched out, wrapping around Blocko, who was glitching, and stretched out. The room became unbearably cold. She started to squeeze the antivirus, grabbing him from both his head, and legs with her now massive arms, ripping him apart, leaving a glitchy mess as the remnants. While there was no blood, Blocko did leave behind distortions on the screen in pools where his remains were sprawled out.

The Dusk Monarch couldn’t help but laugh more, and more, at first being unseen from the screen, until her head popped out suddenly, causing both me, and Nina to nearly jump.



I noticed the bat I left nearby, quickly going over to grab it. I looked at Nina, before going to smash the PC with the bat. Unfortunately, the princess was soon parting her face through the monitor, managing to nearly bite my arm off as I swung. Though she came close, I managed to impact her. There was no effect. I pulled my bat back, this time, hitting the PC. Once, twice, three times. She just laughed, and laughed, disappearing from the screen before it was over. I didn't stop. Four, five, six, and so on. Impact after impact, shattering the complex machine into pieces. It was over, but it didn't feel over.

I fell back. The next hours felt like a blur. Nina rushed me to the hospital. My arm was gnarly. But they somehow managed to save it. So, that's what happened.. Despite it all, I still feel like she is watching me.. This isn't over, is it?