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THE SACRIFICERS

RICK REMENDER and MAX FIUMARA
WITH DAVE MCCAIG



IT WILL ALWAYS BE THE SAME • PART 1 OF 6



Once upon a time, there was
a girl born into splendor.

Born to power.

Promised immortality.

She never knew
why, nor the price.

Only that nothing
could harm her.



Not death.

Not hunger.

Not cold.

Not fire.

For the fire was
her blood.



Fire coursed
her veins.

It sustained her.

It bore her
father's face.

But now his
gifts are lost.

Now she suffers as a
mortal, her prayers to
him unanswered.



As the sky burned upon his
arrival, her relief quickly
gave way to dread.

For Robos, the Sun God,
had not come to save...



He came to burn.

To punish those who took her.

Now, as his wrath incinerates
the world around her...

She does as any
mortal would--

RUN!



The dead woods
ignite around them.

The sky rips open.

The air scorches like
a blast furnace.

**HURRY--
INTO THE
CAVE!**



She prays the cave
will protect the
children in her care.

ANEEEE--!

The fire does not
heed her plea.



The children's
screams echo--

--bleating calves
led to slaughter.



Before the
thunderous
roar mercifully
smothers their
cries.





The spore rises, an
inky black shield.

One command
hums at its core--

"Keep this
paw alive."



"She is the key to our plans."

The fire consumes
it, but it clings.

Its pain shared with
the cursed princess.

YERAGHH--!



A curse that guarded her
more faithfully than blood.

GET
CLOSE!



They fold into each other
beneath the burning parasite.

None mistake this
for salvation.

A respite.

A handful of
searing breaths.



The fire devours the
creature quickly.

Its agony floods
Soluna's veins.

She bites down
a scream--

--and braces
for the end.



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