

An Assassins Loss

In a small cottage near a lake, two female sister assassins are visited by an old man wearing a robe. The man knocks on the door a couple times before it is opened by the older sister.

Mai(Older sister): "Who are you and what do you want?"

Old Man: As he is trembling, he answers, "I beg your forgiveness but my name is Merek and I am seeking the aid of the two most notable assassins in all the land.

Kai(Younger sister): Who's at the door Mai?

Mai: "Nobody."

She then proceeds to slam the door but the old man places he foot to prevent the door from closing.

Merek: "Please, I beg you, hear me out." (Tears begin to run down his cheeks). "The village is has been taken over by a powerful sorcerer." (Pauses) "He has taken over the castle and is killing everyone in the village."

Mai: (Pauses a brief moment) Come inside quickly.

After coming into the home, everyone sits around the table and Merek begins to describe the situation at hand. The sisters have been in some bad situations before but with the gruesome details given, they had looks of discuss on their faces.

Kai: (Leans over to Kai and whispers). "This could be the score we've been looking for."

Merek: "Will you except this task?"

Mai: (Lowers head towards the table and says) "If we except this task, understand that we are not cheap and based off everything you told us, some innocent lives maybe lost." "Are you willing to except that?"

Merek: "Yes, of course. Anything you want. I just want my village saved by any means necessary."

Kai: "Yes" (excitingly)

Both Mai and Merek look at Kai with weird looks.

Mai: "So old man, how are we suppose to get into the castle? It is heavily guarded."

Merek: (Pulls out a key) "Pass through the sewers that lead to the inner walls." "This key will gain you access to the prison dungeon." "From there, you are on your own."

Mai: "It will take a few days prep and we will do this in the cover of darkness."

Merek: "Oh thank you, thank you," (Then proceeds to get up from the chair and walks towards the door). "God Speed."

The next morning the two sisters head towards the village to survey the area and plan their approach.

Mai: "Kai, see that tower there in middle of the castle?, that's where Merek said the sorcerer would be."

Mai: "Kai? Are you listening?"

Kai: "Yeah, Yeah, I see it. Let's get down there and kick some ass."

Mai: "You better be taking this serious. We can't afford to make any mistakes."

Kai: "Come on, this will be easy. We always come out on top, that's why he came to us."

Mai: "No matter how great you are at something, something can always catch you off your guard."

Back at the cottage, the sisters train vigorously in preparation for the upcoming mission. In all their time as assassins, never before have they trained so hard to the point they could no longer stand.

The morning of the day of the mission, Mai stands on the hill just outside the cottage overlooking the lake. Kai sees her sister standing there and approaches her.

Kai: "What are you doing?"

Mai: "Nothing, just clearing my mind and thinking about what's ahead."

Kai: (Steps closer to her sister and rests her arm on her shoulder) "Don't worry about a thing, you know I got your back and you have mine. Plus, you know I'm the toughest thing out there. I won't let any harm come to my big sister."

Mai: (Hugging her sister) "Just do me one favor and please don't let your ego go to your head. I need you to be very level headed as we do this. We really don't know what we are dealing with yet."

Kai: (with a lying smile) "You got it."

Hours pass and the sisters begin to get themselves suited up, collecting any all weaponry they may need. When they are ready, they begin to make haste towards the village. Sneaking from cover to cover seeing the the mayhem left behind by the sorcerer. Seeing the bodies of the helpless villagers just lying there. They had no way to defend themselves. Seeing this destruction, just infuriated the sisters even more especially Kai, who is extremely hot headed.

Kai: "Oh my God"

Mai: "Stay focused. He will pay for all of this."

Kai: (Gives a nod)

Eventually they approach the outer walls of the castle and they see how fortified it really is and see just how much they absolutely must not get caught. They get to the sewer entrance and enter it. There is no turning back now.

As they get closer to the exit of the sewer, they see the moonlight shining through. Kai, looks through the bars to check if the coast is clear.

Mai: Do you see anything?

Kai: There are 2 guards at the entrance.

Mai: What else?

Kai: Hold on.....Several archers along the walls.....and.....Shit

Mai: What? What is it?

Kai: There's guards everywhere

Stepping away from the bars of the sewer, the sisters begin their strategy.

Mai: Kai, you take out the guards at the door.

Kai: K, what will you do?

Mai: I'll create some sort of distraction and draw their attention away from you. We will meet up inside the tower and Kai, don't go running off until we are back together.

Kai: (Stares in silence)

Mai: Kai, you listening?

Kai: Yes, don't run off. I got it.

Mai and Kai together: Stay safe.

They slowly sneak out of the sewer and head in separate directions. Once they are in their respective positions, Mai begins to set off small explosions to lead the guards away from the barracks. Kai in the meantime has killed the the guards at the door by throwing kunai at their necks. She then proceeds to bring the bodies inside. Mai is finishing up her part and is on her way to meet back up to Kai.

Kai watching the door for her sister begins to hear a noise coming from the top of the tower. Being the impatient person she is, she rushes upstairs against Mai's wishes. Light coming from a giant room grabs her attention. With her back against the wall, Kai slides slowly towards the light and pokes her head around the corner and sees someone in robes just like the ones the old man was wearing. In confusion, sneaks into the room to get a better look. Hiding behind each column as she makes her way closer to the figure. She then draws a short sword from her back in preparation of might happen.

Figure: "So..... You've come to kill me. That's why you're here isn't it?"

Kai: "Merek, is that you? What are you doing?"

Figure: (Turns head to look at Kai with an evil grin) Merek, was that the name of this old bastard?"

Kai: "Who are you?"

Figure: (Begins to reveal his true identity)

Kai: (Gasping) "It's..It's you. You're the sorcerer."

Sorcerer: "Yes....but please, let me truly introduce myself. My name is Drasim."

Kai: "Why are you doing this?"

Drasim: "Over a millenia ago, my master tried to bring to balance to the realm by calling upon the Elders, the supreme beings."

Drasim: "You see, the Elders will cleanse the land of all this chaos that you humans have created. You were given a everything and you destroyed it all. So the time has come to erase everything and everyone and start a new world."

Kai: "You're mad. You can't kill everyone. Humans make mistakes but the eventually learn from their deeds."

Drasim: (Turning away from Kai to begin a summoning spell) "Don't worry my dear, this will all be over very soon."

Kai: (Yells) Nooooooooo.....(begins to run towards Drasim with weapon drawn)

Kai taking a leap into the air preparing to lunge her sword into Drasims back, is soon caught in a spell. Drasim turns around, raises his hand and surrounds Kai in a magical grip. Pulls her close and says

Drasim: "Oh you got a little fight in you...I like that.... Make sure you keep that fighting spirit as you die."

He then throws her across the room. A huge fight begins. Drasim doesn't display his full power at first which allows Kai to seem like she is getting the upper hand. After awhile, Drasim has had enough of her cockiness and finally completely obliterates Kai.

Drasim: "Silly girl. This fight is over..... You can't beat me."

Kai: "Fuck you bastard."

Drasim then throws her against the wall knocking her out completely.

Story cuts back to Mai.

By the time Mai had gotten back to the entrance to the tower, she noticed Kai was nowhere to be found. She begins to call her name but no response. Shaking her head in disbelief that her sister didn't take heed to her words about waiting til they met back up. Mai eventually begins her way up the long staircase not really knowing what is waiting at the top.

As she gets closer to the top, she begins to hear some commotion and her pace begins to slow. She readies one of her kunai in preparation for what might lay ahead. She gets closer to the open room and just as Kai had done, she peeks around the corner to scope out the scene. She notices Drasim talking and making hand gestures but the rest of her view is obstructed by a huge pillar. She creeps into the room and slowly moves closer and then in dismay, sees her sister chained up to one of the pillars completely bloody and beating.

Looking upon her sister and whispers her name to herself.

Mai: "Kai.....What did you do?"

Mai, knowing the situation at hand, tries to sneak through the shadows to get in close to Drasim to kill him. Just as she gets within striking distance, he turns around and says

Drasim: "Hello Mai, glad to see you again."

Mai: "What...What do you mean again?"

Drasim: "Remember Merek, the old man who visited you at your cottage?"(He then briefly turns himself back into the old man and back to his true self).

Mai: "You bastard."

Mai begins to her attack but Drasim catches her in a spell just as he did with Kai and throws her across the room.

Drasim: "You have the same fighting spirit as your sister. That's good. At least I know I won't be taking the lives of cowards."

Mai: (Pulling herself up from the floor) "Why are you doing this? What did these innocent people ever do to you?"

Drasim tells the same story as he told Kai but with more detail.

Drasim: "You see, in order to resurrect the Elders, the death of the ones responsible for their imprisonment must happen."

Drasim: "It took me a millennia, to locate the bloodline of the ones who did this to my masters but her we are at last."

Mai: "I will kill you and put an end to your madness."

Drasim: "We shall see but first, I have a little present for you."

Drasim begins a conjuring spell that brings a creature from the deepest depths of the abyss to the land. After fully gaining her composure, her eyes begin to grow big at the sight of this hideous creature that now stands in front of her. Never before had she seen anything like this.

Kai looking up at the creature as well and seeing her sister standing there not being able to help. If only she could get free from her shackles, she could help out. Kai shouts out to her sister.

Kai: "Mai.....Be careful."

The creature begins to charge at Mai but she is able to dodge his attack. Dodging the attack, she is able to get some attacks in with her blade. Making small cuts all over the body of the creature. Being the strategist that she is, Mai is able telegraph the creatures attacks for a while but eventually the creature gets it's hand on her. Grabbing her waist, she easily gets tossed across the room like a rag doll bouncing off the ground a few times before finally coming to a rest. The creature quickly catches up to her and before Mai can react, gets grabbed again, this

time by the leg and slung against a close by pillar. Bleeding all over, outfit torn to shreds, can barely stand and all Kai can do is watch as her sister is being dismantled.

Kai: (With tears in her eyes....screaming out to her sister) "Mai, get out of here, save yourself."

Drasim: "Oh...Isn't that sweet. So much love for your sister, kinda makes me feel like getting all sentimental."

Kai: (Looks up at Drasim) "Please....Please, stop this. Take my life instead but let my sister go."

Drasim: "Don't worry my dear, your life will be taken. But in the meantime, enjoy the show."

Kai: "Fuck you....Fuck you."

The battle between the creature and Mai continues. Mai, every so often gets a few attacks of her own in but the creature is just too much for her until after being tossed one last time, she notices a weak spot on the back of the creatures neck. If she doesn't figure out how to get to it quickly, she knows she's finished. Looking at her foe one last time she looks for any opening she can get and then plans her attack.

Mai: (Knowing actually what to do calls out to the creature) "Come get me motherfucker."

Both Mai and the creature charge at one another but this time Mai throws a kunai at the creatures face to distract it and then as she slides under the legs, she uses another kunai and stabs the creature in it's foot. Once she gets to the backside, she leaps up onto the creature, pulls out her short sword and with such ferocity, begins stabbing the weak spot. Eventually, the creature falls to it's knees and looks up at Mai as she lifts her sword high above her head and takes the final swing to cut off the creatures head.

Mai standing there hunched over, picks up the creatures head and throws it at Drasim and says

Mai: "Let my sister go now asshole....You're next."

Drasim: (With such arrogance on his face) "Do you really want me to let her go?"

Mai: (Screaming) "Now"

Drasim: "As you wish"

He raises his hand and with a magical spell, pulls Kai towards him. Kai begins to scream with such pain as her arms are being stretched. With one quick pull, Drasim finishes the job and pulls Kais body away from her arms. Kai falls to the ground with her arms dangling from the shackles in which they were placed. Blood dripping all over the floor.

Mai: "No....Kai"(begins to rush at Drasim)

He easily pushes her back and says

Drasim: "You asked for this. Next time, you may want to choose your words more wisely."

Drasim, again with a spell, lifts what is left of Kai's body, over his head and rips her in half. With complete disrespect, picks up the upper half and throws it a Mai.

Mai grabs her sister and begins to hold her. Stroking her hair and kissing her forehead. Tears running down her face.

Mai: (Crying in disbelief) Kai.....Why couldn't you have simply just waited for me like you were suppose to? This is all my fault. Had I never accepted this stupid task, we would still be living peacefully at our cottage.

Drasim begins to mock Mai by doing fake cries. Mai places her sisters body against one of the pillars and she then turns her attention Drasim and speaks.

Mai: (With anger in her voice) "THIS ENDS NOW."

Mai: "You took the only thing I cared about in this world.....One of us will not walk out this place breathing....Lets go."

Drasim:(With an abusive tone) "Oh...Did I hit a soft spot.....Keep that anger going.....You will need it you little bitch."

The final fight begins.

Mai still battered and bruised from her previous battle, gathers her strength and begins to move swiftly towards Drasim. He just stands there awaiting her attacks. She runs, moving side to side to hopefully confuse him so he wouldn't know which direction she would attack from first.

Coming from the left, Mai lunges at Drasim with a thrusting motion. Drasim easily dodges but Mai is relentless and continues her attacks. Each attack is filled with anger and hatred but Drasim uses this to his advantage. As long as she stays in this state of mind, she's not thinking clearly and eventually becomes reckless.

Each attack becomes more and more sloppy. Finally Drasim tells Mai that he has had enough and now he begins his onslaught of attacks. He grabs her in a spell, pulls how close, looks her in the eyes and then launches her across the room. He runs up on her quickly grabs her again, raises her up and slams her onto the ground several times. Mai coughing up blood and then wipes it from her mouth speaks.

Mai: "Is that the best you got? Hmmmm. I was expecting more from you."

Drasim: "This is just the start of things my dear.....The fun has only just begun."

After sending a swift kick to Mais' stomach, Drasim backs up a few feet and begins to cast different elemental spells and tosses them at her just to tease her. He continues to mock her as if her end is near. Mai reaches out for her sword and Drasim sees it.

Drasim: "So you want to go steel to steel huh?.....Okay....I'll let you die the same way you tried to kill me."

Drasim walks over to grab Kai's weapons, seeing as though she no longer needs them. He then turns one sword into a flaming one and the other, he turns into ice.

Drasim: "Well.....Are you ready?"

Mai barely able to stand, coughs up blood one last time and tells Drasim to fuck off. Drasim smiles with an evil grin and takes his stance.

They begin to clash swords. Flames and chunks of ice bouncing off Drasim swords. Both opponents get cut up pretty good. Eventually Mai gets a good opening and is able to disarm Drasim.

Mai: "Now it's my turn. You will pay for everything you have done."

With one more pushback, Drasim stands and begins a summoning spell but this is where his guard falls. While Mai was being beaten to a pulp, she was also observing. Every time he begins a spell, this opens his chest. Having to focus on the spell at hand, he is unable to protect this area. Mai waits for most opportune moment and as Drasim is working on the spell, Mai grabs her last kunai and throws it at his chest. Drasim falls to his knees and Mai grabs her sword still dripping with blood, rushes over and jabs into his throat. Gasping for air, Drasim tries to speak but Mai pulls on the sword and cuts off his head.

With the sorcerer finally dead, the land begins to clear of the evil that he had brought forth. Mai grabs the body of her sister and begins to head home. She walks straight out the front gate, sun shining, birds chirping, air smell clean.

Climbing over hill after hill, until finally home is within sight. Once there, Mai heads down to lake behind the cottage. She sits down with her sister, tears falling from her eyes. She begins talking to her sister, reminiscing of all the good fights they had. Once sunset hits, Mai tells her sister good bye for the very last time and then begins to lower her body into the lake.

Mai heads back to the cottage and heads inside. Closing the door behind her and the scene fades to black.