

Ariadne enters with a flashlight.

ARIADNE
Theseus?

THESEUS
Ariadne?

ARIADNE
You were shouting.

THESEUS
It was nothing.

What are you doing here?

ARIADNE
Nothing. I was just,
I was looking for a funeral.

THESEUS
You found one.

ARIADNE
I don't even know whose
is the stupid part
Neptune just said an old friend.

THESEUS
Neptune?

ARIADNE
He's passed out in the chariot.

THESEUS
He's here?

ARIADNE
He's drunk.
Do you know where

THESEUS
Neptune is here,
in your chariot?

ARIADNE

His chariot, obviously.
I drove.
He was a real mess when he came into the bar.
I've never seen him like this before.

THESEUS

What bar?

ARIADNE

My place,
The Sand Bar.
Mine and my husband's.
I'm married now.

THESEUS

Married.

ARIADNE

Yeah.

THESEUS

Huh

And you're happy together?

ARIADNE

Are we happy together?
Are we happy together?
Fuck you are we happy together.
What, are you jealous?

You're jealous.

THESEUS

And shouldn't I be?

ARIADNE

You left me,
or have you forgotten even that,
you absentminded slut?

You left me on a deserted beach,

sand of sleep mingling with white shore of Naxos, I
woke to see your ship's black sails already on the
horizon.

Forgot me, did you?
Did I slip your fragile mind?
Have you no pity?
Could it be that your heart,
filled with love and longing and filling your mouth
with promises of a white wedding while I was saving
your pathetic skin, had become shriveled and spent by
the time we reached Naxos, all your love having been
prematurely tugged out?

I saved you from death's tempest,
betrayed my brother, Asterion, the Minotaur for you
and in return,
you left me to die of sunstroke and be devoured by
wild beasts.

THESEUS

Devoured by wild beasts?
How long had I been gone before you got yourself
married? A couple hours?

ARIADNE

Not everyone forgets as quickly as and easily as you
do, Theseus. Compared to Your Royal Highness the
Goldfish, we're all elephants.

THESEUS

What's that supposed to mean?

ARIADNE

It means you left me on an island.

THESEUS

No. You know, don't you?

ARIADNE

Know what?

THESEUS

About the sheets.
About my absentminded sin.

My patricide.
All of Athens knows when my father saw the black
sheets he threw himself from a cliff.
I killed my father with my absentmindedness,
He drowned himself in mourning me.

ARIADNE
Aegeus?

THESEUS
Dead, or hadn't you noticed you were at a funeral?

ARIADNE
I told you
I didn't know whose.

THESEUS
Well now you know.

ARIADNE
I'm so sorry.

THESEUS
Your concern for my wellbeing is touching.

ARIADNE
My concern-

Forgetfulness seems to be a thing for you.
First you forget me on Naxos-
Next, you forget to change your sails.

THESEUS
What are you getting at?

ARIADNE
Nothing.
There's a nice sort of poetry to it, that's all.

THESEUS
My father is dead.
There's nothing nice about it.

ARIADNE
You're king now.

That must be nice.

THESEUS
Why are you here?

ARIADNE
I told you,
Neptune asked me to drive him-

THESEUS
And you said yes,
even though you didn't know who had died,
even though it couldn't possibly concern you
even though

ARIADNE
He's a good friend and a good customer
and besides
I thought I needed it.

THESEUS
Needed it?

ARIADNE
I don't know how to explain it
like I wanted to be in mourning
a funeral is like that
You put a body in the ground like a tree
puts down roots. A piece of yourself to tie yourself
down.

THESEUS
That doesn't make any sense.
MY father is dead.

ARIADNE
I told you before,
I didn't know it was Aegeus' funeral.
I just thought that

THESEUS
Pretty fucking morbid if you ask me.

ARIADNE
Look, I don't have to explain myself to you, you
poorly polished piece of shit.

You're gonna call me morbid

I cut my roots,
I betrayed my family, because I thought I loved you,
because I thought that you could be my family,
be my roots.

You made me help you kill my little brother
and then you left me
on an island.

Don't fucking open your mouth.
Don't open it.

I'm leaving in the morning
(Neptune isn't going anywhere tonight)
and I never want to see your stupid face again.

Don't worry, I won't use your toothbrush.