

ZISKA: *(To the captain)* No goodbyes?

CAPTAIN: No goodbyes.

ZISKA: *(Nodding)* It's better that way.

CAPTAIN: Yes. *(Looks to Amori who is still frozen, staring at her own match. She approaches Amori)* I will...I will do it if you cannot.

*(For a brief moment, it seems Amori might agree but she shakes her head)*

AMORI: No. No. The sea has chosen me.

*(The captain looks back to Ziska and tentatively approaches her. It looks as though they might speak when Ziska stops them)*

ZISKA: No goodbyes. Remember?

CAPTAIN: Yes. No goodbyes.

ZISKA: The sea has chosen wisely. *(She gestures to her thigh)* Promise me to enjoy this fine leg. It's taken good care of me.

CAPTAIN: *(Eyes filling with tears, despite themselves)* Even now you choose to joke?

ZISKA: Especially now. No goodbyes. No handshakes. No salutes. Amori has a job to do, and we mustn't keep her from it.

CAPTAIN: *(Voice breaking)* I...

ZISKA: Captain, you must be strong for the others. We will see each other again. Face to face. After you have lived a long life. And when I see you then, I will embrace you. *(With a look to Amori)* The sea has chosen me.

CAPTAIN: It should be me—

ZISKA: Captain—

CAPTAIN: I should be the last to leave the ship and—

ZISKA: Captain! It is done. The dice has been thrown. It's done.

*(A pause)*

CAPTAIN: Yes. It is done.

ZISKA: We've been lost for almost a week now. It's time. This is the right choice. *(Handing the captain her handkerchief)* Dry your eyes. You must be tall and stoic for the others.

CAPTAIN: *(Composing themselves)* Yes. *(Laughs)* Thank you. *(Standing tall now)* The sea has chosen. *(Handing Ziska the handkerchief back)*

ZISKA: No. You take it.

CAPTAIN: No. I couldn't—

ZISKA: Captain, I insist—

CAPTAIN: No, Ziska. You don't understand—

ZISKA: *(With a smile)* No, you don't understand and I—

CAPTAIN: *(Forceful)* Ziska! No! I want *nothing* of yours. I want nothing to remember you by. I want nothing!

*(They share a look. Ziska takes the handkerchief back.)*

CAPTAIN: No goodbyes.