

[Yoba exhales]

CHARTRULEAN

Are you sick? You look pale.

YOBA

You're one to talk. I was teasing you before, but you really do seem different.

CHARTRULEAN

How so?

YOBA

You used to be fearless. Didn't care what other people think.

CHARTRULEAN

I have people to protect.

YOBA

The paladins?

CHARTRULEAN

It surprises me how much I care for them. I know what it's like to be labeled and don't wish it upon anybody else.

YOBA

What The Order did to you really left a scar, didn't it?

CHARTRULEAN

I don't think that's what's bothering me.

[beat]

CHARTRULEAN

(exhaling)

My "superman" is disappearing, Yoba. This shell of a man I've been left with is weak.

YOBA

I'm sure you're just tired. It'll be back.

[Sighing]

CHARTRULEAN

I don't like that everyone has to go so far out of their way to help me.

[Beat]

CHARTRULEAN

I think the Starbringers' candidness is rubbing off on me. I shouldn't burden you with my doubts.

YOBA

(sentimental)

Our world leans on one man's choices for so much. I can't imagine the burden you've felt. But maybe we've been doing it all wrong. Maybe it takes a village to change the world. If that's the case, I certainly don't mind stepping up wherever you need me.

[Yoba stops and clears throat]

YOBA

(tone changes)

Anyways, I see you've upped security. Good. Keep your secrets under tight lock and key.

CHARTRULEAN

I'm hearing that a lot lately. You think I'm not?

YOBA

I, for one, just walked right in without anyone to question me.

CHARTRULEAN

There were guards.

YOBA

Guards who will let in people you trust. I need you to be your own gatekeeper. Trust *no one*.

CHARTRULEAN

Not even you?

YOBA

I'm not giving you my opinion.

[Beat]

YOBA

Now if you'll excuse me, I have to  
go make sure no one starts another  
war.