

Opera Rock



STARBORN

1. A FUTURE TO COME?

“...the disaster already caused widespread destruction, and hundreds of thousands deaths... the landscape is astonishing...no one knows what will be the effect of such a great explosion... we don't know for how long we will be on air... the atomic explosion shocked the entire continent... We must take remedial measures as soon as possible... reliable sources say that a starship has been sent on a mission... is Earth really... dying?”

Isaac:

“Captain's log, day 4.381... today is the day of choice. It's already been 12 years since the nuclear fire. According to the plans I should have found a planet similar to the Earth a lot of years ago... but I didn't find any. The starship has still half of his energy. It's now or never: if I decide to go on I won't have enough fuel to come back home. So, here's my decision: I won't turn back: count on me, I promise I will find a new home for the ones who survived. Look forward to my next message, and save a prayer for me...(---rumore di incidente, urla di Isaac, fuoco... silenzio---)”

2. PROLOGUE: For Centuries Untold

Lutar: From far beyond
The ending of our time
The ending of our endless space

Reika: Will sail the Starborn
The one from the distant shore of eternity
To fulfill the prophecy

Isaac: A starship alone
Lightyears from home
Lost in a dark embrace
Infinity is hard to face

Natives: For centuries untold
The legend we'll tell you about
Is our fantasy, wonder and melody

3. A PLACE BEYOND BELIEF pt.1: Isaac

Isaac:

“Falling down from heaven
I recall the events that brought me here
I'm trying to make a memory
Just before it disappears

Mother Nature died in fever
Oh, that glowing light!

Both the pious man and the deceiver
Feared the darkness of the night

Fools or heroes, the last survivors
To elude fate found a way
I guess if death could have a flavor
I would have swallowed a lot that day

Gathered in the darkest hour
They sent me to the void
How could have I foreseen it would devour
The starship like a toy"

Pre-chorus: "I'm howling through infinity
(Isaac) And fate shows me no sympathy
I hold the key to galaxies
It looks like I'm the freedom itself
but I'm not free"

Chorus.: Somewhere
In a place beyond your own belief
Two hearts will soon collide
Starborn
From a place beyond your own belief
Could Isaac be the one?

Somewhere
In a place beyond your own belief
Craving for love Reika is waiting for the
Starborn
From a place beyond your own belief
Hero forevermore

Isaac:

"The final countdown has begun
The Earth is on its knees
I saw the twilight of the sun
The spread of the disease

Future was just over
Mankind was close to the end
When they sent me to this forsaken place
I cannot comprehend"

Pre-chorus: I'm howling...

Chorus: ...

4. A PLACE BEYOND BELIEF pt.2: Reika

Reika:

"None of us has ever tried to count the stars above
No one but this woman who's craving for true love
A riot of diamonds that shuts down the night...
... but no shooting stars at my sight
My heartbeat, alone, is still waiting for someone
to ease my quest for the light"

"One day he will come to take me away, there above, just over the rainbow
To far away places, beyond my belief, we will go"

"So I keep on dreaming, night after night
While years are passing by
There must be a meaning, we cannot lay here
Just to live without love and then die
Call me pretentious, spoilt or just a fool
The ones who think with their heart
Will know the great love, only the true one
Can tear the darkness apart"

"The tower, the King, the monsters he brings, are colored in bloody red crimson
The comet, the light, the Ivory Knight will bring peace, and infinite wisdom"

Pre-chorus:

Isaac: "I'm howling through"
Reika: "I'm waiting for"
Isaac: "Infinity"
Reika: "The knight to come"

Isaac: "And fate shows me"
Reika: "His love will be"
Isaac: "No sympathy"
Reika: "My liberty"

Isaac: "I hold the key"
Reika: "In the fields at night I flee"
Isaac: "To galaxies"
Reika: "Hoping a sign I will see"
Isaac & Reika: "It looks like I'm the freedom itself...
...but I'm not free"

Chorus: Somewhere...

Reika:

"I am waiting for the night to come
When the sky is filled with lights I'm not alone
I am waiting for him, craving for love here I'm waiting for the Starborn"

A flash of light hit the left eye of Issac: screaming for the pain he looked out and saw the countless stars for the last time, then it was pitch black. When he regained consciousness he was surrounded by the Natives: Lutar, - the Elder of Auria Village - and his daughter Reika were right around him. They were looking at him with astonished faces, but they didn't seem to be hostile. For Isaac that was more than enough, because it was all turning black again.

5. UNDER STARRY SKIES

Isaac:

"Crossing the gates of the unknown
Crumbling my boundaries behind
A light dot doomed to roam forever in space"

The last hope of a fallen mankind

"Out on a mission for my world
A new home for us I must find
Lightyears from home, I am lost in this maze"

Space is stone cold, frozen tears he cries

"I gaze at the skies as I'm falling
The riot of diamonds above
Will last forever in this blinded eye"

Sharp as a razor is the flash of white light

"'cause I paid with an eye my salvation
An injured and dying man they found
But the one-eyed is king if the subjects are blind"

Isaac's real journey begins in this night

"Oh it's hard to realize there is"

Chorus "No return
(Starry Skies, forever in your blinded eye)
I'll never walk again through the land where I was born
No return
(Starry Skies, forever in your blinded eye)
A fading memory is the place where I belong

Reika:

"Your ivory eye... you're the Starborn!
The savior half man, half divine
Astride the silvery comet you sail"

Lutar: "You're the prophecy of the old came true

Reika:

"For your coming I prayed with devoutness
At sunsets and daybreaks I gazed
At the skies, through the blackish cold darkness of space"

Lutar: "While the omens we tried to trace"

"The Crimson God, bringer of scorn
In the place where the Tower is born
Has fallen from heaven to conquer this world"

Reika: "With his coming began our downfall"

Lutar:

"With his monsters of metal he made us slaves
Our brothers are falling, no one is safe
But the rage of the tyrant we'll face with your guide"

Reika: "You're the one who will turn the tide"

Isaac:

"I don't understand what they say but I know there's still"

Chorus: "No return
(Starry Skies forever in your blinded eye)
The STARRY SKIES I streaked across and now I'm lost
No return
(Starry Skies forever in your blinded eye)

A fading hope to find a home, to reach a coast”

Lutar: “The Starborn, the savior of the prophecy, is finally among us! ...Reika?”

Reika: “Yes, father?”

Lutar: “Take care of him: you will heal his wounds and teach him our tongue, as soon as he seems not to understand us when we speak. Then, there will be time for war.”

Reika: “As you command, father”

And so it went. They saw the injured, Isaac’s white eye as a divine sign. They took him to Auria, their village, where he spent his time with Reika, regaining forces and learning their tongue. As Lutar said, in this story there will be time for war, but now there's only time for the strongest feelings of all: the great power of love, that all conquers and all moves.

6. NEW WORLD

The river moves in ripples
As the breeze is springing up
The gold dust of a sunset
Is enough to fill their hearts

The lone sea, like a whispering
Tells them lullabies at night
And guides them through the darkness
'till they see the morning light

Chorus: On their skin
The heat of sunbeams kills the pain
And they feel
A new life could be born again
On this NEW WORLD

In three long weeks with Reika
Isaac learned the natives' tongue
But what he feels now is far beyond
The speech, you know, love can't be wrong

Fragile like a flower
She can laugh and she can cry
Love has such a power
Isaac could not resist, he won't even try

Isaac & Reika: “On our skin
The heat of sunbeams kills the pain

And we feel
A new life could be born again
On this NEW WORLD"

Free as their sensations
They found the simple truth
Love, the great temptation
Broke out in their bursting youth

For the first time in their whole being
They weren't on the run
No nuclear fire nor Crimson kings
Just pounding hearts, as they were one

Rousing passions they forgot
They choose their path allowed or not

Miracle of life, miracle of love
Do you believe in miracles?

Reika: "Isaac, you have to promise me a thing"

Isaac: "Just tell me"

Reika: "Give me your word you will never leave Auria Village"

Isaac: "What?! ... Why?"

Reika: "Auria Village is the last hideaway... HE doesn't know where the village is. Out of here there's a terrible danger... in this world there's more than what meets the eye"

Isaac: "I don't understand, Reika..."

Reika: "Just give me your word, please!"

Isaac: "I... ok, you have my word."

...and he broke the promise that very night. He had to accomplish his mission: he had to know whether that planet was the right place for the survivors of the Earth, who were struggling to survive waiting for his next message. Covered by the darkness of the night, he left the village. What he found out there, he would have never, never, never forgotten.

7. OUT IN THE DARK

Isaac:

"A roar is not enough, man
If you don't learn to bite
I lurk and try to hide from them
The creatures of the night"

"A leap into the unknown
In a world that's out of sight
Where they think I am the savior
Starborn, he who brings the light"

"On the dark side of this planet
Fear and wonder reign supreme
Made of concrete is the jungle
In the distance there's a scream"

"Fortune is a Goddess
Who favors just the brave
All I see is a bunch of cowards
From the cradle to the grave, forever slaves"

Chorus:

"OUT IN THE DARK There's a Tower The sunbeams cannot reach OUT IN THE DARK You can feel the power Of the Crimson Gospel we preach OUT IN THE DARK Crimson in color There's the Tower of Sin OUT IN THE DARK There is no tomorrow With the Crimson King"	"Where the land is black There's no turning back For us all Crimson King's machines Monsters full of sins Take control Servants of the fallen Our souls are stolen Into the Dark Crimson might be right We'll no longer fight Our ruthless tyrant"
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Isaac:

"Am I here to kill the dragon
And help them get rid of the beast?
Warriors treat me like a savior
Natives treat me as their priest"

"Twelve years in the starship
May have cracked my sanity
But I know for sure I'm not a God
And I don't wanna be"

"The Starborn of the prophecy
He must be someone else
I cannot take this burden
I don't care what Reika told me"

"I shiver
I'm paralyzed, freezed in fear
No leader, God or man
Should go through here"

Chorus: ...

"Isaac was petrified: the natives, made slaves, were forced by some sort of robots to build other machines and new levels of the tower... the sure thing was the Crimson King being anything but a God. He was just using his advanced technology to conquer that peaceful lands. He probably came with a starship, too... and Isaac thought: "With all this power in this virgin world, if I had stood in his shoes, I'd probably have been overwhelmed by the temptation to behave the same way..."

Crimson King:

"Oh, facing danger you're challenging me... how dare you?
You cannot imagine the things that I know, when we will meet, one of us won't survive...
you will see... ahahahaha!"

Lutar: "Isa...cough...Isaac!"

Isaac: "Lutar! What...what's goin' on here?"

Lutar: "He finally found the village... he sent his monsters... we couldn't withstand the attack."

Isaac: "Reika! Where is she? Tell me!"

Lutar: "They... they took her."

Isaac: "NO!"

8. INTERLUDE: BEFORE THE STORM

Lutar:

"Lonely is the man
Lonesome is the night
As he's craving for someone,
For a little candle light"

Isaac:

"Soundless are the stars
As in my prayers for shelter I ask
Drops of light in an ocean of black
Too deep for the man behind the mask"

Reika:

"Crimson is the rain
Soaked, the land turns red
There must be a way to ease all this pain
To see a little hope again

Natives:

"Dreary clouds above
Crimson skies ahead
The Truth will be finally revealed
And our story begins to end"

Lutar: Open the door, I need to talk with the Starborn.

Guard: As you command, Elder.

Lutar: Isaac, I need to tell you something...

Isaac: Just speak... could something go worse than this?

Lutar: "Isaac, you... you fell down from the sky! If you are here, that must be for a reason. We were lost... we were all about to die under a rain of those evil stuffs called bullets and laserbeams. Then you, with your power, came among us. I don't care if you think you're not the hero of the prophecy, because for every single man out there you are that hero. I'm begging you, Isaac... not for me, not for them... but for Reika: fight with us, guide us to the Crimson tower!"

Isaac: "...it seems I don't have a choice. You want your hero? You want your goddamn Starborn? Ok, let see if I learned something from twelve years of b-movies on the starship... let the show begin!"

"My friends... my brothers! Dark is the way in front of us. Today I stand amongst you not as a leader not as a hero. I'm just a man who lost his precious love. Today we are all the same, because we all lost something. All alone we're are nothing, but together... together we are stones to pave the way to a radious future. Don't ask me if you are strong enough, 'cause I know you are. It's not a matter of 'if', but a matter of 'when'... that time has come: it's time for the reckoning, so... who is with me?"

9. GUARDIANS OF THE LIGHT

Natives:

"Every star has the right to shine
All you have to do is to be
Brave enough just to cross the line"

"World of light is running out of time
You are the Starborn, set us free
The clock of fate now begins to chime"

Chorus.: Falling Down

(we're shining) Like fragments of a broken mirror
We deny the crown
We trust in love and fight for truth
Falling down
(we struggle) strong is our thirst for freedom
We'll fight 'till we'll be free
We're the underground conspiracy
Natives:
"You'll shut down the night, you're the spark
You're the Ivory One
By your side we will make our mark"

"Pouring forth we will break the way
We're not pawns in his crimson hands
Saviour, guide us, we'll seize the day"

Chorus.: Falling Down...

Lutar:
"Breathing fire and anger
We'll dethrone the tyrant, the king
We're the guardians, we're the last defenders
The tower we'll tear limb from limb"

"Our brothers are dying for starvation
While they're building the tower of sin
We will, relentless, bring him damnation
'cause so strong and so pure is our will"

"He's shaking the chains of our world
All the things that we cherish and love
Now we're taking them back on our own
With the Ivory One"

"Guardians of the Light
Marching for glory
Fighting for the right
To be free once again
Guardians of the light
We will rewrite the story
Victory is in sight
We're the wind of change that blows"

Natives:
"Call us the GUARDIANS OF THE LIGHT
We'll be the stones to rear the way
And you came to lead us, Ivory Knight"
"There in the darkness we'll shine bright"

Time of preachers passed by”

Lutar:

“We are your warriors, we'll fight”

Chorus: Falling Down...

Finally, the time came: the war was on his way. Even in that dark time, however, they weren't prostrate: the flames of love still burned in their hearts. The night before the reckoning, gazing at the starry skies above them, they were thinking about each other, keeping their hopes high.

10. WORDS CAN'T SAY

When you don't need to take cover
When you think you're bulletproof
You're a stranger in a foreign land
'cause alone we're not enough

There are times love is so beautiful
There are times, you know, it's not
But even if you see no rainbow
You may find your golden pot

Lutar:

Auria is a wild world
Strong enough your heart to rip
But the Starborn is the fortress
Strong enough your soul to keep”

“Life's a maze, you know, girl
And you just grow up too soon
There's no state of grace, you've got to hold on
Keep howling at the moon”

Reika:

“Always look behind the corners
May your neverland exists
Even when nobody cares but you
All you have to do is resist”

“Always hang on tight to your faith
When you're running out of time
Never lay your body down to rest
Always bet 'till your last dime”

"'cause that's because of you
that hurts this heart of mine"

Chorus (Isaac):

'cause words can't say what I could do for you
Time has come to prove that my love is true
Here I stand and I'll never let you go
'cause I live for you

Isaac:

"For you I'll tear down all the locked doors
And Walk the rockiest roads, I'll do
I swear I'll find the way to your heart
I swear I'll find my way to you"

Reika:

"Oh, I know that you can hear it
If you listen with your heart
It's the voice of my lone spirit
Screaming miles and miles apart"

Isaac:

"In this life I learned a lesson
Love is not for sale or rent
Love is not a crime, so trust me
Play your cards without repent"

Reika:

"Love is to find the truth behind the lies
to never say goodbye
to hold your hand as you start to cry
to always say "I'll try" ...
...And I swear I'll love you 'till the day I die"

Chorus: Words can't say...

(Bridge) Lutar:

"Then it comes out from nowhere
The sensation you all know
Sailing on and on across the sea
To the eye of the storm
To find a peaceful place, a warm embrace
To find a little hope
To discover the true meaning of the emotion...
...love that conquers all"

12. DAWN OF RAGE

Lutar:

"We are marching towards the tower...may the gods be with us."

"A glimmer of hope
To sadness and grief will soon bid farewell
Either we win or we'll die
To our fallen brothers this oath we shall swear"

"The story so far:
More weary and dread days than our children can take
Be vaillant, my Guardians of the Light
In this dawn our freedom is at stake"

Isaac:
"Laser beams against bows and arrows
Couldn't we remain in the shade?!
The cyborgs are just taking over
I thought this barrens would soon be our grave"

"But these men fight in defiance of danger
And so strong is their will
A glimpse of an eye and we're into the tower
The gates are no more sealed"

Chorus (Lutar):
The ultimate dream of the old
(We're loosing anger)
Unlimited power and glory
We don't fight for pride, not for gold
(Time for rebellion)
The sparrows are breaking the cage
In the DAWN OF RAGE

12.VEILED IN DUSK

In the meantime, behind the heavy walls of the Crimson Tower, the truth unfolds...

Crimson King:
"Who's the one who said
The end doesn't justify the means?
I sacrificed it all and now
I'm about to reach my dreams"

"Altruism, love or peace
Just feelings for the weak

I won't regret my choices
I'm the Crimson King, the freak"
"I bent everyone
I won't repent what I've done"

Reika:

"The Comet of blazing fire
Crushing far out in the black
The Birth of the dark tower
Then the mortal bloody attack"

"With his superior powers
He keeps us all in slavery
Forced to build the Crimson Tower
Home of grief and treachery"

"Hordes of creatures made of steel
Where echoes speak of death
My visions here will soon reveal
The secret... I'm without breath"

"From the cellar where I'm lying
I can't stand the truth I see
Even my last hope is dying
I'm saying farewell to sanity"

Chorus: Veiled in dusk
A staring crimson eye
Watching every move she makes
A stare she can't reply
Then a shy
Light from the bright outside
Brings an end to the masquerade
Crumbled down the lie

It seemed impossible, but the Crimson King was just... ANOTHER ISAAC, with a bloody red right eye instead of the ivory left one her love had. Before she could even think to speak, he started to tell his story...

Crimson King:

"The Hunger for the power
crept into my heart since then
The day the nuclear fire
Turned against the world of men"

"I was sent to be the hero

While the Earth was fallin' down
Then my fate became clearer:
My head deserved a crown"

"The plan failed errors
in the calculations brought me here
Imagine just the terror
Only me, amongst my fears"

"I've been thrown into the darkness
The black became my reign
I lost an eye into the abyss
All I see is crimson stains"

Chorus: Veiled in dusk...

Crimson King: "The darkness took its tool... my right eye to survive the fall... do you fear the truth, Reika? I am Isaac... the true one..."

Isaac: "REIKA!"

Crimson King: "Welcome to my home... BROTHER!"

Isaac: "What... Oh, God, WHAT THE HELL...?!"

Crimson King: "Surprised? I just fell into the black hole a lot of years ago... it must be a sort of gate between worlds... but you know what? I don't care: I came from a dying world and found this unspoiled, pure land... I made these primitives my slaves, with the technology of the starship it was the easiest thing ever. We came from the same world, Isaac... we act and think in a different way... it is clear you are just a weak replay.

Isaac: "A... a copy?! You destroyed a paradise, freaking bastard!"

Crimson King: "Oh my... it seems you have guts after all! I could shut your mouth with one single bullet right now but... it's not my stile"

"Take that blade, and let's solve this thing... AN EYE FOR AN EYE, ISAAC!"

13. THE SHADOW YOU CAST

Isaac:

"Bright like wild fire
Into the light of dawn
Two blades are a choir
We sing their song aloud"

Reika:

"Two shadows are creeping
The battle has begun
The Starborn, the Crimson

one... who will see again the sun?"

Crimson King:

"The black hole, the gate
Far beyond into the unknown
Tainted my fate
Made me the Crimson God outshone"

Isaac:

"He cannot be me
This longing to conquer and kill
This fight is the key
To see my destiny fulfilled"

Chorus (Isaac):

"Riding through the black hole
I found another...
... another stranger me
My sanity is torn asunder
This 'evil brother'
Is overwhelming me"

Crimson King:

"Facing this distorted mirror
It's getting clearer
The prophecy of the old:
'From the distance, from beyond time
will sail the Starborn
and the Crimson God will die'... oh, NO!
...I've never trusted that stuff, ahahahaha!"

Reika:

"Beyond your belief
There's a place that beckons you to stay
Under starry skies there's a new world
In the clouds up high
Out in the dark there's a King
The fallen one
Our guardians united against him
To War they Run"

Natives:

"The dawn of rage finally came
For the heartless one
Veiled in dusk over our land he reigned

But we're no more alone
With something that words cannot tell
The force of freedom
The Starborn is here for us all
To break the crimson spell"

Isaac:
"Caught somewhere between life
Death, love and hate
I'm tryin' to kill "myself" with this knife
Could you believe my fate?!"

Crimson King:
"The power to kill, rule and reign
You dare to blame me?
My godness and mercy I slain
I will erase you now!"

Chorus (Isaac):
"Riding through the black hole..."

Maybe it was luck... maybe it was fate: Isaac hit the Crimson King right in his chest with the heavy blade of his sword. The enemy fell on the stone cold floor of the tower, where he died looking at the Starborn.

Is this an happy ending? Maybe... Isaac was shocked. On his right, his love Reika, Lutar and the other natives who fought by his side stand still; the corpse of the Crimson King laying on his left and... his throne. The Starborn was staring at his hands: after the fight they were soaked with blood, giving them a red, ruby... CRIMSON colour.

Did he really killed his 'evil brother'? They came from different worlds, but they were the same man. The Crimson king's last words were still screaming in his mind: how could he be sure he was the real one? And that leads to the most important question: what to do now?

The answer seemed to be obvious: he was the Starborn, the hero of the prophecy, the one who fell from the skies to free the world from the tyrant... but he discovered that HE was the tyrant himself!

Before his last breath, the Crimson King said: "Even the purest soul is submitted to the oldest rule: the closer you get to the light, the bigger shadow you cast"

14. EPILOGUE

"Captain's log... DAY ONE. Life on the Earth became unbearable. Twelve years ago, Captain Isaac Draven was sent on mission to find a new world for us all... and disappeared in the deep space. I departed with three hundred men and women: we are the last survivors of the human race. Hoping that Isaac has been able to find the new world we need to survive, I am following his course with my starship. Only God knows what we are going to find..."

..."Captain, we found something! It seems to be... a BLACK HOLE!"

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