

**Day 14**

**Volcano**

by

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*A man and a woman, sitting on the ground, tied together  
back to back.*

WOMAN

I thought it'd be very different.

MAN

Did you? How?

WOMAN

When you hear the words "sacrificed to a volcano," certain images come to mind.

MAN

Such as?

WOMAN

Smoke. For one. There's no smoke.

MAN

It's cloudy.

WOMAN

There's no shaking of the ground. No angry fits and spurts. No lava bubbling. I would've thought there'd be lava. You hear the word Volcano and you think of...

*She beckons him to answer.*

MAN

Dinosaurs?

WOMAN

Lava.

MAN

Maybe you think of lava.

WOMAN

Any person in their right mind would think of lava. Volcano, lava, volcano, lava, volcano, lava. And sacrificed to a volcano, you think of quelling the beastly, angry volcano from erupting lava. Usually with a virgin.

MAN

You look virginally.

WOMAN

I meant you.

MAN

Only half.

WOMAN

But a burnt out volcano? Tie us up, throw us down into what is essentially a crater. What's the good in that?

MAN

Maybe instead of stopping a volcano from erupting, they're trying to force it *to* erupt.

WOMAN

Why would they want to do that?

MAN

Tourism?

WOMAN

They want a volcano to erupt because they want to boost tourism?

MAN

Maybe they hate the other people who live near the volcano and want to destroy their village.

WOMAN

So, they sacrifice two tourists to boost tourism? Or, they sacrifice two tourists to help destroy their neighbors?

MAN

If you have a better hypothesis, please share.

WOMAN

Maybe... They don't like us. Maybe they just said that they wanted to sacrifice us to the volcano, but they really just wanted to find a way to get rid of us.

MAN

What did we do?

WOMAN

I don't know. Something. They may be very sensitive. And maybe the fact that we can't think of what we've done speaks to the bigger issue.

MAN

That is?

WOMAN

We are self-absorbed.

MAN

They wanted to kill us because we're self-absorbed?

WOMAN

We represent a certain demographic. A stereotype.

MAN

Do we?

WOMAN

We were taking a selfie.

MAN

Is that a crime?

WOMAN

We're the type of people who take selfies.

MAN

That was my first time.

WOMAN

No.

MAN

That was my first selfie.

WOMAN

Surely you've been in other selfies.

MAN

No.

WOMAN

Are you saying that I'm self-absorbed and you're not?

MAN

I'm saying I wasn't the type of person who takes selfies. But I know that you're very experienced in that realm.

WOMAN

So, they sought to get rid of me, and you were simply collateral damage?

MAN

Perhaps.

WOMAN

What does it matter, we're both down here.

MAN

We're going to die down here.

WOMAN

They're going to let us out.

MAN

Why do you think that?

WOMAN

When the volcano doesn't erupt they'll be upset, realize that we're useless, and let us go.

MAN

That's wishful thinking. As if they're going to come down in a rope ladder or a helicopter and snatch us up?

WOMAN

Is that so far out of the realm of possibility?

MAN

I suppose I considered it totally out of the realm of possibility to be sacrificed to a volcano, yet...

WOMAN

Here we are.

*(Beat.)*

Surely there were virgins they could have found.

MAN

Obviously not.

*Long pause.*

WOMAN

Was that feta on the watermelon?

MAN

I believe it was.

WOMAN

When you hear watermelon, certain words come to mind, you don't normally think of feta.