

# Afraid of feeling

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*some things wrong with Beastboy.....can anyone figure out 'what's wrong' and help him...Raven thinks so....but what will this lead to?RavenXBeastboy*

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# 1 - I'm fine?

ch.1

Beastboy walked into the main room of titans tower and Glancing around it was clear that he was once again alone. The others were too busy doing their own thing and he doubted they'd want to be interrupted especially to hear one of his lame jokes. Robin was exercising, Cyborg was working on the t-car, Raven was meditating and Starfire was trying on various new clothes she had recently purchased at the mall.

The silence that had filled the room unnerved Beastboy and every small noise made could be heard clearly through his sensitive ears. He sighed and walked to the fridge pulling out a carton of orange juice and pouring some into a glass. Smiling slightly to himself he decided to sit comfortably on the couch and watch some TV.

After flipping through the channels for almost half an hour he began to drift into a half awake/half asleep state. His mind began to wander and at the moment he felt he would fall asleep a voice from the back of his mind whispered 'hatred'

Jerking back to reality Beastboy glanced around only to find himself still alone. Suddenly a paranoid and almost fearful feeling took hold of him and deciding rather quickly that he had just overheard the tv he got up and walked briskly out of the room.

"hey cy" Beastboy said cheerfully to Cyborg who was waxing the t-car

"oh hi bb" Cyborg greeted not taking his eyes off his precious baby "whats up"

"nothing" Beastboy answered with a sigh. he then perked up a bit "you wanna play some video games"

"sorry B" Cyborg responded "i'll play later"

"oh" Beastboy said "do you need any help"

Cyborg glanced up at him "no thanks Beastboy" he said "i'll be done in an hour or two so.....why not see what Robins up to"

Beastboy bowed his head slightly and mumbled a faint 'whatever' to his friend.

Beastboy's attempt for companionship failed with the others as well. Robin offered a sparing match but not wanting to get his butt kicked today he graciously declined. Star thought it would be most enjoyable if he modeled off some of her new dresses and with that he bolted from her room. He had yet to bother Raven and seeing as how she had been slightly more annoyed by him lately he decided it was best to back off for once.

It was quiet as he walked down the halls and the feeling of dread filled him again. As a chill ran up his

spine he heard a faint voice whisper  
'turn back'

Beastboy jerked around quickly "who's there" he said accusingly though panic was apparent in his voice. again there was no one but the fear remained

"get a hold of yourself Beastboy" he said nerviously to himself mustering an uncertain grin "theres absolutely nothing to be affraid of"

with that said a rumbling occurred underneath him causing him to fall to his knees, darkness surrounded him and even with his keen eyes he could not see. terror rose within him as he stood up

"o-okay g.guys jokes o..over" Beastboy studded hoping that somehow his friends were playng some kind of trick on him.suddenly a faint noise could be heard....Beastboy strained at first to hear but soon the noise grew louder.It was the sound of rushing water.....the sound of rapids.....

Beastboys eyes grew wide "STOP IT" he yelled but his only response was the sound of the water growing louder and louder.

beastboy covered his ear with his hands and fell to his knees screaming "STOP IT STOP IT STOP IT...AAAHHHH"

and in one swift motion the drakness left....and he found himself alone once again in the hall.

he panted heavily and wrapped his arms around himself hoping that the fear would subside but in only a few short moments could he hear the sounds of footsteps running in his direction. He closed his eyes tightly wanting more than anything to move but being unable to convince his body to do so.

after a few moments in this positon Beastboy heard robin call out "Beastboy are you alright" slowly he opened his eyes and looked up at three very concerned titans. before Beastboy could utter one word the last titan appeared in a mask of glowing black energy

"whats going on" she asked quickly at first not taking notice of beastboys position

"i am unsure friend Raven" Star replied worriedly "but i fear something has happen to friend Beastboy"

"dude whats wrong" Cyborg asked

"I...I..." he glanced at his friends again noting the concerned looks on thier faces though Raven seemed slightly annoyed

"i'm f-fine"

"are you sure" Robin asked "i could hear you scream from all the way down stairs"

"uh...yeah" Beastboy answered getting to his feet "i...I just...uh...saw a bug...and...tripped". he shrugged 'embarassed like' and added in a nervous laugh as his friends exchanged uncertain glances

"so then you are unharmed" Star asked

"totally" Beastboy replied

"dude don't scare me like that" Cyborg said "the way you were screaming i'd have thought something

horrible had happened"

Beastboy rubbed the back of his head and let out a small nervous laugh "uh...yeah, guess i over reacted"

"next time you interupt me like that" Raven replied "it beter be because your life is in endanger or else it will be" and with that she placed the hood over her head and began to walk away.

after everyone had returned to thier ruotines Beastboy quickly made his way to his room and locked the door behind him.he tried to rationalize what had just happen but found no other explanation except that he was losing his mind. He didn't want to let the other titan know, fearing they would worry about him or even think he was nuts.

'okay Beastboy calm down' he thought to himself 'all you need is some rest and you'll be good as new in the morning'

tomorrow morning 11:13

"has anyone seen friend Beastboy" Star asked "he has yet to partake in the eating of tofu"

"he's probably still in bed Star" Cyborg replied from his spot on the couch playing video games "you know he usually sleeps in"

"yes but after his fall he did the sleeping quiet earlier than normal" Star commented

"lets try and enjoy the silence while it lasts" Raven said sipping her herbal tea

"i'm sure he's fine" Robin added from reading the newspaper

"yes i am sure you are correct robin" Starfire agreed happily

Raven felt a strange feeling come over her which distracted her from the tea. being an empath wasn't always easy but Raven had managed to keep controll of it and respect her teamates privacy. Only when an emotion was very strong or consistant did it break through her control and at the moment raven could since the emotional distress radiating around her.

"what is the matter friend raven" Starfire asked taking notice to Ravens distracted gaze

"i'm not sure Starfire" Raven replied "i..."

before she could finish a loud scream echoed throught the tower....it was Beastboy and everyone jumped to attention.

"TITANS GO"

After trying to open Beastboys door and finding it uncharacteristicly locked Raven transported into his

room as cyborg burst down the door. When the titans jumped in.... their eyes fell upon their friend who was lying in his bed jerking almost spasmodically. A pained and fearful look played across his face, his eyes tightly clenched closed and screaming.

Raven was the first of the titans to react as she quickly made her way over to him and tried to shake him awake

"Beastboy wake up" she said loudly her voice was stern but the slightest hint of concern etched its way in. Beastboy jerked in her grasp and yelled again

"let me go" he screamed "stop it....leave me alone....aaahhhh"

Getting aggravated by his actions Raven slapped him across the face earning gasps from the other titans. As harsh as it seemed it was also effective as bb's eyes burst open with a gasp and his eyes darted frantically around the room before he pulled away from Ravens grip.

"beastboy whats wrong" Robin urged

"what is it that has troubled you so" Starfire asked worriedly

"dude calm down" Cyborg said noting Beastboys still fear full expression

Beastboy looked from the three questioning titans up to raven who now stood close beside his bed staring blankly at him. how was he suppose to answer them.....in truth he could say it was a nightmare but something about the dream seemed so real that it had left him visibly shaken and at the moment at a loss for words

".I..."

"friend Beastboy why are shaking" star asked "are you having the cold"

"i don't think so Star" Raven replied monotone

Beastboy closed his eyes trying to calm himself and wishing with all his heart that he would yet again awaken from a dream. To his disappointment when he opened his eyes there still stood his friends who were staring at him worriedly.

"if your having nightmares i suggest you stop watching scarey movies before you go to bed" Raven said

Beastboy nodded silently hoping the rest of the titans would go along with that and leave.

"are you sure you feeling okay b" Cyborg asked "you look kinda pale"

"he's fine" Raven said "nothing a little alone time can't cure" and with that she exited the room

the others hesitated waiting for Beastboy to say something

"Ravens right" he replied "i just had..a...bad dream"

his friends still looked uncertain

"....and i'm starv'in" Beastboy added smiling "it's not to late for tofu is it"

"dude no way" Cyborg protested "that stuffs gross"

"it's not like i'm asking you to try it" Beastboy smirked glad to change the subject

"who cares" Cyborg said "i don't like that stuff in my kitchen"

"your kitchen?" Beastboy continued ....and at this Star and Robin exited the room with a slightly relieved smile

## 2 - It hurts to remember

ch.2

titans tower 8:35 p.m. main living room

Beastboy sat on the couch playing videogames with cyborg, the events of this morning layed fresh in his mind but he tried not to let his concern show. The others seemed satisfied with the fact that he had gone about his day normally so far. Still he felt he hadn't convinced everyone, catching Raven starring at him skeptically from the corner of her eyes..

After Cyborg beat him at yet another game he rolled his eyes exclaimed that he must have cheated and walked into the kitchen for a snack. He opened the fridge and scanned its contents, nothing much aside from some left over tofu, ruined milk, a few veggies, and a half eaten ham. Still he realized he wasn't all that hungry and his mind wandered back to what had happen earlier.

It was more than just a dream, it had to be, it was if someone was trying to torment him with his own memories. The past was something that was best forgotten, in beastboys perspective, and being reminded and reliving one of the worst experiences of his life had still left him shaken.

' why is this happening' he thought to himself 'someone or something has to be behind it.....that or i really am losing my mind, but i can't tell the others.....they just wouldn't understand'. though he was still worried he believed he would be okay as long as he was surrounded by his friends and the comfort of the daytime.....'i hope so' he thought '...

"If you're not going to get anything out then close the door" Raven said noticing Beastboy had been standing in front of the open fridge for atleast ten minutes.

"huh" Beastboy said snapping out of his thoughts "did you say something Rae"  
Raven sighed in frustration both at beastboys lack of attention and the fact he had called her 'rae'.

"nothing Beastboy" she replied rolling her eyes and bringing her attention back to the book she held loosely in her hand.

"oh" Beastboy said closing the fridge and reaching for a glass. He wasn't very hungry but for some reason his throat felt dry and he wanted some water.

suddenly Beastboy felt he was going in slow motion as he brought the glass up to the sink and turned on the cold water. The sound of the water quietly rushing into his glass made him tense slightly and despite the fact that Raven seemed to be reading her book she looked up.

'somethings wrong' she thought to herself 'but whatever Beastboys going through is really none of my buisness.....right'. Raven had always wanted her privacy and had always respected others.....Beastboy however was the only titan who would rarely let her enjoy it.

A part of her couldn't help but be concerned remembering the strong emotions he was emitting earlier.....however nightmares weren't considered dangerous and she didn't think to ask him what it was about

'he's fine' she thought 'it's not my concern'

Beastboy turned the water off and slowly drank the contents of the glass, finishing all the water off in one drink. he stared down thoughtfully at the empty glass 'what happened wasn't my fault' he thought to himself 'it....it can't be'

'oh but it is' a voice answered him and when his head jerked up in attention his eyes met only darkness. Beastboy froze staring forward his hands trembling and his eyes wide with fear.he heard the rushing water ..... the voices

"Garfield you have to go now" a mans stern but worried voice echoed

"but....but i can't" a small boys terrified voice answered

"it's okay sweety" a soft and worried female voice said 'just turn into one of those pretty birds of yours and fly away"

"but.....mommy...." the small voice replied shakily

"your mother and i love you very much gar" the mans voice stated softly "we don't want anything to happen to you"

"but....."

suddenly in the darkness he could see them and he took a few steps back wishing with all his heart that it would stop here

'please.....' Beastboy thought to himself, his grip loosening on the glass

Raven head snapped up in attention as the glass Beastboy had held shattered on the floor. Her gaze settled on Beastboy who looked terrified....fear radiating from his prescence....his eyes were dazed and he seemed to be staring out at nothing....although trembling.

"Beastboy?" Raven questioned "are you...are you okay"

"dude what did you break this time" Cyborg yelled from his position on the couch not bothering to look up. Robin was looking over villian files in his room and star had left earlier to acquire some more ingrediants for her strange meals.

Beastboy seemed to not have heard them and his blank gaze became slightly focused as if he had seen something.

Beastboy looked out at the scene before him terrified but unable to look away



there in a boat was a man a woman and a small green child. the rapids were rough and the current fast and just beyond them was the waterfall.

"I...i can't" the small boy whimpered

the woman drew him close to her in a hug "remember that....i love you.....and i'm...sorry"

with that said the woman grabbed the small boy who's eyes grew wide with fear. Tears were running down the womans face as she thrust him out of the boat

"aaahhh...." the green child screamed his body never hitting the water at he quickly transformed into a bird

"Son...GO NOW" was the mans stern yet still concerned order. he held onto his wife tightly as they both gazed up at thier boy.

Beastboy closed his eyes tightly hearing only thier screams....he couldn't take it

"AAAHHHH....STOP IT" he yelled falling to his knees and clutching his head.

"BEASYBOY" Raven yelled rushing to his side and allowing her book to fall to the floor. The sound of Beastboys scream jarred Cyborg from his game and he to rushed to his friends aid.

"Dude whats wrong with him" Cyborg asked terrified at his friends reaction

Beastboy was on his knees sceaming and shaking his head as if in imense pain.

"i don't know" Raven answered quickly trying to stay in control of both the emotions she and beastboy felt

Beastboy screamed again .....but was answered

'look what you've done' his head snapped up in attention hoping to find the owner of the voice.....the one responsible for this

"who's there" he yelled "where are you"

"Beastboy say something" cyborg urged "are you hurt....whats wrong"

Beastboys head snapped up in attenion and for a moment the two titans believed he had finally heard him....but his response told them otherwise.

"who's there" he yelled his eyes narrowed "where are you"

Raven and Cyborg exchanged confused and concerned glances

"Beastboy it's us " raven answered "your friends"

'whats wrong Garfield' the voice said mockingly 'are you affraid of the dark'

Beastboy growled

'don't worry' the voice said 'i'm sure thier deaths weren't to painful'

"SHUT UP" Beastboy yelled "LEAVE ME ALONE"

'sorry' the voice answered 'but you brought this on your self, this is all your fault'

Beastboy body tensed in anger

'if it weren't for you then they'd still be here" it said as if trying to sound sad 'but you let them die"

that was it .....Beastboy had heard enough... he willed his body to change into a creature that could find

and attack the owner of the voice but at the time he tried to morph an agonizing pain ran through his body. It felt as if he had been electricuted and in a moment he lost consciousness.

Beastboys body tensed and he fell limp to the floor.

"yo' Beastboy" Cyborg practically screamed trying to wake him

"what happened" Raven whispered to herself

"we need to get him to the medical bay" Cyborg ordered picking beastboy up "you call Robin and Star and tell them whats going on"

Raven nodded and took out her communicator "Robin, Starfire, get to the medical bay as soon as possible" she stated calmly "it's Beastboy"

### 3 - restless nights rude awakenings

ch.3

Robin had gotten to the medical bay very quickly but it took Star longer before she came rushing in. As soon as she entered the room she gasped at Beastboys resting form on the medical bed.

"friends please tell me what has occurred" Starfire asked worriedly

"we're not sure yet Star" robin answered putting a hand on her shoulder in comfort

"I'm running scans but so far nothings come up" Cyborg replied

"whatever just happened to him..." Raven stated "i don't think it's all physical"

"are you saying he's hallucinating" Robin asked turning towards her

"maybe" Raven answered thoughtfully "I'm not sure"

"friends is this perhaps the happenings of Slade" Starfire asked "was he not the one who made Robin see the things that were not there"

"that's true Star but this is different" Cyborg replied still staring intently at the monitors "you guys weren't there.....it was like....."

"it was like we weren't there" Raven finished "he couldn't hear or see us"

"will he be alright" Starfire asked hopefully

"everything checks out fine" Cyborg sighed "i can't figure out what wrongs"

"we'll have to wait and see" Robin stated "right now he needs some rest"

Cyborg turned to address his fellow titans "I'll come back and check on him every hour or so to make...."

"I'll stay" Raven said interrupting him "we need to keep a close eye on him"

"you sure Raven" Robin asked slightly surprised at her offer

"yes I'm sure" Raven confirmed "if anything goes wrong I'll let you know"

"okay then" Cyborg said slowly

"i am most glad that you will watch over friend beastboy, Raven" Starfire replied giving her a quick hug

"yeah Starfire" Raven replied dryly "whatever"

Everyone said a quick good night to each other and left, Raven pulled a chair next to Beastboys bed and sat down. She looked him over one last time before pulling out her book and reading.

a few hours later Raven had put her book up. It was getting real late and she was beginning to feel tired. She looked down at Beastboy and frowned considerably at his worried expression

"Beastboy" she whispered "what's wrong"

at this he groaned lightly and stirred. She froze, waiting hopefully for his eyes to open and for him to crack some lame joke....anything that would provide her with some reassurance.

"i...I'm sorry" Beastboy moaned "please.....stop". He shifted more in his bed as if struggling to wake from his nightmare. Ravens concern began to grow as Beastboy's uncomfortable stir became a panicked jerk. his heart rate shot up and he began screaming. Raven tried to hold him still but it was hard for her to concentrate on controlling her powers in such a situation.

"Beastboy stop" Raven demanded though her voice remained level "calm down"

Raven could barely make out Beastboys pleas as he screamed. He wanted it to stop he wanted someone to help but Raven couldn't and she hated feeling helpless. She quickly sounded the alarm to alert the other titans

In mere moments the others burst through the doors

"what's wrong with him!?" Cyborg asked loudly "what HAPPENED"

"I..I don't know" Raven said unable to hide her fear

"Guys we have to hold him still" Robin ordered "We need to calm him down"

Cyborg, Robin, and Raven grabbed beastboy trying to hold him down as Starfire stared fearfully at the scene before her.

"Star!!" Robin yelled jerking her out of her frightened daze "hurry"  
she nodded and jumped forward to help.

'whats wrong Gar' the voice mocked him 'all alone again?'

'no' beastboy thought his thoughts somehow being vocalized 'you're wrong....I'm not alone'

'you'll always be alone' the voice corrected 'and i know you believe me'

'your wrong i have my friends' Beastboy screamed mentally

"do you" the voice asked 'can you honestly believe their your friends'

Beastboy growled and jerked around, for some reason he felt like he was being restrained

'they all hate you' the voice taunted 'you're nothing but a joke to them'

'no that's not true' beastboy thought angrily 'my friends care about me'

'you'll only end up hurting them' the voice replied 'you always hurt the ones that are close to you'

Beastboy felt the sting of tears behind his eyes but held them back.

"where ARE YOU" beastboy screamed "I'LL KILL YOU"

Beastboys body jerked violently as his friends struggled to restrain him

"Beastboy please" Star pleaded

"AAHHH" Beastboy screamed thrashing around "WHERE ARE YOU.....I'LL KILL YOU"

His friends were taken back by Beastboys Angry outburst.Starfire seemed to be close to tears and Raven seemed almost confused but at the same time terrified

'you can't beat me' the voice stated calmly 'you could never beat anyone'

Anger. Beastboy could feel the heat of fury radiate inside him.....consuming him....but he didn't resist.He wanted to hurt this person.....he wanted to make them suffer

Beastboys body tensed and his friends froze at this sudden change though still holding down his arms.Suddenly beastboys fur began to grow...his shirt began to rip...as his body grew in size...his fang widen in his mouth...he was turning into 'the Beast'

"guys get ready" Robin ordered taken out his boomerang

Raven shot him a glare then turned to Beastboys slowly morphing form

"Fight it Beastboy" Cyborg ordered ever so slowly readying his cannon

"friend you must not turn into this monster" Starfire said worriedly as her hands began to glow.

They were going to fire.'why' she found herself asking 'he's still Beastboy, we can still get through to him'. She pasted a determined look on her face as she confronted Beastboys body and jerked him from his bed.

The other titan were taken back by her action but watched intently

"Beastboy stop this" Raven screamed making a lamp bust in the process "you have to stop...NOW"

'whats wrong kid' the voice asked 'did i make you angry'

Beastboys breath became ragged and he tightened his hands into fist feeling the anger taking over and his body tingling with the sensation almost pleasurably. 'i'll kill you...i'll kill...' Beastboy thought 'i'll make you suffer...'

"Beastboy stop this!!!" A voice rang out to him

'R...raven' Beastboy thought 'is...it her'

"NO' the voice yelled 'it can't be....she can't be getting through'

"You have to stop this.....NOW" Ravens voice screamed to him

Beastboys fists slowly loosened at his side as he felt the anger slip from him slowly returning to normal. The titan stared in relieved amazement as Beastboy form began to shrink down. 'Beastboy' Raven sighed inwardly

her relief jumped back to panic as she noted face. while shrinking back to his normal self his eyes glowed a familiar red...'i know those eyes' she thought terrified 'but....how' beastboys body fell limp again and he panted tiredly. As the other titan lowered their weapons they neared him cautiously. Beastboy moan lightly his head lulling to the side and his eyes slowly fluttering open.

He smiled weakly at his friends "hay" he said hoarsely "did i miss anything"

his friends exchanged concerned glances before returning them back to Beastboy

"um...Beastboy" Robin said not sure how to approach the situation "we...we have to discuss this"

"huh" Beastboy asked confused "i...passed out didn't I"  
his friends nodded

"must be more tired than i thought" he replied his gaze shifting to Raven as he smiled weakly when suddenly something came to him

'Beastboy stop this!!'

Beastboys eyes opened more fully and flashed a scared and confused look at her though everyone noticed. He sat up in bed and everyone took a step forward as if they were going to force him to lay back down

"what happened" he asked now panicked and scared "I...I did something wrong"

"you were becoming all scary" Starfire replied shakily

"you were becoming 'the beast' again" Robin stated staring at him intently

"I..I.." he felt fear wash over him 'no....it can't be...that's all behind me' he inhaled deeply 'Did..I...'

"no" Raven replied placing her hand on his shoulder for a moment "you didn't hurt anyone"

"but you could have" Robin stated "i don't know what were going to do about this Beastboy but...lets just hope that we can find the problem and fix it"

Raven had removed her hand from Beastboys shoulder hoping he didn't realize that she was searching through his feelings in search of.....'no.....it just couldn't be'

"i need to meditate" Raven said starting to walk away to distracted to notice Beastboys hurt expression

## 4 - A Time for Talks

ch.4

Raven rushed to her room but instead of meditating she grabbed her mirror 'I'm going to need to discuss this with....myself'

In no time she had entered the portal into her mind 'nevermore'. She glanced around noticing she was alone.....'they know I'm here' she thought 'are they avoiding me'

"yes" came a calm voice from behind her. She turned around slowly to gaze upon Knowledge. She readjusted her glasses shifted the book in her hand and then pulled the yellow cloaked hood off her head.

"why" Raven asked "where is everyone else....i need to discuss something very important with them...i have questions"

"i know" knowledge nodded "but they are afraid to answer"

"why" Raven demanded to know

"because you are afraid to know the answer" she stated "and we are apart of you"

"you're here" Raven said "you tell me whats going on"

knowledge sighed "i know only what you know" she stated "i can tell you what you think but i can not guarantee the I'm...that we're correct"

"tell me" Raven said again

Knowledge looked away from her seeming upset and uttered one word "Trigon"

'no' raven whispered backing up a bit "but...how"

"Beastboy has been inside our mind" she elaborated "perhaps that is when this occurred"

"but that was a long time ago" Raven replied "Why would it be affecting him now"

"we all have questions" knowledge stated looking her in the eyes "perhaps this is something you shouldn't be asking yourself about"

Raven sighed. She knew what knowledge meant, she wanted her to speak with Beastboy. Raven nodded and turned to leave

"I think I'm going to need bravery's help on this one" she said to herself



"you'll have more help than that" knowledge informed her "several emotions are going to be present, maybe even some you didn't expect"  
and with that knowledge disappeared and Raven exited the portal.  
Returning back to her room she sighed and went to talk to Beastboy.

When she walked back into the medical bay she frowned. Cyborg had hooked up various wires to Beastboy who was sitting up in bed looking uncomfortable. Robin was beside him with a pencil and paper asking him questions.

"a voice" Robin questioned "but you can't remember what it was saying.....who it sounded like"  
Beastboy shook his head sadly.

"I'm sure you will remember it soon friend" Starfire said reassuringly from the seat near his bed.

"um....guys" Raven said getting every ones attention

"you feeling better Rea" Beastboy asked. She was slightly surprised that he would be the first to ask considering his situation but his face showed only concern for her. She felt guilty for leaving him so quickly when he probably needed her

"yes but I'd like to talk to you Beastboy" she stated glancing to the other Titans "alone please"

"are you sure Raven" Robin asked "what if.."

Raven shot him a glare "i'll be fine"

"okay then" Robin nodded "come on guys"

everyone nodded and exited the room leaving a confused, surprised and slightly nervous Beastboy.

"what's up Rae" Beastboy asked

"don't call me that" Raven mumbled

"oh...sorry"

"Beastboy" raven stared him in the eyes "please tell me what happened"

"I...I.." Panic rose in him again "whatever happened i...i didn't mean it....i don't know what happened...I..."

"Beastboy calm down" Raven said "it's....okay"

Beastboy sighed and looked downward "am I....losing control"

"I'm not sure" Raven said "it might be more than that"

Beastboy looked scared now

"don't worry though" Raven stated "its nothing you can't handle"

"ya know what Raven" Beastboy said

"what"

"i feel like your the only one who believes that" he paused "that i can do it...that i can do anything"

Raven felt something inside her stir....'affection'. She wanted to reach out her hand to comfort him but instead she sat on the edge of the bed beside him

Beastboy looked up at her surprised as a knot formed in his stomach

"beastboy" Raven said "you can't remember what the voice said, but maybe you can remember how you felt"

"I...I felt angry" Beastboy said turning his head away again "I've never felt so angry....not even when i became the beast before"

"You couldn't fight it" Raven asked

"I...I don't think i wanted to" he said

Raven looked afraid for him "care to explain"

"I wanted to hurt that...voice...I wanted him to suffer" Beastboy said unable to look up at Raven "I...I think he wanted me to be mad....He said.."

"what" Raven urged cautiously

"I don't remember" Beastboy said his expression seeming conflicted "just things....things that made me mad....things that hurt me"

"hurt you" Raven questioned

"things that happened....Things that i did" Beastboy said now talking faster and beginning to tremble "thing...things that were my fault...they were...they were all my fault"

Tears began to form in his eyes "it's all my fault...every things all my fault" he sobbed into his hands

Seeing Beastboy begin to break down hurt her....she felt that this was her fault...she felt "timid". She reached her hand out to put on his shoulder but suddenly found herself wrapping her arms around him...'bravery....and affection'

"Beastboy stop" she insisted pulling away slowly "this isn't your fault...please.... talk to me"

Beastboy looked up at Raven through surprised and tear stained eyes as she withdrew her hug.

"I'm sorry" he whispered

"this isn't your fault Beastboy" she told him "it's...it's mine"

"what?" Beastboy asked puzzled

"tell me Beastboy" Raven said looking down at her hands "when we were inside my mind did...did anything happen when we were fighting Trigon...and please be honest with me"

"you...defeated him...sorta" Beastboy said "i mean...you combined with your other emotions to get rid of him"

"then what"

"we...left" Beastboy said "you were exhausted....so we left... i was so..."

Beatsboy stopped. "so..what?" Raven asked

"um...nothing"

"tell me" she insisted

"i...i was afraid" he confessed

"Trigons scary" she said "you had every right to be"

"no i wasn't afraid of him, not that he wasn't way scary" he said "i was afraid...afraid he'd hurt you..."

Raven looked at him surprised "um..." she was at a loss of words and she felt "timids" presence again and for some reason she seemed to feel "happy" too.... perhaps flattered.

'wait...Trigon feeds on my vulnerabilities....mostly my angry....which he emerges through...maybe he linked to Beastboy somehow' she thought "knowledge" was with her "not his anger but his fear and doubt'

"Raven" Beastboy questioned

'Trigon can't live through fear and doubt but he can feed off it.....turn it into rage' she thought 'is he manipulating Beastboy'

"um...Raven" Beastboy asked again "you okay"

"huh" Raven looked up "oh..yes...i just was thinking"

"are you...afraid of me" Beastboy asked quietly "I know the others are"

"no they're not" Raven replied "they're worried"

"they think I'm a monster" Beastboy said sadly

"Beastboy please stop" Raven insisted "that's not true"

"they hate me" he said to himself looking down in thought

"STOP IT" Raven yelled slapping him in the face

Beastboy looked up in shock

"Beastboy I'm sorry but i had to" Raven stated regretfully "you can't keep thinking like this or...or he'll win"

"w..who" Beastboy asked frightened

"Just remember this" Raven said calmly "your not alone...you never are....remember... you told me that"

"i do" he nodded smiling weakly

"well the sames true for you" she said "you have to believe that...no matter what....I'm...we're here for you"

"thanks" Beastboy replied quietly looking down at his hands

'why am i so nervous' Beastboy wondered 'Raven....Raven doesn't like me....'

"Beastboy" Raven replied placing her hand on his "do you understand....I'm going to help you through this"

"pinky promise" he said offering his pinky

Raven rolled her eyes then complied "pinky promise". their pinkys entwined and simultaneously their stomachs formed into knots. Raven blushed lightly and hoped Beastboy didn't notice  
Beasboy smiled softly before a voice echoed in the back of his head

'you always hurt those close to you'

Beastboy jerked his pinky away "Raven" he said worriedly "I...I don't want to hurt you"

"you won't" she reassured him "i believe in you"

Suddenly the alarm went off and Robin burst in the room

"Trouble down town Mumbo's robbing a bank"

Raven and Beastboy stood up

Robin looked over at Beastboy with uncertainty

"maybe you should sit this one out Beastboy"

"but...."

"he's right man" Cyborg said from behind Robin "until we know whats wrong you should stay here"

Beastboy looked hurt and defeated

"do not worry friend we shall do the butt whooping today" she said enthusiastically "and then we will return to accompany you"

"don't worry i shouldn't take long" Robin stated with a smug grin "LETS GO"

everyone filed out of the room Raven being the last to leave

"Remember what i said" Raven told him before closing the door behind her

## 5 - good friend.....bad enemy

ch.5

"stop right there Mumbo" Robin yelled as the titans burst into the bank

Mumbo spun around to face them smiling "welcome to the show kiddies"

"sorry Mumbo but you've been canceled" Robin countered "TITANS GO"

Everyone jumped into action. Cyborg fired his sonic cannon but to his surprise mumbo gracefully avoided the shot. Robin fired boomerangs and Starfire shot her fire bolts but mumbo placed his hands out in front of him and said "Mumbo Jumbo"

suddenly their shots were deflected off an invisible wall.

"I've got some new tricks up my sleeve" Mumbo said smiling

"nothing but cheap parlor tricks" Raven stated

Mumbo glared at her "have you learned nothing from our last encounter"

"yeah" Raven said her hands glowing "have you"

"you might want to rethink that my dear" he said "Hocus Pocus!!"

Back at the tower Beastboy had made himself to the living room couch. He was tired of being cooped up in the medical bay and had a feeling that he would have to go back once the others returned. He sighed and turned the TV on for the first time ever stopping on the news channel.

"and here at Jump city's first national Bank, legendary Teen titans are fighting villain Mumbo Jumbo" the female reporter informed the viewers "we are unable to get close to the action but several eye witnesses have reported that the titans appear to be over their head and one member short"

'are you going to sit back and let them be defeated" a voice echoed in his head

'no' Beastboy thought 'the team told me to stay here i have to follow orders'

'you would let them die' the voice asked 'just like your parents'

'no...stop it' beastboy countered 'that's not my fault....Raven said..'

'she doesn't know you' the voice interrupted 'if she knew the truth she would hate you'

'shut up' Beastboy mentally screamed

'what kind of person lets their friends die' the voice asked

On the TV screen a loud 'boom' roared from the bank "it seems the situation has become dire" the women reported "as the battle intensifies we began to lose hope that the Titans will come through"

Beastboy looked at the screen worriedly

Back at the bank things were not going so well

"he's...he's too powerful" Star stated from her fighting position

"he may have gotten more powerful Starfire" Robin agreed "but we're going to beat him....we have to"

"all right y'all" Cyborg interrupted "lets get ready to seriously kick some butt"

Raven looked from her teammates then to Mumbo 'i don't know how he got so powerful but he's not going to win'

"well kids i really must be running" Mumbo said waving his wand and directing the money inside his hat.

"but you've been a great audience" he stated "so here's a little something for you"

at this he stretched out his arms and yelled "Mumbo Jumbo". Cards began to fly from his sleeves directed at them. It wasn't hard to figure out that they could easily cut them and it was hard to avoid getting hit by some

"we'll now that that's over..." Mumbo stated smiling and turning to leave. Suddenly he was smacked down by a large green Dinosaur tail.

The cards fell to the floor around the other titans and they stared over at Beastboy who had just entered the fight and who was now staring angrily down at Mumbo

"I don't think so Mumbo" Beastboy said giving him a half grin

Robin paused for a moment before yelling "TITANS GO"

Now that Mumbo had been distracted he was having a harder time fighting off all five titans. He began to think he wouldn't be able to escape....he needed a plan. His eyes fell on Raven and a crooked smile spread throughout his face "Mumbo Jumbo"

long colorfully tied cloth shot out and wrapped around Ravens body

"Let her go Mumbo" Robin ordered as every titan took their position in front of him

"One step closer and I'll make her disappear for ever" he stated tightening his grip on Raven

"let me go" she demanded through clenched teeth

'Raven' Beastboy thought worriedly

'whats wrong with you, save her' the voice ordered

'but...if I...he'll..'

'your weak' the voice growled 'your going to let him get away....you're going to let him hurt Raven'

"no' Beastboy replied angrily "i won't let him"

"then do something about it' the voice challenged

Robin turned his head in Beastboys direction. Beastboys face revealed only his anger his body began to shake slightly as his hands formed into fists.

"NO" Beastboy yelled "I WON'T LET YOU"

the rest of the titans stared over at him, surprised by his outburst. Raven managed to open one eye to observe him as well and Mumbo glared

"if you value your friends life 'green one' then i suggest you step aside" Mumbo suggested

"no" Beastboy whispered deadly "you're going to let her go"

Mumbo chuckled lightly "oh and i suppose you're going to stop me"

"yes I AM!!" at this his eyes glowed red and he transformed instantly into the Beast

"Beastboy!!" the others yelled as he charged towards Mumbo.

Mumbo stared fearfully at his attacker and once again tightened his grip on Raven "stop or I'll.."

He was unable to finish as 'the Beast' knocked him down and threw him against the wall. Raven fell to the ground and her friends rushed to her side

"Raven are you okay" Robin asked. Ravens gaze went directly to 'the Beast'

"oh friends what shall we do" star asked

"maybe we won't have to do anything" Cyborg answered calmly and thoughtfully "maybe they'll both tire out and Beastboy will turn back to normal"

"we can only hope so" Robin replied

'kill him' the voice yelled 'kill him before he hurts your friends before he hurts Raven'



'the Beast' roared and threw hit after hit. Mumbo unleashed all the tricks he could think of but "the Beast" took it all and kept going. Finally a blow to the head left Mumbo unconscious but much to the dismay of his friends Beastboy did not stop or return to normal.

'The Beast' picked Mumbo up and lifted him high

'finish it' the voice roared 'kill him'

"Beastboy stop" Robin ordered

"you can't do this man" Cyborg tried to reason with him

"please friend resume your human form" Starfire pleaded

"Beastboy that's enough" Raven yelled

'the Beasts' ears perked up at the sound of Ravens voice and he turned to look at her.

'R....Raven' Beastboy thought weakly

'NO' the voice yelled 'their against you.....get them'

the titans watched as the Beast howled in pain clutching his head and falling to his knees. Slowly he began to transform back

"NO' the voice screamed 'hatred shall rule'

The others made their way towards him

"yo' BB" Cyborg said quietly "you okay man"

Beastboy was still clutching his head and his gaze was directed at the floor as his body trembled slightly

"Beastboy" Raven addressed him trying to hide her concern

slowly he looked up at her and the others gasped. His eyes glowed an angry and dangerous red.

'just look at them' the voice whispered 'their afraid of you'

Beastboy screamed in anger and jerked up from his position on the floor to attack his friends. It was apparent to the other titans that though they did not wish to harm him they would have to fight back.

"BB fight it man" Cyborg yelled blocking Beastboys attacks

"please friend i do not wish to harm you" Starfire pleaded reluctantly firing bolts at Beastboy who easily dodged them

"they hate you" the voice boomed

"they hate me" Beastboys voice echoed back

"hatred shall rule" the voice announced "i shall rule"

They were fighting him, They had no choice and even Raven knew. Ever attack they unleashed on him was either dodged or taken to no effect. Their pleas for him to stop fell upon death ears, Trigon had taken control.

Beastboy transformed into one creature after another with such speed and power unlike anything they have ever seen him do before.

"Raven" Robin addressed her as the two backed away from another attack "what's wrong with him, i know that you know something"

"Robin this isn't Beastboys fault" Raven told him "it's like he's being controlled...manipulated"

"by who" Robin asked

"it's.....Trigon"

Robins face showed surprise and fear "but...we defeated him"

"A part of him is still alive" she looked at Robin with seriousness ".....inside Beastboy"

Robin seemed afraid now and Raven knew what was going through his mind

"Yo' guys" Cyborg yelled trying to defend himself from Beastboys (In gorilla form) forward attacks "stop with the chit chat and help me out here"

they both nodded and jumped forward

"Cyborg Starfire" Robin yelled "we'll have to take him out"

"WHAT!?" came the joined voices of the two titans as Cyborg blasted Beastboy to the other side of the room giving them momentary time to talk.

"Robin no" Raven stated sternly "I can reach him I know it"

"he's not listening anymore Raven" Robin replied "if Trigon's taken control then there's nothing we can do.....the safety of many out way the safety of one...I'm sorry"

"hold on a minute guys" Cyborg countered "what are you talking about"

"Please Robin" Star pleaded "why is it we must 'take out' friend Beastboy"

"It's not Beastboy anymore" he stated "trigons taken control of him....and we can't risk letting him survive"

"You're wrong Robin" Raven replied "Beastboys still in there, I can feel him"

"Then why isn't he fighting" Robin yelled back

Raven just stared at him. "I just need a little time" Raven stated calmly "i know i can reach him"

without a reply Beastboy came charging in again but this time he spoke

"what wrong guys" He asked smirking "can't you beat me"

"Beastboy you have to fight him" Raven stated

Beastboy stared over at her "whats wrong Raven" he asked deadpan "afraid you'll break your promise"

"I never break a promise to a friend" Raven said "Azarath Mentrion Zinthos"

suddenly her attack was blocked by a red energy shield.Raven shocked by this at first then narrowed her eyes in anger

"Trigon..." she whispered, her whisper turning into a shout "I HATE YOU"

At this Beastboys smirk vanished into shock as he took a step back his eyes turned to their normal emerald green expressing his hurt before narrowing back into the deep crimson red

"B..Beastboy" Raven managed to say

"No" he replied calmly "not anymore"

"Raven we have to.."

"NO" Raven yelled at her team leader

"you have quiet a temper don't you Raven" Beastboy smirked "If only you were as easy to manipulate as your friend"

Raven glared at him almost shaking with rage. Suddenly Beastboy charged at her and slashing her across the face knocked her down

"RAVEN" Star screamed kneeling down beside her as she clutched the side of her face

"okay guys" Robin said "get ready....it's now or never"

"i am sorry Raven" Star whispered almost on the verge of tears. Everyone readied their weapons and aim at Beastboy

"Sorry Beastboy" Robin stated grimly "NOW"

as their shots were fired Raven came out of her shock "STOP!!!"

## 6 - Close Encounters

"STOP"

suddenly everything around her froze. Starfire Cyborg and Robin's attacks stopped in mid-air and she looked to Beastboy. He too was frozen in time but soon his eyes glowed red and his head quickly jerked to the side to glare at her.

Startled she took a step back before composing herself and glaring at him

"enough Trigon" she said harshly her hands glowing dangerously "release my friend or pay"

"you wouldn't dare" Beastboy/Trigon spoke smiling evilly "you wouldn't risk harming me"

"if that's what it takes" Raven said 'i can heal him when it's over' she thought

"I doubt you could" Beastboy/Trigon smirked. Raven looked shocked for a moment as Beastboy or rather Trigon explained

"the longer I'm in this body the more power i gain" he said "my power"

Raven gritted her teeth "I know your in there Beastboy" Raven said in a slightly lighter voice "you have to fight him.....don't let him have control"

"why should i listen to you" Beastboy spat "why should i trust you when you don't trust me"

Raven stopped, her hands lowering.....this was Beastboy talking to her..... Beastboy was with him ....fighting with him....'no' she thought '...Trigon has poisoned Beastboys mind....he's confused....he would never.."

"Beastboy that's not true" Raven stated in her normal calm voice "I do trust you....don't let Trigon confuse you"

"i am not confused" Beastboy yelled "I'm finally seeing things for what they truly are"

"Beastboy.."

"NO" he yelled his emerald eyes could be seen somewhat through the crimson red and Raven knew it was Beastboy who spoke these words "I'm tired of being pushed around, tired of feeling guilty and alone and I'm sick and tired of YOU"

Raven took a step back and gave him a half glare "i know you don't mean that Beastboy" she tried to stay calmly "I'm your friend and I care about you....and i know you care about me too"

his expression softened and his emerald eyes became visible for a moment before he closed them tightly. Raven made a step forward to place her hand on his shoulder when his eyes opened and more

of the crimson red returned....along with Trigon's influence

"if you cared about me then you wouldn't say all those mean things" he yelled as she stepped back again "you wouldn't push me away and ignore me.....if you were really my friend then you would have kept your promise"

Raven paused hurt by Beastboys words....was she really that mean to the little green shape-shifter? As soon as the question left her mind it was answered by countless memories of her harshness towards him. She remembered what she had said to him yesterday

"next time you interrupt me like that it better be because your life is in danger or else it will be"

"Beastboy...I.."

"no..." he continued his gaze shifting downward but the pain and anger still evident in his face "you can't keep your promise.....you can't help me.....you don't even know me"

Once again she felt hurt by his words but non-the-less kept control of her emotions.

"I don't have to know much to know that you need my help" she stated calmly "and I CAN help you.....if you let me"

"y...you're not going to leave me" Beastboy asked or rather stated, his voice no longer filled with rage and his expression softening to confusion.

"no Beastboy" Raven said quietly,taking a step towards him "I won't give up on you"

'KILL HER'

Beastboy grabbed his head and closed his eyes tightly

'she's lying' the voice hissed 'you can't win... you're too weak....she's trying to trick you....she hates you....KILL HER"

"I Can't" Beastboy said through clenched teeth falling to his knees

"You can beat him" Raven stated bending down on one knee beside him "you're stronger than you think Beastboy...I know you can win"

Raven listened to the stillness of the room....all other life frozen and only her and Beastboy remaining....the sound of his shallow breaths seemed to have a calming effect...almost more so than her meditating and she found herself closing her eyes and imagining the slow rise and fall of his chest.

She placed her hand on his shoulder, eyes still closed

"I...I don't want to hurt you" came Beastboys quiet reply.

Raven opened her eyes and her heart seemed to break upon seeing him. His facial expression was one of fear, sadness and remorse....his eyes still glowed a faint red but now they were filled with tears that streamed down his face involuntarily.

There seemed like so much that needed to be said but no words came to her. She wanted to comfort him...to heal his pain....her emotions tossed and turned inside her making her tense.

"I...I don't want to lose you" Beastboy whispered, one hand still clutched to his head as he desperately tried to ignore Trigon's words."I just can't lose anyone else" Beastboy said shakily, tears still flowing from his eyes and down his cheek

"you won't" Raven whispered finally finding her voice

Raven placed her hand gently on Beastboy's cheek raising his head up to meet her gaze. She gave him a sad smile

'you should hug him' happy and affection chimed

'poor Beastboy' timid said

'he's afraid and confused' knowledge stated

"he needs you as much as you need him" a quiet voice replied

Beastboy stared into Raven's eyes....full of concern and.....affection?

'she doesn't love you' Trigon hissed 'you could never give her what she needs'

"you'll never love me" Beastboy said sadly

Raven's eyes widened slightly at this..... 'love' she thought 'does he.....do I...'

'we need him' an emotion said quietly

"Beastboy...I...I..". Before she could finish she found herself pressing her lips tightly against his.

The softness of his lips touched hers and as she pressed on he opened his mouth. Her emotions whirled around her each existing simultaneously at the same time....all her emotions somehow freed but no destruction evident. Raven....Raven was whole....she was complete and nothing could take away this moment.

Her eyes glowed with the passion of her emotions as Beastboy pressed himself forwards into her, both of them closing their eyes.

'Azarath Mentrion Zinthos' her emotions inwardly chimed

A Glow of white energy surrounded them in the wind but neither had taken notice. Beastboy could only

think about Raven....he could feel her....since her hope...nothing else existed in that moment....not Trigon, not the other titans....nothing was holding them back and he felt...free.

Trigon's voice screamed in the back of his mind almost as if in pain but Beastboy took no notice to this and furthered his kiss, pressing his body close to Raven's. In the whirl the dark aura that glowed around Beastboy was pushed away no longer able to exist....no longer able to feed off his doubt...his fear....or his memories

The swirl of power slowly vanished as Raven and Beastboy pulled apart Raven opened her eyes at the same time as Beastboy did and relief washed over her. Instead of the crimson red she met only his brilliant emerald green eyes....they looked tired and wary but a smile was quickly forming on his face.

"raven" Beastboy whispered quietly his eyes slowly closing and his body giving into sleep.

Raven caught him in her arms turning him over so that his head rested in her lap.

A loud crash alerted her to the rest of the world. She looked up at the titans who were no longer frozen and who were looking at the wall they had just attacked in shock and confusion.

Their eyes then darted around the room and fell upon the site of Raven and Beastboy.

"okay" Cyborg said slowly "what just happened"

They were looking down at the two with uncertainty

"it's okay" Raven stated "it's over.....Trigon's gone"

"we are victorious" Starfire asked "and friend Beastboy is.....himself again"

"is he okay" Cyborg asked noting his friend's motionless figure. Only moments before were they ready to attack him and it was surprising how quickly things had changed

"he will be" Raven nodded "his body's weak and he'll need some rest but he'll be fine"

"are you okay" Robin asked looking her over for any injuries

Raven looked down at Beastboy's resting form "i will be" she said thoughtfully before masking her and Beastboy in her familiar black glow and teleporting back to the tower leaving the rest of the Titans in confusion.



## 7 - Mistake

ch.7

Raven teleported into the medical bay and laid Beastboy gently on the bed. He groaned slightly as his body shifted from her arms and worry etched across his face.

Raven placed a hand reassuring on his cheek and his expression once again relaxed. She looked him over for injuries and began to heal some of the cuts and bruises he obtained during the fight. She was trying to keep busy, wanting not to think of what had just happen but being unable to avoid it.

She sighed and took the seat next to his bed, starring down at his resting form once again drifting off at the sound of his breathing and the slow rise and fall of his chest.

'what do I do....what did I do....' she thought 'did i take advantage of him in his moment of weakness just like trigon....or does he really care about me'

Raven sighed closing her eyes and trying to fight back a migraine. 'he can't love me.....I'm not capable of expressing love...he deserves someone who can' she thought '...besides...what would the others think.....it could break apart the team...it could destroy me and Beastboys friendship....It could....'

Just then the door came open and the other titans slowly entered

"what happened to Mumbo" Raven asked letting them know she was aware of their presence

"the police came in shortly after you left' Robin said "Mumbo was taken into custody and the money he stole was returned"

Raven sat silently with her back to the other titans and the uneasy silence filled the room.

"hows BB doing" Cyborg quietly asked as he walked closer, the others taking small steps forward with him

"I healed his injuries but his body's very weak" Raven stated "he'll need to stay in bed for at least a few days but he'll be fine"

"this is most relieving" Starfire said "when he awakens we shall celebrate"

Robin smiled at Starfire for a moment then turned to Raven

"so...Raven" He asked carefully "what exactly happened back there"

"yeah" Cyborg urged on "i mean one minute Beastboys completely lost his mind and the next thing we know your holding him in your arms and every things fine"

"nothing happened" Raven stated flatly "Trigon was defeated and that's all that matters"

Raven got up from her seat and walked towards the door "I'll be in my room" she said "i need to meditate"

"do you want us to get you when Beastboy wakes up" Cyborg asked thoughtfully

Raven paused at the door letting a few moments of silence last before replying "no" then walking out

The others seemed surprised at her, only moments before did it seem she would do anything to help Beastboy and now she didn't even want to know if he was awake or not.

"is something the matter with friend Raven" Starfire asked

"I'm not sure" Robin answered truthfully "but it might have something to do with what really happened back there"

"it doesn't look like Raven wants to talk about it" Cyborg replied hoping his fellow teammates would back off the subject "....and it's not like Beastboy can tell us what happened right now"

The other two titans nodded "you're right Cyborg" Robin said "as long as it's not hurting anyone then it's okay if they want to keep it to themselves"

"Azarath Mentrion Zinthos.....Azarath Mentrion Zinthos....Azarath Mentrion Zint.." Raven sighed unable to focus...she tilted her head back against the wall of her room and then glanced at the mirror on the stand near her bed. another minute or so passed before she picked up the mirror...her portal....and entered her mind

when she arrived she noticed she was in Happy's domain. Everything was pink and smelled of perfume. Glancing around she was startled when Happy jumped out in front of her

"HI" happy yelled

"happy where are the others" Raven asked hiding her surprise

"guess" Happy teased "go on now...Guess"

"I'm in no mood for games" Raven stated slightly annoyed

"awe...you need to lighten up Raven" Happy replied "I bet Beastboy would really like that"

Raven blushed for a moment thinking 'i bet he would'...then she shook the thought off and continued

"this is important"

"i know" Happy replied "but don't worry they're all here"

just as Happy said this Ravens other emotions emerged

"Raven it's so good that you could join us" affection Grinned widely "is everything okay"

"no" Raven stated darkly "i need to know what i should do about Beastboy"

at the mention of his name all her emotions snapped up in attention

"I think we should make him a cake" Happy said

"we should give him a big hug" affection answered...both her and happy jumping up and down in excitement

"i say you go right up to him and tell him he's awesome" Braverly yelled

several more shouts rang out each suggesting she got for it...each making her wonder why she had any doubt at all but at the same time she still doubted.

suddenly a quieter voice replied "m..maybe we should...apologize"

Raven had heard her though and so had the others....the room became very quiet and Raven slowly approached her

"why is that Timid" Raven asked softly

"I...um.." Timid fidgeted with her cape and looked around nervously "i...i just think that...maybe....we shouldn't have kissed him"

at that moment knowledge came forward

"she may be right" knowledge stated "we aren't even sure if Beastboy feels the same and at the same time we do not know how the rest of the team will react to this.....it's just to big of a risk"

Timid nodded but the others seemed skeptical

"but what if he does feel the same" Happy yelled "what if he cares for us too"

"I think that he might" Affection stated smiling

"I never said I cared about him like that" Raven stated "how could I...were just to different"

"that is percisely why you need him" wisdom replied "he is the light to your darkness....he completes you"

"this is crazy" Raven stated "can't anyone here give me any real advice"

"you need to talk to him" a voice replied from the back of the room

the other emotions parted so that Raven could see the speaker

this Raven wore a very light pink cape....she smiled contently and happily at Raven as she neared her

"your the one who spoke to me earlier, aren't you" Raven asked

She nodded "yes I am"

"how is it I that I don't know you" Raven asked

the emotion giggled softly before replying "you Know me Rea"

"then who are you" Raven asked "why haven't I seen you before"

"for a long time i have been hidden away inside another one of your emotions" she replied "affection"

"yes...but who.... are.... you" Raven asked impatiently

"I am Love" she replied smiling

"no... you can't be" Raven said "I can't Love...I just can't"

"but you do" she replied "you love Beastboy"

"I don't believe you" Raven said "I refuse to believe"

"well that doesn't make it any less true" Love replied slightly hurt

"i came here for answers" Raven stated "but I've got nothing"

"no you're wrong" Love said quietly grabbing her hand as she turned to leave

"I gave you an answer" she stated softly "It's just not what you wanted to hear"

"you're afraid" knowledge stated and Timid and surprisingly Bravery nodded

"I'm not afraid" Raven said louder "I'm not afraid of anything"

"yes you are" Timid said quietly

"THEN WHAT" Raven yelled "What am i so afraid of"

suddenly the room became very quiet

"Are you afraid that he won't love you Rea" Love asked quietly "or are you afraid...that he will"

Raven stood stunned by her question 'why would i be afraid of him feeling the same way' she asked herself 'is it because....'

'I don't deserve it' she thought honestly and then she turned to walk away

"just talk to him Rea" love said "trust me"

When Raven was back in her room again she sighed deeply. glancing to her clock she was surprised that she had been inside her mind for a few hours. It was late and she figured the others were already in bed, after thinking for a few moments she decided it wouldn't hurt to check on Beastboy

when she entered the room Beastboy was still asleep, the covers were now pulled over him and he was laying on his side with one hand tucked under his pillow.

She stepped closer as she stared at him...'how am i suppose to feel' she asked herself. Part of her wanted to stay there with him and another part of her wanted to run away. She placed her hand on his cheek

"Raven" Beastboy sighed happily

Raven felt herself blush "Beastboy" She said "I.." Before she could finish a near by vase was engulfed by her powers and broke

she gasped pulling her hand away from him. As she did so he stirred and shifted, Raven quietly began to back away but as she turned to leave she heard her name again

"Raven"

She turned around to see Beastboy staring at her through half open and sleepy eyes.

"go back to sleep Beastboy" Raven said "every things okay"

"Raven wait..." Beastboy said quietly as he tried to raise up. He realized right away that it wasn't a good idea,he felt his body being weighed down with pressure and with not enough strength to stay up feel back down on the bed with a moan.

Raven floated over towards him "you shouldn't try and get up" She stated not looking directly at him "you need rest"

"Raven...whats wrong" He asked noticing her avoiding his gaze

'you need to talk to him' loves voice echoed in her head

"Beastboy" Raven addressed him

"yeah" he replied

"it's about what happened back there" she started turning her head to the side. Beastboy could see a light scratch on her face.....it had been from where he'd hit her....and though it was almost fully healed it was still noticeable

"Raven" Beastboy gasped terrified "What happened.....did I..I hurt you"

"what" Raven said turning to face him with confusion

"your face" Beastboy said worriedly "I..I did that ....didn't I"

Raven put a hand up to her face she had forgotten about it.

"it wasn't your fault" she said "but that's not what i was talking about"

"OH man" Beastboy said worriedly "are the others okay"

"yes there fine" she said

Beastboy sighed "then what happened"

"don't you.....remember" Raven asked confused

"well...no" Beastboy replied "i remember showing up and fighting ....and Mumbo taking you....but everything else is kinda blurry"

Raven didn't know whether to feel hurt or relieved....'it was a mistake' she decided 'no one has to know.....not even Beastboy...everything can go back to normal'

"Raven" Beastboy said quietly getting her attention "did i do something...i mean.."

"no....every things back to normal" she stated "but you need your rest"

Beastboy nodded he was already having trouble keeping his eyes open and Raven had noticed....His eyes began to shut....the last thing he saw was Ravens figure as she left the room.

Raven sighed as she closed the door behind her 'every things back to normal' she thought

## 8 - pretending not to feel

ch.8

The next day Raven woke up not feeling rested....she had tossed and turned all night and hadn't slept well.

She walked into the main room and immediately put on some tea

"HELLO Raven" Starfire said cheerfully "is it not a most glorious morning"

"uh...yeah sure" Raven said glancing up at her fellow titan momentarily

"Hay Rea" Cyborg said turning from his spot on the couch to acknowledge her "sleep well"

Raven groaned in response as she poured some tea in a cup.

"Beastboys awake" Robin stated, waiting for a response from her

She took a sip of her tea as if nothing was said then replied "oh"

"do you not wish to see him" Starfire asked confused

"i talked with him some last night" Raven mumbled

"oh really" Cyborg said teasingly "all night huh?"

she half glared at him "no" she replied "just for a little while"

"we were just going to bring him some breakfast" Robin said motioning to a tray with tofu pancakes,fruit, and some juice "and i was thinking..."

"Robin believes it would be better if you did" Starfire explained "he seemed most distracted earlier when we spoke with him"

"he was pretty tired though" Cyborg commented "he didn't stay awake to long"

"why should I bring it to him again" Raven asked not moving

"i just thought it would be a good idea" Robin said "he wanted to see you earlier when he woke up.....and i told him you'd be down soon...so"

"so now i have to because you promised him i would" Raven finished

Robin looked nervous "well...no...i mean i thought you wouldn't mind...."

"well i do" Raven said almost angry

"Raven,,"

"she doesn't have to" came a quiet reply from the door. Everyones head turned and looked at Beastboy.

He was standing unsteadily, one hand on the doors frame for support, his eyes looked tired and his breathing gave away that it had taken allot out of him to get there.

"Friend why are you not resting" Starfire asked

Beastboy shrugged and smiled weakly

"Beastboy" Robin said sternly "you're suppose to be in bed"

"he's right man" Cyborg said standing up "I mean look at you...you're exhausted"

"and hungry" Beastboy said with a half smile "I'd starve waiting for you guys to bring me something"

"sorry Beastboy" Robin said glancing at Raven briefly "I was just about.."

"that's okay" Beastboy said his smile fading a little as he took a shaky step forward.

Raven just stared blankly at him 'he shouldn't be up' she thought then sighed 'why couldn't i just bring him breakfast....i mean is it really that hard...'

Cyborg came up to him and put a hand on his shoulder and Star grabbed Beastboys hand and smiled. Beastboy looked from his two friends and then to Robin who had grabbed Beastboys tray

"okay Beastboy" Robin said "You've got our attention"

"now lets get you back to bed" Cyborg said

"yes friend" Star replied cheerfully "it would make us all feel much beter if you were to relax"

"guys I'm fine" Beastboy said smiling "guess I just don't like being cooped up in that room"

"Fair enough" Robin admitted "you can stay on the couch if you'd prefer....just promise us you'll get some sleep"

"dude deal" Beastboy said shaking his hand. His grip was so loose that it barely seemed he had a hold of it and it made Robins friendly smile fade somewhat

After helping Beastboy to the couch Robin placed his breakfast on the table in front of him and went back towards Raven.Cyborg sat down in the chair out from Beastboy and Starfire turned the TV on.



Raven had been staring blankly over in Beastboys direction when Robin Jarred her from her daze

"hay Raven" he said

Raven looked down then back up at him "what"

Robin sighed "...Never mind"

Beastboy had fallen asleep shortly after breakfast and Raven had left a little before then...retreating to her room without a word to anyone.The rest of the titans left Beastboy to rest, Cyborg was currently working on some new gadgets...Starfire was playing with 'silky' and Robin had went to another room to train and to think.

Raven had entered the main room again after meditating some more. She looked down at Beastboy who was snoring lightly and drooling. She rolled her eyes at him and sighed....she gazed out the window watching the rain pour down from the sky...altogether it was a boring and dreary day.

"Raven" Beastboy whispered

Raven snapped out of yet another daze and looked down at him. He looked up at her questioningly

"sorry" She said turning to leave.

Beastboy sat up to stop her "Raven wait"

she stopped at the sound of his light groan but just as the night before didn't turn around

"Raven...are you mad at me" Beastboy asked trying to keep himself from falling back onto the couch

"no" she stated not turning around to face him

"oh" Beastboy said "it's just that you act like you're mad at me and i was wondering if i had done something to upset you"

'yes....no...i don't know' Raven thought. She turned around to look at Beastboy who was waiting for a response

"you didn't do anything wrong Beastboy" she said "trust me.....it's not you"

"are you okay" he asked concerned

"I'll be fine thank you" she said as she turned back around "you should get some rest though"

"oh" Beastboy replied plainly "okay then"

Raven sighed inwardly as she walked away....things were suppose to go back to normal but everything

felt different.....she wasn't even treating Beastboy the same....she was ignoring him at best...and she hated a part of herself for it.

## 9 - transparent

ch.9

two days later

Raven walked into the main room noticing right away that Beastboy wasn't there....he had been feeling a lot better and Robin had agreed he could get up as long as he didn't over do it. Robin was the only one in the main room at the time and Raven continued with the task of making her tea.

Robin had kept quiet for awhile reading his newspaper and Raven sipping her tea but it was not to last. Robin laid down the paper and stared forward to Raven

"Raven?"

"hmm" Raven acknowledged him while sipping her tea

"I think you should talk to Beastboy" Robin said

"whys that" she asked staring intently at the contents of her cup

"I think you know what i mean" Robin said "you've been acting strange towards Beastboy ever since the other day...and I'm not the only one who's noticed"

Raven remained silent

"..Beastboy's noticed" Robin continued "it might be more than that but he's been kinda quiet lately.....i know Trignons gone but he might still feel guilty about what happened"

"maybe you should talk to him then"

"Raven that's enough" Robin said sternly "whatever's going on between the two of you may not seem like my concern but if it starts to affect the rest of the team.."

"that's all you care about" Raven said cutting him off "the safety of many out weighs the safety of one ....Right"

"Raven" Robin said slightly angry "you know why i was doing that.. I had to.."

"I KNOW" Raven said louder than she intended "but you couldn't possible think that i had the teams interest at heart too"

Robin was silent for a moment waiting for her to continue

"I would have quit" Raven stated a little quieter "If you had killed Beastboy I would have quit.....and how

much longer do you think the rest of you guys would have lasted...the team would have broken apart"

"So you think that letting Trigon Take control would have been better" Robin countered

"NO" Raven replied "Trigon wouldn't have gotten control...I knew Beastboy could fight him...I knew i could help....I believed in him Robin which is more than you ever did"

"if you believe in him so much then why are you hurting him" Robin asked loudly "If I'm so much more concerned about the majority than him or you as individuals then why have i noticed when you haven't"

"I CAN'T" Raven yelled

"Can't what" Robin demanded to know

"I CAN'T LOVE HIM" She yelled. Immediately as the words left her mouth her eyes went wide and several thing around the room that had already been levitating broke.

Robin was silent....his eyes slightly wide and his mouth opening and closing as if he was trying to say something but couldn't find words.

Raven pulled her hood up over her head embarrassed and stood up "don't you dare tell the others"

"Raven" Robin said quietly still in surprise "I..I didn't know"

"no....you didn't" Raven said turning to walk away

Ravens emotions stirred inside her...she had hoped to keep it inside but now Robin knew....she needed time to think and clear her head....so she headed towards the roof.

when she opened the door to the roof she was surprised to see Beastboy. He was sitting near the edge, his feet hanging over the sides and leaning back on his hands. He stared somewhat sadly out towards the distances and closed his eyes as the wind blew by.

Raven felt guilty seeing him....she took a few steps forward and a feeling of dread filled her....she wanted to turn and run away

"hay Raven" Beastboy said slowly opening his eyes and staring back at her

"how'd you know" she asked slightly curious

"i heard you" he said with a small smile "you're not that noisy but i could tell someone was there"

"it could have been anyone" Raven stated taking another step forward

"maybe but i could smell you too" He said suddenly becoming nervous "not that you smell bad or anything...i mean...you don't...you smell very good...i mean..uh"

Raven gave a small grin "I know what you mean"

"wow" Beastboy said "did you actually smile"

"i don't think so" Raven replied flatly taking another step forward

"oh...to bad" he said grinning slyly "cause if you had been smiling just now I was going to say that it was the most beautiful smile I've ever seen"

Raven hid her blush and stared down at Beastboy as she stood beside him

'is he flirting with me' she thought

"so" Raven said sitting down beside him "whats wrong"

Beastboy looked surprised that she had asked and even more surprised that she had sat next to him

"nothing" he replied smiling "I..I thought you were mad at me"

"sorry" she said "I told you I wasn't but i guess i haven't been treating you very nicely"

"that's okay" Beastboy replied

Raven looked at him 'how can he say that's okay....i know it must have hurt him...at least that's what Robin thinks...and he did look pretty down'

"it's not okay Beastboy" Raven said "you're my friend and you deserved to be treated better"

"thanks" Beastboy replied gratefully

it got quiet and Beastboy stared out onto the horizon again

"is something else wrong" Raven asked

Beastboy just shrugged in reply

"and I thought I was the secretice one" she replied earning a small grin from him

the grin however didn't last and that sad and longing look came over him again

"are you going to tell me whats bothering you or not" Raven asked slightly annoyed

Beastboy turned his head away from her slightly and mumbled "nothing"

Raven sighed aggravated by her futile attempts to console him then she remembered something he had said

'he told me things....things that were my fault...they were all my fault...'

'I can't lose anyone else'

"Beastboy?"

"yeah"

"what happened to your parents" she asked cautiously ....thinking she was on the right track

Beastboy froze and his expression was blank for a moment then hurt

"parents" He said with a light nervous laugh "i figured you guys thought i was hatched from an egg"

he laughed a little at this but she could see the hurt behind it.....

"I'm serious Beastboy" Raven stated

"you're always serious" he laughed again "I mean lighten up Raven....i know...I've got a joke for you....there was this guy and..."

"Beastboy stop" Raven said grabbing his hand for a moment to get his attention "you don't have to do that"

Beastboy looked at her in slight confusion "do what"

"make jokes" Raven said "you don't have to hide your feelings from me"

"you hide your feeling from me" he said "i mean...ya know....me and the rest of the team"

"that's because my emotions are dangerous" she said "you can express your feelings and i envy you for that....but i also pity you for hiding them away"

"you wouldn't like me if you knew" he said sadly "I mean...you might think differently of me...you and the others"

"this is just between the two of us" Raven said "i won't tell anyone else and it won't change how i feel about you"

"I..I just can't" he said defeated looking away from her

again she remember something he had said  
'why should i trust you when you don't trust me'

Even though he had been under Trigons influence at the time she knew that those were Beastboys words

They sat in silence for a few more minutes before Raven stared forward onto the horizon and spoke

"I grew up in Azarath" she started

## 10 - Sharing and understanding

ch.10

Beastboy turned to look at her "for a long time i never knew who my parents were....i was told that my mother gave birth to me and left because she was to young to handle it" Raven said "as for my father you understand why they didn't tell me about him"

Beastboy nodded silently as she continued

"I had a hard time controlling my powers and i had to meditate everyday and more than one time....needless to say I had no friends" she stated "it wasn't easy....later on when i had gotten a little older almost eleven my mother showed up in Azarath"

Beastboy ears perked up in interest

"i wasn't to happy to see her though....i had sort of an outbursts....but once i had calmed down she explained to me what had happened" Raven said "my father had manipulated her....forced her into pregnancy so that i would be born and become his portal"

Beastboy looked down...he knew this part and it still upsetted him...because it upsetted Raven

"when i was finally told of the prophacy and my destiny i was terrified" she said "imagine people telling you that you would bring about the end of the world"

"I'm sorry Rea" Beastboy whispered

"it's okay...well now it's okay" Raven said "but back then....i would have given anything to change my life....i left Azarath and came here....i joined the Teen Titans because i wanted to do as much good as i could.....even though i knew it couldn't make up for what i was going to do"

Beastboy placed his hand on Ravens seeing that she was getting emotional

she smiled over at him grateful and continued

"I tried not to get close to you guys because i knew that i would end up hurting you...the team....but....you all became my friends and that was something i never had....something i thought i didn't deserve"

"that's not true" Beastboy said reassuringly squeezing her hand

"I know that now...but at first i thought....if you guys new the truth about my destiny you would turn you're back on me" she said "but you didn't....you guys helped me....you gave me hope and helped save me...and I'm grateful for that and for all of you"



"Raven" Beastboy said quietly "why would you tell me all this"

"because i trust you" Raven said "you think that I'll turn my back on you if i know the truth but i won't.....you don't have to tell me Beastboy but i hope you at least know that's true."

"thank you Raven" Beastboy said "for trusting me"

Raven would never understand how much that meant to the green titan. He had always hoped to earn Ravens trust knowing even then that it was not easily earned....and though he felt she trusted him in battle he never believed that she trusted him with the truth.

Sitting there at that moment Beastboy felt like he and Raven had finally become friends. Not just teammates or acquaintances but actual friends, something he had been working toward a long time.

Beastboy was quiet for a long time just staring at her. Her hood was off revealing her pale and delicate skin her hair swayed in the breeze and her eyes gazed forward admiring the landscape. Her eyes were beautiful.

Raven herself was always so secluded and at times harsh but her eyes seemed to be a gateway into her soul...revealing all that she was....to anyone who looked hard enough.

Its one of the reasons Beastboy rarely took offense to the things she said and any time the two had argued Raven either had her hood pulled up or Beastboy would refuse to look her in the eye. He often wondered if she noticed but doubted she ever thought much on the matter

He smiled over at her lost in his thoughts...captured by her scent

'she's beautiful' he thought '..wait.....i shouldn't think that way about her...we're just friends'

Raven stared over at him then down at her hand which Beastboy was still holding. Beastboy blushed and pulled his hand away staring out again.

Raven did the same, feeling content with just sitting here next to him. Then...Beastboy surprised her

"I...I was raised in Africa" Beastboy said shifting uncomfortable "My Parents were mark and Marie Logan they were both genetic scientists and worked in their own lab studying animals.."

Beastboy paused looking over to Raven who was listening intently

"I...I wasn't born this way ya know" Beastboy said seeming uncomfortable "It happened when i was five, I was bitten by a green monkey...which infected me with a fatal disease...i got very sick...and my parents became very worried"

"my mom spent most of her time by my bed side and my dad began looking for a cure...he noticed that animals were immune to the disease and had for a few years been working on extracting animal DNA to prove the connection between humans and animals"

Raven nodded....it was interesting really....and she was surprised she hadn't asked before

"He made a serum....it was my last hope. My mom was scared...she knew just as much about the consequences as my dad and she knew it was dangerous" Beastboy said "well i guess i don't have to tell you what happened....it worked...with a few minor side effects"

Beastboy looked down at his hands

"At first my parents were concerned...i mean turning green and growing fur....but they loved me just the same" Beastboy said with a half smile "i learned later that i could change into animals....when my mom and I were picking berries...a deadly cobra snuck up on us...when she saw it she panicked and told me to run...I couldn't leave her though... all I could think about was a mongoose...i knew they were a cobras natural enemy... i just kept thinking about it and how i wanted to stop the cobra and then....I just...I changed"

"that was the first animal you changed into" Raven asked

Beastboy nodded with a small smile "yeah....i beat the cobra..but I...ate it"

"excuse me" Raven asked raising an eye brow

"yeah...i lost control" he said "the instincts took over and it even took me awhile to change back....after that though i decided i never wanted to eat meat ever again...yuck"

Raven smiled inwardly "so you do have a good reason for the tofu"

"of course" he said laughing slightly "i bet if cyborg knew that he would shut up with the whole meat thing"

Raven smiled outwardly

"you really are beautiful when you smile" Beastboy said absent mindedly "...um...not that you're ugly when your frowning...cause your not...i mean...you're beautiful no mater what"

Raven put two fingers over his mouth "I get it" she said "now....what happened to them...if you don't mind telling me"

"they...they died" Beastboy said sadly "it was after a flood...allot of our belongings had been destroyed and we were leaving for the village down the river route....we got in a boat...we had done it before but....the flood had caused the water to rise and the rapids and currents were to strong....we couldn't control the boat and we...we were heading for a waterfall"

Ravens expression saddened

"They're was no stopping it....so they told me to go....to fly away" Beastboy looked sadly down at his hand again tears forming in his eyes "I..I didn't want to....but....I left them...i should have been able to save them but...I didn't"

"You were still young...you couldn't control your powers well enough...it wasn't your fault"

"I know that now but it still hurts" Beastboy said "I..I still remember...everything about that moment....hearing them....being all alone"

"you joined the doom patrol after that right" Raven asked

"Yeah they took me in....trained me...Mentor was harsh but I respected him" Beastboy said "they gave me my new name, a new life....but it didn't work out"

"Mentor was far too concerned with stopping the brotherhood of evil...we all saw that" Raven said "He was wrong when he said you failed them....He was wrong about you Beastboy"

"maybe" Beastboy said thoughtfully "but I'm a teen titan now.....those things are behind me....I've got so much now...a family, friends....I'm helping people too"

Raven smiled inwardly noticing Beastboy's face brighten more

"and I'm sitting her with you" Beastboy mused out loud "why...why did you come up here"

"I was actually going to meditate" Raven replied honestly

"oh" Beastboy said and stood up "I'll go now if you want"

"no" Raven said standing up "I mean...it was nice talking to you...I've learned a lot"

Beastboy smiled warmly at her

"we should both head in though, it's getting kinda cold out here" Raven said walking in front of him toward the door

## 11 - to late to turn back

ch.11

"Raven"?

"yeah"

"something happened the other day didn't it" He asked "I mean i can't remember much of it but i know you were there....you saved me didn't you"

"sort of" Raven replied hesitantly "I helped but you also helped yourself"

"Raven" Beastboy said again this time grabbing her hand lightly

"yes Beastboy what is it" Raven asked patiently

"I feel like...well that....um...i wanted to say thanks" Beastboy said rubbing the back of his neck nervously "i really enjoyed talking to you....and I'm glad that you trust me and...."

"any day now" Raven said sarcastically

Beastboy swallowed the lump in his throat 'you can do this....just tell her how you feel...' he told himself 'you'll never get another chance like this...'

"I..I hope you know that i think your...amazing" Beastboy said "I think the reason I'm always bothering you is because....I just wanted to get to know you....and i have...and I really really like it...what i mean to say is I really really like you...not just like a friend and I.."

"Beastboy" Raven addressed him sadly "I'm sorry I.."

"oh.... " he said obviously hurt pulling his hand away from hers "that's okay....I didn't think you felt the same...um.. wow....that was the dumbest thing I've ever done and I've done alot of dumb things...I mean...I'm sorry I shouldn't have.."

Before he could finish Raven pressed her lips against his and leaned into him. Beastboy at first in shock suddenly felt that the moment was oddly familiar....he gave into the kiss with little resistance closing his eyes as Raven did hers and wrapping his arms around her.

finally the passionate kiss between them broke

"Raven...have we...done that before" Beastboy asked still in 'awe'

"yes" Raven answered honestly as she pulled away from his embrace

"can we do it again" Beastboy asked smiling and stepping towards her

"Beastboy...no" she said "you have to understand I.."

"don't you feel the same" Beastboy asked now confused "I mean that kiss felt pretty real to me"

"it was...i let my emotions get the better of me" she admitted "I need for you to understand why we can't be together"

"why" Beastboy asked sad and confused

"I can't express emotion Beastboy...It's dangerous you know that"

"but Raven look every things fine" Beast boy said gesturing around them

"It seems that way but it's impossible" she said "the other night i barely even touched you and a lamp exploded it's just not logical to kiss you and love you without side effects"

"you can't explain love" Beastboy said then it suddenly struck him "you love me"

"yes" Raven admitted looking down at her feet

"I ...love you to" Beastboy said "I mean I'm pretty sure I do...I've never felt like this not even with Terra"

the name had struck a chord and Raven looked up not sure how to feel

"sorry Rae....i didn't mean to bring that up....It was just a Petty crush" Beastboy said "I think I liked the idea of her rather than her...ya know....she was ....she wasn't you"

"you don't have to explain" Raven said "I think we should go inside now"

"Raven...are we just going to forget this ever happened" Beastboy asked

"No...I won't forget" Raven said

"but we can't..."

"No"

"because.."

"think of the team Beastboy" Raven said "what if it breaks apart the team....or ruins our friendship"

"I..I..don't want that to happen" he admitted "But....I don't think it will...I think things would get better not worse"

"How can you be so sure"

"how can you not"

"I...I don't deserve it" Raven admitted "I just don't deserve it"

"Raven" Beast boy said grabbing her hand "you thought that you couldn't have friends.....you thought that you couldn't change your destiny....you thought you we wouldn't except you.....but you were wrong...so don't think that you don't deserve to be happy and never think that you don't deserve to be loved....because you do and you are...always"

Raven look at Beastboy in surprise....what he had said was wise and moving...she felt her emotions plead for her to move forward and this time she gave in...wrapping her arms around him in a thankful hug.

"guess I'm not as dumb as i seem huh" Beastboy asked smiling

"no you're not" Raven said looking up into his emerald eyes "and don't ever let anyone tell you other wise"

"you mean other than you" he asked with a laugh

"exactly" Raven answered slyly

"so..."Beastboy started again

"so" Raven replied "do you want to tell the others or should I"