

WATCHTOWER

4.17 | 'Destiny'

Preview Scene #1 - "Funeral Service"

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EXT. GRAVEYARD - DAY

ON A HEADSTONE that reads *'Martha Kent. Wife. Mother. US Senator. And beloved friend to all.'*

TORRENTIAL RAIN descends on the LARGE GATHERING (all in black, all covered by umbrellas) that surrounds the grave, lead by a MINISTER (60s) who reads from A SMALL BLACK BIBLE.

MINISTER

We are gathered here today to pay our respects to a woman devoted to her family, to her loved ones, and to her country.

IN THE CROWD - a teary-eyed LOIS, trembling from her grief, turns to her left to find LANA, just as crippled by the loss.

LOIS

Where's Clark? He should be here.

INT. KENT FARM, BARN - DAY

A determined CLARK storms up the steps to his 'fortress of solitude.' He RIPS OPEN a shelf - books fly out, all around him - and finds a SMALL BOX stashed away behind it.

ON THE BOX - it opens to unveil THE LEGION RING.

CHLOE (O.S.)

What are you doing, Clark?

Clark closes the box, and returns to the steps CHLOE climbs to greet him. She grows more suspicious of his actions.

CHLOE (CONT'D)

We're late for the funeral service.

CLARK

I told you to go without me.

CHLOE

I wasn't going to leave you.

CLARK

Why? I'm not a hero anymore, Chloe. I have nothing left to offer you or anyone else.

CHLOE

You're my friend.

CLARK

We haven't been friends for years.

The words cut - just for a second - and Chloe notices the familiar tactics. She pushes back harder.

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CHLOE

You can string a million words together to hurt my feelings and push me away, but I'm not going to abandon you. Ever.

CLARK

That would feel a lot more reassuring if it wasn't coming from a place of guilt.

Clark turns his back on Chloe, but she follows after him.

CHLOE

I loved Martha, too. I've lost her, too. And the one thing that bound us together was our desire to protect you. I'm not going to let her down now. I won't.

Clark opens the box, and examines the LEGION RING. It's the only source of hope left in his life to make things right.

CLARK

I lost my father because of a decision that I made. I can't lose her the same way. I can't.

CHLOE

This wasn't your fault.

CLARK

It will be... if I do nothing to fix it.

CHLOE

Clark?

Clark slips the ring onto his finger. Vibrant PURPLE ENERGY cloaks around him, and seeps into his very being.

Chloe reaches for Clark's shoulder, and pivots him around to face her when the ENERGY TRAVELS ALONG HER ARM-- it BINDS THE TWO OF THEM in a bright light that CONSUMES THEM.

END SCENE.