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A.

Irene sits playing with her
visitor, Constantine VI.

IRENE
What do they tell
you about Mama?

CONSTANTINE VI

...

IRENE
You must hear
whispers.

CONSTANTINE shakes his head.

IRENE (CONT'D)
Do they say
I'm bad?

You don't hear anything
or you don't listen?

It's good for Mama
to hear what is being said.

There's nothing you want to say
to Mama?

Nothing?

Nothing at all?

CONSTANTINE VI
(whispering)

Mitera mou
I love you.

IRENE (CONT'D)
Do they say I'm bad?

CONSTANTINE nods his head.

IRENE (CONT'D)
What do they say I do?

CONSTANTINE VI doesn't want to
say.

IRENE (CONT'D)

But that doesn't matter to me.
Tell Mama if you think I'm bad,
Do you think Mama's bad?

CONSTANTINE VI

...

IRENE

Are you careful? Around those bad people saying
bad things?

CONSTANTINE VI

...

IRENE

Who touches you each day?

CONSTANTINE VI

A few people.
For my bath.... The physicians...
I do exercises in the yard... wrestling...
but I haven't done that during the cold...
My nurse/

IRENE

/She doesn't need to touch you!
Make sure you let only people you trust
touch you. Hmmm, promise me?

I don't want to scare you. But do they scare
you?

CONSTANTINE VI

No-one scares me.

IRENE

No-one?

CONSTANTINE leans forward to
IRENE's cheek.

CONSTANTINE VI

(whispering.)

Mama, you see the holes
in the lattice?
They're watching
waiting for you
to make me tell you how I pray,
try to make me
pray with you, with the wrong words,
or for the wrong thing,
so please,
think how to please
my Father/

Irene puts a hand over Constantine VI's mouth.

Then she CLAPS her hands.

The Philes come in.

IRENE

/Sing and dance around us!

MUSIC PLAYS.

The Philes form a dancing circle around Irene and Constantine, partially hiding them from view.

NARRATOR

And through dancing arms and legs, You can see Irene trying to give her new icon to her son. You can see her forcing it into his pocket.

Irene forces the ICON into Constantine VI's pocket.

The Philes finish and pull away.

Revealing Irene who is holding out an apologetic hand to Constantine VI, who has his back to her and is crying.

IRENE

There's no need to cry.
Why are you crying?

CONSTANTINE VI

Why did you do that, Mama? Why?

IRENE

(puzzled.)

Because Mama knows you're safe if you have her with you,
and you need her more than me, so keep her/

He thrusts the unwanted ICON back at her. She stares at it in surprise.

IRENE (CONT'D)

(whispering)

No, keep her hidden!

CONSTANTINE VI

(whispering)

I don't want

(MORE)

CONSTANTINE VI (CONT'D)

to kiss your icon,
Bad Mama!
Bad!

IRENE

What?

Constantine VI backs away from his
mother.

IRENE
(whispering.)

You loved
to kiss
my old icon!

What are you
doing? Let Mama
hold your hand!

She watches him cringing away from
her.

She holds out her hand and smiles.

I know you're still
Mama's friend.

Constantine VI stands tall and
puts on a man's voice.

CONSTANTINE VI

I love my father more than you!

THE SOUND OF CONSTANTINE VI
RUNNING AWAY

IRENE

Megarisis!

MEGARIS

I've got him!

Megarisis chases after Constantine
VI.

CONSTANTINE VI

SHE GAVE ME A COLD PAIN

SHE GAVE ME
A COLD PAIN,
A SICK PAIN
SHAME AND FEAR
INSIDE.

MEGARIS

PAIN LAID DOWN
FOR TRAGEDY.
SAD WHISPERS
FROM THE
BYZANTINES.

CONSTANTINE VI

A COLD PAIN
FROM SEEING
THE TRUTH.

A COLD PAIN
[THAT TELLS ME
TO TELL ON HER.]

MEGARIS

[DON'T EVER
TELL ON HER!]

CONSTANTINE VI

SHE GAVE ME
HER ICON
TO KISS.

MEGARIS

SHE SHOWED YOU
HOW HER MOTHER
SHOWED HER *

CONSTANTINE VI

* TO KISS IT
LIKE A DOLL.

SHE WORSHIPS
IDOLS IN MY
FATHER'S HOUSE.

IRENE AND PHILES

YOUR WIFE
WILL LOVE
ICONS.

YOUR MOTHER,
YOUR LOVER,
YOUR DAUGHTERS
ALL THE WOMEN
IN YOUR LINE.

CONSTANTINE VI

THE DEVIL
TEMPTS ME
THROUGH
MY MOTHER.

I KISS HER

GOODBYE.

AND RUN
AWAY TO TELL
HER SINS!

Megarıs pushes Constantine VI away
from her sharply.

MEGARIS

A COLD KISS
FROM A SMALL
HEART.

DON'T LOOK
TO ME
FOR LOVE AGAIN.

IF YOU TELL.

CONSTANTINE VI

A COLD KISS,
WITH A COLD PAIN
HIDDEN BEHIND
MY FACE.

MEGARIS AND CONSTANTINE

A COLD KISS,
WITH A COLD PAIN,
A COLD KISS
GOODBYE.

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