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Teaser page frames use of AIE lyrics in condensed scene in which Anna, Vandr, and Clif turn the tables on Anna's would-be executioners. Anna brings lightning on village elders, Vandr massacres guards.

PANEL 1

Anna chained at stake, crown of roses adorn her head, flames lick at periphery of kindling. Adam gloats and taunts Anna as twenty-four village elders including Clif and Eugene circle to witness the execution.

NARRATIVE

Paradise Lake. The coldest winter in memory.

ADAM

Roses to bind, flames to cleanse.
Burn as an enchantress and whore.
[Burn, demon whore!]
[Burn, sorcerous whore!]

LYRIC

(as frayed scroll)
My mother was a witch—

PANEL 2

Clif looks on impassively, Eugene appears pleased with proceedings.

EUGENE

First his ma, now his betrothed. You have distracted the boy?

CLIF

He attends the forge, finishing steel for the prince.

PANEL 3

Vandr glowers over the finished edge of the Diamond Head in the red light of the forge.

LYRIC

(as frayed scroll)
—she was burned alive.

PANEL 4

wide. explosive collage. Vandr decapitates and guts several guards in bloody fury. Anna rains lightning down on Adam and the collected village elders. Her chains explode apart, the rose petals on her crown fly away, exposing daisies.

LYRIC

(as frayed scroll)

See their bodies out on the ice...

take my time...

PANEL 5

wide. title shot. Vandr and Anna stand grimly over their victims. Blood seeps into the surrounding snow. Clif maintains an uncertain distance.

LYRIC

(as title)

Am I evil?

SUBTITLE

(as callout)

– silence your detractors –

END