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One for a wish, two for a dream, and three... three for something intangible. A young woman with chestnut brown hair tossed coins into a pool of water, watching them sink to the bottom to join the others. She paid for a wish that would never come true. She had always wanted what she couldn't have—things forbidden or just out of reach.

She faced the fountain, wind whipping her bushy hair around. Another joined her. Another nameless, almost faceless, lost soul—someone searching for answers—someone hoping their answer lay in the icy depths with the coins.

'Here, again, to drop coins?' a girl with wild purple hair asked.

She nodded mutely. 'To repay a debt. One of too many.' A tear slipped down her cheek.

'Yours?'

'Some. Others ... of a world lost.'

'Lost to?'

'Shifting power. Hatred. Greed.'

'Your cross to bear?'

'Someone needs to mourn for innocence lost, lives forcibly taken, hatred, bigotry.'

'More than you?'

'More than me. No one does, though, it's plain to see.'

'Your wish?'

'Peace. War to end. Pain to cease.'

The girl with the pale-as-moonlight face and spiky hair sidled up next to her, taking her hand. 'Together, then.'

'Together.'

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