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DINONICUS

(he only smiles)

Then it's true. What they say. Lost
your edge. Sacrificed everything.

(hefts her weapons)

For what? Never thought you were a fool.
What a waste. You were the best. At
being the worst.

XENA

Is Scilla behind this? Behind you?

DINONICUS

You'll just have to wait and see.

CUT TO:

11 EXT. SHIPBOARD - NIGHT (as before)

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XENA

I always knew my past would catch up with
me. That I'd pay for my sins. That those
I loved could pay for my mistakes...Solan,
and Lao-ma...and you. I would give my life a
thousand times over to make that not be so.

GABRIELLE

You have changed. You can be forgiven.
I don't believe in predestination. You're
not locked into your fate. I won't accept
that.

XENA

As much as I love you for it you can grant
me only limited forgiveness and redemption.
I have to learn to forgive myself. That's
very hard. Not even you can ever really
know the depths of the darkness in my heart
and soul. But thank you for the way you
try. It gave me a reason to go on living.

GABRIELLE

I know the truth. I know who you really
are.

XENA

You think so. If anything ever happened
to you I fear I would fly into such a
rage that the heavens and earth would
tremble.

CUT TO:

12 EXT. FOREST - DAY

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