

"wheeee!" Qura couldn't stop the giggling as Artemis carried her back to the tavern
"guess we both got a little drunk!" Artemis put the halfling down by the door
"drunk?" Qura's eyes began to fill with tears "you'd not call me drunk if I were sober, would you?"

Artemis paused in thought "course not" she smiled and opened the door for the pair to lurch into the warm

Eventually they made it upstairs, Artemis helping Qura into her room before staggering along the corridor to her own room. Hopping sideways, Qura struggled to pull her left boot off, falling over sideways with more giggling when a gentle knocking happened at the door
"C'min" Qura managed as she sat up to remove her other boot. Squinting she could see Merin enter the room closing the door behind him "Merin!" Qura shrugged off her jacket before noticing Merin wasn't wearing his hat "m a" Qura paused "LITTLE drunk!" she snorted at the joke

Merin smiled and stepped closer, his robe falling open showing far too much flesh underneath
"do you know what you should do with this?" he gestured

Qura's went cross-eyed before she suddenly threw up at his feet

Merin stepped back hurriedly before giving a scream and stepping back further as the bile burned a chrysanthemum on the wooden floor and ignited his slippers

Qura didn't pay the wizard much attention as he hurriedly kicked off his footwear – she carefully gathered up the flames into a single ball sat on her palm

As she extinguished the fire she saw the door slam open, several heroes from the bar and guardsmen rushing to the cry, instead seeing a drunken halfling and a partially dressed wizard
Qura hiccuped as Merin pushed through the crowd "i tideded up" she was asleep before she hit the floor

The next morning Qura stretched and found herself still clothed and tucked into the huge bed. someone had left a jug of water on the dresser and she drunk a glass full before changing to head down to breakfast.

At one of the tables she spotted Artemis and Gronk deep in conversation, going quiet as she joined them

"hi!" Qura smiled, receiving a pair of frowns "what's wrong?"

Artemis sighed "we're leaving, right away"

Gronk grunted "the watch escorted Merin out of the city first thing"

"why?!" Qura's eyes widened

"Artemis clutched her head "how is it you aren't as hungover as I am?" Qura could only shrug
"He tried to take advantage of you while you were drunk" Gronk's voice dripped disgust "and I know you're a young adult but to a human you're still child-sized."

Artemis emptied the tankard of water in front of her "so we're taking him back to Baldur's Gate as our original agreement then we're going our own ways I think"

Qura frowned "i'm really sorry!"

"don't apologise!" Artemis slapped the table "he couldn't control himself, his fault" she unhooked a feather from her pack "this is for you – hopefully we'll meet again!" as she hugged Qura tightly

Gronk rested his hand on Qura's shoulder "the road is long. Stay true to yourself" he gave a rare smile and the pair headed out of the tavern.

As Qura wiped her eyes a large plate of fried food was put in front of her. She looked up at the waitress "i didn't order yet!"

"compliments of the house, we're glad you're safe now" the barman nodded toward her

Qura sighed and picked up the cutlery. She'd miss her friends but who knew what the next adventure held...