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Blinded by the Light

BOOK ONE: AGAINST THE LIGHT  
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LEO'S STORY



Leo found himself trapped in a high-tech, concrete holding cell beneath the corporate headquarters. The heavy steel door loomed ahead, offering no hope of escape as he braced himself for what was coming.



The door hissed open, and Starlight stepped into the room, her golden suit gleaming under the harsh fluorescent lights. Her eyes glowed with an intense, volatile energy that filled the entire chamber with a suffocating heat.



With a sudden motion, she raised her hands, drawing all the electrical power from the facility into her palms. The air crackled fiercely as blinding arcs of white-hot light began to swirl around her fists.



Leo winced as the first wave of pure starlight erupted from her hands, filling his vision with a searing brilliance. The intense light washed over him, pinning him to the wall with the sheer force of its cosmic energy.



The room dissolved into a chaotic blur of overwhelming brightness as the energy beam grew wider and hotter. Leo gritted his teeth, feeling the immense pressure and heat of the light as it tested the absolute limits of his endurance.



Starlight maintained her focused glare, channeling even more power into the blinding torrent. The concrete walls around them began to fracture and glow from the sheer intensity of the radiant assault.



Sweat poured down Leo's face as he forced himself to stay conscious through the dazzling barrage. He looked directly into the heart of the glow, searching for any sign of a weakness or a break in the storm.



Suddenly, the immense power surge caused the facility's main generators to spark and overload. A massive shockwave of light erupted outward, shattering the observation windows and throwing the room into temporary chaos.



As the blinding light finally began to fade and sputter, Starlight dropped her hands, visibly exhausted from channeling so much energy. Seizing the moment of darkness, Leo strained against his weakened restraints to break free.



With a final surge of strength, Leo slipped past the smoking ruins of the chamber and escaped into the shadows of the corridor. Behind him, the fading glow of the starlight signaled that his desperate run for freedom had just begun.