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Maven Leadership Collective

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2024 Impact Report

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(3:58)

Eternal

Maven Laurah Merisier (she|they), Vocalist,
Founder, Miami Soundspace

Maven Arsimmer McCoy (she|her),
Multidisciplinary Artist

Corey Davis (he|they), Executive Producer

Kendall "King" Friday (he|him), Producer

A Place for You, courtesy of Melanie DeMore

Laurah Merisier (00:00):

Spirits made a place for you.

(00:09):

Love has made a place for you.

(00:18):

Grace has made a place for you where everything is new.

(00:18):

Spirits made.

(00:18):

Love has made.

(00:18):

Grace has made a place for you.

Arsimmer McCoy (00:59):

All these little deaths going to turn me phoenix. Going to make me immortal, turn me timeless. Look how these blades slide out my back to make room for wings, feet leaving Earth to burn and birth again, never as easy as the last time. Always as gruesome, always at the expense of an organ or a memory.

(01:28):

Shape-shifter.

Laurah Merisier (01:30):

Shape-shifter.

Arsimmer McCoy (01:32):

Transformer.

Laurah Merisier (01:32):

Transformer.

Arsimmer McCoy (01:32):

Skin changer.

Laurah Merisier (01:32):

Skin changer.

Arsimmer McCoy (01:40):

All these little deaths going to make me think I'm a supreme being, spirit favored and infinite. If I flat-line and make my own heartbeat again, does that make me surgeon, God, or witness? Year after year, a test and testimony. Every day, a vendetta to get my brain back, get me new vocal cords so I can prophesize to the dream killers once again.

(02:08):

Mutator.

Laurah Merisier (02:09):

Mutator.

Arsimmer McCoy (02:10):

Innovator.

Laurah Merisier (02:11):

Innovator.

Arsimmer McCoy (02:15):

There are dead bodies everywhere on this sphere. Dreading tomorrow because today felt like flood. Dead bodies waiting for water, looking like Lazarus dancing under dirt, clawing through peat to reach surface, punching through to sky, and screaming the dust from their lungs.

(02:38):

Dead bodies everywhere. Shedding habits and addiction. Lovers and poison. Dead bodies dropping doubt to adopt new systems. You will hear the unhealed ancestor in your left ear and your mother's prayers in the right. Heed them both. A dead body that listens will remember how to walk again.

(03:05):

All these little deaths just going to make me invincible, indestructible, enduring, eternal.

Laurah Merisier (03:53):

Eternal.

(03:53):

Spirit made.

(03:53):

Love has made.

(03:53):

Grace has made a place for you.

(03:54):

Where everything, everything, everything is new.