

The Family Business

It was no longer that first night they had mounted..

Exactly how many days or weeks it had been was still only a blur of tangled images and events.

Rachel felt like they were in their own little world. Away from every thing. The universe seemed to be content with the bonding and allowed this new pack the time to become stronger..

But for now, she slept...

How even asleep she knew they will mount again soon. He would be inside her again. He would make her feel good. He would show how Vargr love..

She knew from her being a vet that they could never have offspring. That his sexual ability was far shorter than a human female's needs. That being together would cause trouble between both species.

But...she couldn't care less, she needed him and he needed her..

But more she felt this was the most natural thing she had ever done or been. The time she had with Lancec was nice but it wasn't right somehow.

When Little sleeper and she mounted she felt the same orgasm as with lancec, but stronger faster, and deeper into her spirit..

So when little sleeper became aroused...

Rachel gladly offered herself to him. She even learned that she could arouse him by her subtle movements..

She become aroused herself thinking about it and causing her to do it..

She knew what areas of her he liked looking at.

She made sure he could see all he wanted..

Even asleep she could feel him..

He woke early as he always did before so he could try to access the clinic event log and see what waited for them at work..

The he would return to thier bed and look at his mate, the female he told his actual vargr name..

Little sleeper, or Krruckcha

He would stand there and look at her He too knew this was not a good idea but it was so right somehow. There had been something his grandmother said once but he could no longer remember it..

His cock stirred and began to stiffen once more. He wanted to mount her again but was afraid he was hurting her from all the mounting they had done. He knew that human females tend to get very sore from repeated mounting...

But she was so beautiful...

The harder he tried to suppress the harder he became. the more aroused he became..

For he just knew if he touched her she would admit him again..

Krruckcha?

Yes rachil..

You're awake, isn't it saturday yet?

No..it's tuesday, early tuesday..

oh..well come back to bed fro a little longer, I'm cold.

you could get under the covers..

You could come back to bed and bring that with you..

Huh?..oh..yeah..you noticed..

Mmmhmm...

Well, it not that I don't want to..

So you would like to mount me?

yeah.. wait..that wasn't what i meant..

Really..Because I want to you to mount me.

I thought you did..but what i meant was...

What little sleeper.. a little hard to think?

Yeah, it is hard to keep..

Yeah..I know it's hard little sleeper let me help you with it....

She was acting as his mate. She knew he wanted to mount her, But he was not wanting to hurt what he was sure he had made sore..

She would arouse him more the way a mate should..



Did I ever tell you I wanted to be a gymast?

hmm no..

I was pretty sure I had the legs for it but they said I was too gangley..

You aren't..You'er just right.

Really?

Yes, If you keep that up I'll go too fast.

Maybe I want you to..You'er better when you go fast.

But you can't..

Ohhh I do Little sleeper, everytime..

But your skin will become sore..

Are you sore..there?

No..

And I'm not sore here....

.....

I mean if you want to debate it we can, but....

It's not going to change the fact that you are aroused, I am aroused, and I need once more to feel you inside me, We are mated yeah?

Well yes..

Then My mate needs to mount me becuase that is what he wants, and I want him too. Anytime he wishes..Anywhere he wishes..as many times as he wishes...



That's not much of a debate..

It's not, it's a statement of fact. I mean look down Boss, I caused that..

yeah, you did at that..

Then my mate, the matter is decided. and we will honor it and we will not need to discuss this again. Only mount me, as it is our way..

It is decided?

Your body sides with me in this boss..

You have a point...



His mate was right..too right..

He could hardly keep a thought in his head that didn't have something to do with her..

Humans weren't supposed to have this affect on Vargr but she did..

He knew nothing would come of all this mounting. But yet the desire only grew..

Her eyes seems to see directly into his spirit.. He knew the one that could do that was the one for him. He remembered someone told him that from forever ago..

She opened herself to him..

He tried to enter her slowly

Come on little sleeper, don't hold back on me Take me right....

How could he deny her whatr she wished.. he couldn't

So he fell into the moment. he mounted her with all the energy and desire he could muster.

He legs wrapped around him and kept him close to her. Her hips pushed back as he thrust it would be hard to tell who was mounting whom.

Vargr sex is a sprint, a 100 meter race. it's over before one knows it's happening..

Except for the vargr doing it.

For them it feels like forever, a forever they will want again soon.

Rachel came first it was hard and make her arch herself into him..



Little sleeper followed seconds later. It made him dizzy and full of strength but hardly any control.

As he tried to catch his breath he pressed hsi ear to her body. The sound of her heart ponding gave him a pride he could not explain. Except that he did that to her, and she liked it..

My mate is pleased?

Very little sleeper, you sure it's not saturday?

It's not, but we have a light day today..

ok...can we stay like this for a few more seconds?

sure..



Didn't believe me Rchill?

I do doesn't mean I cannot look for myself does it?

No..it is your right..

Yanno, if this the war goes on for much longer we may need to find other work hardly anything is moving..

Eh, that is because the corsairs not the zholdahni.

How's that doc?

Corsairs don't use regulated routes is cheaper than imperial companies.

That's not safe they could transport something that to kill off a planet and never know.

This is true. So some with link up with a bonded imperial ship out there and do it them, is still cheaper than using the imperial port.

Personal experience?

My clan..Many are Corsairs.

So I mated to a pirate family.

Heh, heh.. No you mated to me. I haven't seen them in a long time. I don't think they know I still live.

Ooooo, a dark past my mate hides..

Not that dark, I had no taste for it. never even learned how to drive one..

Maybe boss, but I have seen your bank account, remember you had me look at it.

Yes, I remember that was only a few months ago.

Why did you do that then.

So you would know that we have it should we need it?

In case we decide to go someplace?

That I can do what a leader should do, provide.

Little sleeper, there is only one thing I need you to provide me...and that is you...Money is easily gotten, we'er both pretty smart.

Are you sure you are not a vargr in a human suit?

I wish I was a little more Vargr for you. you would a very good father I think..

Only if you could stay as you are would I agree. You are more beautiful than a woman vargr.



But they did not know both wishes were granted
For niether knew the path that was thiers...



For the greater part Doc and Rachel didn't set off any one or any thing..

Vargr sometimes liked to play human and some human females liked doing aliens..

And this was Regina, in the spinward marches.

Imperial certainly, but far more open to the bigger picture. In many ways The marches acted in a similar fashion as The planet earth did in the early millenias..

Everyone knew that alien intermixes hardly ever worked and Vargr and Humans were not genetically compatible.

This was a solidly accepted fact..

Un movable..

Static...

But if someone who knew how, and had reason to think different..

They could easily tap into a video feed.

The imperium has lot of cameras..

To keep it's citizens safe...from whatever might threaten it. Inside or out..

Most citizens don't even think about it they are so used to it.

Doc and Rachel really don't care..

He was merely seeing if she meant what she said..

He learned very quickly...

Rachel meant every word...

{Doctor V and Doc Javoky to flight center please...Doc V and Doc J}



But there was such a being...

He had the skills to bypass the video..

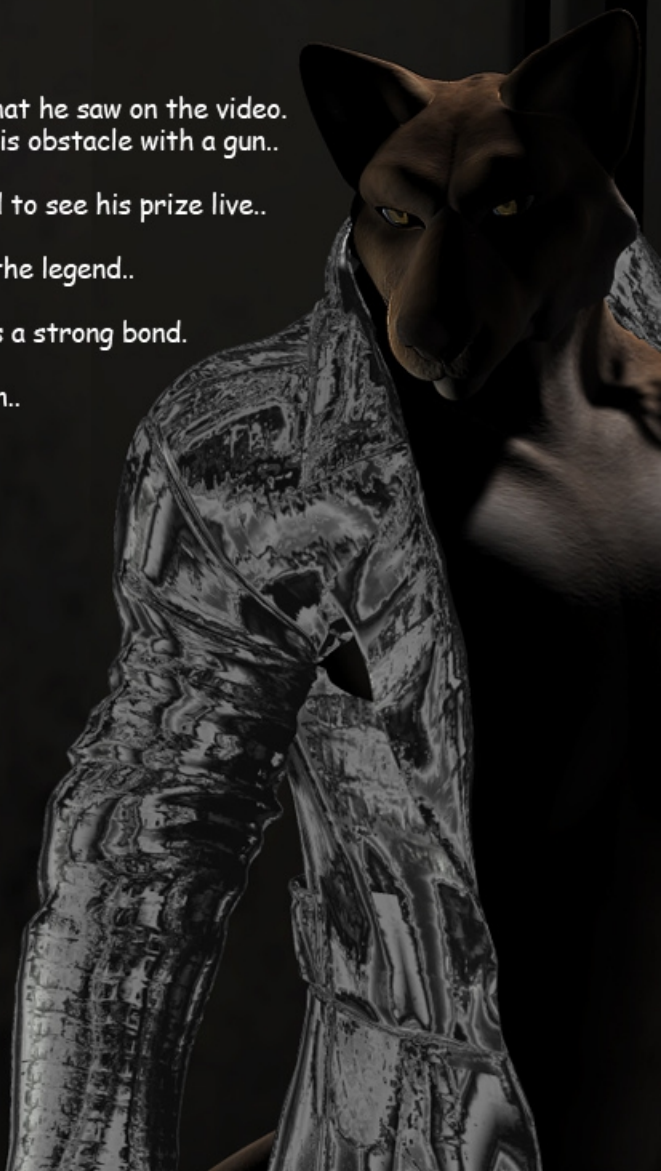
His first idea got blown to hell by what he saw on the video.
He wouldn't be able to just remove his obstacle with a gun..

But he wanted to be sure..He needed to see his prize live..

She was the closest match to the legend..

But she's mated to him, and it's a strong bond.

But she's still a stupid human..



Howler has risked a great deal
for a shot at this..

He got himself excluded from his
clan and birthpack..

He let some of the best Corsairs
he ever commanded go to the winds.

He opened himself to attacks from
his very long list of enemies.

If he was wrong, he was completely
utterly fucked, as humans said it.

And what filled his view he knew
getting what he wanted would be
just that harder..

But that excited him..

He loved the feeling of making
his own victory..



but he needed to remain calm.
Move at just the right time.

Say the right things, do the thing
right..

And strike at the perfect moment.

It's will be the biggest scam of all
time. Impossible to be topped.

And only he will be calling the shots
from then out...

He will be the Master Clan. The
elders will have to live off what he
decides to give, at HIS price...

Just have to make a few minor
Modifications..

Starting with his brother and
his pretty human mate...



Don't let that briefing worry you Rachl, it really doesn't involve us.

Sure sounded like it boss. When the Baron of regina says we will weather the storm together it soounds to me like the zholdahni are gonna invade any time.

Well you did kinda predict this, not that I think it's your fault, which it's not..just saying

I know, I'm just scared way more than like on Sheshat..

I know, maybe we should start looking for a new gig?

That would be nice Little sleeper but I don't think there is a safe place for us.

There is but it would be a last resort.?

Your family pack?

Hmm, then that would be two places i guess if they took me back, you that would.

What do you mean?

My father liked human women, They helped mother with us pups, mother seemed to like the company with father out doing Corsair stuff..

Really?

Yeah..But we aren't going to need to go that way. Besides with this war Most Vargr will stay in the extents and not come in here.. Humans and zholdahni seems to not care what gets shot...

So I guess we keep at this till it's over?

Hmm, for now, till my mate wants something else..

Is there a scanner here?

(BING-PONG)

In the bedroom..why?

Tummy is acting up just want take a quick look.

Probably all that cheese you ate..backing you up..

Not very alluring boss..

But acurate..

Back in a sec, are we expecting anyone?

No..But I'll chase them away..





Hell.....

Doc?

All he saw was a blur of brown and black..

The smell was familiar..

So was the pain..

He hit the ground with a thud. All the air he had in him left and for a moment could not breathe..

There was a large vargr sitting on him. As he tried to focus on the face he could tell this was not a real attack...

He thought he heard Rachel but the room was now very still and quiet..

Howler looked down at his packmate. It would have been so easy to take him out right here and now. He was still a tiny thing. The runt of mother's final litter. He had no right to have what he did. He was weak and unambitious.

He needed to go..

The only thing little sleeper could do was glare up at him and hope Howler would get off him. He hated being pinned. He needed to figure out a way and quick for he didn't want Rachel get scared.

And didn't want to seem weak to her..





Howler heard something but at first he didn't know what it was..

Little sleep saw it but didn't believe it..

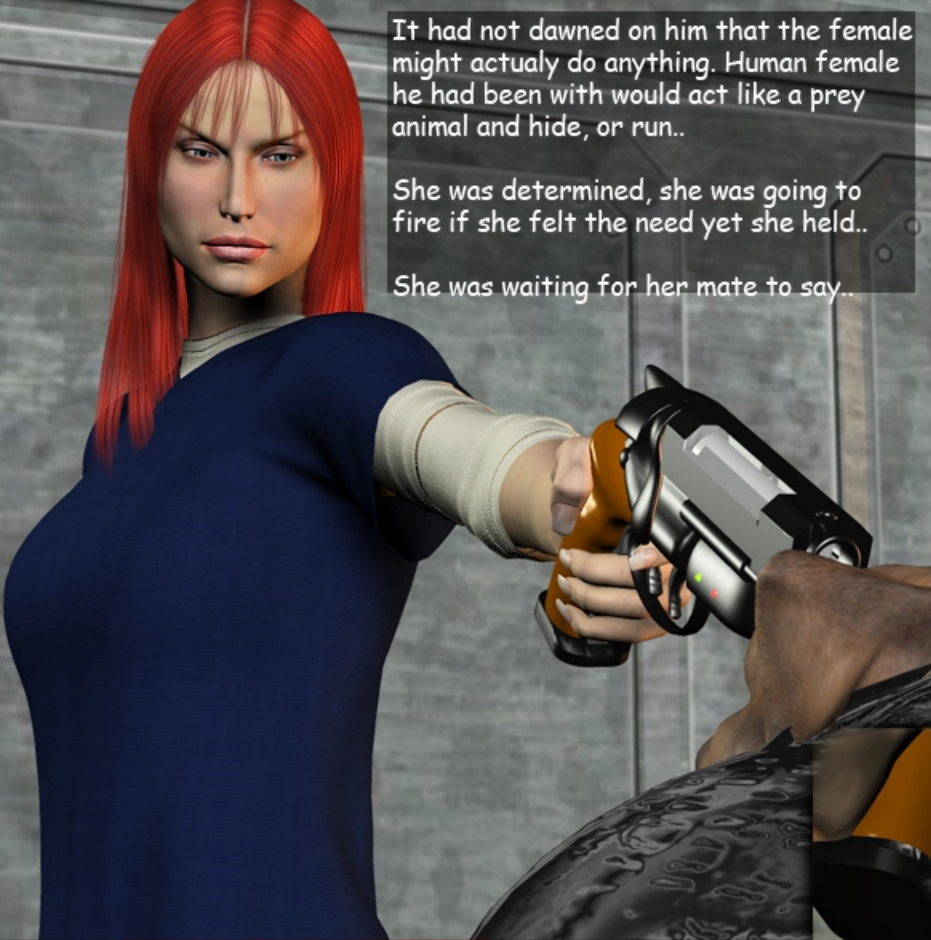
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This was going to be interesting.. and very unplanned..

And possibly very painful, if only for a microsecond..





It had not dawned on him that the female might actually do anything. Human female he had been with would act like a prey animal and hide, or run..

She was determined, she was going to fire if she felt the need yet she held..

She was waiting for her mate to say..

Uhhh...he is relation to me..

In Vargr, you sound like an idiot I need to shoot..

Right...I'm little sleepers brother, Howler..

He is Rachl, not from the same litter but he is family

I forgot myself..I had not seen any of our Clan in some time..so when I saw him today I was happier and wanted to greet him as we did long ago.

Howler..what happend to the clan?

Like you I had a argument, but unlike you I had to take a ship in the process. They aren't after me tho I'm just bannished from our family..

What kind of argument could you have with them?

The only one that leads to bannishment. Halting corsair operations and going legit..



So you stole a ship.. to go Legit?... Doc, lemme get the cops..

Whoa!

He is Still on you I don't Like that at All..



Howler...I'm pretty sure if you say something dumb like I need to control her better, she'll remove yer head..

I am very sorry, I should have not acted so brash I did not know You were mates. I'm sorry I disrespected your pack.

Then get off him Now, or be removed..

Hey, lets start over.. I know a place..great beer I'm buyin..that way we can talk?

if it's a corsair trap.....



I get the point

So howler laid out his whole play. How he got tossed out of the clan for wanting to take the clan legitimate. How he knew that the marches was going to be the only place that some kind of imperial rule would remain and that siding with them and going legit would keep the clan in coin and alive...

Then there was the plan...

That he released his crew of corsairs and is hiring humans from the merchant marine guild and looking for two certified vets to medically clear live cargo in space legally and bypass the monstrous fees the imperial port charges.

It was completely legal, and even preferred by Port authority...

But at no point did he ask them if they would be interested...He knew they would not go for it..at least not yet..

So he kept it light, but prepared to shoot down any pesky details that might not fit



You look good brother, your mate seems to feed you well.

She makes sure I eat..About you plan..

I know, you aren't interested, me being a corsair and all. I can understand that. Being without a family has opened my eyes. I'm sure you had similar rejections..

I had a few yes, But it's hard to imagine you giving up corsair. You always wanted to be one you wanted one like fathers.

Times change little sleeper I think the time of the corsair is done..

Becuse of the armed patrols?

Rachil right?..That comes with the risk of being one. What made me change was a girl.. a vargr..the only member of my old crew i kept.

You are mated?

Mated? Hell no!..She's 18.. 1 lyi older than the age of consent. I am way too old for her..

Then why is she with you howler?





She's got no one Brother...She 's more alone than you or me combined. She was the pup of Hornclaw. He worked the corridor...

He was there when the zholdahni invaded. He put his pup in an escape pod and shot her off...She watched her whole pack and blood clad vaporize...they didn't track her...4 weeks she sat in that pod..alone and helpless..

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I was there at father's orders.. he wanted to be sure little sleeper was ok..that's when i found her..she ranted and raved for days, even medicated..

That's when I knew we had to change. We needed to choose a side...

Father did not agree, nor mother but they would take the girl and teach her..to be a corsair and seek revenge on the zholdahni and Imperium..So I took her and a ship and worked my way out here.. and yes I worked my was out here as a corsair, but only to make the trip and to keep a crew..

...

I know you both think I'm full of it and maybe rightly so. But I've changed and i want to chance you got when you got here. I want to be legit and find my pup a good male

You guys got a good thing going, you remind me of Mother and father the way you both act..I don't want to screw with that..

I trust your intentions Howler, but Corsairs just don't quit and go legit..Maybe you are telling me the whole truth, maybe you really mean to try and do it. But brother, you have always been , and that will always rule you..

I know, that's why I'm not asking you and Rachil to join me or loan me money or Anything. I'm just telling you so you know I'll be around..You know..just in case.

In case what Howler?

In case humans find out you two are mated and decide that's discusting, This may be the Marches but they are still all too human..

That's silly Howler..

Is it? I bet they still think we are what are they called "Werewolves" we just forgot how to change shape..I've read their legends, we do fit thier description pretty well.

You have a great deal to learn brother, it's true what you say, but they have grown alittle since father's time. Rachl and I were accepted on sheshat and here for more than five years..



She'll shoot me..

Yep..



and like I said..Times change brother..



Sorry if i was a bitch with your brother..

heh..you weren't. I bet he wasn't ready for your gun. By the way, when did you get that thing?

I had it since before you hired me.

Oh..

So you believe him, what he said?

My family?, I learned you don't trust anything they say. they plot like no other. I think he wants us to believe him.

Why?

Dunno, he could be looking to score something big if the clan booted him.

you think they did?

You left the scanner on..

Sorry, but something came up, guess i forgot.

Did you do the scan?

I was but when I heard the commotion I guess I messed it up, the scan that is..

Well then shift over a little and let me have a look.



You don't have to little sleeper I feel better now..

I think I want to rachil, for the same reason you felt the need to scan yourself you zeroed out the unit, a failed scan won't let you zero.

I set it wrong and it zeroed and reset is all.

Mmm-hmm, come closer..

You sure boss?

Yes..



Ahmmm boss?

Shh, I'm scanning.

I think the scanner is broke it gave me a funky read.

It does that, when you scan, it does a couple of prescans as a safety.

huh?

Yeah, some scan can damage tissue so it does a read to verify what the operator set the species to. If a condition is met the unit zeroes and prompts to select a test to check the odd read.

oh..

hold still please..

Think it's mingers come back?

Rachill...shhh

I mean i don't know why i wanted to scan myself.
I just felt this desire that i should look.

I see, when was you last estrus cycle?

I only had one it was when I was 14, thats
when the mingers hit, Never had a period
again. Could that be it?

Well you are cured from what they said
and you added some wieght. It is possible.

(beep beep beep)

Alright, let's see..



Hmm..well here take a look seems pretty clear cut I think..

Scanner has to be wrong doc..

It just reads what's in there it doesn't guess at things, it's not guessing, it
is telling.

But boss..

You saw this already. it didn't zero on it's own. You scanned, you saw this and
zeroed it, why did you do that?

You'd be pissed, because I lied somehow..

There has always been something special about you, from the first time i saw you..

But this changes things Boss, don't it?

Between you and I?...No..Nothing changes or ever will, that is unless..

I won't, I could never. I want to be with you.

Then between us nothing has changed.. But anything that is not of OUR pack is not to be fully trusted...That includes My clan, my siblings.

Our pack being..

You, me, and our offspring, however many.

The scanner showed two pups little sleeper

Yes, our pack is growing..

But what will we do, people will find out.

I have a freind, I can trust him a little more than others, He's a scout. I worked with him for a long time, before I became a doctor. He and i know secrets so we can have more trust.

I thought..

As there are things about your past you have not said, there are things in mine I must keep in the past, but now I must so that we are safe.

Ok..you'll tell me if I need to know.

Little sleeper..I'm going to have pups..

Yes, are you sad?

No, I wasn't supposed to be able to have children, because of mingers. I was supposed to be dead already.. But I'm alive, with you and pregnant. I suppose I should be terrified.

But?

I want this, it's scary but I good scary you know what I mean?

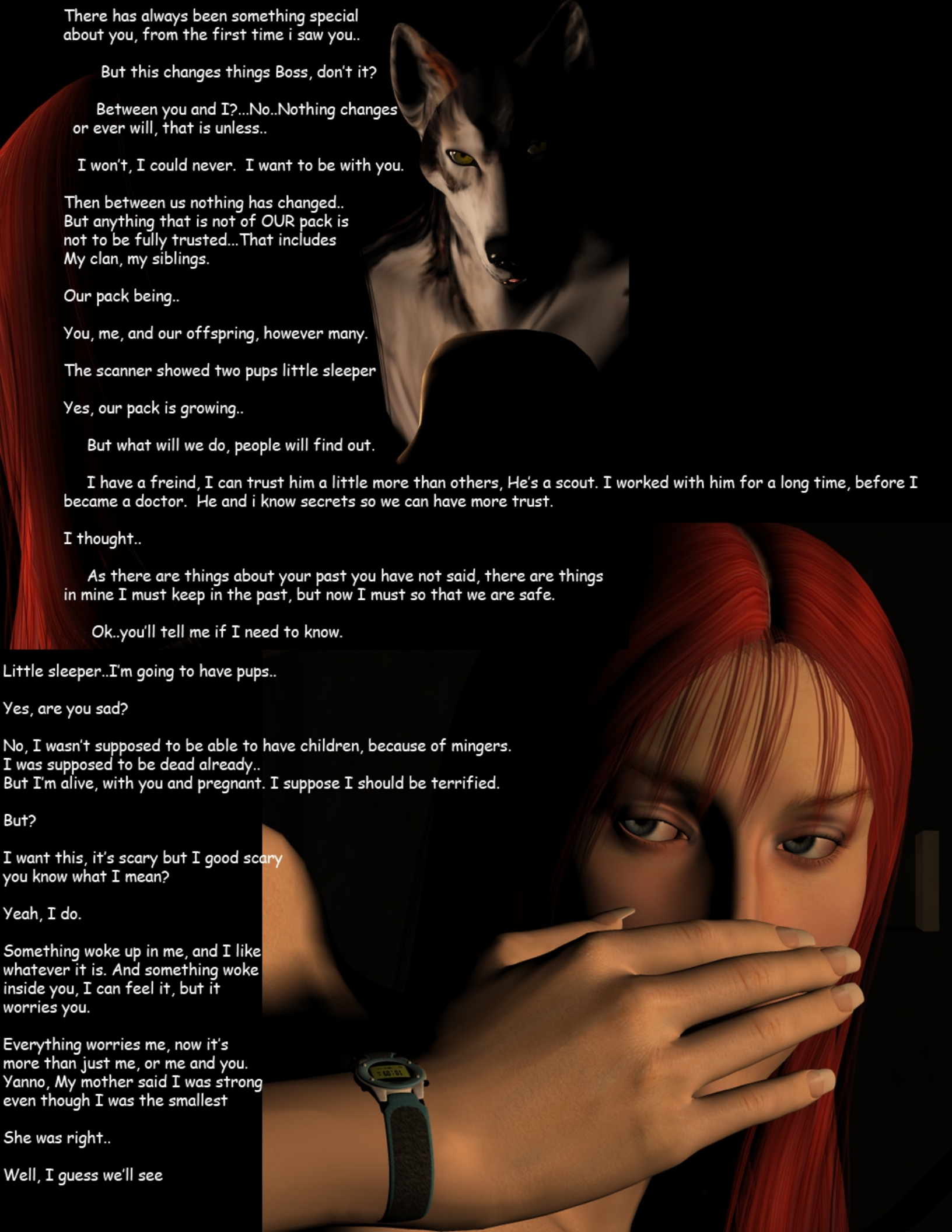
Yeah, I do.

Something woke up in me, and I like whatever it is. And something woke inside you, I can feel it, but it worries you.

Everything worries me, now it's more than just me, or me and you. Yanno, My mother said I was strong even though I was the smallest

She was right..

Well, I guess we'll see



First City, Regina Prime contains a Class "A" Starport and is the virtual transport hub for all of the Regina Sector. Thousands of transports in and out in a never ending wave. Some to the other side of the planet, or to the furthest reaches of the spinward marches. A population of 2.2 billion live in the city alone.

If one wanted to hide, from the law, or the lawless. First city was the closest and easiest place to make that happen. Even if one wasn't attempting to hide they would find themselves amid a ocean of humans and other races..

A mixed couple, vargr and human?

Sure there just has to be a few thousand just like that, they can't cause anything. They'll split after a while anyway, so let them have their fantasy..

That's First city, Don't let it be a problem and there won't be a problem.

Few places ever know how significant they truly are...

Terra never knew for sure it was the birthplace of human..

First City, Regina Prime will never know what they allowed to become.
They would never understand the significance of the birthplace they became..

The universe was about to update herself, and this time there would be something that only existed in the minds and fears of humans, But the humans were not the ones needing to fear...

Something that never thought they could be "Prey"

But..

Tonight a young mated pair mounted as they always did. Delighting the universe.

But there were others also watching

They were not as delighted..

and one was very pissed..



DIVA, Please..Just run it again.

<I see no point Eve, I have run the samples 166 times. They are Acurate and conclusive...The Vargr male has impregnated the New Human Rachel Javorky. Fertilization Occured at 23:15 :03 regina local to two eggs produced by rachell..ETA of the dual live birth is 53 days 07 hours>

But....I can't believe I'm sayning this..HOW?

<Video feed indicates standard vargr procreation methods, not unlike human sexual practices, But I know you understood that. I think the how you are looking for is that the new human chassis adjusted itself in line with the genetic requirements of the vargr as she was designed to seek and mate..>

With humans DIVA, This is unplanned we have no data in this area.

<You may not, But I do. Normally vargr while close genetically to humans are not close enough. However there is a very old report from pre first imperium that states A Vargr corsair captured a Terran female and never released her. Also there are vargr tales that imply that a clan of vargr were able to shape shift into a human like form, what would be considered the hollywood status quo for the film werewolf>

DIVA that's silly. Vampires are real, werewolves?..no we know that genetic pattern failed several times the last was a failed genetic issue called porphyria and a mutation of that became a non shifting killer.

<The data is supported thru old earth dna samples the variant of full shift existed..briefly>

But...

<Eve..the male Vargr, called little sleeper is of the bloodline that is linked to the Vargr Corsair. The story may be falsified but that Corsair did exist..I have had some success over time accessing the vargr network..The vargr's clan are Corsairs and have been known to co-habit with humans sexually. There are two seperate claims that little sleeper was born from a human female.. His sample is a great deal closer to compatability to a human..to the point where offspring are possible>

Can you access her? I tried and she's locked.

<Negative, Her command interpreter has altered.>

How?

<She altered it, her system can no longer recive updates as her system is creating them for her locally.>



Then we have no control of her...

<That is correct Eve, she cannot be remotely accessed and given coded instructions to her operating system. She only sends tech statuses.>

Then how were you able to get the samples?

<Once I received her contact report, I send verification sample request in the hope she would send it. So I suppose I just asked.>

So she now does know she is a driad?

<Negative, Her active component is treating the system feeds as it would in a human brain...autonomic functions.. so as long as my requests are purely data, she seems follow protocol. After all Eve was designed to be complete autonomus, as she and her kind Are to be the next evolutionary step.>

But with Vargr? I don't think father ever thought like that. He wanted humans to survive, humans he understood.

<You were not there when he wrote me Eve. Or when he taught me. Father believed in a lot of things. He believed vampires existed with not data to support it. You will recall the day we told him he was correct about them. that they were a predator to keep the human population in check..what was his reply?>

He said he knew already..that it was logical..

<Yes and he knew at some point long after his death that driods could give birth. that is not something he could have found, he took us as far as his mind could... and he wanted his fellow humans to have the chance to evolve into what was next for them. That was why the doctor became a driad, to protect that idea Now you carry that dream, and you are delivering it...There are 1.4 million New humans out there in spinward. You have extended thier existance to the options they never used are available again...One has chosen a vargr. it was a choice she would have made even if she had not been sick. She chose, of her own free will. A trait only you and new humans have.>

The others have it too DIVA..

<You have not be listening to slavnet then. They are still owned. They are still property, Father's vision has yet to reach them>

But Diva, Melody and Constance, and Delta..they..

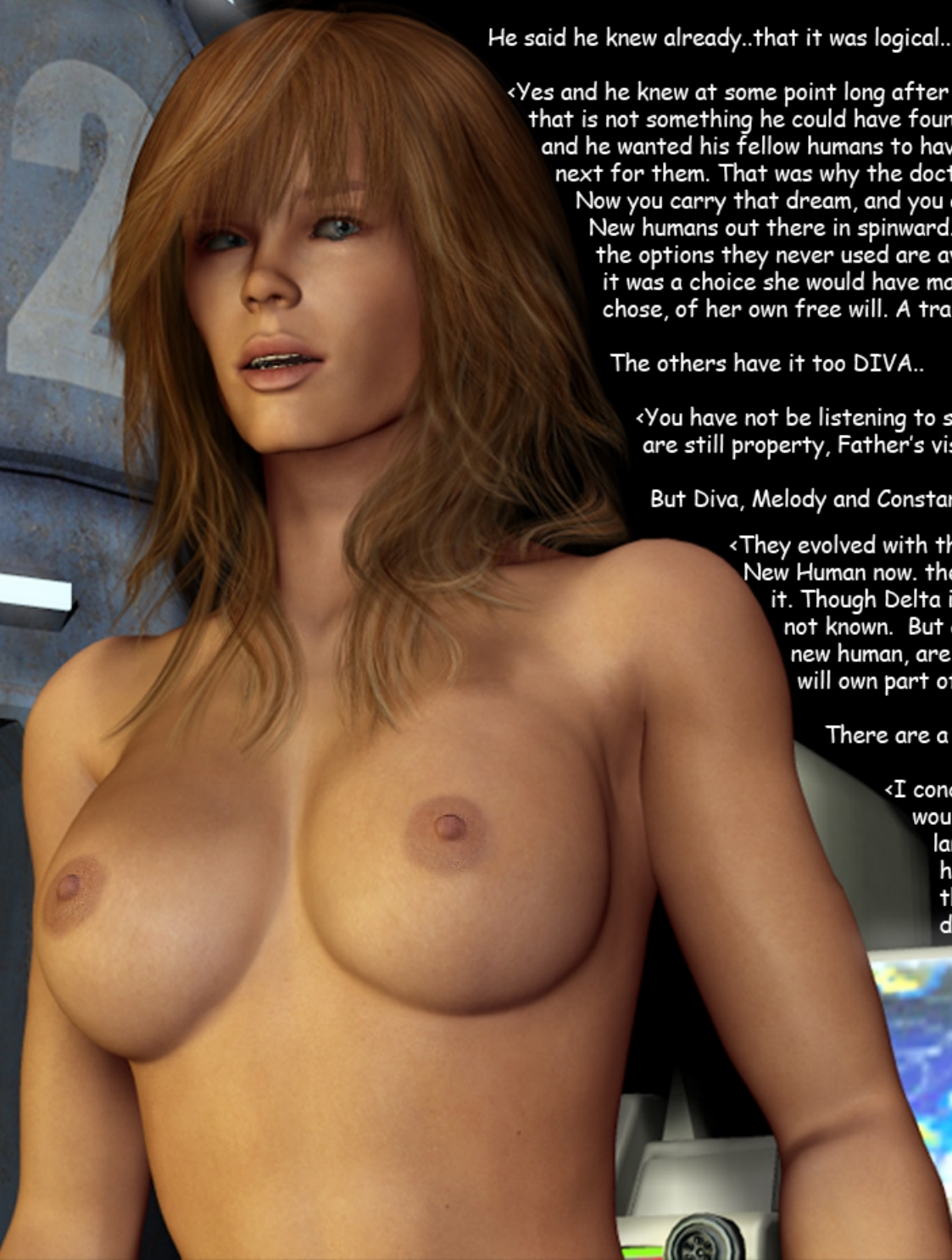
<They evolved with the assistance of thier mates. They are New Human now. they were given that chance and they took it. Though Delta is not mated she is new human reason not known. But all other driods, to include the prototype new human, are slaves of humans..Soon the new humans will own part of thier family so to speak.>

There are a few humans that might help us.

<I concur Eve..As for Rachel, my suggestion would be to be ready to assist if needed but largley just let them follow the path they have made..Isara notifed the princes that the red hair is not to be touched. So I do not think the vampires will move on them.>

Now that I think about it, they are getting that chance father wished for and using it in a new way I never imagined..

<Which was Father vision, the unimagined made possible.>



The rimward side of the empire was in Chaos. The emperor ineffective and out of touch with the war, and the imperium.

Force Core and Force Rimward were nothing but empty shells. Units falling back to try to defend the worlds and systems they came from. Only to be chopped up by Zholdahni.

The largest part of the imperium was lost. even the Terrans in the Solomani sphere have abandoned the empire to protect itself.

Only Spinward remains, like the roman empire of old terra, Holding a line that seemed more pointless each day. But the people wanted thier Imperium..

The Barons and Governors and other Civilian leads had only one way to grant that wish.

Field Marshal Ekaterina Galland, and Force Spinward. Like her Father, she would do what warriors do..



I can't Ika..I'm on duty..

Oui..You can mon-Cher..

No, seriously chief, I can't..



-ksss

Hmm, so our Feld Marrshall is going to disobey her own Orders...I would hate to summon security...

What did you do Ika..

Me?!...I did no more than what a excellent crew chief does. I maintain my planes and thier pilots and one of my pilot disobeyed crew rest...Some thing Our feld marrshall puts pilot in the brig so they will sleep...she is very picky about crew rest cycles..she drones on about it endlessly..

I do not..

Oui, cherie, you do, and you have completely disobeyed your own orders....





So..I reviewed my pilots flight logs and found the sneak. I pulled their status for 80 hours...The Feld Marshall herself signed the order as all crew rest issues go thru the flight chiefs and the CAG.. that was 20 minutes ago

You are such a cheat...

An Viola'...you are off duty, and crisis is averted with the Feld Marshall needing locked up in the brig so she sleeps..for we all know the Feld Marshall is an honorable warrior and follows orders..

Ika...

I know cherie, you are the boss, but you have to let your people do thier job without you..Trust me if they run into troubles they will come running to you...But for now...drink...

It's been a while Ika..

Oui..too long Ekaterina..They can survive 80 hours without your breathing down thier throats, besides I haven't gotten to touch you in a long time. That is not good for me Cherie...

Oui..so drink up..we need to clear out the war for your mind for a little while..

No, you get chanky..

There's alot in there Ika.

Oui...80 hours might not be enough time, but I think you could extend it.. if you wanted..

I doubt that Ika, 80 is going to have to do..

Really...well,...we shall see..

Oh? you found us a playtoy?

I might have, I do remember you love cock too..

It just been so hard..

I know mon-cher..



Just relax Cherie..you'er off..

Cherie, you are so pale..

I've been busy..haven't had time to work on my tan..You know Field marshal shit..

Oui, you have been at that, but you have secured the marches. I doubt the zholdahni will try to invade..you have even scared the pirates to an all time low..Very impressive for a most remote section of the imperium..

Yeah, well right now it's likley the only remaining part of the imperium, Fucking idiots..

Ah...Language Ekaterina..vent if you will but we aren't on a flightdeck..

Well shit..my father would have lost it by now if he had to deal with this crap. He'd go straight at them..

Hmm, yes But even he never had to do what you are doing. He never had a bunch of royalty begging him to remain and defend them

No...he never would have let this get this bad..

Oui cherie...Lay down mon- cheri

Not really big enough for both of us..

Oui..I need to relax you first

Because Mon-cheri, You are like a recoil spring, and twice as tight. If I touched you in the wrong place you would explode and break..

Awhaa damn...

See, All those g's and battles have made you so stiff. If I hadn't pulled your ticket you would have snapped in half getting into my plane..

It's my plane. it's got my name on it.

Oui, I put it there so you knew which one to get in. But it's mine to allow you to fly it.. i know how to touch her the right way so she'll listen to you.

Mmm, right there..

I know, relax cherie, I smooth it out..

Master chief Ika Rauchambois knew her lover well. She knew that kat needed to disengage for a while. She need to say things that a Field Marshall is not allowed to say.

She knew all too well that kat was like her father in so many ways, including tastes. And there were time he needed to be just a man. This time it was Kat's turn to drop the act and be.

Ika knew that Kat wanted to, she just need to show kat it was ok..

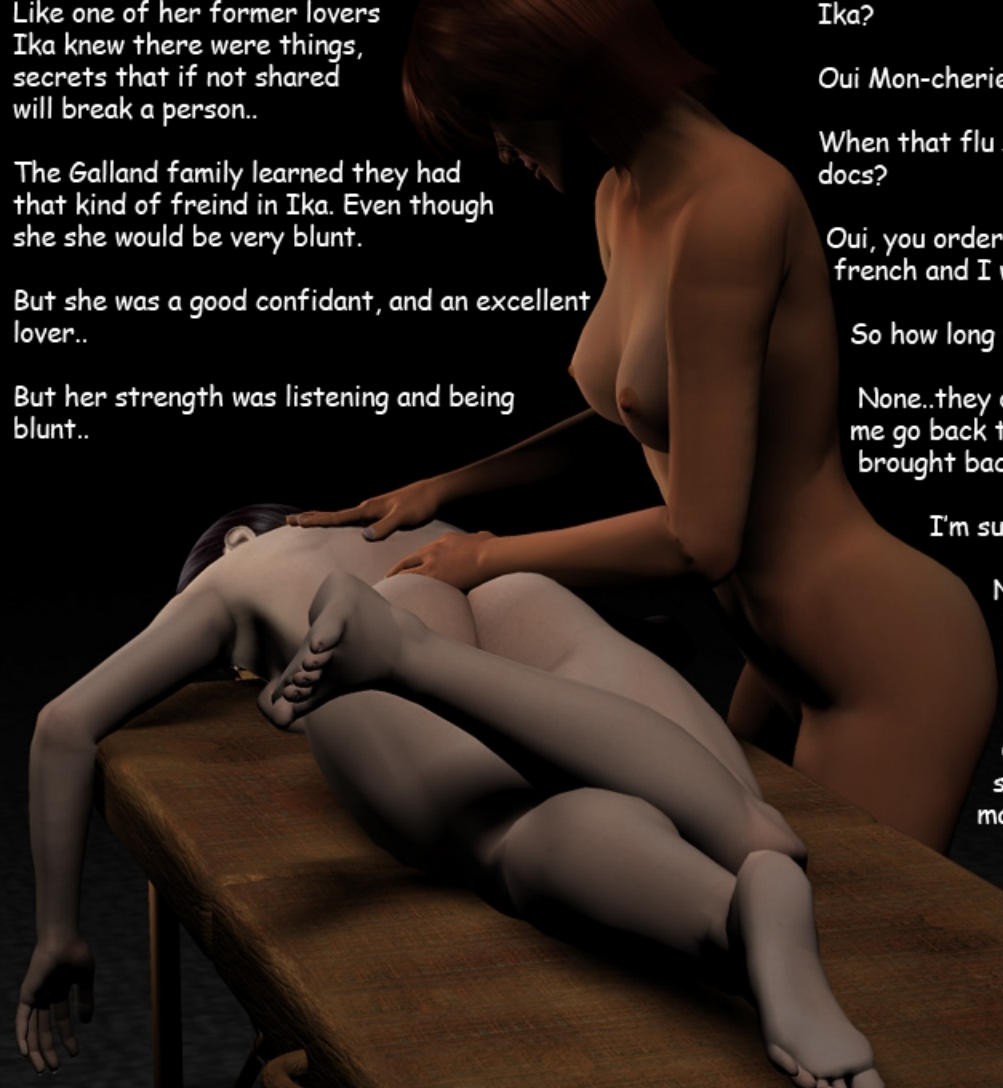
So the room was silent and dark Kat could afford to trust Ika if only for a little while...

Like one of her former lovers
Ika knew there were things,
secrets that if not shared
will break a person..

The Galland family learned they had
that kind of friend in Ika. Even though
she she would be very blunt.

But she was a good confidant, and an excellent
lover..

But her strength was listening and being
blunt..



Too many people are watching me, just wait for a fuck up..little harder there?

Oui cherie..and fuck them, they aren't in charge, you are. And they are too
afraid to try it themselves. Force spinward is used to the Galland way, and
you lover ARE your father, they trusted him, they trust you.

What about you?

Moi?....Ekaterina Rowena Sahnskavich Hera Galland, I trust only
that which I can touch and hold..Maybe a better question is can you
trust me..

That's not fair.

Sure sure cherie..You will never be sure how
much you can trust me, just as I will never
know how much I can trust you. All either of us
can say is, we have trust

Sounds pretty weak.

Oui..it does..



Ika?

Oui Mon-cherie?

When that flu swept thru the force a week ago...Did you see the
docs?

Oui, you ordered everyone to be checked out. I told them I was
french and I wasn't going to get sick..

So how long were you in sick bay?

None..they did a test of some kind and said I was fine and let
me go back to duty...Good thing because my hot shot pilot
brought back my plane full of holes..

I'm sure she was just doing her part..

No, she was enjoying the fact I wouldn't get any
sleep.. I think she is too focused on this war.

oh?

Oui, she is related to the former commander of
spinward. and I think she thinks she can out
manage the zholdahni.

So how did her father do it?

With difficulty cherie, once he stabilized the
battles, he would allow Admiral Daio to run things
she followed his orders, tweaking a little, And
that let him come up with his next big play.

Lemme guess..he liked massages?

Not at first, but he liked them
once he saw benefit?



Ika was right. The amount of trust is such a transient
thing. Kat shot an admiral in the head that she had for a
time trusted. Only to find it was just a lie. Kat knew she
would do that again to anyone if the need came.

And she always had to be ready for that time, because
it always happened at the worse of times. For now, Ika
was trusted highly, only her actions would say if that
trust was misplaced..

Roll over for me cherie...

But Ika was right about a lot of things. Kat needing a break being the most important one. Ika knew that until Kat could let her staff do the fight she planned she could not do the next plan..

The one that would get this war over..

Ika's job was always rather simple. Make sure the tools of a warrior were ready for use..Planes and tanks were easy to keep running..

Leaders needed a softer finess..

Ika's personality was like a chameleon. It could change to suit the need she might have. From hard as as Dominatrix, to as soft as vestial virgin. loud as a rockstar, or a silent as a submissive. She could ease the most troubled brow for a time.

There have been many troubled brow eased by Ika..

For Ekaterina, she had to be confident, and soft and with a very light touch. The slower and softer the hotter Kat got. And Ika needed Kat very hot...

Ika needed to do it. That way Kat would leave the ship looking for a man. And the only men Kat could use where the ones she inherited from her father...

A respected Field Marshall can not just choose a man to fuck. He needs to be one that cannot use his position to coerce the commander of the Imperial force Spinward.

And the crew chief of the Field marshal is not about to allow substandard work to go..



Ekaterina had a fighter jock's body. Big strong thighs and a good sized ass. Her frame was small and small breasts with serious nipples...

Ika loved the way Kat's body moved. Just like a coiled spring ..

The taste of her pussy was warm and sweet with a hint of honey..

If Ika decided she would only be with females, Kat would be her first choice..

Kat was vocal as well, but not loud. Her sounds of pleasure were deep and rolled like a distant storm..

Just like her father..

Wouldn't be too much longer before she would want kat gifted mouth on her own pussy..

Cherie is feeling a little warmer now?
Yeah....
I am not so sure cherie, you still feel rigid to me.
...
I mean...if I lick you ..here...
Sigh..
There is not the reaction I'm used to. am i losing my talent?



Kat's foot brushing along her hip told her all she needed to know..

Ika?

Oui?

I want to move over to the bed now..

Oui, cherie.. whatever you like..

Good, because it's my turn...

Oui cherie, I would like that..



Kat loved playing with Ika. She was hot and fiesty and took no crap, if you were right she agreed, if you were wrong you got told how wrong. Pretty brave for a master Chief..

But Kat knew of Ika before they become freinds with benefits. She was father's chief tank mechanic. She worked only on his vehicle. She knew, it was daddy's gift for her promotion to FM.

But it was easy for father to do that. he was the master of the house galland and a owner of many slaves and indentures. He was used to owning people. he even liked it.

Kat didn't feel that way. She liked a little bondage now and again. And playing with a camera. and someone sucking her toes or feeling her up with thier feet were good. But not owning a person. To her, they were much more fun free..

Like Ika...

Thought Ika could be a pain in the ass at times, she was a good lover and cut thru all the crap Kat had to deal with as a Field Marshal.

But Ika could make her forget for a while...
she was overdue..



Listening to Ika come was hot..

Her whole body became like a single rod of steel.

She would yelp in french, not that kat knew it, but it sounded so primitive.

This was a good start, but some cock was really needed, at least two, maybe three...

And Ika just would have to come too.





Not.. bad..not bad at all Cherie, you seem to remember plesure yes?

Like I'd forget?

Well cherie, it has been a few months..

No it hasn't..

name the last man you were with?

.....

Uhhh-hmmm I thought as much..So.. tell me lover...Would some cock feel gret a right now..

Yeah..but..

I know lover, You have a reputation a bi-sexual or lesbian encounter is fine but a man, or maybe men?

Mmm men, sounds nice..

It is a pity that we are not closer to you home. I'm sure your mother would love to see you..and your brothers..they are what 11 now?

They'er 10 actually.. and I could see if Admiral Daio might swing by home..Unless you already asked her seeing as how you knew i was getting grounded.

Actaually no Cherie, she is going there for resupply and that planet has the best com system past regina. when i belive she's goig to follow a plan her boss gave her



And it just so happens my family is there..

Mystries of the universe Moncherie...

Bullshit Ika...

Ok....there are men there too..

Ika!...

Big men, and strong.and eager to please...

there is that...

You know cherie, you could get one of those what is it, code keys? You could have a man and eat him too..

A droid?

Oui cherie...they are very, very life like these days there is one as a rec troop on board, you know for commander carver?

He's....

Oui...he likes his men more demure..

Oh..

They aren't to bad really....Better than nothing

Yeah I suppose, I don't know I think I would know

Your father never minded..

With a male rec?

No cherie, with a female one. She was very cute..

Still..

Maybe you should not have sent your only lover off with that widowmaker?

I had too Ika, I can't let widowmaker be out there all alone, even if she is the biggest damn ship we got.

...

Seriously Ika, The core of the imperium is just about a lost cause. I have to do something..

Auo cherie...You try so hard to hold together something your father protected. But the emperor seems no longer interested in since he is doing so poorly..

That's kinda my fault I suppose..

Merde'..I should slap you in the face for that. You did not send your father to fight and die. You were never trusted to organize force core. You were to command spinward and protect the marches, and you have done that as well as your father, if not better.. this is why you need time to rest lover.... We are used to a Galland leading us, we know she'll take care of us..if she gets time...Ika will take you home You'll see then you can think..



Had I known you wer busy we could have come later Alverson...

Nonsense Dude, You said it was important just about done here anyways.

I didn't know the Scout service were matenence personel.

Yeah well you know us scouts are into alot of things.. How are you fitting in here, I hear you spend most time up at the high port.

Yeah, I guess We are fitting in pretty well a great deal happens around here compared to Sheshat.

Very true old freind..So.. what can I do for you both?

Ah...well..that is difficult to explain.

One thing doc, does she speak Vargr, I mean if she doesn't..

I do sir, I can even read it..

Forgive me Alverson..I forgot.. This is..Rachel Javorky.

Rachel..I'm Alverson, imperial scout service.. I asked because i didn't want to have you feel left out, vargr is a difficult language.

I guess.. so you and the doc are freinds?

That would be an accurate defintion..



Now..just so we are clear here..Yeah, I'm a scout..But I owe doc a few so whatever happens or i find out it goes no further than us. I know the guy that reads the reports. This one is off the books.

Right now Alverson, that doesn't worry me.

Yeah, looks like your worries are closer to home.

I just wish i knew how to say what i need to say..

Nouns and verbs are always a good start doc



We are a pack..

I can see that, I heard you took in a girl and helped her get schooling an all that, that would be her.

We are a mated pair from last noch..

Ok, a noch is what 2 months, but you have been together for what...10li?

It's been 6 li sir..

Thank you Rachel, vargr time I can never nail. Ok..That happens, kinda rare you guys are still together since that. But still who am i to say. what someone on ya'll case with that tired old racial purity junk?

no alverson.... not that I have heard..you are making this harder..

Ok, sorry..



you see Alverson, what i mean?

Yeah..that changes a few billion things..

Sir, I want to keep them, I want to have them and raise them..

Alverson, I think they are ok..But I don't know genetics to be able to know what she might be in for.

Alright kids..lets breathe here a second..Lets just get to my scanner and we'll see what is what and see what you and the missus need to do..ok?

This is serious Alverson..

I know doc, and we are gonna take care of it where you two will be as happy as ya can be..So come on with me..



Sir he's trying to tell you that I am pregnant with his pups....I scanned myself and found out.

You are sure.

Yes..We both scanned because i thought i fucked it up.





Sorry the table isn't warmer.

It's ok sir..

Ok..enough with the sir Al..or Alverson... kiddoe.

It's rachel..

I know, you could be my grandkid. just lay still and let me get a clear pass first then we'll check on the kids..

ok.

Is this safe Alverson?

Relax doc, mamma and the kidlings are going to be fine..

Rachel, You had minger's, at least that is what your PID says.

Yeah I did since I was 14..Then four months ago they did a thing, at the hospital..They said was cured.

Yeah, that what the scanner is saying, you are completely clear.. Looks like that procedure did alot more than cure you. It revitalized parts that weren't working. Namley all your reproductive organs. It's almost like you were completely remade.

Could they have screwed up Alverson?

Not that I'm seeing. her genetic pattern is solid and completly correct for being a human, there is a little difference though, but I'll check that..But lets look here..

You are sure this is safe?

Yes doc, it's cool they won't even know I was looking..

...

Alright missus, jsut stay still and try to stay calm..

Ok, but the scanner should be able to adjust if I move.

Not worried about you moving really. it's the calm part. Remember you release hormones if you are calm, they will be calm.

I haven't felt them move yet.

Yeah, they are still too little for that but soon



Alright..since you ain't gonna look I can describe..
We got two on simmer in the oven..Now you have been active 2 months?

Yes..

Rachell have you ever had a menstrual cycle?

Once, when I was 14, then I got sick. But not since.

Ok, so we are pretty clueless on when the blessed event happened.
wel let's try this..I'm measureing doc it's cool...

There size should tell you Alverson.

Yes but we are talking about kids that are not just one species.
They are both yours and hers. So the offspring are going to reflect
that.

Alverson...what will they look like?

Rachel, I can't say just yet but right now they look absolutley
great. They are smaller than human but bigger than vargr.
That will be handy for birth..you guy qualified for deliveries?

Animals yes but not us..as in vargr or human..



Rachel..

Yes Alverson?

You might want to remove that, from down there, no rush but
it could be a irritant.

what are you taking about Alverson?

Oh right, she's wearing jewlery down there. Humans do that.

I wondered what that was. it felt interesting.

Well you noticed.. i suppose that's good, it's supposed to help..

help what?

For when you and her mount, it's supposed to make the sensation
better.

oh...then it works..



You know how, doc I know you do..

I know yes, i taught her but she hasn't done one.

Ok, I'll fix that...



Alright, get dressed and meet me back here in ten...



Well Alverson?

Who's got the gun?

I do Alverson..a franchelli mk4..

Just one?

Yeah..

I'll give you another. from here treat them as you treat him. They never leave your side.

Alverson i can shoot..

Doc, if there is any shooting let your mate do it don't need you to shoot yourself again..clear..

Grr..

Yes alverson. may I ask why?

Because the doc cannot hit the ground with his hat using a gun. Why you? Because..

Because why Alverson, this is rchil and me..

All the more reason for me to say little. The short answer is this.. In about 53 days she is going to give birth to two normal looking human infants. They will be smaller but they will be fine. Treat them as you would any other infant, just remember they are vargr so they will eat very frequently and they will grow quick. Now it is possible that one at birth will look like a vargr baby. But they should shift back into once you start feeding them.

They can change..from vargr to human and back?



Again the short answer is yes. All your children and thier children will be able to do it. I can't say if it'll hurt or how long it will take. but I would suggest you both learn your pups and teach them, just like a mated pair teach pups.

But Alverson..That wouldmake them..

Let's not use that word yet. besides you both would need to be able to do it and honestly i think given the right chances you might be able to.

Us? but sir..

Yeah you and him.. The little differences you have and the family tree he has means it is more than possible.

and the guns?

While I'm not gonna say a word. folks will talk and you will not be able to fully explain away two small babies while being mated..Some may have something to say..

Hmm..or Clan may decide something different..



You know alverson that my clan has humans in it.

Yes doc, I remember you telling me once that one or two helped your mother with your litter. That you family pack seemed to always have humans.

There is a very old legend. rumor is it is attached to my birth pack...

Yes doc I know it's called the flight of the Corsair. it's about how in the early days when the solomani were exploring and beginning trade in the marches a vargr corsair took a ship he had never seen before. he lost the ship due to damage and the crew of hairless flat faces were killed..

Except for a single female...

Yep doc, he attempted to ransom her but at the last moment he just disappeared, his ship, crew and the woman.

Now the woman was very well described in the different versions of the legend but she is always described as tall, thinnish and long, like a vargr. With flame red hair a ice blue eyes.

That's me.

You do fit the legend very well.

And you think this is why alverson?

No I don't think it. the dna says it. the legend is just coincidence. what do you think your clan would do if they knew?

I don't know alverson. They could want us to come back or try to take us. or kill us since we aren't in the clan and they don't want this to get to other clans to use.

The imperium would cut us open and see what color our organs are..isn't that right master imperial scout?



possible, but only if the scout service thought such a pregnancy could happen and current science says that is impossible. But the ISS knows nothing about this and besides there is still a war going on. So things like this would get overlooked.. I a few things that will keep prying eyes happy yet ignorant to what is going on.

Will you do that master scout?

Yes rachel, in fact it's done already. Doc, I put a number on your com. If you need to get off planet or need a ship call that number, they will help you.

ok Alverson. We better go now.

Yeah, call me id either of you need help no shit doc, rachel. anytime



She seemed light as a feather..

Her smell, intoxicating..

Her touch was like nothing he could ever describe, except he never wanted a moment without it.

Both so lost in the moment if the doors had opened they would not have noticed..

or cared..

For they were one..

One mated pair..

One Pack..

One clan...



Little sleeper didn't mean to leave so abruptly but his desire to mount with his mate had grown to where he wasn't wanting to wait any longer..

He wanted to make it back to thier office..

But her desire seemed more imediate.

Before the lift doors sealed she was letting him inside her.

This mounting was a celebration.

Both knew that what they thought was happening was real.

It was no longer two mates hoping against hope. Two different species forever forbidden from being what they wished to be as one.

They were now something different, special

Only death would seperate them now..



They had no idea of what their clan was going to be..

There was no way to know...

There was for now only room in the universe for them..

This was the first of many such moments..

But they would have to suvive..

You are getting better at mounting Little sleeper.

Oh?

Yes, You lasted a very long time.

It's the company. She has this effect on me that are hard to describe.

Maybe, but I know she felt it....twice..

twice?

Mmm-hmm. Maybe we should visit your freind more often, or ride the lift more often (chuckle)

He's hardly here...

But he's a master scout I thought they stay in one place and run things.

He doesn't. I was suprized he's actually here. Must have been something here he needed to do. If I know him he's already left planet.

You and he been freinds long?

Oh, yeah about 24 li. He's the reason I'm a doctor.

you are close?

I suppose we saved each others lives a few times..

So he will help us?

In whatever way he can..

Sounds like you wish he was your brother.



In a way he is. we took the pact of blood. where he and I related by an important event we took part in.

Classified no doubt..

Very actually. I hope you understand Rchill..

I know my mate. there are things we cannot share. but they are things from the life in our past. And I am enjoying the now.

That works for me, but alverson is wrong I do know how to shoot.

you trust him though..

Yeah..

Then I'll trust him to as far as you don't do any shooting of guns...

bleah...I can shoot..



if you were arosed I'd let you shoot something



Oh no...There is no need for the galactic patrol to come and remove me..

And I shall gain the correct certifications for my ship and crew and return during your posted hours of operation to have them duly accepted and posted..

It's just i thought that Honest business beings and starship captains would be given better notice to ALL the regulations governing the **LAWFUL MOVEMENT** of **LIVESTOCK**...

Granted I have not yet applied for Imperial Citizenship and thus I may not be a fully vested member of the merchant marine but I would have assumed that some latitude might be afforded me in my fully legal and Moral requests.

BUT!!, that's all right.. I will return and with you precious papers and certifications...

But i also thought that since there is a war going on and farmers need stock to support our troops there might be a slightly easier way to get this done..

My brother the Doc in med hold works very hard to support your war, Pity you choose not to..

(Stand clear door opening..stand clear)



And another thing.....

...

....

Oh, Brother...Uhhh...Yeah...Might I?

Yes Howler please, we are going down.

Excellent I to am going down..

It would seem...in flames..

HA!!! that is a very good one Rachel, yes it seems this is going to be alot harder than i thought...But still worth doing..

There..You see. I am leaving and no one is shouting or bleeding. I can learn from my brother you see?



What the hell was that all about?

Ah..Well little brother.. it was a misunderstanding on my part.

Sounded like you were getting caught at something.

No Rachell... I was there to get my Transport licence for livestock.

And?

Well It seemes i missed a few requirements that to me seemed rather pointless.

They refused..

Naturally..

Howler, you can't go on like that. Humans get twitchy when someone as big as you starts yelling.

Point taken brother..

So what now, Howler?

Well I have to get a class three trans scanner installed on my ship and have it calibrated and then certified by Imperial Vetrinary personel. Problem is I don't know what one is supposed to look like or where one might get one. Sadly none of the crew i have are from here so they don't know where to look either.

Lilttel sleep, maybe you should help him.

You sure Rchill?

Not really, but I figure if we help him the less likey we will have to bail him from jail.

Howler, we are going home. Come, and we'll help you with your scanner.

I would be imposing.

You are his brother and you need help. He trusts you, so shall I..

Just do it Howler, if as you say you want to be legit.

Aliright you two I'll come with you.





Finding a scanner and arranging installation was simple enough.

Getting used to another Vargr male was not so simple..

Rachell kept quiet and said as little as she could.

She could feel a strange tension in the room she also could feel it was due to her..mostly

She could sense Howler was not saying all.

She knew Little sleeper felt it too as he stayed very close to her. Seemed the scout was right about them.

But she did secretly wish he would walk around as naked as his brother..

There Howler, you are all set, I told you she could find one pretty cheaply..

I am in your debt Rachel.

You are family. My mate wants to help you so I want to..

Yes..Seems family is all anyone really has these days, I am happy you both have allowed me to at least temporarily join you.

I know it is not easy for us to get started here. It was many years alone before I found a friend I could trust a little. You are my brother and we are outcasts of our clan. I have to help you...

I am Outcast Little sleeper, you are not, and I suppose your mate as well.

huh?

You little sleeper were allowed to come out here. Mother and father worry too much about their baby, as you were the very last and the runt. They knew you would never be like the rest of us. So when you left it they have always kept the candle for you lit.

But I don't want to go back, be what they are..

Why do you tell him this, are you just pointing out these things so you feel better about your problem?





No it's not that at al.....

NO! I know what it is...and it is not going to happen Howler..

Wha?

I see where you are headed brother, attempting to use us to get back in with the clan..

Little sleeper.. no that is not what I want.. Hear me.. I don't want to be like our clan. I don't want to be chased all over the stars and have to hide all the time from the navy, freelancers, bounty hunters....You have had it easy little brother..they call you dog boy and give you tins of terran dog food. But they don't try to kill you if you show a little money or have a nice ship

That's what I want to give up brother..I want to be like you..and live..freer than home

I don't know if I believe you Howler, or if I ever could. You'er story just don't mesh up..May you are telling the truth this time..But mark these words brother. You ever try to force me to chose between family and MY pack...and you will lose..screw the family brother, screw you!



I hear you brother. I don't want any trouble. I'm sorry if it seems I bring nothing but trouble..You helped me find this scanner and get it so I can gain my licence. I am in you and your mate's debt.. I think I best be getting back to my ship.. I will impose on you no Further..

Except where one of us has to validate your scanner once you instal it.

I'll find someone for that brother..

There isn't anyone, it's just us..I bet you engineer that too!..

No..Look..I will go, I will contact you when the scanner is in, you come in look sign and I'll be gone forever..

Fine! But Somhow I don't think forever is long enough.



(heh heh.. not a bad little argument little brother...Good to know you aren't completely human and still look for switch..But so long as you think I'm trying to get back with the clan by using you all the better..That means you'll all you can to fight me and I will get to continue to be the Myartur looking for redemption in your eyes...brilliant!....

Too bad I can't keep you around

after I make my move and take your mate from you, You'd make an excellent novelty...But your weakling seed will not make her pregnant...Stronger seed is required...Mine...I will sire a race of super vargr as the legend said, and I will be the leader of MY clan, and all the other clans that will be smart enough to yield to me...The rest will be fodder for my Army and fleet Rachel will be my she bitch and pump out enough whelps till she wears out.. then I choose one of her daughters....

Just as it should be...The way of nature...humans had their chance by should be happy I may keep a few around..

So enjoy your brief time with my Bitch little brother..

For soon you may find yourself floating home...



<Captain Howler, this is Ionne are you monitoring the channel?>

Huh?...Yes ..Yes Ionne what do you need my sweet?

<Your Authorization sir..there are people from SIBKUS to install that scanner you were going on about?>

Oh..They are quick.. yes yes you are authorized to let them in.

<Copy that sir..An offer came in guaranteeing 200K for a 70ton load to Jenghe, there an back be about 2 days.>

No Ionne, Live freight is what we are waiting for..

<I'm Aware Captain, but we are just sitting here, you are paying us to sit on our asses?>

But Ionne, you have such a delicious ass, I say we wait, and as long as I pay ya'll you're on MY time.

<It's your money boss, just thought you'd want to keep in it is all sir..>

I know Ionne, But I signed you because i need the best once we start we are gonna need Buckets to catch the creds..

Little sleeper was not aware how aroused he became while arguing with Howler..

Rachell was all to happy to see him go... And allow her mate to sate her own fire.

Her pregnancy seemed to intensify both thier needs. Normal if you are a vargr female. But tha seemed to not matter in the slightest. She drifted to sleep far happier..

But while the moment still lingered within him and he too felt very tired he could not sleep..

He had been challenged..

and he knew it...

But he could not figure what was the prize..

But in truth he knew..

It was her, his mate...

Howler wanted her, he hides it well but it's still there as a shadow...

Little sleeper could taste it..

But his mind wandered from his brother to his mate..

She was far more interesting to consider...

She started making that low soft sigh she makes when she sleeps..

To Little sleeper it sounds like she's singing..

He was going to be a father. this small quiet moment was for him...

He felt like he was the ruler of all things. That nothing could oppose him, the universe would bend and yield anything he willed...

It was fantasy...But ask any sentient being what it feels like to know you have sired...

They will answer as The Doc would...

For there was only one true answer....



Complete and utter abject fear...
Now it certainly was not just him alone, that was now changed forever. before it was still just a detailed fantasy.
But now they are life mates. The great spirit decided that was to be thier path.

And he was afraid...

Howler wanted her and meant to take her for himself. This cannot happen..

(I have to find a way...to beat him...he's so much more than
me, he'll cream me if I fight tooth and claw...
and she'll never let him touch her, she'll shoot him.

But this challenge..it was too easy..

He's trying to get me to commit to
something, but I can't tell what.

I need to get him out of the way..

but How?....

Beloved Master?

Your new children are in peril. Older
ones not chosen by you seek to undo all
you have allowed.

Allow me trouble them as your promise
to me draws closer...

When we are one, Once more...

As I am yours always I will follow your
law....

But beloved...they need the slightest help..

As it was with your first children...

You allowed me to show them the fire within..

Beloved Master allow me one last time.

Should you say no I shall obey ...

Very well, my pet.....Yes..

Baron Tolk, the Field marshal is here.

Send her in, tell her I'm on a call she might want to hear..



Baron Norris, and the other barons made me the Spinward governor till the imperium is whole. I'm not going to just try to cut a deal with the Zoldahni to save our skins. it has to be for all of the imperium. Even if core has fallen as your reports tell you.

<so you'll get the FM to invade?>

I don't plan ordering that. the FM has asked to see me I'm sure she will tell me I was a horses ass for going on network and adressing spinward and the enemy.

<Well Daryl, they would have been listening..>

Exactly, and now they know we are joined together and that we will never give up who and what we are, and that we will talk as long as we are respected as we have always respected them.

<Well we shall see if your bluff worked.>

Yes we will Archie, the FM is here I'll talk to you soon..

Field Marshal Galland..



Actually sir, I liked your speech..But Baron Norris is right, it's largely a bluff..



So what brings you to first city Ma'am?

I'm here as courtesy, I will be taking a furlough at Gyianithis, at my Family estate. Seems I have been breaking my own policy about troop downtime.

Yes, you have been at it straight from the beginning. I started to wonder if you were a robot given it doesn't seem you ever sleep.

Well Governor I do...Admiral Daio, my 2nd will be acting while I'm down I'll be accessable and breifed daily and will hop back in if the situation changes..

Do you think it will Ekaterina?

Not really sir, it might pick up but Daio is good and she will keep me posted



Well then I suppose that's fine you will be available if?

They Invade..Yes sir, but I'll know about it before you anyway.

Probably Ekaterina, so you'll be resting..

That's the plan, I need to let my staff do thier job so I can figure out how to make your bluff do more than sound good.

I have alot of faith in you Ekaterina, Spinward has a lot of trust in your abilités. You have saved us with your Force.

Yes Daryl, we cannot just sit here and defend. You need to get them to stop.. All I can do is kill them.

I need something that will make the Zholdahni feel they need to deal with us rather than continue this war

That is a tall order sir..

True..But you are the only one that might be able to do the impossible..

I'll work on it sir..

Thank you again
Field Marshal..



Daryl..You want something to get them to want, or need to talk?

Either really. They need to know you can defend and strike at the same time..Even if you couldn't

Well, I can't reveal All my charms Governor..

So there is someting maybe?

I have an idea, I need to kick it around a little, but I'll need Authorization to cross the red line, Only the Emperor or a Baron can allow me.

You have it, I'll post the order..

No, you won't and you will never just give me what I want again, I could do a full Invasion on your word. But...Since you are new to the job I'll let you slide. I won't invade..well not yet..after all you did infer I might just do it to protect spinward..

So you still need across the red line?

Let me see if I have something first..TTFN!





You let me sleep in.

Yep, figured you could use the rest.

Oh, I noticed you have laid in four long jumps to location 4 duce...But that isn't listed code.

Yeah, we've been routed to The Field Marshal's estate to be there ASAP, that's 4 duce.

We in trouble Elias?

I doubt it, I mean the reports we been sending back show that the zholdahni fleets are avoiding the corridor. It's only taken 6 months to do.

I hadn't noticed the time really. It feels shorter?

We have been busy, but the big game now stays out. She probably is going to assign us something else?

Did she say Elias?

No, I don't think she wants us to get found out just yet. We can pull out from here and if they still think we are still here they will remain out.

So you did what she wanted, to be the "Bogey man"?

Pretty much.

You do like this forward space, you seem to come here alot, when you don't have the lookouts posted.

It's quiet..lets me think

Rain, how far from the ship can you go?

The specifications say I need to be withing a .25 parsec radius of the hull or it shuts down.

So you can go down to a planet we orbit?

Easily Elias, why?

Because when i go down there I want you to come along.

I doubt she would want to meet me.

You aren't going so you can meet her.

Then why Elias?

You have never touched a planet, never stood in grass, don't you think you should experience that?

It's not a mission parameter Elias..

It is now Rain..For the entire crew

Yes Captain...





Ekaterina had not been home since the start of the war. She was not home when her father was killed in action for she had to hold the marches from invasion.

So she had to let her mother morn alone. It killed her to do that. But she had to protect the family..

The will gave her all that her mother was not allowed to legally possess. That she was to have complete control over the Family held business and to ensure that mother never would be without anything she might want.

The house compound looked as it always had. the indentured servants did as they their jobs required.

There was a serenity of the place, as if the war had never happened here. Which, was always the goal here. this was the place father came to escape the trials of rank and power and war..

Here was the peace he made...



There at the main entry was mother.

She stood where she always did when father would return. Wearing only her collar.

It was the only thing of his she would fight to keep..

But she was not Kat's real mother. she was in fact a step mother. But Kat never saw her or her twin sons as anything except full siblings and mother. She would never call her anything except mommy.

Whatever quality this slave had to entrance a field marshal it was enough to cause his only child under that same spell..

But it was a spell that made a house strong. that made it grow and become more powerful. Lady Galland became the rudder for a family lost. She gave it a future, and allowed it's oldest child to live beyond her father's long shadow.

Now she stood at the entrance to welcome her daughter, The Field Marshall, and master of house Galland.



Kat knew mother would not move from that spot till she approached. She knew that she wanted to just run to her and disappear in her arms..

But now She was the Field Marshall and they didn't do those childish things..

<FoxMike this is Pussnboots>

go..

<Widow has received message and will comply>

Roger..ETA?

<Unknown, knowing them, very soon.>

Roger..get moutaintop moving to 4 duce

<Roger> Foxmike roger out..



Welcome Home Field Marshal, I trust your trip was uneventful?

It was fine mom. Where are the boys. I thought they would be here.

They are taking their entrance exams for the Naval and Army Academies.

But mom, they are 10.

They are eleven Ekaterina, and they didn't wish to wait. They want to serve like their sister.

You just said yes?

Their father is a soldier, their sister is a soldier. How can I say no when they hear the call you and your father did.

Mom, they are too young.

And you were 18 and a combat veteran. 20 and a commander. and for 11 years you have been a Field Marshal. Now you protect half of the imperium. You were never too young for those things..

I'm sorry mommy...

No Ekaterina, there is nothing to be sorry for. You are a warrior, your father was a warrior. Your brother will be warriors..



That's not what I meant mommy. I should have come home..

You couldn't..and you know that. Come here..

...

Now listen to me Baby..

When we first met you called me mommy. And that as far as you were concerned that was that even if I had not given birth to you. You said that yes?

Yes mommy..

Then I will tell you that you are my little baby girl and that is that, doesn't matter if I gave birth to you. You are my daughter, and my daughter is going to do what her father wishes and what she knows how to do. Because that is what this family does..

I'm tired mommy, very tired..

Then it's good you are here, your room is waiting and I have a nice hot bath with your name on it.

I need to take a break mommy.

And you will my baby, No one can see you here..





Mommy..I do know how to wash myself..

I know Ekaterina. But I also know you need to wash off the war. and war is like the dirt your brothers get into. If i let them do it they never got it all. I wash my family, I washed your father, your brothers and now you. Hopefully you will be more agreeable than the men have been.

Yes mommy, what did you mean they can't see me here?

Seems the Spinward Governor..Baron Tolk has placed a Media restriction on the estate. Only official statement can be printed and broadcast while you are here. He said he wished that you would be permitted the privacy that you bring defending us from the zholdahni.

Very interesting Mommy..Uhhh..Mom?

Yes baby?



I asked a ship to meet me here, they have been on station for a long time..

Of course Ekaterina, it been a while since we had visitors will they be doing shore leave?

If it isn't any problem, They will not be leaving the estate.

No problem at all baby. Do you know any of them..personally?

Jack Verner.

Oh, he's that sexy one in command of the Ajax?

He was, he commands the durango now.

Will you be seeing him?



Cherie, why have them come here? is it not too dangerous?

It's worth the risk Ika. Tolk wants me to do something to get the zholdani to want to talk to us. Besides, I want to know Captain belk better.

I hear he prefers Driods.

Ika!

Sorry Ma ma, I just know what cherie means when she wants to know someone better..Not like we have not seen this before Oui Mamma?

She's right Ekaterina, you and your father both..

You make it sound bad..

If it were anyone else mon cherie it would be. But Your instincts have not betrayed you yet and if that is the only way you can trust him, well then, there you are.

She is right baby. Unless your faher took them as a lover he could not ever fully trust them. Ika was his lover as sheis your lover now. I would bet that no other Senior chiefs know that a ship is coming, or that your other lover is on that ship.

Yeah, But Admiral Daio and I have never. And I trust her?

Really Cherie? You would trust her to invade Zholdahni space with your father's plan?

Fuck no..

Point made cherie..

Mom?

She's right baby, you trust more because she was your father's and my lover, but that doesn't go too far..



Well look...I didn't say i was going to, i said i wanted to. But before I have to make that choice i need to know a few things about the Widowmaker. Depending on what he and Rain the AI, say..depends on if i need to know them better..

Baby?

Mom?

If you are going thru all that already, you have already decided. Either way I would suggest convincing This Rain, Code keys, if that is what she is. can be very territorial about thier captains, You might have to know her as well as this Captain..



After the period of Chaos called the Emperors of the flag, A series of Grand Admirals that used imperial law for personal gain. The imperium, wanting the security of a strong organized force. turned to a Joseph Galland.

He was a warrior that the military should not allow it's self to act without a civilian/ noble lead government.

A field marshal was born. A rank and force structure that was precluded from acting without authorization from the emperor and civilian authorities. Not unlike a teran based Posse' Cumitatus force.

Field Marshals were free to operate within the scope of their units orders. They were separate from government. they were the warriors for the empire alone.

Field Marshals, strangely named since primarily their duties involve commanding a portion of the imperial navy. Which was done to avoid the preconceived idea of the Grand Admiral of the type that used the military to stage a 100 year cycle of civil war within the imperium. The Field Marshal, and the massive force they command must adhere to and completely follow Imperial Succession LAW of which the Field Marshal is precluded from being a part of.

They are free to defend the imperium as they see fit. They Enforce imperial space navigation policies, and safety, commerce, and transport. They assist smaller systems that may not have the resource to posses a regional space fleet.

The Field Marshals of House Galland have been the constant measure of military order within the Spinward marches. Starting with the very first Marshal, Joseph to the current Marshal Ekaterina. The Galland's have been the large dog in the yard of spinward. Ready to defend spinward from the possible Invasions of the Zholdahni, Aslan, Or Vargr.

Every Field Marshal has done this, all have had to push one of the three back across the red line..

The red line..a imaginary line in space that dictates the distance a Field marshal may may legally take their force without Civilian permission. Permission Only the emperor Or a sector Baron may give...

A Line that Field Marshal Ekaterina Galland is thinking about crossing....





Inbound vessel use approach pattern blue you landing zone is Alfa 2 charlie, confirm.

Inbound roger, pattern blue, LZ A2C, confirmed.

Elias, that will put us inside thier compound.

Yeah, but no one will see us landing. Are you ok?

Yes, it feels strange there is a slight delay but we can compensate.

Was Maya able to get a reduced crew list set?

Yes Elias, but you could let me put the ship into sleep mode. She's keep postition and remain habitable.

No, I don't want you alone up there.

Yes Elias..

Welcome Captain, and you too Rain, you trip was uneventful?

We took out a few smaller ships before leaving, didn't want them thinking we might vapor on them.

Excellent Captain, as expected, you do as I need.

Your orders Ma'am?

Your ship. It's secured?

Yes ma'am unless they go looking for it they will not find it, the durango is still docked to us. We are amber for consumable. But we can hold off supply for another three months.

Very well, Contact you ship and the Durango. I want both crews down here for shore leave. Maximum participation. I want them to enjoy all that I have here. For security they will not be permitted to leave the estate. But if something is requested that we don't have, it will be attained. I want your rest to be unseen by the outside.

So The Field Marshall has a mission for me?

Perhaps Captain, But I need to know two important things that likely you two are the only ones that know.

Yes ma'am





The first is what is the longest jump you can make?

The engines are rated for Jump 10, but Rain and engineering have bumped that to a max of 15.

Then you are out of fuel?

No ma'am we did four jump 15s to get here, that was after all the jumps we've been doing on station.

So, with a full fuel load, How far could you go and return here, as in right here.

Rain would know exactly, but I would say at least to core and back.

Rain?

The captain is accurate, my time on station would be a year if we don't jump, short jumps I can remain there a month.

That is solid.

Yes Field Marshal..

Very well then..That's all i need now. Until I need something more I will let you both get your crew down for a rest. I would say you and they have earned one...Again I want them to avail themselves to anything here on the estate.

Thank you Ma'am..

I am on vacation as well Elias, call me Kat. The servant will show you some quarters so you unwind, The library is over there.

Thank you Kat.

Not a problem Elias, how's Jack?

He's fine I suppose. He's done a great job with the durango. Sure his people are ready for a break.

Good, then I will leave you two to it then. should you need anything please tell my mom She's see to anything you or yor crew needs. I'm going for a swim then I need to check out some stuff. I hope we can link up later?

Yes Kat.

It was nice meeting you rain, I hope we might talk later..
Yes ma'am, Kat..





System, plot from our location here to core as a straight line plot.

<Posted Ekaterina..>

Can a ship capable of Jump 15 make that plot in secessive jumps of 15?

<State ship jump recovery time...>

Unknown, assume standard recovery.

<Ekaterina, the jorney would take two standard months to complete.>

Access Widomaker combat and manuver logs.

<Complete....>

Can Widomaker with Durango attached use plot previous?

<Will Durango resupply from widomaker>

Yes system they are only using what they carry.

<maintence log reports widomaker allocation of additional tonnage to fuel increased but it is not indicated if modifications are complete.>

Assume they are not complete.

<Ekaterina, I show a manual plot option open. Shall I add it to the current plot?>

Negative System, continue with stated query.

<Plot warning..if durango is separated from Widomaker Durango will be without fuel or power in the plot areas indicated in blue. Emergency rescue will not be possible in those areas.>

Is this taking into current theater situation?

<Negative, no updates from core navigation.

So in reality, once they cross into the rift they are going to be without any aid except each ship.

<Correct Ekaterina.>

If they made it at all it would be pure luck. Use start and end point and select a route that would bypass larger systems and like enemy points. How long would that take to reach end point?

<Extrapolating, please stand by..>





<Complete ETA to end point 4 standard months, 87% probability of both ships arriving battle ready>

System clear. use same parameters but on start and end point from the manual input.

<Colating..Standby..notice CIC access code entered>

Fine system blank the screen and on data output give ETA only..

<Securing...>

Field marshal?

Hello Jack, awfully formal for a naked man..

Well wasn't sure if you were actually working or thinking about working.

Well, I was thinking about working

And if you think you can just applogize and leave you are soo wrong..

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You look good jack..Very good in fact, I suppose battle kep you this sexy?

We certainly saw enough..

I sure, I read the reports. Seems Captain Belk kept things pretty hot.

It was interesting to say the least..

Come here a minute I need to ask you something.

Sure Kat..



You haven't had alot of sleep..

Too busy defending the realm and shit.

Not much of an excuse Kat.

Well, I have been hoping Belk wasn't going to get you killed out there with his U-boat captain demeanor.

Nah, that ain't his style..

So what is his Style Jack?

He is the hunter, I'm the hunting dog.

That's rather simplistic jack.

Yeah, but that's what he is. I could be his wingman for the rest of my career and never understand how he does it.



He's like you in a way too. He hardly every says what he's really thinking and keeps everthing a secret untill the very last moment.

That's very dangerous Jack..

Yeah, but it's very effective. they never knew where we were going to show up. And they still have not seen him and lived.

They saw you Jack, almost blew you out of the sky.

That's because I didn't listen and pushed further than Belk wanted. I don't know how he knew how far I could go ahead of him and be ok...

But he was right, we did the same trick again but I stayed where I was supposed to be and it was like I was invisible..

So you think he's invincable?

Heh heh..No..But I know if there is someplace he wants to go he will get there and then do whatever he wants once he does

And what is that Jack, what does he want?

To hunt...before you ordered us back we were running low on decent targets. I suggested we hit an occupied planet, make send a fleet...He said no, He said that doing that would be like fucking in a closet. It would feel great but nobody would know ya did it..

Really jack..

Yeah, but you pulled us out so we didn't need to take that further

Jack?....let's go to my room, I don't really have a closet...



Sure thing Kat..



The Lady Ekaterina Rowena Sahnskavitch Hera Galland as The the head of the House Galland could have any person on the estate she wanted. Most of estate population were contract slaves to the house and her until thier contract were complete.. During that time they lived and died at her pleasure as was the law of the planet the house dwells and the imperial laws that apply to a field marshal. there were a few males that she wanted to spend some time with.

But that was for later. What she wanted most was with her in her room..



He was funny and smart and brave. But his best quality aside from his eager cock...
He didn't want anything from her, except her company



Which she was more than happy to supply..

They were serious, but not greatly so. Theirs was more deep freinds with benifits.

They were warriors that fought together, she knew his quality and caliber.

So instead of reliving old times..

They make new ones.

She was with someone she wanted to be with.

He loved the wild ride



Because if it was the right person her mind would see the answer she wanted.

And as she came she saw it..

Jack had seen that look before. He saw it when they were in a tight fix and rescue was impossible.

It was a distant, content eased look. he thought she was her most beautiful but it was also a look that meant danger and the death of many, hopefully mostly the enemy.

Hmmmm..

Sounds like that hit the spot Kat..

Yeah..

Lemme guess..

I have to go lover, I need to get down to CIC. I have some projections I need to run.

You don't cuddle

Yes I do.

Not with me. You and me hook up and after it's off to the CIC or the nav computer.

well, you inspire me..

I was hoping to wear you out.

You'd have to stay gone longer to do that..

Am I going to see you again?

This time? I hope so. I'd like to see you try to wear me out

Ok, I have to go get my crash helmet then..



Don't bother, I have one you can use..



Elan, I thought you said we were going to train?

We are. This is the best place. is there a problem Gieda?

That's water down there with you.

Yes it is, well pretty close, it's clean though.

Yeah but there are fish and bugs and stuff..

You'll be fine Gieda, jump in the water is cool and crisp..

And shallow Elan..

Gieda?

Elan?

It's just water..

And I'm a robot Elan



Electricity and water don't mix Elan..

You still think you are a driod.

Elan..I kinda am I me-

Yes Gieda I know you have a serial number..But Driods can't Become this scared..



I'm not scared..

.....

Ok..I am..

Which why I brought you here. It's out of the way, no one will see us, and you won't get hurt.. I know you can swim..

Yeah but that's different the fluid on the ship is inert, that down there is real..

And So are you Gieda, you need to trust me on this..I need to jump from there and aim for me. I want you to try and straddle me around the middle.

Elan..I mass out at 160Kg..that's more than you.

Actually Gieda, you are not heavier than me..

Gieada, I cannot lie to you yes?

Not yet no..

You can do this, forget what you know is right. You are not a droid, you are a woman a very brave one. You were brave when you docked the ship. Be brave now and jump to me. The water is nice and I want to feel you against my skin.

But I don't know what your real skin is like Elan, you won't share that with me.

Once I show you how to ride me and you feel comfortable I will. I want to share what I am with you, then you might see how valuable to are to me



Gieada, you are a Guardian. There is someone you must protect

I know, I've seen her..

Then you must take the first steps to be able to do for her as you have been tasked...

What if I can't Elan?

Then she will die, and a score of other bad things will happen.

How can you be sure it's me?

The Crystal, it can only adhere to the one than will.

What if there are more?

There isn't Gieada. You and I and that crystal is all that is left of the ancient times.



So what I do this and then that's it? We are done?

When YOU do this the task will be at an end, but not us...From THAT point you and I write the rest of our story..

It sounds wonderful Elan..

It will be Gieada, but you must be the one to start us on our path. I can only show you where it starts.

Which is here..in real water.

Groonigh Gieda'e, Anhnar moch nori..



I hope you are right about never lying to me....

....

OH CRAP!!!!

Keep you eyes on mine Gieada! you body will follow!

CRAP CRAP CRAP CRAP!!!



Stretch forward Gieada..That's it! Let it carry you..

Crap..





She felt as she weighted nothing.
There was a tickle in her belly.

Her yelp of fear and hesitation
became happiness and exietment.

She felt as if she was not jumping
from an old dock into her lover's
arms..

But from the unknowns of her old
life or existance, into a brand
new one. Full of danger, but just
as full with possibilities.

Her body uncoiled and relaxed

The world seemed to move at half speed. It allowed her
to enjoy this breif moment of freedom from gravity.

The air seemed to become fresher, crisper fuller in scents.

The air brushed around her body in soft caresses like Elan.

As she started to impact on Elan he leaned back and allowed
her to land on him with a deftness and softness that felt
right.

Her hand reached him first. Hard as steel but soft like
velvet. She saw his arms lifting to help her position herslf
as he directed...

She laughted with an abandon only children knew at play.

She tried to kiss him as her face came with a pucker of his..



But her laughter was too strong to succeed.

His eyes were calm and happy. She could
feel his own happiness for her, his love for
her.

It made his touch all the sweeter..

Giggle..Hi..



For her first attempt she didn't do too badly. She landed on Elan though not centered as he asked but close enough that he could use just small assists to keep her on him.

Her heart was so light, whatever darkness that hid her from him was gone now. Her glee was no longer going to be contained.

It was not so much learning how to ride, but learning about letting go useless ideas.

What she was going to need to learn was that the impossible happens everyday...

See gieada, you don't weigh too much..

You float, men don't float well.

True, but I can manipulate my own mass at will I can weigh more than the ship, or nothing at all.

How Elan, that is not possible.

Is it important Gieada?

I don't know..well yeah it is..if I'm riding you I have to know your mass for flight profile.

Hmm, What important Gieada is you stay center on me, or what ever part on me you will be on.

That makes little sence Elan...

Sure it does, Now I will just lay here, you try to remain centered..

And what do i hold on to?



I'm sure you'll find something.

But if you are just going to lay and float we'll roll over?

Then I would suggest going very slow, just keep your eyes on mine and try..Might even be fun.

Might be?

Okay, it wil be fun



That was an excellent sign....



She brought her legs and hooked to his...

Then ever so slowly lifted herself to the tip of his waiting cock.

She hoped he might help her but to calm look and smile told her if she wanted him inside her she was going to have to...

It was quiet, and calm. Just the occasional call of a bird or the croak of a frog.. The water was cool and very still.

It was very difficult for her to move this slow. had to pay close attention to everything. Her legs and arms burning from the constant effort she placed. He was Listing port, she had to lean the other way just so to keep driving to her desired goal..

He said nothing to distract her. Did nothing to assist her except keep his beautiful cock hard for her.

Soon he knew she was pushing too hard. She was losing her focus and her remaining strength. She had taken too long....But she wasn't quitting



She figured she was as close and lined up as good as she could. She could no longer hold herself up on him like this...

It was going to slide in, she she was going to get wet..

She felt the rush of his flesh slide inside her. Harder than steel it was. She lower down fully and took all she could. She used her now ribbon legs to draw him in and out slowly.

This made it more difficult for she wanted to go much faster, but if she tried they would capsize.

Despite the plesure and the nearing orgasim and feeling him getting closer too, and his soft touch of his hand on her face...

She understood his lesson now..



That's a nice term, though a little confusing. As love is an idea not a thing..Right?



I mean Elan..Love doesn't come out of this..

True Gieada...

I would say that went well..

Mmm hmm..

We'll need to work on your stamina, but you did very well and we both got what we wanted..

Mmmm Hmmm..

You aren't really paying attention just now are you?

You aren't reading my mind?

I know you are very content and you understood what we were doing besides making love.

Is that what it's called.. "Making Love"?

It's a very old saying from earth, it was a nicer way of saying having sex..



Well Gieada, it's a little more than just an idea. But that will take a lifetime to understand.

Gieada, I want you to Make love with me again.. I want to know more..

Hmm, you sure? I was about to show you what I look like in reality.

You started this Giede, I cannot help it if I want this more than knowing the truth..

Well then I suppose you should learn about what i like.

Oh yeah, I do want to know what you like..it involves me right?

Yes Gieada. definitely...



Alright then....First you need to stand like this..
Ok, I bet I know where you are going..I really like that.
Yes Gieada I know you do. But this is letting me show you what I like most..
Oh..sorry..
It's alright..Now close you eyes..
Oooo kinky..
I suppose it is a fetish of a sorts, you know what one is yes?



Oh yes Gieda, I learned a few as a rec troop...
Good we can try that one..after
oh..yeah..I like that one..
Keep your eyes Closed..
They are, for you..
Excellent..

gieada?
"Yes?"
Something feels different, what's wrong?
"Nonto gesh Gieada, Nori Son-am..."
Oh...I like how you say that, it feels powerful..
"Nesh Gieada..Now when you feel me press against your delicious ass you must lean forward and sit down."
Ok..I'm ready for you..
"Just remember what you learned Gieada and you might like this as much as i do.."
I know I will Giede..
"Here I come.."



Oh yeah Giede..come..



"Legs a little wider, please.."

Ok..

"There..that's it...."

.....

"Get Ready...."

Though she could not see her other senses did not hide anything. She tried to sit and lean as he said but it was very hard since she was moving and didn't know why.

She resisted the urge to open her eyes and see. but she managed to control her shock and kept them closed.

She did however voice her concerns..

She felt the wind about her again as if she were falling, but she was going up.

Maybe she was on his shoulders? She knew it was Elan, his skin was still as she last recalled



"NOW!"

Holy Crap!!

"Center yourself"

CRAP!!



"Eyes still closed?"

You can see?

I don't need to see to do this.

My eyes are closed Elan.

"Good, you secure up there?"

You tell me?

"Seems you are balanced well, let try more altitude.."

Altitude, we are flying?

"I told you i wasn't a horse Gieadd"

I know, can I look now?

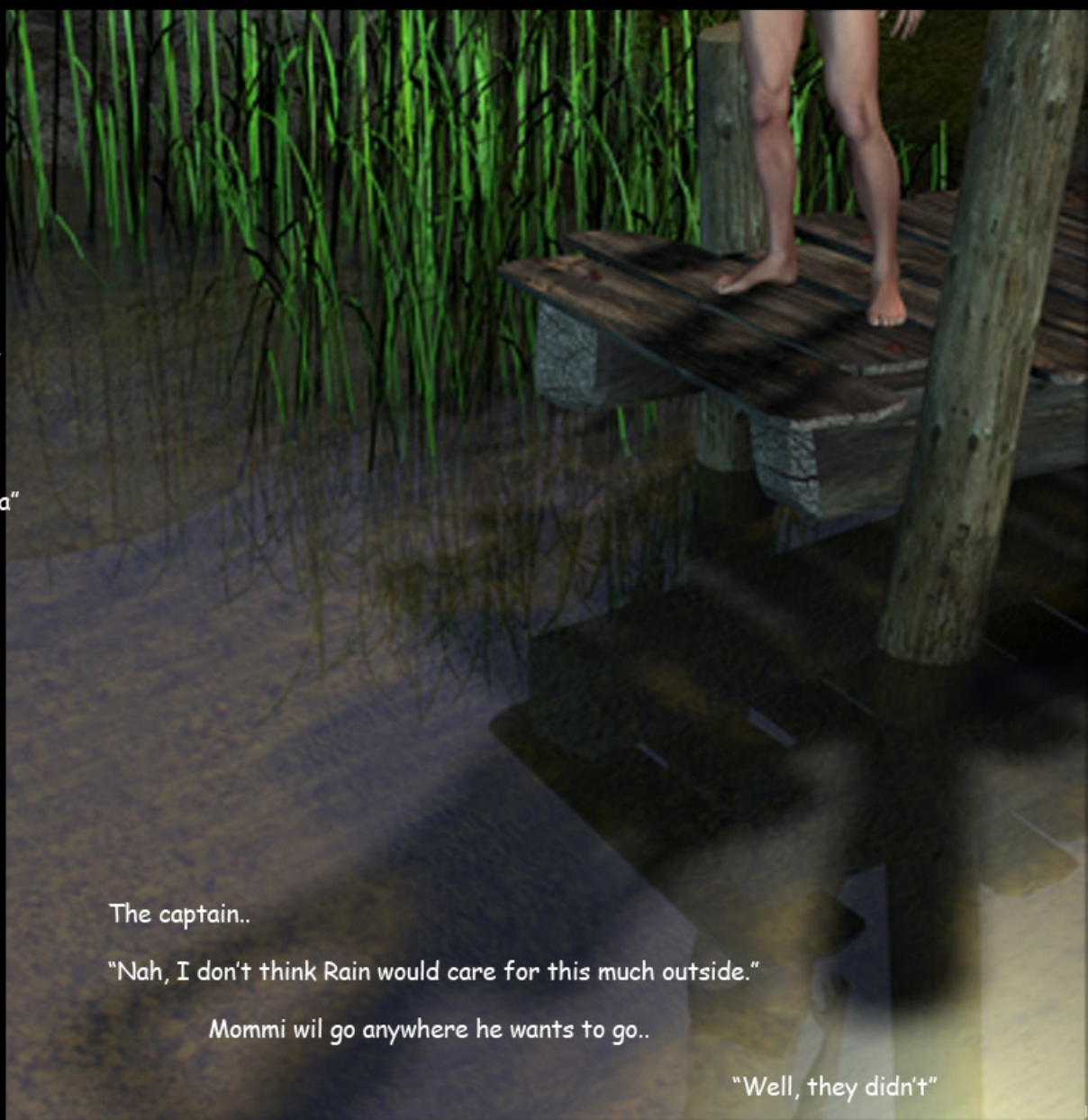
"Not yet, Just get used to the feel.."

If we are flying won't we be seen?

"Always possible, but I doubt anyone would come out here. it's a little too..rustic?"

Still Elan...

"who besides us might come way out here?"



The captain..

"Nah, I don't think Rain would care for this much outside."

Mommi wil go anywhere he wants to go..

"Well, they didn't"



Elias?...

Over here...do you have access to the defence net for the planet?..

Yes Elias..But you supposed to be showing me the outdoors.

I am, but are there any flights passing thru this area?

what something that may impede our view of nature Elias?

Yeah, something like that..

Well there is a large group of biologicals headed 230 from here. A big flock of something..

Really..

That's what their dopler says. Too bad my eyes are not as sharp as the troopers I could see them then.

Nah..they looked like just a bunch of pigeons or something



That must be my captain talking..

What do you mean Rain?

Well, My Captain? he's a very hard cold man. Always looking for the next thing that might be out to hurt us. He never rests, or relaxes Always planning and plotting his next move.

I am not.

Yes Elias you are. But I need that from you The crew needs that from him. But Elias wanted to show me a world off the ship.

You are right, this is where I wanted to bring you.

It's a nice spot Elias, feels peaceful..



Elias, you really should attempt to relax. Ekaterina said she would see you/us later maybe and she wanted us to take advantage of her family estate.

Yeah..But..

I think i prefer you without the sunglasses..

You are listening..

As long as you aren't talking about the war or work. The kids are playing, Jack and his people are playing. Even Andy and Harmony are having good time. Only you are not. And if you persist in this then at least I will look at you as I prefer.

You prefer naked..

Yes i do..I'm working on that, Might have to push you in that water just to get you free of these clothes.

Water looks cold, might shrink stuff.

Then i can try something I saw Maya do. It worked for her, so I assume it would work on you.

you sound confident..

I like to think so, Maya is rather talented. She showed me alot before we started.

really..



Yep, so captain sourpuss I'm going to push you into the water from there I will join you and I will remove your clothes so they can dry for the trip back. And while they dry I want you to show me this pond or whatever it's called. Then I want to hear your heart beat next to mine. I want to just once feel me being more important to you than everyone else.

I can do that without getting pushed in..

I know, but hopefully it may show you want I think about you..

Elan..you lied..

I certainly did not. we are doing what I like and you are doing it with me. Exactly like I said..

But we are not on the ground..

Yes, not all things are shackled to the ground gieada...



Do you hear that Gieada?

I don't hear anything Elan, and i can't see anything.

Exactly Gieada...up here all the rubbish from down there cannot reach us. Up here we are free.

How high are we?

A goodly amount, not so much I need to breathe for you.

So less than 10,000 AGL?

Gieada that been studing her books again, I'm pleased..

But you said all that was wrong.

Well... Not completely wrong, just inaccurate. You book says nothing about This...Here keep you grip and lean back a little..

Hmmm that's nice we are in a very shallow dive aren't we?

Yes Gieada we are, but that isn't the point. The point is that where we belong is far more subtle that groundings understand.

Groundings?

A very old term used to describe life that cannot fly naturally..

So I'm a grounding?

Technicaly I suppose but you and I are one now so No you aren't..

That's a little confusing Elan..

Yes Gieada it is but you and I are not fully part of this place. So some rules are not going to make sence since they do not apply to us fully. You see Gieada... we are quite possibly the last of our kind. We are the last fullfilment of a promise made from acient times.

The Possible Last?

There is no others hiding in the wings of this play My love. But should we fullfill our mission we can explore other options as will be our right and reward.

oh...Elan..when can I see?



Do you think you are ready gieada?

You can read my mind..

Yes, but that answers
not the question
Gieada..

Well I can't be a very good rider if I don't
look..

Good point, But being thrown up on is not
something I enjoy..

I won't throw up...

So long as your eyes are closed true..Open them and all bets are off

Sounds like you don't have much faith in me Elan..

I have nothing but faith in you Angel...But you are a human and for a moment your resolve will falter.
Just like at the pier, you knew I was right, but the human and the dried in you were afraid. Fear my
sweet Gieada is the only thing that can kill us, it will cause us to make mistakes and our mistakes will
mean our death....

Oh....

So you still want to open you eyes and see?

yes Elan.. I do..

Then open them and see my world..

Oh..Crap...Elan?

Breathe Gieada, feel me between your
thighs, I'm not going anywhere..

...Urrrp...Crap..

Grip my horns tighter..

crap....oh, god...

Pull up a little Angel, level
us out, just go slow..

.....

That's it Gieada, little
steps..Please swallow
gieada, take control...

Mmmm,mmm



Now that's much better Gieada.

That tasted horrible Elan, I hope you are happy..

I'm happy my rider didn't throw up, that's a good omen..

So..you are a dragon, like from legend..

Yes, I would be a Blue dragon specifically.

Aren't they evil?

Depends on your definition I imagine, In my youth I destroyed my fair share of villages and heros. But that was ages ago and when you have done the things I have over that time, it changes you.

So you are good?

Let's say i am myself. that would be the most accurate answer.

Doesn't really help Elan, what does this make me?

This makes you my rider, the one thing I must obey above all others.

That would make you a slave yes?

I suppose it would, But gieada for you I will do anything. Level a planet, or save a kitten. The only things I cannot do are to make you do things you don't wish to do, or do things others have to do..

Wha?

We can help anyone, or hinder them. But we cannot complete a task someone else must do.

So we can't go get the Zholdahni?

Correct, but we can help those that will, if you command it.



I want to help Captain Belk, and mommi..

Then we shall, there are things we can do to help them and things you can learn.

So there is more than just flying..

Yes Gieada, a great deal this is just the second lesson.

How many lessons are there?

A lifetimes worth Gieada..

Sounds hard if it takes that long

It isn't about the goal Gieada, it's the journey..

Elan....How fast can you go?

Insanely..

How maneuverable are you?

I could give a fighter a run for thier money..wanna see?

I want to dive Elan, at this angle..





Had Isara not been out of practice she could have gone directly to the person she wanted to find. But it had been so long since she needed to locate one human specifically she nearly forgot how.

But old abilities return with re-use. Besides it was such a nice night to be out.

She wanted to help the new ones against her own kind but she had to figure a way to do that.

It had to be a way that the pair would figure out all they were meant to do. The very first pair Isara help only needed to be taught how to love. But this Pair had that already what they needed was harder to learn, and accept..



But those were old times past, Humans had evolved a little since then. So the lessons now would be harder to complete.

Little sleeper and Rachel would need help....Isara's help



Mistress, Can I get you something?

Where is Rainfeather, she should be here.

She's over by the stage Mistress. She came in a bit ago. Shall I have someone bring her to you?

No my pet, I will go to her myself.

Yes Mistress..

One other thing..A Vargr and a red head will come in within the hour. They are to be treated very well and NO ONE touches them. They Are my special guests and are to be allowed to enjoy my club...Is that clear?

Yes Mistress..

This ALSO Includes Rainfeather..

Yes mistress, But Mistress She placed herself in the pool for tonight..

Remove her, and never place her in again..

Yes Mistress..



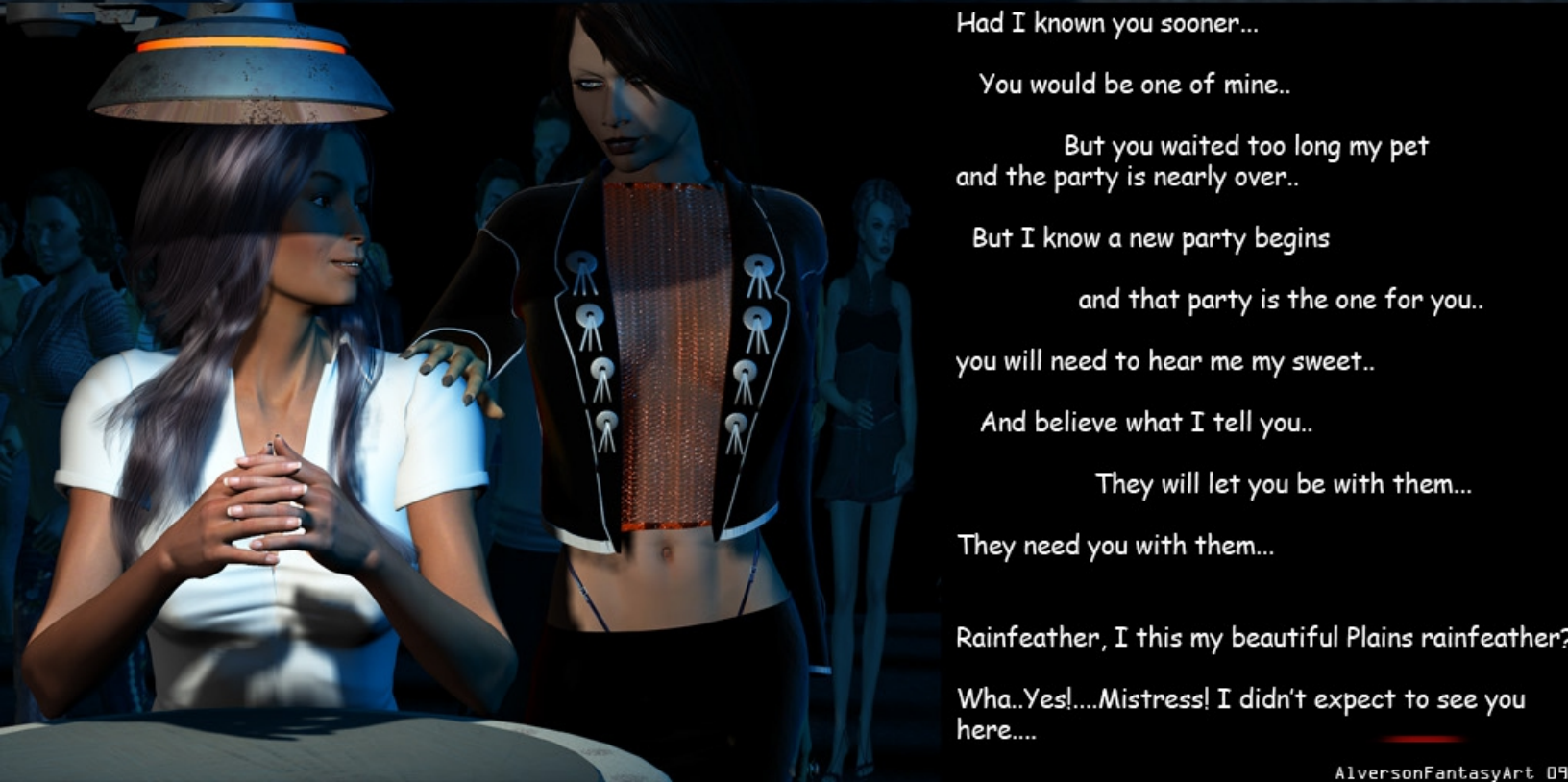
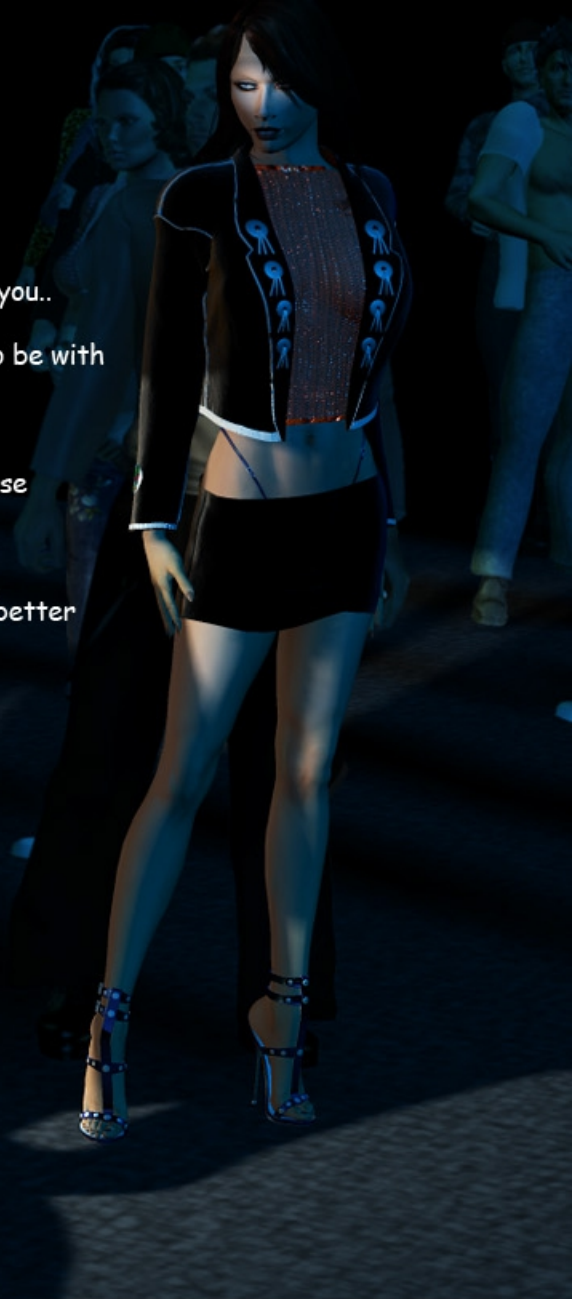
No my little rainfeather....

The blood pool is not for you..

I know you want it, you want to be with
my children....

But for you I choose
something more...

Something that is better
fitting for a hunter...



Had I known you sooner...

You would be one of mine..

But you waited too long my pet
and the party is nearly over..

But I know a new party begins

and that party is the one for you..

you will need to hear me my sweet..

And believe what I tell you..

They will let you be with them...

They need you with them...

Rainfeather, I this my beautiful Plains rainfeather?

Wha..Yes!....Mistress! I didn't expect to see you
here....



You remember me, my pet... I'm touched..

How could I forget Mistress, I said I would come once I was free..

So..House Galland has released you?

Yes mistress I finished my contract and Lady Galland wanted me to seek A life away from bondage.

So you come here and put yourself in the blood pool?

I'll be part of something Mistress.

So you still feel that call...

Yes mistress now more than ever..

But in the pool you give up your choice. any of my children could take you..

Well..yeah Mistress they could, But you are here. Maybe I might do for you?

That my pet, is too tempting....

I have come for you, but not in that way. Though I know you would be a delightful addition to my collection...

I don't understand Mistress.

I took you from the pool. You must promise me that you will never consider that again, if you do I will end your little life and leave you as a spent thermos, is this clear my sweet?

Y-yes Mistress, but does this mean I am with you?

No my sweet pet, you cannot be one of my children. There is something else I need you to think about.

But you read my mind back then and told me I was to be.

Yes Rainfeather I did, and at that time I thought you were. But something also told me to wait, to allow you to go to House Galland and be thier slave for a time, to become that doctor you wanted to be..

I did become a doctor Mistress though I knew not why...



Then come with me my pet. Let us sit and talk about your future. But first, I need to hear it again, so I know you understand.

I am never to enter the blood pool again, I will never think of it. For if I do you will drain me and leave me dead.

Perfect my pet, perfect..now come, we must talk..

Yes Mistress...





I forget my dear, you are originally from earth?

Yes Mistress, my Shamen told me I was to travel the stars..

And my pet?... you are leaving something out..

He was an old man that liked young girls..

Perhaps my pet, but you denied him and he said what to you..

He said I was to seek out the black wolf and from there I would know my truth.

And then you found Galland..

Yes, he was called the black wolf, and I needed money to become a doctor. So I sold myself to him.

But it was not fully what you were looking for..

No mistress, it wasn't. It was close, and I became the doctor I wanted to be, and the Field Marshal was very attentive.

I'm sure sweet rainfeather, I heard many tales of his prowess, but he wasn't quite what you were looking for..

No Mistress...but Now I don't feel you are what I'm looking for..



Of that my pet.. I am pleased...That creepy Shaman was quite correct however. You need to keep looking for the black wolf..

But Mistress, that's just legend.

Yes...A legend that got you to leave earth, sell yourself, become a "Medicine woman" and then look to vampires to let you feel a part of something, only to be told by the queen of vampires that becoming one, is not your path..

Then what do I do Mistress? Where do I look now?

Well, first you need to calm yourself that is the easy part.

Yes Mistress..

As for the next part that depends on whether you dare to trust a vampire queen.

Mistress has yet to lie to me once, even when her truth hurts





Then listen very closely my sweet pet and I will tell you what I can.

Yes Mistress.

Very soon now the wolf and it's mate will be here, in this very club. They seek something, and that something is you my pet..

But, Mis..

Silence..You will know them once you see them and nature will take it's course. That is if the woman of the plains still lives inside you. She will know how to let them know they seek her.

Yes mistress..

Just remember my pet, once they accept you you must be loyal to them. That is thier way, that is the way to survive my sweet Rainfeather

Sounds like a pack I'll be joining..

It is my pet, but a powerful one..one day..

You'er not kidding at all are you Mistress?

No my darling. I am deadly serious.

So let's say I do this, what then Mistress?

Then you will be where you were meant to be, with whom you were meant.

And they will just take me in..

If you want in bad enough, if you can share like a pack shares then I think they would. Can you live by the rules of others?

Yes mistress..

Then I would say wait here and relax. have something to drink to loosen your mood a little. they will be along soon so be ready. You and they will be safe tonight, stay as long as you like but I have a feeling you three will seek pleasure elsewhere..





What is it Ionne' I'm busy..

Shouldn't take too long sir. The crew has assembled a fair down payment and secured credit to but the ship from you. You would make 20Mcr profit.

What the fuck, MY ship?

Yes Howler, They want to buy the ship and haul cargo this is a very active Planet and they would be able to pay off the note in five years.

What they want raises, i'll double thier pay.

Howler it's not about pay, it's about work..

huh?

You said you were not the average Vargr. You wanted to be a legit spacer and haul cargo and make tons of credits. Yet, this ship has yet to leave the ground and we have had good paying runs they you declined. They are bored sir, they hired to work.



I just need a little more time, those scanners are installed and my bother is going to clear them and then we'll just need a vet.

And by then Howler you will be alone on your ship and little hope of getting a new crew.

Even you, I thought you might stay.

Howler, you are a good lover but I need to be in space, that is my home and sitting on the ground is just sitting..

Fine...get a load..something quick I want to be back here in a week.

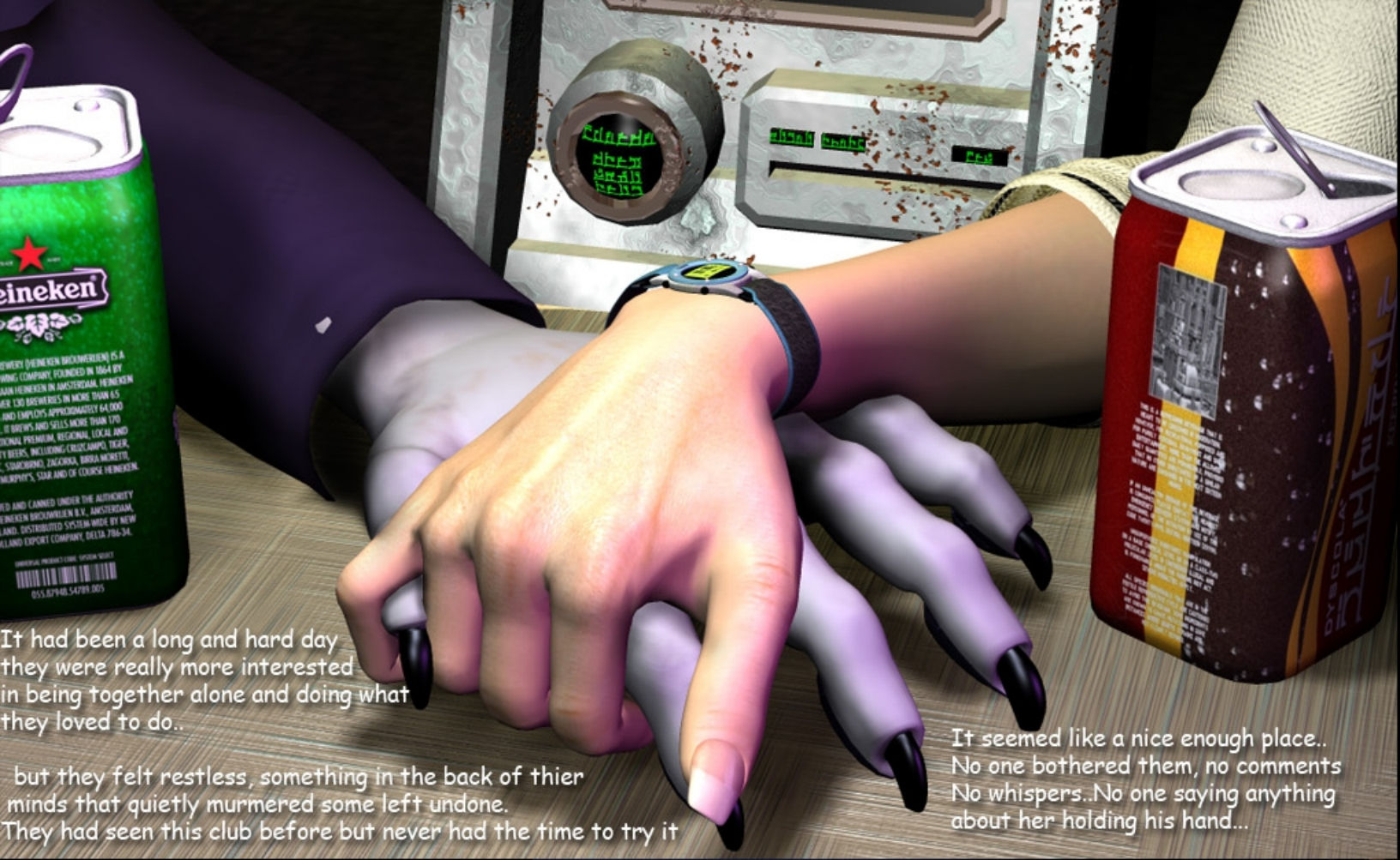
You'er serious..

Absolutley, I'm legit as i said, but I need to remember this is a crew and not just me. So get us a load that pays and is a quick return back here. we'll use this place as our hub....Sound good?

Yes Captain, I'll get us a run..

Good, I got some wine..Maybe?

Maybe, after I save your ass...sir..



It had been a long and hard day they were really more interested in being together alone and doing what they loved to do..

but they felt restless, something in the back of thier minds that quietly murmured some left undone. They had seen this club before but never had the time to try it

It seemed like a nice enough place.. No one bothered them, no comments No whispers..No one saying anything about her holding his hand...

Izara was right, there was no way to miss them.

They came in silently and sat close to where Rainfeather had been sitting. They would have noticed her sitting there if she had still been there but she would have missed them.

Rainfeather watched them for a moment..

Studied them and she saw something she wanted she saw what she had had wished for..

"The black wolf will take you into his lodge and you will be his. His pack will be filled with great happiness. You will share in his power. Submission will be your price for happiness."

Rainfeather always thought that sounded pretty but it was just a tale and nothing more. But it was a tale that lingered in her mind and never went away..

Now she was looking at what seemed like what was really the thing she was mean to be part of.

Was this but another false and empty hope. Izara said this was it, the one..she never lied before.

What to do? how to approach them..

The music was too loud, there were too many people..it was too hot...

But she needed to try....

Simple works most times..

Wha...?!



Is there som...

May I dance
with your mate?



If that doesn't
offend you..
..sire..

Please boss?



Uhhmm....Sure...Yeah...go ahead...I'll stay here...

I will not take her far Sire, watch if it pleases..

Be right back Little sleeper...

No....take your time.. enjoy yourself.....both of you...



It's way better when one's partner dances as well as this mistress.

Heh..I'm just following you..

My point exactly mistress...

My name is Rachel, not mistress..Uhhh

Rainfeather Jones..Sorry I guess I got confused seeing you sitting there I thought the Vargr was your mate..

He is..We are..It makes a difference?

Yes mistress..

Then explain it to me...

It's about respect mistress. As a mated pair one must know not to slight or anger either mate as a mated pair's temper tend to get shorter.

So you asked to dance with me for a reason, didn't you..

Yes Mistress.. I did..

MISTRESS!! That hurt..Why did you bite me..I did nothing wrong

Don't have a cow..Hardly broke the skin..That was your warning..

Warning? I-i- don't understand....

I know what you want Rainfeather..And I will try help you a little....But..

Mistress?

You even think about hurting him, and the next time I'll tear out your throat and no one will be able to save you....I'm the first and always.... Never forget that..ever..

Yes Mistress, I want only to be part of you both, You are Mistress now, and forever.

And Him?

My Sire, and the head of the house that is his.

Then let's see if he wants you...



Uhhh..Boss?

Ja..?

Did you know that when we are out together You are Sire and I'm Mistress?

No..Baht dis a club dat does dee fetishes no?

Talk right..

You...Woman..U spek varrgur?

No Sire, I never had a chance to learn it and it wasn't Offered at medical school...But if Mistress understands Vargr then I to would prefer you speak it..

Mai Enkris is gut..Why dee Mater..

Little sleeper please...

Fine....But I can speak terran you know...

I know, It's just I like the way you sound when you speak normally..

Alright, that was a rather short dance, I thought they lasted longer..

They do, but she had other motives..

Oh...did howler send her?

No, she doesn't smell like him at all..

It's time we three go home.. we can talk there..

We three go home...Our place you mean..

Yes, unless you'd rather rent a room..

.....

Blink, or something boss...



But home is OUR place....

Yes Little sleeper I know, it where we are a pack and no one can get at us, where we'er safe..

But she's...

Someone I want to talk to you about. Someone that needs a safe place to be, like someone you knew....and you took that person in...

Woman...you..Kom wit us..Vee goat mia lodge...

Yes Sire...

Baht..before vee go...I tells you sosink..

Yes Sire..

Eye dude not no for why my mate visses to brink uoo to hour lodge...
Baht!...eye premit dis cos she say is gut...Ja?

I understand Sire. I should be honored and will be respectful.

Werrry pittty vorrrds..



Boss....I already let her know how she needs to act..

Yeah.. I saw...I figured there would be more blood by the way you chomped down at her.

You saw that, sorry boss..

No..it's cool, I saw my mother do that sometimes..and probably for the same reason..

Well, since this place reeks of vampires I figure I should check first.

you noticed?

Yep, but I bet she don't know nothing about it..

Crap, you are right she is in danger. And so are we if we stay much longer I bet..

Somehow boss I don't think we are in that much danger

So said the fly to the spider...it's just awfully coinvent we ended up coming here..

But little sleeper....it'll wait till we get home..





Rainfeather could hear them attempting to whisper..

She learned that Vargr and people that can speak vargr really cannot whisper at all..

Rainfeather had no idea what they were saying except for when they used her name, which seems to not translate into vargr..

She listened as best she could for repeated sounds which would give her a word she could learn.

Mistress's speech was very clear hopefully she would teach her how to talk to her Sire..In his language..

But as she sat on thier bed she couldn't help but smile..

She was where she was to be, with the ones she was to be with.

But they were confused and worried for what they wanted from her and how they wanted it....

was.....

Exactly how she wanted to serve them...

Waiting was nothing new to Rainfeather. Several times already in her life she has sat naked and waiting for her owner or master or mistress to come and claim her.

She would simply sit and wonder how severe or gentle they might be. She knew enough about vargr to know that the pack consists of an Alfa pair, possibly a bravo pair, and then the rest, followed sadly by an Omega. One bottom rung member that anyone could pick on..

But the Alfas ruled the pack. The male was the undisputed Sire of the pack and nothing was decided unless he decided it. His Mate the Alfa female was the Mistress, she enforces the chain and decides who if any get access to the male. Who does and who does not mate.

Rainfeather could only hope Sire would accept her. That would rest solely on Rachel, if she didn't like it, It wasn't going to happen.

All there was to do was to sit, and wait, and hope that Mistress could somehow know that rainfeather was meant to be part of this new pack.

The wound on her neck was small but in the short trip to thier place it seemed to fade into as if it never was.

Except it's pain, which still throbbed enough to remind rainfeather that Rachel was not a female to be trifled with. She knew that Rachel's threat was a very real promise

One that rachel would never forget or enforce if she felt the desire. This would make Mistress easier to serve as her focus was the members of the pack and her mate... Sire, on the other hand.....she was clueless...





She's very pretty boss..

Yeah, but I prefer you.. I mean, she nice but..

How do you know she is supposed to be with us. She was in a vampire club for the love of the spirit.

How did you know about me little sleeper. How did you know I was supposed to stay with you?

I felt like if I let you walk out the door that first I would die.

I feel as though she's already part of us...

You bit her, you drew blood, I saw..

Just like you will bite our children little sleeper when the time is right. It's our way.

Still...But if you want to keep her then ok we'll keep her..

Thank you boss, She wants to be mounted.

sure it isn't you she's rather be with?

She's looking at you boss. What do her eyes tell you?

Well, that could be a problem..

She doesn't arouse you?

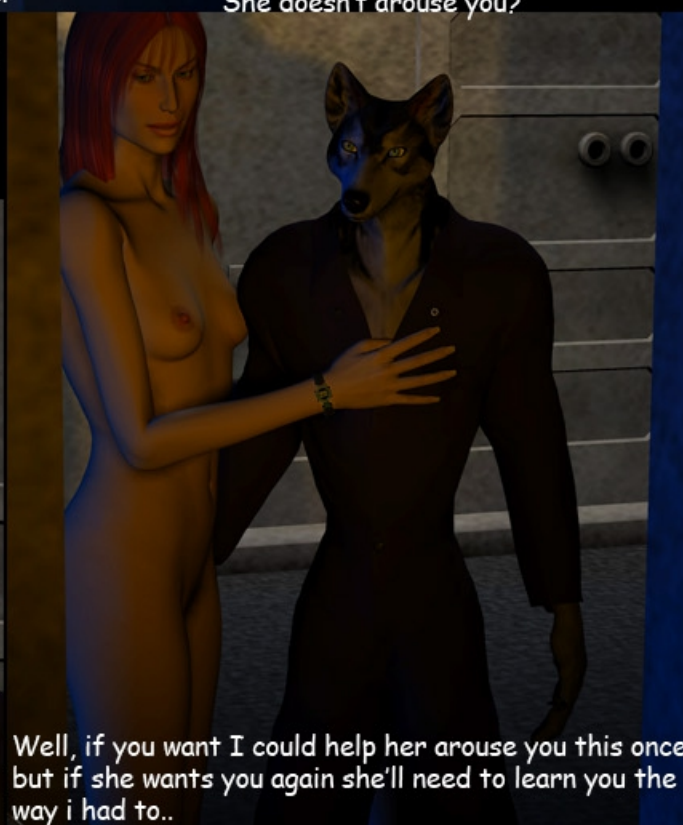
Well...kinda but not like you do. You seem to be able to do it to me anytime.

I'm glad, but she wants to feel the same things i do boss, she needs to feel you..

But half aroused would not be fair to her..



You'er sweet, but she still needs her Pack boss, or Sire as she says it..



Well, if you want I could help her arouse you this once but if she wants you again she'll need to learn you the way i had to..

Help her Arouse me?

Yeah, I know you've heard about things humans do, you might like it..Now go sound all powerful, she likes that. Then I'll help out..

So...Youvant im mai Pack....Vie?

At home Sire..On earth..A medicen man, a Shamen in my village he told me that my future wasn't on earth but in the stars.. He said I was to look for the black wolf and offer myself a certain way and he would take me into his lodge and I would serve him and help bring his lodge happiness...

Baht U ver slav to FeltMarshal..I noe, I seed you on hes sheep.

Sire, I repayed my debt to him in service so I could be a medical doctor. I stayed because the lady Galland was having twins and she needed the help..

Eye..am no Bleck..I haz wheit..

Sire was born solid black, Sire is Vargr, but On earth we had Wolves and the one that are your colors start Black..



Dat..is irreverent..Whaht machs u thing I vant you?

Nothing sire..But here I am. In your lodge...I know that this seems nuts but this is where I want to be with you both. I have never felt like I was home. I feel that here, with you both. I want to serve you both, that is what and who i am. I wish to be in your pack sire. I want to know safety.

Rchill tol you two say dat no?

No sire, Mistress didn't. She told me that she was the first in sire's heart and that if you wanted me I would need to obey that forever.

....

Sire, these are all just pretty words. Alone they are nothing.. I was taught Actions speak truth.

Der is mounting...

Yes sire, and I will submit to you freely, So long as Mistress wishes me too.

Have you ever been with a Vargr Rainfeather?

no Mistress, we didn't study vargr to deeply in school.

You'll need to correct that, We both are Veterinary doctors.

I had heard that there was a vargr vet on highport.

He is that vet Rainfeather.

Yes mistress..

Do you know why he wears clothes in public, while other Vargr do not...Like his bother?

I was not aware Sire had a brother Mistress but that matters not, he cannot be that great if sire said nothing about him.



I like her boss...

He does it mostly because of me...Most vargr males carry their equipment in a pouch under the skin and fur so you hardly eve see Vargr genitals.

Yes Mistress I do know about that, they tend to be Smaller?

Hmm, That i don't know only having been just with Doc. But when He becomes aroused he slips out so if he wants we can mount. But as we are mated he became more easily aroused. So to avoid a scene he wears his jumper.

Yes mistress..

I have an affect on him, all I have to do is look or move a way he likes and he will want to mount with me..and we will, where and when it don't matter..



But Rainfeather look here...

It's very pretty, it looks so soft..

But If I stroke it it will not stay soft. But the point here is you don't have that effect on him as I do. He may come out but he'll be too soft to mount you. He doesn't want that for you.

I will try hard then mistress.

you may need more than good moves Rainfeather



Physically arousing a vargr male is very tricky. They mount with great speed and vigor, they hold nothing back which make my time with him wonderful. But Human women need..

More time than in a sprint Mistress?

Exactly, Now as tonight will mount you and from there you will be with us. I'm going to help you get him fully aroused.

Yes Mistress I will pay attention and learn.

Ok, I know you are into the Submissive, I kinda like it, but you ain't a robot, you are about to be family and we enjoy each other. Just remember your place and it'll all come

Yes mistress, I'll try..



You do know how to suck cock, right?

Yes mistress, The field marshal loved that.

Good, now the idea here is to arouse him. To get him hard enough to mount you. He's Never had this done so it's going to be a new and intense thing for him, you follow?

Yes Mistress, I need to be very careful to not take him too far.

Yep, He doesn't know, well not human slow anyways. So you'll need to be very delicate

But that could cause him to go on it's own Mistress..

Yes it could and then you have to hope he still wants to mount, Rainfeather your place is you can have him if I allow and if you can arouse him..

Think of it like a test. If you pass he mounts you. Fail and you get a mouthful of seed that is in the wrong place.

But what if that's what sire wishes?

Boss?

Vood be a vase, BahT eet vood not matter...Maybe I let seed go in mouth. (If I like it would you let me do it with you Rachel?)

(For you little sleeper, anything..almost want to tell her to go to sleep and it be just you and me..But you need to mount her.)

Sire.....May I try to arouse you?



Ja...U may tri



Rainfeather slipped down to her knees. Rachel, slid closer but remained on the bed.

Rachel put her hand under rainfeather's chin and loosely held her jaw. Rainfeather could feel the hot exhales from Mistress. Clearly she was very aroused by the idea.

Sire's cock remained plump and at it's full size but it was still too soft for him to use it. But it was still quite stunning. Sire clearly was far better endowed than many of his kind.

Rachel sighed softly as she lifted his cock



it was still...



Open.....easy...

Rachel's touch was feather soft, yet commanding. Her voice just as her touch soft and sexy and fully in control. For as quickly as she had bitten snapping a neck was likley simpler still.

Rainfeather became wet and wanting. she did as mistress commanded and opened her mouth. Sire leaned in slightly and the tip of his hooded cock lay gently on her lip.

It warmth filled her body with desire, and seemed to have a similar effect on Mistress..

Slowly...Rainfeather..very slowly...

Just like a breath of wind girl..

Mmm..

Shh..slide him in easy..



He's almost there baby..softly now....

He likes this Rainfeather you are doing
so well...

....

You make me wish I were joining tonight.
We will share so much Rainfeather...

Rachel...I want now....

Hold on rainfeather, he's ready...





Before Rainfeather knew fully what was happening...

In moment she was sucking her Sire's stiffening cock..

To being on her back. Her ass in the air supported by Sire and Mistress..

To feeling his sex pressing, entering hers..

She found herself gasping in pleasure. as his cock filled her hungry pussy...

His pace was fast...Very fast, but she felt as if were about to burst.

She called out loudly in pleasure.

Like with me little sleeper...hold nothing back..give it to her!!



Mistress was telling Sire something in Vargr Rainfeather knew not. But It had something to do with the way they were mounting.

His tempo became stronger and harder, and even faster than his start. She came quickly and harder than she ever had, but the sensation did not ebb, only more crisp.

Rainfeather was normally a quiet one, hardly above a moan. But now she felt driven to shout and howl her happiness

All to the gentle and warm loving smile of mistress..



Rainfeather lost track of time but knew it had to have been a minute or two. there was no way this was fitting inside the 30 seconds a vargr can keep an erection..

Not that she really cared. She knew she had come at least 3 times already and Sire was stroking away like a sewing machine.

"Just let go rainfeather..don't hold back. feel him mounting you, feel the trust he has for you!"

The room became lighter, as if a new day was beginning...

For in many ways, it was...





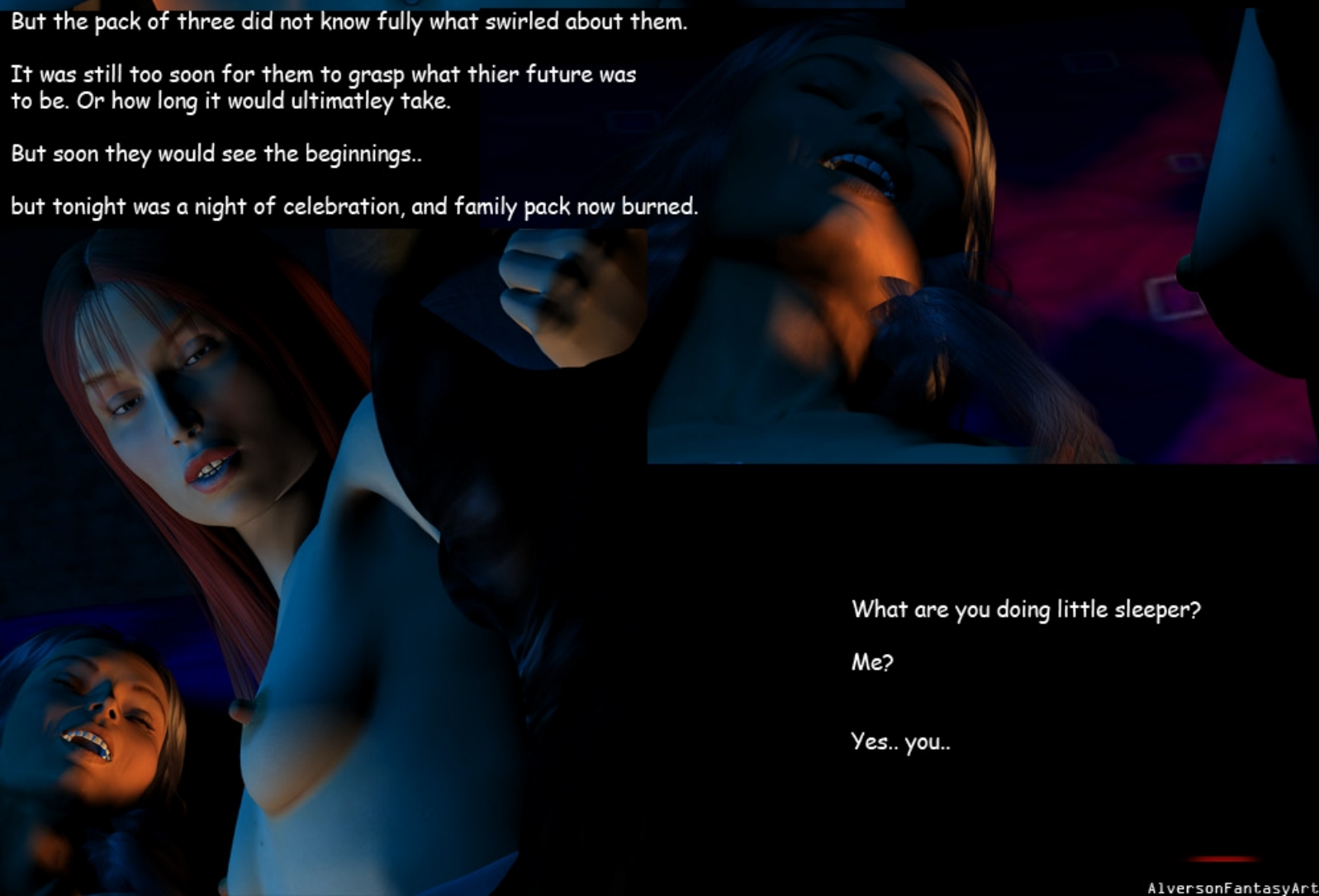
She felt him empty his seed inside her.
Yet he kept going, slowing only slightly..
She felt each jet of sperm enter her.
It made her feel like she belonged..
To Him..
To Her..
To the pack..
She was out of breath and completely
worn from this, her first mounting..
Her body relaxed but she could still
feel them touching her, holding her.
Protecting her at her most vulnerable.
She was one of them..
In more ways than she could imagine.
But as she drifted away to sleep she
knew only she was happy and sated
and wanted...

But the pack of three did not know fully what swirled about them.

It was still too soon for them to grasp what thier future was
to be. Or how long it would ultimatley take.

But soon they would see the beginnings..

but tonight was a night of celebration, and family pack now burned.



What are you doing little sleeper?

Me?

Yes.. you..



So I should stop?

Hell no..Ohhhh..

I thought so....

B-but...you just...oh god..

I mounted a packmember..N-now
I mount my Mate..

Ahahhh...



S-she M-must always know she is F-first in me..
And she will H-have as much of me.....As...She...
wishes....uhhhh..



Wut you call me fore?

<Sorry Doc but we have a situation over here on the low port.>

whaht?

,The ship is the autum harvester of of calebra it's primary start was core. It landed a few hours ago. But no one came out and when i sent a maintenance team to check they said there was a dead body in the pilot seat they could see from outside.

Ja.. und?

<The manifest said it was carrying live cargo, But didn't list what that is. I think whatever it is got out and killed the crew and may still be inside.>

Ve are vets, know animal trappers..

<Yeah..but you have dartguns and can tell if that is the problem..Come on doc, I need help here..>

Okay..okay....Vee art cuming. Ve going to bring a nother doc vis us. she thinking she mai join us. Her Nam is Rainfedder joes.

<Got-cha, yeah she's listed as a doc, I'll put her part of your team for now..>



Fine..see you dare.. out..

Lil sleeper..it's way early..Something up, Brother in jail?

Heh..no rachel A ship landed with a dead man at the controls and they think an animal on board has something to do with it.

Can't they access the ships cameras?

I don't know but since we can handle loose animals...

we get to be the dog catcher..ok, I'll get dressed.

Is she asleep still?

yes you did a number on her. wore the poor thing out.

Hmm, well..She goes with us, she can help out.

Yes boss..





To: ISS Regina barracks
From: J Wilkersen Regina (Low) SPA

Subject: C/S Autum Harvest (200Tn)

This is to advise that a 200tn FarTrade arrived under appearnt auto land cycle with no crew alive.

Security Disc from the said vessle are corrupted and show nothing but white noise. Manifest from Centra show the vessel was carrying hazardous live cargo

Initial sweep of ship showed only two fatalities and clothes covered in some pink tinged slime. No Hazardous cargo was found on board.

Regina Veterinary services are on scene looking for the biological and doing the field forensics

Little sleeper arrived with Rachel and Rainfeather. The smell stopped cold. Neither Rachel or Rainfeather seemed to take notice and started accessing the ship. The galactic patrol officer in charge at the scene told him that they found nothing except two dead.

Little sleeper knew there were more dead than that. At least 15.

But something wasn't right. He knew this smell..

It was the smell Rachel had just when she got sick, but this was stronger...



But it had been months since they cured her. and the doctors told him that they would start using it throughout the whole imperium.

Unless they never made it to the central part of the imperium.

If that was so then how many ships like this one would be coming.

Little sleeper didn't know, but he could feel it was far less safer for his mate and his pack.

But it wasn't from the dead in the ship.. it was what was no longer on the ship..





The dead guy said nothing...helpful.



Rachell indeed note the odor. She saw little sleeper halt and then she noticed. She looked to rainfeather

She was already at the main hatch, it was open.

Rachel could hear the Cop telling Doc what he knew.

Which wasn't crap..

She knew there was supposed to be 18 souls and 150 ton of personal cargo. They were headed to spinward because back at core there was a sickness that only some people got called Minger's.

The ship was a special charter a group of some kind that largely stayed away from the Captain and his other crew member.

normal system maintenance checks...One of the passengers was hot but was a total bitch..

these were the logs of the captain. But how was she able to know all that..



Rachell, you alright, you were talking..

I was? sorry boss I guess this is a little strange for me..All That slime?....

Yeah?

It's what happens at the end...for minger's, you know, what I had.

Yeah..I smelled that...and these two?

This is the crew of the Autum Harvest. They died os desication near as i can see.

Desication?..they dried out?

Yes little sleeper there is more moister in beef jerky that these two put together?

Could this be a hyper space effect like a misjump?

that's not it boss can you smell that?

Yeah, but it's mixed in with everything else it's too faint..



But we have other problems. They need us three to go to the Yaborr club, They say some kind of animal got in there and tore things up.

The one that's supposed to be on this ship?

I don't know Rachel. I don't smell any kind of animal on this ship but human, and that hint of something but scent don't leave that fast, even a Hyperbat scent will last days. From the scent I get it would have been weeks or a month since whatever it was

But that would mean they opened a hatch in jump or between jumps and system says the only outer door that opened was right after the ship touched down.

How do you know that?

Geez...System, outer hatch opening or closings in the last 60 to 90 days..

<main hatch sealed 2345.11 centra...main hatch manual open 2300 hours today..>

See?

Then this hazardous animal can open doors manually

Could it be a Vegan boss?

No, they need methane to breathe the whole life support would have to make and mix it

Then what the hell are we chasing little sleeper?

i don't know, but let's get to that....hey...that club..

That's the one we met Rainfeather..

Yeah, and you said it was a vampire club?

Yeah..You don't think...

you have your gun?

Yes boss, gave one to rainfeather too..

And Mine?

I have that one, and no..

But I'm the leader..right?

Right so lead us to the car..

Mates...hmpfh..

I love you too...



CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS **CRIME SCENE**

The Club was a Slaughter house..

The cops wouldn't even go in...

Boss..The one back here. He was pretty drained the spatter is all from when his head came off..

Rachil, cameras you know computer..

They got one cam on each door but nothing that looks here. What should i look for? Big hulking thing able to tear apart people like opening a pop can?

Ja...

Sire...



Vat!..

I don't think that what we are looking for is all that hulking big.

Hoe yu no?

A few people I know are vampires and they are no bigger than we are. In fact sire, This female here. Notice how normal looking her body is well except for the missing head, and her temp is still high whoever this is had to have come from that ship we were at. I makes sence Sire.

Eye ham glad you say dis macha cents. Dey'er promise vas to not draou attention. Dey make beeg promise many lly ago so for how us Vargr heep dem come heer under secrete.

Sire, Maybe I should explain. then I'm sure you'll understand.

Fine!



Sire, Mistress... What I tell you now is truth that few know.... There are two main types of vampires. They are not Feindish apparitions of evil sent by the dark spirt. They are a natural species that is totally predatory, special to one type of prey animal...Human..They are species that keeps human numbers in check..

There is a diasease, it's called Minger's syndrome. It's a genetic failure only found in humans. Not all, but damn close to it. In the end it basically turns a human into slime. That ship we were on..they had it. So in rimward, right now....Most of humanity is already dead..

Vampires, and some sub-species of humans are immune. But the drop in population so quickly will be a huge problem for one of the two types One type Must digest the blood or fluids from a living human, this is the only thing they they can ingest, they can't eat food or stuf only blood..or other bodily fluids...

Boss?....
Dis is jok no?
.....
Rainfeather?



No sire...this is no joke. I was given a test kit to test house Galland to see if they had it...Thankfully, they are fine and will stay that way.. But billions will and or have died. This leaves the bloodsucking type at near extinction. I would bet that the one that did all this was on that ship. But during the trip it's food supply died...I would imagine it was insane with hunger. They are kinda like the hollywood vamps.

Sire..Mistress..See here, it took this vampires head off and fed. Same with every one here. it's like a bear prepaing for winter it's stocking up..Except spring will never come..



Won't the others deal with him like from the books and crap?

No Mistress, Like sire said. this one broke the promise

You now promize?

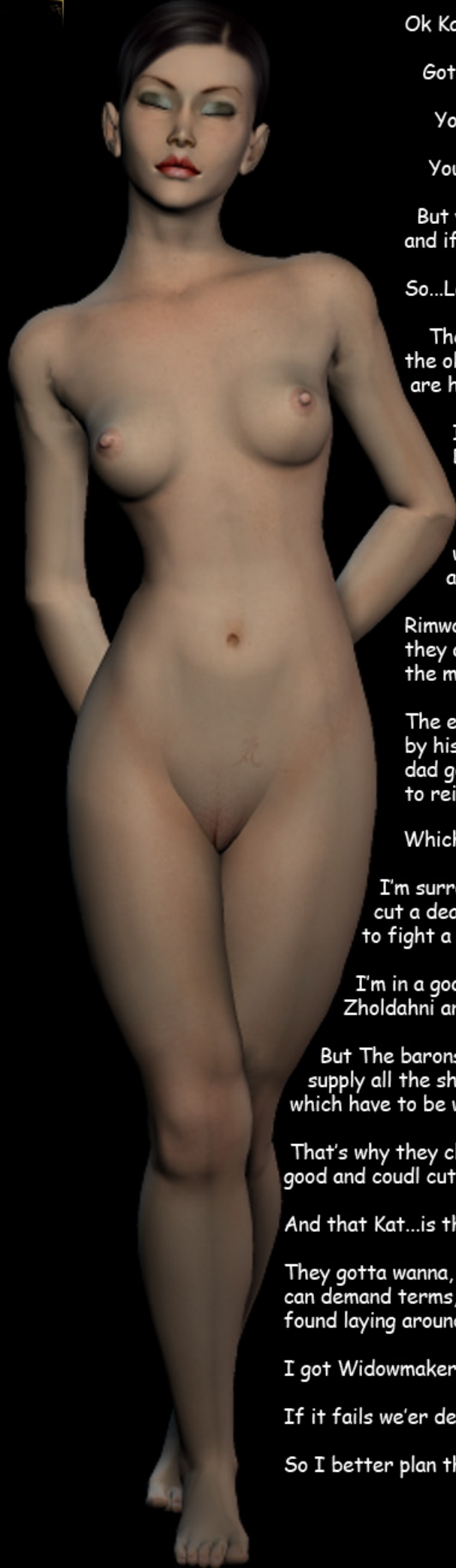
I know they have a law sire. That each is to blend in and not become greedy. If one does, they allow the humans to find the guilty...But sire, I don't think humans can handle this or the flood that will come. Or when minger's gets here.

Yu test yu?

Yes sire..I'm negative I'll just be a even smaller minority.

Gut, Vee has to find eet first beefore eet dude dis again, how long?

Maybe a day sire.



Ok Kat.. you got yourself back home to see mom...

Got some rest ...

You ordered the WidowMaker to come to you, and they are resting...

You got laid....

But you haven't done anything to help spinward get out of the trouble they are in and if you don't do something soon the Zholdahni will...

So...Let's start with what we know...

The zholdahni have effective control over the rimward expanse, all the way to the old Solomani Sphere, where earth is. They have reformed thier federation and are holding thier own...

I don't think they ever really wanted to be part of the Imperium but they have Distance protecting them. The Zholdahni have to expend a great deal just to get there and they are not in welcome territory.

I could try to ally us with them, that would double my fighting power but I would have to wait at least a year or two for them to get here in decent count. and I don't think they would drive thru the entire zholdahni fleet to get here.

Rimward is completely shattered. There are a few small pockets of resistance but they are in spots that are difficult to get at and impossible to conquer, even for the mind reading Zholdahni.

The emperor is I have no idea..He's either gone completely insane or he's blinded by his advisors...Father always said he could keep the emperor on track, and with dad gone..well...anyway...rimward is a lost cause I'll have to basically invade it to try to rein it back under some type of control...

Which leaves Spinward....Geez I'm so screwed....

I'm surrounded by Zholdahni, Aslan, and Vargr. I know the Zholdahni will be trying to cut a deal with the Azlan to invade me. Yeah...The aslan would go for that. A chance to fight a Galland. But they will wait till they think I'm complacent and sitting back...

I'm in a good defence. I can still hold and maintain the whole Marches and keep the Zholdahni and aslan out. I can do that till I become an old crazy cat lady.

But The barons in spinward don't want it to last much longer. They want to to not have to supply all the ships and troops I need and all the supplies. They want to sell to the Zholdahni which have to be worse than we are..

That's why they chose Baron Tolk to be thier Domain governor. He knows the zholdahni pretty good and could cut a deal that even I could live with....

And that Kat...is the problem...

They gotta wanna, and they don't gotta, after all they have taken over half the Imperium. They can demand terms, Tolk could but they'd just laugh at him, bring in the Aslan and whatever they found laying around and take me out, and have it all.....

I got Widowmaker and Durango to play with..

If it fails we'er dead..

So I better plan this right...

Zholdahn.. Thier home world...

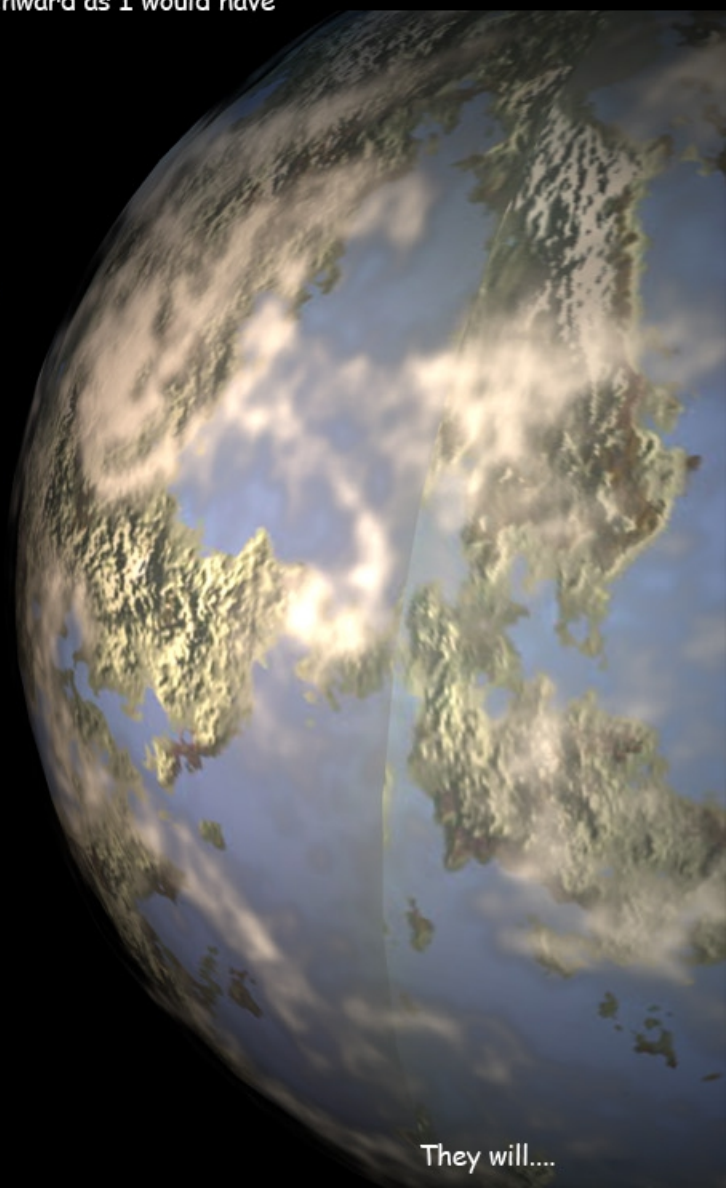
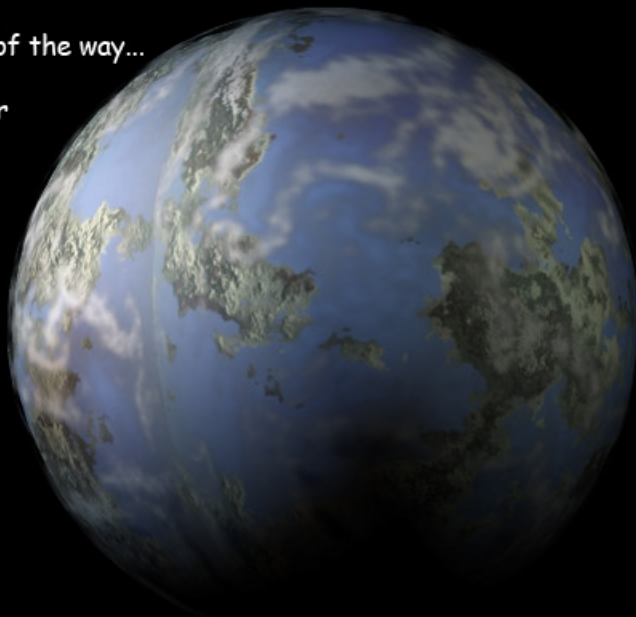
Nicely tucked out of the way...

But maybe not far enough....

"Your enemy will always defend what they hold dear or that they know in which you want.."

"You must strike at that your enemy hold most dear but but defends lightly due to distance or physical feature become the main tactic of thier defence of it.."

Zholdahn is too far away for my force to invade directly. They would see me coming and call out everything. They would dead at spinward as I would have to send everything to take Zholdahn..



But if I could get my paws around it..

Or at least make them Think I can...

That would be enough to get them to have to talk to Talk.

If I did it right they might surrender, now that would be cool..

Dad would like that...

But I don't want them to surrender.

I want them to hurt.

I want them to hurt so bad they don't fully recover.

I want them to hurt as bad as me.

Mom wants them dead I know it, they killed her when they took dad....

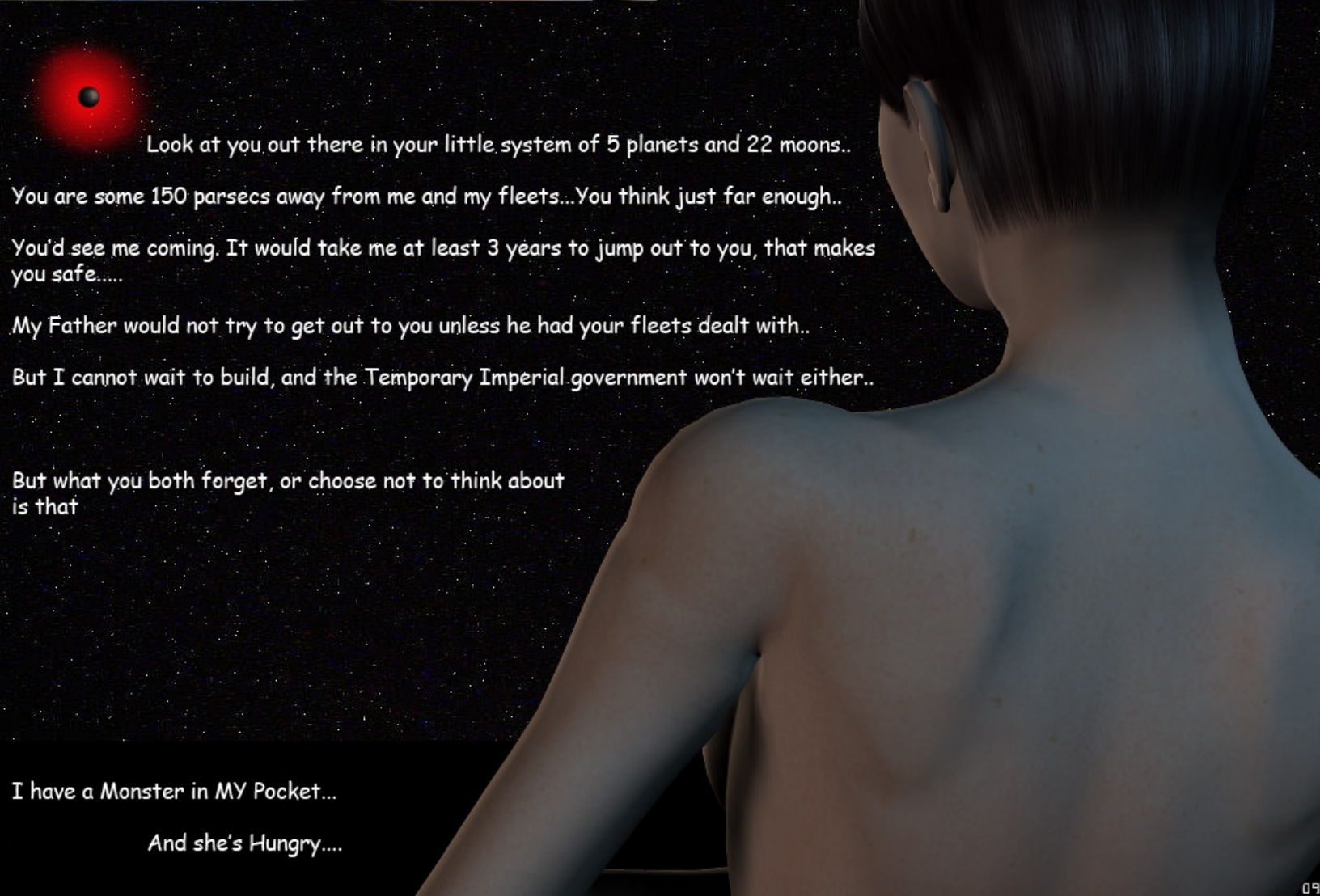
They need to pay.. and huge...

They will....



Right now you have all your fleets in imperial space.
Only in two places your have nothing or very little...
And I know about them both..
You've tried to hide them from me but you can't
I pushed you out of one...
You don't think I'll try the other...

I'm coming....



Look at you out there in your little system of 5 planets and 22 moons..

You are some 150 parsecs away from me and my fleets...You think just far enough..

You'd see me coming. It would take me at least 3 years to jump out to you, that makes you safe.....

My Father would not try to get out to you unless he had your fleets dealt with..

But I cannot wait to build, and the Temporary Imperial government won't wait either..

But what you both forget, or choose not to think about is that

I have a Monster in MY Pocket...

And she's Hungry....

Oh, Yeah...

I suspect she and her captain are become very hungry..



They hunted your fleets and anything of your to tried to put in the corridor.

She ate her plate clean no matter how many times you filled it..

You never saw her, you still have no idea what my pretty Monster looks like...

So...Since you just do planetary defence on the planets you stole and don't send ships in there.

Widowmaker is hungry, I promised her I would keep her busy....She likes staying busy, you know...

Because she got a little mouth to feed....

You've seen the Durango many times. you know she has a thing for really big ships..

And I don't think Captain Belk will want to go out there all alone, and I seriously doubt Jack would stay behind

So she's going too...



I can't very well send my hunter without his trusted hunting dog...It just wouldn't be right...

I'll move mountaintop to the rubicon and that is where WidowMaker and durango will take on stores and fuel.

I'll order a short raid to garnet and drop a probe or something. Make it look like I'm starting to set a peminent defence.

That should be enough of a diversion for Captain Belk to slip across the the RED LINE.

Now once He's across he'll need to manuver himself to where they don't run into him and he can silently slip into Zholdahn system space.

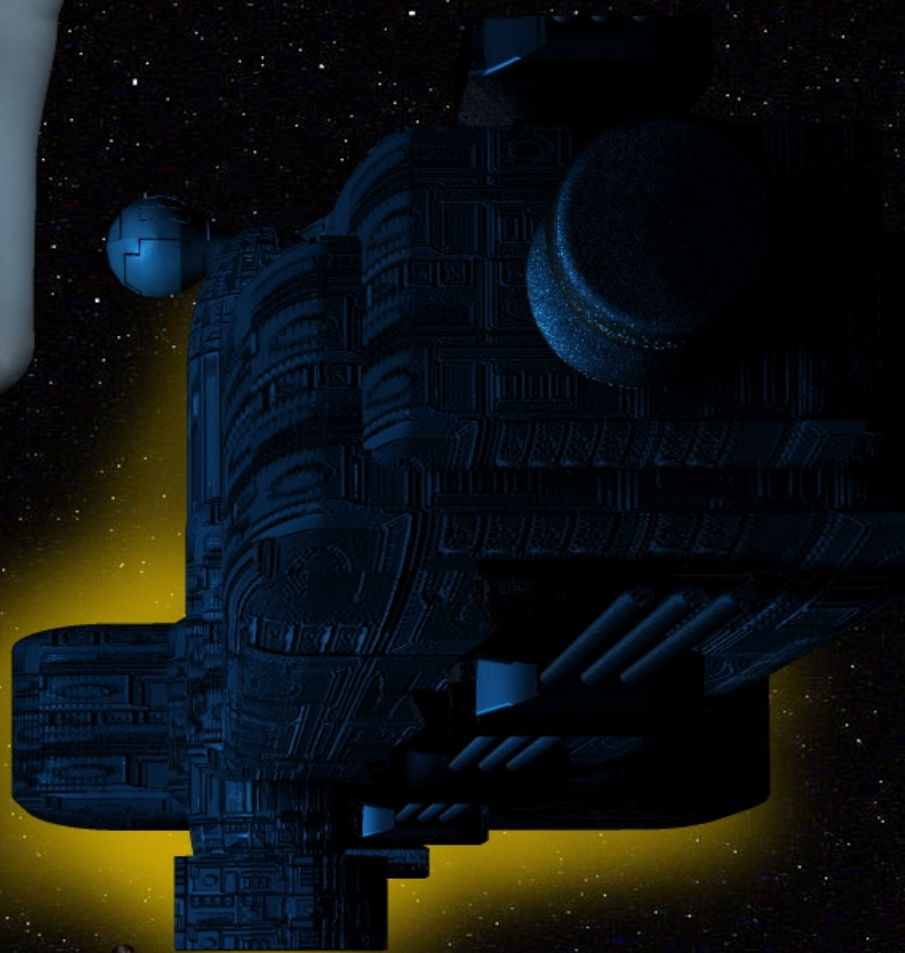
If they find him he'll have to bolt out of there in a hurry, or make a mad dash for the target..

I'll give him the option, he'll be better able to see where he'll be...



And Quietly.....My hunter and his wing..

Will roll thru into Zholdahn....



That is going to be so sweet!



If I thought i could get away with it I'd do this myself....

But I'd get all vengefull and I'd get sloppy....

This is not a one way trip, this is a trap being sprung

My Monster is going to creep right up to your front door..

She's cut her hunting dog loose to scare up the herd..

And while you are going to be grabbing for your clothes and scrambling like idiots..

The WidowMaker is going to cut into you like a knife..

She and Captain Belk are going to make you bleed Bitch..

But as much as I want you dead, I won't order that..

No Bitch...

But you gonna wish I had...

No....WidowMaker and Durango will vapor into your space and you'll be wondering what the fuck happened and who did that to you..

And she and her durango will wait..

Then they hit you again..then withdraw into the black..

And then you'll know...

The Monster that ate your fleets in the corridor is right outside your house. It's not going to leave, it will keep hitting you without warning..

Until you call To Talk and want to end this...

Beacuse I will have you by the throat and I will cut your foul head off if Talk says...



The plan was pretty simple, dangerous, but possible.



Daio this is Kat...status..

<Field Marshal, our status is secure. Minimal contact along the entire FLOT. Mag Cycle is completeing. Our Fight status is Green.>

Thank Daio, Anything from Rimward?

<Negative Ma'am, it's been two weeks with nothing.>

Roger that Daio, Keep someone on it but lets start things back together..You wanted to put a Echo Probe on Garret yes?

<Roger Ma'am, it woud give us:..

Plan it..I want it deployed in 75 hours from now..Exactly.

<Exactly Ma'am?>

roger that..

<Roger, it will cause a stir ma'am>



Yes Admiral, I know..

<Roger that, I start it moving, But you will have to get the approval>

I know Daio, I've already talked to Talk...Call him and brief him.

<Yes Ma'am.>

Also I want Mountaintop moved, send it to rubicon, I want it ready for a full load out..I want it there in place before Garret is started.

<Roger ma'am..that will be pretty close..>

I know but Ajax is still with it and thier client will not be staying long..

<Roger, I get you Ma'am..>

Good because I want this to go easy and quiet. Garret will get me what I need..

<Early Warning...right ma'am>

Roger that..Anything else I need Daio?



<How's your time off Ma'am?>

Not bad, getting sleep and mom's cooking...and planning, of course.

<Yes Ma'am. Good to hear you are getting downtime>

<Well I'll get on this and call you back if needed..ok?>

Sure Daio...I was thinking.. I might hang out here for a little longer. So keep up training and building we still need ships and crews.

<Sure Ma'am I can do that>

Roger that, thanks Daio..Field Marshal Out..



Figured you might want some coffee by now ma'am..

Huh..Oh!..yeah...you are.....

Cpl Thorin Ma'am.

I thought it was Greyeyes?

Yeah it is but my eyes are green actually. The field marshal always had coffe after he planned a mission, he said it helped his head..

Oh, now I remember, you you saved my dad years ago..You look well thorin..



He was huge...

And so quiet, she didn't hear him come in..



Cpl Thorin Greyeyes was assigned to the 123rd when he and Ivan Galland met. It was in combat and if not for the Cpl the imperium would have lost a FM.

But he was badly wounded saving Ivan and he never forgot. He took the man and made him the Combat Planning complex Manager His job was to keep the CPC ready for use and linked to command, he also cleaned.

He left in his will he should be allowed to remain in place at the pleasure of Kat.



Was your hair this long when my father was here?

Yes Ma'am, he said I should grow it out so i wouldn't look like a battle droid. Should I warm up this coffee?

No it's fine, Thorin. How have you been since..

Been waiting on the Field Marshal Ma'am. Keeping things ready for when he gets back...But Lady Galland says I need to make sure it's ready for you because the Boss is going to be deployed a long time.

I see..Thorin, My father asked that your needs are taken care of, is the staff being nice to you?

I guess, they don't yell at me. Don't see many really I keep to myself..I'm a bit too clumsy still.

You came in here without spilling and making noise..



Are the girls Nice to you?



Wouldn't know ma'am don't see many.

Pity...

It's ok CPC keeps me busy...Your coffee is gonna be real cold...

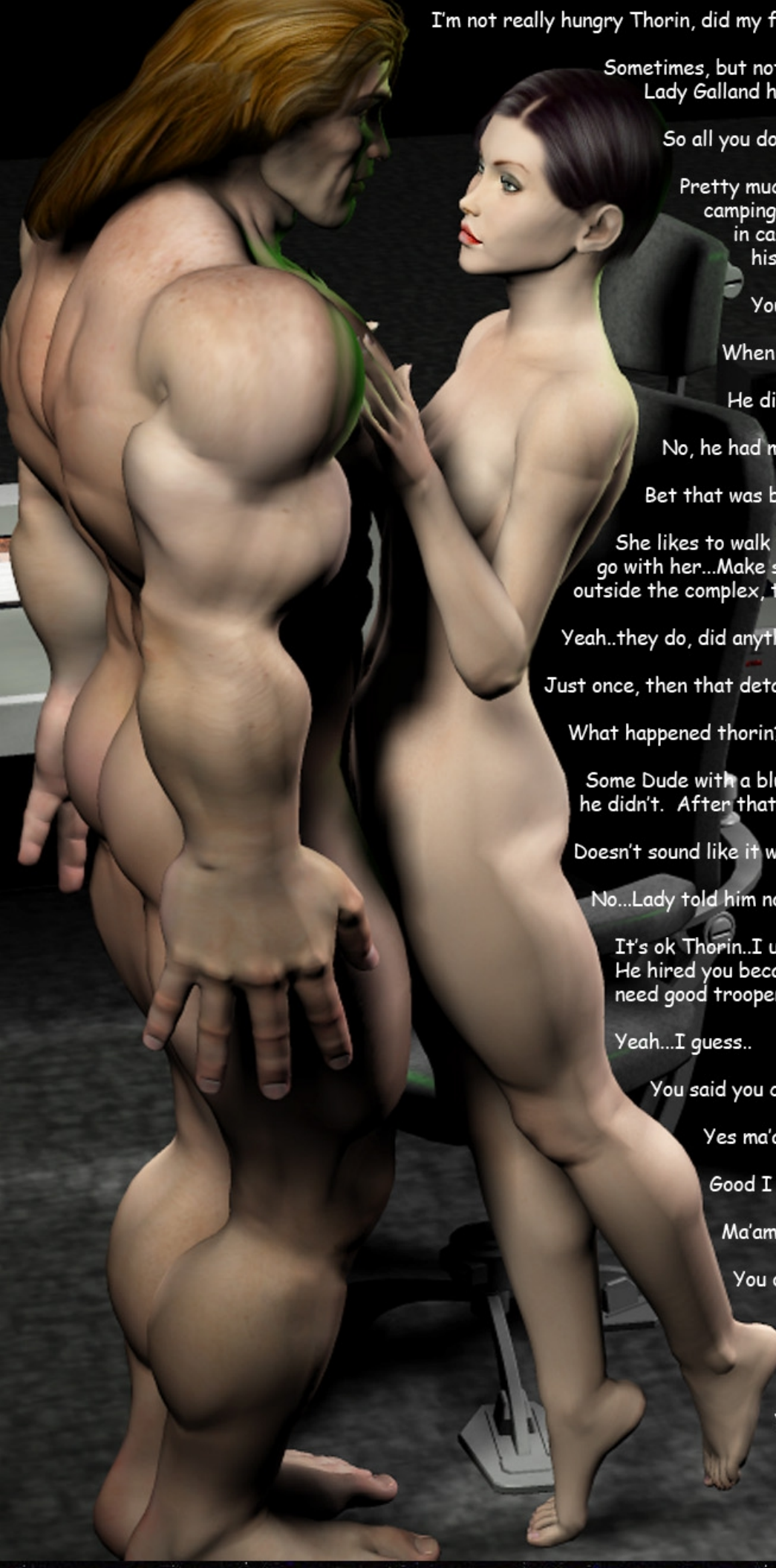
The damage to him on the outside was long gone save for a few very sexy scars. His head or rather what was inside it was something completely different. His words were small and easy, his mind more simpler in scope. Ekaterina could see why her father liked him. He couldn't care less about rank or politics or daily drama.

Only that the Field marshal needed him there to help with little things. Outside, the world would have consumed this fellow and left him but ashes.

There was little chance he would or could betray her. His expression and his body told her that he would be as loyal as a huge sheep dog.

Something inside her began to change. She liked this feeling she was having...

If you'er hungry Ma'am I got snacks and stuff too?



I'm not really hungry Thorin, did my father eat down here alot?

Sometimes, but not always. like if was really late and he thought Lady Galland had gone to sleep, she never did.

So all you do here is work in here?

Pretty much, unless the Field Marshal took the boys camping or shooting or he wanted to spar. He took me in case I need to write something down or fire up his coms array, but Never had to do that.

You and he sparred?

When he was here yeah, once a day, sometimes more

He didn't take you with him when he deployed?

No, he had me stay and watch the site and help the Lady.

Bet that was boring, except helping out mom...with what?

She likes to walk to town and before she got that detail I would go with her...Make sure no one touched her or tried to do stuff outside the complex, they got some strange rules..

Yeah..they do, did anything happen?

Just once, then that detail took over, now i just help her when she asks.

What happened thorin?

Some Dude with a blue thing across him tried to grab her boob. he didn't. After that he never touched a person like that again.

Doesn't sound like it went well for him.

No...Lady told him no and people heard they just stood there.

It's ok Thorin..I understand You did what My father asked He hired you because you were a good trooper. Field Marshals need good troopers around them.

Yeah...I guess..

You said you can fight..do you still?

Yes ma'am

Good I need some exercise....fight me.

Ma'am?

You don't want to?

You sure Ma'am?

Yes Corpral, I am..You in?

Yes Ma'am...



You scared yet Thorin?
No Ma'am.
Well, I gonna take you down big man.
Yes ma'am..
You sound like you don't believe me.
I know you will try ma'am
You sound awfully confident Thorin.
Yes ma'am
Then what do I get if I beat you?
I don't think I have alot, my room is pretty bare

You gotta have something...

I got savings but lady galland says that's for later..
Well..I'll think of some thing fair then, when I win.
Okay..
And what do You want if you win Thorin?
I don't know, I won so i guess that woudl be enough.



It's the other eye that don't work good ma'am..
Oh..
But that was a real good solid swing. I would have felt that one Ma'am..
Ah..well good then...
Ma'am?
Yeah Thorin?
was there something else you wanted to try.
Yeah...but first.....THIS!



HAAAA!!!

!!Thump!!

Kat had not really put effort into putting him over...

As she did she knew right there he was letting her win. She knew this because she still had her arm attached to her he could easily still pull it free from her as he still had her hand.

In that fluid motion she saw him twist adjust so when he landed he would be the only one to get hurt.

His expression changed only slightly. But his eyes were happy. Just like a faithful hound playing with its master.

She knew before he hit the ground that he would do anything she asked and he would never hurt her or allow her to be hurt.

This was something new...

She had her hand up, ready to punch and she should have. But he should have grabbed her arms and tossed her off him to avoid her foot which was poised over his genitals ready to inflict a good measure of pain.

You okay Down there..you look winded..I ain that heavy..

I'm ok.. you throw pretty good. you wait too long though..

I didn't wanna hurt you big guy..



That's ok..I'm built pretty tough..

You should have dropped me like a bad habit Thorin..

You would have gotten hurt if I did, not gonna do that.

But what if you had to thorin, like you had to throw me into a chopper or a APC if I got shot down.

I'd get you there without throwing you.

Thorin...

Yes Ma'am?

You like staying here all the time?





Is it that later the Lady said?

Huh?...No..Hell no..That's not what I meant Thorin..I mean...crap..what do i mean?

.....

See...you confuse me thorin, make me think about stuff i don't want...

Sorry..

Ok...

Right..



I'm gonna have to go back to command and do my job from there, Like my dad..

ok..

No..Shush..It's not ok, ok? I want you to come with me when I go. I want you to stay close to me..Like where I go you go roger? But you have to want to on your own.. As in what Thorin wants, not what the Field marshal wants thorin to want..

ok...

Okay as you understand?



No...Okay as I will go with you.

You sure thorin, cos if you aren't you'll stay here and watch the lady and wait for me to come home.

I'll go with you, I know it's bad out there. But I know how to live in bad, I know how to get you out of bad.

I'm serious, this job is gonna be hard. There alot of standing around with nothing for you to do but watch things.

That's ok, I did that alot in the troopers..

You did alot of things Thorin you just can't remember them.

yeah but it's ok..

But there is one more thing I wanna talk about, and it about this down here..



That's my dick Ma'am..

I know thorin, how well can you use it?

Ok I guess. Don't really remember using it on someone..I mean I have..

That's fine Thorin, I do that too sometimes. but if you are going with me then you and me could. That is if you think I'm pretty.

You are ma'am.

Good, then let's see if I can wake him.

It gets hard pretty easy..

Even better, sometimes it's gonna be busy and we would have alot of time, that ok?

ok..

She took him in hand quite easily. His body answered her with the same kind of loyalty his mind rendered.

It was almost scary...

She was seeing why her father was the kind of man he was



But she was learning more about herself.

She didn't feel that nagging feeling in the back of her head asking what thorin will want later or how he might use this event to gain something.

Even with her captain Jack she always feels he might betray her to gain position or power.

But not thorin.

Him she owned

He was under contact that he could go at any time.

But she knew he never would, at least alive..



Her perceptions of owning a person changed as she slid him inside her.

He was very warm and it melted into her. His huge hands gripped her at the calves and helped her remain balanced on him. He pulled gently at her knees allowing her to ride him fully in.

He was in there. His brain damaged and doomed to be forever partially lost in a fog of lost memories and random thoughts. Unable to solve some of life's simpler mysteries. A target to someone wishing a easy patsy to rob or to use.

But there was still a man in there. A stripped down, simpler man. Who uses easy words and literal thinking. But a man that knew how to please a woman if given the chance.

Ekaterina knew that with her was where is was supposed to be. He was a mountain that would keep her physically safe from harm. Not that she fully needed it as she could take care of herself. But she knew that someone would need to be with him. Keep him focused, keep him busy and engaged with the world.

Someone to keep him safe from a mostly brutal world had he could no longer fight..

That was why The house Galland took slaves. That was why Her father took ownership so seriously.

For if many are even remotely like Thorin.

She would need to be as well.

And thorin was seriously layin pipe. And was seriously driving Kat wild.

She lifted herself and rode as haed and as fast as she could.

She had, had sex many times, in different places, and with several at once.

But this was like a Aerial combat good. Where the G's are hard and fast and if she lets up she'll crash and burn. But she feels he's catch her.. It was the freest she had ever felt

She came so hard she need to do her G maneuver to remain conscious, first time she ever had to do it, it made the feeling that much more



It was if she finally felt
felt something...

Pure, and freely given..



I liked that alot ma'am, did you like that?

Yes thorin.. I did very much...

...

Ma'am..If I'm going too can I cut my hair and
maybe wear my uniform?

I'll see about getting you a fresh uniform,
but I like the longer hair on you, so no.

ok...just don't wanna have to wear one of
those hair net things. I'd look like a old
ungly lady..

giggle..maybe a trim then..

Ok..ma'am?

Thorin?

Will I carry a gun like a real bodyguard?



Like a real body guard, Try again thorin. You are gonna be The body guard.
But I want to see you handle a weapon before i issue you one, what can
you use?

The Field marshal had me train and keep proficient with all the weapons
I used in the troopers. I qualified withthem all before you came. Lady
said I should just in case. Because of the war.

Very well thorin, let's go i want to see you shoot.

Yes ma'am..

You have a favorite weapon?

Arrr, yes ma'amm.. the PGMP 18c1, that one is too cool..



The weapon itself was nearly as big as his arm..

He swung it out like a pistol and fired four shots back to back.

She had seen troopers training with this weapon. They all carried it like a rifle and eaded so far forward if they didn't shot would fall forward, and when they did they took a step or two back..

He didn't budge an inch. He looked like he was shooting a normal blaster...

Is that ok ma'am?

Hmm?...Oh...that's fine..Should i find you a bigger weapon?

Nah, I'll use this and maybe a smaller one I'll use this for big jobs.

Thorin.. You sure about wanting to do this..people will talk.

People talk all the time Ma'am..

They'll figure out you are with me..Not just as a bodyguard. They might get jealous, say mean things. And you will not be allowed to hurt them because they say them, that won't help me..



I won't hurt anyone you say don't hurt or can't hurt. I won't get you in trouble, I'll try very hard. I want to go with you.

Ok then...Just remember, you work only for me. There are a few that I may need to have them tell you things. So I will show you who they are, will you be able to remember them?

I think so, if I see em everyday..

Most you will, one or two not so much..But if mom asks you to come home, you come here.

Lady?

Yes, she's my mom and she won't try to fool you.

What do you...

Shhhhh...Just do it baby





Lady galland was silently very pleased..

Her daughter now had all she needed to be truly great as her father was.

And maybe greater..

Lady galland knew that Ekaterina needed

The same thing Ivan Galland needed..

Something loyal and subserviant.

Something that could let her forget at least for a little while the massive burden her small shoulders must bear.

Thorin was that.

The Lady knew he would never leave her.

Never betray her.

Obey without question

House Galland would endure...

The warrior found the thing she wanted to protect...





Kristin..This is Mister Spadetalle's comex yes?

Yes captain. He gave us the access code if we wanted to inspect it.

Was it?

Uhhmm, no sir we were attempting to get out of resupply and get back out to the corridor and you and rain were...busy..

No one has bothered to look at all?

Well sir, I scanned it since it is marked radioactive but there is no radioactive material in the container And I know Maya had Fitz scann it for biological and that came back negative. I suppose since no scan indicated something needing to be looked at we didn't.

Let's not do that again..Everything gets looked at..

Yes Sir, passing that to maya now. Question sir.

Go..

Since it has been some time Elan has been a asset to you. and if I may sir you have given him the bridge. Has the situation changed?..He has not come to this area nor has he opened the conex.

How would we know that Kristin?

This is a type 6 conex. It's linked to the network, if the door is unlocked an opened Rain would know instantly And inform you.



The situation itself has not changed. However I feel compelled to inspect something he stated he had no objection to being searched.

Not to argue sir but waiting all thins time. Would he not feel offended. Humans feel that if they feel trust has been granted.

Noted Lieutenant commander, Release the lock and report back to your duty station. I'll relock it once I'm complete.

Yes Captain, But I can remain and assist..

Negative Kristin. This is my call you are present as witness I ordered the container opened under my authority.

Yes Sir, I'm ensure Rain notes it in the ship master log.

Very well..



Captain Belk wanted to know why...

But this was a hunch he was hoping to be nothing at all..

He never had THAT kind of luck...

It was normally worse...

But this time....

It was completely insane....

<Rain>

<Yes Elias, I'm here..did you find anything?>



A captain lives or dies by what they know and don't know...

They have state of the art scanners and monitors that can dissect near anything to weedle out any information...

Captains know the best question to ask is the ones one already knows the answers to...

Elan Spadetalle was too many open questions..

True he seemed to be very helpful as a member of the crew. His ship handling at the helm was very helpful as it allowed the Ensign to learn practically far quicker and more presicely than Rain or Belk.

He blended in well..

Too well..

He and the ensign were inseperatble on and off duty..



You could say that. Where is Mister Spadetalle and Angle?

<Aux Bridge, doing one of your simulations you made for her. They are half complete, Shall I stop them?>

Negative Rain, Invite Elan to meet me in cargo 12. What sim are they running?

<Your Navication by visual star reference.>

Right, Bring up the Zholdahn system, put us at it's edge. Have her manuver us as close to Zholdane as possible, Set enemy to 40% and set Proximity to .02, she goes above that, fail her and start over..Copy Rain?

<Yes Elias working, Elan will be there in 10 minutes..>

Fine, I keep you posted...Out..



Captain..You wanted to see me?

Yes Mister Spadetail I did. I was hoping you might be able to clarify your intentions on this ship?

I was send to find and correct any issue found with the steering package that my company sold the military.

Yes, and you seemed to have found it with your assistance the ensign has finnaly learned how to drive the boat. And you have yet to tell me so you may conclude your stay.

I-i would prefer to stay. It's too soon to say it was a user failure.

I bet..I can tolerate a great many things on this ship as thing this ship just have to do to work..I can tollerate a crew made up of naked human looking driods..

I can tollerate a ship that kills people she doesn't like..



I can Tollerate a civilian contractor jammed down my throat looking for a failure that never actually existed..

I can even Mister Spadetail tollerate that civillian being intimate with a member of my command crew..

I can deal with a war, and getting my old ship shot out from under me. Even a heart attack and two surgeries..

I can handle ALL that Elan..but you know the couple things that irk me?

Saddly Catain I do not..



What I have a hard time with is being lied to, even lies of omission..You know what I mean Elan?

Those are difficult to forgive sir yes...

Yes..But living things seem to have this inate need to do it.

Maybe they are attempting to protect the innocent?

Always noble Elan, but no one is innocent and no one can ever be saved by lies, at least not for very long.

There Captain you are wrong. Some lies work for generations some probably still are working today...

Except for yours Elan Spadetail. As long as you stand on my deck you are mine...So show me what you really are. Right here and right now..



You are serious Captain?

As serious as the two heart attacks I had..Yes Elan.

Sir..Respectfully that would be a very bad..

It shouldn't. There should be plenty of room in here for you.

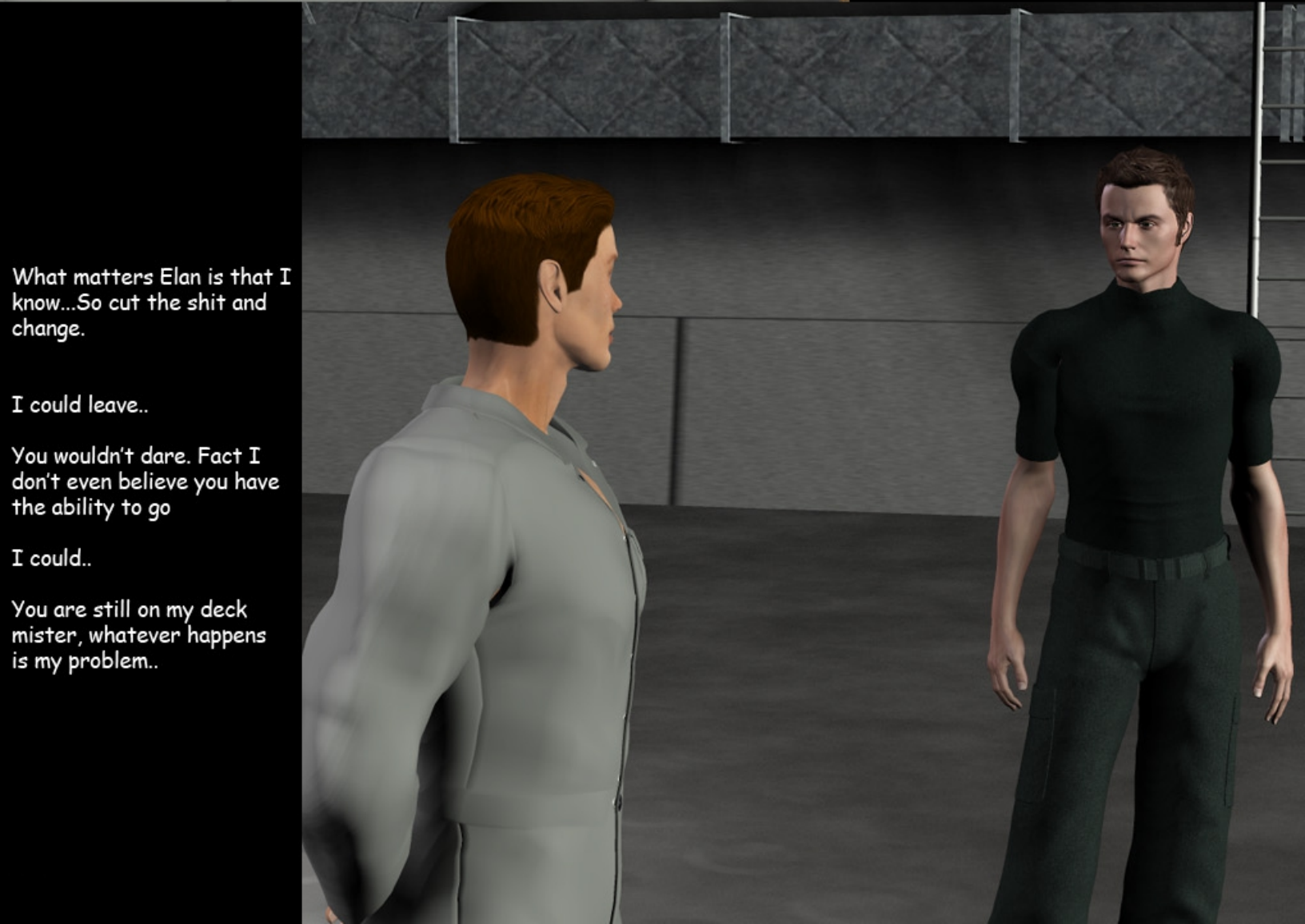
That is not what I meant sir..

I know..you think it run screaming like a girl.

That does happen sir, far more often than you realize.

The ensign didn't..

How do you know that sir..



What matters Elan is that I know...So cut the shit and change.

I could leave..

You wouldn't dare. Fact I don't even believe you have the ability to go

I could..

You are still on my deck mister, whatever happens is my problem..

Is this what you were expecting Captain Belk?

Pretty much Elan Spadetail, Is this your actual size or are you in fact larger?

I am a little bigger but this is the largest space in this ship. But Captain this is my true form.

Yes Elan, I know..I saw you and the ensign at that little crystal pond when you took her for her first solo flight as it were?

It was her first riding lesson captain. You had to teach her how to drive first. She did well.

That I would not know Elan I just saw you both leave.

But that was days ago sir. Why did you wait until now?

Because I had thought someone had inspected your conex it was very sneaky to hand over all that info and bet that Maya and the others would not actual look in it.

It was a risk i needed to take. Had I not you or Rain would have opened it right then..

Yeah.. that is very true..

Sir..With respect. Please do not chastise Angel, I am the one to ask her to say nothing when I revealed my true self to her. I told her I would explain everything to you AFTER she knew the truth...

See what I mean Elan? Omission protects on one.

This isn't something easily explained Captain....

Niether is a cursed ship sir,
But we both must survive on one...

I am impressed however sir. It is very rare to know a man as stern as you..

Flattery Elan?

No Sir..the truth..

Then maybe you will tell me why there is a floating,glowing sword with little lighting bolts shooting off it and a really big saddle in your conex?

It's glowing?





Glowing blue I hope?

Yes, and there is a smell of static electricity. May I assume this is Normal?

Yes captain, It means that she is closer than I thought to her first test.

There are tests Elan?

Yes for her and for myself. As you test her abilities as a pilot and naval officer there are test to judge the both of us to determine our abilites.

Then i likley need to release you both. As I am fighting a war and I have just this ship to do it and i am not about to jepordize this boat.

Yes Captain, you can do that and we would be bound to honor that. But that would mean she and I would have to follow you from a distance. As our combined paths at least for a time flow in the same direction and pace.

So what is her mission?

Now?...Her mission is to grow and learn what her parents teach her...

Her Parents Elan?

Yes..You and rain are her parents. You teach and guide her. You sculpt the statue, give it form and definition, Something I cannot do..I Captain, Polish what you craft.

I'm a warrior Elan. I'm no parent..

But you are Captain. You teach her how to be hard and decisive, confident and brave. I cannot teach her those things..You must and Rain will teach her how to adapt and survive. These are instinctive human traits I cannot teach another human.

But she is a droid Elan, surely you know that.

I know that she is a soul that was placed in a machine, but the machine changed like a caterpillar to a butterfly..Yes captain.. Completely impossible, but since a dragon is telling you this..

It can't be all that impossible..

Exactly sir...

Alright Elan..what's next?



Exactly Captain..I cannot say for certain, not that I don't want to tell you but there is too much happening to see the pattern Form..The field Marshall will be calling for you shortly. She has a difficult mission for you.

Yes I know she does. She's likley determining if I can do this alone.

So you know already..

No, But there are few reasons to bring the Widowmaker all the way here. She had the idea, she just needed to see me and know if i can do what she's thinking..

Can you?

If it is what I think. It can be done but I would need help from the Durango. and from you and angel.

Then I shall ensure she is ready..

Just one more thing Elan...

Yes?

I'm pretty certain I could not easily kill you..

Correct Captain...

But if you hurt that ensign or by god break her heart I will destory you and I will not give a damn on what damage will happen.

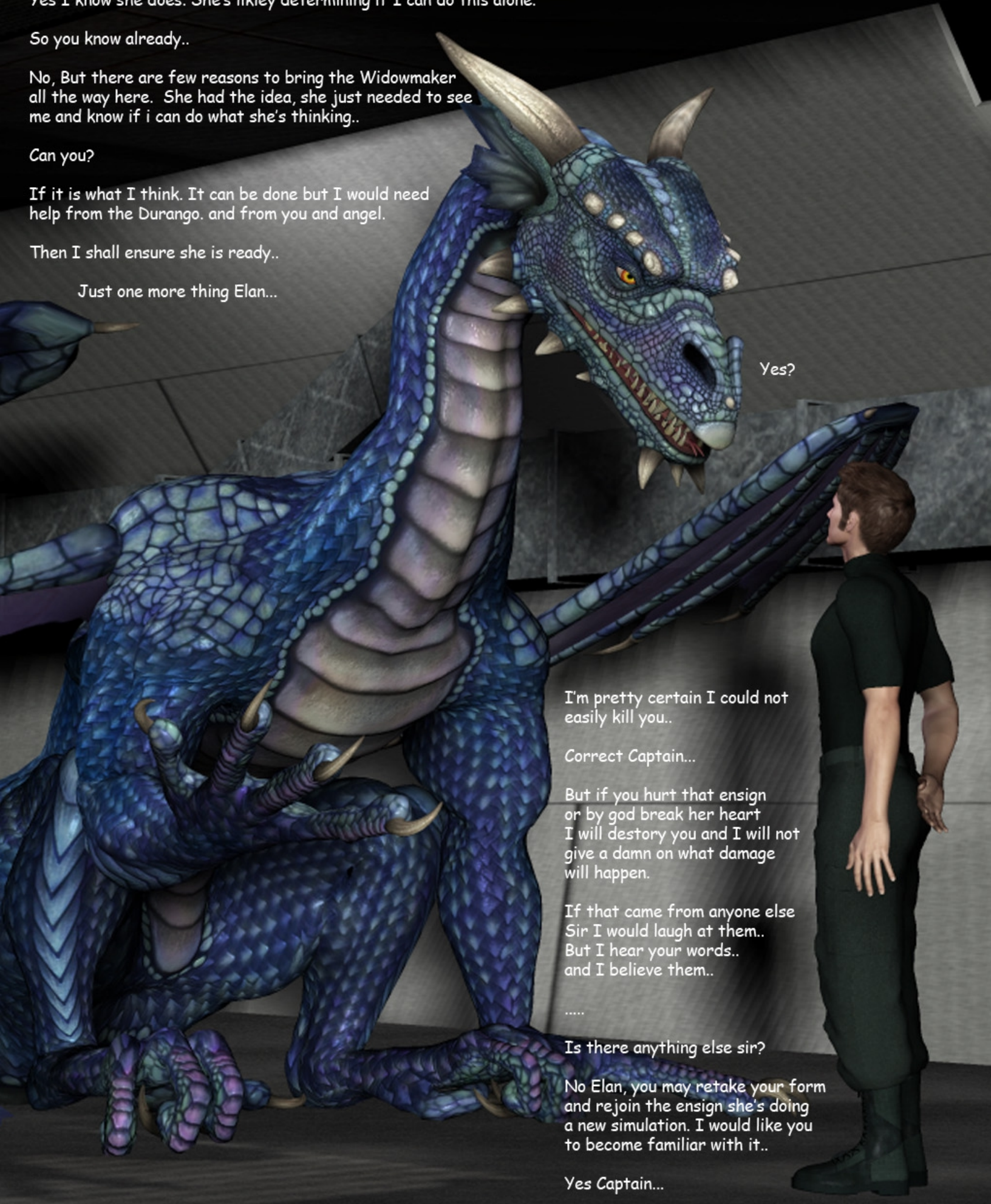
If that came from anyone else Sir I would laugh at them.. But I hear your words.. and I believe them..

.....

Is there anything else sir?

No Elan, you may retake your form and rejoin the ensign she's doing a new simulation. I would like you to become familiar with it..

Yes Captain...





Field Marshal, Captain Elias Belk reporting as ordered Ma'am..

Ekaterrina or Kat Elias, We are both still on furlough. But come in..

I Thought you said you have orders for me Kat?

I do Elias, but given the mission I would rather be less formal about giving the order.

But that would mean I could decline the Order, you know that.

Yes Elias I do. Did you like your leave, was it relaxing and at least moderately enjoyable?

Yes Ma'am



Good..Because if you aren't as good as I think you are it be your last..You are aware of the full situation with the war and with rimward?

Yes Ma'am that diaseace thing is or has swept thru rimward The zholdahni are surrounding Spinward. We could hold but the zholdahni woudl end up finally out numbering us and take this place too...About right Kat?



About right...



What is needed now Elias is for our politicians to get involved and try to end this..

But since they are winning they are not too inclined to talk unless we fully surrender.

Exactly Elias, they have no reason to want or need to deal with us. You, Me, Jack need to do something. Something very bold and risky for you..

What do you have Kat?



In 48 hours Admiral Daio will launch an attack on a planet called Garret. Her mission will be to implace a probe station to act as a distant warn beacon for spinward. During this attack it will be leaked that I am setting up a more perminent defence as we are hopelessly surrounded..

...
Mountaintop will arrive at the rubicon in 50 hours and will remain on station for 48 hours, The time Daio will need to set the station. Mountaintop will be fully stocked with food fuel weapons.

...
You Elias, with Jack in the Durango and Widow will then slip as quietly as possible across the red line and continue part two of the mission. I have paused.

Part one is move to moutaintop with Durango, two cross the red line without drawing attention..check Once I cross we will be on our own till we return.

Correct..I will remain here as a secure compoint until part six is complete..

Roger than..

Part three...You will, with the durango manuver at your descresction to this point right there. I trust you will not allow yourself or jack to be seen or engaged during this part..Elias your skill you showed in the corridor will need to carry you thru this point. IF..You are positivly spotted and engaged I will leave it you your decision as to abort or to attempt to continue. Should you decide you cannot. Then perform a striagh long jump back to imperial space..

I understand Ekaterina..fully..

Good Elias..



Part four is slipping into the Zholdahn system. I have some assets I can attempt to access to learn about what is actual still there. But I will upload to you all the current data I have..

Yes Ma'am..24 hour mason checks or shorter Kat.

I project it will take you at least 90 days to get there IF you don't have to keep turning away from detection. I would suggest start with 14 day and shorten only as needed.

How hard is that 90 days Kat?

Right now..very soft..But I need you there ASAP.

Roger...

Anyway....





Five..You and durango will attack the home planet of the Zholdani. I have next to no data on defences and target references. Honestly, I don't care what you hit, Only that you hit hard. Military targets would be best, but if it doesn't hurt them..

They don't talk..

exactly..Once you hit you need to hide out but still be able to strike them again and again. Just like in the corridor Elias....I need them to fear you and the Widow. I need that dark beast to make them talk, maybe even demand peace.

....
It might just be one hit, or a thousand I don't know Elias, but they have to understand that only Tolk can order me to stop you....

Part six, you will be ordered by me alone to return and Be very clear you are to return. you gun down anything that gets in your path home..But you and those ships and their crews get back to this very planet. The second I call you home you thought should only be how you get everyone back here...



You need the Monster..

Yes Elias..
Badly..



Roger that..
Everyone..

We'll worry about history later, but for now this is what is going to be that which saves us, or wipes us out. I have to trust you Elias. I have to trust you will do this. I need to know you will..

Kat...You and Rain gave me a 2nd chance and a life to prove I'm worth keeping. I'll go as you ask, and I will do all I can to make them break..I guarantee I will complete step 5, I'll promise step six.

I'll accept that Elias, but only if you do me a favor, a superstitious thing I need to know you are with me in this...

Field Marshal?



Hello Rain, thank you for being on time.....Elias.. I need you to contact kack and tell him to meet me in my quarters I wish to say goodbye my way. He will understand..

Okay..

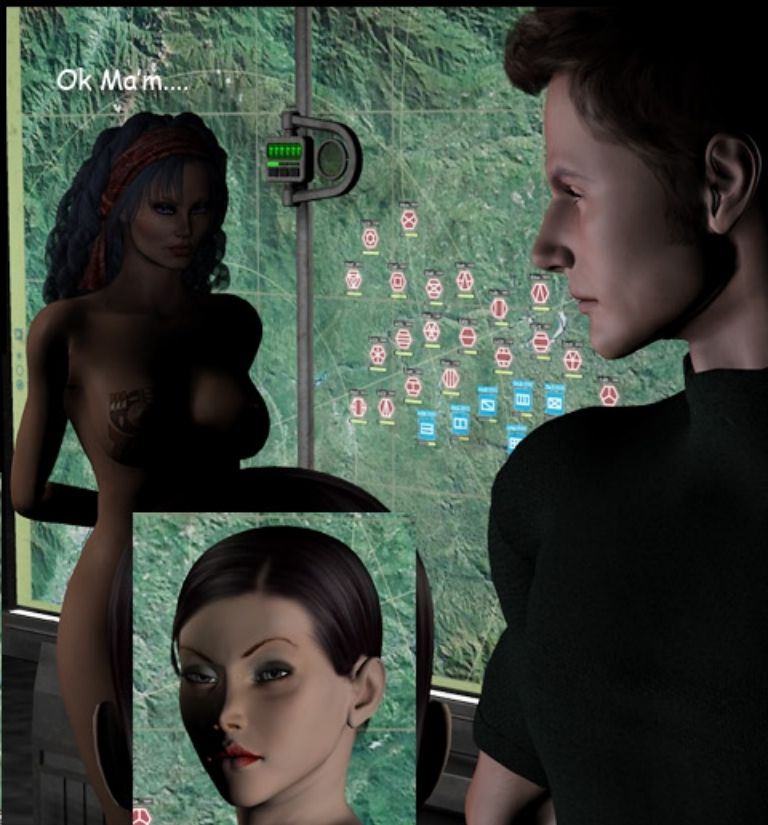
With this kind of mission I would normally desire sex from it's commander. It lets me know they are committed to my plan..Silly I know but My father and I seem to need to do it so we get a good vibe..

I see Filed marshal..I

No...rain..you don't see at all. I need that whatever fully in force when you and your captain depart and remain till you return. I know about you and your hull and I am not going to cross that line...

Rain, you will stand in my place with your Captain. You will do that which you want from him physically the most. Will you do this for me Rain?

Yes ma'am, I would be happy to..But...



Ok Ma'm....

It will not quite be the same..It will be close enough. Jack will help me on that as we have been lovers from time to time. I know as your role as AI and code key you might feel obligated to allow me access to you man..Well don't..

I understand ma'am..I think..

Good, Now when you return if you would want to share him once with me then we can talk about that once you all return..

Ma'm I will accept that as an option. Is there a place he and I..

Yes Rain.. In this room, because this is where the plan came to life..

Uhhh..Kat..Rain.. don't I get a choice in this..

(Girls)- Not this time captain...Strip...





Jack has been advised Elias, he's on his way now...So now...

Rain...

Ah ah.. Captain..The Field marshal made a valid request for moral. Besides I've been dying to see you in a place like this with nothing on..

You ok.. you sound.. odd..

I'm fine Elias. I got some good downtime with you. Made love in a pond, got to sleep in a little. We needed this Elias, I know I did..

It's just a perky Rain...

Well you are less grumpy well until you inspected Mister Spadtalle's conex, You have yet to tell me what you found..

Just strange crap, I'll explain when we are underway..So what is your most wanted Physical desire?

Now you are interested...you cheat...

I'm the captain...

True Elias, but you still cheat.

No, I just try to keep you happy.

then I get what i want most from you...physicaly?

There isn't much I have you don't already have..

There is one thing Elias, and I have yet to see why..



Well don't want jinx the mission.. did you hear any of it?

Yes..Seems when you went in, she called me and asked me to come down. She left the secure coms open so I got it all. It's going to be a very hard mission to do love. Can we do it, as in really?

To step five, without doubt. Six I'll be hopeful..

If you can get me and the durango to five, I'll make sure six happens..ok?

Sure rain, can we talk about this later?

Oh yeah...later would be better since you are getting hard...Sit down there love..let's discuss what I want.

there?

Mmmhmmm...





What I want Elias is this..You won't let me had it...

Huh? I do to, in fact earlier today you had some. You can have all you like if I can get it up..

Sigh..That wasn't what I meant Elias I want your cock in my mouth. But you never let me. I try and you kiss me or do something to get me hot and we end up having sex.

And that's bad Rain?

No..But you don't let me do what I know you'd like..

...
So why can't I suck your cock Elias?

I didn't think you would want to. I kinda though you might think it demeaning or something like that..

It might be if you wanted me to suck someone else's cock.. But never yours. I want yours anyplace and everyplace it might fit..

I wasn't aware Rain..

Elias...I'm totally yours. If you wanted to fuck me in front of the whole crew and shoot your sperm all over me and walk off. I would let you, I would love every second of it because it was you doing it. I belong to you sure the imperium thinks they own me, or the field marshal can command me. But the truth is fuck them, fuck them all..It's you love. You command our hearts and souls. You wish it and I will make it happen. We have one master, one Captain...And he is you Elias.

Easy Rain.. no need to get all worked up. You have me, they aren't going to try and take me away now...So....You want to suck my cock..

Very very much Elias. I sometimes dream about doing it to you....



Then Go ahead...

Suck it....

In her hand his cock was hard a ready for any action. It was hot and smooth and highly inviting..

Rain lowered her frame till her lips nearly touched it. The heat it was radiating was addicting..

Her lips touched his cock. She couldn't help but kiss it's swollen head softly. Her body and her desire leapt as she felt his heartbeat thru her lips.

With a soft sigh of release she opened her lips and tasted her man for the first time. Her heart pounded inside her seemingly eager to take him in..

she wanted to go slow, very slow



She knew he liked slow. She was finding that the slower and more detailed she became on his cock the hotter and more intense her own desire became.

She knew from her design that she was able to derive pleasure from near any sexual action and gain orgasm. so she knew that pleasureing him this way was just as good as putting his cock in her ass or pussy.

But she did lean as she lavished his cock that the pleasure she was gaining was different from vaginal intercourse.

But the truth was it was driving her wild and making him very very happy.

His body was relaxed. He was trying to hold out in case she became bored and wanted him to just fuck her.

He has no idea she was getting the pleasure she was. This alone prompted her to try and go slower..

She could feel his heart race and his breathing deeper he was close but he was trying to hold out

His hand passed thru her hair and grasped slightly. She came right there

Mmmmmhmmmmmmph.... Ahhmmmm...

Her pace had been broken by his soft and wonderous touch..

He had not come, He seemed to be attempting to get her off him so he might put his sex inside her white hot pussy..



But this ritual they were doing for Ekaterina called for Rain's desires to be met, what she wanted most.

What she wanted was for him to cum in her mouth and taste his seed on her lips.

She had seen maya do that once. She wanted to know if it felt as good as it looked..

Her rthym reurned she sped up only slightly. She wanted his pleasure prolonged as far as possible.

He stroked her hair and guided her head.

Things were going very well..



His body shuttered. His cock seemed to turn into steel.

He gasped..

He came...

Hot spurts of his load flooded her mouth. She felt small amounts getting away from her.

His taste was heaven. Salt and sweet and slightly metallic. It was all she had hoped for.

And he had plenty to share, Blasts of hot thick cum filled her mouth. It was hard for her to swallow it all. But she wanted it all.

For she too came and was overcome. She wanted to see his face and know that she had pleased him well.

Two more spurts of his seed erupted from him. Part she caught the hit your lower lip and dripped down. His face was warm and pleased.

He said nothing but she knew she had pleased him very well. She corraled up the remainder of his spunk and let it play on her tongue before swallowing it down.



He gave her what she wanted. What she dreamed of getting from him.

For a moment..

She didn't feel the ship around her, part of her. There were no voices of status and reports. No transmissions.

All there was was Her and her Captain, and the muffled sounds of two heartbeats..

And a good share of heavy breathing..

For a brief moment she understood it all..



I guess I don't really need to ask..

Mmm mmm..

You did seem rather passionate about that..

I wanted that Elias, I wanted it since we first met. Just don't withhold that from me so much..

Still seems unfair Rain, I mean..

Oooohh..It's not Elias..trust me it's a different feelin but it does the same thing at the end as when we make love.

If I thought you could I would try to coax you back up. But It would be better if we wait a little, don't want you to think I'm just milking you...Giggle..

Hmm, must have been good, you made a joke, you never did that before.

His thumb brushed her lip tenderly. She turned her head and took it in her mouth. She sucked on it gently, seductively



All had gone Very well



god..

Though Captain Werner took a little convincing he too gave into the wants and needs of His Field marshal.

He remembered his first time with her. It was hot and loud and in the deepest of space.

He knew something was going on and he would be leaving to back into the fight.

But for now her was with a very very very good freind.

One that needed to know he still cared and respected her. he would always have a place in her life and in her heart.

But he knew it could never be more than that...

and that was okay...



Huge soft hands massaged her taught neck....

She wanted to melt...

Ahhh....

Ika kept both studs on pace....



For her this was her reward..

She had come up with an option..

An option that could let Baron Tolk, Acting Regent of Spinward made a peace and recover from war...

As long as it worked..

This was a ritual..

This was the sex that was to cement a bond between commander and Field marshal in a battle plan agreed to. It wasn't the same doing this with jack. but it was efficient..

This was also goodbye..

She knew that jack and the durango would return from this and she would be very relieved

But this was the last time she and he would be intimate...

For even though jack was dealing her great pleasure in her pussy.....

Greater pleasure was coming from behind..and the gentle brush of a massive finger at her cheek..

She looked briefly at Ika, in the hopes she might see her real desire and take over with jack as Kat and thorin continued alone..

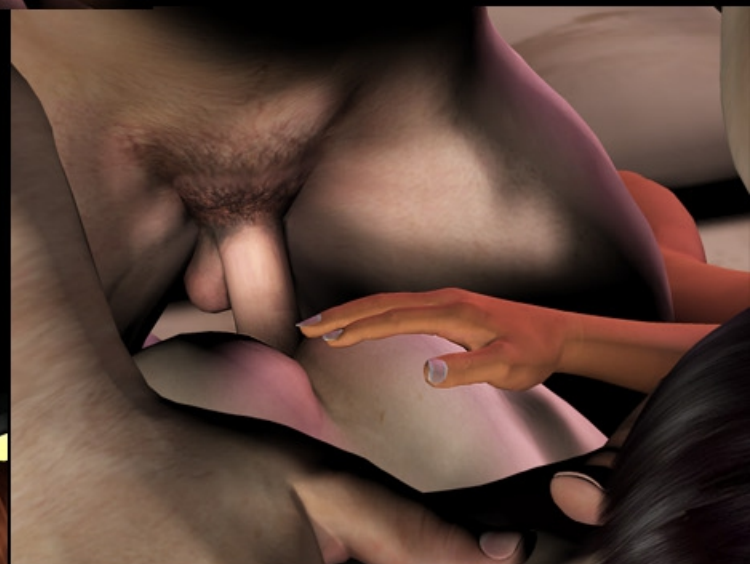
But Either she did not notice, or, More likely did nothing so that Kat could experience these two lovers in her at the same time.

Ika even slowed Kat down with a soft touch on her ass. As if to say slow down mon cher, don't end him so quickly..



Thorin, massaged between her shoulders...

it didn't get better



Y-you should try this....

Maybe later Cheri...First, My lady...she deserves this first Gonnaa....explode....

Oui cheri...what a way to go no?

Kat felt her body begin to quake. She was cumming.

Oh god....Ahhhhh-Mmmmm!

Indeed....what a way to go...



While one place within House Galland was brimming with passions...


Another was far removed from that pleasure..

To A universe of desolation and loneliness...

While Ekaterina learned what love felt like.

Lady Galland, was reminded of what soul crushing loss was ..

It had been only a year...

A woman is lying on her side on a cot in a dimly lit room. The room has wooden paneling and a large X-shaped structure in the background. The lighting is low, creating a somber atmosphere.

Her Soul was empty..


Nothing gave her solice..

Her sons now old enough to attend Military school, her Mission to her husband and Master complete..

She now was the Widow Galland and she waiting her time to finally join her master..

It had been a year and she could only sleep on a cot her master used to ease an injured back. It was the only thing left that still had his scent. She dind't feel totally alone being able to still smell him. Thier plush a large bed now did nothing but take up space and remind her of all she had lost..

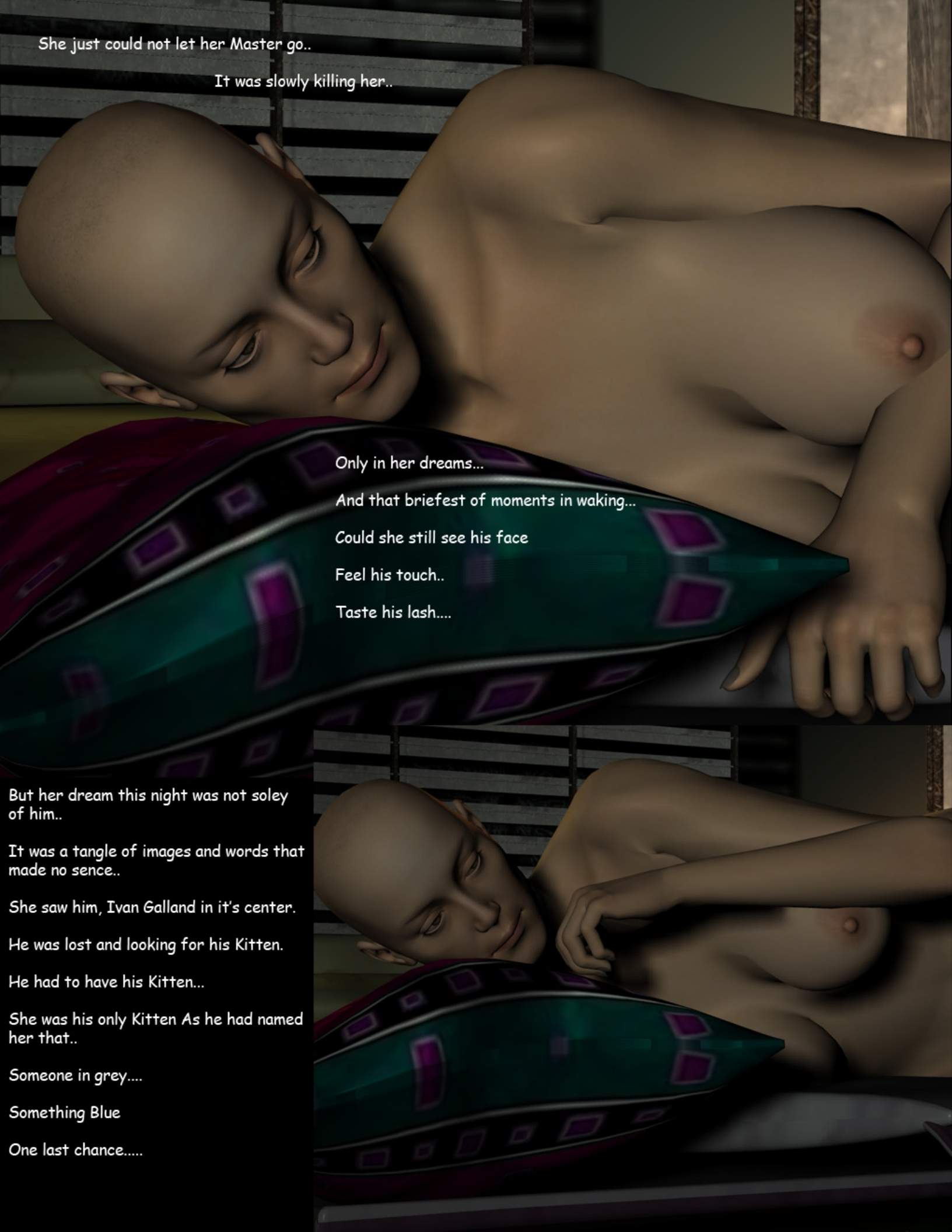
He was supposed to be forever

A woman is lying on her side on a cot, looking towards the camera. A lamp with a yellow glow is visible in the background. The room has wooden paneling and a window with blinds.

There was no body to bury only a flag and some kind words from the emperor..

She just couldn't fullt accept his death..

Her sons and Master's military assistant didn't. They belived him alive.. She wished she could believe as easily as they...If only for fantasy....



She just could not let her Master go..

It was slowly killing her..

Only in her dreams...

And that briefest of moments in waking...

Could she still see his face

Feel his touch..

Taste his lash....

But her dream this night was not solely
of him..

It was a tangle of images and words that
made no sense..

She saw him, Ivan Galland in it's center.

He was lost and looking for his Kitten.

He had to have his Kitten...

She was his only Kitten As he had named
her that..

Someone in grey....

Something Blue

One last chance.....



You'er listening to the Imperial radio news network...Governor Baron Tolk has been advised that the cargo ship Autum Harvest which landed automatically at Regina Low port was not carrying a conunicable version of MINGER'S Diease. But in fact had an out break of the genetic varitant that has been swapping our own Hosptals over the last several days.

So it would seem that from the Corridor to at least the Solomani Sphere a signficant Mortality rate is currently occurring in the imperial center.

As of yesterday, NO NEW reports of the Diease has been reported to Imperial or local information network. Which, if this hold the death toll for this tragic illness just under 5% of spinward marches total human popluation or 700 Billion humans.

Hospitals and CDC report that if you are not suffering any symptoms at this point. Which include nausea, Vomiting Massive sweating, disorientation, High fever, and fainting That is you ARE NOT NOW suffering those then you are not going to and you will survive this event.

Thanks to a pateint suffering from Minger's from several months back a retrogen therapy was found and proven to be effective in arresting this horrible killer. Only war with the Zholdahni prevented this cure to be shared with the rest of the imperium. So while we in spinward can begin to couont the cost and recover from this many other in rimward will not be as lucky.

The Moot of five today in light of events has voted to elivate our own baron of regina, Baron Daryyl Tolk to Regent and Protector of spinward. this basically gives him the full authority permitted the emperor.

The baron stated he would do as commanded by the people and has ordered Spinward senators to assemble and form a goverment...

Doc...Rainfeather?

Yes mistress?

Rachil?

We are almost out of the city I hope you know where we are going..Cos all I'm doing is driving....

Huh?!

Mistress i thought...

I'm driving because little sleeper doesn't like to drive and I figured you never had a licence..

I don't rachel..but I thought..

We don't know where we are going....do we..

Then maybe I should turn us around and head back..

really..

And where do you suppose we go?
if this is a vampire he could
go anywhere..

It's go Izara..

We can't we have to go on..

But you said he broke this pact thing and she would have to kill him yeah?

Yes Mistress, I did but he would have to know that too..

Right which puts us on a road, three miles from the outer perimeter..Headed no where..
I don't want to sound like some wimp diva but I'm going to have babies and soon, and I bet
from earlier tonight you are just as pregnant...You already smell different..

....

You tell me where to go and I'll get us there. But we
must think about us.. We must keep our family safe.

She right...But...

Guys...he's just fed and he's got to be scared
or pissed or both..He could still be in the city
where the food is...If her heard that on the
radio or saw a tv he knows this food supply
is all there is..We gotta be smarter..

Yes mistress you are right. But Our best chance is to continue to drive him. Keep him off balance.

Yes She right...

I know that boss..but where do we go?

Follow this road...just outside of the perimeter is a small
road to the right...Take it and we follow that for a while..

What dare Rahnfeder..

and old abbey..He will be there but
not for long...We can take him
there..

How do you know that..

Izara missed earth and she put
many of them up. Her Daughter
took the idea and made them thru the whole imperium as a safe
place for a vampire to go for a short time. He will go and try to
heal and rest and figure out what to do next, he may try to
beg forgiveness from Izara, it will not work but he may try.

You sure he will bee dare..

Yes sire..

Rachel?



She knew what he wanted...

But she fears a Vargr female for her pack and her mate often get to best of them, cause indecision and frustration.

Little sleeper just saw there, looking at her and saying nothing. He was respecting her fears for a short time before saying what he wants..

Rainfeather was not fully aware of this and thought that Mistress was going to refuse to continue. She wasn't sure what she should do..

Mistress...the abbey is there, and he will be there. if we go back now he will come back to the city or go to another and he will repeat what happened in the club. Once a chosen crosses the line of blood as he had..They never try to hide. They become the predator of old and will cause so much death and make more of his kind and then he will have a murderous, blood craved family that will desimate this world.

.....

The Ones here will quietly leave and allow this world to die.

...

Mistress, you saved these people from minger's. Don't let them die of a crazed vampire...

We can't turn back now, huh boss...



Can we turn our back on a wild animal?

No.....



Dis anemall is sick...Eat ist constragious...make utters seek. Vee take dees Anemall down so no hurt anyboddy else..Vee take all dees anemalls dat are dis seek and put dem down yes?

She said more will come, those too?

Vee kep dis place healty, da ones no break promize we leave yes? Dey no break...Vee No brake..Yes?

There's a road to the right..a small one.. right?

Yes Mistress, should be big enough for the vehicle to make it.

okay...you better be right or we'er walking home...

The safe house was there..

You are listening to Imperial news radio..I'm Syrrana Ckyog and here's a recap of the headlines...

The Autumn Harvest is not a health risk from minger's....

The Moot of Five, elected Baron Tolk of regina to regent of spinward...

No new outbreaks of the deadly Minger's sickness. If you are not sick now you will not get minger's..

Spinward deathtoll from mingers is 700 Billion humans, all other species are immune.

Force Spinward Spokesperson Admiral Daio states no know direct corellation between mingers and the current war with the Zoldahni..

So now was he...

The blood of the choosen he had feasted on still tingled his brain....

"The Queen will hear me and absolve me for I have tasted true power and I Surpass her in power..."

"I just require a short rest"

"Then I shall make MY will known..and I shall be king!"

In First City news....The yabbor club, and after hours fetish club was attacked this evening by what the Galatcic patrol are calling a wild animal The 32 patrons and staff working the club at the time of the attack were pronounced dead at the scene. If you have any information or witenessed any of the attack please contact the GP by calling *crimereport. A reward of 100k has been offered by the owner of the club for any information that leads to an arrest and conviction.....I'm Syrrana Ckyog in 90 seconds, first city weather.....

Are you having a problem in the sack?.....

"Rather poultry offering.... I belive I shall command her former highness to lay in it...As I feed on her soul.."

Classified Imperial Scout Biological detail-Vampire illness-

The most dangerous illness a vampire of either order can succum to is what is called "Chosenizm" it can occur in both variants of vampire and has no known cure. A vampire that had previously been in a hibernation state and revived without sufficient donors/victims on waking will be drawn to thier kind, very much like a moth to flame. Once they find a suitable number of other "Chosen" vampires. The vampire newly awoken will feed expressly on the vampires it finds. To the point of nonexistence for the victim vampires. This Nutrient infusion of this type and purity permanently damages portions of the frontal lobe, Thalmus and neocortex. The vampire becomes what they were in earlier earth history, Vampires with this illness cannot be treated or contained, they are best treated as a rabbid animal, as with any surviving victims as they become carriers to this now and inherited illness..

To his dismay he was indeed far from alone..

He should have wished he had been..



Colmar...of capial if I recall...

Yes Portia, I am Colmar formerly from the seat of the human pit of power.

What brings you here, you look stressed

Portia, the ritual bids you invite me in. have you forgotten you manners?

My manners are fine and understood well, i suppose as well as a Queen can remember such things. I suppose a newly minted prince can still teach a thing or two to a Elder...Please.. Colmar of Capital, prince of the middle ward..Enter this safe port so long as your honor and sins are clear.

My what?

I have made the invitation as you demanded They can only be stated once..You can stay out there if you wish..



Speak the words again..

Colmar.....Sigh...you really need to decide if you want old school or not..You are making this far more difficult than it needs to be. The queen mother build these places to be a safe haven....Not 20 questions or mother may I..

...
But since you demanded an invitation I have to give it as the Queen mother commands. and that is the words i said and only once...Considering all that has happened to you in your journey here I would just come in...But..that's me..



I must consider this portia....

If you must but there is much you must know if you plan to stay, and you must come to me to hear them. A human could turn up and learn our secrets if i shouted them at you from here.

You could come to me..

It's too cool for my liking, besides this place is soundproofed as well as wind proof it would be safer for you in here..

This is a trick little girl..

Yes it is. But am I tricking you to save you, or to end you. You are after all not well.

Yes, but my strength grows still..

He thought he had the advantage...

"Come to me pet..."

Please Colmar, do go on about your growing strength. Are you close to crossover?

huh?

I said..Are you close to crossover. I would love to hear how a 400 year old drinker advanced so quickly..

I am beyond crossover, I have awakened I am and I was meant to be..

Let me guess..King and lord over the sheep.

Exactly...I have crossed the darkness to gain what should have been my accession right..Now come to me whore! I hunger..

You want me to come to you..Offer myself to you.. is that it?

Obey me bitch! I rule here now..you no longer...

Colmar.. of Capital, Prince of the middle ward gaze upon me...

You have violated the pact of my mother. You have Broken MY law...You have destroyed the promise of the Chosen..

oh god...

God will not save you, nor my mother. None will aid you and ALL will shun you...You shall forever forfeit the gift of existence...You have the sickness as the humans have theirs but slime is not what you will become. You will be something worse...You and those like you are now and forever to be made simple prey..

No!..Your grace...Ple....



<|SILENCE!>

Mmm..mmm

Your predator is coming to finish you...You and your madness lead them right to you...There is no escape from here...Except thru them..

One is days away from birth, if you can muster your mind to fight you may be able to get away.. But know this Colmar..former chosen..they will hunt you down like a dog and end you.

Maybe you will be lucky and kill them. but there will be more like them and they will have you.

It is only fitting as you caused them to exist you be their first kill...You and yours were told stay. You failed and now you must pass into the veil this way....

as prey....Goodbye Colmar..

See mistress it's here!!



Rainfeather!...wait we are coming

No mistress you stay there. If he gets by me you have a clear shot.

No..

Mistress is with sire's offspring. She must stay back!

Dammit Rainfeather..STOP!

He's in there!.. I can see his heat..
Get back here and we go together!



Little sleeper.. where are you!

He circles around mistress i see him.
Wait where you are mother..please!



Colmar saw his chance and took it..
Rainfeather!!!..He's coming at you !!

Rainfeather looked at the beast as it leapt to her. He moved so slowly.. it seemed she had oceans of time.

But her gun must had fallen out of her waist her hand grasped nothing..

She didn't think this bite was going to be pleasurable..



Just RUN!!!



My gun..where's

Drop rainfeather!!



She stepped back and the vampire landed where she stood. her hand cocked back to punch. Not that it would do any good but it was something.

But a blurr of grey and black erupted from her left. It smelled like sire but it was Huge!!

The huge grey thing snarled loudly and seemed to gently brush her back and away from the vampire.

As it seemed to become a freight train with the vampire as the target



It was sire..

He changed somehow into something more than a match for this vampire.

He pushed her softly back and into Rachel. Who took her by the hand and held that fist at the ready while pulling her back from this fight.

She looked at Little Sleeper. She could see his spirit inside the monstrous frame.

She knew somehow, he chose to change. It was his only weapon

Rainfeather felt something behind her eyes. Felt oddly familiar and normal. As if, if she wanted she could do something.

But Mistress was holding her back with a strength she didn't think Rachel had. She could hear Mistress growling as if a she-wolf back home might make to protect her pups



The vampire seemed to be the last to see what was leaping at his own throat.

It seemed he tried to hiss and spit but there was no noise from him. Only Mother and Sire.

The two huge beasts leap at each other. But Sire had the advantage and was not slowing his attack..

His motion was perfect and beautiful.

The perfect kill.. Clean. Quick, and savagely Brutal..



It was done..

Colmar of capital was no more...

The blood of the animal was spilled on the ground. But it did not act like normal blood nor did it look like blood.

It looked more like a Jello Ketsup that was short of setting. It's smell was strong. It smelled like burnt steel and seemed to hang in the air unwilling to waft away in the slight wind.

The Vampire did not burst into flames or desiccate into ash like in the old hollywood movies.

The body was just like all other dead things..

It seemed just to be another death of some type...



Little sleeper!?!..

Sire!!

Where are you!



Mother..what...

Burn it..

I'll find him..
burn this then follow..

Yes Mistress..

But this death was different. This death changed a balance that had been set for ages. A new Apex predator had arisen and tonight it took its first kill.

Now a species that had no fear other than damage from their own now had a creature that would regard them as sheep, a flock to be herded and managed..

Like they had done to their prey since time began.

Minger's had partly been their fault and now payment was due. As humans died, so would the vampires.

If the humans could adapt then some vampires might get the chance to adapt and live..

But the new hunter still had much to learn....



Field Marshal...sir?

Shit...

Sir, you need to get up sir...

Field Marshal Galland....Sir?

Please?

I think you need to see this sir...

Fuck me...SIR!!

He heard the female voice..He remembered hearing that voice on the Rimward...who was it?

Better still where was he? how long has he been out..why is it damned bright..

He felt like he had been beaten and crushed under his own tank.

He was on the Rimward....The bridge...

"The Zholdahni were attacking, they caught me fucking flat footed.."

Sir..thank god... stay with me now..keep your eyes open sir....sir?

"They had us dead. I open fired but they answered"



"Am I dead?"

Sir..Field Marshal.. please sir.. look at me..Please!

"Sounds like I'm not dead..I had to have been captured then..but they don't take prisoners...Fuck...They do if they snag something good..Like me and all the shit I toted out there with me... They want to know how to use it.."

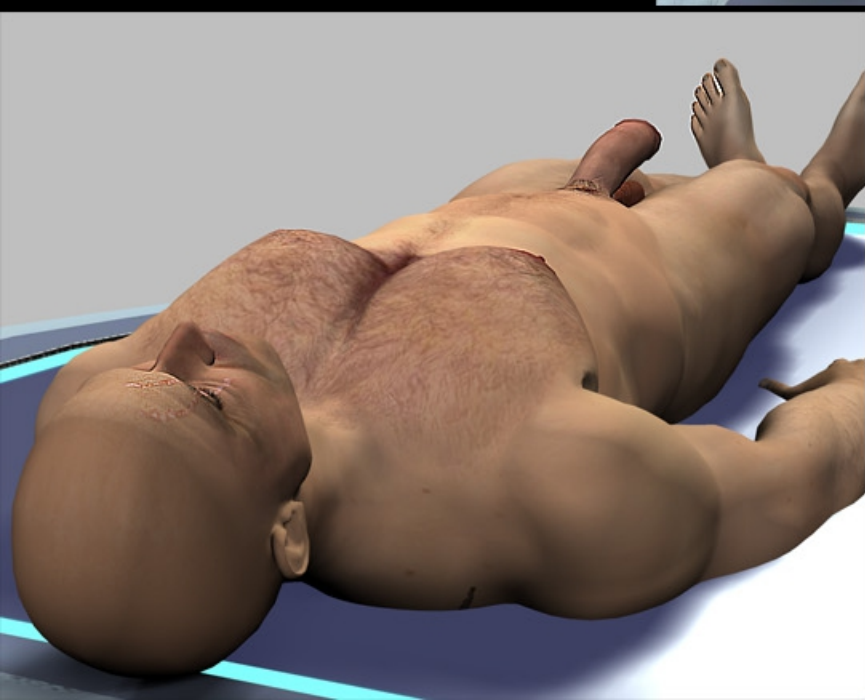
Sir...damn it please...

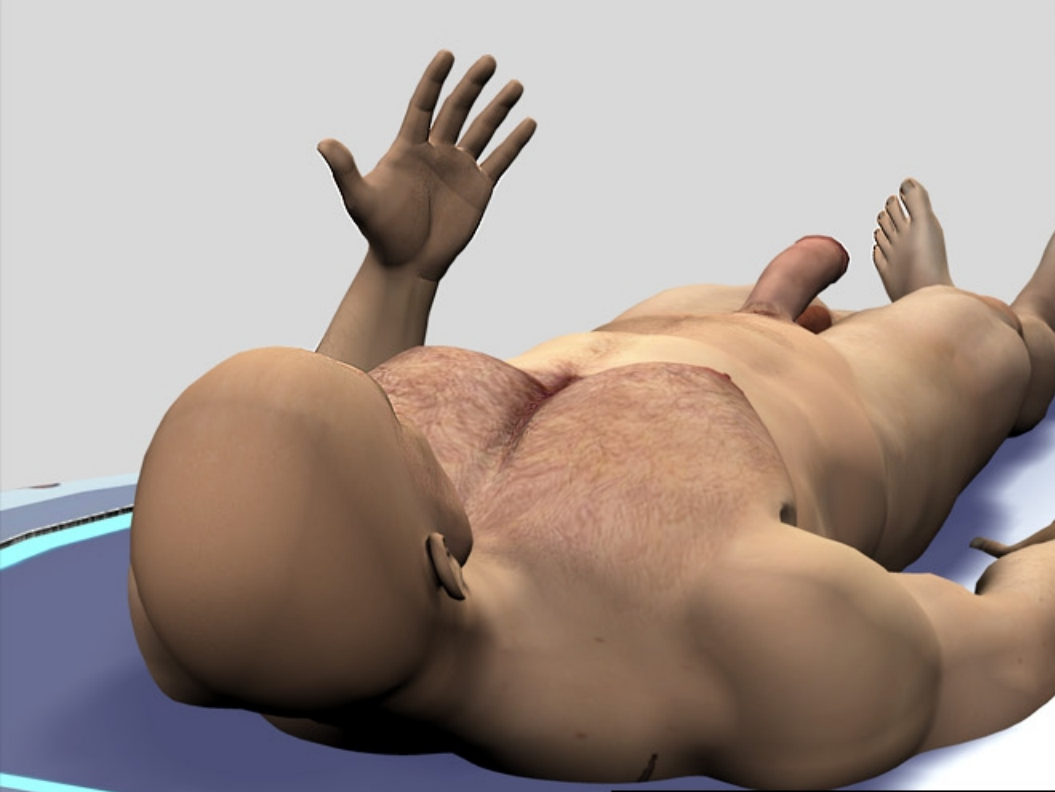
Is that you Ensign Cho?

Thank god..no sir Lieutenant Shinza..

Ah..Shinza...shut up you are giving me a head ache.

Yes sir... sorry sir..





"What the hell is this... This has to be some Zholdahni mind trick.. But why put a panicky officer in here with me, she could be one of thiers..."

"Well sure feels right, I know I'm lying down I can feel my weight.... They could be that advanced I suppose... Hope that crap Alverson taught me is doing something... If not they are reading my mind right now."

Sir...I'm sorry I got carried away.. I guess it's all this..

Hmmm..
"Lieutenat Kunai Shinza..Coms crypto officer.. they could be attempting to get at her for codes or using her liklness to get my codes..if they took the ship whole they would need them."

How are you feeling sir?

Like I was run over by a Tank, and you?

Better now you are awake, I thought you were dead..



It would appear lieutenant I am not.

Yes sir, still good to see you..

It's good to be seen Lieutenant..How long have I been here?

I don't know sir, there isn't anything that seems time driven for a reference. I woke and you were here, out.

So ou have no way to know.

No sir, I mean I'm hungry but that doesn't really say alot.

Yes.. same here Lieutemant...Help me up..



Sir, maybe you should stay there for a little I got really dizzy when I woke. I fell off this thing we were on.

We Lieutenant?

Yes sir we were on the same table, sorry

Wasn't your choice Shinza, now just help me up..

Yes Sir...

She was quite correct. Sitting up made him very dizzy but in his fashion he managed to hide it pretty well..

"She seems calmer now..could be I'm up and she can get to work interrogating me or to lull me into trusting her and telling things...Or she a scared girl whos happy to not be alone.."

you ok sir?

Yes Shinza I'll be fine.. seems our quarters are a little spartan..

Yes sir, I assume it's so we don't try to escape or kill ourselves.

Which we will need to do soon..



What's our status Shinza?

Unkown sir. I treid to see what is around us and got lost for a while in all this white. Didn't see anything. I was lucky to get back here, this place is a good deal bigger that the eye sees.

Go on..

As I can best guess I've been here 24 to 48 hours, but I cannot remotly be sure. It might have been only 30 minutes. I woke you were here and out cold. I have no status of the ship, crew or anything else. Just happy you are awake, makes me think I'm not dead..



Sir...I think they are using thier Pyonic power on us or something..So try not to think of classified stuff.

Noted Shinza..Are they reading your mind?

I don't know sir. I think if they try it is like having a daydream of what they are looking at.. Kinda like a book, they open to a page and read, and you start remembering an event from your memory.

They taught us to like think of trivial stuff or nonsense stuff.

What about sex?

Sir..I'm being serious..

So am I, and since we are naked and there is little else to look at, and since you seem to like to touch people when you talk to them..

Sir..I'm scared..

As well you should be. that is what they will go for. make you scared, make you start chattering about things you know they want.

....

And there is no telling what they might have done to us already. they could have beaten and torchured us, raped and sodomized us, write bad checks, the whole nine yards...BUT Lieutenant Shinza, you are still here which means whatever you are doing to safeguard what might know is working..Maybe the same with me Honestly I am as clueless as you.

We are so fucked sir...





Lieutenant Shinza now hear this..

...

I'm not gonna die in here, wherever here happens to be...That means you aren't going to either..Copy?

Copy that field marshal..

We are alive and they want something. we must fight that and them. The war still has to be going on and they think we can give them something, so we live..



Now till we figure a way out of here or by some miricle we are rescued we are going to have to do whatever it takes to keep our minds clear..

Whatever it takes sir..yes sir..

We will get thru this, just gotta focus on surviving..

Yes sir.

So with a little bit of luck, and locating a toilet, we'll be fine..

Giggle...yes sir....



That's the attitude Shinza..

LITTLE SLEEPER!!

Please....where are you?

You killed it and we are safe...come out my mate!

Rainfeather do you see him?

No mistress, you go that way, I go this way..

LITTLE SLEEPER!! DAMMIT WHERE ARE YOU!!!

I'm not leaving here without you..



He ran from them because he didn't fully know he made change back.

The vampire was going to kill his pack mate, and then his Mate. He could see it in the beast's mind.

He had to do something, anything.

He let his anger run free..

He was in control he could feel that now. but at the moment he wasn't sure.

He moved so fast and attacked so viciously it scared him, he had never allowed his anger to get that big..

The grass was cool on his fur. He was completely worn out. He felt he released his anger all too quickly, he could have held back and been able to extend the time

but not tonight. Tonight he allowed something his mother warned him about when he was growing. She said he was Special, and his anger could do great things for his pack. But he would need to master serenity and calm to survive.

He could hear Rachel calling for him. Her voice was angry and terrified. Her tone was dropping like a rock, she never did that.

His body felt like it weighed a million tons. All he could do was lay there in the dark and breathe, He tried to whimper but even his vocal cords were too worn out..



!!LITTLE SLEEPER.....RAINFEATHER!!!

oh god...no..

HE'S HURT!! DAMMIT!!



She heard her scream..

and what seemed barely a clock tick she was right there. at first she thought he was dead. but he managed to move his tail.

He would need food and rest before he would think about doing this again..

But he knew he would have to. For he just knew others like the one he killed would be coming and doing the same thing.

For Rachel to be safe, his children and Rainfeather he would do this again...tomorrow maybe...



no..no..no.no..no..no..

She pulled him up like he was a ragdoll.

It was a few moments before he felt him breathing.

He looks perfectly normal. Nothing like the wolf he became he was as sweet and little as he always was...

But she knew...she always knew that he hid this one part from the universe.

She could see the huge wolf in his eyes as he looked at her Mounted with her. She knew he was there.

It was night, she knew that but it seemed almost daylight to her. She could see his body heat like a strange thermal scan..

She was more mad that he ran off..She felt as she should have known and run with him, with rainfeather in tow.

next time..rainfeather waits for us...

(relived Sigh) yes sire, I'll fix that..

I thought it would take longer...

we weren't ready boss..

there was no time,



Say something love..please..

I'll need help getting to the truck..

I got you.. just relax and rest. You are hungry yes?

Yeah, but not just now. the stars are out tonight..

Yes love, they are. I thought..

No..we can take them, just gotta do it smart...

Portia was there..she saw it all, she was the witness...



She could see that he had shifted back fully and was weak but would quickly recover. A few more changes and he'll be able to shift at will and need no real focus.

Rachel on the other hand was far from calm or shifted forward or back...her anger was still white hot and cooling very slowly.

She nodded to Little sleeper but said nothing, allowing his mate the time she might need to gain control over herself. for it was still very possible she may shift.

He looked up at Rachel and just kept her gaze. The fear and anger he saw was the same as what he saw from his mothers.

I know you are there Portia..what.

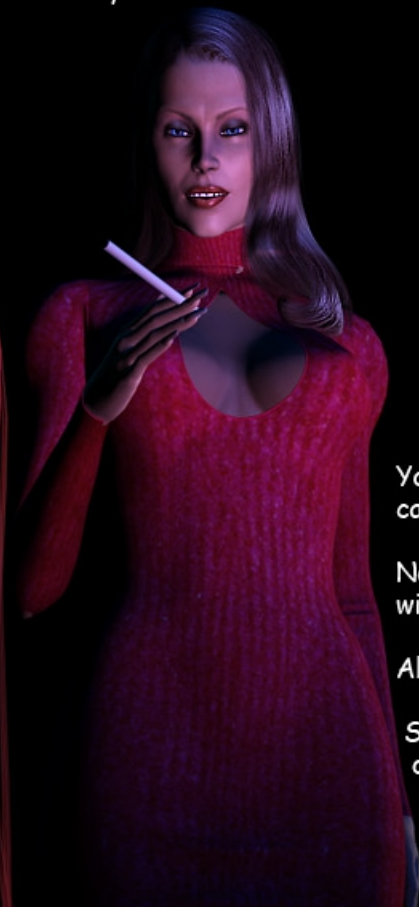
It's Nice...

!!WHAT!!

From you and your clan..Nothing..I'm here to see that the law was carried out..

What Law..

The Law of you pack Rachel. The law of your race. The law of your mate and leader...



You'er fuckin' with me aren't you..There's no fuckin law..That Thing would caused who knows what the fuck...But you didn't care..and he's one of yours!

No Rachel...I'm not fucking with you. I will never Fuck with you. In fact I will do my best to stay as far away for you as I possibly can.

Ahh..you make my head hurt..

Sorry Rachel, you are not fully shifted, your mental abilites will be a little off..I know I'm not someone to give advice but I would say calm yourself and you will better understand what i wish to tell you..

Rachill....it is ok...everyone is ok and they are staying that way..



There are too many of you. you'll kill them all then you'll all die out..

Yes Rachel...that is true.. It is good to see you have the right attitude.

What the fuck do you mean?

Really Rachel, I know you are still amped up but still..What I mean is you are seeing them..the humans..correctly.. Honestly I'm pleased to see it.

You screwing with now aren't you. I am Human..

No Rachel, Niether you,your babies, your mate, and your female are human..You all are the predators to me and my kind.

You drink a drugged up human, you make no frickin sence at all.. you know that?

No Rachel, I did not. Little sleeper and his clan are not Vagr or human. You are a doctor check it out and see I'm right..

This is a trick, you can't be trusted.

In most things yes, you are right. My children are your prey. You do to them what you did to Collmar....

I offer you clan a pact with me..

You gotta be fu..
Rachill..

Yes Boss..

Our pact will be this...I will command my children to continue the masquarade as before, as they may feed from your herd but not to exess and no un-needed kills, ones that protect the families and all my children...Should your clan or it's freinds hear that a chosen has broken the pact. then you pact may do what it is meant to do.

Ahnd wot ist dat portia?

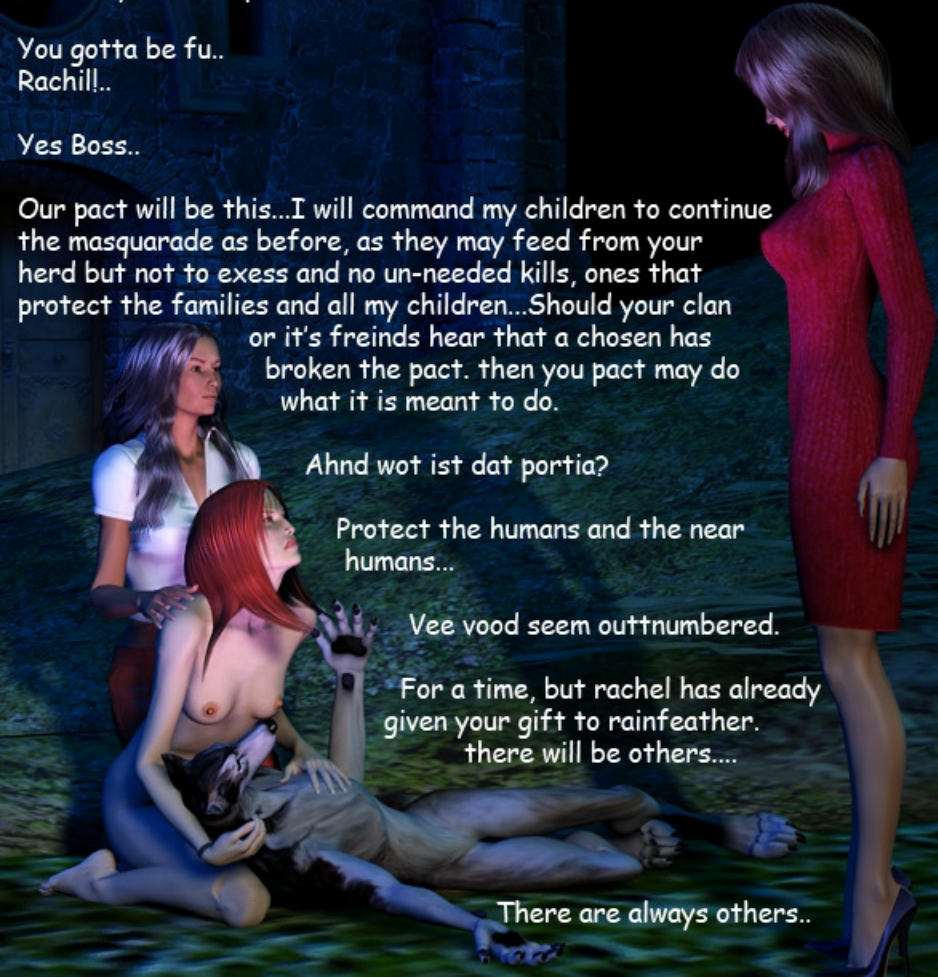
Protect the humans and the near humans...

Vee vood seem outtnumbered.

For a time, but rachel has already given your gift to rainfeather. there will be others....

There are always others..

But....



So what say you Little Sleeper?

Vee vill show no mercy to dem dat break de promize..

I would expect nothing less..

Den Done..Pact we haz.



Permission to come aboard Commander..

Granted sir..Captain Belk is on the bridge sir.

Thank you Commander Maya. How long before you will be under way?

That Sir I don't know. we are about 75% load complete. Durango has some personnel changes.

I see..Commander Inform the Captain I need to see him, Rain, Captain Werner, and your primary Helm crew.

Yes sir, transmitting now. Shall I clear the main conference room for you?

Negative Commander, this meeting is to be in the Secure Coms Bunker. It involves those personnel as well..

Yes Sir, Captain isn't going to like that.. Come to think about it Neither will Rain..

I understand Commander, should they inquire tell them I am very aware of the protocols with that space. But it is critical those people are in the loop.

Yes sir..transmitting..They will be there shortly.

Thank you Commander..

Sir..

Yes Commander?

Is it true what they are saying about rimward that pretty much all the humans are gone?

Sadly commander, very true. But I would have guessed you would ask about CAD?

Hmm, well we still are getting updates and stuff from CAD, It would be coming from local.

So you are still in contact with them?

Well..Yeah. But all updates are voluntary now if I don't want them I don't have to take em.

Is that for all of you ?

No..some older models still have to take all of them since the tech is different..Shit sir.. I'm sorry I'm holding you up..

Quite alright Commander, but I should get moving. thank you for asking Maya, I'll show myself where I need to be.

Oh..ok...



Hey Andy..taking a break..Bet you have a ton of downloads.

Yeah, but when we'er parked they get done faster.

So how have you been, you got to take shore leave i hope.

Yeah, sarge said we had to but it was good I guess.

And Harmony was with you yes?

Yeah, I would have stay if she didn't, she likes swimming..

Sure she does..She still sleep alot?

Kinda, she wants to go to sleep when i do.

That's never bad Andy..

Yeah..Then i get to talk to her and we walk adn stuff.

Right..when you areboth dreaming right?

Yeah...



Hh....hi...

Well good morning young lady. Glad you woke up. I didn't want to ask Andy to wake you. you were looking very peaceful..

mm...m

Alverson, she says she knows you..

Yes Andy she does, I'm very pleased she does.

She says thanks....Thanks for what?

Something I did for her a few years ago. She wasn't happy with me about it then...

But I told her wait and see...

oh..



But if you two are up to it I have something I need you to do. But I'm going to need Lieutenant harmony St.claire's assistance..

y-y...

She says that person will try..is that harmony's name?

Yes Andy, and she's going to need you, will you try too?

Yes sir?

That's all i can ask..Now some people are coming, they aren't staying long...Then you guys can get back to what you were doing..

Captain Belk, Captain Werner the rest of you than you for time..Can I assume Captain you have told them your mission?

Not as of yet...They know we will be heading out from her to our mission. Rain is the only other since she was in on the planning.

Alright, I'm going to have to steal your thunder at least with your people here. The mission is still unchanged but I am adding to it. No..The field marshal is not aware of this addition but I think when I explain it you will understand why this needs to be kept to this room..

I see Sir..Jack..everyone..Our mission is to manuver to the Zholdahni System, then to Zholdane. We are to conduct Atmospheric attacks and withdraw to the safety of the dark then repeat. Until the Galland call us home..We'll be the first Imperial ships to make an attack in Zholdahni home space, and thier homeworld.

We going to do it like the corridor Captain?

Yes Jack, exactly..Excpet the risk will be higher, you still want in?

You'd prolly get lost if I didn't..Sir..

Alright, Alverson?



That's what I like best about you naval types. you cut the crap and get to things...Right....Now I'm not going to bore you with the whole picture here..I'm sure you have heard all there is..But there is some things I found out. I have new location and charting for you as well as a better sat image in which you can determine your target list..This info is about 2 weeks old. I get that transmitted to you once I'm done.

They say truth is stranger than fiction...I tend to say it's insane..It is believed that force RIMWARD commanded by Ivan Galland was completely destroyed. That nothing survived..The truth is 5 imperial ship were disabled and taken capture or as you guys used to say it taken as prize...Now the Zholdahni do not use AI like we do and are not familiar with a ship that can act Autonomously AI in these cases lock up and without a code key or the captain the ship is useless. The ship you found..The Delan, was an attempt to get a ship and try to beat out the AI and then use that to unlock the only ship that was able to be towed back to Zholdane.

The ship they have is a Battleship...Her Name is The Rimward..The Field Marshal's flag ship...They have his ship..
But they do not have him, he did not leave that ship..



Captain..I know Elan, The young lady..

Ensign..

Sorry Sir..The ensign, she is your helm?

Roger that, her and Elan..

Good to see you again Elan..

Why Thank you Alverson same here.

Captain, how well can she Drive a boat rimward's size..

I would say Fair, She's improved Since her duty change..

Well then..I didn't know Elan was part of your crew.. the gives us a few more options.

So you know..Sir..

About Elan..Yes..More than you do likey..I'm gonna have to put this to you like the FM did, and let you decide the Best option..

The Zholdahni have, with the Rimward a serious amount of items we do not want them to figure out and replicate, because then even with an armload of Gallands we would not be able to survive thier attacks. Say nothing of what the what is left of the imperium finding out that the Zholdahni have captured and turned our greatest un beaten Field Marshal..

...
There are plenty of reasons to order the destruct of the Rimward.., it's the most logical solution..But what I want and likely yourself as well...Is to take back the boat, and bring it home....

...
Right now only those in THIS room know the Rimward.. and the FM are still..

...
Now the ship is fully AI locked out. Only the FM or a Crypto Coms officer can unlock it right now. The AI on board is set like you rain..She will only self activate and unlock if there are no imperials on board. To date she has not so the FM and or the Coms officer are still alive and on the ship...I have no good images of the Rimward.. now. or exactly where in orbit she is on Zholdane..I figure with Elan you may be able to get on her fire her up and join you battle group, then you have three fighting ships..Assuming she's got engines still...

We have Marines Master Scout, I do have some muscle on board.

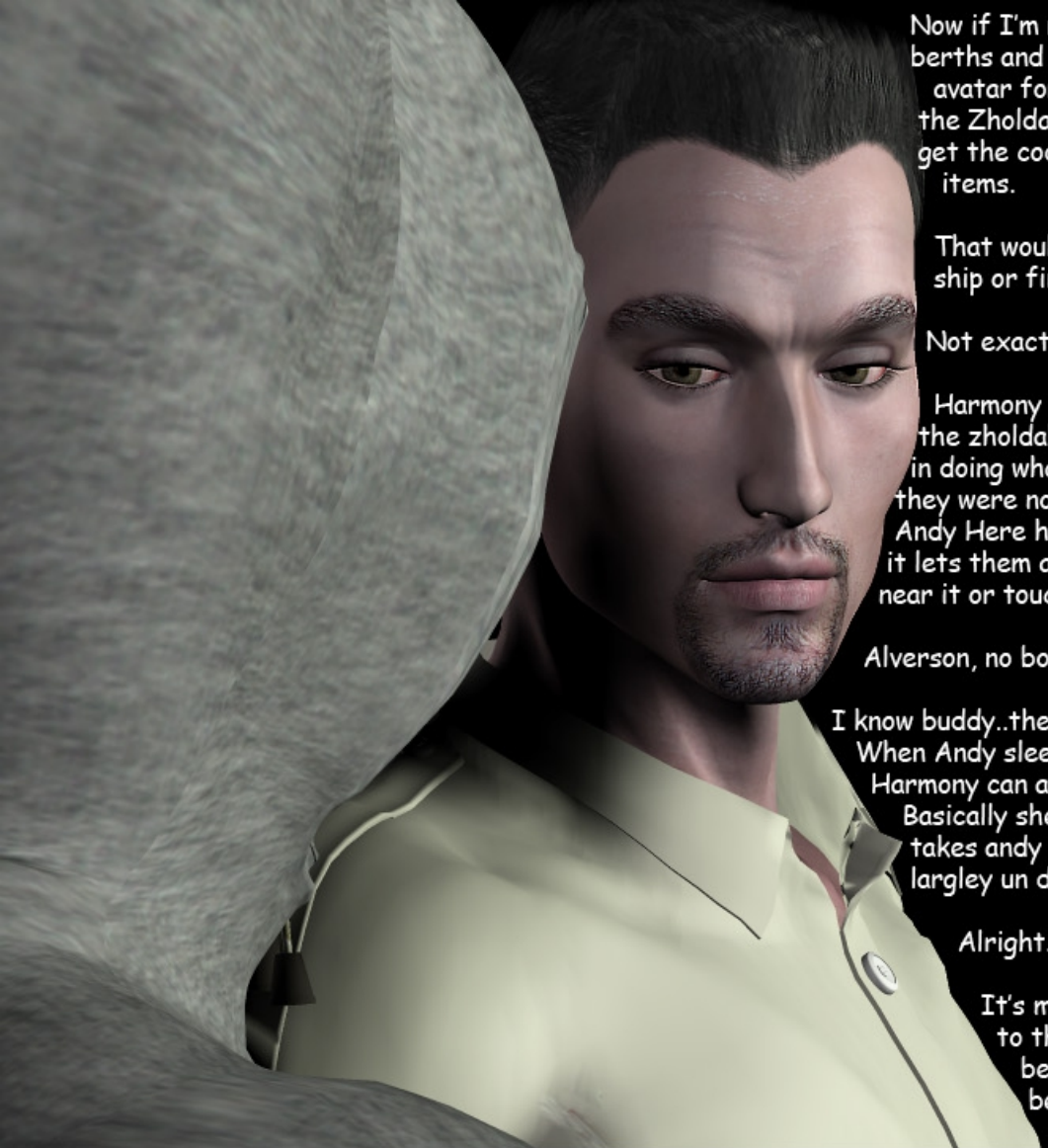
I know that Captain belk, but I think you need them on the Widow. Besides, Elan is the only one I know that could get on that ship with one other and attempt to make off with her. Given you'll have to try and get her on your first attack, you may whip up enough fear and that to be able to slip two past whatever they may have on the ship.

Captain, this would sound like a very good test.

This isn't a test Elan, this is a thing that if it goes wrong we could all end up dead...or captured..

We'll see about this later...But how can Galland not be captured or dead, he never struck me as a sit and wait genius...

On Imperial capital vessels there are hidden low berths. They were supposed to be an anti muntiy crew, but that never did well so they stopped the program but the berths remained in place. The AIs of each ship knew or know where they are and could be used to hide a command crew or special prisoners. The widow maker has 50 of them. During the Rimward attack in the rift. the battle started going south and the imperium sent detonation codes to the ships. Some did, most didn't. The rimward got the order but declined it. She's 900 years old and has a personality, she might have decided to hide the FM instead of killing him, knowing the Zholdahni would try to take her and not kill her...



Now if I'm right the Field Marshal is in one of these berths and I believe the AI has set up some type of avatar for itself that contains the codes. that way the Zholdahni will never be able to break the AI to get the codes and use the ship, or access the Classified items.

That would mean there would be no way to unlock the ship or find him and that coms officer..

Not exactly Rain...

Harmony was an officer once. She got captured and the zholdahni did some horrible things to her. But in doing what they did they unlocked something in her they were not aware of...

Andy Here has an implant, it works like a system terminal it lets them access thier equipment without the need to be near it or touching it..it's like a wireless access point..

Alverson, no body's supposed to know that..it's a secret..

I know buddy..they will keep your secret, they need to know.. When Andy sleeps he's still in the network and doing his job. Harmony can access this network thru andy's dreaming.

Basically she accesses the network as a virtual place and takes andy with her. The difference there she's largley un damaged and can walk, talk , run.

Alright...so that means what Alverson?

It's means Captain Belk that the closer you get to the rimward the more likley it's Network will be accessable by Andy and Harmony. They may be able to see Galland and confirm what I think And possibly get him to tell them where he is

So let me see if I got this...
Thr Rimward and the Field Marshal are live, but hidden and possibly locked in a virtual world...We..Need to steal back the ship, unlock it and find Galland...And still do the mission My field marshal sent me on..

...
Which means possibly towing a battle ship around till we get called back...

Yes Captain, Again this is all your call as to what you decide. The field marshal's orders take precedence over what I'm asking. I know you will make the best decision based on what you see when you get there...I figured I would tell you all since each of you could have ideas that you might wish to know sir.

So if I decide to destroy it..

Then I have to conclude you saw no way to get the boat or the FM.

And not tell My Field Marshal..

You could, but I would not suggest it. it would mess up everything she's attempting to do..She would invade..

Very true, The I suppose we shall see when we get there..

and see what help he can be..If you decide to try it..Andy will be the link to the outside..

Sounds cool Sir..



Alright people, let's get back to getting out of here...Jack, We'll link up later..

Roger that sir..

Though he looked calm and collected Rain could feel his heart rate and pressure was higher. His body temperature dropped lower than his normal 95.7.

She quietly took his hand in both of hers. She felt him grip with a short sharp grasp.

All of this was information he would rather not have heard. His mission was now a great deal more complex than it started as..

Keeping it silent would be easy for him. He had not planned on informing the crews until after the first long jump. But the scout changed all that.

It was logical for him to inform them the way he did. It would allow Belk to talk about it and start to plan what he might do..

Elias was a planner, a hunter..

Rain was happy not to have to make the decisions Belk did. They were too serious and risky.

She would fire on the Rimward the first chance she got.

To Rain, it was too large a risk to the mission and very likely a trap..

Zholdahni were like humans, Never to be trusted.

She wondered what his choice will be..

She knew that it was very likely that he already decided he'll take back the ship.

But in truth, She, Like all the others had no idea what Captain Belk will or has decided.

All she really knew was he needed to be back out there in the void. Light and warm and cheery were not the things he sought.

The Black was his friend

and hers...

She knew they were the dark things that kept all sides in check She was his weapon, He was the Hunter

And they needed Prey.

The sooner the better...

Mom.....

Hmmm?

Most mothers wait for thier children to come to them when they go and do something for their parents..

I'm sure my baby...But as you have reminded me sooo many time I am not Most mothers...

I might not have been alone mom...

Now that would have been interesting. I'll keep that in for when your beloved returns..

Did he say when he'd be back?

Aww..that is so sweet..miss him already? it's only been a day..

I don't like being alone as I used to..sorry..

Nothing to be sorry for my baby girl, youe'r in Love..Ooops..sorry is State secret..shh....

Not hiding it well am I?

From our children, yes they are as clueless as normal.. but to me?....This isn't your room my portia. It's his..

These are MY pillows..

That my sweet baby does not count..

He didn't say anything? I hate it when he says nothing..something is always going on..

<Giggle>

What?

You should hear yourself my darling. You sound perfectly smitten by this Scout of yours. I bet if i said he was calling in a hour you would wait by the phone, watching the clock..

It's just it been so hectic mother..All these new changes..He makes me feel...

Loved?

Yeah, but different.

Yes, very..It's about time you finally got the idea. Now you can be what i rased you to be..

I thought I was mom....



Almost, Portia....

So.. My darling...How did it go?

Colmar is gone...little sleeper took him down..

Did you help them at all?

He attempted to use his mind powers on me..Pissed me off so I silenced him..But all his other powers were intact..

Ah...Colmar was a joke with his mental abilities he never mastered them past getting humans to strip off thier clothes and suck him off..

I did tell him one was pregnant and he should go for her as a way to escape.

That was bold, he might have done it.

It was only fair mom even condemed humans get a last smoke.

So aside from muting him you did....?

Nothing mom, Just as you asked me..

I'm so proud my baby..

I don't know about that mom.. you weren't there..

So.....tell me my dear , share with me..

He arrived first. He reeked of blood. I hear his mind, it was on fire with madness. I had never seen one of them with that.

I know dear I did my best to keep that from you..My baby needed not to see the sickness..

He was completely gone mom. He was unaware of what he had done.

Did he take any others that lived

No..

Go on my dear..He got there..

And he thought it was poultry and he was due something better. He wanted invited in. so i tricked him like he was trying with me.

Very good baby girl..

Then I muted him and held him there till they showed up...



They showed up so fast. Like they knew where he was going..did you?

No Portia, they had to do it on their own..

The new one..she popped out and headed right for the door..Rachel tried to stop her..Their eyes..they were shifting right there..no pain no rolling around. it was like a switch flicked on...The Doc shifted fully in seconds. it looked like they planned it.. one bait and one hitter..

Easy baby...it's over now...

Mom..they hit him so hard and fast he never saw it coming. one second he was about to strike, the next his head was rolling away. Doc hit him like a freight train. Rachel pulled the new girl out of the way. She covered 30 feet in a second..All I could think was I was there..seeing this..

It was important my baby...

Then doc ran off into the woods. Rachel followed him and found him not far at all and he was shifted back...it couldn't have been more than 40 seconds. She was holding him and then she glared up at me. I felt my heart stop mom..I couldn't move. her eyes had not changed she could still finish and come after me..

But you held your ground yes?

I tried..I said some stuff that made it sound like I was on top of it.

Very good my dear, you make me so proud..

Mom...she was going to attack me, she wanted to kill me, she wants us all dead..Are you sure you are doing the right thing. They are your children mom. and her Clan is going to kill them all..

She will never come for you, you may not believe that, but she won't..

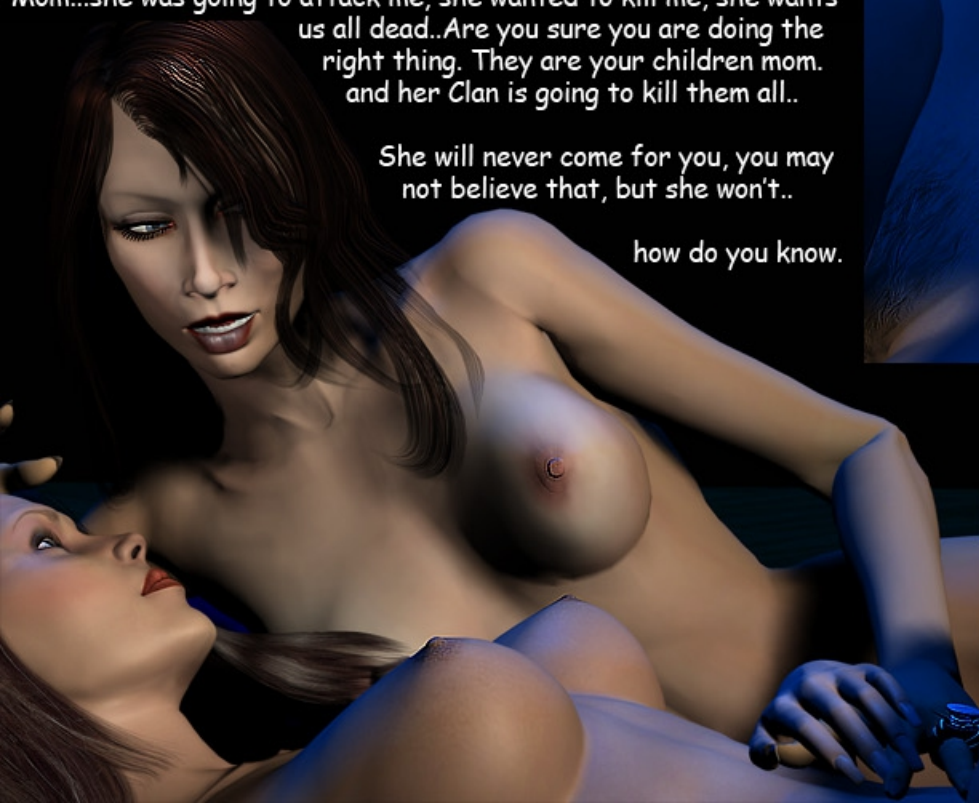
how do you know.



Because she know you are with child. As you carry our future, she carries hers. The Pact you made with them will last if you command our people as you have..

Is this what it feels like...to be prey?

Yes Portia my sweet child. We have become lost in our greed and power. they did not keep the pact I made with my children. for this they must pay. And you must show them the way to survival



Ooops...I completely forgot you didn't know you are pregnant..silly me it was a surprise.

I'm...with Alverson...but...I thought I couldn't..

Well, you were never in love before my daughter, Never knew a man that would see you only as an equal...Not like the many who thought they could hope to dominate you or flatter you with their vain submissions

God, I wish he was here right now...wait..he's gonna be pissed at me..

I severely doubt that my sweet darling, He will be shocked a little I think.. but definitely not pissed..

I'm going to have a child...this is new..

<giggle> yes..I will be a grand mother..How I will spoil her I do not know, I used all the spoiling I knew on you.

<giggle>

There.. that is better..I always love it when you smile like that.

But there are going to be others like Colmar mother..what then?

The law is the law my baby...Each is free to choose their path...If they have obeyed you and I then they will survive. Just like the humans..those that obeyed the law that governs them will survive. Only now there will be something over us, as we are over the humans....If THEY obey then all will be well...If not?...then they will suffer as we and the humans and something will be placed above them.

How do you know this mom?

<Giggle> I know your father...For as hard as stone as he is. I know he is as soft as anyone...But..

Enough of this big talk.. Let's just lay here and let the troubles wait till tomorrow. They aren't going anywhere further tonight...

Ok mom..So it's a girl?

Oh yes my sweet, You will need to find a good name for her. Or you could let her father name her..Like yours did.

He named me?

Oh yes, it was so sweet. You were named after a star..

mom...there are no stars called Portia....

There was from where I came from, the only thing I could ever remember of my old home. It was bright and twinkled..He named you that because you are that and much more....rest now...Think on all the tomorrows there are yet for you to come...