Chapter 80

The peace of sleep. Most people don’t find watching others sleep enjoyable, but Vatti enjoyed not being like most people. Both Baas and Sheina had managed to fall asleep leaving the Blue Leader by herself. Really, all three fighters had been going in and out of sleep due to the situation they were in, but this time Vatti was the only one awake. She had no idea what time it was, only that the sun had not yet risen. She didn’t really care though, because seeing Baas and Sheina sleeping was very enjoyable to her. Seeing anyone asleep was pleasurable. It gave Vatti a sense of responsibility. They were the children, she was the mother watching them sleep. It was her job to make sure that their peace was maintained. Her... responsibility.

Sheina blinked several times to clear her eyes. Dark. Only the faintest light came in from the window above.

“Still not morning.” She spoke outloud. “This is probably the most uncomfortable sleep I’ve ever had.”

“When you’re a Blue, you have to get used to sleeping on ships since we’re always on water. Some of the white bands just can’t take it. Sleeping uncomfortably is something the Discretes failed to teach us.”

“Speaking of the Discretes, doesn’t that Zordo person seem very similar to one?” Sheina suddenly pointed out.

“Yes! I thought only I noticed it!”

“No, I definitely saw it too! I was around Discretes my entire life in the Center and he’s the first person I’ve seen, other than them, who acts like... that.”

“It’s the way he talks. He uses that same emotionless tone in his voice. Ugh! I can’t stand that tone! You can tell he doesn’t care about anything but his self.”

“I don’t know about that Vatti. He did save his friend from that sword endeavor Baas did. And that’s another point, he caught that sword instantly. I mean, he wasn’t nearly as fast as I’ve seen a Discrete move, but still…”

“That man is not a Discrete…” Baas said suddenly. Vatti and Sheina had not noticed, but the male of the group had awoken and heard their conversation.

“Oh yeah, how do you know mister smarty pants?” Vatti of course, was being sarcastic as she always was with Baas, but Baas did something Vatti did not expect. He gave a straight answer.

“Analysis. I’ve seen the Discretes and while I’m not sure about their maximum speed, the Discretes I’ve seen do not exert effort when they move. Though it wasn’t much, there was effort put forth when Zordo moved, probably initiated by his desire to save his friend.”

“Baas?” Vatti asked.

“Oh no.” Sheina sighed.

Baas ignored the two and continued his explanation. “That also leaves the explanation about his personality. In that regard, it can not be concluded that he only cares about his own self interests considering he showed great concern for his teammate.”

“Baas whats wrong with you?” Vatti asked.

“Not again.” Sheina sighed.

“What? Why’s he acting this way?”

“I don’t know why, but ever since he left the Center, he’s been analyzing random things that no one in particular cares about. Most of the time its fine; he’s still himself. But sometimes, when he gets concerned or sad, he gets so deep into what he’s talking about, its’ like he’s not Baas anymore.”

“I’m not sure what Sheina’s referring to, but ever since those two left, the time that I’ve spent awake I’ve just been thinking about things. What Magatha did to you two was strategic and well thought out. I started wondering what would happen if she did break us. If we did betray our country... Then I started wondering what would happen if we joined them like Zordo asked. Which is what made me start wondering what Zordo’s personality was like, in which I did a full analysis based on everything we had seen. And so, when you two started talking about him, I already knew characteristics about him.”

“No.” Vatti said firmly.

“No?”

“I disapprove.”

“Was there something wrong with my explanation?”

“Yes, the fact that you gave it. I don’t like you this way. I want Baas back.”

“How can I be anyone but Baas? That makes no sense.”

“Baas, how many times have we fought?”

“One million.”

“And how many times have I won?”

“One million and one.”

“Then trust me when I say you’re not acting like yourself. You’re thinking WAY too much about the situation. The Baas I know rarely thinks at all.”

“Well saw-ree for trying to think, your highness.”

“You will be forgiven oh faithful subject, but should it happen again you will be severely punished with the task of smelling your own feet.”

The two friends laughed. Sheina joined them. Whatever was triggering Baas’ random mood moments was still a mystery, but what thing was for sure, as long as Vatti was around, he wouldn’t stay in them for long.

“Don’t even worry about all that stuff Baas, cause we’re gonna get out of here.” Vatti said with confidence.

“Really?” Sheina asked.

“How are we gonna do that? In case you haven’t noticed Vatti, we’re very much so immobilized.”

“WE aren’t gonna do anything.”

Baas didn’t get what she was saying at first, but then his memory helped him along.

“Oh no, don’t tell me...”

“Yes.” Vatti answered. “I have information they need. Every captain in Blues must understand their ship fully. The Golds have been trying since before we were born to get their hands on a Blue ship. I’ll give them the plans, we go free.”

“Vatti, are you crazy? Wait, we already know the answer to that. Vatti, you’re crazy! If I came up with a plan like that, you’d slap me so hard I’d lose taste for a week.”

“I wouldn’t expect your simple brain to understand Baas. I’m looking at the big picture. The lady said she’d let all of us go if I and only I give her some information.”

“Vatti, this is dumb.”

“There isn’t any other way.”

“Sure there is. The metal they’ve encased us in has a strong front but is actually misleading. With a substance of equal or greater density focused with a greater point and enough force to create a good enough impact, we could...”

“This isn’t the Center anymore Baas! We don’t live in a world where we can get away with being kids. Your life is at stake here! We don’t have any better options!”

“Death is a part of war.”

“Don’t pretend you’re not scared to die.”

“You’re the one that’s pretending Vatti. If you were here by yourself, there’s no way you’d give up that information! You’re trying to use logic as a scapegoat, but in reality you’re being lead by your emotions. You’re scared that me and Sheina might not make it out of here. It’s just like Magatha said, she put a fear in front of you and a scapegoat out. But if you take that way out, you’ll be betraying your country. ”

“Baas I...”

“The Vatti I know may be a lot of things. She may be mean, bossy and smell like armpit hair, but she would NEVER betray a friend.”

It was quiet for a moment. Baas gave his best friend an intense stare. Vatti returned it with one of her own, only hers was not so stable.

“Baas? Sheina?”

The voice didn’t come from Vatti, it came from above. It was sudden, but not startling. All three Leaders immediately looked up. Before their heads made it to the correct position, a rope came down along the wall. Shortly after, a girl wearing a mask and carrying a sword climbed down in a very dramatic fashion.

“Hi guys!” Dragon said as her feet touched the floor, a big smile on her face “Did you miss me?”

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