**Chapter 29**

“So this is the meeting place.” Magatha said. She stared at the tall building in front of her.

“What’s so special about it that you all chose this location?”

“Nothing.” Zordo answered. He proceeded to walk inside. “That’s exactly why D chose it. Though, according to Eve, it used to be a meeting place. She found records suggesting the First met here quite frequently.”

Magatha followed him in. “That’s not nothing, Zordo. It’s actually an obvious meeting place.”

“If you think we should move locations, you’re welcome to bring that concern up.”

“Why haven’t you suggested.”

“I’ve convinced myself that if it were so obvious, the Discretes would’ve found it by now.”

Magatha sighed. “My first meeting as a general, and I can already foresee the headaches you’re going to give me.”

Magatha and Zordo walked into the dimly lit room. The other generals and Discrete D were already sitting at the table.

“Magatha?” Savvi said. “Oh that’s right, she’s a general now.”

“That explains why you took so long.” Vatti said. “Can we get this over with?”

Zordo sat down in his usual spot next to Discrete D.

“Zordo.” Decson said. “Aren’t you going to get a seat for Magatha.”

“Don’t worry about me.” Magatha assured. “I’m just here to watch. This is my first meeting and if I embarrass Zordo by doing things out of order, he’ll surely have a heart attack.”

She leaned up against the wall in the darkness.

“We can start now.” Discrete D said. “Zordo will be going last once again. Decson proceed.”

Magatha observed as the meeting went on. Each general gave a thorough report of their respective areas. They discussed, they teased, they shared files on their Displays. Everyone but Vatti, who rushed anyone who took a slightly longer than she liked, seemed to actually be enjoying the meeting. Finally, it was Zordo’s turn to speak.

“The Ascencion of the recruits is here. Do you all have your final reports?” All the generals, including Magatha, pressed a few buttons on their Displays and waited as Zordo retrieved the data.

“We’ll discuss your recommendations. You all have a say, but as I stated, I will make the final descision. We’ll start with Magatha.” Zordo opened the file she send him. “No teams?”