

### *Wolves and Dragons of the Blood: Revelations*

“You turn your back on tomorrow and the wonders that it could bring because you cannot forget the past and let go of the demons that plague you.” Andro spoke evenly. “I will not be party to that mentality and neither will my people. This... this is my parting gift to the Vanari people. This is what we have done to try and right the wrongs of a few. What you do with it is now up to you.”

“What are you doing?” Ardan screamed. “What is that?”

“This?” Andro said lifting the globe higher. “This is how it could have been.” His arm flashed upward and he heaved the globe into the air above him amidst the shouts and screams of the Vanari Regents who thought it was a bomb of some sort. Andro turned once more and began to walk out of the chamber as the globe activated and over a dozen streams of light burst from the globe and formed images.

As Vanari Regents began to regain their composure, they could see vast amounts of activity in all of the holo streams. The globe appeared to be picking up the transmissions of many different events that were taking place. As if on cue, one of the screens centered and became larger than the others and the face of a female Vanari became focused and clear and her voice began to resonate within the chambers own internal communications system. Many of the Regents present knew who she was for they watched her every evening on the Vanari news networks.

“...This is Aori Va Alsul reporting to you from the hanger deck of the Lycavorian Union warship called the *SPIRIT OF THE WIND*. Four days ago, I and two dozen of my fellow News Anchors were taken in the night by Vanari Commandos and brought to an undisclosed location. We were sequestered away and only told that we were going to be part of an operation that would have wide ranging repercussions across the entire Quadrant. We found ourselves split up and taken to both Vanari ships and Lycavorian Union ships like this one. I have been in contact with each of them in these last hours and what we are seeing happening is... it is simply beyond belief.” The entire Regent chamber became deathly quiet as the roar of a ship entering the hanger bay interrupted her words and she stopped talking. All of them saw several *TEMPEST* Fighters land in the distance and ground crews rushed forward to meet them.

“Thirty minutes ago I was brought here and just fifteen minutes after that I was told what was happening.” The Vanari reporter continued now. “Roughly

nine hours ago, a combined Lycavorian Union and Vanari Cadre Commando Task Force began striking at OSG and Eridiani targets all across the Quadrant. Vanari Commandos and members of the Lycavorian Union's elite *Durcunusaan* forces began to attack OSG holding centers and auction houses and free Vanari prisoners all across this sector of space and the adjoining three sectors. We have been told this is happening across four different sectors of space as I have told you. A huge fleet of Union and Vanari ships are in this fleet alone. We are currently orbiting the known OSG planet of Uardo! This planet is one of the largest OSG held planets and all estimates by Vanari sources have stated that there are thousands of Vanari being held here. This very ship began launching fighters three hours ago and they are now beginning to return from attack sorties on the surface. We have also received word that ships carrying Vanari prisoners have begun to land and... By the Prophets!"

All of them saw the picture change to the large ship in the background as the ramp touched down on the deck and a combination of heavily armed Lycavorian and Vanari Cadre Commandos began to quickly file off the ship carrying other Vanari men and women even as medical personnel from both species rushed forward and began to inject the arriving Vanari with something. The images shifted to another ship in the distance and the same thing was happening, then two more that were even further away across the deck. Most of the rescued Vanari were wearing green and red jumpsuits for some reason. The image shifted back to the woman who had been speaking and she now had her finger pressed to her hear to block out at least some of the noise that was happening all around her.

"This is... it is unbelievable!" She gasped aloud with wide eyes. "I am getting reports from my fellow colleagues on other ships that this is happening everywhere! Union and Vanari ships and Commandos are beginning to return with hundreds of Vanari prisoners! OSG and Eridiani ships that tried to fight were obliterated from the stars and we're getting reports of massive casualties among OSG and even Eridiani ground forces from the surfaces of these planets. This is unprecedented in the history of our people! Combined Union and Vanari forces appear to have struck at every known OSG installation base across four sectors with the intent to rescue Vanari citizens being held by the OSG and destroying their holding facilities! I can count over a hundred freed Vanari just within my own view and there are ships in other landing bays that are arriving

as well! I can't... this is amazing! All of these people... our people! By... By the Prophets this is a gift from the gods themselves!"

The Regent Chamber on Austrova was silent as they watched this woman break into tears at what was happening all around her. They could see other reporters urgently speaking in the other holo streams even as the images of returning ships and rescued Vanari were being beamed across the expanse of space.

The Vanari Board of Regents would not discover until later that these transmissions were reaching every Vanari news channel on the planet as well as their colonies. In fact it was being beamed across the entire breadth of the Beta Quadrant.

They would not be able to contain the future any longer.