

Wolves and Dragons of the Blood: Revelations

Lirana and her group had been dumbstruck to say the least. These Alphas were unlike any of the stories they had heard. Alphas were supposed to be the most powerful and violent of their species. Yet what she had witnessed in the last few hours alone had most certainly changed all that. She saw one Alpha wolf, a hulking man well over six feet tall, one child perched on his shoulders and one in each of his arms as he walked them down the side of the ridge. The children were laughing in his arms, his tanned face bright and happy as he told them obviously funny jokes in order to make them laugh so. She had seen two other Alphas move to where four men were carrying a makeshift carryall between them and they took this burden from the men without question. Lirana saw many Beta wolves mixed in with the Alphas, all of them looking fit and more powerful than any Beta she had ever seen with the exception of her husband and those among her people. Several of the Beta wolves she saw giving instructions to Alphas, which were acted on almost instantly. She saw many other men and women who were not wolf, but Lirana could sense something about them was different. She saw at least four other species among the men and women alone, species that she had never seen or knew existed. What she did take note of right away was the fact that every form of burden that the Beta wolves from Microu carried was taken from them almost immediately when an Alpha or one of the other new people came close. She saw elder women being carried gingerly down the mountain, injured men and women were being swarmed by who she could only assume were medical people of some sort.

Lirana was jarred from her thoughts as she walked when one of the most senior men in Konlar's command appeared next to her. He was a grizzled old veteran and had been a close friend of their family for decades. He always made it his goal to insure her security whenever he was with her.

"Lirana?" He spoke softly as he fell in beside her.

"Neral... what have you discovered?" Lirana asked as they continued to move along the ridge towards the valley below.

"Whoever they are, they are far more organized than any I have seen in my lifetime." The seven thousand year old Beta wolf told her.

Lirana glanced at him. "What do you mean?" She asked him.

“Even as they help those around us, they have dozens more in the timber all around us providing security.” Neral told her. “I can smell them, but I cannot see them.”

“Do you feel it as well Neral?” Lirana asked.

He glanced at her quickly. “Yes. The aura of an Alpha wolf that surpasses all those we have seen and felt so far on this planet by a margin I cannot begin to explain.”

Lirana looked around as they continued to move. “I have never felt so many powerful auras in one place like this. So many Alphas... but so many powerful Betas as well.”

“They are extremely well equipped and well-armed.” Neral told her. “They move with the grace and effortlessness of seasoned combat veterans Lirana. Men and women who have faced battle before and been victorious. Lorendo did not tell us this.”

“No he did not.” Lirana said. “And I feel coming here was a mistake.”

“What do you mean girl?” Neral asked. “We have been very careful in our actions.”

Lirana nodded in agreement. “Yes we have.” She told him. “What we did not take into account because we have not been here since the Svorag attack, how refugees would look. Our garments are not worn and ripped. We are healthy and well fed while the others are not. We stand out in too many small ways for it to be a coincidence Neral.”

Neral nodded his head after a long moment. “Yes, I see your point.” He spoke softly. “What do you suggest?”

Lirana shook her head. “I don’t know to be honest.” She replied. “We wish to see where they are taking the refugees and where the two women we were following have gone but I fear that if we continue further we will be discovered.”

“Do we give the abort signal?” Neral asked her.

Lirana was silent for a moment and then shook her head. “No. We need to discover why Lorendo wanted these women so badly. And the only way to do that is to find them in whatever camp they have put together. We will continue on but tell everyone to be extra cautious in what they do and say to others.”