

Wolves and Dragons of the Blood: Revelations

Those among the first to arrive would later comment that it was an eerie calm they all felt in the small clearing. All of the Leonidas family were standing very close to one another, all of them staring at the sky above where the *STRIKER* had disappeared from view, with Androcles, Dorian, Deion and Denali touching their father in some fashion as if giving him added strength. No one spoke, for their officers had been very clear in their orders, a Queen and two Princesses of the Union had been taken, and heads were going to roll for this fuck up. Unknown to the men and women now in the clearing, they had nothing to fear in the least, for the two men who they most feared would unleash their anger at this complete and absolute lapse in security, they only blamed themselves and no other.

Daniel Simpson however, he knew exactly what to do. He stepped off the ramp of the *STRIKER* before it had even touched the ground, Anuk and Nayeca exiting the ship right after him. Danny carried the large, cylindrical tube like item in his right arm as two *Durcunusaan* officers moved up to his position as his long legs carried him towards his brother.

“General we...” The officer began to speak but Danny waved him silent.

“Captain... you lock this entire area down as tight as a virgin’s prize!” Danny hissed at the man angrily. “I want *Durcunusaan* on all four corners of a twenty kilometer box with this clearing as the center and I want it done five minutes ago! Once the corners are set, you pour as many troops into this box as you need to in order to sweep the entire grid. Turn over every *ansestone*! Look in every *nubous* cave! Under every bush! There are others in this box and I want them found! Including the ship that they came in on.”

“Rules General?” The Captain asked.

Danny stopped walking and looked at him. “Do I have to answer that question Captain?” Danny spoke. “Whoever they were they took one of our Queens and two of our Princesses! You move heaven and motherfucking earth and you make this happen!”

The man nodded his head and his chest swelled with purpose. “Consider it done, sir!” He barked before sprinting off in the other direction.

Danny felt the hand on his arm and he looked to his right to see Anuk beside him. She looked up at him with her cerulean blue wolf eyes, the tips of her fangs exposed just under her upper lip. “You find these men Daniel.” Anuk told him sternly. “You find them and you show them that what they have done was the biggest mistake they could have ever made.”

Danny drew her tight to his side, Nayeca pressing close behind her. Daniel and Nayeca knew how tightly bound Anja and Anuk were. They had been family and friends for over two decades now and working closely together they had built the Union Medical Corp into the largest, most advanced and most efficient organization of its kind in anyone’s history. As Daniel Simpson’s wives and mates, Anuk, Nayeca and now Kesyla were just like their beloved husband, and they were considered part of the Leonidas family and they were spoken of in the same breath.

“Help Duewa Baby.” Daniel told her as he leaned over and nuzzled her elven ear. “Calyb and Atropos trust you and they will listen to you. Do what you are good at and

let me a Nubian do the dirty work.”

Anuk nodded and stretched up on her booted feet to kiss him lovingly. She turned quickly and jogged over to where For'mya sat with Calyb in her arms. Danny turned to Nayeca and her amber eyes lifted to meet his. “Keslya?” He asked.

“Keslya is our wife and mate now and she is no fool Daniel my love.” Nayeca told him with a smile. “She knows what our skills are, she knows what we do, and she loves us more for it.”

Danny nodded his head. “I know.” He said softly. “I just don’t... I don’t want her to see what we do if we can avoid it.”

Nayeca smiled and kissed him now as well. “Do what you must.” She told him. “I will see about helping the *Durcunusaan* here to search the surrounding area. Reports are that they saw a body fall from the ramp before it lifted off completely. That means there is a body somewhere. Maybe we can learn something from it.”

Danny nodded and watched his beautiful Drow wife turn and moved for the nearest group of five *Durcunusaan* troops. He turned once more and looked back to the small gathering of Leonidas children standing around their father. It had grown by one he saw, as Murano had now arrived and he did not look in the least bit happy. He turned briefly as he heard another transport *STRIKER* come in low and he watched as it flared above the ground and set down gently and then Gorgo, Dasha, Dynina and Sarlana exited the craft. Once they had moved far enough away, it rose back into the air and sped off in the direction of Discovery Base. He turned back to where Martin stood and then covered the distance to where Duewa was working on Atropos and Anuk was now scanning Calyb. He knelt on the ground at Atropos’ feet and he turned his head to look at him.

“They came from downwind Daniel.” Atropos spoke sitting up a little higher in Aricia’s lap. “The opposite direction of where their ship was. Calyb detected them first. A hint on the wind when it shifted.”

Daniel nodded his head. “We didn’t expect this.” He spoke looking out over the clearing and the bodies. “This took a special kind of stupid.”

“How many Uncle?” Calyb asked now, for he was only a few feet from him. “There were twenty-nine in this group.”

Daniel shook his head. “Seventeen dead, five wounded if the reports are accurate *Mandri*. The rest must have already made it onto the *STRIKER* when they hit.”

“Their training is good.” Atropos spoke. “With only Calyb and I checking the perimeter at different times they got too close for us to react.”

“They shot you in the back Atropos! In the back with no warning!” Aricia gasped angrily. “They shot Calyb in the chest! If not for your armor you would be dead! They acted like *nubousmorons* to do this!”

“Andro did warn us their arrogance was extensive sister.” Atropos answered her. “We should have left the normal security for Anja in place.”

Danny nodded his head. “We all agreed that this was the way to do it.” Danny spoke now causing Duewa to look at him oddly. “We knew the risks. Martin and Anja most of all.”

“Our own arrogance and overconfidence is the reason for this.” For'mya hissed now. “Once the Svorag were defeated and Andro’s forces were here, we shifted our

focus too quickly to helping others. This is the result.”

Duewa was no fool by any stretch of the imagination and she realized what they were all talking about. “Wait a minute!” She snapped. “You knew this would happen? You allowed Anja to be taken?!”

Danny glanced at her quickly and then back to Atropos. “Back to Discovery Base for both of you.” He ordered them. He lifted his hand as Calyb began to open his mouth to speak. “No discussions boy!” He growled. “We’ll take it from here and then make a plan! Your father and brother are on it and believe me, they are not taking this well at all.”

“Answer me Daniel!” Duewa barked again. “You knew this would happen?”

Danny met her eyes. “Duewa you are...”

“Go Daniel.” Aricia spoke now. “For'mya and I will answer her questions. *Kinosaurgai* is correct. We acted impulsively and with our own arrogance. That will not happen again.”

Danny nodded his head and rose to his feet immediately. As nearly everyone across the Union could attest to, the number of individuals who could walk right up to a gathering of the Leonidas family and act as Daniel did could be counted on one hand. Daniel was the most beloved Uncle of all the Leonidas children for he was their father's *Mard Fervon*, and while Daniel would never admit it was so, Atropos and Andreus would say them same thing.

When Daniel burst through the rank between Andro and Martin all heads turned to look at him as he jammed the end of the Mark Two Neural Booster into the ground and he looked at his brother.

“Do it *fervon!*” He snapped. “This is not what we expected but now we adapt! You let me handle this! You ain't the only one that loves that fiery little, potty mouthed red head! There's a whole lot of us who love her! Now you and Andro do your thing, find out where they are taking her and the others, and then let's go kick us some ass! How long?”

“We will need at least an hour to focus and center on them *Tenne.*” Andro answered for his father.

“You got two.” Daniel said in reply with a nod. “Then we need to have Manda and Sa'sur fill everyone in before this gets out of hand.” He said no more and stepped back between father and son and kept walking towards where he saw a small ADHOC portable Command Table being set up. He didn't need to say anymore he knew and now he would stop being brother to the King and become a General of Spartans.

Which was also something Coalition of Lycavorian States should not have set in motion.