

Vampire Beginnings Episode 7

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We hear the sound of Alexa's pen. But this time, we hear what we didn't hear before, bombs are going off faintly in the background.

Alexa-BOISE 1

BOISE
The barricade won't hold much longer. 3

(beat) BOISE
Not yet. He will. Or I'll beat his ass for
making you worry.

BOISE
You don't have to catalogue this. We're not⁸
loosing-

(sighs) BOISE
I'll get the transport ready.

We hear Boise's retreating footsteps. The sound of Alexa's pen continues for another beat. It stops. There is silence, just the sound of the bombs. Of a war right outside her door.

A war she is losing.

ALEXA (cont'd)

(whispers)

Please- 12

(her voice catches)

Mother moon protect him. Just a little 13

longer. Please. Protect him the way you did

before.

There is silence. A sudden furious scream from Alexa. It is a scream of anger and fear. It is followed by the sound of glass shattering. Alexa breathes in deep. The pen touches the paper again.

ALEXA (V.O.)

This story is almost at it's end. So is 14

Nomoria, according to the latest war

report. (beat)

Perhaps my mother... Valoria was right 15

about me. As cities on Normoria are

overtaken, as the walls around my

stronghold fail, here I am, in my hubris,

writing my story because for once I

wanted the words written about me to

come from my own hand.

A pause. The next bomb sounds closer. We hear the sound of her room shaking, the electricity popping off and struggling to turn back on.

ALEXA

(a resolved breath. The

Conquerer is back)

Let this story serve as record of what 16

happened here. To the Galactic Federation,

if you receive this message in time,

Nomoria calls for aid. SVTDC if you receive

this message in time send us your best.

London. Dante. Lexi. Arya. My dearest

Lilith, we need your help.

ROLL INTRO

SFX: DJ Venus Transition music

INSERT PREROLL AD BREAK

RADIO DJ

You're listening to the Pulse of Nomoria. 17

Before we lull you back to sleep and away

from that nasty Sun light with Nomoria's

greatest hits, here's a word from our

sponsors.

END AD BREAK

SFX: DJ Venus transition music fades into very distinct back to the past sfx/music.

2 INT. AKASHIC CAVE

We hear the pleasant sounds of the cave. Boise and Alexa watch as Raegel begins searching for his soul crystal.

RAEGEL
One of these crystals is mine? There are 18
so many.

ALEXA
(reading from her
tablet)
Yes. According to what we've learned 19
these are the soul crystals of everyone on
Nomoria. When you're close to yours, it will
glow.

RAEGEL
A soul crystal? What does that mean? 20

BOISE
It means get your crystal and get in the 21
machine.

ALEXA
(gentle)
Boise. 22

BOISE
The Orai aren't waiting for his questions. 23

ALEXA
I know. I know. 24
(to Raegel)
Apparently it contains the memories of 25
every life you lived. We don't know why
you need it before you get inside the
Holon, only that you do.

ALEXA (V.O.)
I motioned at the octahedron with the dull 26
slab of crystal that separated the top and
bottom pyramid shaped tips.

RAEGEL
Right. Right. Sorry Boise. Moving faster. 27

BOISE
(exasperated)
Thank you. 28

ALEXA (V.O.) 29
Raegel walked quickly around the cave, searching. But, he was right, there were a lot of crystals. When Boise wasn't checking for updates on our problem, she paced. I stood still, watching as Raegel tried to tip toe around crystals, his brow furrowed in concentration, tension in the corded muscle of his neck, a place I found I liked kissing. Whether this worked or not, we, Nomoria was in trouble. Not one race had beaten the Orai. You ran, or you died. I knew my kind, they would want to defend this planet. To try. So did I. But... how could I protect him if this didn't work?
(beat)
How could I protect him, if it did? 30

BOISE 31
The Council is convening.

ALEXA
(a breath, pulling
herself back together)
Good. 32

BOISE 33
They're asking for you.

ALEXA 34
Don't respond. They can start preliminaries while we-

RAEGEL 35
Got it!

BOISE 36
Finally.

RAEGEL 37
It's pretty. Hmm. All right where do I put it?

ALEXA 38
Just hold it, and get inside.

RAEGEL 39
Then what?

ALEXA 40
We're not sure.

RAEGEL 41
Oh.

(beat) 42
Right. Here we go.

We hear Raegel walking up to the crystal slab.

ALEXA 43
(to Boise)
We're sure there's no... control panel?
Something?

BOISE 44
Not that I could find but I'm fairly certain
that bitch you killed and Andere either
destroyed some records, or are still hiding
some.

ALEXA 45
When will we receive the shipment from
moth- (beat. She was no
mother) 46
Valoria's off world storage?

BOISE 47
It's going to take a few more days. Her
lackey is fighting us for entry, despite clan
law.

ALEXA 48
She was good at commanding loyalty.

BOISE 49
She was good at manipulating.

ALEXA 50
Yes... she was.

ALEXA (V.O.) 51
While we discussed the continuing
annoyance that was fucking Valoria,
Raegel laid down on the crystal slab. For
what felt like long, drawn out moments of
time we did not have, nothing happened.

RAEGEL 52
Are you sure I'm not suppose to do som-

ALEXA (V.O.)
The Holon began glowing. It was a beautiful
shade of red that matched the color of the
crystal Raegel held. 53

RAEGEL
Oh... that feels... nice... 54

ALEXA
What do you mean it feels- 55

We hear a loud mechanical sound, the top pyramid opening and simultaneously beginning to lower, closing Raegel inside.

ALEXA (V.O.)
The color of the Holon got brighter until it
was nearly blinding and I was forced to
turn my gaze away. 56

RAEGEL
Hey! It's open! 57

ALEXA
Raegel what do you s- 58

ALEXA (V.O.)
When I could finally look back at the
device, the top descended, making it a true
octahedron shape. Either Raegel was
closed inside or it had... 59

ALEXA
Raegel? Raegel?! Can you hear me? 60

ALEXA (V.O.)
I moved closer to the machine. No blood.
He wasn't screaming. I took both as a good
sign. The only thing I could hear was a
faint hum that was... strangely soothing.
Being this close to the Holon I could also
see what looked like a faint translucent
force field surrounding the structure.
Strange. 61

BOISE
Found the control panel! 62

ALEXA (V.O.)
Boise walked around the Holon, standing at
the north side. I followed her. A
holographic screen hovered in front of us.
It showed an outline of Raegel inside the
device. At the top was his name. But
underneath, something odd. 63

AI VOICE	
Soul crystal connected. Welcome Raegel Damaris. Processing. Previous lifetime found. Taos Silvan. Processing.	64
BOISE	
No fucking way that jackass was a Vampire.	65
ALEXA (amused)	
Apparently he... was?	66
BOISE (disgusted noise)	
AI VOICE	
Soul is currently human. DNA structure broken. Would you like to repair DNA and give access to previous soul records?	67
ALEXA	
Goddess. This could work. Yes, yes computer repair and... give access.	68
AI VOICE	
Processing.... Voice pattern recognized. Aura scanning commencing, please hold still.	69
ALEXA (V.O.)	
I didn't know what aura scanning was, but I did stand still. I was encased in a translucent blue light. I'd been scanned by drones before but this was very different. This felt... welcoming.	70
AI VOICE	
Processing... record found. Welcome back, Alexa Vires. Accepted. Soul access granted. DNA repair commencing.	71
ALEXA (V.O.)	
The holographic screen changed. I was no healer, I did not understand any of the technical data that scrolled rapidly. I could only guess it was... working?	72
BOISE	
Something about all this is bothering me.	73
ALEXA	
What are you thinking?	74

BOISE 75
I'm thinking about the Elders. All this
bullshit happened 4,000 years ago right?

ALEXA 76
If the dates on the files are correct yes.
(beat) 77
I know. The Elders would have been alive
during it.

BOISE 78
Which means they knew what we would
find in Andere's and Valoria files. Which
means none of this makes any sense. If
they didn't want us to know they wouldn't
have approved the inquiry. If they did
want us to know, why not tell us? What's
the point of all this theater?

ALEXA 79
I haven't come up with a good answer for
that either.

BOISE 80
This is a lot of Vugan shit hitting the
engine at once.

AI VOICE 81
Historical records online. Would you like to
access?

ALEXA 82
Huh. Maybe we'll get answers to your
questions.

BOISE 83
Or this is what we weren't suppose to find
and the Elders will kill us.

ALEXA 84
Better them than the Orai.

BOISE 85
Honestly, I'd prefer neither.

ALEXA 86
No argument there. But...

BOISE 87
(sighs)
I know. I know. Go ahead.

ALEXA 88
Yes, computer I would like to access-

ANDERE
(interrupt)
What the sun are you doing, Alexa? 89

BOISE
Oh fuck, here we go. 90

3 INT. SELIANA TRANSPORT

We hear the sound of Seliana's transport cutting through the wind of the wildlands.

Seliana sits pensively. On the screen in front of her, is Mona, a fellow Elder Vampire.

MONA
We should have handled this ourselves. 91

SELIANA
You don't trust, Alexa? 92

MONA
(scoffs)
This has little to do with her, she is still a child. We have more pressing concerns. 93

SELIANA
We are in agreement that the Orai are an urgent matter. However, a history we have no memory of is cause for equal concern. 94

MONA
This is koraceous shit. I've yet to see any proof that these records, which are little more than half-assed attempts at oral histories, recorded on technology we don't even use anymore, are true. We are the Elders and I have lived on Nomoria my whole life. I have no memory of a time of peace between Vampires and Humans. Such a history does not exist. 95

SELIANA
(beat)
We have all seen the statues in the Askahsic cave. That suggests it is not a lie. 96

MONA
It does not suggest it was a mere 4,000 years ago. For all we know, this is a tale from the days of the great Sorina. 97

SELIANA 98
That is a possibility yes. Though it does not answer all questions. Regardless, I am at the cave and my scouts tell me Andere is already there. His actions suggest he is hiding something more. I, and the rest of the Elders want to know what it is.

MONA 99
A simple matter we could have taken care of ourselves. Bring Andere to me and he will tell me everything.

SELIANA 100
He is well respected by several clans, Mona, we must move with care. And if he does have the capability of altering memories to such a scale that is even more cause for caution.

MONA 101
(scoffs)
His arrogance would never allow him to hide such magic from us. We waste precious time with false tales when we should be preparing for the Orai.

SELIANA 102
We will handle both. I am almost at the cave. I will collect everyone and return to the council. We will discuss all issues then.

MONA 103
Very well.
(beat) 104
If Andere did find a way to tamper with the memories of the Elders, he will wish he was born human.

4 INT. AKASHIC CAVE

Alexa and Boise stand off with Andere.

ALEXA 105
If we do not empower humans we won't win against the Orai!

ANDERE 106
You don't know that!

ALEXA 107
Do you think I've spent my entire life fighting to not understand war?

ANDERE 108
 You are not the only Vampire who has
 seen war. And it is clear the stench of
 humans clouds your judgment for what is
 best for Nomoria.

ALEXA 109
 Oh please. You don't care about Nomoria,
 you care about yourself!

ANDERE 110
 I care about VAMPIRES! What I don't give
 two shits about is humans!

ALEXA 111
 Clearly, considering what you did to them!

ANDERE 112
 I won't apologize for that. They lost. It's
 done. You don't get to decide to reverse it
 because you've got a new puppy.

BOISE 113
 Oh, fuck you.

ALEXA 114
 I'm going to reverse it because I didn't
 spend my life sitting on my ass pretending
 to accomplish something. We will not beat
 the Orai without the humans. Period.

ANDERE 115
 Listen here you bitch-

BOISE 116
 Nu-uh. Call her that again, I dare you.

ANDERE 117
 Or what lackey?

BOISE 118
 You will show her the respect she
 deserves as your fellow councilmen or I
 will beat your ass worse than you beat
 your humans.

ANDERE 119
 Then she damn well better acknowledge
 there is a Council and she can't do
 whatever the fuck she wants!

ALEXA 120
 Why can't I? You clearly did.

ANDERE
Get away from the control panel, Alexa. 121
Now. Last warning.

ALEXA (V.O.) 122
Andere brought a small entourage of his personal guard with him and they raised their weapons at Boise and I. Boise's eyes began to glow, the telltale sign of her charging her magic. If it's a fight he wanted, he would damn well get one.

ALEXA 123
Tell your men to stand down, or yours is the next Clan I'll conquer.

SELIANA
(Vampire voice) 124
ENOUGH.

ALEXA (V.O.) 125
Seliana marched into the cave with the Vampire High Guard flanking her. She looked furious and I couldn't blame her. But before any of us could argue further -

AI VOICE 126
Process complete.

We hear the loud mechanical sound again as the Holon opens.

ALEXA (V.O.) 127
All eyes turned towards the Holon as it began separating again. Raegel blinked his eyes open and focused his gaze on me. He... smiled.

RAEGEL 128
Hi.

ALEXA (V.O.) 129
The relief that left me dropped my shoulders. I smiled back at him.

ALEXA 130
Hi yourself. How do you feel?

ANDERE
(disgusted sound) 131
What have you done, Alexa.

SELIANA 132
I said, enough, Andere. It is clear what has been done. Let us find the results of it.

ALEXA (V.O.)
 Raegel sat up. I saw no physical changes, but there was something different. Something I couldn't put my finger on. He got off the slab, still holding his crystal, but looked down at himself, as if he was curious too. 133

ALEXA
 Raegel? 134

RAEGEL
 Alexa. This feels... wow. You know what, I'll just show you. 135

ALEXA (V.O.)
 He took off. And he was... fast. He moved faster than some Vampires. Incredible. He launched himself atop one of the statues, moving with more agility than I'd ever seen from him, jumping from one to the next, before landing at my side gracefully and with a grin. 136

RAEGEL
 We've got so much to talk about. 137

AI VOICE
 Historical records downloaded. Would you like them transferred to your device? 138

ANDERE
 (Panicked)
 NO! 139

ALEXA
 YES! 140

SELIANA
 ENOUGH BOTH OF YOU. Alexa, tell that computer to send a copy of those records to ALL of the Vampire Council. 141

ANDERE
 Mistress Seliana I beg you, do not do this. Let the past die. We took human's power for a reason- 142

RAEGEL
 Not a good reason. You wanted more power, and you didn't like asking permission from your food source. 143

ANDERE 144
You don't know shit, you-

RAEGEL 145
Actually I do. I was there.

ALEXA (V.O.) 146
It was with great pleasure I watched the
sneer fall off Andere's face. He stared
hard at Raegel as if seeing him in a new
light.

ANDERE
(disgusted) 147
Taos.

RAEGEL
(smirks) 148
Andere.

SFX: Transition back to present

5 EXT. SECTOR SEVEN

Sector Seven was once the small beautiful city of Alophis. Now it's a war zone. Beautiful buildings on fire, dead bodies in the streets, smoke choking the air. In the distance the sound of pulse rifles.

We hear Raegel make a pained sound, and a few grunts as he shoves the broken transport door off himself.

RAEGEL
(speaking quietly) 149
That hurt. Alexa come in?
(beat. Static.)
Stronghold Vires come in? Can you read 150
me?

Nothing but static.

RAEGEL (cont'd) 151
Damn.

We hear another pained groan. So does Raegel. His footsteps over broken rubble. The groans get louder.

ANDERE
(groaning in pain)
RAEGEL 152
Andere? Is that you?

ANDERE
(in pain)
Raegel? Well, fuck. 153

RAEGEL
Where are the others? 154

ANDERE
I told them to run. Is it dead? 155

RAEGEL (V.O.)
I looked to the left, and saw three dead
bodies. Not Nomorians. The Orai. 156

RAEGEL
Yeah, they're dead. How drained are you? 157

ANDERE
Drained enough I can't move this fucking
thing. (another pained sound
as he tries and fails) 158

RAEGEL
I'll get it. 159

Raegel grunts with minimal effort as he removes the concrete slab
off Andere.

RAEGEL (cont'd)
Can you walk? 160

ANDERE
I'll feel better in a moment. Thank you,
Raegel and... well, sorry. 161

RAEGEL
For wha- 162

We hear the sound of Andere biting Raegel, and Raegel's brief sound
of pain. Raegel looks annoyed as all hell, but allows it.

RAEGEL (V.O.)
Some Vampire's just don't change. But, to
be fair, change was hard for humans too. I
let Andere get away with his dick move
because he would need his strength if we
were going to get out of here. But after
about five seconds, I shoved him off. 163

ANDERE
(a sigh of relief)
That's better. 164

RAEGEL
If you try that on a human again and they
kill you for it, it's your own fault. 165

ANDERE
Fair. But we're old friends. 166

RAEGEL
Hardly. Is there anyone else trapped here? 167

ANDERE
No. They're all out. 168
(beat. Begrudgingly)
Even the humans. 169

RAEGEL
Good. I know a way past their forces. Keep
up. 170

ANDERE
I'm not as fast as you are. 171

RAEGEL
Keep. Up. 172

RAEGEL (V.O.)
The sound of his cursing and heavy
breathing behind me as he struggled to
match my pace was a tiny victory I
savored. 173

We hear the quiet beep of Raegel's communicator

RAEGEL
(as he's running)
Alexa come in. 174

(Still static. beat)
Stronghold Vires, come in. 175

(beat)
If anyone can hear me, I've got Andere.
The rest of the group in Sector Seven is
out. If the weapon is ready. Use it. 176

SFX transition. Back to the past.

6 EXT. AKASHIC CAVE

We hear the brief sound of the wildlands, the marching of footsteps,
followed by the sound of Seliana's, Andere's and Alexa's transport
zooming back to the cities.

INSERT - AD BREAK - PODCAST NETWORK BREAK ONLY

RADIO DJ

May the moonlight bless you, Vampires. 177
You're listening to the Pulse of Nomoria
with your favorite DJ Venus. Tensions are
high, and I've got just the thing to soothe
you, but first let's give some attention to
our sponsors...

END AD BREAK

7 INT. ALEXA'S TRANSPORT

We hear the soft thump as Alexa's back hits the wall. It's followed by the sounds of a kiss, and two quiet moans one from Raegel, then Alexa.

RAEGEL

(a bit breathless) 178
I'm sorry, I know we've got a lot to talk
about it.

ALEXA

I'm not complaining. 179

ALEXA (V.O.)

I touched his face, meeting his eyes. 180
Studying them perhaps. He looked the
same. He tasted the same. He kissed me
the same. But there was something
different. It wasn't only the physical
strength I felt from him when he pressed
me against the transport wall, but the way
he carried himself now. There was a...
confidence he hadn't had before.

ALEXA

You're different. 181

RAEGEL

I know. I feel... complete I guess? Physically 182
I feel amazing, but it's more than that. I've
got, all this knowledge in my head now.

ALEXA

From Taos? 183

RAEGEL

Yes. It's not his whole life, but what I do 184
know is enough.

ALEXA

How bad was it? Before? 185

RAEGEL
It wasn't. Well, not before the Anunnaki
came. Vampires and Humans living
together, co-existing, we made it work. It
wasn't perfect but Alexa, Nomoria was
thriving. It was so much more than it is
now. 186

ALEXA
You might be called upon to speak to the
Council about what you know. Are you
ready to do that? 187

RAEGEL
Of course. 188
(beat)
This is it, isn't it? This meeting is going to
decide what comes next for humans. 189

ALEXA
Yes. And the Orai are a week away. 190

RAEGEL
That's a lot to deal with and not enough
time. 191

ALEXA
I know. 192
(beat)
I'm going to make this right. Whatever the
consequence. But if I can't get the
majority to agree with me- 193

RAEGEL
You will. 194

ALEXA
But if I can't. We'll make arrangements.
For you, and for my humans in Clan Vires. 195

RAEGEL
What kind of arrangements? 196

ALEXA
I'll make sure you and the humans of my
clan get off Nomoria are sent somewhere
safe. 197

RAEGEL
I'm not leaving you. 198

ALEXA
Raegel this isn't a game- 199

RAEGEL

No it's not. It's a partnership. I love you, Alexa Vires. Do you hear me? I love you. So unless you tell me you don't feel the same there is not a Vugan in the wildlands that will keep me from you.

(a cheeky smile)

Well, not anymore.

ALEXA (V.O.)

I was not prepared for the effect those words would have on me. It had been... a long time since I'd loved someone. Or wanted to be loved in return. I closed my eyes, unable to stop the silent tear that ran down my face, another sensation I had not experienced in hundreds of years. He didn't say anything else, waiting, for me. But I felt his gentle hand on my face, brushing away my tear, his lips on my forehead.

ALEXA

Raegel... I-

We hear the sound of the inner transport door opening.

BOISE

We're ten minutes out. We got a plan for when we walk in there with... him?

RAEGEL

Amazing timing as ever, Boise.

BOISE

(disgusted sound)

ALEXA (V.O.)

I cleared my throat. Touched Raegel's hand on my face, and gave him a small smile. A promise I hoped he would understand that we would have to finish this conversation later.

ALEXA

We do. Call Nicu.

8 INT. VAMPIRE HIGH COUNCIL CHAMBER

We hear doors open, and the sound of a small group taking their seats as the Vampire Council convenes. There is a strong sense of unease inside the chamber.

SELIANA

This Council is now in session. We have many urgent matters before us, so I will remind all that tonight the patience of the Elders is short. You will stay on topic and conduct yourselves befitting a member of this council. Am I clear?

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ALEXA (V.O.)

The five Elders, the oldest Vampires on Nomoria, sat on a platform slightly elevated from the rest of us. Seven council members, from the top seven clans of Nomoria stood at podiums that formed a crescent moon in front of the Elders. Our silence was acknowledgement of Seliana's words.

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SELIANA

Very well.

210

THESSA

Fellow Vampires I am, frankly, appalled. We had no right to do this. If there was balance, if there was peace-

211

ANDERE

(Interrupts)

You weren't there Thessa. But your mother was, Night Goddess rest her soul and she agreed with me. With us. Vampire's weren't the only ones dissatisfied with the status of things. Someone had to strike first, it was only a matter of time.

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ALEXA

Elders, you were there during this time of unrest. I would hear your... wisdom on this. Why was this necessary?

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ALEXA (V.O.)

I kept my gaze respectfully on the five eldest Vampire's on Nomoria. But Andere stood at the podium next to mine. I could see from the corner of my eye, the way his hands tightened around the stone. His fear had not lessened. Strange. When my full attention returned to the Elders they were still silent. Some looked at each other, likely communicating telepathically over their neural links. What was going on?

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MONA	215
You. Human. What is your name?	
RAEGEL	216
Raegel.	
MONA	217
And you carry the memories of Taos Silvan?	
RAEGEL	218
I was he a lifetime ago, yes.	
MONA	219
And now you have the strength of a Vampire?	
RAEGEL	220
Yes, thanks to the Holon. I am as humans were before the war.	
ARMAND	221
It is disgraceful that we even allow this human to speak here.	
RAEGEL	222
I was once a Vampire. I predate the existence of the current incarnation of this council and of you. If your father were still alive, Armand, he'd be ashamed of you.	
ARMAND	223
Excuse me?	
RAEGEL	224
Your father was a proud member of the Council on Joint Relations between Humans and Vampires.	
ARMAND	225
LIES.	
ALEXA	226
Elders - is that true?	
ALEXA (V.O.)	227
My question was met with silence. I stole a glance around the chamber. My fellow Councilmen were just as confused as I to the Elders silence and deference to Raegel. Did they not know? How could they not know?	

MONA
You say you were Taos. Do you know me? 228

RAEGEL
I do, Mona. Taos knew you all. And you
knew him.
(beat)
Don't you remember? 230

SELIANA
We will ask the questions. While I held
great respect for Taos Silvan, I am not
convinced you carry the memories of the
man I knew. 231

RAEGEL
If you like, Seliana, I could tell you a lot
about an incident on Brora 8X2 when you
were 512 or so- 232

SELIANA
How would you- 233

MONA
(interrupts)
Silence human. The personal affairs of the
Elders are not to be discussed in a public
forum. You should know the workings of
this council. 234

RAEGEL
This council did not exist 4,000 years ago. 235

ANDERE
Why are we letting a human speak to the
Elders? He shouldn't be here. I motion that
we move to the more important concern
that is the Orai. We can deal with Alexa
and this abomination of a human later. 236

SELIANA
That is for us to decide, Andere. Not you. 237

ANDERE
The threat of the Orai is more important
than a history lesson. 238

MONA
Silence, Andere. You, human. Speak of
what led to this supposed war. 239

RAEGEL
Andere is correct that tensions were high
between Vampires and Humans.
(MORE) 240

RAEGEL (cont'd)

We weren't able to understand why it started but extreme factions emerged on both sides of the aisle. A small, but loud coalition of human's began to see Vampires as a cancer, and even human's who consented to feed Vampires were looked down upon. At the same time a small council of Vampires formed, began to see human's as nothing more than food and wanted them all brought under heel. BUT we were managing it. Until the Anunnaki arrived.

ANDERE

A very rose colored way of looking at the tensions of the time. 241

RAEGEL

It's the truth. 242

NICU

I'm embarrassed. I'm fucking embarrassed. 243
We live for centuries, and we learn nothing. You let an extreme faction of our race talk you into war? How many Vampires opposed you and died? How many Vampires did you let the Anunnaki kill just so you could have a fucking buffet?

ANDERE

If we hadn't sided with the Anunnaki, the human's would have! The human's didn't want co-existence they wanted us dead. What would you have had me do? 244

NICU

Give into peace and not fear. But I don't think they had to push you too hard, Andere? Did they? 245

THESSA

According to the data downloaded from the Holon, something else occurred. What is this signal that was sent out for seven nights? 246

ALEXA (V.O.)

Andere was suspiciously silent. I knew I was not the only one that could smell the fear radiating off him. 247

BOISE
I triangulated the position of the signal. It was sent out to the seven great ruins. 248

ALEXA
The old pyramids? 249

BOISE
Yep. 250

ANDERE
Let this go. The Orai- 251

NICU
Wait - there's an audio file here. We can play it. 252

ANDERE
Don't do this. Elders. I beg of you. There is nothing to learn from this past, nothing to be gained. We must focus on what is in front of us. 253

ALEXA
I think everyone on this council has a right to know what happened. 254

ANDERE
You don't want to help Vampires, you want to help yourself. 255

ALEXA
Look in a fucking mirror, Andere. 256

NICU
Elders, we all know the value of history. It is why we revere you, as great holders of knowledge. This is information that may predate you and I would argue a vital part of our history. Furthermore, what is it that Councilmen Andere is so afraid to let you hear? 257

ANDERE
I am trying to protect you all. 258

THESSA
I did not request your protection, Andere. I would like to hear this message. 259

(beat) SELIANA
We will allow the message to be played. 260

We hear the sound of holographic device in the center of the room switched on and the following message plays.

ALTERED VOICE 261
The past removed. The new begins. This way the only way. This way, our way. This way, your right as a Vampire. The past removed. The new begins. This way, always the way. This way, the only way. This way, your way. This way, your right as a Vampire.

SELIANA
(in a hypnotic voice) 262
This way, the only way. This way, your way...

MONA
(in a hypnotic voice) 263
...The past removed. The new begins...

BOISE 264
What the fuck?

ALEXA (V.O.) 265
It was startling. All of the Elders began acting like Seliana, repeating the words of the message.

ARMAND 266
What's wrong with them? What the hell have you done, human?

RAEGEL 267
Me? What could I have possibly done?

ALEXA 268
This isn't Raegel you idiot.

ALEXA (V.O.) 269
My eyes shot to Andere. His head was between his shoulders, his entire posture tense and... defeated.

ALEXA 270
By the moon goddess Andere, what did you do?

ANDERE
(beat. Defeated) 271
What I had too, Alexa. What we decided was best for Vampires, so someone like Taos could never infect us again.
(MORE)

ANDERE (cont'd)

So we'd be safe from the humans who wanted to kill us.

NICU

Turn it off, Boise. 272

ALEXA (V.O.)

Boise turned off message. Immediately the Elders returned to themselves. There was a mixture of emotions on their faces, panic, disbelief, fury. And it was obvious once more, they were speaking to each other telepathically. But we all knew when they were finished, because every Elders eye turned in unison to Andere. 273

MONA

We. Remember. 274

ANDERE

Mona- 275

ALEXA (V.O.)

The podium in front of Andere exploded. He was levitated and ripped forward. Mona stood, catching him by the throat, her fangs bared. 276

MONA

HOW? HOW DID YOU MANIPULATE OUR MINDS? 277

ANDERE

(choking)
Nefarta... the Anunnaki... ruins... 278

THESSA

The signal went to the pyramids. They could have transmitted the spell enmasse. 279

NICU

What are we saying here? That Andere not only started a war that resulted in the lives of countless Vampires, but altered our memories as well? 280

SELIANA

Andere was a victim of his parents cruelty. As was Valoria. The war was their parents doing. 281

MONA

But not the traitorous act of our memories and all that befell our kind because of it. 282
(MORE)

MONA (cont'd)

(pulls Andere closer)
I will drain you to an inch of your life and chain you to my cellar. You will suffer the torture of the sun, but you will not die. I will feed off you for centuries, and it will still not repay your transgressions. 283

ARMAND

With respect, Elders, why do we even care? Human's are food. There is no denying this, there is no getting around it, I don't give a damn how strong they were. I will not ask my food permission whether or not I am allowed to survive. Period. If a peace between humans and vampires existed, it is no peace I would ever want. 284

THESSA

This way of thinking has sentenced us to death. We will need human's to defend against the Orai, and what is the likelihood they will help us now? 285

ARMAND

Nonsense. If we can't beat the Orai we will abandon Normoria and start over elsewhere. 286

ALEXA

This is our home! 287

ARMAND

We can find another! 288

ALEXA

I will not abandon this planet. 289

ARMAND

You won't abandon your humans. And that's fine. I don't give a shit about you, your clan, or your allies. I will take my clan and my slaves and we are leaving. 290

ALEXA

No. You're not. 291

ARMAND

Excuse me? 292

ALEXA

Listen to me. All of you. Set aside what you think of my ideals. I know war. I fought not just for Normoria, but for others in the galaxy. The Orai are a cancer. 293

(MORE)

ALEXA (cont'd)

They will continue to consume, and take, one planet after another until there is no where for anyone to hide. Who is more suited than us, than Vampires and yes, the human's of Nomoria, to stop them before it's too late? Before the Orai take too much and can never be stopped? Don't you care about your bloodline Armand? About your children? Are you that self serving?

ARMAND

I don't give a- 294

ANDERE

(choking)
She's... right... please... 295

SELIANA

We will deal with him, Mona. Let him speak. 296
For now.

MONA

(furious sound but
drops Andere to the
ground)

ANDERE

(clears his throat,
getting his breath back) 297
I will not beg for my survival from human or Orai. NOR, will I abandon Nomoria. I have visited worlds that were stripped bare by the vermin that is the Orai. I have seen nations fall. We would be doing a great service to our children, to the galaxy, and lifting our status in the Galactic Council if we were to remove the Orai threat.

NICU

(snorts)
There it is. 298

ANDERE

Don't be a child, Nicu. Am I wrong? 299

NICU

I think after what you did, your clan should 300
be split between us and your daily sun torture broadcast across Nomoria.

ANDERE

It was the only way to keep the peace! Do you know the level of unrest after the war? It would only have been a matter of time before another started. 301

ALEXA

Because you decided your way was the only way. You had no right to make that choice for us all! 302

ANDERE

I had every right! I AM VAMPIRE. That fucking joint council was an abomination! And your hands aren't clean, Alexa Vires. Nefarta, your grandmother, was the most outspoken of us all. She was a pioneer, and a visionary and she would spit at the sight of what you've let her clan become. 303

RAEGEL

You talk a tough game now, Andere, but I remember what you were like as a young one. You did not share these ideals. It wasn't until your parents death- 304

ANDERE

(interrupts)

Speak of them again, and I will kill you. 305

MONA

You will do nothing, Andere. 306

THESSA

The past transgressions aside we still cannot win a war against the Orai without the humans, and we have no allies in the Galactic Council that would aid us. Raegel you spoke of a faction that wanted to terminate Vampires. I imagine that faction is the majority of humans now. How do we get them on our side to fight this war? 307

RAEGEL

It's a fair question. I've been asking for several weeks among my kind if they would take freedom without retaliation. Some would, some wouldn't. You will find those that haven't been so badly mistreated more willing than others, but I cannot speak for all. 308

THESSA
Of course. Than we are at an impasse. As
much as I detest the thought of
abandoning Nomoria, and I agree, Alexa,
the Orai must be stopped, perhaps it is the
only course of action for now. Perhaps
we're simply not ready. 309

NICU
Or... We compromise. 310

ANDERE
A compromise? Are you all right Nicu? 311

NICU
I'm not the extremist that fucked with
their own people for power. 312

ANDERE
But you enjoy the taste of your humans as
much as I do. You're welcome. 313

SELIANA
What is your proposal, Nicu? 314

NICU
I propose that Alexa lead our war council,
and put together a tactical plan that
informs us first, what size of an army we
would need for a chance to defeat the
Orai. And if there are any Vampires that
wish to abandon Nomoria like the cowards
they are, they be allowed to do so. 315

ARMAND
You can call me what you like, I don't care.
My clan will be leaving as I said. 316

ALEXA
Fine. Leave if you want Armand. But you
are not taking your humans. 317

ARMAND
The sun I'm not. 318

ALEXA
I did not stutter. You will surrender them
peacefully, or I will take them from you by
force. 319

ARMAND
I'm not afraid of you, Alexa. You will not
find my clan so easy to conquer. 320

ALEXA 321
I've heard that line before. Many times.
From clans that are now mine.

SELIANA 322
Alexa-

ALEXA 323
With the utmost respect, Mistress Seliana I am done. I am done defending this position against madness. This council has already agreed that our current way of doing things is not sustainable. We needed to change. Here it is being forced down our throats and still we argue why we're choking. It's enough. We had peace. Equality. A thriving civilization. By the Goddess those records spoke of a galactic respect you as Elders should now remember, a respect we no longer have.

ALEXA (cont'd) 324
Co-existence is the only way forward, the only way to save our race and others from extinction. I will not debate this point anymore. If Armand wants to run, let him. If other Vampires show themselves cowards, let them go. But if we grant that mercy to Vampires, we must grant that mercy to humans or we deserve no seat on any Galactic Council. We are either better than the Orai, and the Anunnaki, or we aren't. Choose. Choose now. But the time for debate is over, because frankly we don't have the fucking time.

ANDERE 325
And the humans who want Vampires extinct the same way the Orai do? Will you speak so passionately to them, Alexa?

RAEGEL 326
I will. And I know of other humans who will. Make no mistake, human's deserve their anger. They deserve a lot more, and one day we all have to face that reckoning. But you might be surprised what happens when you simply give someone a choice over their life. Taos saw what you saw as a boy, Andere. We could have healed the rift if you'd only trusted us. Trusted him.

ANDERE 327
I wish I could believe that. I really do.

THESSA
I support Nicu and Alexa's proposal. 328

SELIANA
Then we shall put it to a formal vote. 329

9 INT. ORAI MOTHERSHIP

Our ears are so special we hear the rumble of the Orai's gigantic ship as it travels at warp speed on it's way to Nomoria.

A whole civilization is housed on this ship. The Orai are bipedal, when they choose to be, and pure stark white. They have no distinguishing characteristics. They are husks that feed off organic life and take cruel pleasure in doing so.

VRTOXI stands in what appears to be some sort of missile bay.

VROTIX
Load them faster or be put inside them! 330

We hear the rooms door open, a heavy scrapping sound. This ship is not pretty, it is grotesque.

VAPHOIR current leader of the Orai enters the room, bones of the dead crunching underneath his steps.

VAPHOIR
Is all ready? 331

VROTIX
Yes. We will launch through the wormhole shortly. 332

VAPHOIR
(a pleased sound. Beat)
Do you know what I've always wished. 333

VROTIX
Make your desires known, and I will bring them to you in death. 334

VAPHOIR
I've always wished to see their faces when we send our arrival package. 335

VROTIX
On the next planet we will change our arrival strategy so you may. 336

VAPHOIR
Thank you, Vrotix. 337

VROTIX
 Orai! Prepare for launch! Let the future
 dead of Nomoria know we the ORAI come
 for them!

338

We hear the sound of a wormhole opening in space, and the launch of the Orai's arrival package.

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SFX: DJ Venus Transition music

INSERT - AD BREAK - HOUR LONG CUT ONLY

RADIO DJ

Hey loves, you're listening to the Pulse of
 Nomoria with your favorite Vampire DJ
 Venus. I know the latest news from the
 Vampire Council is shocking. But I'm going
 to be right here with you as we navigate
 these changing times. What never changes
 are my titillating beats for your ear
 drums. As always, let's give some love to
 our sponsors first.

339

END AD BREAK

SFX: DJ Venus Transition music

10 INT. ALEXA'S STUDY

Alexa is sitting in her study, Izbe sitting across from her. Izbe is reading from a tablet, cliff notes on the history that was kept from both humans and vampires, and the current situation.

ALEXA (V.O.)

Izbe sat across from me, reading the
 condensed report we'd compiled to update
 them on Nomorian history and current
 events. I had to give Izbe credit, their face
 did not give anything away as they finished
 reading. They looked... thoughtful.

340

IZBE

That's... a lot.

341

ALEXA

It is.

342

IZBE
What are you asking for, Alexa? Why show me this? 343

ALEXA
For one because... I owe you an apology. 344

IZBE
You don't. 345

ALEXA
No, I do. You were right, everything you said to me before I sent you away. 346

IZBE
You still thought of me as a friend, even if there was an imbalance of power. I knew that, and I betrayed that friendship. So let's just say we both sucked and call it good, okay? 347

ALEXA
(smiles)
Okay. (beat) 348
I need your help. We can't beat the Orai without humans. Without restoring humans to what you once were. 349

IZBE
I figured. How are you going to repair us enmasse? 350

ALEXA
We believe we can repair the pyramids and use them to send out a signal. 351

IZBE
Are all Vampire clans prepared to give human's freedom? 352

ALEXA
We're not giving them a choice. Most are in agreement after learning what happened but admittedly not at all. Still, they should follow the orders of the Elders. 353

IZBE
(beat)
It's going to be messy. Asking for a war alliance five seconds after learning about this is a lot. Human's don't remember the past like Vampires do, or the Elders do. 354
(MORE)

IZBE (cont'd)

We don't remember our role in our own subjection or a time of co-existence.

ALEXA

What if you could? 355

IZBE

You mean the soul crystals. 356

ALEXA

Yes. I don't want to erase what's been done, Izbe. I want to try to heal it. I want the promise of peace and what we could be together to be worth working towards. Worth healing for. But if we're going to have that chance, if we want that chance, we have to stand together against the Orai. 357

(beat) IZBE

I can't speak for the whole of humanity. But if I was going to propose something to a human council, it would be release us, repair us, and let each Clan speak for themselves. 358

ALEXA

Meaning? 359

IZBE

Let your humans here decide what they want. Let every clan decide that. My lived experience is going to be a lot different than the experience of a human from Clan Viscardi. We may not want the same the things, despite the threat of the Orai. After each clan decides, then all human clans can convene as a whole and decide if we want to ally with the Vampires to fight the Orai. 360

ALEXA

Time isn't on our side. 361

IZBE

I get it. But despite the threat bearing down us, Vampires don't get to decide what comes next for humans. You have to let us make our own choices and hope we all do better this time. For Nomoria. 362

ALEXA
(deep sigh)
All right. I've already drafted a peace treaty for my clan. Raegel has it. I'll tell the council that every human clan will decide for themselves what comes next and we'll create a neutral ground for all human clans to convene to discuss your next steps. No Vampires will be present. If any humans want to leave Nomoria, they can. We've reached out to the Galactic Council and they are willing to take on Nomorian refugees.

363

IZBE
Thank you, Alexa.

364

ALEXA
What for?

365

IZBE
Being willing to change. Because I think you would have pushed for this, even if the Orai weren't breathing down our necks. That's not nothing.

366

ALEXA
(beat)
I might not have, not with the same fervor. Not if... not if I hadn't fallen in love.

367

IZBE
(smiles)
Something about that one, eh?

368

ALEXA
(laughs)
Yes. Yes, there is.

369

We hear the sudden blare of a planet wide alarm. Izbe jumps at the sound they've never heard before.

IZBE
What the fuck is that?

370

ALEXA
(dread)
Nothing good.

371

We hear the sound of Alexa using her communicator.

ALEXA (cont'd)
Boise?

372

BOISE 373
A fucking wormhole opened up in the atmosphere. We think missiles came out of them. City Barricade is up.

ALEXA 374
What did they strike?

BOISE 375
Nothing yet. We're tracking.
(beat) 376
There's one above the dome.

ALEXA 377
Shoot it down.

BOISE 378
System is arming- what the fuck?

ALEXA (V.O.) 379
Even in my home I could hear the startled cries of my clan. I got up quickly, walking over to the balcony and pushed open the doors.

It sounds like it's raining, but wrong. A red liquid hits the energy shield around Alexa's city, and with it bone.

ALEXA 380
(horrified)
By the moon goddess.

IZBE 381
Is that... is that blood?

ALEXA (V.O.) 382
Our barricade was an energetic dome that surrounded my city. When activated it glowed a faint translucent blue. But that color was drowned out by the red mist raining upon it. Even through the barricade my Vampiric senses could smell it. Blood.

ALEXA 383
Yes. And... bone.

BOISE 384
Are you fucking kidding me? The Orai launched missiles over our cities full of blood and bone?
(MORE)

BOISE (cont'd)

(a completely different
kind of disgusted noise)

ALEXA

Raegel is ready to leave with you, Izbe. 385
Work fast. We don't have a lot of time.

INSERT PREROLL AD BREAK FOR PODCAST NETWORKS PT2

SFX: DJ Venus Transition music

RADIO DJ

That one was for all my beautiful 386
Nomorians. I'm still here with you Nomoria,
till the end. I've got more dulcet tones to
ease your worries as we fight this war, but
as always, let's hear from our sponsors
first.

END PRE-ROLL

SFX: DJ Venus Transition music that should fade into very distinct
back to present sfx/music

11 INT. ALEXA'S STUDY

We hear the sound of Alexa's pen again. The distant sound of the
bombs attacking the barricade. The faint stomp of urgent footsteps
getting closer, until Alexa's door opens.

BOISE

Raegel's out. He's got Andere with him. The 387
war council gave the order to launch the
weapon.

ALEXA

(draws in calming
breath)

Good. Good. Let's- 388

The heavy pound of footsteps.

KASRA

(interrupts, out of
breath)

Alexa! It's done! 389

ALEXA

What's done, Kasra? 390

BOISE	391
You were on the battlefield. Kasra and Ravetta were working on a modification to our armor suits.	
ALEXA (V.O.)	392
Ravetta was a vampire and one of our best scientists.	
KASRA	393
Not working on it anymore, armors done. It uses the light of the moon and the sun and it stops the Orai from absorbing your life force. Not forever but enough to fight!	
ALEXA	394
How long?	
KASRA	395
The less physical damage you take the longer it works. Max charge right now is 30 minutes.	
ALEXA	396
That's a lifetime. How many suits are equipped?	
KASRA	397
All of them. Software update baby. Nanites are so freaking cool.	
ALEXA	398
Yes, they are. Kasra, thank you.	
KASRA	399
This is for Nomoria.	
ALEXA	400
I know. I can still thank you, because you deserve to hear it.	
KASRA	401
You know what, you're right. I'll take that thanks. Excuse me.	
Retreating steps but then -	
KASRA (cont'd)	402
Give 'em hell, Alexa. For all of us.	
ALEXA	403
Count on it. Boise.	

BOISE 404
I know that look. New plan?

ALEXA 405
Well if they're pounding so hard on that
barricade, it would be rude not to go and
meet them, wouldn't it?

BOISE 406
You know what, I think it would.

12 EXT. ARMAND'S CLAN

Vaphoir stands over Armand, who is on his knees. There is a measured cadence to Vaphoir's tone, and a cruelty to every word. This is a being who is enjoying the death he's helped cause.

VAPHOIR 407
Destruction is necessary you know. Orai
exist for this very purpose. And life... all
life exists for the Orai. We adapt. We
feed. We destroy.

ARMAND 408
(weak voice)
Fuck... off. You're nothing but an invasive
species. I wouldn't feed off of you.

VAPHOIR 409
(disgusted)
Barbaric. I don't even have to touch you to
get what I want.

ARMAND 410
Then you'll never know the pleasure of-
(in a sudden stronger
voice)
411
Ripping out someone's throat.

VAPHOIR (V.O.) 412
I liked it when the fight didn't leave them.
The Vampire was surrounded by loss. We'd
taken his city. The ruins of the battle
surrounded us. The buildings destroyed.
The bodies in the street. Fire and smoke
filled the skies, so thick it threatened to
drown out the light of the moons. My kind
stood in the ruined streets, standing over
the fallen, draining their life and all the
organic matter in this city as our presence
did. This Vampire lunged, but found nothing
to grab. Clothes were beneath us, as was
this Vampire. (MORE)

VAPHOIR (V.O.)(cont'd)

It's teeth never came close to their mark on my neck. The flat of my palm struck it's chest, my other closed in the fist I used to break it's ribs. The crack of bone was intoxicating. The third strike, an upward thrust of my elbow that collided with the Vampire's jaw putting it back on the ground. Where it belonged. I stepped on it's chest.

VAPHOIR

I have destroyed many planets. Some 413
fight. All. Loose.

We hear the sound of the Armand's heavy, painful breaths. He's still fighting, trying to get the foot off his chest but he's only getting weaker.

VAPHOIR (cont'd)

(cruel)

You are not at the top of the food chain 414
anymore Vampire. You have no place there.

ARMAND

We'll... see... 415

VAPHOIR

No. You won't. 416

We hear Armand's rapid breath for a beat. Then, silence.

The sounds of the environment slowly fade in, buildings on fire, some crumble. Quiet moans and even pleas for someone or something to stop.

We hear footsteps approach.

VROTIX

We have simultaneously conquered the the 417
city of Alophis. Some escaped.

VAPHOIR

Let them run. Take the captured to the 418
ship. They will sustain us through our rest.

VROTIX

Our spies tell us they intend to launch a 419
weapon in that sector.

VAPHOIR

Their attempts at resistance bore me. Do 420
our forces continue to assault the
barricade at the City of Vires?

VROTIX
Of course. It will break within the day. 421

VAPHOIR
I heard she is famous. 422

VROTIX
Then she should be captured and made to sustain us all. 423

(beat, considering)
Perhaps I will cut her open to see what makes her so famous. 424

VAPHOIR
Yes. Yes. I think you should. 425

13 EXT. CLAN VIRES

We hear the sound of bombs being repelled the energetic barricade covering the whole of Clan Vires. It is followed by the sound of war transports zooming down the near empty streets.

14 INT. ALEXA WAR TRANSPORT

Alex and Boise stand in the comm room. On the screen in front of them are Nicu and Mona.

NICU
We're enroute to your position. Thessa's clan is joining us. 426

ALEXA
Just you? 427

NICU
Both our human clans as well. 428

ALEXA
More good news. 429

NICU
We didn't treat our humans like shit. It helps. Have you heard from Raegel? 430

ALEXA
He's alive. So is Andere. 431

(snorts)
I guess I shouldn't be surprised that fucking cockroach is still alive. 432

MONA
Andere will live to pay his penance or he will die in sacrifice to Nomoria. Both are acceptable. 433

BOISE
We heard reports Elder Akal is dead. His clan is still fighting humans. So are ten others by the latest counts. 434

MONA
Fools. All of them, fools. Is Izbe's team available? 435

ALEXA
Yes. 436

MONA
Good. I will contact them. Seliana has already sent a Vampire representative to Akal's clan. 437

BOISE
All this in-fighting is fucking stupid. 438

ALEXA
Humans have a right to their anger and their retaliation, Boise. 439

BOISE
I get it. But we can fight each other AFTER we fuck up the Orai. 440

NICU
Human's aren't the only ones doing this. Clans Versum, Davorin, & Lenore all refused the Elders orders. 441

MONA
(growls. She is PISSED
Elder orders are being
ignored)
If the Orai were not on my doorstep, I would cut out every Vampires tongue that defied our decree. 442

BOISE
You just say the word and my squad and I can deal with those assholes real quick. 443

ALEXA
If I could spare you or your squad for it, I would have. 444

BOISE
(frustrated)
We can't fight ten different wars. If we
don't settle the civil disputes we won't win
this. 445

ALEXA
I know. Let's hope Seliana and the rest of
the Elders can get the rebelling Vampire
clans in line. 446

MONA
We will. One way or another. Focus on
your battle. You have been under assault
for three days, Alexa, how much longer
will the barricade around your city hold? 447

ALEXA
Kasra and Ravetta's update could not have
come at a better time. We were ready to
evacuate. Now, we fight. 448

MONA
We have not won a battle with the Orai
yet. Are you certain you trust these suit
upgrades? I would not see you dead so
early in this war. 449

ALEXA
I trust them both, Elder Mona. They'll
work. 450

MONA
Good. Kill them all, Alexa. Leave none
alive. Report back immediately when you
have drenched the soil of Nomoria in Orai
blood and my armies and I will have our
own fun with these barbaric creatures who
drain our life with their mere presence. 451

ALEXA
Count on it. 452

MONA
Moon Goddess protect you all. For
Nomoria. 453

15 EXT. CLAN VIRES

We hear the sound of the transports slowing down and landing. Doors
open and we hear the marching of a large army.

ALEX (V.O.)

I stepped off the transport with Boise. My
 army took their positions, and it was no
 longer compromised of only Vampires. I'd
 been admittedly surprised the majority of
 the humans of my clan decided to stay and
 fight. Some left. Others were rightfully
 furious and choose to stay but not ally
 with us in any way. I'd seen the underlying
 threat in their eyes, the promise that a
 reckoning was coming. I understood. I had
 not always been kind. 454

ALEXA (V.O.)

But that reckoning would have to come
 later. Today, there was a battle to be won.
 Maybe our first, thanks to Kasra and
 Ravetta. 455

ALEXA

Boise. Tell Nicu and Thessa's clan to flank
 the Orai. Have one of their human recon
 teams keep watch for reinforcements. We
 leave none alive to report back to the Orai
 how we managed to kill them all. 456

BOISE

Sending orders now. 457

ALEXA

(to her army)

Listen to me! All of you! In this tiny
 moment of our lives, the only thing that
 matters is that we are Nomorian. That we
 love this planet. The only thing that
 matters is that you have made the
 courageous choice to defend your home.
 Fight for that. Fight for a future in which
 you get to decide what you want for your
 lives. Fight for the ones you love. There is
 no greater honor than that. For NOMORIA! 458

ALL

FOR NOMORIA! 459

ALEXA

Lower the barricade! 460

We hear the sound of the barricade shutting off. Gates opening, the
 pound of footfalls, the battle cries, the zoom of war vehicles, the
 collision of forces and the violence that follows. It goes on for some
 time.

Slowly the sounds of battle fade out, because the battle is won.

We hear the sound of Alexa's sword removing the head of an Orai, and her satisfied grunt as the body falls dead to the ground.

ALEXA (cont'd)
Status? 461

NICU - INTERCOM
I'm taking video of the Orai retreating like
fucking cowards and I'm broadcasting it
across the galaxy. 462

ALEXA
(amused)
And then killing them I hope. 463

NICU - INTERCOM
Guaranteed. We've got this. None make it
back. 464

BOISE
No reinforcements inbound. Barricade is
recharging, back at 70%. 465

ALEXA
How's your suit? 466

BOISE
Could have fought longer. They're not so
fucking tough when they're not draining
your life just being near them. 467

ALEXA
(laughing)

We hear the cheers from the battlefield. A chorus of chants that echo out.

ALL
Nomoria! Nomoria! Nomoria! Nomoria! 468

ALEXA
Have the automatons collect our dead
from the battlefield and put them in
transports- 469
(her voice fades off)

ALEXA (V.O.)
Instinct and a low hum that shouldn't be
there drew my eyes to the treeline.
Twenty land vehicles with a symbol I did
not recognize painted on the front were
suddenly on the battlefield. Dread coursed
through me. 470

ALEXA
SHIELDS! SHIELDS UP EVERYONE! 471

HUMAN
DEATH TO ALL VAMPIRES! DEATH TO THE 472
HUMAN TRAITORS!

We hear the sounds of devastating explosions.

SFX Transition Music

16 INT. ALEXA WAR TRANSPORT

Alexa is standing motionless in her transport. We can hear the faint sounds of transports coming and going outside. She is staring at a holographic image that shows the names of the dead as they are found and recorded by the automatons.

□ We hear the sound of hurried footsteps, followed by the transport door opening.

RAEGEL
(pure relief in his voice)
Alexa. 473

RAEGEL (V.O.) 474
She was still in her war transport, armor on, covered in blood and standing so very still. Her eyes were on a holographic projection showing a very, very long list of names. The names of everyone who had died.

ALEXA
(flat) 475
We beat back the Orai. Our first real victory. Didn't matter in the end. We still lost. Twenty suicide bombers... They... Thessa is dead. Our forces... we lost more to the bombers, than the Orai.
(screams her frustration)

I don't blame them. I don't. I just wish... I 476
hoped... this was an impossible ask. We should have given humans freedom sooner. I should have done something sooner. I should have seen what we were doing was wrong, sooner. Maybe then...

RAEGEL
(beat) 477
Come with me.

ALEXA 478
I can't-

RAEGEL
(gentle)
Trust me. Come with me. 479

17 EXT. CLAN VIRES

As Alexa and Raegel exit the transport the once pristine streets of Clan Vires now speak to the war raging across the planet.

The immediate area is lined with the bodies of the dead, buildings once used for recreation and pleasure fortified and re-purposed for the war effort.

RAEGEL 480
Look at them all, Alexa. Really, look. What do you see?

ALEXA (V.O.) 481
At first I saw nothing but the dead. Automatons bringing bodies off transports. There were so many, we were not able to gather them all in one trip. I watched as an automaton laid a body on the ground next to another. In front of those bodies I saw a couple. No, a group. Not just human, Vampire too. They were crying together. Hands held. Praying to the sun and moon goddess. My throat tightened, my eyes burned. Boise and Nicu stood together, but Izbe stood with them, next to Boise, holding Boise's hand, Izbe's head on Boise's shoulder.

RAEGEL 482
In the last hour word of your victory and what happened after spread to the other clans. Three clan battles have stopped, Alexa. They're making peace to fight the Orai. Don't give up yet. Don't you dare.

ALEXA 483
(through her tears)
It wasn't my victory. It would have been impossible without Kasra and Ravetta.

RAEGEL 484
Human and Vampire working together. The way it use to be. The way it can be. It can.
(MORE)

RAEGEL (cont'd)

We're going to stop the Orai, we're going to heal our people, and we're going to see Nomoria have a new bright future.

ALEXA (V.O.)

I finally looked at him. Really, looked at him. He was a mess, the same as I was, but he was alive, and despite the tragedy of the day, that determined spark lit up his eyes, like always. I framed his face between my hands. 485

ALEXA

I love you. I haven't told you that enough. 486

RAEGEL

You don't have to say it. I know. 487

(cheeky grin)

But I don't mind hearing it. 488

ALEXA (V.O.)

He pulled the faint smile to my face. I knew what people lost in war, the evidence was all around me. But I still had him and that was a gift, a blessing, I did not know I deserved. I kissed him, a promise of more, later. Tonight human and vampire would celebrate both victory and defeat. 489

KASRA

(loud)

Here's what I choose. 490

ALEXA (V.O.)

We watched as Kasra moved through the crowd, voice raised, looking at everyone, a strength and confidence in her posture I'd not yet seen from her. The crowd quieted to look at her. 491

KASRA

I choose to live my life freely. My way. I'm not a slave to Vampires anymore. And now that I'm finally free I will be damned if I let hate and fear dictate the rest of my life. Vampires were wrong for what they did to us. But so is this! Human's killing humans? For what?! Vampires have no right over us anymore, and neither do these fucking extremists. They don't speak for me, and they don't get to decide for the rest of us. 492

(MORE)

KASRA (cont'd)

(beat)

We could have won today. Instead we lost. 493
We lost friends. We lost family. Don't let
that slide. We have a chance at a real life,
bigger than our wildest dreams, but only if
we save Nomoria first. So let's fucking do
that okay?

IZBE

For Nomoria! 494

NICU

For Nomoria! 495

ALL

For Nomoria! 496

ALEXA (V.O.)

I let go of Raegel's hand, approaching 497
Kasra. There was the pain of loss in her
eyes, one that mirrored my own. We both
lost friends today. People that mattered
to us. But the bravery of her words
deserved recognition, and respect.
Especially from my kind. I took a knee in
front of her and closed fist over my chest
in salute.

ALEXA

Thank you, Kasra. Thank all of you, for 498
giving Vampires a chance to make this
right. To fight with you. For Nomoria.

ALEXA (V.O.)

I did not expect others to follow my lead. 499
But I was proud and albeit surprised when
Boise mimicked my stance. Nicu followed.
Until all the Vampires in my army, in the
streets, had taken a knee and a salute. I
could not see him just then, but I could feel
Raegel's smile.

KASRA

(under her breath)

Oh wow. 500

(clears throat)

Your welcome. Now please get up, this is 501
really cool, but also really weird.

ALEXA

(laughs)

If you're going to continue to give 502
speeches like that you should get use to
the attention.

KASRA
Well, I was part of the Alexa Vires clan. I
learned a thing or two. 503

ALEXA (V.O.)
Kasra smiled back. And perhaps in that
moment at least one of many wounds,
could begin to heal. 504

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SFX: DJ Venus Transition music

RADIO DJ
Word on the street is we've got our first
victory baby! Are any of us surprised it
came from Alexa The Conqueror? No
spillin secrets but this DJ also heard that
we have a very smart vampire and human
team to thank for that win too. Our next
song is one of victory, and it's all for you
Clan Vires, but as always, let's hear from
our sponsors first. 505

SFX: DJ Venus Transition music

END AD BREAK

18 INT. ORAI MOTHERSHIP

We hear the painful moans of prisoners. There are at least a hundred
human and Vampire prisoners trapped in narrow, coffin like individual
force fields inside the expansive room.

VAPHOIR
Shh. Don't cry. Are we not kinder than
Vampires? Hmm? Are you not grateful
that I will never touch you? You will never
feel the pain of my teeth. So many of you
were bred to feed a superior race, were
you not? Here. We. Are. 506

We hear the sound of Vrotix teleport into the prisoner room.

VROTIX
Vaphoir. 507

VAPHOIR
Hmm? 508

VROTIX
We have lost. 509

VAPHOIR
(amused)
Impossible. We are here. 510

VROTIX
Our forces outside the city of Vires. They
are gone. 511

VAPHOIR
All of them? 512

VROTIX
Yes. 513

VAPHOIR
(curious)
How? 514

VROTIX
We don't yet know. Our scholars theorize
they have found a way to block our power. 515

VAPHOIR
As others have in the past. Find out how
they were able to accomplish this, and we
will simply adapt. Withdraw all forces but
those needed to accomplish this task. 516

VROTIX
I will see to it. Personally. 517

SFX Transition music.

19 INT. ALEXA'S BEDROOM

Birds chirp outside a window. We hear the rustle of sheets, and the soft moans of Alexa and Raegel making love.

RAEGEL
Say it again. 518

ALEXA
Mmm. Say what? 519

RAEGEL
(smiling)
You know what. 520

ALEXA
(teasing)
I thought I didn't need to say it. 521

RAEGEL
(laughing)
You don't. But what if I... 522

ALEXA
(moans)
Raegel... I'm close... 523

RAEGEL
I can feel it. Say it. Please. 524

ALEXA
I... 525
(moans)
I love you. 526

RAEGEL
(delighted groan) 527

ALEXA
(A laugh, that dissolves
into the sounds of her
pleasure from an
amazing orgasm)

SFX: Nice little transition from sexy music to uwu beats.

Sated for now, Alexa and Raegel are cuddling.

RAEGEL
It's nice... not hearing the bombs. 528

ALEXA
I'd almost gotten use to the sound. 529

RAEGEL
Really? Is that what it's like being a
conqueror? 530

ALEXA
I suppose. The Orai weapons of war aren't
nearly as loud as the Anunnaki's were. 531
(beat)
You scared me today. 532

RAEGEL
I know. I'm sorry. 533

ALEXA
Andere's life isn't worth yours. 534

RAEGEL
 (laugh)
 Well, I certainly wasn't in sector seven for him. I might have skipped it entirely if I'd known he was the only one there. Kinda of shocked Mona hasn't killed him yet. 535

ALEXA
 She wants too. So do I. So does most of the Council. The only thing keeping him alive is the small saving grace he's willing to fight the Orai. 536

RAEGEL
 Borrowed time. Oh well, fuck him. Let's talk about you, and how utterly gorgeous you are. 537

ALEXA
 (laughs)
 We don't have the time. The war council convenes shortly. 538

RAEGEL
 It's day time. Vampires should be sleeping. With their very hot human partners. How's the book? 539

ALEXA
 I'm still telling the galaxy what an arrogant shit you are, one who also likes making me worry, if that's what you're asking. 540

RAEGEL
 (laughing)
 Good to know everything is still right in the world. 541

(beat)
 Can I ask you a question? 542

ALEXA
 Of course. 543

RAEGEL
 Why start it the way you did? Your book. 544

ALEXA
 (beat)
 Honesty. It should start with the truth of what I thought and felt. And how that changed... because of you. 545

ALEXA (V.O.) 546
 He smiled more often now, even in the
 midst of the war and chaos. And I secretly
 thrilled that most of his smiles were just
 for me. Like the one he was giving me now.

RAEGEL 547
 Do I taste better? Now that I'm fit.

ALEXA 548
 Better dressed and frequently showered
 too.

RAEGEL 549
 I do love that shower.

ALEXA
 (amused) 550
 No, you taste the same. Delicious.

RAEGEL 551
 Flattery won't make me love you anymore
 than I already do.

ALEXA 552
 Oh? What will?

ALEXA (V.O.) 553
 There was a mischievous look on his face.
 One I'd seen before. I almost laughed as he
 disappeared under the sheets.

We hear the rustle of sheets. Raegel has other ideas, and none of
 them involve getting out of this bed.

ALEXA
 (a soft gasp. His head is
 between her legs) 554
 We... don't have time.

RAEGEL
 (muffled) 555
 You can send Boise in your place can't you?

ALEXA 556
 Oh she'll love that...

RAEGEL
 (muffled) 557
 Just blame me.

ALEXA
(her laugh dissolves into
a moan)

SFX Transition music

20 INT. ALEXA'S STUDY

We hear footsteps, followed by the sound of the door opening.

ALEXA 558
How was the meeting?

BOISE 559
I'm going to say something you're not going
to like.

ALEXA 560
All right.

BOISE 561
You've got to leave Nomoria.

ALEXA 562
You're right. I don't like that. We're not
giving up, Boise.

BOISE 563
No, we're not. But the Council discussed it
and we all agree, we can't win this without
help. Nomoria doesn't have allies, but you
do.

ALEXA 564
I sent messages-

BOISE 565
Ones we don't know when they'll get, or if
the Orai intercepted. Alexa you've got to
go, convince your allies to help us and
bring them back here. As many as you can.

ALEXA 566
We have the suits now-

BOISE 567
We spoke to a member of the Galactic
Council. Other planets have done the
same, found a way to temporarily block
the Orai's abilities. The Orai always find a
way around it. They adapt.

ALEXA 568
Fuck. Fuck. How much time?

BOISE 569
Unknown.
(beat)

Listen, we can hold them off. But we won't 570
win. Not with half the fucking clans fighting
a civil war. And even if they weren't
fighting, we can't do this alone. You've got
to go.

ALEXA 571
You can't ask me to leave you here. To
leave my clan and my people to fight
without me. What if I don't get back in
time?

BOISE 572
Get back in time.

ALEXA 573
But what if I don't?

BOISE 574
The best of us survived.

(beat) ALEXA 575
I... I don't deserve that.

BOISE 576
You do. It's because of you and that
jackass Nomoria finally has the change it
needs. Shit timing with the Orai, but
whatever.

(beat) 577
You can do this.

(beat) ALEXA 578
If I go. You better find a way to keep me
updated.

BOISE 579
I will.

ALEXA 580
And you better not fucking die, Boise. I
mean it.

BOISE 581
I don't plan it. Trust and believe that.

ALEXA
I wouldn't be half the person I am without
you. I'm not the only one whose the best
of us. 582

BOISE
Debatable. I do not like humans as much as
you do. 583

ALEXA
Who says I like humans? 584

BOISE
Stop it. You're in love with one, and you're
fucking one. Loudly. It's gross. So please
for the love of the moon, take him with
you. 585

ALEXA
(sad laugh. beat)
The Elders- 586

BOISE
Approved you leaving. So did the rest of
the Council. We'll do our part, Alexa. You
do yours, and get back fast with an epic
fucking cavalry. 587

ALEXA
(beat)
I'll leave tonight. 588

BOISE
I'll make sure the IDTV is ready. 589

ALEXA (V.O.)
I stood up, hugging Boise tightly. 590

ALEXA
Moon goddess protect you, Boise. I love
you. 591

BOISE
Moon goddess protect us all. And I love
you too. 592

SFX Transition Music

21 INT. NOMORIA SPACEPORT

ALEXA (V.O.)
I watched as Raegel hugged people good-
bye. Kasra. Izbe.
(MORE) 593

ALEXA (V.O.) (cont'd)

Other humans, I did not know. He even stopped to speak with a few Vampires from my clan. Said something to Uso that made him laugh. How things change.

ALEXA (V.O.) (cont'd)

I locked eyes with Boise. She was family. A sister. Sometimes, even a mentor. 594

RAEGEL

Ready? 595

ALEXA (V.O.)

He touched my shoulder in understanding, and made his way inside the ship. I remained where I was, looking at my people. 596

BOISE

Clan Vires! Salute! 597

ALEXA (V.O.)

My jaw tightened as I watched the Vampires and... even the humans of my clan follow Boise's lead. It took a moment, but I returned their gesture, and forced myself to press the button to close the ships door, watching them disappear behind cold metal. 598

We hear the sound of Alexa's pen, and the faint hum of a ship traveling through space.

ALEXA (V.O.) (cont'd)

Here is my record of Nomoria. But her story isn't over. I pray to the moon goddess this is only a beginning. But... no matter when or how you find this, whoever you are, let this be a lesson to you. Power is never conceded. You must fight. Never let the worst among you, speak for all you. And love. Love often. Love as fiercely as you fight. 599

ALEXA (V.O.) (cont'd)

I am Alexa Vires. And I will not fail. 600

ALEXA (V.O.) (cont'd)

For Nomoria. 601

Rocking those end credits.