

Vampire Beginnings Episode 7

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INT. ALEXA'S STUDY

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.

The office door slides open and Boise walks in.

Alexa-	BOISE	1
	ALEXA (still writing)	
I know.		2
	BOISE	
The barricade won't hold much longer.		3
	ALEXA	
I know.		4
	(still writing. Beat)	
Has - has he reported in?		5
	BOISE	
	(beat)	
Not yet. He will. Or I'll beat his ass for making you worry.		6
	ALEXA	
	(a chuckle but it's almost sad)	
Just another minute. I'm almost finished.		7
	BOISE	
You don't have to catalogue this. We're not losing-		8
	ALEXA	
	(interrupts)	
Just in case.		9
	BOISE	
	(sighs)	
I'll get the transport ready.		10
	ALEXA	
Thank you, Boise.		11

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: Ad Break Transition

INSERT - 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: Back to the past.

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
so many. 18

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) 32
 Good.

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
 Oh.
 (MORE)

RAEGEL (cont'd)

(beat)

Right. Here we go. 41

We hear Raegel walking up to the crystal slab.

ALEXA

(to Boise)

We're sure there's no... control panel?
Something? 42

BOISE

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. 43

ALEXA

When will we receive the shipment from
moth- 44

(beat. She was no
mother)

Valoria's off world storage? 45

BOISE

It's going to take a few more days. Her
lackey is fighting us for entry, despite clan
law. 46

ALEXA

She was good at commanding loyalty. 47

BOISE

She was good at manipulating. 48

ALEXA

Yes... she was. 49

ALEXA (V.O.)

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. 50

RAEGEL

Are you sure I'm not suppose to do som- 51

ALEXA (V.O.)

The Holon began glowing. It was a beautiful
shade of red that matched the color of the
crystal Raegel held. 52

RAEGEL

Oh... that feels... nice... 53

ALEXA
What do you mean it feels- 54

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. 55

RAEGEL
Hey! It's open! 56

ALEXA
Raegel what do you s- 57

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... 58

ALEXA
Raegel? Raegel?! Can you hear me? 59

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. 60

BOISE
Found the control panel! 61

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. 62

AI VOICE
Soul crystal connected. Welcome Raegel Damaris. Processing. Previous lifetime found. Taos Silvan. Processing. 63

BOISE	64
No fucking way that jackass was a Vampire.	
ALEXA (amused)	65
Apparently he... was?	
BOISE (disgusted noise)	
AI VOICE	66
Soul is currently human. DNA structure broken. Would you like to repair DNA and give access to previous soul records?	
ALEXA	67
Goddess. This could work. Yes, yes computer repair and... give access.	
AI VOICE	68
Processing.... Voice pattern recognized. Aura scanning commencing, please hold still.	
ALEXA (V.O.)	69
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.	
AI VOICE	70
Processing... record found. Welcome back, Alexa Vires. Accepted. Soul access granted. DNA repair commencing.	
ALEXA (V.O.)	71
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?	
BOISE	72
Something about all this is bothering me.	
ALEXA	73
What are you thinking?	
BOISE	74
I'm thinking about the Elders. All this bullshit happened 4,000 years ago right?	

ALEXA	75
If the dates on the files are correct yes.	
(beat)	
I know. The Elders would have been alive	76
during it.	
BOISE	77
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	78
I haven't come up with a good answer for	
that either.	
BOISE	79
This is a lot of Vugan shit hitting the	
engine at once.	
AI VOICE	80
Historical records online. Would you like to	
access?	
ALEXA	81
Huh. Maybe we'll get answers to your	
questions.	
BOISE	82
Or this is what we weren't suppose to find	
and the Elders will kill us.	
ALEXA	83
Better them than the Orai.	
BOISE	84
Honestly, I'd prefer neither.	
ALEXA	85
No argument there. But...	
BOISE	86
(sighs)	
I know. I know. Go ahead.	
ALEXA	87
Yes, computer I would like to access-	
ANDERE	88
(interrupt)	
What the sun are you doing, Alexa?	

BOISE
Oh fuck, here we go. 89

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. 90

SELIANA
You don't trust, Alexa? 91

MONA
(scoffs)
This has little to do with her, she is still a child. We have more pressing concerns. 92

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. 93

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. 94

SELIANA
(beat)
We have all seen the statues in the Askahsic cave. That suggests it is not a lie. 95

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. 96

SELIANA
That is a possibility yes. Though it does not answer all questions. 97
(MORE)

SELIANA (cont'd)

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

A simple matter we could have taken care of ourselves. Bring Andere to me and he will tell me everything. 98

SELIANA

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. 99

MONA

(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. 100

SELIANA

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. 101

MONA

Very well. 102

(beat)

If Andere did find a way to tamper with the memories of the Elders, he will wish he was born human. 103

INT. AKASHIC CAVE

Alexa and Boise stand off with Andere.

ALEXA

If we do not empower humans we won't win against the Orai! 104

ANDERE

You don't know that! 105

ALEXA

Do you think I've spent my entire life fighting to not understand war? 106

ANDERE
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. 107

ALEXA
Oh please. You don't care about Nomoria,
you care about yourself! 108

ANDERE
I care about VAMPIRES! What I don't give
two shits about is humans! 109

ALEXA
Clearly, considering what you did to them! 110

ANDERE
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. 111

BOISE
Oh, fuck you. 112

ALEXA
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. 113

ANDERE
Listen here you bitch- 114

BOISE
Nu-uh. Call her that again, I dare you. 115

ANDERE
Or what lackey? 116

BOISE
You will show her the respect she
deserves as your fellow councilmen or I
will beat your ass worse than you beat
your humans. 117

ANDERE
Then she damn well better acknowledge
there is a Council and she can't do
whatever the fuck she wants! 118

ALEXA
Why can't I? You clearly did. 119

ANDERE
Get away from the control panel, Alexa. 120
Now. Last warning.

ALEXA (V.O.) 121
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 122
Tell your men to stand down, or yours is the next Clan I'll conquer.

SELIANA
(Vampire voice) 123
ENOUGH.

ALEXA (V.O.) 124
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 125
Process complete.

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

ALEXA (V.O.) 126
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 127
Hi.

ALEXA (V.O.) 128
The relief that left me dropped my shoulders. I smiled back at him.

ALEXA 129
Hi yourself. How do you feel?

ANDERE
(disgusted sound) 130
What have you done, Alexa.

SELIANA 131
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.	132
ALEXA Raegel?	133
RAEGEL Alexa. This feels... wow. You know what, I'll just show you.	134
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.	135
RAEGEL We've got so much to talk about.	136
AI VOICE Historical records downloaded. Would you like them transferred to your device?	137
ANDERE (Panicked) NO!	138
ALEXA YES!	139
SELIANA ENOUGH BOTH OF YOU. Alexa, tell that computer to send a copy of those records to ALL of the Vampire Council.	140
ANDERE Mistress Seliana I beg you, do not do this. Let the past die. We took human's power for a reason-	141
RAEGEL Not a good reason. You wanted more power, and you didn't like asking permission from your food source.	142

ANDERE
You don't know shit, you- 143

RAEGEL
Actually I do. I was there. 144

ALEXA (V.O.)
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. 145

ANDERE
(disgusted)
Taos. 146

RAEGEL
(smirks)
Andere. 147

SFX: Transition back to present

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)
Well that hurt. Alexa come in? 148
(beat. Static.)
Stronghold Vires come in? Can you read
me? 149

Nothing but static.

RAEGEL (cont'd)
Damn. 150

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

ANDERE
(groaning in pain)
RAEGEL
Andere? Is that you? 151

ANDERE
(in pain)
Raegel? Well, fuck. 152

RAEGEL
Where are the others? 153

ANDERE
I told them to run. Is it dead? 154

RAEGEL (V.O.)
I looked to the left, and saw three dead
bodies. Not Nomorians. The Orai. 155

RAEGEL
Yeah, they're dead. How drained are you? 156

ANDERE
Drained enough I can't move this fucking
thing. (another pained sound
as he tries and fails) 157

RAEGEL
I'll get it. 158

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

RAEGEL (cont'd)
Can you walk? 159

ANDERE
I'll feel better in a moment. Thank you,
Raegel and... well, sorry. 160

RAEGEL
For wha- 161

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 human's 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 ten seconds, I shoved him off. 162

ANDERE
(a sigh of relief)
That's better. 163

RAEGEL
If you try that on a human again and they
kill you for it, it's your own fault. 164

ANDERE
Fair. But we're old friends. 165

RAEGEL
Hardly. Is there anyone else trapped here? 166

ANDERE
No. They're all out. 167

(beat. Begrudgingly)
Even the humans. 168

RAEGEL
Good. I know a way past their forces. Keep
up. 169

ANDERE
I'm not as fast as you are. 170

RAEGEL
Keep. Up. 171

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. 172

We hear the quiet beep of Raegel's communicator

RAEGEL
(as he's running)
Alexa come in. 173

(Still static. beat)
Stronghold Vjres, come in. 174

(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. 175

SFX transition. Back to the past.

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. 176
 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

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)

I'm sorry, I know we've got a lot to talk 177
 about it.

ALEXA

I'm not complaining. 178

ALEXA (V.O.)

I touched his face, meeting his eyes. 179
 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. 180

RAEGEL

I know. I feel... complete I guess? Physically 181
 I feel amazing, but it's more than that. I've
 got, all this knowledge in my head now.

ALEXA

From Taos? 182

RAEGEL

Yes. It's not his whole life, but what I do 183
 know is enough.

ALEXA

How bad was it? Before? 184

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. 185

ALEXA
You might be called upon to speak to the
Council about what you know. Are you
ready to do that? 186

RAEGEL
Of course. 187
(beat)
This is it, isn't it? This meeting is going to
decide what comes next for humans. 188

ALEXA
Yes. But not only that, the Orai are a week
away. 189

RAEGEL
That's a lot to deal with and not enough
time. 190

ALEXA
I know. 191
(beat)
I'm going to make this right. Whatever the
consequence. But if I can't get the
majority to agree with me- 192

RAEGEL
You will. 193

ALEXA
But if I can't. We'll make arrangements.
For you, and for my humans in Clan Vires. 194

RAEGEL
What kind of arrangements? 195

ALEXA
I'll make sure you and the humans of my
clan get off Nomoria are sent somewhere
safe. 196

RAEGEL
I'm not leaving you. 197

ALEXA
Raegel this isn't a game- 198

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've 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.

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?

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.

SELIANA

Very well.

THESSA

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

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.

ALEXA

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

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?

MONA	
You. Human. What is your name?	214
RAEGEL	
Raegel.	215
MONA	
And you carry the memories of Taos Silvan?	216
RAEGEL	
I was he a lifetime ago, yes.	217
MONA	
And now you have the strength of a Vampire?	218
RAEGEL	
Yes, thanks to the Holon. I am as humans were before the war.	219
ARMAND	
It is disgraceful that we even allow this human to speak here.	220
RAEGEL	
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.	221
ARMAND	
Excuse me?	222
RAEGEL	
Your father was a proud member of the Council on Joint Relations between Humans and Vampires.	223
ARMAND	
LIES.	224
ALEXA	
Elders - is that true?	225
ALEXA (V.O.)	
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?	226

MONA
You say you were Taos. Do you know me? 227

RAEGEL
I do, Mona. Taos knew you all. And you 228
knew him.
(beat)
Don't you remember? 229

SELIANA
We will ask the questions. While I held 230
great respect for Taos Silvan, I am not
convinced you carry the memories of the
man I knew.

RAEGEL
If you like, Seliana, I could tell you a lot 231
about an incident on [planet name] when
you were 512 or so-

SELIANA
How would you- 232

MONA
Silence human. The personal affairs of the 233
Elders are not to be discussed in a public
forum. You should know the workings of
this council.

RAEGEL
This council did not exist 4,000 years ago. 234

ANDERE
Why are we letting a human speak to the 235
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.

SELIANA
That is for us to decide, Andere. Not you. 236

ANDERE
The threat of the Orai is more important 237
than a history lesson.

MONA
Silence, Andere. You, human. Speak of 238
what led to this supposed war.

RAEGEL
Andere is correct that tensions were high 239
between Vampires and Humans.
(MORE)

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. 240

RAEGEL

It's the truth. 241

NICU

I'm embarrassed. I'm fucking embarrassed. 242
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? 243

NICU

Give into peace and not fear. But I don't think they had to push you too hard, Andere? Did they? 244

THESSA

According to the data downloaded from the Holon, something else occurred. What is this signal that was sent out for seven nights? 245

ALEXA (V.O.)

Andere was suspiciously silent. I knew I was not the only one that could smell the fear radiating off him. 246

BOISE	
I triangulated the position of the signal. It was sent out to the seven great ruins.	247
ALEXA	
The old pyramids?	248
BOISE	
Yep.	249
ANDERE	
Let this go. The Orai-	250
NICU	
Wait - there's an audio file here. We can play it.	251
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.	252
ALEXA	
I think everyone on this council has a right to know what happened.	253
ANDERE	
You don't want to help Vampires, you want to help yourself.	254
ALEXA	
Look in a fucking mirror, Andere.	255
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?	256
ANDERE	
I am trying to protect you all.	257
THESSA	
I did not request your protection, Andere. I would like to hear this message.	258
SELIANA	
(beat)	
We will allow the message to be played.	259

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

ALTERED VOICE
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. 260

SELIANA
(in a hypnotic voice)
This way, the only way. This way, your way... 261

MONA
(in a hypnotic voice)
...The past removed. The new begins... 262

BOISE
What the fuck? 263

ALEXA (V.O.)
It was startling. All of the Elders began acting like Seliana, repeating the words of the message. 264

ARMAND
What's wrong with them? What the hell have you done, human? 265

RAEGEL
Me? What could I have possibly done? 266

ALEXA
This isn't Raegel you idiot. 267

ALEXA (V.O.)
My eyes shot to Andere. His head was between his shoulders, his entire posture tense and... defeated. 268

ALEXA
By the moon goddess Andere, what did you do? 269

ANDERE
(beat. Defeated)
What I had too, Alexa. What we decided was best for Vampires, so someone like Taos could never infect us again. 270
(MORE)

ANDERE (cont'd)

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

NICU

Turn it off, Boise. 271

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. 272

MONA

We. Remember. 273

ANDERE

Mona- 274

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. 275

MONA

HOW? HOW DID YOU MANIPULATE OUR MINDS? 276

ANDERE

(choking)
Nefarta... the Anunnaki... ruins... 277

THESSA

The signal went to the pyramids. They could have transmitted the spell enmasse. 278

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? 279

SELIANA

Andere was a victim of his parents cruelty. As was Valoria. The war was their parents doing. 280

MONA

But not the traitorous act of our memories and all that befell our kind because of it. 281
(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. 282

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. 283

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? 284

ARMAND

Nonsense. If we can't beat the Orai we will abandon Normoria and start over elsewhere. 285

ALEXA

This is our home! 286

ARMAND

We can find another! 287

ALEXA

I will not abandon this planet. 288

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. 289

ALEXA

No. You're not. 290

ARMAND

Excuse me? 291

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. 292

(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- 293

ANDERE
(choking)
She's... right... please... 294

SELIANA
We will deal with him, Mona. Let him speak. 295
For now.

MONA
(furious sound but
drops Andere to the
ground)

ANDERE
(clears his throat,
getting his breath back)
I will not beg for my survival from human 296
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. 297

ANDERE
Don't be a child, Nicu. Am I wrong? 298

NICU
I think after what you did, your clan should 299
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. 300

ALEXA

Because you decided your way was the only way. You had no right to make that choice for us all! 301

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. 302

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- 303

ANDERE

(interrupts)

Speak of them again, and I will kill you. 304

MONA

You will do nothing, Andere. 305

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? 306

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. 307

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. 308

NICU
Or... We compromise. 309

ANDERE
A compromise? Are you all right Nicu? 310

NICU
I'm not the extremist that fucked with their own people for power. 311

ANDERE
But you enjoy the taste of your humans as much as I do. You're welcome. 312

SELIANA
What is your proposal, Nicu? 313

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. 314

ARMAND
You can call me what you like, I don't care. My clan will be leaving as I said. 315

ALEXA
Fine. Leave if you want Armand. But you are not taking your humans. 316

ARMAND
The sun I'm not. 317

ALEXA
I did not stutter. You will surrender them peacefully, or I will take them from you by force. 318

ARMAND
I'm not afraid of you, Alexa. You will not find my clan so easy to conquer. 319

ALEXA
I've heard that line before. Many times.
From clans that are now mine. 320

SELIANA
Alexa- 321

ALEXA
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. 322

ALEXA (cont'd)
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. 323

ANDERE
And the humans who want Vampires
extinct the same way the Orai do? Will you
speak so passionately to them, Alexa? 324

RAEGEL
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. 325

ANDERE
I wish I could believe that. I really do. 326

THESSA
I support Nicu and Alexa's proposal. 327

SELIANA
Then we shall put it to a formal vote. 328

SFX: Ad Break Transition

INSERT - AD BREAK - HOUR LONG CUT ONLY

RADIO DJ
Hey loves, you're listening to the Pulse of 329
Nomoria with your favorite Vampire DJ
Venus. We know war sucks, that's why
we're giving you all the good vibes with the
latest in Nomoria Trance. But before we
titillate those ear drums, give some love
to our sponsors.

END AD BREAK

SFX: Transition sound. We move back to the present.

END PART ONE
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NETWORKS

EXT. SECTOR SEVEN

VAPHOIR, leader of the Orai, stands over Armand, who is on his knees. Vaphoir's face is expressionless but there is a measured cadence to his tone, and a cruelty to every word. This is a being who is enjoying the death he's helped cause.

VAPHOIR
Destruction is necessary. We exist for this 330
very purpose. And life... all life exists for
us. We adapt. We feed. We destroy.

ARMAND
(weak voice)
Fuck... off. You're nothing but an invasive 331
species. I wouldn't feed off of you.

VAPHOIR
(disgusted)
Barbaric. I don't even have to touch you to 332
get what I want.

ARMAND

Then you'll never know the pleasure of- 333
 (in a sudden stronger
 voice)

Ripping out someone's throat. 334

VAPHOIR (V.O.)

I liked it when the fight didn't leave them. 335
 The Vampire was surrounded by loss. We'd
 taken this city. The ruins of the battle
 surrounded it. 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 as our presence
 did. This Vampire lunged, but found nothing
 to grab. Clothes were beneath us, as was
 this Vampire. 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 been to many planets. Some fight. 336
 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 337
 anymore Vampire. You have no place
 there.

ARMAND

We'll... see... 338

VAPHOIR

No. You won't. 339

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
Some of their transports got away. But
not all. 340

VAPHOIR
Let them run. Take the captured to the
ship. They will sustain us through our rest. 341

INT. ALEXA'S STUDY

We fade into the sound of urgent footsteps, and Alexa's door opening.

BOISE
Raegel's out. He's got Andere with him.
Izbe's team reported that the leader of the
Orai is in sector seven. The war council
gave the order to launch the weapon. 342

ALEXA
(draws in calming
breath)
Good. Good. Let's- 343

The heavy pound of footsteps.

KASRA
(out of breath)
Alexa it's done! 344

ALEXA
Done? What's done, Kasra? 345

BOISE
You were on the battlefield. Kasra and
Ravetta were working on a modification to
our armor suits. 346

ALEXA (V.O.)
Ravetta was a vampire and one of our
best scientists. 347

KASRA
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! 348

ALEXA
How long? 349

KASRA
The less physical damage you take the longer it works. Max charge right now is 30 minutes. 350

ALEXA
That's a lifetime. How many suits are equipped? 351

KASRA
All of them. Software update baby. Nanites are so freaking cool. 352

ALEXA
Yes, they are. Kasra, thank you. 353

KASRA
This is for Nomoria. 354

ALEXA
I know. I can still thank you, because you deserve to hear it. 355

KASRA
You know what, you're right. I'll take that thanks. Excuse me. 356

Retreating steps but then -

KASRA (cont'd)
Give 'em hell, Alexa. For all of us. 357

ALEXA
Count on it. Boise. 358

BOISE
I know that look. New plan? 359

ALEXA
Well if they're pounding so hard on that barricade, it would be rude not to go and meet them, wouldn't it? 360

BOISE
You know what, I think it would. 361

SFX Wooosh. Back to the past.

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. 362

IZBE
 That's... a lot. 363

ALEXA
 It is. 364

IZBE
 What are you asking for, Alexa? Why show
 me this? 365

ALEXA
 For one because... I owe you an apology. 366

IZBE
 You don't. 367

ALEXA
 No, I do. You were right, everything you
 said to me before I sent you away. 368

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? 369

ALEXA
 (smiles)
 Okay. 370

(beat)
 I need your help. We can't beat the Orai
 without humans. Without restoring humans
 to what you once were. 371

IZBE
 I figured. How are you going to repair us
 enmasse? 372

ALEXA
 We believe we can repair the pyramids and
 use them to send out a signal. 373

IZBE
 Are all Vampire clans prepared to give
 human's freedom? 374

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. 375

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. We don't remember our role in our own subjection or a time of co-existence. 376

ALEXA

What if you could? 377

IZBE

You mean the soul crystals. 378

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. 379

IZBE

(beat)

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. 380

ALEXA

Meaning? 381

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. 382

ALEXA
Time isn't on our side. 383

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. 384

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. 385

IZBE
Thank you, Alexa. 386

ALEXA
What for? 387

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. 388

ALEXA
(beat)
I might not have, not with the same
fervor. Not if... not if I hadn't fallen in love. 389

IZBE
(smiles)
Something about that one, eh? 390

ALEXA
(laughs)
Yes. Yes, there is. 391

SFX Wooosh. Back to the present.

EXT. CLAN VIRES

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

ALEXA
How many can meet us? 392

BOISE
Nicu and Thessa's clans are enroute. Their human clans are joining them. 393

ALEXA
We're going to have to find a better name for them. 394

BOISE
Yeah, yeah later. We're busy.
(reading updates from her tablet)
Elder Akal is dead. His clan is still fighting humans and so are ten others. 395
396

ALEXA
Ask Izbe to send someone from their team to Elder Akal's clan to try and negotiate a peace treaty. See if Seliana has anyone available to send as well. 397

BOISE
Done. All this in-fighting is fucking stupid. 398

ALEXA
They have a right to their anger and their retaliation, Boise. 399

BOISE
I get it. But maybe we can all fight each other AFTER we fuck up the Orai? 400

ALEXA
Human's aren't the only ones doing this. Clans Versum, Davorin, & Lenore all refused the Elders orders. 401

BOISE
You just say the word and my squad and I can deal with those assholes real quick. 402

ALEXA
If I could spare you or your squad for it, I would have. 403

BOISE
(frustrated)
We can't fight ten different wars. If we
don't settle the civil disputes we won't win
this. 404

ALEXA
I know. Let's hope Seliana and the rest of
the Elders can get the rebelling Vampire
clans in line. 405

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

ALEXA (V.O.)
Our barricade was a large energy dome
that protected my city. For the last three
days it had been under constant assault by
Orai bombs, and a large army of Orai were
positioned at the border. There was no
rhyme or reason to what targets the Orai
attacked. We expected them to go after
the spaceport first, they hadn't.
Thankfully. They didn't seem to care if we
ran. 406

ALEX (V.O.)
Initial battles with the Orai were...
disastrous. In the last month we'd lost
three cities and seven clans, human and
vampire. The only good news was that our
air attacks matched theirs, but we did not
have a dedicated air force. Vampires liked
command of the ground, not the skies, and
it proved to be an easily exploited
weakness against the Orai, because of who
they were. 407

The Orai could drain the life force of any
living, organic matter within minutes,
simply by being in proximity. Our scientists
were still studying how distance affected
Orai abilities, but we had nothing
conclusive yet. And it seemed the more of
them their were, the stronger the drain. 408

The bulk of Orai forces did not remain on
Nomoria either. Every time they conquered
a city, they would drain it completely of all
life, flora included. They did take
prisoners, for what purpose we didn't
know. 409

(MORE)

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

After they were done they returned to their mothership for a short time. They returned only when they decided what area to attack next. We were slowly but effectively being eliminated.

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

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.

410

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.

411

ALEXA

Boise. Tell Nicu and Thessa's clan to flank the Orai. Have one of their human recon teams keep watch for reinforcements. I want to decimate this force, quickly. Leave none alive to report back to the Orai how we managed to kill them all.

412

BOISE

Sending orders now.

413

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!

414

ALL

FOR NOMORIA!

415

ALEXA

Lower the barricade!

416

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? 417

NICU - INTERCOM
I'm taking video of the Orai retreating like
fucking cowards and I'm broadcasting it
across the galaxy. 418

ALEXA
(amused)
And then killing them I hope. 419

NICU - INTERCOM
Guaranteed. We've got this. None make it
back. 420

BOISE
No reinforcements inbound. Barricade is
recharging, back at 70%. 421

ALEXA
How's your suit? 422

BOISE
Could have fought longer. They're not so
fucking tough when they're not draining
your life just being near them. 423

ALEXA
(laughing)

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

ALL
Nomoria! Nomoria! Nomoria! Nomoria! 424

ALEXA
Have the automatons collect our dead
from the battlefield and put them in
transports- 425
(MORE)

ALEXA (cont'd)
(her voice fades off)

ALEXA (V.O.) 426
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.

ALEXA 427
SHIELDS! SHIELDS UP EVERYONE!

HUMAN 428
DEATH TO ALL VAMPIRES! DEATH TO THE
HUMAN TRAITORS!

We hear the sounds of devastating explosions.

SFX Transition Music

INT. ALEXA 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) 429
Alexa.

RAEGEL (V.O.) 430
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 431
(flat)
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.
(MORE)

ALEXA (cont'd)

(screams her
frustration)
I don't blame them. I don't. I just wish... I 432
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)
Come with me. 433

ALEXA

I can't- 434

RAEGEL

(gentle)
Trust me. Come with me. 435

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

Look at them all, Alexa. Really, look. What 436
do you see?

ALEXA (V.O.)

At first I saw nothing but the dead. 437
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

In the last hour word of your victory and 438
what happened after spread to the other
clans.

(MORE)

RAEGEL (cont'd)

Three clan battles have stopped, Alexa.
They're making peace to fight the Orai.
Don't give up yet. Don't you dare.

ALEXA

(through her tears)

It wasn't my victory. It would have been
impossible without Kasra and Ravetta.

439

RAEGEL

Human and Vampire working together. The
way it use to be. The way it can be. It can.
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.

440

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.

441

ALEXA

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

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RAEGEL

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

443

(cheeky grin)

But I don't mind hearing it.

444

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.

445

KASRA

(loud)

Here's what I choose.

446

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.

447

KASRA

Human's of Nomoria, I want to live my life
freely. **My way.** Don't you? I'm not a slave
to Vampire's anymore. They were wrong
for what they did to us, and most of them
know that. But so is this! Human's killing
humans? For what?! Vampires have no
right over us anymore. But neither do
these fucking extremists. They don't
speak for me, and they don't get decide
for the rest of us. 448

(beat)

We could have won today. Instead we lost. 449
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! 450

NICU

For Nomoria! 451

ALL

For Nomoria! 452

ALEXA (V.O.)

I let go of Raegel's hand, approaching 453
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 454
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. 455
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. 456
 (clears throat)
 Your welcome. Now please get up, this is 457
 really cool, but also really weird.

ALEXA
 (laughs)
 If you're going to continue to give 458
 speeches like that you should get use to
 the attention.

KASRA
 Well, I was part of the Alexa Vires clan. I 459
 learned a thing or two.

ALEXA (V.O.)
 Kasra smiled back. And perhaps in that 460
 moment at least one of many wounds,
 could begin to heal.

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 461
 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.

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

VROTIX
 Vaphoir. 462

VAPHOIR
 Hmm? 463

VROTIX
 We have lost. 464

VAPHOIR
 (amused)
 Impossible. We are here. 465

VROTIX
Our forces outside the city of Vires. They
are gone. 466

VAPHOIR
All of them? 467

VROTIX
Yes. 468

VAPHOIR
(curious)
How? 469

VROTIX
We don't yet know. Our scholars theorize
they have found a way to block our power. 470

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. 471

VROTIX
I will see to it. Personally. 472

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. 473

ALEXA
Mmm. Say what? 474

RAEGEL
(smiling)
You know what. 475

ALEXA
(teasing)
I thought I didn't need to say it. 476

RAEGEL
(laughing)
You don't. But what if I... 477

ALEXA
(moans)
Raegel... I'm close... 478

RAEGEL
I can feel it. Say it. Please. 479

ALEXA
I... 480
(moans)
I love you. 481

RAEGEL
(delighted groan) 482

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. 483

ALEXA
I'd almost gotten use to the sound. 484

RAEGEL
Really? Is that what it's like being a
conqueror? 485

ALEXA
I suppose. The Orai weapons of war aren't 486
nearly as loud as the Anunnaki's were.
(beat)
You scared me today. 487

RAEGEL
I know. I'm sorry. 488

ALEXA
Andere's life isn't worth yours. 489

RAEGEL
(laugh)
Well, I certainly wasn't in sector seven for 490
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.

ALEXA
She wants too. So do I. So does most of 491
the Council.
(MORE)

ALEXA (cont'd)

The only thing keeping him alive is the small saving grace he's willing to fight the Orai.

RAEGEL

Borrowed time then. Oh well, fuck him. 492
Let's talk about you, and how utterly gorgeous you are.

ALEXA

(laughs)

We don't have the time. The war council 493
convenes shortly.

RAEGEL

It's day time. Vampires should be sleeping. 494
With their very hot human partners. How's the book?

ALEXA

I'm still telling the galaxy what an arrogant 495
shit you are, one who now also likes making me worry, if that's what you're asking.

RAEGEL

(laughing)

Good to know everything is still right in 496
the world.

(beat)

Can I ask you a question? 497

ALEXA

Of course. 498

RAEGEL

Why start it the way you did? Your book. 499

ALEXA

(beat)

Honesty. It should start with the truth of 500
what I thought and felt. And how that changed... because of you.

ALEXA (V.O.)

He smiled more often now, even in the 501
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

Do I taste better? Now that I'm fit. 502

ALEXA
Better dressed and frequently showered
too. 503

RAEGEL
I do love that shower. 504

ALEXA
(amused)
No, you taste the same. Delicious. 505

RAEGEL
Flattery won't make me love you anymore
than I already do. 506

ALEXA
Oh? What will? 507

ALEXA (V.O.)
There was a mischievous look on his face.
One I'd seen before. I almost laughed as he
disappeared under the sheets. 508

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)
We... don't have time. 509

RAEGEL
(muffled)
You can send Boise in your place can't you? 510

ALEXA
Oh she'll love that... 511

RAEGEL
(muffled)
Just blame me. 512

ALEXA
(her laugh dissolves into
a moan) 513

SFX Transition music

INT. ALEXA'S STUDY

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

ALEXA	514
How was the meeting?	
BOISE	515
I'm going to say something you're not going to like.	
ALEXA	516
All right.	
BOISE	517
You've got to leave Nomoria.	
ALEXA	518
You're right. I don't like that. We're not giving up, Boise.	
BOISE	519
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	520
I sent messages-	
BOISE	521
Ones we don't know when they'll get, or if the Orai intercepted. Alexa you've got to go, convince them to help us and bring them back here. As many as you can.	
ALEXA	522
We have the suits now-	
BOISE	523
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	524
Fuck. Fuck. How much time?	
BOISE	525
Unknown.	
(beat)	
Listen, we can hold them off. But we won't 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.	526

ALEXA
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? 527

BOISE
Get back in time. 528

ALEXA
But what if I don't? 529

BOISE
Then at least the best of us survived. 530

ALEXA
(beat)
I... I don't deserve that. 531

BOISE
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)
You can do this. 532

ALEXA
(beat)
If I go. You better find a way to keep me
updated. 533

BOISE
I will. 534

ALEXA
And you better not fucking die, Boise. I
mean it. 535

BOISE
I don't plan it. Trust and believe that. 536

ALEXA
I wouldn't be half the person I am without
you. I'm not the only one whose the best
of us. 537

BOISE
Debatable. I do not like humans as much as
you do. 538

ALEXA
Who says I like humans? 539

ALEXA
Who says I like humans? 540

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. 541

ALEXA
(sad laugh. beat)
The Elders- 542

BOISE
Approved you leaving. So did the rest of
the Council. We'll do our part, Alexa. You
do yours, and get back here fast with an
epic fucking cavalry. 543

ALEXA
(beat)
I'll leave tonight. 544

BOISE
I'll make sure the IDTV is ready. 545

ALEXA (V.O.)
I stood up, hugging Boise tightly. 546

ALEXA
Moon goddess protect you, Boise. I love
you. 547

BOISE
Moon goddess protect us all. And I love
you too. 548

SFX Transition Music

INT. NOMORIA SPACEPORT

ALEXA (V.O.)
I watched as Raegel hugged people good-
bye. Kasra. Izbe. 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. 549

ALEXA (V.O.) (cont'd)
I locked eyes with Boise. She was family. A
sister. Sometimes, even a mentor. 550

RAEGEL
Ready? 551

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. 552

BOISE

Clan Vires! Salute! 553

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. 554

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. 555

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

I am Alexa Vires. And I will not fail. 556

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

For Nomoria. 557

Rocking those end credits.