

Vampire Beginnings Episode 6

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1 EXT. CAFE

We hear the sounds of the human cafe in Clan Vires. The chatter is relaxed, the coffee is banging.

RAEGEL 1
You've done all that in a week?

KASRA 2
We're free here, Raegel. Idelle is even setting up therapy meetings for everyone from Clan Sora.

RAEGEL 3
Huh.

KASRA 4
I know that face.

RAEGEL 5
What?

KASRA 6
If you ruin this for us-

RAEGEL 7
No, no, nothing like that I promise.

KASRA 8
What are you thinking then?

RAEGEL 9
(beat)
I hope you know back at Clan Sora, I never wanted to see you hurt. I just didn't want us treated the way we were.

KASRA 10
(sighs)
I know, Raegel. But we were powerless. What good is fighting if you can't win?

RAEGEL 11
Let me ask you question. And maybe it sounds crazy but just... humor me a little okay?

KASRA 12
(beat)
Fine. What?

RAEGEL 13
What if we could sit equal to Vampires.

KASRA
(laughs in no fucking
way)

RAEGEL 14
I'm serious. What if, without a civil war or anything like that, we could have all of this and we got to choose whether or not they feed off of us?

RAEGEL (V.O.) 15
This wasn't the first conversation I'd had this week. I wasn't trying to sow seeds of dissent, I needed to find out what my people wanted. What they truly wanted. But how could they know that if they didn't know what was possible?

KASRA 16
Can we even talk about this? Isn't this... treason?

RAEGEL 17
No. No, listen, this isn't revolution. It's change,

(beat) 18
Alexa is wonderful. You all were right. She's... she's everything, Kasra. And right now she's trying to change things too.

KASRA 19
How?

RAEGEL 20
I don't know details, I just know she is. But imagine for a moment, we could be equal to them. How many here would do that peacefully?

(beat) KASRA 21
You know that fight club? The one Wils runs?

RAEGEL 22
Yeah. What about it?

KASRA 23
He might not want any kind of peaceful transition. His are the kind that if they got power, they'd try to seize it for themselves.

RAEGEL
Right. Okay. Fuck him then. Others? 24

(beat) KASRA
I don't know, people are people, Raegel. 25

RAEGEL
Right fine. Can't speak for all of us. What about you? 26

(beat) KASRA
Is it like it was in Clan Sora when Alexa feeds from you? Does it hurt? 27

RAEGEL
No. No it was... 28
(clears his throat)
It was nice. It was nothing like we experienced in Clan Sora. 29

(thinking) KASRA
If I stood equal to a Vampire, and it didn't hurt any I wouldn't mind. I'd want things though. 30

RAEGEL
What kind of things? 31

(thoughtful) KASRA
I don't know... see the galaxy maybe? The other cities? The whole of Nomoria? I think I'd like to, I don't know come and go to different places as I pleased. Kind of like here, just... 32

RAEGEL
More. 33

KASRA
Yeah. 34

RAEGEL
Okay. Put feelers out for me. And mind who you talk to. No war. Just, options. If we could stand equal to Vampires what would we want? 35

KASRA
If this comes back to bite us in the ass, Raegel- 36

RAEGEL 37
 It won't. Change is coming I think, and everyone should have a choice about what kind of freedom they want. I want to avoid war, at all costs. If we're going to do that, we need to know whose so angry at Vampires they'd want to fight.

(beat) KASRA 38
 Why don't you want to fight?

RAEGEL 39
 Why would I?

KASRA 40
 Your family died in Clan Sora. You've got more scars on your back than any of us.

(beat) RAEGEL 41
 My family was terrible, Kasra. I was angry for a while though, at the Vampires in Clan Sora but... Alexa took care of that for us didn't she.

KASRA 42
 You like her.

(beat) RAEGEL 43
 Yeah. Yeah, I do.

KASRA 44
 Never thought we'd see the day, Raegel liked a Vampire.

(laughs) RAEGEL 45
 Yeah, neither did I.

We hear the chair scoot back as Raegel rises.

RAEGEL (cont'd) 46
 I'll see you later, Kasra.

SFX: Transition sound.

2 EXT. STREETS OF CLAN VIRES HUMAN COLONY

As Raegel walks back to his flat we hear the sounds of people walking and chatting, the zoom of the Automotons as they whizz by.

RAEGEL (V.O.)

It'd been eight long days, and I hadn't heard⁴⁷
a word from Alexa. Moon Goddess I missed
her. I knew the hill she lived on, though you
couldn't see it from down here, just the
beautiful cluster of trees. But she was
there, wasn't she? I hoped she was all
right. I didn't know a damn thing about
Vampire politics but I thought I knew
Alexa. Something would come of what we
learned in that cave. I just had to trust her
and be patient. For once.

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

When I reached the door to my flat, there⁴⁸
was a package waiting. It was thick, a bit
heavy as I picked it up and read the note.

RAEGEL

(reading)

This is all you get. The automaton will⁴⁹
collect your letters every Friday.

RAEGEL (cont'd)

Yes! Thank you, Boise. I knew you liked me.⁵⁰

3 INT. RAEGEL'S FLAT

We hear the sound of Raegel's door opening and closing. He unwraps
the package, and now we hear the sound of a pen over a piece of
paper.

RAEGEL (V.O.)

Dear -, no, no that's stupid. Dammit, don't⁵¹
waste the paper, Raegel. Think.

(beat. He starts writing
again)

Alexa...⁵²

4 EXT. AKASHIC CHAMBER

The howl of the wind, and the distant growl of Vugans. We hear the
sound of two transport vehicle's landing. One door opens, and Alexa
and Bosie are the first to get out.

ALEXA (V.O.)

I'd spent the last week healing and⁵³
discussing the best course of action with
Nicu and Boise. The time for subtly had
long passed, I was now a hammer. Which
was fine, I supposed. I was use to it.

ALEXA (V.O.) (cont'd) 54
 We needed to collect my mother's body,
 the drone, and I wanted Boise to see the
 cave for herself.

ALEXA 55
 Uso, setup a outpost. I want a 30 kaylem
 perimeter around the cave cleared.

BOISE 56
 The door's still open.

ALEXA 57
 I hoped it would be. Put the human back to
 sleep.

ALEXA (V.O.) 58
 I let my gaze wander while I waited for
 Boise. I saw no evidence of Alicia's body.
 The Vugans likely found her remains, as I
 suspected they would. Slowly my eyes
 drifted to the cave entrance.

A small flashback here, Alexa remembering telling her mother she
 didn't want to kill her. The sounds Valoria made as she died.

ALEXA (V.O.) (cont'd) 59
 I closed my eyes, taking a calming breath,
 tucking that pain away to deal with later.
 The consequences of finding this cave
 weren't small, but loss and discovery
 weren't the only things that happened out
 here, were they? I'd gained something too.

Another small flashback here. Raegel's uwu words.

ALEXA (V.O.) (cont'd) 60
 I touched my lips. I had not kissed someone
 in - too long. He was not just someone
 though, he was... a human. One I would
 loose in the blink of an eye, simply to time.
 Unless he was right. This cave held many
 secrets, perhaps...

BOSIE 61
 Ready?

(beat) ALEXA 62
 Let's go.

ALEXA (V.O.) 63
 I did not know if war came next, that
 would be up to the council. But one way or
 another, I would know the truth. 64

SFX: Passage of time transition

5 INT. VAMPIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

ANDERE 65
 Valoria is missing. The only item of
 business should be to find her!

ALEXA
 (calling out) 66
 I know where she is, Andere.

We hear the march of footsteps as Alexa and Boise arrive. It is followed by the thump of Valoria's head hitting the floor.

There are several shocked gasps.

ANDERE 67
 Her head?! What have you done, Alexa?!
 This affront will not stand! Valoria was a
 respected SENIOR member of this-

ALEXA 68
 Valoria challenged me and she lost.

ANDERE 69
 Lies! You killed her because you did not
 support her proposal you human loving
 bitch!

NICU 70
 I would remind the councilmen to watch his
 fucking mouth. Alexa Vires is also a
 respected member of this council.

SELIANA
 (deep Vampire voice) 71
 We will have order.

(beat) 72
 Alexa, this council was not made aware of
 any war between the Vires Clans. What
 has occurred?

ALEXA 73
 Chair Mistress Seliana, I traveled to the
 Akashic Cave. It was there Valoria chose
 foolishly to raise her hand against me.

ANDERE 74
 The cave? It is forbidden!

NICU 75
 Let the record show there is no law in our holo-records that supports Councilmen Andere's claim.

SELIANA 76
 Noted. Do you have evidence that Valoria struck first, Alexa?

BOISE 77
 Our drone recorded the events that transpired. We invite the council to do its due diligence to verify its authenticity.

SELIANA 78
 Also noted. This council will now review the evidence. If Alexa's claim is found to be true, by right of Clan Law, Alexa you are entitled to all that was your mother's.

ALEXA 79
 Valoria. She was no mother.

SELIANA 80
 I see.

ANDERE 81
 That's it? She's a war monger! If you allow her to continue her ways, she will kill us all!

NICU 82
 Let the record show that councilman Andere is a Valoria lovin' fan boy conspiracy theorist.

ANDERE 83
 Fuck you, Nicu.

NICU 84
 Not even if you asked me nicely.

SELIANA 85
 (booming voice)
 Enough,

SELIANA 86
 (beat)
 You will control yourself, Councilmen Andere.

(MORE)

SELIANA (cont'd)

(beat)

However, I will note the aggression as of 87
late from Alexa Vires, and the
presentation of her moth- Valoria's demise
is cause for concern.

ALEXA

This council need not be concerned. My aim 88
is not to thwart you. I will take my
mother's lands. I will learn the truth of the
Cave, and I will share that knowledge with
this council. Nomoria must have change, of
that we agree. And, I believe we can learn
from our past.

ANDERE

You don't know what you're talking about, 89
Alexa. The truth you seek will ruin us.

ALEXA

If we can be destroyed by the truth, then 90
we deserve to be.

SELIANA

This council is adjourned to review the 91
evidence presented. We will reconvene in 3
moon rises. Alexa, you are forbidden by
this council from any further acts of
aggression against any Clan on Nomoria. Is
that clear?

ALEXA

Perfectly. 92

6 EXT. VALORIA'S COMPOUND

A heavy thunderstorm. We hear the sound of transports flying through the air. The transports land, doors open, and we hear the march of troops on the ground.

Some of Valoria's Vampire guards resist, and we hear the pulse of energy rifles and the quiet cries as they die to Alexa's army.

These sounds are overlaid with Seliana's words:

SELIANA

Upon review of the evidence, we conclude 93
that Valoria Vires attacked Alexa Vires.
By act of self defense, Alexa felled
Valoria. By clan law, all lands belonging to
Valoria Vires, are now claimed by Alexa
Vires to do with as she pleases.

SELIANA (cont'd) 94
 A joint inquiry will now begin in regards to
 history of Akashic Cave. Councilman
 Andere is ordered to turn over all records
 pertaining to that history.

ALEXA 95
 (Strong yet, weary)
 The Clan of Valoria Vires has fallen. She
 raised her hand against me, and she lost.
 All that was once hers now belongs to me.
 That includes all of you.

SFX: Passage of time transition

7 INT. ALEXA'S STUDY

ALEXA 96
 Is this all of it?

BOSIE 97
 Everything from your mother and we're
 expecting the last file from Andere before
 Sun's rise.

ALEXA 98
 Not willingly I'm sure.

BOSIE 99
 Of course not.
 (beat) 100
 Alexa... maybe this isn't a truth that needs
 to come out.

ALEXA 101
 I know why you think that.

BOSIE 102
 If I was a human and I found this out, I'd be
 pissed. Really pissed.

ALEXA 103
 So would I.

BOSIE 104
 I know you want to stop the cruelty and I
 don't disagree, but this kind of change
 won't come without war.

ALEXA 105
 If it was the last one, Boise, wouldn't it be
 worth it?

BOSIE 106
Worth it for who?

ALEXA
(sighs but says nothing.
Thoughtful)

BOSIE 107
I'm on your side, Alexa. Always. You know that. And there are plenty of our kind I wouldn't mind ripping their throats out. But-

ALEXA 108
I know. I know how this could play out.
(beat) 109
But what if we're wrong? Change doesn't have to come with violence.

BOSIE 110
You're asking for a lot of understanding from a race we have been eating. Literally, eating.
(beat) 111
This cave, holon's, the process... you don't know for certain this would make him live as long as you do.

ALEXA 112
This isn't about him-

BOSIE 113
Do not lie to me. Not to me.

ALEXA 114
It's not *only* about him. I can be a conqueror, Boise. I can be warmonger. I don't want to be a slaver anymore. I don't want to rule over these people like a god, anymore. Not after what we know. How could we? They deserve to have a choice.

BOSIE 115
And I get that. But that's you, Alexa. What about every other Vampire on Nomoria?

ALEXA 116
We don't have a right to keep humans under our fangs just because we need them to live. Boise, he was right. Humans stood next to us as equals and we stole that from them, because of Vampire's like my mother and the fucking Annuannki.
(MORE)

ALEXA (cont'd)

By the Moon Goddess, we stood shoulder to shoulder with the Angels and helped Heaven wipe the Anunnaki out. If this truth has a cost, then we pay it. It's a debt we owe.

(beat) BOSIE
Okay. 117

ALEXA
You sure? 118

BOSIE
I had to make sure we're doing this for the right reasons. 119

ALEXA
You really think I'd do all this for- 120

BOSIE
Love. Yes. And after a thousand years, I wouldn't blame you. 121

ALEXA
I don't... I'm not- 122

BOSIE
What did I just say about lying to me? 123

ALEXA
(quiet laugh. Beat)
It's stupid, isn't it? I barely know him. 124

BOSIE
Oh, it's really stupid, and you have terrible taste in men in my opinion. But connection is... rare. And maybe this isn't your first lifetime with him. I don't know, it's gross to think about. 125

ALEXA
(laughing)
BOISE
Here. 126

ALEXA
A letter? From who? 127

BOISE
You know who. 128

ALEXA
 (amused)
 How did he get the paper, Boise? 129

BOISE
 I don't know. He probably stole it. 130

ALEXA
 You don't get to lie to me either. 131

BOISE
 Read your letter. 132

ALEXA
 (laughing)

We hear the door to Alexa's study open and close.

ALEXA (V.O.) 133
 I stared at the letter for a short while. It had been nearly fifteen moons since I'd seen him. Many thoughts, worries even dashed through my mind. I refused to give them weight, instead I unfolded the piece of paper to read his words.

RAEGEL (V.O.) 134
 Alexa... Hi. Where to start this? Right. Okay. I know my trip to the wilderness caused trouble for you, and for that I'm sorry. I suspect your relationship with that Vampire in the cave was complicated. I understand that. My parents were, well, I should have hated that they died feeding the Vampires at Clan Sora. But, to be honest they were shit parents. My father was emotionally abusive, my mother liked hitting me with things. Anything she could get her hands on really. Not all my scars are from Vampires and maybe that's why I've never hated them. Humans can be just as cruel, and our reasons make far less sense. At least to me.

RAEGEL (V.O.) (cont'd) 135
 Anyway, you'll be pleased to know I'm not causing trouble. And maybe you'd also be pleased to know that there are human's here who would take their freedom peacefully. I've talked to a few, not to cause a riot, or anything I swear to you, just to ask, you know? To find out if the change I want actually can come without war.

RAEGEL (V.O.) (cont'd) 136
 I've thought a lot about that cave, and what it could all mean. But honestly, I've thought more about you. Is that pathetic? It might be. You're probably so busy you haven't given me a moon's thought. But, well, in case I'm wrong, in case the way you looked at me wasn't just the pain pills, or the blood... I...
 (nervous laughter)
 I don't know. I want to see you again. Obviously. I'd love to know what's going on, but more than that I'd like to know you. To be near you. Until you're ready for that, I'll be here. Waiting. 137

ALEXA 138
 Love... Raegel.
 (exhales. Beat)

Let the silence hang for another beat.

ALEXA (V.O.) 139
 There was no need for me to keep him waiting any longer, was there? And I didn't need a transport. It would be much faster if I simply shifted into my raven form and flew there myself.

8 INT. RAEGEL'S FLAT

We hear the sound of the shower. The flapping of wings, the squak of a Raven as Alexa flies in through the window. We hear her change shape back into Vampire form.

The shower turns off. There is silence for a beat, followed by the pad of footsteps and Raegel humming quietly to himself as he comes out of the bathroom.

RAEGEL
 (humming)

ALEXA 140
 You trimmed your beard. I like it.

RAEGEL
 (startled) 141
 Alexa! You- you're here.

ALEXA
 (smiling) 142
 So I am.

RAEGEL 143
Are you all right? You look all right. Did you get my letter-

RAEGEL (V.O.) 144
I stopped stumbling over my words when she gently framed my face between her hands.

ALEXA 145
I got your letter. Thank you for sending it. And I'm... okay. I'm sorry I haven't been in contact.

RAEGEL 146
You don't have to apologize, not to me.

ALEXA 147
No, I do. We have a lot to talk about but I-

RAEGEL (V.O.) 148
I kissed her. It's all I'd been thinking about, and she was right there. I was rewarded when she wound her arms around my neck and pressed closer. I wrapped my arms around her, holding her tightly, and I kissed her until we were both breathless.

RAEGEL 149
Talk now... or later...?

ALEXA 150
Later.

RAEGEL 151
I'm only human now.

ALEXA 152
(amused)
You were only human before.

RAEGEL 153
It was different.

ALEXA 154
Don't worry, Raegel, I'll be gentle.

RAEGEL 155
(grinning)
Please don't.

ALEXA
(laughing)

SFX: Sexy transition music. Bow chicka-wow-wow.

ALEXA (V.O.) 156
He was laying on his stomach looking at me, his bed sheets a mess around us. I gently traced one of the many scar lines on his back.

ALEXA 157
These aren't all from Clan Sora?

RAEGEL 158
No. Most of them, but not all.

ALEXA (V.O.) 159
I bent, pressing my lips against the evidence of the cruelty he'd endured. An apology, perhaps.

RAEGEL
(groans in delight) 160
You'll have to give me some of your blood if you want to go a fourth time.

ALEXA
(laughs)

RAEGEL 161
Can I ask you something?

ALEXA 162
Of course.

RAEGEL 163
How did you get yours? That scar on your cheek.

ALEXA 164
When I was younger I liked to fight. A lot more than I do now. I was on planet Heven, training with Angels and being arrogant and bratty. To teach me a lesson, Archangel Lilith challenged me to a duel.

RAEGEL 165
Whose that?

ALEXA 166
Lilith is... magnificent. Perhaps one day I'll take you to meet her.
(MORE)

ALEXA (cont'd)

When I challenged her I swore I wouldn't use my healing ability. I lost that fight and she gave me a scar to remind me.

(private smile)
She made up for it. Later. 167

RAEGEL

Is she still your lover? 168

ALEXA

(laughing)
No. And she was never my lover. She was a teacher, mentor, and a friend I suppose. I haven't seen her in centuries. 169

ALEXA (V.O.)

He propped himself onto his side, smiling at me. 170

RAEGEL

I'd like that. To see the galaxy with you. 171

(beat. A laugh.)
Goddess, I never thought I'd get to say that and it be a real possibility. 172

ALEXA

It is. Or, it could be. 173

RAEGEL

Could be? What's the catch? 174

ALEXA

No, catch. Just truth I need to tell you. How you feel about going anywhere with me might change after that. 175

RAEGEL

I doubt it. 176

ALEXA

I've always admired your conviction. 177

RAEGEL

Is it about the cave? 178

ALEXA

Yes. 179

RAEGEL

Are you all right? I mean your clan and whatever the politics of it all cost you. 180

ALEXA
 Everything is all right. For now. But this change is going to be... hard. 181
 (beat)

Raegel, four thousand years ago, Humans and Vampires co-existed. Equally, as you saw in your dreams and we saw in the cave. But back then humans were as strong as Vampires. From what we can ascertain you didn't live quite as long but, many hundred years longer than you live now. 182

RAEGEL
 By the sun goddess, really? What happened? 183

(sighs) ALEXA
 There were three Vampire clans that didn't like the balance of power. They didn't see Humans as equals. 184

RAEGEL
 Because you fed on us. 185

ALEXA
 Yes. They encountered a race called the Anunnaki and everything changed. 186

RAEGEL
 Why does that sound familiar - wait, I read this. Didn't you help wipe them out? 187

ALEXA
 Yes. I did. But, when they were here on Nomormia, they'd found a way to manipulate genomes, and apparently manipulating humans was easy. There was a war, but with the Anunnaki's help the Vampire clans won and your race was altered to what you are now. 188

RAEGEL
 Goddess. 189
 (beat)

And you didn't know about any of this? 190

ALEXA
 No, I didn't. These records were kept hidden. The only council members who knew were my mother and another. 191
 (MORE)

ALEXA (cont'd)

I suspect there maybe be one or two more, but until I can prove it I'll have to keep my suspicions to myself.

RAEGEL 192
I... well, fuck. This is a lot.

ALEXA 193
I know. Take your time with it.

(beat) RAEGEL 194
I don't understand why the truth matters now. We're changed, there's nothing we can do about it.

ALEXA 195
That's not... entirely true.

RAEGEL 196
What do you mean?

ALEXA 197
That device in the cave, we think it can undo what's been done to your people.

RAEGEL 198
Wait. Wait. Alexa, are you serious? I could be strong? Like you?

(smiling) ALEXA 199
You already are. But if you mean physically, yes, we think so.

RAEGEL 200
This is amazing! I could- Oh. Shit. Your council is never going to allow this are they? And even if they did... fuck. I told you in the letter not everyone wants revenge against Vampires but this is- I don't know how humans would respond to this.

ALEXA 201
I'm not going to let the council keep your people from knowing the truth. Vampires did this to humans. My bloodline, did this to humans.

RAEGEL 202
You weren't there. You're not responsible for this.

ALEXA 203
 No, but I've reaped the benefits of it for centuries. All my kind has. We owe a debt and it's time to pay.

RAEGEL 204
 Then we'll figure something out. I can actually be useful for this. I'm not going to let my kin start a war of revenge-

Raegel's doorbell rings.

ALEXA 205
 Were you expecting someone?

RAEGEL 206
 Not at all. Is it all right you're here?

ALEXA 207
 Yes. I'm where I want to be.

ALEXA (V.O.) 208
 Despite the seriousness of our conversation the smile he gave me warmed me. He curved a hand around my cheek and kissed me again.

The doorbell rings again.

RAEGEL
 (mutters) 209
 Bastards.

RAEGEL
 (calling out) 210
 I'm coming, I'm coming.

The sound of sheets, and Raegel putting on pants. He pulls open the door and Boise is standing there.

RAEGEL (cont'd) 211
 Well isn't this a weird sort of déjà vu.

BOISE 212
 Is she here?

RAEGEL 213
 Who?

BOISE
 (warning) 214
 Raegel -

ALEXA 215
 Boise? What's wrong?

BOISE
Why don't you have your communicator? 216

ALEXA
Because I didn't want to be disturbed.
What's wrong? 217

BOISE
Long range scanner picked up a ship. It's
the Orai. 218

The tone changes immediately. Alexa's soft expression bleeding away to the mask of the warrior. A warrior who was afraid.

ALEXA
What? Are you sure? 219

BOISE
Confirmed. There's an emergency council
meeting. 220

RAEGEL
Wait, who are the Orai. 221

ALEXA
That won't help. We're going to need more
than that. ETA? 222

BOISE
A week, tops. 223

ALEXA
Fuck. Their ships are that fast? 224

BOISE
Yup. 225

RAEGEL
Alexa what's going on? 226

ALEXA
Get dressed. We're going to find out if that
machine does what we think it does. 227

RAEGEL
What? Why? 228

BOISE
Alexa are you sure? 229

ALEXA
You know what they are, Boise. And we
can't fight in the sun. Well loose this
planet in less than a year. 230

BOISE 231
 Fuuuuck. Last reports they weren't
 anywhere near our solar system.

ALEXA 232
 Doesn't matter now, does it.

RAEGEL 233
 Alexa what's going on.

ALEXA 234
 We have to go. I'll explain on the way.

SFX: Transition sound.

9 EXT. AKASHIC CAVE

We hear the howl of wind again and the sound of the transport arriving back at the cave. We hear the crunch of the trio's booted feet over the loose rocks as they march to the cave.

10 INT. AKASHIC CHAMBER

We hear their echoing footsteps as they enter the chamber. We hear the sound of Alexa typing on her tablet and a holograph of instructions appearing.

ALEXA 235
 That device is called a Holon. You'll need to
 get inside of it. But first, one of these
 crystals is yours. It should glow when
 you're near it-

RAEGEL 236
 Alexa wait.

ALEXA 237
 We don't have a lot of time.

RAEGEL 238
 I know. But... in case something goes wrong
 I need to say this.

ALEXA 239
 Nothing is going to happen to you.

RAEGEL 240
 You don't know that for certain do you?

ALEXA

I... (sighs) 241
 No. I don't. 242

ALEXA (V.O.)

He came closer, taking my hands. He 243
 looked down at our joined hands in silence
 for a long moment, running his thumb over
 the back of my knuckles. I knew the
 urgency of what was bearing down on us,
 but still I waited for him. When he finally
 spoke those beautiful eyes of his met
 mine.

RAEGEL

I want you to know that whatever comes 244
 next I will fight with you. For you, if I have
 too. You have my word.

ALEXA

Raegel... I... 245

RAEGEL
 (smiling)

I know, I'm ridiculous. I- 246

ALEXA (V.O.)

I kissed him, cutting off his words. I didn't 247
 want him to say it yet. Not yet. I didn't
 know why. Maybe I wanted him to go
 through this change and see if the person
 who came out the Holon felt the same.
 Maybe I was afraid to hear it again, after
 all this time. But I suppose it didn't matter
 if words were said, because I could feel it
 in the way he kissed me.

BOISE
 (disgusted)

Are you done? There is still a murderous, 248
 unstoppable race on their way.

ALEXA (V.O.)

I lingered in his mouth a little longer, less 249
 to annoy Boise and more because I wanted
 too. But I did finally let him go.

ALEXA

I'll be here. 250

RAEGEL

Be right back. 251

SFX: Transition Sound

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We hear the sound of Alexa's pen on the paper. After a beat the sound of her communication device ringing.

ALEXA 252
Are you all right?

As Raegel answers we should hear the sounds of a furious battle behind him.

RAEGEL 253
You're beautiful.

ALEXA 254
(chuckle)
You're a mess.

RAEGEL 255
But a sexy one, right?

ALEXA 256
I suppose.
(beat. more serious)
Tell me. 257

RAEGEL 258
(sighs)
It's not going to hold, not for much longer.

ALEXA 259
(beat)
All right. Come back here, we'll change the plan.

RAEGEL 260
I will. There's a group trapped in sector seven. We're going to pick them up on our way.

ALEXA 261
Sector seven is lost, Raegel.

RAEGEL 262
I know.

ALEXA 263
Ra-

RAEGEL
 You're the hammer. I'm the shadow. I'll get 264
 them from right under the Orai's noses and
 be back to kiss you. I promise.

ALEXA 265
 You better.

RAEGEL 266
 What chapter are you on?

ALEXA 267
 I'm almost finished.
 (beat) 268
 I should have let you tell me. I should have
 let you say it every time you wanted
 because I'll never hear it enough.

RAEGEL
 (smiling) 269
 Is that right. Well then I'll say it now.
 Alexa Vires I-

We hear the sound of an explosion, static, and the communication
 device being abruptly shut off.

ALEXA 270
 Raegel? Raegel!
 (beat) 271
 Fuck.