

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  
You've done all that in a week? 1

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

RAEGEL  
Huh. 3

KASRA  
I know that face. 4

RAEGEL  
What? 5

KASRA  
If you ruin this for us- 6

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

KASRA  
What are you thinking then? 8

RAEGEL  
(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. 9

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

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

KASRA  
(beat)  
Fine. What? 12

RAEGEL  
What if we could sit equal to  
Vampires. 13

KASRA  
(laughs in no fucking  
way)

RAEGEL  
I'm serious. What if, without a civil 14  
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.)  
This wasn't the first conversation 15  
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  
Can we even talk about this? Isn't 16  
this... treason?

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

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

KASRA  
How? 19

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

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

RAEGEL  
Yeah. What about it? 22

KASRA

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. 23

RAEGEL

Right. Okay. Fuck him then. Others? 24

KASRA

(beat)

I don't know, people are people, Raegel. 25

RAEGEL

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

KASRA

(beat)

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

KASRA

(thinking)

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

KASRA

(thoughtful)

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  
 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. 37

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

RAEGEL  
 Why would I? 39

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

RAEGEL  
 (beat)  
 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. 41

KASRA  
 You like her. 42

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

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

RAEGEL  
 (laughs)  
 Yeah, neither did I. 45

We hear the chair scoot back as Raegel rises.

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

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 Automatons as they whizz by.

RAEGEL (V.O.)  
It'd been eight long days, and I 47  
hadn't heard 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, 48  
there 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 49  
will collect your letters every  
Friday.

RAEGEL (cont'd)  
Yes! Thank you, Boise. I knew you 50  
liked me.

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, 51  
don't waste the paper, Raegel. Think.  
(MORE)

RAEGEL (V.O.) (cont'd)  
 (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.) 53  
 I'd spent the last week healing and 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.

(MORE)

ALEXA (V.O.) (cont'd)  
 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)  
 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 lose in the blink of an eye, simply to time. Unless he was right. This cave held many secrets, perhaps... 60

BOSIE  
 Ready? 61

ALEXA  
 (beat)  
 Let's go. 62

ALEXA (V.O.)  
 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. 63  
 64

SFX: Passage of time transition

5 INT. VAMPIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

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

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

ALEXA  
Valoria challenged me and she lost. 68

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

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

SELIANA  
(deep Vampire voice)  
We will have order. 71  
(beat)  
Alexa, this council was not made  
aware of any war between the Vires  
Clans. What has occurred? 72

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

ANDERE  
The cave? It is forbidden! 74

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

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

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

SELIANA  
 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. 78

ALEXA  
 Valoria. She was no mother. 79

SELIANA  
 I see. 80

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

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

ANDERE  
 Fuck you, Nicu. 83

NICU  
 Not even if you asked me nicely. 84

SELIANA  
 (booming voice)  
 Enough. 85

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

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

ALEXA  
 This council need not be concerned. My aim 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. 88

ANDERE

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

ALEXA

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

SELIANA

This council is adjourned to review the 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? 91

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 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. 93

SELIANA (cont'd)

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. 94

ALEXA  
 (Strong yet, weary)  
 The Clan of Valoria Vires has fallen. 95  
 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  
 Is this all of it? 96

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

ALEXA  
 Not willingly I'm sure. 98

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

ALEXA  
 I know why you think that. 101

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

ALEXA  
 So would I. 103

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

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

BOSIE  
 Worth it for who? 106

ALEXA  
 (sighs but says  
 nothing. Thoughtful)

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

ALEXA  
 I know. I know how this could play 108  
 out.

(beat)  
 But what if we're wrong? Change 109  
 doesn't have to come with violence.

BOSIE  
 You're asking for a lot of 110  
 understanding from a race we have  
 been eating. Literally, eating.

(beat)  
 This cave, holon's, the process... 111  
 you don't know for certain this would  
 make him live as long as you do.

ALEXA  
 This isn't about him- 112

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

ALEXA  
 It's not *only* about him. I can be a 114  
 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  
 And I get that. But that's you, 115  
 Alexa. What about every other Vampire  
 on Nomoria?

ALEXA  
 We don't have a right to keep humans 116  
 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.

BOSIE  
 (beat)  
 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.)  
I stared at the letter for a short 133  
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.)  
Alexa... Hi. Where to start this? 134  
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)  
Anyway, you'll be pleased to know I'm 135  
not causing trouble.

(MORE)

RAEGEL (V.O.) (cont'd)  
 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 137  
 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.

ALEXA  
 Love... Raegel. 138  
 (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  
You trimmed your beard. I like it. 140

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

ALEXA  
(smiling)  
So I am. 142

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

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

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

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

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

RAEGEL (V.O.)  
I kissed her. It's all I'd been 148  
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  
Talk now... or later...? 149

ALEXA  
Later. 150

RAEGEL  
I'm only human now. 151

ALEXA  
(amused)  
You were only human before. 152

RAEGEL  
It was different. 153

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

RAEGEL  
(grinning)  
Please don't. 155

ALEXA  
(laughing)

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

ALEXA (V.O.)  
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. 156

ALEXA  
These aren't all from Clan Sora? 157

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

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

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

ALEXA  
(laughs)

RAEGEL  
Can I ask you something? 161

ALEXA  
Of course. 162

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

ALEXA  
 When I was younger I liked to fight. 164  
 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  
 Whose that? 165

ALEXA  
 Lilith is... magnificent. Perhaps one 166  
 day I'll take you to meet her. 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 169  
 was a teacher, mentor, and a friend I  
 suppose. I haven't seen her in  
 centuries.

ALEXA (V.O.)  
 He propped himself onto his side, 170  
 smiling at me.

RAEGEL  
 I'd like that. To see the galaxy with 171  
 you.  
 (beat. A laugh.)  
 Goddess, I never thought I'd get to 172  
 say that and it be a real  
 possibility.

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 175  
 you. How you feel about going  
 anywhere with me might change after  
 that.

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 181  
this change is going to be... hard.  
(beat)  
Raegel, four thousand years ago, 182  
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.

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

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

RAEGEL  
Because you fed on us. 185

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

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

ALEXA  
Yes. I did. But, when they were here 188  
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.

RAEGEL  
Goddess. 189  
(beat)  
And you didn't know about any of 190  
this?

ALEXA  
No, I didn't. These records were kept 191  
hidden. The only council members who  
knew were my mother and another. 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  
I... well, fuck. This is a lot. 192

ALEXA  
I know. Take your time with it. 193

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

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

RAEGEL  
What do you mean? 196

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

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

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

RAEGEL

This is amazing! I could- Oh. Shit. 200  
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

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

RAEGEL

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

ALEXA

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

RAEGEL

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

Raegel's doorbell rings.

ALEXA

Were you expecting someone? 205

RAEGEL

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

ALEXA

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

ALEXA (V.O.)

Despite the seriousness of our 208  
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)  
 Bastards. 209  
 (calling out)  
 I'm coming, I'm coming. 210

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

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

BOISE  
 Is she here? 212

RAEGEL  
 Who? 213

BOISE  
 (warning)  
 Raegel - 214

ALEXA  
 Boise? What's wrong? 215

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. 218  
 It's the Orai.

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

ALEXA  
Doesn't matter now, does it. 232

RAEGEL  
Alexa what's going on. 233

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

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  
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  
Alexa wait.

ALEXA  
We don't have a lot of time.

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

ALEXA  
Nothing is going to happen to you.

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

ALEXA  
I...  
(sighs)  
No. I don't.

ALEXA (V.O.)  
He came closer, taking my hands. He 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 next I will fight with you. For you, if I have too. You have my word.

ALEXA  
Raegel... I...

RAEGEL  
 (smiling)  
 I know, I'm ridiculous. I- 246

ALEXA (V.O.)  
 I kissed him, cutting off his words. 247  
 I didn't 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 248  
 murderous, unstoppable race on their  
 way.

ALEXA (V.O.)  
 I lingered in his mouth a little 249  
 longer, less 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

11 INT. ALEXA'S STUDY

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

ALEXA  
 Are you all right? 252

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

RAEGEL  
 You're beautiful. 253

ALEXA  
(chuckle)  
You're a mess. 254

RAEGEL  
But a sexy one, right? 255

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

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

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

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

ALEXA  
Sector seven is lost, Raegel. 261

RAEGEL  
I know. 262

ALEXA  
Ra- 263

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

ALEXA  
You better. 265

RAEGEL  
What chapter are you on? 266

ALEXA  
I'm almost finished.  
(MORE)

ALEXA (cont'd)

(beat)

I should have let you tell me. I 267  
should have let you say it every time  
you wanted because I'll never hear it  
enough.

RAEGEL

(smiling)

Is that right. Well then I'll say it 268  
now. Alexa Vires I-

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

ALEXA

Raegel? Raegel! 269

(beat)

Fuck. 270