

Vampire Beginnings The Finale Part 1

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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.

BOISE

Alexa-

ALEXA

(still writing)

I know.

BOISE

The barricade won't hold much longer.

ALEXA

I know.

(still writing. Beat)

Has - has he reported in?

BOISE

(beat)

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

ALEXA

(a chuckle but it's almost sad)

Just another minute. I'm almost finished.

BOISE

You don't have to catalogue this. We're not losing-

ALEXA

(interrupts)

Just in case.

BOISE

(sighs)

I'll get the transport ready.

ALEXA

Thank you, Boise.

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-
 (her voice catches)
 Mother moon protect him. Just a little
 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
 Nomoria, according to the latest war
 report.
 (beat)
 Perhaps my mother... Valoria was right
 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
 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 - PRE-ROLL AD BREAK

RADIO DJ
 You're listening to the Pulse of Nomoria.
 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.

ALEXA

(reading from her tablet)

Yes. According to what we've learned 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?

BOISE

It means get your crystal and get in the machine.

ALEXA

(gentle)

Boise.

BOISE

The Orai aren't waiting for his questions.

ALEXA

I know. I know.

(to Raegel)

Apparently it contains the memories of 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 slab of crystal that separated the top and bottom pyramid shaped tips.

RAEGEL

Right. Right. Sorry Boise. Moving faster.

BOISE

(exasperated)

Thank you.

ALEXA (V.O.)

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?

BOISE

The Council is convening.

ALEXA

(a breath, pulling
herself back together)

Good.

BOISE

They're asking for you.

ALEXA

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

RAEGEL

Got it!

BOISE

Finally.

RAEGEL

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

ALEXA

Just hold it, and get inside.

RAEGEL

Then what?

ALEXA

We're not sure.

RAEGEL

Oh.

(MORE)

RAEGEL (cont'd)

(beat)

Right. Here we go.

We hear Raegel walking up to the crystal slab.

ALEXA

(to Boise)

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

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.

ALEXA

When will we receive the shipment from
moth-

(beat. She was no
mother)

Valoria's off world storage?

BOISE

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

ALEXA

She was good at commanding loyalty.

BOISE

She was good at manipulating.

ALEXA

Yes... she was.

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.

RAEGEL

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

ALEXA (V.O.)

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

RAEGEL

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

ALEXA
What do you mean it feels-

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.

RAEGEL
Hey! It's open!

ALEXA
Raegel what do you s-

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...

ALEXA
Raegel? Raegel?! Can you hear me?

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.

BOISE
Found the control panel!

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.

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

BOISE
No fucking way that jackass was a
Vampire.

ALEXA
(amused)
Apparently he... was?

BOISE
(disgusted noise)

AI VOICE
Soul is currently human. DNA structure
broken. Would you like to repair DNA and
give access to previous soul records?

ALEXA
Goddess. This could work. Yes, yes
computer repair and... give access.

AI VOICE
Processing.... Voice pattern recognized.
Aura scanning commencing, please hold
still.

ALEXA (V.O.)
I didn't know what aura scanning was, but I
did stand still. I was encased in a
translucent blue light. I'd been scanned by
drones before but this was very different.
This felt... welcoming.

AI VOICE
Processing... record found. Welcome back,
Alexa Vires. Accepted. Soul access
granted. DNA repair commencing.

ALEXA (V.O.)
The holographic screen changed. I was no
healer, I did not understand any of the
technical data that scrolled rapidly. I could
only guess it was... working?

BOISE
Something about all this is bothering me.

ALEXA
What are you thinking?

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

ALEXA

If the dates on the files are correct yes.
(beat)

I know. The Elders would have been alive during it.

BOISE

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

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

BOISE

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

AI VOICE

Historical records online. Would you like to access?

ALEXA

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

BOISE

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

ALEXA

Better them than the Orai.

BOISE

Honestly, I'd prefer neither.

ALEXA

No argument there. But...

BOISE

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

ALEXA

Yes, computer I would like to access-

ANDERE

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

BOISE
Oh fuck, here we go.

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.

SELIANA
You don't trust, Alexa?

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

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.

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

MONA

Very well.
(beat)

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

INT. AKASHIC CAVE

Alexa and Boise stand off with Andere.

ALEXA

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

ANDERE

You don't know that!

ALEXA

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

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.

ALEXA

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

ANDERE

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

ALEXA

Clearly, considering what you did to them!

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.

BOISE

Oh, fuck you.

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.

ANDERE

Listen here you bitch-

BOISE

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

ANDERE

Or what lackey?

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.

ANDERE

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

ALEXA

Why can't I? You clearly did.

ANDERE

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

ALEXA (V.O.)

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

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

SELIANA

(Vampire voice)

ENOUGH.

ALEXA (V.O.)

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

Process complete.

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

ALEXA (V.O.)

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

Hi.

ALEXA (V.O.)

The relief that left me dropped my shoulders. I smiled back at him.

ALEXA

Hi yourself. How do you feel?

ANDERE

(disgusted sound)

What have you done, Alexa.

SELIANA

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.

ALEXA

Raegel?

RAEGEL

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

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.

RAEGEL

We've got so much to talk about.

AI VOICE

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

ANDERE

(Panicked)

NO!

ALEXA

YES!

SELIANA

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

ANDERE

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

RAEGEL

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

ANDERE
You don't know shit, you-

RAEGEL
Actually I do. I was there.

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.

ANDERE
(disgusted)
Taos.

RAEGEL
(smirks)
Andere.

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)
That hurt. Alexa come in?
(beat. Static.)
Stronghold Vires come in? Can you read me?

Nothing but static.

RAEGEL (cont'd)
Damn.

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?

ANDERE
(in pain)
Raegel? Well, fuck.

RAEGEL
Where are the others?

ANDERE
I told them to run. Is it dead?

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

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

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

RAEGEL
I'll get it.

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

RAEGEL (cont'd)
Can you walk?

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

RAEGEL
For wha-

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

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

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

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

ANDERE
Fair. But we're old friends.

RAEGEL
Hardly. Is there anyone else trapped here?

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

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

ANDERE
I'm not as fast as you are.

RAEGEL
Keep. Up.

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.

We hear the quiet beep of Raegel's communicator

RAEGEL
(as he's running)
Alexa come in.
(Still static. beat)
Stronghold Vires, come in.
(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.

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.
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
about it.

ALEXA

I'm not complaining.

ALEXA (V.O.)

I touched his face, meeting his eyes.
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.

RAEGEL

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

ALEXA

From Taos?

RAEGEL

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

ALEXA

How bad was it? Before?

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.

ALEXA

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

RAEGEL

Of course.

(beat)

This is it, isn't it? This meeting is going to decide what comes next for humans.

ALEXA

Yes. And the Orai are a week away.

RAEGEL

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

ALEXA

I know.

(beat)

I'm going to make this right. Whatever the consequence. But if I can't get the majority to agree with me-

RAEGEL

You will.

ALEXA

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

RAEGEL

What kind of arrangements?

ALEXA

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

RAEGEL

I'm not leaving you.

ALEXA

Raegel this isn't a game-

RAEGEL

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

ALEXA (V.O.)

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

ALEXA

Raegel... I-

We hear the sound of the inner transport door opening.

BOISE

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

RAEGEL

Amazing timing as ever, Boise.

BOISE

(disgusted sound)

ALEXA (V.O.)

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

ALEXA

We do. Call Nicu.

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?

RAEGEL

Raegel.

MONA

And you carry the memories of Taos
Silvan?

RAEGEL

I was he a lifetime ago, yes.

MONA

And now you have the strength of a
Vampire?

RAEGEL

Yes, thanks to the Holon. I am as humans
were before the war.

ARMAND

It is disgraceful that we even allow this
human to speak here.

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.

ARMAND

Excuse me?

RAEGEL

Your father was a proud member of the
Council on Joint Relations between Humans
and Vampires.

ARMAND

LIES.

ALEXA

Elders - is that true?

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?

MONA

You say you were Taos. Do you know me?

RAEGEL

I do, Mona. Taos knew you all. And you knew him.

(beat)

Don't you remember?

SELIANA

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

RAEGEL

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

SELIANA

How would you-

MONA

(interrupts)

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

RAEGEL

This council did not exist 4,000 years ago.

ANDERE

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

SELIANA

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

ANDERE

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

MONA

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

RAEGEL

Andere is correct that tensions were high 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.

RAEGEL

It's the truth.

NICU

I'm embarrassed. I'm fucking embarrassed. 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?

NICU

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

THESSA

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

ALEXA (V.O.)

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

BOISE

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

ALEXA

The old pyramids?

BOISE

Yep.

ANDERE

Let this go. The Orai-

NICU

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

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.

ALEXA

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

ANDERE

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

ALEXA

Look in a fucking mirror, Andere.

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?

ANDERE

I am trying to protect you all.

THESSA

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

SELIANA

(beat)

We will allow the message to be played.

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.

SELIANA

(in a hypnotic voice)

This way, the only way. This way, your way...

MONA

(in a hypnotic voice)

...The past removed. The new begins...

BOISE

What the fuck?

ALEXA (V.O.)

It was startling. All of the Elders began acting like Seliana, repeating the words of the message.

ARMAND

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

RAEGEL

Me? What could I have possibly done?

ALEXA

This isn't Raegel you idiot.

ALEXA (V.O.)

My eyes shot to Andere. His head was between his shoulders, his entire posture tense and... defeated.

ALEXA

By the moon goddess Andere, what did you do?

ANDERE

(beat. Defeated)

What I had too, Alexa. What we decided was best for Vampires, so someone like Taos could never infect us again.

(MORE)

ANDERE (cont'd)

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

NICU

Turn it off, Boise.

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.

MONA

We. Remember.

ANDERE

Mona-

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.

MONA

HOW? HOW DID YOU MANIPULATE OUR MINDS?

ANDERE

(choking)

Nefarta... the Anunnaki... ruins...

THESSA

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

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?

SELIANA

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

MONA

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

(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.

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.

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?

ARMAND

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

ALEXA

This is our home!

ARMAND

We can find another!

ALEXA

I will not abandon this planet.

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.

ALEXA

No. You're not.

ARMAND

Excuse me?

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.

(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-

ANDERE

(choking)

She's... right... please...

SELIANA

We will deal with him, Mona. Let him speak. 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 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.

ANDERE

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

NICU

I think after what you did, your clan should 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.

ALEXA

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

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.

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-

ANDERE

(interrupts)

Speak of them again, and I will kill you.

MONA

You will do nothing, Andere.

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?

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.

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.

NICU

Or... We compromise.

ANDERE

A compromise? Are you all right Nicu?

NICU

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

ANDERE

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

SELIANA

What is your proposal, Nicu?

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.

ARMAND

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

ALEXA

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

ARMAND

The sun I'm not.

ALEXA

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

ARMAND

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

ALEXA

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

SELIANA

Alexa-

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.

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.

ANDERE

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

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.

ANDERE

I wish I could believe that. I really do.

THESSA
I support Nicu and Alexa's proposal.

SELIANA
Then we shall put it to a formal vote.

INT. ORAI MOTHERSHIP

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

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

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

VROTIX
Load them faster or be put inside them!

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

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

VAPHOIR
Is all ready?

VROTIX
Yes. We will launch through the wormhole shortly.

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

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

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

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

VAPHOIR
Thank you, Vrotix.

VROTIX

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

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

END PART ONE