

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.
(MORE)

RADIO DJ (cont'd)
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.

(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.

(MORE)

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

(MORE)

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

(MORE)

SELIANA (cont'd)
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.

(MORE)

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

(MORE)

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

ANDERE (cont'd)
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.

(MORE)

RAEGEL (cont'd)
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. 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. 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.
 (MORE)

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

(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. They will continue to consume, and take, one planet after another until there is no where for anyone to hide.

(MORE)

ALEXA (cont'd)
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.

(MORE)

ALEXA (cont'd)

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