

**Galaxycats**  
**Episode 5 "Your Enemy, My Ally"**

**Intro**

*We see scenes from Episode 4, droids in the Prilan mines being destroyed, Vanilla and Tierans, Malteazer and Messzal running through the mines, Novek and Merq on the orbital station, Tieran.*

**TIERAN (V.O.)**

**Due to the combination of a Haynar uprising and Galaxycats intervention, I have chosen to abandon the F'lar base on the planet Prila.**

*Scene switches to Malteazer, Klissza, Novek and Merq, celebrating their success.*

**With Captain Vanilla as my prisoner, I have relocated to the Pantheran moon of Kralor, to oversee my next attack on the planet.**

*Scene fades. Title and credits appear.*

**1. Int. Shuttle**

*Sheba is onscreen.*

**SHEBA**

**Malteazer, I know you want to rescue Vanilla, but going after her alone isn't the best idea. If you return to Panthera now, we can assemble a proper team.**

**MALTEAZER**

**Captain, time is of the essence here. If the F'lar are planning to attack from Kralor, we need to drive them off as soon as possible.**

**SHEBA**

**And how exactly are you going to accomplish that by yourself? We didn't even have any idea that there was a F'lar base on Kralor, let alone any specific details on armaments or personnel.**

**MALTEAZER**

**And we won't have those details by the time I get back, either.**

**SHEBA**

**Malteazer, only an idiot would try to fly through the magnetic storms of Kralor unprepared. I am ordering you to return to Panthera.**

**MALTEAZER**

**All right, have it your way.**

**2. Sheba's Office, Rienne**

*Sheba is at her desk. Rialta rings the doorchime and then enters.*

**SHEBA**

**Take a seat, Minister.**

*Rialta sits.*

**RIALTA**

**Captain, my sources report that you have been in contact with Doctor Malteazer, and that a mission to the moon of Kralor was proposed.**

**SHEBA**

**Is it government policy to eavesdrop on classified communications?**

**RIALTA**

**Where Kralor is concerned, the military has already agreed that the government will have sole jurisdiction. No one is to visit that moon, no matter what the circumstances.**

**SHEBA**

**If Commander Vanilla's report is correct, then there is a F'lar base on Kralor. Even the government can't ignore that possibility.**

**RIALTA**

**If there was a F'lar base on Kralor, I can assure you that we would already know about it. There will be no mission to Kralor, and if you try to organise**

one against my wishes, I will see to it that your career in Galaxycats is finished!

*Rialta exits. As she does, Sheba receives an alert from the control room.*

**AQUILEGIA (V.O.)**

Captain, Doctor Malteazer has returned to Galaxycats.

**SHEBA**

Tell Malteazer to go back to her quarters- I'll talk to her there.

### **3. Malteazer's Quarters, Rienne**

*Malteazer is unpacking when the doorchime sounds.*

**MALTEAZER**

Enter.

*Sheba enters.*

Captain, this is rather an informal setting for a debriefing.

**SHEBA**

Malteazer, there's been an unexpected snag- Minister Rialta has flat out told me that she'll court martial me if I so much as try to send a mission to Kralor. There's no point my trying to take it up with the admiralty, either, not unless we want to hear a few more refusals.

**MALTEAZER**

So what now? We're just going to give up?

**SHEBA**

Of course not- but with Rialta breathing down our necks, we're going to have to take this carefully. The surface of Kralor is riddled with magnetic storms- it will be a miracle if we manage to land, let alone locate any F'lar base.

**MALTEAZER**

Okay, okay, I get the point- rushing in without thinking wasn't one of my best ideas. But more importantly than even getting there, who are we going to take? Our team will have to be small, but there's no way we can attempt this with just the two of us. For one thing, if these storms are as bad as rumoured, we're going to at least need a skilled pilot. I'm no slouch with a skimmer, but I wouldn't fancy my chances flying a shuttle into a geomagnetic storm.

**SHEBA**

There's one man I know who might be able to handle it- an old friend of mine who just happens to be Vanilla's former commanding officer.

**MALTEAZER**

I'm not familiar with the complete roster of Galaxycats personnel- you'll have to enlighten me as to the identity of this mystery man.

**SHEBA**

His name is Konran- just leave it to me to contact him.

**MALTEAZER**

That's one down, but we could use at least a couple more people.

**SHEBA**

I'm hesitant to talk to anyone under my command- this mission is against all the regs, and important as it, I don't want to feel as if I'm ordering someone to ruin their career.

**MALTEAZER**

I understand. I admit I have no idea how we'll do this, but by the gods we have to at least try.

### **4. Corridor, Galaxycats, Rienne**

*Sheba is just going back to her quarters when Aquilegia comes up to her.*

**AQUILEGIA**

Captain, if you're not too busy, I'd really like to talk to you.

SHEBA

Of course- let's go back to my quarters.

5. Sheba's Quarters, Rienne

*Sheba enters, followed by Aquilegia. Sheba sits, but Aquilegia remains standing, clearly uncomfortable.*

SHEBA

Feel free to take a seat, Lieutenant.

AQUILEGIA

Yes Captain.

*Aquilegia sits down. Conversation is sparse, which is to say, nonexistent.*

SHEBA

You know, the funny thing about wanting to talk to someone is that it usually involves talking.

AQUILEGIA

I'm sorry, Captain, it's just that...well, it's Minster Rialta...

SHEBA

What about her?

AQUILEGIA

Captain, I didn't want to do it, but she...she made me hand over our communications logs, told me it was within her authority to have access to them. That's how she knew about Kralor- because of me. I'm so sorry, Captain.

SHEBA

It's all right, Aquilegia- you'd have been well within your rights to refuse her, but I bet a manipulative c'ren like Rialta wouldn't let you know that.

AQUILEGIA

If there's anything I can do to make up for this...

SHEBA

I really didn't want to ask this, but...Lieutenant, Malteazer and I are planning a mission to Kralor; strictly off the books, you understand. Your skills would be useful to us on this mission, but I have no intention of forcing you into something that could spell the end of your career.

AQUILEGIA

We didn't free Panthera just to have the F'lar attack us from Kralor- and even if that wasn't an issue, I would want to come with you just to help rescue Commander Vanilla. If you think I can really be of some use to you, then count me in.

SHEBA

Thanks, Aquilegia.

*Sheba's desk-com bleeps.*

Oh, what now?

FERRERO (V.O.)

A person named Blossom is requesting permission to land. She claims to be an acquaintance of Commander Vanilla.

SHEBA

Contact Malteazer and ask her to go down and talk to this Blossom.

FERRERO (V.O.)

Aye, Captain.

SHEBA

Aquilegia, if that's all, there are a couple of other things I need to arrange.

We'll discuss specifics for the mission later, but for now I guess I should remind you to keep this strictly confidential.

**AQUILEGIA**

**I think I'd figured that part out, sir.**

*Aquilegia leaves.*

**6. Hangar Bay, Galaxycats, Rienne**

*Malteazer is waiting. A skimmer lands and Blossom gets out.*

**MALTEAZER**

**You're Blossom, I take it?**

**BLOSSOM**

**Where's Commander Vanilla?**

**MALTEAZER**

**Well, clearly she's not here.**

**BLOSSOM**

**You must be Doctor Malteazer, am I right?**

**MALTEAZER**

**I am- is this conversation going anywhere? Perhaps you'd care to venture a little more about who you are?**

**BLOSSOM**

**Well, uh...oh, to hell with it. Just take me to somewhere where we can talk, and I'll tell you everything.**

**7. Sheba's Quarters, Rienne**

*Sheba is talking to Konran on her desktop comm-screen.*

**KONRAN**

**Sheba! This is certainly a surprise. Have you finally called to tell me you never meant for us to break up?**

**SHEBA**

**You wish. But you know, it is about time we started talking to each other again- I never even congratulated you on your latest promotion. You should come and have dinner with me in Rienne, sometime.**

**KONRAN**

**Dinner? What the-**

**SHEBA**

**Well, call me back soon- but let's take it slow this time, okay?**

*Switch to*

**8. Konran's Quarters, Tavier**

*Sheba has terminated the communication.*

**KONRAN**

**Take it slow- what in hell was she talking about?**

*Konran thinks for a moment.*

**Computer, play that message back at one-eighth speed.**

*Sheba's communication starts playing back in slow motion. Konran notices something flash up on screen that wasn't visible at normal speed. He fiddles around until he has it paused on his computer screen. Message reads:*

***"Glad you figured it out. You should have received an encrypted file with this transmission. If you still have the same attitude to the rules that I remember, then open it."***

*Konran finds the file, opens it, and begins reading.*

**Kralor...? Well, I guess if you're going to break the rules, you might as well go the whole way.**

**9. Malteazer's Quarters, Rienne**

*Malteazer and Blossom are there. Blossom has just finished talking about Strike Force and the events of episode 3.*

**MALTEAZER**

So in short, what you're trying to tell me is that not only are you a member of some top secret clandestine organisation, but that you even recruited Vanilla when she was in Markarre? And yet despite the classified nature of this "Strike Force" you've come here and started discussing it with me openly?

BLOSSOM

I didn't really want to reveal all this to you, but I really couldn't see any other way to explain who I was. Besides, I'm not even a member of Strike Force anymore. I got sick of having to live in the shadows and lie about who I am.

MALTEAZER

Even so, I can't imagine your former colleagues be too pleased when they find out you told an ex-F'lar of all people about their existence.

BLOSSOM

I won't deny the possibility that I might have put us both at risk- but I'm hoping that you won't reveal this information to anyone else, and that now you'll trust me enough to tell me where Vanilla is.

MALTEAZER

If you must know, Vanilla is currently being held prisoner on Kralor- so I'm afraid she won't be able to help you with whatever you wanted from her.

BLOSSOM

Kralor? How did she end up there?

MALTEAZER

That's a story that's potentially longer than yours.

BLOSSOM

Well, I guess that doesn't really matter- but I'd wager more than a few credits that you'll be going after her.

MALTEAZER

And if we are?

BLOSSOM

Then I can tell you this now- you won't even get off this planet without my help. Kralor isn't what you think it is- get too interested in it, and you might find yourself shot down by your own side.

MALTEAZER

Nobody offers to do something for free- what do you want in return?

BLOSSOM

Nothing just yet, but if a time comes when I do need something, maybe you would be so kind as to oblige me.

MALTEAZER

How convenient for you. I'm sorry, but I don't walk into that kind of deal.

We'll manage fine on our own.

BLOSSOM

If you don't mind, I'll stick around for a few days anyway- just in case you change your mind.

#### 10. Sheba's Office, Rienne

*Sheba, Konran, Aquilegia and Malteazer are there.*

SHEBA

I should have known this wasn't going to be as easy as it looked. All we need to do is 'acquire' a shuttle, but Rialta's made that near impossible- she's even put the spaceport into a state of lockdown!

MALTEAZER

I was afraid of this...Sheba, I think I know a way we can pull this off.

SHEBA

Something to do with your new friend Blossom?

MALTEAZER

I'd hardly call her a friend, but yes.

SHEBA

If you think bringing her in will help us get off the ground, then by all means do it.

*Malteazer nods, clearly not too happy.*

**11. Corridor, Outside Blossom's Quarters, Rienne**

*Malteazer presses the doorchime. Blossom answers the door.*

MALTEAZER

I think you know why I'm here.

BLOSSOM

Just think how much less embarrassing this would be if you hadn't refused me in the first place.

MALTEAZER

Don't play games- will you do it or not?

BLOSSOM

I really should make you ask nicely, but what the hell. I'll show you how it's done.

**12. Monitoring Room, Spaceport**

*Two guards watch spaceport activity via security monitors.*

GUARD #1

I don't know why this place has to be on lockdown; it's boring as hell.

GUARD #2

Haven't you watch enough movies? If something does happen, it's the security guards that get knocked out first.

GUARD #1

I'd like to see someone try.

*As if on cue, Sheba and Blossom teleport in and disable the guards. Blossom moves to a control console and starts work.*

BLOSSOM

Okay, I'll just tap into the security feeds and make sure the other monitoring stations don't see anything out of the ordinary.

*Blossom works a little more.*

Right, now the others can teleport to the shuttle bay.

**13. Shuttle Bay, Spaceport**

*Aquilegia, Konran and Malteazer materialise outside a shuttle.*

MALTEAZER

You two look out for guards- I can handle breaking into this thing.

*Aquilegia and Konran take up guard positions whilst Malteazer hacks into the shuttle. The hatch is soon open and she goes inside.*

**14. Int. Shuttle**

*Malteazer heads to the pilot's console.*

MALTEAZER

Okay, I'm hacking the OS and warming her up. Aquilegia, contact the others and tell them to 'port over here.

**15. Shuttle Bay, Spaceport**

*Aquilegia fumbles with her communicator and withdraws it.*

AQUILEGIA

Sheba, you can come over here now.

SHEBA (V.O.)

Acknowledged.

*The conversation alerts a guard patrolling the other side of the shuttle bay. He comes over, gun drawn, followed by his partner.*

**GUARD #3**

**What are you doing here?**

**KONRAN**

**Trying to steal a shuttle, obviously.**

**GUARD #3**

**Keep quiet, smart mouth, unless you want to get a mouth full of plasma.**

**KONRAN**

**Why are guards always so stupid? First you ask me a question, then when I answer, you tell me to shut up.**

**GUARD #3**

**That's it, I'm-**

*The guard seems to be about to take action, but Sheba and Blossom materialise and take down both guards.*

**SHEBA**

**I never thought I'd have to rescue you, Konran.**

**AQUILEGIA**

**I'm sorry, Captain- it was my fault.**

**SHEBA**

**Never mind that now. We should get going.**

*An alarm starts sounding as Aquilegia, Konran, Sheba and Blossom climb into the shuttle.*

### **16. Int. Shuttle**

*Konran is in the pilot's seat, with Malteazer as copilot. Sheba, Aquilegia and Blossom are in the back.*

**MALTEAZER**

**I've hacked into the controls for the launch catapult. We're good to go.**

**KONRAN**

**I hope so.**

*The shuttle receives a transmission.*

**PANTHERAN (V.O.)**

**Shuttle thieves, please cease and desist. You will be apprehended.**

**RIALTA (V.O.)**

**If you do this, Sheba, you'll be ruining your career!**

*Malteazer cuts off the transmission.*

**MALTEAZER**

**Sheba...**

**SHEBA**

**We've come this far- there's no point giving up now.**

### **17. Ext. Spaceport**

*A shuttle launches and heads into space.*

### **18. Space- Kralor**

*We see a reddish moon wracked with storm activity. The shuttle is in orbit.*

### **19. Int. Shuttle**

*As before.*

**KONRAN**

**I've achieved a stable orbit, but I can't see a clear way to take her down with all these storms.**

**MALTEAZER**

**I'm scanning now...wait a grad, this can't be right.**

**BLOSSOM**

Let me guess- according to your readings the storms are artificially generated, and there's some kind of cave complex below the surface.

SHEBA

Anything else you'd like to reveal before we're up to our necks in trouble?

BLOSSOM

I don't know the full story myself- it was just an educated guess based on rumours I'd heard.

MALTEAZER

It won't be an easy ride, but I've plotted a course that should take us down to the underground complex.

KONRAN

Should we really just head straight down into what may be a F'lar underground base?

MALTEAZER

I can't see that we have much choice- unless you fancy a stroll on the surface.

KONRAN

Okay then- we're heading in.

**20. Kralor**

*The shuttle descends, and soon gets buffeted by the turbulence.*

**21. Int. Shuttle**

*As before, except with more shaking.*

SHEBA

Hey Konran, I thought you said you were a better pilot now.

KONRAN

Brace yourselves, everyone- this landing is going to be bumpy at best.

**22. Kralor**

*The shuttle makes a rough landing.*

**23. Blackness**

MALTEAZER (V.O.)

Where am I?

VANILLA (V.O.)

Malteazer, is that you?

TIERAN (V.O.)

Welcome, Doctor Malteazer.

*The blackness clears into*

**24. Int. Shuttle**

*Everyone is a little the worse for wear after the landing.*

SHEBA

That was far from a textbook landing.

KONRAN

You know what we pilots say- any landing you can walk away from is a good one.

*Malteazer is still working at her console.*

MALTEAZER

Blossom, are you sure you don't know anything about this place?

BLOSSOM

I told you- only rumours.

MALTEAZER

Well then, did any of your rumours indicate that there were people living here?

SHEBA

People? Where?

**MALTEAZER**

**Well, to be perfectly honest, they're...**

*The shuttle is shaken by something from outside.*

**MALTEAZER**

**...right outside.**

**25. Outside shuttle, Kralor**

*A group of figures wearing breathing masks use shock sticks to electrify the shuttle's hull. After a few moments, they stop, and one breaks open the hatch.*

**26. Int. Shuttle**

*Malteazer and the others are unconscious. The masked figures enter and strip the shuttle of all quickly removable components.*

**FIGURE A**

**What do we do with these Pantherans?**

**FIGURE B**

**Let's take them with us.**

**FIGURE C**

**Compassion, Tabitha?**

**TABITHA (FIGURE B)**

**Hardly.**

*The other masked figures carry Sheba and the others off, along with their salvage. Tabitha sets a charge and follows them out.*

**27. Caves, Kralor**

*The masked figures hurry underground, passing through an atmospheric force shield, just as the shuttle explodes. Turning back, Tabitha removes her mask- she is a female Pantheran of around Sheba's age.*

**TABITHA**

**It's better this way. We shouldn't even try to go back.**

**FIGURE C**

**Come on, Tabitha.**

**28. Sealed Room, Caves, Kralor**

*Sheba, Malteazer, Konran, Blossom and Aquilegia are secured and just waking up.*

**MALTEAZER**

**Not this old scenario again.**

**KONRAN**

**I'd really like to know what the hell is going on here. Why are there people living on Kralor?**

*As they are talking, Tabitha and Tybalt ('Figure C', a male Fessan) enter.*

**TABITHA**

**So it's just as we thought- most people back home don't even know about us.**

**KONRAN**

**Then why don't you fill us on the missing details?**

**TYBALT**

**Why should we bother? Let's just put them to work.**

**TABITHA**

**Haven't you an ounce of curiosity, Tybalt? Galaxy cats don't just drop in on our doorstep for no reason. We'll tell them our story- and in exchange, they'll explain exactly what they're doing here.**

**TYBALT**

**Why not just leave it to me? I'll get the information we need in no time.**

**TABITHA**

**I think you should leave it to me, Tybalt.**

*Tybalt isn't particularly happy, but just snorts and leaves.*

I'm sorry about that. Tybalt's lived a hard life; he's used to doing things the F'lar way.

SHEBA

I hope you don't mind my asking, but you...are you Commander Tabitha?

TABITHA

It's been five years since anyone called me Commander. The others think these memories are a blessing, but I almost wish I was like them...

KONRAN

Feel free to fill us in any time.

SHEBA

Konran, I hardly think this is the time for flippancy. Tabitha, I'm sorry- please continue with your story.

TABITHA

Think nothing of it- it's good to have someone with a little personality around here.

Anyway, as I'm sure you've realised by now, Kralor isn't the uninhabited place you all thought it was. These caves are home to some two hundred and fifty prisoners- both Pantheran and F'lar. Most of them have been mind-wiped, but Tybalt and myself proved to be immune to the process. Through necessity we've become the leaders here.

SHEBA

Why go to all the trouble of building a prison like that in the first place when you could just save time by executing the prisoners? And why are you here, Tabitha?

TABITHA

This isn't just a place for criminals. We have everything from prisoners of war like Tybalt, to people who probed a little too far into matters that didn't concern them...such as myself. As for why we're here, well unsurprisingly the powers-that-be didn't see fit to inform me about that. But enough of that- now it's time for you to explain what you're doing here.

SHEBA

A friend and colleague of ours has been captured by the F'lar- apparently she's being held on a secret base here, which the F'lar are apparently going to use to launch an attack on Panthera.

TABITHA

I've been practically all over this moon and have yet to see any F'lar activity. Even if they did manage to set up a base underground, it can't possibly be large enough to launch any kind of attack from.

SHEBA

Regardless of the size of their base, having the F'lar so close to Panthera can only compromise our security. And even if that weren't the case, we're not about to leave our friend in their hands.

TABITHA

Back in my old life, I would have found your idealism inspiring, but here it's just amusing- and I'm the most open-minded of the people you'll find around here. As things stand now, the only thing you'll be doing is spending the rest of your lives in these caves.

AQUILEGIA

The rest of our lives!? What about our shuttle?

TABITHA

I destroyed it.

AQUILEGIA

But why? At the very least you could have used it go home.

**TABITHA**

I would rather carve out my own existence here than return to a planet that wouldn't welcome me. Tybalt and I decided long ago that the way back should remain firmly closed- Kralor is our home now.

**AQUILEGIA**

It's all very well to decide that for yourselves, but what about all the others here? What if they want to go back?

**TABITHA**

Sometimes a leader must take responsibility for a decision that is in the best interests of all their people. The prisoners here don't even remember their past lives, and many of them are no stranger to committing violent crimes. Do you really think people like that should be allowed to go back to Panthera?

*Aquilegia is silent.*

**SHEBA**

I don't mean to sound unsympathetic to your situation, but as you can guess the last thing we want is to spend the rest of our lives as part of your colony. Isn't there any chance that you could just look the other way as we made our escape?

**TABITHA**

Even if I did, it would do you no good. Without the proper precautions you won't be able to leave the protection of the atmospheric shield.

**KONRAN**

So what you're saying is that basically we might as well start settling down to our new lives here.

**TABITHA**

There is one thing you can do...it is unlikely you would succeed, but if you did, our entire colony would pledge themselves to you.

**KONRAN**

Let me guess, we'd have to undertake some horrendous rite to earn your respect.

**TABITHA**

Not quite, but you are not too far off. Given the kinds of people who live here, we have had to adopt a very...direct way of dealing with anyone who challenges our authority. You see, anyone here is welcome to apply to take over the leadership- by challenging Tybalt and I to two-on-two combat in our arena.

**KONRAN**

Great- my day just keeps getting better and better.

**SHEBA**

The way things stand now, I don't see that we have any other options.

**TABITHA**

Don't decide too hastily. I'll take you to a more comfortable place to think it over.

**29. Tunnel, Caves, Kralor**

*Tabitha and a number of guards lead Sheba and the others through to-*

**30. Living Quarters, Caves, Kralor**

*Sparsely furnished. Tabitha shows Sheba and the others inside.*

**KONRAN**

What, no restraints?

**BLOSSOM**

It's not as if we can go anywhere.

**TABITHA**

I'll return later to hear your decision.

*Tabitha leaves.*

**AQUILEGIA**

So, what are we going to? Are we seriously going to fight them?

**MALTEAZER**

Sheba already said it- we don't exactly have a great deal of choice right now. It's not so much about deciding whether to fight as choosing which of us are going to step into that arena.

**AQUILEGIA**

Combat is far from my strong point- I hope the rest of you won't mind if I opt to sit this one out from the get-go.

**BLOSSOM**

I can't say my combat skills are all that polished either.

**MALTEAZER**

Good to see you're coming in handy on this mission.

**BLOSSOM**

If it weren't for me, you'd still be back on Panthera- although in all honesty, that might not be such a bad thing.

**SHEBA**

Instead of sniping, why don't you try expending your energies on something more constructive? We're at a serious disadvantage when it comes to details on this arena combat- we know nothing about the rules and terms of battle, and little more about our opponents.

**KONRAN**

But by the same token, they don't know anything about us, either.

**MALTEAZER**

What we do know is that we'll be facing one ex-Galaxycats, and one F'lar- and that combination of skills means that I should be one of the people who faces them.

**KONRAN**

You? You're a scientist.

**MALTEAZER**

Everyone in the F'lar receives intensive combat training- and I was no exception. I can hold my own, and I doubt Tybalt can bring out much that will surprise me.

**KONRAN**

Those are valid points, but what you don't know is that Sheba and I are old sparring partners. When it comes to tag team battles, we're a well meshed team.

**SHEBA**

Konran, that was a long time ago. I doubt we'll get anywhere in that arena without Malteazer- and that makes me the best choice to back her up.

**KONRAN**

You always have to be the one, don't you? Have you even considered that as commander of this mission, risking your life in an arena might not be the smartest of moves?

**SHEBA**

A commander has no right to be in charge if they aren't willing to step forward as the occasion demands. Now, unless there are any further protests, let's consider the matter settled.

### **31. Int. Tybalt's Cave, Kralor**

*Large and well outfitted, as befits one of the settlement leaders. Tybalt is working out when Tabitha enters.*

**TABITHA**

I see you're keeping those muscles well toned as always.

**TYBALT**

What did they say?

**TABITHA**

They agreed to enter the arena- even without knowing our rules. They must be desperate.

**TYBALT**

I can't believe you even suggested it to them- letting outsiders challenge our authority will only lessen our stance in the eyes of the others.

**TABITHA**

They're naïve, idealistic, maybe even foolish...but they're doing just what I would have done in the old days. I can't fault them for that.

**TYBALT**

That's always been your trouble, Tabitha- no matter how much you say you've changed, you just can't let go of your past. And now you've committed us to this foolhardy path, knowing that I'll have no choice but to follow you.

**TABITHA**

Tybalt, I'm sorry, but this must be done...

**TYBALT**

I really wish I could hate you, did you know that? But instead, you're the only other one here who remembers, who can understand how we've both been cursed.

*Tybalt and Tabitha share a slow, sad embrace.*

### **32. Preparation Room, Arena**

*Sheba and Malteazer are there, dressed in combat gear. Konran, Blossom and Aquilegia are with them.*

**SHEBA**

The way Tabitha explained it, we won't be fighting to the death- that wouldn't be too practical in a population as small as this one. Instead, we'll be using blunted shock blades.

**AQUILEGIA**

That still sounds pretty nasty.

**BLOSSOM**

It also raises questions about previous defeated challengers- surely keeping such threats alive is more dangerous in the long run.

**MALTEAZER**

Tabitha wasn't particularly descriptive on that score- she just told us that "these things work out". I think we can safely assume that any rules around here are just what happen to be enforced by the strongest.

*A Pantheran enters.*

**PANTHERAN**

The match is about to commence- all non-combatants should get to their seats.

**KONRAN**

Good luck.

### **33. Tybalt and Tabitha's Preparation Room, Arena**

*Tybalt and Tabitha are tightening each other's armour.*

**TYBALT**

I know you feel strongly about their cause, but if anyone has cause to believe you let them win, the match will be declared forfeit.

**TABITHA**

**I know you're not happy about this, but there's no need to remind me of elementary matters like that. I always give my best in the arena, regardless of who my opponent is.**

**TYBALT**

**Glad to hear it.**

### **34. Arena**

*An underground coliseum. Aquilegia, Blossom and Konran are in the stands, together with numerous Kralorite prisoners. A Fessan referee stands in the centre of the arena.*

**FESSAN**

**Yesterday, one of our scouting parties discovered that a Galaxycats shuttle had landed here. Today, those selfsame Galaxycats have chosen to challenge Tybalt and Tabitha for the very leadership of our settlement. Let both sides now enter the arena!**

*Tybalt and Tabitha emerge from one side; Sheba and Malteazer from the other. Tybalt is carrying a chained boomerang; Tabitha and Sheba have swords, whilst Malteazer has a pair of mid-length blades. The two sides curtly acknowledge each other.*

**The challenged and the challengers are both ready. The match will continue until both combatants on one side are no longer able to fight. Let the combat begin.**

*All four combatants assume defensive positions. Tybalt and Tabitha fan out, clearly intending to catch Sheba in a pincer attack. As Tabitha closes in, Sheba turns to face her, whilst Malteazer moves to block Tybalt as he throws his boomerang. Her defence is incomplete and the boomerang slams into her, delivering an electric shock.*

**SHEBA**

**Malteazer!**

**MALTEAZER**

**Don't worry about me!**

*(to Tybalt)*

**You think a little shock like that is going to do more than get me fired up?**

*Tybalt grunts, and throws his boomerang again. Malteazer dodges. Meanwhile, Tabitha and Sheba come together for a sword-on-sword clash. The two begin duelling with neither gaining a clear advantage.*

*MALTEAZER AND TYBALT. Malteazer finally gets past Tybalt's boomerang defence and delivers him a kick to the head. He tosses his boomerang away.*

**TYBALT**

**I was wondering when the warm up was going to end. Let's get serious now, shall we?**

*Tybalt draws a blade of his own from a calf sheath. He switches it on, converting it into a whip sword. Soon, he and Malteazer are battling furiously.*

*AUDIENCE.*

**KONRAN**

**Sheba's holding her own well, but Malteazer looks like she's almost enjoying herself. Did you know she was capable of this, Lieutenant?**

**AQUILEGIA**

**I had no idea. This isn't a Malteazer I've ever seen before.**

*SHEBA AND TABITHA. Tabitha manages to get in a blow that paralyses Sheba's arm.*

**TABITHA**

**You should give up now, Galaxycat. There's no way you can win in this arena.**

*Sheba lunges for Tabitha, their swords clashing and sparking off each other.*

**SHEBA**

**You'd be surprised...what desperation can achieve.**

*Tabitha tries break away, but Sheba keeps pressing the attack.*

**TABITHA**

**Give it up! If you overload our weapons we'll both be knocked out.**

**SHEBA**

**I know...there's no other way for me to beat you. But I have faith that Malteazer can take down your Fessan boyfriend.**

*Sheba and Tabitha's swords overload in a shower of sparks that takes both women down. The Fessan referee steps forward, checks them, and orders two Pantherans to take them out of the arena.*

**FESSAN**

**Sheba and Tabitha are down! Only two combatants remain!**

*MALTEAZER AND TYBALT. Their fight is anything but clean- each is using every trick they know to hold out against the other.*

**TYBALT**

**You surprise me, Pantheran- you almost fight like a F'lar.**

*Malteazer uses one of her blades to catch Tybalt's whip sword and jerk it out of his hand. The two weapons fly across the arena.*

**MALTEAZER**

**Ready to admit defeat?**

*Malteazer advances on Tybalt, who merely smiles and grips her blade. Enduring the electric shock, he leans forward and uses the glove on his other hand to deliver a shock to Malteazer. Somehow, she manages to wrench the blade and herself from Tybalt's grip and deliver a blow to the small of his back that sends him down. The Fessan referee comes forward.*

**FESSAN**

**Tybalt...Tybalt is down! The Galaxycats have won!**

*Surprise and discontent ripple through the crowd. Malteazer bends down over Tybalt.*

**TYBALT**

**Have you come to gloat? Or are you just disappointed at a bloodless victory?**

**MALTEAZER**

**I just wanted to show you something.**

*Malteazer holds Tybalt's head up so that she can look into his eyes. As she uses her telepathic ability to show him something, his eyes widen in terror.*

**I could have used that to win anytime.**

**TYBALT**

**Then why didn't you? You couldn't afford to risk losing this battle.**

**MALTEAZER**

**If I were still in the F'lar, maybe I would have. But that isn't how a Galaxycat would want to do it- how Sheba would want to do it.**

*Tybalt laughs. The Fessan referee comes over.*

**FESSAN**

**Galaxycat, you are our leader now. Tell us what it is you want from us.**

### **35.Meeting Cave, Kralor**

*Malteazer, Sheba, Konran, Aquilegia, Blossom, Tybalt, and Tabitha are there, along with various other Kralorites. All of the arena combatants have clearly been the recipients of Kralor's basic medical facilities.*

**TYBALT**

Well, esteemed leaders, what is it exactly that our humble colony can do for you?

KONRAN

I see no one told you about losing gracefully.

TYBALT

Our loss has a significance that will ripple throughout this entire settlement. You have severely disrupted the stability of our hierarchy.

SHEBA

I made the choice that was presented to me in order to aid the fulfilment of my mission. I'm sorry it had to conflict with your goals, but it was the laws of your own society that constrained me.

TABITHA

Tybalt, what's done is done. All we can do is move forward.

MALTEAZER

I agree- we've wasted enough time here already. We need to concentrate on finding that F'lar base and rescuing Vanilla.

TYBALT

What F'lar base?

TABITHA

Apparently, they have reason to believe the F'lar have set up a base on this moon, despite our never having encountered such.

TYBALT

You challenged our leadership over this? I could have told you from the start there were no F'lar here. Now, if you'll excuse me, I have better things to do than listen to this nonsense.

*Tybalt leaves.*

MALTEAZER

I'll be right back.

*Malteazer follows Tybalt out.*

AQUILEGIA

Captain, if there really isn't a F'lar base...how are we going to get home?

BLOSSOM

A shame you didn't leave orders with anyone to come and pick us up.

SHEBA

Vanilla is here. I'm sure of it.

BLOSSOM

That's comforting to know.

### **36. Tunnel, Caves, Kralor**

*Malteazer catches up with Tybalt and slams him against the wall.*

MALTEAZER

There is a F'lar base here- and you know where it is. I can see it in your mind.

TYBALT

Then why didn't you call me out in front of the others, telepath?

*Tybalt spits on the floor.*

Maybe you don't want them to know about your filthy talent.

MALTEAZER

Shut up! You're the one who's betraying their own people.

TYBALT

Do you think I consider these b'reks my people? You may have switched sides for whatever reason but I remain loyal to the F'lar. And if you want the location of the base, then you'll have to take it from me.

MALTEAZER

I already did. What's even better, though, is that you're going to be the one to lead us there.

*Tybalt laughs.*

**TYBALT**

You can play at being a Galaxycat all you want, Pantheran, but you'll never escape the truth. Deep down, you're as much of a F'lar as I am.

*Malteazer's eyes narrow, but she says nothing. Letting Tybalt go, she walks back to the others.*

**37. Living Quarters, Caves, Kralor**

*Sheba, Aquilegia, Malteazer, Blossom and Konran are there.*

**BLOSSOM**

I'm impressed that you got Tybalt to not only admit he knew where the caves, but to take us there as well. How did you manage it?

**MALTEAZER**

Just a little trick I know.

**KONRAN**

I admit it's progress of a kind, but you said he openly admitted he was still loyal to the F'lar. How far are we going to get with a guy like that watching our backs?

**SHEBA**

No aspect of this mission has been particularly desirable, but forewarned is forearmed. I'm sure none of us are stupid enough to trust Tybalt.

**MALTEAZER**

More than that, we need to make some backup plans before we even get started. It would be foolish for all of us to go with Tybalt- at least two people should stay behind.

**AQUILEGIA**

Stay behind? With these people?

**SHEBA**

Malteazer and I are technically the leaders here- one of us should remain in case we need to organise a rescue. The other one will take a transmitter so their location can be tracked from here.

**MALTEAZER**

I'll go with Tybalt. Blossom, you should come too- your fabled computer skills could come in handy.

**KONRAN**

I'd rather head out than hang around here...sorry, Aquilegia.

**AQUILEGIA**

No need to apologise, Captain- you're the better choice.

**SHEBA**

Well, that was settled easily. Now let's stop wasting time and do what we came here for.

**38. Cave Entrance, Kralor**

*Malteazer, Konran, Blossom, Tybalt and two Kralorites are dressed to go out to the surface, with supplies and hoverspeeders. Aquilegia, Sheba and Tabitha are seeing them off.*

**SHEBA**

Good luck out there. We'll be tracking you with the transmitter and ready to mobilise in force once you're there.

**MALTEAZER**

Don't get complacent here- this isn't a Galaxycats base of operations.

**SHEBA**

I hardly need you to tell me that, Malteazer. Well, see you on the other side.

*Malteazer et al mount their hoverspeeders and depart.*

**39. Surface, Kralor**

*Malteazer's party skims across the inhospitable landscape.*

**40. Small cave, Kralor**

*Sheba and Aquilegia are monitoring Malteazer's progress.*

**SHEBA**

It's quite ironic that we've ended up using the very equipment the Kralorites stole from us in the first place.

*Aquilegia says nothing.*

**Aquilegia? Are you okay?**

**AQUILEGIA**

**Captain, I- I'm sorry.**

**SHEBA**

**Sorry? What are you apologising for this time?**

**AQUILEGIA**

Well, I...you trusted me enough to bring me along on this mission, but so far I've basically contributed nothing. I'm beginning to think that I should have stayed back in Panthera to what I do best- sitting behind a console.

**SHEBA**

Don't be so down on yourself, Aquilegia. I brought you along because I have great faith in your abilities, and that hasn't changed. But when you go into a mission like this, you can't be sure of exactly what you're going to end up facing. You take along the most well balanced team, and sometimes one person will end up working overtime, whilst another doesn't get much of a look in. Life doesn't often deal out the fairest and most convenient hand- sometimes you just have to sit back and regard a mission as a learning experience.

**AQUILEGIA**

**And does that get easier with time?**

**SHEBA**

**No- not at all.**

**41. F'lar base entrance, Kralor**

*A hidden entryway into another series of caves. Malteazer and the others park their hoverspeeders and follow Tybalt.*

**TYBALT**

**The base is just beyond this entryway.**

**BLOSSOM**

**Why are we just walking straight in?**

**MALTEAZER**

**Remember what we discussed earlier, Blossom. All that matters is that our group gets inside- one way or another.**

**42. F'lar Caves, Kralor**

*In large caves, F'lar work on skimmers, shuttles and other equipment.*

**43. Tieran's Office, F'lar Caves, Kralor**

*A small room, containing a desk with computer and two chairs. Tieran sits at the desk, monitoring various activities. A male Haynar subordinate, Veszarq, enters.*

**VESZARQ**

**Warlord, the...**

**TIERAN**

**Yes, I know. Tybalt is leading a party right into our base. I suppose the bait of Vanilla proved too much to resist.**

**VESZARQ**

What are your orders, sir?

**TIERAN**

Capture the Galaxycats alive for interrogation. You can do what you like with the others.

**VESZARQ**

What about Tybalt? He's one of us.

**TIERAN**

Tybalt Keremov has become rather irrelevant. If he happens to survive the attack, then so be it- but don't feel constrained to preserve his life if he gets in the way.

#### **44. F'lar Caves, Kralor**

*Malteazer, Konran, Blossom, Tybalt and the two Kralorites are making their way further into the caves. Malteazer pulls Blossom and Konran aside.*

**MALTEAZER**

We're bound to get attacked soon. Just remember- don't put up too effective a resistance.

*Blossom nods.*

*As they continue onwards, a F'lar fighting force led by Veszarq ambushes Malteazer's party. Blossom, Malteazer and Konran are careful not to put up too much of a fight, but the two Kralorites leap right into it, and quickly get themselves cut down. Tybalt is horrified.*

**TYBALT**

You killed them...you b'rek, Veszarq, you killed them!

**VESZARQ**

What's the matter, Tybalt? I thought you always said you didn't care about that filth?

**TYBALT**

I...that didn't mean I wanted to see them killed in cold blood! You'll pay for that, you stinking Haynar!

*Tybalt lunges for Veszarq, but is cut down before he can even reach them.*

**VESZARQ**

I doubt you'll appreciate the irony much, Tybalt, but only a few radia ago I was planning on sparing your life. Of course, that was before I realised how much living with those people had contaminated you. Lord Tieran was right after all- you are irrelevant.

**TYBALT**

Tabitha, I...

*Veszarq finishes off Tybalt with his laserknife and then nods to his ambush party.*

Come on- let's take these Galaxycats to the holding cells.

#### **45. Tunnel, Caves, K'trakan**

*Aquilegia is sitting quietly by herself. Tabitha approaches.*

**TABITHA**

Something wrong, Lieutenant...Aquilegia, was it?

**AQUILEGIA**

We just received some infrared telemetry from Malteazer's transmitter. The team was captured as expected, but- Tybalt and your people were killed.

**TABITHA**

Tybalt, that fool. He tried to play too many sides and got himself killed for it.

**AQUILEGIA**

Is that all you can say? Don't you care about what happened at all?

**TABITHA**

Of course I care- not just about Tybalt, but about the others that were killed as well. But that's hardly going to change anything, it? We can make our way of life right down to the arena combat as bloodless as we want, but nothing can change the fact that life here on Kralor is as far on the edge as you can go without falling right off. We can't afford the luxury of giving into our feelings whenever we want- we have to wait until we get the chance.

**AQUILEGIA**

I don't know...if I could ever be that way. I thought growing up during the war had toughened me up, but when I came here, when I saw how you people live- well, I realised how much I'd been shielded from the worst of it. I'm just not a strong person like you are.

**TABITHA**

Don't make the mistake of envying me, Lieutenant. It's not strength that makes me who I am today, but weakness. I was too weak to face the evils of this galaxy, to stare into them and see their true nature, or to openly support what I knew was right instead of going along with the crowd. Instead, I just kept hardening my heart, teaching myself to ignore it- all for the sake of making my life easier. I know it's hard for you, Aquilegia, but don't do the same thing I did. Don't ever let horror and bloodshed become so commonplace that you can't even care about it anymore.

**46. Outside Holding Cells, F'Iar Caves, Kralor**

*Guards take Malteazer, Blossom and Konran to the holding cells.*

**47. Holding Cell, F'Iar Caves, Kralor**

*Vanilla is already inside the cell. Malteazer, Blossom and Konran are tossed inside.*

**VANILLA**

Malteazer! Wait...Blossom, and Konran too? Did you really put together such a star studded rescue party only to get captured as soon as you got here?

**MALTEAZER**

All we wanted to do was to find this place- my transmitter's been sending telemetry back to Sheba so that she can mobilise a more effective rescue force.

**VANILLA**

Good to hear it- I'm getting a bit sick of these four walls.

**MALTEAZER**

You know, that raises more than a few questions- such as why your captors haven't killed you yet, not to mention the whole story behind that transmission you made.

**VANILLA**

Well, I...it's a long story.

**MALTEAZER**

It's not like there's anything else to do here.

*Veszarq and two additional guards have arrived outside the holding cell.*

**VESZARQ**

Enough chit-chat- Warlord Tieran wishes to see you.

*The guards haul Malteazer out the cell, using shock sticks to keep the others back.*

**VANILLA**

Malteazer...

**48. Tieran's Office, F'Iar Caves, Kralor**

*Tieran is there. Veszarq drags Malteazer in and ties her into a restraining chair.*

**TIERAN**

Ah, Doctor Malteazer, good of you to join me.

**MALTEAZER**

Like I had much choice in the matter.

**TIERAN**

I must admit I was expecting a little more from someone of your reputation- and yet you seem to have fallen into my trap so easily.

**MALTEAZER**

Trap?

**TIERAN**

I don't really hold with the idea of explaining my plans to the enemy, but suffice to say, I want to end this war as soon as possible. If that means the capture and sacrifice of a few key Galaxycats players in order to save thousands, then so be it.

**MALTEAZER**

You...you really are as ruthless as they say.

**TIERAN**

I am only what I need to be. And now, all that remains is this- to rip every last scrap from your mind.

**MALTEAZER**

You- you're a telepath...

*Tieran prepares to do a telepathic scan but is more than a little surprised when Malteazer mentally repels him.*

...but then again, so am I.

*Tieran turns away, clutching his head,*

**TIERAN**

No...how can there be someone stronger than I am?

#### **49. Surface, Kralor**

*Sheba, Aquilegia and Tabitha lead a squadron of prisoners as they track Malteazer's signal.*

#### **50. Tieran's Office, F'lar Caves, Kralor**

*As before.*

**TIERAN**

Oh well, no matter. You can't all be telepaths. I'll get what I need from the others- even from Vanilla, if necessary.

**MALTEAZER**

I don't think so.

*Malteazer manages to engage Tieran telepathically.*

#### **51. Int. Malteazer/Tieran's Minds**

*Malteazer and Tieran stand in darkness, shock swords clashing and sending out sparks. Neither is giving way.*

#### **52. F'lar base entrance, Kralor**

*Sheba, Aquilegia, Tabitha and the other Kralorites have just arrived; most are carrying shock weapons. They note the abandoned hoverspeeders and quickly find the entrance.*

#### **53. Tunnels, F'lar caves, Kralor**

*Sheba's team storm through the tunnels, the prisoners overwhelming any F'lar they find on the way.*

**SHEBA**

**Malteazer's signal is coming from this way!**

*Sheba beckons a number of prisoners to come with her.*

#### **54. Tieran's Office, F'lar Caves, Kralor**

*As before. Sheba bursts in, disrupting Malteazer and Tieran's telepathic tug of war.*

**TIERAN**

Ah, Captain Sheba, you're here at last. It seems as if everything really is going according to my plan, well, except for the rioting Kralorites and that gun in your hand, I suppose.

SHEBA

Stand down.

TIERAN

Oh, I don't think so. You see, thanks to the brilliance of Malteazer here, and some earlier run-ins with you Galaxycats, I happen to have one of these.

*Tieran reveals a teleport belt under his outer uniform, and activates it, dematerialising.*

SHEBA

Malteazer, are you okay?

MALTEAZER

I'll be a lot better once you get me out of these restraints.

*Sheba releases Malteazer.*

SHEBA

The prisoners are ransacking this place and killing pretty much every F'lar they find- I doubt we'd be able to stop them even if we tried.

MALTEAZER

I can't condone their slaughter, but I have to admit you're right. The only thing we can do is pick up the others, find a shuttle and get out of here.

SHEBA

I sincerely hope there is a shuttle.

#### **55. Outside Holding Cells, F'lar Caves, Kralor**

*Sheba and Malteazer arrive and blast open the lock. Vanilla, Blossom and Konran are quick to get out.*

VANILLA

Better late than never, I guess.

SHEBA

I can see captivity hasn't improved your attitude one bit. Come on, let's link up with Aquilegia and get out of here.

#### **56. Shuttle Bay, F'lar Caves, Kralor**

*One shuttle, Tieran's, is conspicuous by its absence. Konran, Blossom, Vanilla and Aquilegia are climbing into another whilst Malteazer and Sheba say goodbye to Tabitha.*

SHEBA

Tabitha, I'm so sorry- we came here, turned your whole life upside down, and now we're leaving you to pick up the pieces.

TABITHA

I can't say I'd have wanted things to turn out this way, but if life on Kralor teaches you anything, it's that there's no point agonising over what's already done. I'll destroy the shuttles you leave behind, reassert my role as leader, and carry on as best I can.

SHEBA

Are you absolutely sure you don't want to come back with us?

TABITHA

No matter how many times you ask me, or how much a part of me might want, we both know that I can never return to Panthera. I only have one regret- that I didn't get to meet you before I became so fatalistic.

*A pause, and then Sheba and Malteazer say their goodbyes before heading into the shuttle.*

#### **57. Space- Kralor**

*A shuttle takes off from the surface of Kralor.*

**58. Int. Shuttle**

*Malteazer is piloting. Konran is in the co-pilot's seat, trying to decipher the Fessan readouts. Vanilla, Sheba, Blossom and Aquilegia are in the back.*

**VANILLA**

**Who'd have thought there was a whole colony of prisoners living on Kralor? Although I can't help wondering why anyone would bother sending them there.**

**AQUILEGIA**

**Who cares about that? We've obviously stumbled onto something Rialta and the government didn't want us to know- I wouldn't be surprised if all of our careers are finished now.**

**SHEBA**

**Don't worry about it, Aquilegia. I'll be putting some plans in place to keep us all safe.**

**59. Space- Panthera**

*The shuttle comes in for landing.*

**60. Galaxycats Hangar, Rienne**

*Ferrero is waiting. Sheba, Malteazer, Vanilla, Konran and Aquilegia land a Startiger and disembark.*

**FERRERO**

**Vanilla- you're back!**

**VANILLA**

**That does seem to be the case- thanks for pointing out the blindingly obvious.**

**FERRERO**

**That's the Vanilla I remember.**

*He turns to Sheba.*

**Captain, Minister Rialta is waiting in your office. I suggest you get down there immediately.**

**SHEBA**

**Thank you, Ensign.**

*(to Vanilla and Malteazer)*

**Let's take the scenic route, shall we?**

**61. Sheba's Office, Rienne**

*Rialta sits at the desk. Sheba enters.*

**SHEBA**

**Ah, Minister, good to see you've made yourself comfortable.**

**RIALTA**

**Well, it wasn't like the commander of this base was present and accounted for, was it? I told you to leave Kralor well enough alone, but you went ahead and defied my orders anyway. Don't think you won't get away without paying the price for that.**

**SHEBA**

**You must take me for a fool if you think I haven't prepared for that. We now know something that you'd rather was kept secret, and if you try to, shall we say, silence us in any way, I've made arrangements for that information to be made public.**

**RIALTA**

**You might think you can protect yourself against me, Sheba, but let me tell you something. My influence extends a lot farther than you can even imagine. Making an enemy of me will only harm you in the end.**

*Pause.*

**SHEBA**

Tell me, Minister- what would you do if you had ten grads to live?

RIALTA

It's hardly worth doing anything by then. You might as well just wait for the end.

*Sheba leans on the desk.*

SHEBA

Well, let me tell you something. Even if I only had ten grads left, I wouldn't give up- I'd keep looking for a way out. I don't go down easily, Minister- remember that.

RIALTA

Oh, believe me, Sheba, I will. I will.

**62. Galaxycats Hangar Bay, Rienne**

*Sheba and Konran are there.*

KONRAN

Well, I'd like to say it's been fun, but then I'd be lying. Still, it was good to see you again, even if I couldn't really contribute much on this mission.

SHEBA

If it weren't for you, we probably wouldn't have even landed on the surface safely.

*Pause.*

KONRAN

You know, I'm not sure it would be such a bad thing if we maybe, saw each other more often?

SHEBA

Konran, we made a decision a long time ago-

KONRAN

You mean you made a decision. But that was a long time ago, surely by now you could find a little time for something other than your career?

SHEBA

Now more than ever, I have to finish what I started. This war isn't over yet.

KONRAN

The war could go on for years yet! I appreciate your dedication to the job, but you can't put your life entirely on hold because of it.

SHEBA

Konran, if you're trying to push the point that we should get back together, all you're doing is proving quite the opposite.

*Konran smiles sadly.*

KONRAN

Well then, I guess there's nothing for me to do but head back to Tavier. Say goodbye to Vanilla for me.

*Konran gets into his skimmer and leaves. Sheba's communicator beeps, and she answers it.*

MARVAL (V.O.)

Captain, we're receiving an all-frequencies transmission from Lavarre. It's not broadcasting the usual Galaxycats codes.

SHEBA

Lavarre? I'll be right there.

**63. Galaxycats Control Room, Rienne**

*Malteazer, Vanilla, Marval and Ferrero are there. Sheba arrives, trailed by Rialta.*

SHEBA

Let's have this transmission onscreen.

*A Velassian, Morax, appears onscreen.*

**MORAX**

**My name is Morax, leader of the Home-World liberation faction. We are currently in control of the Galaxycats installation at Lavarre. We are holding the crew hostage, and will execute one every radia unless our demands are met.**

**SHEBA**

**What are your wishes?**

**MORAX**

**We want Galaxycats to take us back to our home- to Velassia.**

*Scene fades.*

*TO BE CONTINUED...*