

CHARTRULEAN

Rest, Homena. I promise the nightmare will end soon. We'll find a way.

HAVELION

I don't remember you giving me that promise.

[Footsteps]

CHARTRULEAN

(startled)

Havelion. What are you doing here at this hour?

HAVELION

This hour? You weren't gone that long. How come you didn't notice me sitting here?

CHARTRULEAN

I was deep in thought.

HAVELION

Is the party over?

CHARTRULEAN

I left early. Where are the others?

HAVELION

Went back to their apartments.

CHARTRULEAN

You should also rest.

HAVELION

I wanted to spend some time with *them*. And also talk to you about tomorrow, if I could.

(sighing)

I know King Starbringer wants to honor us, but...the others, and myself, don't feel right accepting it.

CHARTRULEAN

Because of Ditran and Homena's condition?

HAVELION

No. Well, yes, but it's more than that. We don't like pretending that everything is ok when it's not.

(MORE)

HAVELION (CONT'D)

It's not enough that we have to live with the fact that we killed so many Rau, but now the berserker is tearing each of us apart. I don't want what's happening to Ditran and Homena to happen to the rest of us. Or anyone else!

CHARTRULEAN

Havelion, listen to me. These things are out of our control. We're trying to learn why this happened, that's all we can--

HAVELION

(angry)

Is it? Really? Look at my hand! At these markings. We've learned nothing.

CHARTRULEAN

Which is why tomorrow is important. We need help.

HAVELION

We'd *have* more help if you didn't drive everyone away.

CHARTRULEAN

More help and the right help are two very different things.

[Beat]

HAVELION

I *hate* this power. We are *not* heroes, and I can't pretend that we are. These people don't know how wrong and how dangerous this is. Our ships aren't ships, they're conduits for madness!

[Havelion breathing shakily]

CHARTRULEAN

It's not your job to worry about any of these things. Leave that burden to me.

HAVELION

But you don't *have* to do it alone. I helped create this problem, so let me do more to help you.

(MORE)

HAVELION (CONT'D)

I'm supposed to be your protege.
Just tell me what to do!

CHARTRULEAN

You'll have plenty to do tomorrow.
Hold yourself together.

[Beat]

HAVELION

How? How can we help them?

CHARTRULEAN

We'll find a way. You have to just
trust me.

HAVELION

That's asking a lot lately.

CHARTRULEAN

What's that supposed to mean?

HAVELION

I don't know. You used to be able
to just find the answers.

CHARTRULEAN

You *know* why I can't.

HAVELION

Do I? How do I know you weren't
just mad from the start?

CHARTRULEAN

My abilities aren't what they were.

HAVELION

That shouldn't make you so damn
useless.

CHARTRULEAN

Go get some rest, and we'll resume
this conversation once you've
cleared your head. Tomorrow's going
to be a circus as it is. The last
thing I need is to have you
behaving like this.

HAVELION

Fine. Director.

[Footsteps receding]