

The Depths

Friends from the Stars

High above the planet Earth a bright flash of light is seen, but not what fell toward the world below from it. A ball of fire soon lights the sky above an island that soon crashed into the waters nearby. The island of Bora Bora was in for a very big surprise come after they cleaned up the beach from the huge wave. Part of the object that crashed was sticking out of the water that was burnt black, but there was enough of what was under the burn that could show it was metal.

Morning

Leilani grunted as she walked out of the waves with a large piece of wood. The athletic, 5' 4" nude otter woman had dark chocolate fur with midnight black hair, and emerald green eyes. She dropped the chunk of wood with other pieces of trash left by the wave. "Well, that's the last of it for this area. How's it going on your end, Malana?"

A light brown furred woman walked over dusting her hands off. She was an otter like Leilani and the same height. However, she had brown hair and amber eyes. Also nude with an athletic build like her sister. Malana gave a soft snort. "We're finished as well. I'm just counting our blessings that those huts were empty."

"I don't want to think about how bad it would have been if the wave was any bigger." Leilani said as she turned to the ocean and the strange object sticking from it. A smirk appeared on her face. "Shall we take a look at it?"

"Your father will not be happy about this." Malana said as she rolled her eyes, but smirked as well. "It did make that huge wave, so I guess we should make sure it will not make more. But first we should get so weapons." She stated flatly. "We don't know what's waiting for us."

"Fine, but I think you're worrying too much." Leilani sighed as she followed her sister to the village to get some weapons. "Just daggers will do. There might not be a lot of space to use a spare." She thought aloud and smiled when Malana nods her head agreeing.

Meanwhile

The sound of scales running over metal was barely heard as the white, and pink female naga grumbled as she fixed the power relay of her ship. Diamond Sand stood a fair six feet tall with blue eyes, pink short spines, light pink under scales, and white scales under a green one piece sweat shirt. Her cobra like hood was light pink, but laid flat on her head as she worked on the wires. Pink spikes on her shoulders,

elbows, and pink webbing between her fingers finished out her looks. All this with an athletic build, and D-cup breasts made the alien woman very lovely to look at. Even if her tail was about fifteen feet long.

“Of all the times to have a FSD overload, and now I’m on an uncharted world.” Diamond sighed as the power was restored. “Well, at least I wasn’t carrying anything important. My poor Krait MK II didn’t need this to happen.” She said as she slid across the floor to restore the main computer. “There! Now I can make sure the water is safe for me to breath. I’m so glad my specie has gills and sonar.” The hint of an English accent was clear in her voice as she stretched her arms above her head. “I just hope the locals understand of my problem. That’s just wishful thinking.” She whined dropping her arms and head in worry. “Why me?!”

Her ship gave a soft rumble as it fully powered up, but didn’t move yet. Half of the ship was filled with water. At the size of near twice that of a 777 airliner her ship, the Black Pearl, was huge at a length of 73.3 meters, a beam of 72 meters, and height of 13.5 meters. It was perfect for a naga like her as it had the room for her long body. Diamond’s tail tip thumped the floor as she waited for the computer to give her an answer about the ocean she crashed in.

Two hours later

Leilani and Malana filled a boat with everything they would need if there was anyone that needed help. The fact that the strange metal thing now had lights on didn’t go unnoticed. The sisters slowly paddled the boat out to the now glowing thing that seemed more like a ship. I looked like a spear tip in the ocean with how the lights outlined the body of the object.

Leilani tapped the object that was sticking out of the waves with a spear. The metal sound of the thing made when the tip hit made her even more wonder. She wasn’t sure if it was a ship, but it seemed to have some hints to being one.

“This thing is not any ship that we’ve seen.” Malana said making sure her loincloth was tired with the dagger sheath. “It’s huge. Also it’s too big to be really anything else, but where did it come from.”

“Maybe from the sky?” Leilani offered. “It kind of looks like it is stuck bo first in the sea. Plus, it would explain the large wave we had.”

Malana turned to her sister to say something, but stopped as she thought it over. “I can’t even find a way that doesn’t seem right. I wonder why it’s here.”

“Let’s find a way inside and see if we can get an answer.” Leilani said with a grin as she put the spear down and picked up a pair of daggers. “This is going to be fun!” She said before taking a deep breath and diving into the water.

“You could have waited!” Malana shouted after her sister before following her into the water.

The ship outer haul was still intact, but the paint was mostly gone. The two women made their way to the under belly of the ship to see if there was some kind of door. What they found were holes ripped into the hull around where the reef was, and one of those holes led into the inside of the ship. However it looked like the sea life had already moved in. Something very big, and moved what looked like a body around in its mouth.

The odd thing to them was that there was light coming from inside the ship. So all they saw was a shadow of the sea creature and its prey. It was enough that Leilani and Malana careful as they entered the large area inside the ship. Boxes lined the walls and floor as they looked for the creature. It wasn't hard as a white tail with pink spines slowly waved in the water near the larger boxes. Both women swam toward the creature with daggers ready.

The creature they came face to face with was female, and she screamed if the bubbles were anything to go by. It was odd to see something like this female as she shot straight up, and bounced off the lights. She held her head floating in the water with a small trail of red coming from under her hands. Whoever she quickly heads for an open door and what looked like an air pocket. The two otters quickly followed her both surprised, and worried for the creature.

Diamond slid out of the water and went right for the first aid kit she placed nearby. "Shit! That hurts!" She somehow always does this to herself. "If it's a doorframe or under something console. It's me shooting up into the damn ceiling."

"She talked?" Two voices asked behind Diamond.

"AAH!" A thud followed Diamond's scream again making the cut on her head worse. "Ow. Why me?"

Leilani quickly moved to the naga and gently pulled her hands from her head. "Easy. Let me have a look at that." She flinched a little seeing the cut, so she thought best to make small talk. "Do you even understand me?"

"Surprisingly I do. Universal translator is still working somehow. Ow!" The naga flinched. "I'm Diamond Sand by the way. This is my ship the Black Pearl. Who might you two be, and could you please put the knife away?" She looked at Malana as she said that last part.

"Maybe you can explain what you are first? Then I'll think about putting the dagger away." Malana said inching closer to Diamond. "Also how you got here would be nice too."

Diamond moved med-kit closer with her tail. "Fair enough, but names would still be nice. Use this to stop the bleeding, miss." She said as she gave Leilani a tube of med-gel.

"After I get this sand out of the cut. I'm Leilani by the way, Diamond." The diver said with a half grin, and took the tube. "That's my sister Malana, and she's just being protective. So what is your story?"

The white naga sighed as she handed Leilani a piece of cloth from the med kit. "Well, I'm known as a sea naga by most people, but my specie is called Daemon Sea Naga. My people can breathe under water,

use sonar, and make a damn good fish fry.” Diamond snorted when Malana rolled of her eyes. “I’m a commander that was doing a supply run for a station in another star system. I’m not sure what the hell happened, but something literally kicked me out of FSD. That stands for Frame Shift Drive, and lets our ships fly faster than light.” She hissed as the med-gel was put on her cut. “I just barely got the ship under control to crash like I did in the ocean. It was dead stick the whole way down too.” The blank look the two otters gave her made her giggle. “It means I didn’t have power to most of the ship controls for flight.”

“So you had a run of bad luck?” Malana asked which got a nod from the naga. “That’s some story, but the fact that this ship is stuck here is proof. However, I’m going to be watching you.”

“Fair enough.” Diamond muttered. “Just let me finish getting everything locked down in the cargo bay. I’m just about to get the ship ready to pull out of this ocean.” She sighed. “I just wish I had somewhere to land to do a full repair.”

Leilani gently pats the cloth over Diamond’s cut as she thought for a moment. “There’s a cleaning where you could put the ship. We should check first and tell father about all this. There’s a ship coming in a few days if I remember right.”

“Well, that’s not good. I’m not really the right girl for a first contact kind of thing.” Diamond said getting to her full height of six feet tall. She looked down a little and fixed the wet green shirt she wore. “But if it keeps your town from freaking out I’ll do it. I just hope they don’t mind a big snake like woman.”

“Still just tell me if this translator can go with you, or it’s going to be a real headache.” Malana said as she put her dagger away.

An hour and a half later

“Diamond, please come down from there.” Leilani begged as the white naga glared over the edge of the roof of a large hut. Not even five minutes into a talk with Chieftain Sachem Ahomana, and someone tried to attack the naga. That led to Diamond hiding on one of the large huts to keep out of reach of both knives and spears. “They won’t attack you again. I promise.”

“I came out here without armor, or weapons to prove I’m friendly. Till those nuts jobs are locked away. I’m not coming down.” Diamond stated. The only thing she wore was a waist wrap and sports top. “I’m always the unlucky one.”

Sachem stood next to his daughter as she tried to talk the odd visitor out of her hiding spot. Not the he blamed Diamond for hiding at all. Some of the younger hunters thought she was a threat and just acted. He was going to have a long talk with them later. “Miss, please come down. The young hunters are being taken to their homes now. You have nothing to fear.”

Malana found it a little funny as she watched the space traveler acting like a frightened child. *"Then again she was cut really easy. How soft are her scales?"* She thought looking up at the naga as she joined her father and sister. "Just hop down here already, and we can take this inside."

"Fiiine." Diamond sighed as she slid down from the roof and followed the others into the large hut. "I'd be less worried if I hadn't shed two days ago." She muttered before getting comfy on the floor and retelling her story in greater detail to the chief.

Diamond's home world has hundreds of islands on it and a year-around tropical climate. She's one of the best divers of her home tribe, but found space to be her true calling. Her species could and can dive deep thanks to having gills. With a set in the neck and just above the lower ribs with scales that covered them. Space flight was a huge boom to their solar system and many others out there. It has been nearly six hundred years since making contact with a few other species out there, and so far war had yet to happen. A lot of pirates though, but that was to be expected.

"So, I just need to see a few clearings to find one land my ship." Diamond said taking a sip of juice that was brought in during her tale. "I've got to dry out most of the systems before repairing them, and try heading home. I don't want anyone coming here and making trouble."

"Can you move your ship before nightfall?" Leilani asked.

"If we find a clearing quickly enough, I can." Diamond said with a grin. "I'd like to get started right away, please. I'd like to open my room up without it flooding."

"I think we all can see the importance of that." Malana chuckled as she stood up. "We better get going before someone tries attacking you again."

"Why does it take a week for new scales to harden?" Diamond thought as she got moving to follow Malana. "Well, this should be a fun afternoon."