

SB-0941: Opallios
AV-0106: Bhaal
SB-1183: Tourmaline - Confetti Dreams
SB-2623: Stellaris
571 words
Prompt: Rifts Between

"I can grant you passage," a voice rang aloud.

Maerceci screamed and ran off. Opal tensed, her thoughts running wild. If this creature was enough to spook the trio-headed dragon... who could this be?

"Stellaris, how odd," Tourmaline started, "you're never around at this hour, my dear."

Opal turned and glanced at this Stellaris, her eyes widening. Every creature in this realm seemed to be stunning. This creature in question, however, was another ravager with a smoky, marbled pair of wings; each wing had a strip of metallic blue going down the middle. Along his frame, orange-yellow, glowing constellation markings. He was beautiful.

The sun shimmered off of his metallic markings, blinding Opal as he moved through the clearing and to the King and Queen. The grass swayed with the breeze - and though the breeze was welcome, it felt stifling with the tense atmosphere. The addition didn't seem welcome. Opal thanked Solaris for the reprieve as the sun hid behind a few clouds that lazily drifted by. The birds had silenced though. Except for the soft breeze, the area was silent.

"Odd? Everything is odd here, mother," he voiced with a nonchalance, earning a low grumble from Bhaal.

Mother? Opal inhaled and held her breath for a moment; this creature was a prince? He looked the part, at least.

"You.. can get me home?" she questioned quietly.

"That I can. You don't belong here. I'm sure you've found the creatures here to be gracious and welcoming," he replied.

"Yeah, and not in a good way," she mumbled without thinking.

Stellaris smirked at this and shrugged. "Normal here is not normal elsewhere. I would like to visit your realm. We can go when you are ready."

“... and that’s it? Nothing else? No games, or tricks, or ...” she paused and glanced at the queen while tucking her wings close to her frame, blocking the celestial feline that clung to her feathers.

“And that’s it,” he answered.

“That is most definitely NOT it!” Tourmaline chimed in with a displeased huff. “I want that creature she’s hiding and she won’t be leaving without giving it to me!”

Bhaal tilted his head, cracking his neck as he stood up and stretched for a moment. His eyes fixated on Opal. A chill ran down her spine and the feathers along her frame stood in time with the anxiety that crawled through her veins.

Stellaris sighed and took a step closer to her. “Mother, mind yourself,” he stated with a smug grin. He glanced down at Opal from the side of his eyes, his words coming at a whisper, “When you see it, run.” That’s all he said. She hesitated for a moment, confusion mingling with the anxiety in her veins. When she saw what? What was the King about to do?!

Stellaris sucked in a breath, and the sight was beautiful - not that he did anything spectacular, but she immediately knew what he meant – when you see it, run. She took off running, making a bee-line toward the big, beautiful rift he summoned mere feet away from her.

Bhaal erupted into a roar, Tourmaline in a screech. Stellaris’s laugh echoed behind her as she fell through - at last, falling through a rift that promised to take her home. And when she landed with a loud thud, on ground that was familiar to her, with air that felt right, she broke down in tears. She was home.

Stellaris & Tourmaline

CE: Celestial Feline + 10 Added Dragon + 2 Added Dragon #2 + 2 Background + 4 Personal bonus + 1 Event + 2 Confetti Dreams + 2 571 words + 5 Total = 28	EE: Entry rolls gain points + 0 Events + 15 Extra Dragon (1) + 2 Extra Dragon (2) + 2 Extra Dragon (3) + 2 Complex Background + 5 Confetti Dreams + 2 150 Extra Words (1) + 1 Total = 29
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Bhaal & Opal

CE: Celestial Feline + 10 Added Dragon + 2	EE: Entry rolls gain points + 0 Events + 15
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Added Dragon #2 + 2 Background + 4 Event + 2 Confetti Dreams + 2 571 words + 5 Total = 27	Extra Dragon (1) + 2 Extra Dragon (2) + 2 Extra Dragon (3) + 2 Complex Background + 5 Confetti Dreams + 2 150 Extra Words (1) + 1 Total = 29
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