

SB-2183: Sir Heraldan Confeta the Fifth
SB-2332: Laser Tag
SB-1183: Tourmaline
SB-1909: Caladrius
Confetti Dreams and Blessing of the Moon on Tourmaline
Celestial Feline on Tourmaline
Dianthus' Gift
731 word total

“So, which team goes where?” Caladrius questioned. “I’m feeling this left side. My bones tell me it’s good.”

Herald scoffed, “Your bones?”

“Yes child! You’re not old enough to know bones tell stories. Bones can tell you which way to go, if you just listen to them.”

“Ew, enough of your bones. So... I guess we’re going to the left then?” Herald questioned.

“Yes, you two go towards the left. Las and I will go to the right. Remember the plan now? We go until we find something and then we meet back here, okay?” Tourmaline nodded as she spoke, each word picked deliberately and spoken confidently so as not to discourage Herald.

“Yes! As soon as we see something, we’ll meet back here.”

The four made their agreement, and after some procrastination from Herald, they set off in their directions. Caladrius and Herald to the left; Tourmaline and Las to the right. The celestial feline decided to take pity on the fearful fella and landed on Herald’s spine, the creature nuzzling into his fur and purring softly. Magic seeped from the cat and flooded into Herald, adding a sense of calmness and courage to the Emperor.

Off they went.

“You think he’ll be okay with Caladrius, Las?” Tourmaline whispered, her steps slowing, “Maybe I should’ve gone with him?”

Las shook her head and nudged her mate, a soft smile tugging at her lips. “Come now, darling. He’s old enough, and I’ve no doubts she would protect him if worse came to worse. I’m sure he’s on the correct path though, and we’re on the one towards Orphic.”

Tourmaline stopped, a petal from Dianthus landing on her snout. "You think so? How do you know?"

Las's face suddenly went very serious, "Caladrius's bones told her so."

A pause. Two. Then the laughter echoed throughout the trees, the two resuming their steps, following the petals. They fell in step together, Las humming a songless tune, her head swaying softly from side to side, her tail swinging, following the movements of her head.

Tourmaline smiled, her eyes closing as she listened to her mate hum. The sound ignited her heart, her butterflies swirling in her stomach as the petals swirled in the air. The moon hung overhead, though the light was sparse as it fought to bleed through the dense leaves that clung to the trees; bright and green, fresh with the life of Spring. The soft grass below their paws tickled and felt soft. The smell of the earth and dirt wafted in the air.

"I'm sure you're right. They're on the right path."

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"Oh merciful Solaris, please end my suffering and make this ravager STOP SINGING!" Herald shouted to the heavens above, begging Solaris to rise in the night sky. Though - he knew Solaris never would disrespect Lunaris like that... weren't they in love or something? Ew..

Caladrius ignored the boy's whining and continued singing off-key - going on about something regarding half horses and half men. Her steps bounced along the grassy earth, her orange talons digging in between her jumps.

Herald whined and cursed himself for even having ears - how dare he even have ears.

"C'mon, kid! You gotta loosen up!" Caladrius called out, snickering as the feline departed from the Emperor's spine and hovered in the air between the two.

Herald sighed a breath of relief as the feline used her magic, allowing herself to illuminate the area around them in a hue of pink, lighting the way ahead. His shoulders loosened, not realizing how tense he was.

"So you really think she's this way?" he questioned, skepticism in his voice.

"I already told you, yes! She has to be, my bones are telling me something grand is hiding this way. Plus, look at the petals. Dianthus is pink, these are pink petals. We have to be going the right way."

Herald paused and blinked, his steps slowing only for a moment before he skittered forward to remain in the feline's light.

“She also has blue petals.... green too...”

The silence stretched between them before Caladrius broke the silence. “Huh, I guess you’re right! Oops.”

“OOPS? You chose based off of your *bones* and the colors of the petals – all while forgetting she has MULTIPLE COLORS and all you can say is OOPS???”

Caladrius grinned, shrugged her shoulders and sped up, “Only way to find out to keep going!”

Caladrius:

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Tourmaline, Las & Herald

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