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Interview of Myziri

Interrogators: The Master, Phantasm, Echo, Whisper, Earthbound

Prisoner seemed remarkable calm despite earlier protests about refusing to be chained up. When questioned about this, the prisoner claimed she was treated similarly by Fillilonian troops at first.

Prisoner was cooperative during the rest of the interview except when requested to demonstrate her access to the Triumvirate Hivemind. Prisoner demanded to be free to roam the Hideout in return. It was decided not to use enhanced interrogation methods to force her given our vague understanding of how this hivemind connection works. This matter will be discussed ASAP with other field personnel.

Summary of the interrogation:

Prisoner identified herself as Myziri, a Lady-In-Waiting of the Morgana Hive.

Prisoner was asked to expand on the title Lady-In-Waiting.

"The hive is a unity but there is a strict hierarchy amongst the Changelings, just as the body has different organs serving different functions but working in unison. The brains is the Queen. She is the Mother of the Hive and its leader. Her orders drive all the layers of the Hive.

Right underneath her is the Captain, her consort and leader of the Praetorians. And beside the Captain, one or more Ladies-In-Waiting, we are the future Queens. When the Queen dies the Hive will unanimously decide among the Ladies-In-Waiting who will ascend to be the next Queen. There are usually a number of us, in case one of us would die with the Queen."

"What other types are there?"

"The Praetorians are specially grown to guard the Queen, they're strong with a tough carapace and always near the Queen.

Then there's the Overseers who manage large groups of drones. They're weaker than drones and usually have to be protected.

There are different types of drones: Warriors, Infiltrators specialized in subterfuge, Nurses to heal and take care of the hatchlings, Harvesters who collect food."

"You mean the emotions? I thought all Changelings could collect emotional energy."

"We all can, but it is not always most efficient to do so. Harvesters have the unique ability to liquify collected emotions turning them into a honey-like substance and distribute it among the Hive."

"Vilitian Honey..."

"Yes, the honey made of love gives even non-Changelings incredible feelings of euphoria. So the Triumvirate gives small amounts to their favored allies who can sell it for enormous profits."

"What else do you use the honey for?"

"Everything. To feed the troops first of all. To grow the hatchlings, giving them honey made of a certain emotion is the key to what role they'll have. Future Queens get only fed honey made of

love. Praetorians anger and courage, we even use hardened honey in our structures and armor.”

The interrogation now focused on the Triumvirate and Myziri’s capture.

Prisoner claims the three Queens are Nefertiri, Morgana and Varash. This conflicts with

Triumvirate propaganda that the Queens are named Nefertiri, Larvarra and Varash.

Prisoner claims the Larvarra name was invented by Morgana.

Prisoner confirms a link between Queen Morgana and Morgana of the Vulture Guild, claiming that at times they’re one and the same. Our files have been revised accordingly.

Prisoner was asked to expand on Morgana’s Hive and her role in it.

“Morgana is the mother of Vilitus City, the Triumvirate was her brainchild. A city where Changelings could feed on ponies without needing to go from place to place with endless conflict.”

“And she enlisted the aid of the other two hives to do it?”

“Yes, I wasn’t born yet but I know she went through some lengths. Morgana’s Hive was...probably still is specialized in subterfuge and infiltration. She needed the raw brute force of a Hive like Nefertiri and the intelligence of Varash.”

“Did the other Hives just go along with the plan?”

“They needed some convincing. They each asked something in return. Nefertiri wanted the lion’s share of the harvested emotion for her Hive. Varash wanted to settle in the Oasis because she wanted to study the Lemarian Nexus underneath it.”

“The Nexus?”

“A headquarters of the Ancient Lemarians, Varash wanted to study it and unlock its powers. That’s where I came in. Drones are good for manual labor but they do not have the finesse Queens or Ladies have. I was sent from Morgana’s Hive to assist in her excavations and experiments.”

“We’ll get on that in a second. Let’s return to Morgana. What are her activities in the City?”

“I cannot speak for now, but she was in my time in charge of observing the City. She has her infiltrators everywhere and subtly guides the different warring factions, keeping balance. In the sewers underneath the Fata Morgana is her Hive.”

Subject was asked to expand on Varash.

“Her Hive is the smallest of all, but her knowledge of magic is second to none. She has a spire in the Oasis above the main excavation of the Nexus. She never leaves the spire, during all my time assisting her Hive I only had contact with her drones and Ladies, I never saw her.”

“Tell us what happened that freed you.”

“We were investigating one of the central control mechanisms. The Lemarians used immense magical constructs that oversaw their operations automatically. To interact with them, you need to transfer your thoughts into them. Varash wanted to find better ways to access more information within the constructs and attempted to bind us temporarily to them. Two of us died from the shock. I came back...reborn. I was not separate, yet I wasn’t fully in the Hive anymore.”

“Did you flee the Triumvirate immediately?”

"I stayed for a while, but the others became suspicious of me. If you're not part of the Hive you are not to be trusted. I fled before they could get to me. During that time I saw how cruel the Triumvirate system was and decided to lend my aid to stopping it."

"Or you simply wanted revenge."

"...Partly, of course. But I can assure you it was not my only motivation."

Prisoner was asked to expand on Nefertiri.

"The blunt weapon, her hive is immense. I figure all she did was breed and feed. Her troops patrol the desert, the sea and the sea wall."

"Our archives claim that before she became part of the Triumvirate they drank blood...any idea why?"

"No...we know they did, but only that Hive knows why. They stopped that tradition when they became part of the Triumvirate. Yet they've always been the most savage Hive of the three."

Interrogation was paused here, awaiting discussion.

Prisoner has been detained within the Vault for now.