Souls Unite

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Chapter 11

By the time the lioness made it back to her room Panthro had everything packed and ready to go.

“You didn’t have to do that,” Leanna smiled and kissed his cheek.
“Sure I did,” Panthro nodded.

“Umm Panthro love..I’m only going to be gone a few days, I don’t need two bags,” Leanna said noticing the other bag by the door.

“I know but I’m going with you,” Panthro nodded and picked up the other bag.

“But you should stay here and rest,” Leanna said.

“Lea…I’m not leaving you,” he said determined, “besides I can rest on the feliner”.

“Be reasonable….What are you going to do for three days on Thundera with a broken leg,” Leanna asked crossing her arms.

“Plenty,” he shrugged, “do some catching up with old friends…things like that”.

“But I though I was going with Chancellor Meka,” Leanna asked.

“Nope …you, me Tygra and Myra are taking the feliner and following Chancellor Meka to Thundera,” the panther nodded.

“Ok…come on then …let’s get this over with,” she said picking up her bag.

When the couple made it to the hanger, Myra and Cheetara stood talking with Lion-O and Tygra.

“Well this is quite a send off,” the lioness smiled.

“Send off…no,” Cheetara winked, “Just extra company…we’re going too”.

“Yes..someone has to make sure this panther keeps out of trouble,” Lion-O winked, “besides I said I would do what I can to help you and I mean that Lea”.

“I don’t need a damn babysitter,” the panther scowled.

“Sure you do gimpy,” the lion grinned.

“We better get going.. Chancellor Meka is ready to depart in his ship,” Tygra nodded.

“Let’s go Thundercats,” Lion-O smiled.

The six Thundercats boarded the Feliner and headed for New Thundera.

Once the lioness made sure Panthro was somewhat comfortable on the bunk she sat down. “How’s the leg…are you in pain, “she said adjusting the pillows behind his back.

“Woman…stop fussing,” he said capturing her hand, “I’m fine”.

“You sure,” she asked running her free hand over the plaster cast that incased his right leg.

“Yes…now the question is…are you ok,” Panthro asked looking straight into her eyes.

She quickly down cast her eyes “I will be,” She nodded

“Lea…..you worry to much about me and not enough about yourself,” the panther said putting

his hand under her chain and raising her head. “How long has it been since you last ate”.

“Truth…I don’t remember,” She shrugged.

“Lea,” the panther growled,” Go get something in your stomach”.

“I’m not hungry,” She said quietly.

“Do you want me to get Cheetara and Myra down here and hold you down and force feed you,” he asked cocking a brow.

“You wouldn’t,” she scowled.

“Try me,” he said crossing his arms over his chest.

“Honestly…I’m not hungry ...just the thought of food makes me nauseous,” she grimaced.

“Oh really now,” Panthro said as a mysterious smirk crossed his face, he knew that’s not the only thing that had changed, “ok, eat when your hungry,” he said pulling her close and kissed the top of her head, he also noticed a slight change in her scent, something that only he would take notice of.

“I’m just so tired,” She sighed lying against his chest.

“Rest baby….go ahead and rest,” the panther said softly gently rubbing her back…with in a few minutes she was sound asleep, Panthro smiled and laid his head back, closed his eyes and drifted off to sleep with the lioness wrapped protectively in his arms.

An hour later Myra went down to check on the couple, she smiled when she seen the pair sleeping peacefully, she quietly went back up to the flight deck. “So how are they doing,” Cheetara asked.

“Both are asleep,” The tigress smiled,” Even sleeping that panther protects her…has he always been that way”.

“Yeah…but I’ve noticed lately he’s a bit more… apprehensive,” Tygra nodded, “even for him”.

“Like that little display in the med bay with the thunder guards,” Myra nodded,

“Well I’m glad you could calm him down, “Cheetara nodded.

“Oh believe me that panther was ready to hand them their collective ass’s on a platter,” Lion-O smirked.

“Yeah…. He just scooped Leanna up with one arm and placed her behind him and was ready to wrap that crutch around anyone who came near,” Myra chuckled.

“Hmm,” Tygra said thinking, “Myra does he get defensive if you, Cheetara or Pumyra go near Leanna”.

“No,” the tigress said shaking her head, “he’s fine with us”.

“That’s because we’re females and no threat to him or Lea,” Cheetara nodded.

“Tygra…..what is it,” Myra asked, she knew that look he had on his face…the tiger was thinking…She could almost see the wheels turning in his head.

“Oh…nothing,” he shrugged.

“Spill it,” Myra said folding her arms over her chest giving him a stern look.

“What there’s nothing to spill,” He nodded.

“Fine stay tight lipped,” Myra snorted then looked at the cheetah, “Men”.

Tygra smirked inwardly to himself but said nothing the rest of the trip.

As if the panther’s brain was hot wired to the feliner, the second they touched down his eyes snapped open. “Lea,” he said quietly stroking her hair, “were here”.

“Just five more minutes,” she said, “I’m comfortable”.

“Sorry…but you know Chancellor Meka will be waiting”.

The lioness sighed and pulled herself from the panther’s warm embrace, “it will be ok,” Panthro smiled, “I promise you that”.

“I know,” she nodded.

The two got up and left the feliner, when they departed the others were waiting, “so is the evaluation going to be done here,” Leanna asked nodding towards cat’s lair.

“No…You’ll be taken to the hospital in the city,” Tygra nodded.

“Oh…I see,” the lioness said.

“Don’t worry I’ll be going with you,” Tygra smiled and took the lioness’s bag.

The panther pulled her into his arms and kissed her tenderly, “Love you Lea,” he whispered in her ear hugging her tightly the best he could with one arm.

“I won’t be gone for long,” she sighed hugging him back, “now you behave yourself and don’t go giving anyone a hard time,” she said parting from him.

“Hey…You know me,” He smirked.

“Yes love…I do,” she smiled caressing his cheek, “see you in a few days”.

The panther held onto her until the last second and watched as she and the tiger got into a waiting transport car and drove off towards the city.

“So you going to go rest now,” Lion-O asked breaking the silence.

“You kidding…. ,”the panther snorted “I have a hanger full of stuff to look at….I want to make sure they haven’t made a total mess of my work shop,” he said and hobbled off.

“Well so much for him behaving,” The cheetah smirked.

“You know that man has motor oil for blood,” Lion-O shrugged, “If it will keep him happy and busy…why not”.

“Fine…but it will be your hide if lea finds out,” Cheetara nodded and picked up her bag.

Lion-O just chuckled as the two women walked up the steps of the lair.

The master mechanic hobbled into the hanger which was twice the size of the one on third earth. The smell of grease and oil lingered in the air, he took a deep breath and smiled, “ahhh…home,” he grinned as he looked around at the numerous vehicles and parts lying about.

“You there,” he bellowed to the nearest worker, “you’re going to have dents in that panel if you keep it just lying around…pick that up and move it aside,” he ordered.

The young leopard jumped up seeing who was barking orders, he seen the Thundercat symbol on the panther’s wide belt, “yes sir,” he said and quickly did what he was told. He didn’t know the

panther personally, only by reputation.

Panthro smirked inwardly, “thought I recognized that bellowing,” An older tiger said coming up behind the panther.

“Well you’re too easy on these green horns,” Panthro stated then smiled extending his hand, “hey thane…how’s it going”.

“By the looks…better then you,” he shaking his hand and nodded at Panthro’s plaster incased leg.

“Oh…. that’s nothing,” Panthro said dismissively with a wave of his hand.
“Come on old friend…It’s lunch time..We can play catch up,” Thane nodded.

“You there,” Panthro said to the young leopard before he left. “Clean that oil up off the floor…were you born in a blasted barn or something”.

“Good to have you back,” thane chuckled

The young man grabbed an old rag and started cleaning as the tiger and panther walked off.
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Later that afternoon, Leanna and Tygra waited in the lioness’s hospital room.

“I can assure you Dr.Selen is one of the best,” Tygra nodded.

“I don’t know Tygra,” the lioness said nervously, “having a stranger poke around in my head is well….unnerving”.

“She knows what’s she’s doing Leanna,” Tygra said patting the lioness’s shoulder gently.

Leanna went to say something when the door open and a tall tigress walked in, “Good after

noon," she smiled, "I'm Dr. Selen".

"Glad you could see her on such short notice Selen," Tygra smiled.

"Hey…When my cousin calls and asks for a favor who am I to argue," She smiled, "good to see you Tygra…it's been awhile".

"Too long," Tygra smiled giving his cousin and quick hug.

"So Leanna, Tygra explained to you what I'll be doing," Selen nodded.

"Yes," the lioness nodded, "you'll be going into my mind and recalling the exact moment I lost control".

"I know you think of it as an invasion of privacy…But I an assure you, that's all I'll be doing…anything else I happen to come across will remain confidential," Selen nodded, "if you wish Tygra can stay and watch if it will make you feel more comfortable".

"You don't mind," Leanna questioned looking at the tiger.

"of course not," Tygra nodded.

"alright….lay back and relax Selen said.

Leanna nodded and laid back on the bed, the tigress moved to the head of the bed and gently put her fingers on the lioness's temples, "now just close your eyes and relax…this won't hurt a bit…you'll feel your self get sleepy…Don't fight that…just let it happen"

"Ok," Leanna said quietly.

"Now let your mind drift back to that morning," Selen said entering the lioness's mind.

As much as Leanna didn't want to relive that horrible moment she had no choice in the matter, she let her mind drift back to that morning.

"Good," Selen said quietly in Leanna's ear. The tigress closed her eyes and watched what was happening like a old movie, she seen the couple racing though the woods laughing, "That panther loves you very much," she smiled, "he's very strong willed and set in his ways," she said, "a perfect match for another one who is strong willed".

The lioness just smiled, "for the first time in a very long time…You feel safe and protected when he's near you," Selen nodded, what happened next seemed to move in slow motion, the panther yelling a warning , then him trying to push her out of the way. Then the impact of the sabotaged log hitting the panther. The tigress felt Leanna tense up, "I know it's a painful memory...but I need to know exactly what happened," Selen said calmly.

Leanna found herself standing in the unicorn forest with the tigress beside her, she looked over and saw Panthro lying on the ground in extreme pain, then to her surprise, she saw herself.

"We're reliving the memory," Selen nodded taking Leanna's hand.

Leanna bit her lip and just let the scene play though. Selen watched as the human came out… provoking the lioness by threatening to kill her mate.

The tigress watched as the lioness withdrew her weapons and cut off the human's hand and knocked him to the ground and warned him to stay down. She saw the human reach for his gun and the panther warning her.

It was the look in the lioness's eyes that concerned her, her eyes went from there dark green to almost black. As Leanna attacked Schwenk Selen felt a presents with them, she glanced up and saw the sky darken, "Leanna," Selen said, "what happened…do you remember changing".

The lioness shook her head no, Selen looked at her and noticed a change in the lioness, “back off bitch and leave her alone,” Leanna said as her voice deepened a bit and her eyes turned coal black.

“I’m only trying to help…who you are,” Selen asked cautiously.

“Doesn’t matter…that scum deserved to die…he’s been haunting us for months”.

“Yes…It does matter….she could be going to prison because of what you did,” Selen said, “now who are you”.

“I am her fierceness...I am her strength….I am everything she’s been holding back and hiding, I came out because she needed me too”.

Selen suddenly found herself flying though the air, she was ripped form the lioness’s mind and flung against the wall.

“Selen are you alright, “Tygra asked helping her to her feet.

“Yes…..but she’s not….this one has a dark side….a very dangerous dark side,” She said looking down atthe lioness.