The Return Home

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Chapter 2

Tygra and Leanna helped the panther back into the feliner. “You know you won’t be able to use that arm for a while,” Tygra said as he stitched up Panthro’s arm.

“Watch me,” Panthro snorted stubbornly and cringed as the needle went through his flesh.

“How do you expect to repair the ship with your arm half torn off,” Leanna asked cocking a brow.

“I can still work with one arm tied behind my back,” the panther winked, “besides Tygra will help me”.

“Has anyone ever told you how stubborn you are,” the lioness scowled.

“Yes several people,” Panthro smirked, “Ow Tygra,” he growled as the anesthetic started to wear off, “aren’t you done yet,” he complained.

”Only two more stitches,” Tygra nodded then looked at Leanna. “Speaking of stubborn…. how are you feeling”

“Other then a upset stomach, I’m ok,” She shrugged, “we need him fixed up more then me,” she nodded passing over a bottle of water to the panther.

“No we just need to get home,” Tygra nodded.

“Well let me get to work man,” Panthro snorted taking a drink from the bottle.

“You should rest for a while,” Tygra said finishing patching the panther wound.

“I’ll rest when we get off this blasted rock,” Panthro said standing and making his way back to the open panel he had been working on.

“Alright,” Tygra replied putting up his hands, he knew it was useless to argue.

As the two men worked the lioness went back inside the cockpit to check the systems as Panthro call for them. Three hours later the engines roared to life.

“There isn’t a machine built yet that refuses to work for me,” Panthro smirked as he settled down in the copilot’s seat.

“No…they know better then to mess with a master mechanic,” Tygra chuckled.

“Well Thundercat’s…let’s go home,” The panther said as the feliner ll lifted off.

Back on third earth the other thundercats were relieved when the panther had called in and told them that they were on their way home. A beep in the console drew Lion-O's attention, "Cat's Lair here, "he said.

"This is the Catalan requesting permission to land," came a males voice over the speaker.

"May I asked what business you have with us," lion-o asked.

"My business is not with you," the man said, "it's with Leanna".

"Well she's not here right now, but she should be returning soon," Lion-O said.

"Then I wish to land and wait for her".

Curiosity got the better of the lion, "Alright, you have permission to land…Cat's lair out".

By the time Lion-O had gathered Cheetara and Myra and went down to the main entrance the ship had landed in the front courtyard just at the bottom of the steps. As the trio made there way down a small ramp extended and a man walked down dressed in a long robe. Cheetara noticed it was robes of a thunderian noble, "who is he and what does he want with Leanna, "the cheetah asked.

"I guess we'll find out," lion-o shrugged as a Lion appeared from behind the ship. He looked to be in his late fifties and stood nearly as tall as Lion-O, with a thick jet-black mane, "hello I'm Lion-O lord of the Thundercat's welcome to cat's lair," he said giving the elder lion his best smile.

"I am Rohon," he nodded, "Where is my daughter," he asked sternly.

"Your daughter, "cheetara said surprised.

"Yes my daughter…where is Leanna," Rohon asked

"I'm sorry sir but as I told you before..She's not here at the moment," Lion-o nodded.

"Well when do you expect her back," The elder lion asked impatiently, "Time is growing short".

"Short…short for what," cheetara said glancing at Myra who just shrugged.

"Not your concern," Rohon grumbled, "she's been hiding for far too long, I wouldn't have been able to find her until I read about her capture and rescue on the news".

Lion-O glanced over at the two women with a worried look on his face," Well she will be home in a few hours…. why don't you come in and make yourself at home".

The elder lion nodded and followed the group up the steps, "so how long has she been with you guys," he asked as they went inside.

"She's been with us a little over six months now," Cheetara answered, "she a very skilled fighter

and a valued member of our team".
"Well I'm sorry to say those days are over," Rohon nodded, "as soon as she comes back we must leave for New Thundera".
"I umm, don't think she will want to leave," Lion-O said, "with all due respect sir…. she's quite happy here".
"Well I'm sorry to say she has no choice in the matter," Rohon nodded.
"I think a over two hundred pound temperamental panther will have something to say about that," Cheetara whispered to Myra. The tigress smirked and nodded.
"I will have snarf show you to the guest quarters where you can rest up until Leanna gets here, "Lion-O nodded.
The elder lion nodded, "thank-you. You will let me know the moment she arrives".
"Yes someone will let you know," Lion-o nodded and called for Snarf, "take our guest to the guest room in the east wing". Snarf nodded and toddled off with Rohon close behind him, once they were out of sight the lion turned to the two women.
"This can't be a good thing," he said shaking his head.
"Panthro will blow a gasket if he's come to take that lioness," Cheetara said.
"Never mind a gasket…he'll toss Rohon's ship into the moat," Lion-O smirked, "I just would like to know why he's here and why he's going to take Leanna home…. it's not as if she's a child…she's a grown woman".
"Well as soon as they land someone better warn her," Cheetara nodded, "maybe she can tell us".

"Ah …now there's a sight for sore eyes," Panthro smiled as third earth came into view.
"Feliner to cat's lair…requesting permission to land," Tygra said over the radio.
"Cat's lair," Cheetara's cheerful voice fill the cockpit, "Permission granted and welcome home" the cheetah said and raised the left paw so the feliner could land. She called Lion-O and went down to the hanger. By the time she got there the feliner hand landed and the engines were being shut down, she looked over at Lion-O who stood waiting for his three teammates to depart.
Tygra was the first down followed by then panther then Leanna, "hope you don't mind Panthro," Lion-o said hugging the lioness, "I'm so happy you're alright and safely home".
"It's so good to be back home," she said hugging him back.
"Ok that's enough, "Chetrara said, "it's my turn," she smiled hugging the lioness tightly, "we

were so worried about you…..are you sure your ok".

"Yes mom," Leanna snorted then laughed.

"What happened to you," the lion asked seeing Panthro's bandaged arm.

"Oh that…had a run in with a giant worm," He said.

"I just want to take a shower eat, then sleep for a week," the lioness nodded.

"Not until Pumyra checks you over," Tygra nodded.

"You were suppose to be coming home not playing with worms panther," Lion-o teased.

"We had to make an emergency landing …had a bit of engine trouble, that's why we were late getting home," Panthro nodded.

"ahh I see," the lion nodded, 'umm Leanna I have a bit of news for you".

"Oh," Leanna said cocking a brow, "good I hope".

"Well umm, we have a visitor"

"Oh, who," The lioness asked.

"Well your father is here," Lion-o nodded.

"What…ooh no," she said slightly back up, "no, no, no".

"Lea…what is it," Panthro asked.

"He's come to take me back home," she said biting her lip.

"What…he can't make you go home, you're not a child," Panthro snorted.

"Did he come alone," Leanna asked.

"Yes…it was just him," cheetara said.

"Thank Jaga for small favours," The lioness sighed.

"Ok woman. …What the devil is going on, why is he here to take you home," Panthro asked crossing his arms.

The lioness cringed and looked down at the floor "to get married," she said quietly.

"What," The panther roared, "you are engaged and you didn't bother to tell me," he fumed.

"Panthro please," she said, "it's not like that".

"Ok then. Explain it to me," He scowled.

"It's an arranged marriage, it was a contract between my father and Linus's father that when I reach a certain age I am to marry Linus," she said. "But I don't want too. That's why I left new thundera in the first place, I can't marry a man I don't love".

"Then you don't have too," Panthro said putting his hands on her shoulder, "we'll just tell him

the deal is off".
"I wish we could," she sighed burring her face in the panther's chest, "but it's more complicated then that, if I refuse, my father will loose everything he has. He has put everything in a dowry".
"Lea. …What are you saying," the panther asked.
"I have no choice but to go home with him," The lioness nodded sadly, "I was hoping he would never find me…. but he has".
"Where is he…. I want to talk to him myself," The panther growled.
"Please don't…you'll only make things worse," Leanna pleaded.
"Too bad I've taken you as MY mate…he's not going to take you away from me," Panthro growled and stomped off.
"Lion-O you have to stop him," the lioness pleaded.
"Leanna normally I would, but you have no idea the hell he's been through the past two and a half weeks " the lion nodded, "That panther loves you enough that he literally went to the ends of the galaxy to find you and bring you home".

The angry panther stormed though cat's lair, after asking Snarf where Leanna's father was, he headed for the guest room.
Rohon was sitting quietly reading when a loud knock came to the door.
"Have you come to tell me my daughter has arrived," the lion asked opening the door.
"Yes she has," Panthro scowled," but she's not going anywhere with you".
"And just who do you think you are panther," Rohon growled.
"I sir am Leanna's mate," He snarled back.
"Her mate," Rohon said surprised, "no…I don't think so…her mate is waiting for her back on new thundera".
"You don't believe me ask her yourself," Panthro snorted.
"Sorry but I don't believe she would sink low enough to be mated with the likes of you," the elder lion snorted.
"The likes of me," Panthro said, "What the hell," He growled.
"You heard me…Panther," Rohon hissed.
If the lion had of been anyone else but Leaana's father he would have ripped the old mans head off. Panthro bared his teeth and growled, he was about to speak when he herd a voice calling

him, he turned and seen Leanna and Lion-o running down the hall.
“You young woman have some serious explaining to do,” Rohon scowled looking at the lioness, “do you know how long I’ve been looking for you…. nearly a year”.
“How did you find me,” she asked.
“By sheer luck,” The elder lion snorted, “now pack your things you have a wedding to attend”.
“No she doesn’t,” Panthro stated, “She’s staying right here”.
“Mind your own business…this is a family matter,” Rohon growled glaring at the big panther.
“This is my business,” Panthro growled.
“Back off panther, this is your last warning,” The elder lion snarled trying to intimidate Panthro.
“Please just stop this,” Leanna said putting herself between a very irritated panther and her father.
“I knew I should have never let you out of my sight,” Rohon growled, “you should be back home where you belong …you should have been married and with cub by now …not here doing god knows what, with that, ” he snorted nodding to the panther.
“Don’t you speak to him like that,” Leanna growled, “Panthro is a good man”.
“I’m sure he is,” Rohon nodded, “but just not for you”.
“I think I know what’s best for me…I am not a child,” The lioness snorted
“Perhaps…. but I am still your father and you will do as you are told,” Rohon stated.
“But I don’t want to marry linus,” Leanna started to say. The elder lion let out a loud authoritive roar commanding her instant obedience; the lioness hung her head and said no more. “Now Lea…. go pack you things…this foolishness has gone on long enough,” he nodded.
“You can’t make her leave now…. she’s ill, “Lion-O spoke up.
“Ill she looks fine to me,” Rohon nodded.
“She has suffered radiation poisoning,” Panthro said, “She needs to be checked over”.
“You’re just saying that to stall,” Rohon snorted.
“No there not,” Leanna said, “they would never lie about something like that,” she said getting angrier, “you want to be apart of Linus’s family so badly …then you marry him…now if you will excuse me I have to go lay down. I’m not feeling well,” she nodded and started to walk off. Rohon just stood there shocked, that was the first time she had ever spoken to him like that. The lioness only made it a few feet when she collapsed to the floor; Panthro bolted and carefully picked her up.

“You better get her to the medbay,” Lion-o nodded.

“This is far from being over,” Rohon scowled going back inside the guest room.