Luke looked out his bedroom window, for many it was one day like another in the city of Porto Alegre in Brazil. But for Luke it was a day he had been looking forward to; he could barely contain his growing excitement as he sat on his bed, looking at the Yutri on the nightstand and the Nintendo Switch left charging on his desk.

One look around Luke's room revealed that he was a huge fan of Nintendo and their videogames. Posters, action figures or mugs... Luke was certainly a dedicated fan of the Japanese brand, but today's excitement didn't come from another videogame release or a gaming convention happening soon, Luke quickly picked up his Nintendo switch from the desk and booted his favorite game to pass the time.

Soon the familiar music of Metroid Prime Remastered reached Luke's ears, his eyes briefly looking away from the Nintendo's screen to keep watch on the digital clock hanging on the wall. There were still 20 minutes left until the appointed time for the Yutri call came.... So why not pass the time with one of his favorite games? Time would certainly go by fast if he played for a little while.

Today was surely going to be a special day for Luke. For the first time, Luke would meet and speak with Kiralai, a female Falashai with whom he would soon be living with at Anatalay University. Luke then briefly glanced at a poster in which a Falashai posed as a superhero to advertise a comic convention that had taken place outside of his home system.

Luke could still remember Kiralai's warm smile along with her lovely character. He certainly couldn't contain his excitement as he quickly went to save his game; luckily for him, he didn't have to wait much longer as another glance at the clock revealed that there was only 2 minutes left for the Yutri to ring with the tone of an incoming call.

-"Calm down Luke... "- Luke mumbled trying to calm himself down as he quickly grabbed the Yutri from the nightstand and tightened the strap around his wrist, another quick glance at the clock then revealed that there were a few seconds left until the appointed time. Even then, disaster ensued as his eagerness played a trick on Luke who quickly answered the ringing Yutri.

-"Oi Kiralai! Tudo bem?!\*"- Luke greeted the female Falashai with great excitement in his voice, Kiralai however didn't greet him back. Her ears were perked up and her facial expression suggested that she was confused about what he had just said to her, -"Ah, bolas!\*"- Luke cursed, realizing his mistake Luke quickly blurted out a response in common -"Just a second!" he chuckled awkwardly as he activated the automatic translator on his Yutri.

-"Heh, sorry about that..."- Luke chuckled with a hand against his head trying to wash off the embarrassment flowing through him, Kiralai however snickered at that minor mistake and happily greeted Luke -"Hey little one! How are you?"- Kiralai smiled happy as she saw his face through the Yutri's holographic projection.

-"Doing g...good! What a...about you?"- Luke briefly stuttered as he looked to Kiralai's face on the hologram, he was certainly mesmerized by how beautiful Kiralai looked and how he finally had the chance to have a proper conversation with one of the giant aliens he had seen many times on advertisements and media all around the world.

-"Good! Just finished with my fur Dye and the eyelashes!"- Kiralai's warm voice came through the Yutri as she combed her hair -"Hey Kiralai..."- Luke shily spoke into the Yutri as Kiralai's ears perked up in attention, her warm smile and the nod she gave him told Luke that she was certainly paying attention to what he was about to tell her.

\*Hey Kiralai, everything good?

\*Oh balls!

-"I don't know if you know this but..."- Luke chuckled as he looked briefly to the side -"Did you know that you look like Krystal fox?"- Luke slowly felt that lingering shyness going away from his body -"from the Star Fox games... from Nintendo"- he pointed out as Kiralai seemingly snickered at that.

-"How do you remember so much stuff from Nintendo games?"- Kiralai shook her head with a smile on her face, enjoying the pleasant interaction with who would be her future charge in a matter of a few days -"Well... I have this thing called Aspergers..."- Luke scratched his head as he told Kiralai about that condition.

Kiralai attentively listened to Luke's description of the disability. According to Luke, Asperger was a development disorder that was related to the Autism spectrum... it was certainly a fascinating one considering how it affected social interaction and the inability to adapt to changes on a schedule, yet... they were gifted with the ability to easily absorb knowledge and increased awareness

-"So... I pretty much have an easier time memorizing everything about stuff I like..."-Luke shrugged with a smile shining on his face -"I'm also told sometimes that they never met someone who knows more about Nintendo than me"- Luke concluded, he however couldn't help but feel confused as she kept her gaze fixed on him.

- "Uh... Why are you looking at me like that?"- Luke asked confused as Kiralai chuckled -"Oh sorry! I was just admiring you a little!"- Kiralai pointed out as she told Luke that she found humans to be fascinating, since the first time she had seen images of them. Even more when she found out they were the tiniest known alien species.

Luke squinted his eyes, he felt a suspicion come into his mind as he asked the next question to Kiralai. It was probably an assumption, but he wished to clear it out before he made it into UTO space.

-"You wouldn't happen to be interested in us mostly because we're tiny, right?" Luke asked to the Falashai, causing her to briefly adopt a shocked expression -"How did...?"- Kiralai stammered a bit -"Of course not, but..."- she was a bit afraid of her new friend finding out about her secret fascination with Tiny life forms.

-"Hahaha, don't worry, it's ok!"- Luke reassured the Falashai as she gave him a soft smile looking towards him -"To be honest... I was hoping to get someone who finds humans cute like you do as my guardian!"- Luke finished, leading to Kiralai feeling some relief... yet feeling confused about it.

-"Y...You do? wh..why?"-

-"well... this might seem weird to you..."- Luke looked at the confused Falashai seeking to ease her a bit -"I always had a fascination with giant beings, even before the war..."- Luke briefly looked up to the ceiling -"especially gentle ones like you! I always wanted to have a friendly, gentle giant friend!"-

Luke said, leading the Falashai's smile to grow wide as she grew happy to hear that he didn't mind being called cute -"*Really*?"- Kiralai tilted her head, her blue ears perked up in confusion -"*Guess the AI pairing really works then*!"- Kiralai smiled happy. -"I've been told often not to call humans cute since they might find it disrespectful..."-

-"True..."- Luke pointed out to Kiralai as she kept combing her hair -"I think most humans find it offensive because it makes it seem like we are pets rather than equals"- Luke however went to tell Kiralai that he was looking forward to meet up with her at Anatalay, the Falashai could certainly feel his excitement as he fiddled with something off-camera.

-"we both like games, are fascinated with each other's size..."- Luke smiled at the Falashai as he went to check on his travel bag, Kiralai couldn't help but express her excitement about finally meeting Luke in person... Not to mention how Luke actually didn't mind being called cute & Little one.

-"Same here! I'm excited to be carried and protected by a gentle giant like you in just a few days!"- Luke smiled looking towards the holographic projection of Kiralai on the Yutri, the human then looked behind himself at the door hearing a familiar voice calling from downstairs.

-"Hey Kiralai! ... Sorry, but I have to head to the farewell party my family is holding for me today. I'll see you very soon!" Luke told Kiralai as he glanced at the cat that meows at him for some attention. One of his Link figures then fell from its shelf drawing a curse from Luke as he tried to get Geromel to step down from the shelf.

-"Alright! tell your family that you'll be literally in good hands with me!"- Kiralai snickered, joking to her future charge. Luke briefly looked back to the shelf as he quickly placed the Link action figure back on its place - "Haha, nice one! But I'm not sure if I should... since some of my family members are a little worried"-

Luke expressed his concern to the Falashai, remembering what they thought about him living around giant aliens -"Oh, I understand them, considering that humanity's first interaction with mesomorphs wasn't exactly pleasant..."-

Kiralai glanced through the window, she could see planet Earth beneath the space elevator -*"Rynar wanting to enslave the human species..."*- Kiralai shook her head

not wanting to go into those bitter memories -" *Perhaps someday I could try and help them understand that not all of us are like the Rynar.*"

-"Yeah, I've been trying to change their minds for a while now, hopefully after meeting you they'll perhaps change their mind"- Luke scratched behind his head as he thought about Kiralai possibly helping change their minds -"Anyway, mom's calling me... Bye Kiralai!"- Luke quickly reached for the power button on his Yutri.

-"Bye, Little One! I'll be seeing and holding you soon!" Kiralai soon bid her farewell as she smiled for Luke, she was certainly feeling thrilled to meet him in a matter of just a few hours

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It didn't take long until Luke made his way towards the living room, the sight of a cake placed on the table greeted him... around it his family was reunited, they all wore happy expressions except for his older brother... He could see Guilherme with his arms crossed as he addressed him.

-"Seriously, you still haven't given up on this madness, Luke?"- His older brother Guilherme asked, very worried about Luke's decision. Luke however was firm on his decision *-"No, I don't think I will... And I already told you that it's not madness!"-* Luke replied, bothered as it was the third time that his older brother tried to talk him out of fulfilling his life dream.

Luke's dream was to live among friendly giant mesomorphs, one of his other interests also involved the furry fandom and everything around it. He liked them a lot regardless of their size, and very little people knew about his interests, the fact that his older brother had tried to get on the way of his dream certainly made Luke disappointed

-"Of course it is! You're going to be surrounded by aliens that can crush you like an insect! How isn't that madness?!"

-"Because those same aliens are the ones who came to our rescue when we needed it!"- Luke scoffed angrily at his older brother -"They prevented humanity from being enslaved by the Rynar! you should be directing those words to the Lizards instead of the UTO! You ungrateful piece of...!"-

Luke's mother quickly swooped in and intervened to quell down the argument between the brothers -"You two! Stop bickering like you're still kids this instant!" Guilherme looked at his mom with an incredulous look on his face as she asked him to stand down.

-"But mom, aren't you worried about Luke going to live in a place where his life will be in danger ALL the time?!"

-"I wouldn't say I'm not worried. But it's his choice and I decided to respect it. Besides, did you forget that among those giant aliens, he'll have a guardian to protect and help him whenever he needs it?" -"That's what worries me the most actually! He'll have to be carried around in a giant's hand, something that can easily close and kill him at any moment simply because the owner decided its passenger's life isn't worth anymore!!!"

Luke looked at his brother, trying to process what he had just said about Kiralai. An incredibly sweet Falashai to whom he had NEVER talked to in his whole life, Luke could feel himself grow angrier as the painful words from Guilherme began to pierce deeper into his mind.

-"What did you just say about Kiralai?!"

-"I said-"

-" SHUT UP!!! How can you say something like that about someone you've never met or talked with once in your life?!"-

Luke angrily scoffed to his older brother who seemed shocked at his anger outburst, Guilherme was confronted by Luke, as he was told about how messed up it was to think that all aliens were mere psychopathic sadists like the Rynar had proven to be. How in the same way there were good and bad people equally messed up as the Rynar and asked if he thought that all humans are good people...

Guilherme didn't wait any further to reply to Luke -"Of course not! Why would I think that all humans are good people if I watch the News everyday?" he shrugged before Luke raised his voice again at him.

-"Then you should do the same for the giants! Like humans, there 's good and bad ones among them!"- Luke yelled furious, telling Guilherme that he couldn't just lump all the good giants with the bad ones.

-"Well, I mean, that's not what I am-" Guilherme stuttered trying to find a justification for his reasoning -"Yes, that's exactly what you are doing!"- Luke growled to his brother as he mentioned how he had talked with Kiralai before, how sweet and kind she was to him compared to many people he had spoken to before.

She was easily fifty times his size, yet she was the complete opposite of what his older brother thought about all the aliens, Guilherme found himself at a loss for words being unable to give a rebuttal to his younger brother's words. He then felt his anger peak as he found himself unable to change Luke's mind.

-"Well... ok then!"- Luke looked into his brother's eyes -"Go live with a giant fox alien if it makes you so goddamn happy!"- Guilherme scoffed to Luke as he seemingly became disturbed at the anger outburst of his older brother -" Just remember that when she kills you just for disagreeing with her demands or something like that, I won't be mourning your death!"

Luke felt himself grow shocked at those venomous words coming from his brother, Luke's family members around the table wore the same shocked expressions as they took in what Guilherme had just said to Luke. Alice then looked at Guilherme both angry and shocked at what her older son had just said to his younger brother. -"How can you say something like that to your own brother?!" Luke's mother yelled angry at Guilherme, her hand quickly swung and smacked Guilherme on the back of the head. Causing him to yelp in surprise -"Get out! and don't come back until you reflect on what you just said and apologize!"-

Alice yelled at Guilherme, but Luke's brother still had one last word to say for himself as he turned around to face the entrance hallway of the apartment -"As If I need to apologize for looking out for my brother's life!"- Guilherme said as he quickly opened the door and slammed it behind himself.

Luke still felt shocked at what had just happened at that moment, how those words kept stinging even after his brother was long gone; But for now, he had to enjoy what little time he had left with his family before tomorrow morning at 6am.

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*"Helloo, Little One! Are you almost here?"-* Kiralai asked Luke as she adjusted her hair *-"Hey Kit! Yeah I'm on my way to the launch pad right now!"-* Luke smiled with excitement as he looked through the train's windows.

*"Yaaaay!!! Wait, what did you just call me?"* Kiralai tilted her head confused at that word, Luke then went to explain it was short for 'Kitsune' Basically magical foxes from Japanese Folklore, her specie's earth counterparts. *-"Do you like it?"-* he asked.

*" I don't like it. I LOVE IT!!!"-* Kiralai squealed with excitement at the human's nickname, Luke however had one last thing left to do before reaching the terminal of the launch pad. *-"Anyway Kit... there's someone besides me I'd like you to meet. My mother Alice"-*

"Oh, hello miss Alice!" Kiralai quickly went to greet her charge's mother who greeted her back, telling her there was no need to be so formal. Kiralai nodded before she noticed something about both humans -"Woah! your soon looks like you a lot! he's got your smile and your eyes!"-

-"Yeah, you're far from the only one who said that!"- Alice chuckled happily as she remarked how Kiralai was how her son had described, a Very sweet and happy girl -"I'm so honored that he thinks so highly of me!"- Kiralai smiled, feeling happy as Luke briefly looked away from the Yutri, visibly flustered by the Falashai's comments.

-"Anyway..."- Alice adjusted her hair as she looked into the Falashai's eyes -"I love my son with all of my heart, I'm putting my trust in you..."- Alice then went on to tell that if anything bad happened to Luke and it was her fault... she wouldn't be hesitating to sue her in any way possible.

-"Don't worry, my mom worries about me in the same way!"- Kiralai chuckled as she rubbed the back of her head, reassuring Alice that she would do anything in her power to ensure Luke's safety. Seemingly satisfied with her answer, Alice went on to finish the call. -"That's what I wanted to hear! Good luck to both of you!"

As the Yutri call ended, Luke stared at the monitor in the train car as it kept traveling along the tracks. He had been traveling for quite a long distance through the large underwater tunnel leading to the space elevator in the city of São Paulo. He couldn't

help but feel excited about meeting his guardian in less than a few hours, that and the new life he would soon experience in the planet of Anatalay. And judging by the recent conversation his mother and Kiralai had... everything had seemingly gone smoothly if it came to talk about a first impression.

"Estamos prestes a chegar na plataforma de lançamento, apertem os cintos, chequem suas bagagens e preparem-se para a chegada."\*

Luke clutched his baggage as the announcement came through the train's loudspeakers, he couldn't help but feel intimidated at the sheer size of this place and the tons of checkpoints he had gone through to get to the train terminal that led directly to the launch pad underneath the space elevator.

It didn't take long until Luke heard the train's wheels beginning to screech as it slowed down reaching the launch pad terminal. After a rather chaotic disembark from the train, Luke was welcomed to an incredible sight at the base of the massive building *-"My goodness! This place is gigantic!"-* he said with excitement in his voice as he took a few photos of the central column of the elevator.

-"Indeed!"- Alice gave her son a pat on the shoulder, gently kissing the top of his head as she pulled out her phone from her pocket -"wanna know a thing or two about the space elevator while we wait?"- She asked glancing at the holographic display of the arrival schedule. Luke nodded happily, wanting to make the most of his remaining time with his mother.

Alice then began to read a list of facts about the futuristic building, the space elevator was the tallest structure in the world... Reaching more than 100,000km in height counting the top, the radio waves covered half the globe making it the tallest transmission tower ever, not to mention that they were currently -500 meters deep underwater in the water reservoir of Repressa billings.

\*We are ready to arrive at the launch pad, fasten your seat belts, check your luggage and get ready for arrival.

Luke couldn't help but be in awe at hearing those fun facts. Not so long ago, building something as big as this was impossible for humankind's engineering... much less they had the materials to build it. Luke could feel his excitement for the trip growing as he glanced into one of the pods quickly ascending up the cable until...

A deafening loud braking sound soon reverberated around the large lower chamber -"Gyyarrghh!!"- Luke quickly covered his ears frightened by the noise as he felt the noise vibrate his body. One of the descent pods had finally reached the lower level and was readying itself to unload the rest of the passengers.

-"Good luck son, be nice to everyone and focus on your studies ok?" Alice patted her son's head as the PA announced the next pod departure. "Well, I guess that's my

*ride. Bye, mom. I'll make sure to contact you often!"* Luke soon bid his farewell to his mother as he gave her a quick hug. Soon enough, he grabbed his luggage and hastily jogged to the ascent pod entrance. Luke really didn't feel like waiting another 30 minutes for the next pod to descend to the surface

Luke glanced at either side of the human foot path as the red flickering lights along it pointed to the center column of the building, to his left he could see a mesomorph sized path and what seemed to be a mesomorph sized pod on the base of the elevator.

As Luke pulled his luggage along the footpath, he couldn't help but imagine a meso walking down that ample path towards what seemed to be a large hand ladder in one of the sides of the large chamber. He then remembered that in not too long, he would be seeing a mesomorph in person... and so, he hurried to the launch pad.

It didn't take long until he finally managed to get onboard the ascent pod, -"two more security checkpoints? glad I already booked in advance"- Luke thought to himself as he took hold of his luggage and left it in the storage compartment near the center. Without further ado, he went to sit in his assigned seat by the windows as he took a look outside the ascent pod.

As Luke fastened the security bar on his seat, he looked for his mom through the large crowd that was waiting for the next pod to descend. Even from this high up he could see her waving in the distance before the security barriers and the blast shields rose to protect the crowd from the blast.

As Luke waved back to his mother, the security officer on the pod quickly left through the access door as the entrance doors began to beep, signaling that the pod was about to take off in just a few seconds. As the airlocks closed with a rather loud hiss, the PA system inside the pod announced the pod's departure while the safety bars locked themselves shut.

-"Nós iremos subir agora, guardem seus celulares ou yutris e segurem-se firme na barra de segurança."- The PA quickly garbled as Luke saw the 10 second countdown appear on the door timer, taking a deep breath he held on tight to the security bar around his seat and groaned feeling the pod shake as the clamps began to eventually loosen themselves.

-"Ah!- Luke yelped, frightened as he felt the jostle that shook the ascent pod, as the countdown finally reached zero the shaking began to intensify with each passing moment until the clamps fully released the pod. Soon Luke was treated to a strong push onto his seat as the large pod quickly accelerated up the long cable.

\*We are going to ascend now, put away your phones or yutris and hold on tight to the security bar.

Luke couldn't help but let out a brief yell as he was nearly crushed against his seat, in just the blink of an eye the ascent pod had climbed out of the elevator's lower chamber beneath the water and quickly ascended to the upper floor at the base of the elevator.

Luke however had no time to process what was happening around the pod as it made its way through the center column, the light of the day was flickering through the column's spaced windows as the pod quickly broke past the highest point of the building. Luke couldn't help but gasp in amazement as he looked at the city of São Paulo growing smaller beneath the ascent pod with each passing moment.

"Que Show de Bola!" Luke said excited as he felt how the pod shook as it kept climbing higher into the sky, one last look at the panel by the airlock revealed the altimeter displaying the quickly changing height along the remaining distance to the top of the elevator. Luke's attention however went towards the upper part of the pod's windows as flames began to cover the pod's top.

"*Minha Nossa!*" Luke held tight onto the security bar as he closed his eyes in fright fearing the worst, he groaned afraid as the pod kept whistling as it fought to keep ascending higher into the deep dark blue sky. Luke couldn't help but feel it was harder to breathe as the altimeter kept climbing up in numbers.

"Passageiros do casulo #003, nós estamos prestes a passar pela Linha de Kármán, por favor permaneçam em seus assentos até o casulo chegar na área de ancoragem. Obrigado."

Luke looked around as the pod began to shake less and less, he could tell that the pod was beginning to slow down as an incessant screeching from the brakes reached his ears. For him it was surreal to see Brazil from this privileged position high up on the pod.

As the PA announced the arrival to the docking station, Luke looked around the pod feeling a bit of the initial nervousness fading away from him as the airlock began to hiss. It didn't take long until the locks on the safety bars were unlocked and for the rest of the passengers to fetch their luggage from the storage compartments at the pod.

As Luke grabbed his luggage from the storage compartment, he quickly pulled out his phone to give a quick text to his mother to tell her he had safely arrived at the top of the elevator. Even then, there was one burning thought within Luke's mind as he looked around the empty catwalk leading to the human hub. "Where is Kiralai? I forgot to ask her where she would be waiting for me!" he thought as he gave one glance beneath the transparent catwalk, everything here was way BIGGER than in the elevator at São Paulo. Despite the overwhelming atmosphere around him, Luke still felt excited to meet up with Kiralai at the main hub

-"Hope I can contact Kiralai..."- Luke said to himself as he began to make his way down the long catwalk, there was quite a lot of mesos around the hallway going wherever on this busy space station. Luke however only had eyes for one meso, and he was soon going to meet up with her once he arrived at the mixed size main hub.

As Luke managed to reach the mixed size hub, he took a look around the titanic room searching for anyone that resembled the blue fox he had seen many times in pictures and holograms, where could she be? it would be certainly hard to miss a blue Falashai in the middle of a crowd.

-"*Wait, is that her*?" Luke thought as he squinted his eyes trying to get a better look, Luke however didn't have to wait any longer as he saw Kiralai emerging from the large crowd towards the human plaza on the hub. -*"Hey little one!"*- Kiralai smiled as she beckoned for her human to approach.

-"Come on little fox! Come here and do a barrel roll in my hand so I can see your cute self from up close!"- Luke certainly couldn't contain his excitement as he jogged as fast as he could towards the Falashai's hand before a peacekeeper warned them to head over to the transfer pad a few meters away from the human plaza.

"Come on little one!"- Kiralai chuckled as Luke greeted her back, the giant Falashai soon made her way to the transfer pad as Luke carried his hefty luggage up the stairs with a bit of difficulty -"Go on! climb on my hand!"- Kiralai said eager as Luke went on to sit down atop of her right hand

Kiralai reassured Luke telling him that it would be alright as long as he was in her hands, Luke however couldn't help but express his astonishment as he looked over at the sheer size of Kiralai's hands. -"Holding a human is very different from what I've imagined... I actually feel scared too"- Kiralai looked over to the human on her palm.

*"Wait, you do? How can that be?"-* Luke asked as Kiralai expressed her unease at how a simple mistake could potentially end her charge's life. Kiralai shook her head as she remembered that promise *-"Nevermind, I actually promised your mom I wouldn't let anything bad happen to you, and I'll keep that promise!"-*

As Kiralai regained her bearings, Luke went on to reassure her -"Don't worry, Kit! What you said didn't bother me. If anything, it just makes me feel even safer while in your hands!"- he reassured the nervous Falashai as he pointed out how she realized how much meaning his life had, not to mention how careful she would be. Kiralai let out a sigh in relief as Luke told her he wasn't scared by what she had said, she however wasn't ready to find him so adorable despite the countless hours of guardian training. *-"Also did you decide on another nickname for me?"-* Luke asked as he adjusted the straps on his backpack.

-"Oh yeah!"- Kiralai nodded excitedly as she told him about how he was right about her resemblance to that character from human pop culture -"I did some quick research and found the male character is called Fox so... I decided to call you little fox as a homage!"- She squealed a bit with glee on her voice. -"Do you like it?"- she concluded.

-"*I certainly do!*"- Luke commented with excitement on his voice as Kiralai kept walking carefully through the busy crowd of the space station, the Falashai couldn't help but feel a bit of unease going through her as she occasionally halted to avoid running into other mesos as she carried her beloved charge

-"Great! Now, what do you want to chat about, Little Fox?"

## "How about we chat about our families?"

"Ok!!"- Kiralai nodded in agreement, Luke glanced back at Kiralai as she talked about her mom being a tech engineer. She had been recently adding quite a lot of human stuff like their videogames on the sims. "Oh, cool! Is that how you got to play some human games?"- Luke asked with a smile on his face.

Kiralai nodded, she had always liked games since she was little... She didn't expect her mother to ask for help if it came to testing the new human videogames she added to the sims, much less them being incredibly fun to play. Mario Kart, Zelda, Metroid... She was certainly impressed at how creative humans were when it came to making games.

-"Oh, We are supposed to be talking about our families, right?"- Kiralai chuckled awkwardly before Luke began to talk about his mother. His mother was an architect; among the many buildings she had built there were hospitals, schools... even the building where Luke lived. For Luke, his mother was certainly the most amazing person in the world, not to mention the most hardworking and kind.

Kiralai smiled as she heard how much her charge admired his mother. The Falashai as well made mention of her little brother called Kiricha; when they were together, Kiralai would be teaching him how to play video games, yet Kiricha's interest seemed to be going around exploring the universe some day.

As Kiralai finished, Luke couldn't help but tell her that he wished that his older brother was more like his guardian. She certainly sounded like an amazing sister -"Oh? why?"- Kiralai asked with interest in what her charge had to say about his older brother.

Luke talked about how his older brother Guilherme sometimes acted more like a bully than an older brother, he was almost provoking him and being rude most of the time... but in time Luke had learned that due to him being born with Aspergers, he had stolen most of his mom's attention due to him needing more care than most kids around the block.

-"Today we get along much better..."- Luke shrugged as Kiralai briefly halted herself to let a group of Sissach get past her, a quick look up at a holographic panel hanging on the roof revealed the next departures at the space station. Kiralai gave a sigh of relief seeing there was still 20 minutes until it was time to board the spaceship to Anatalay.

-"That was until he found out I wanted to study in Anatalay and live among giants..."-Luke said as he shifted in place looking to make himself more comfortable on his guardian's palm. -"He hates mesos...doesn't trust the UTO a lot and is often saying that they're waiting for us to lower our guard and betray us"-

Luke looked down to her palm feeling a bit under the weather as he mentioned the lots of times he had tried to change his mind, yet nothing he said got through that thick skull of his. -"Oh... I'm sorry to hear that. I really hope that someday he learns that not all mesos are bad"- Kiralai expressed with worry in her voice.

"Yeah... Anyway, is there anything you'd like to chat about, Kit?"

-"Actually... yeah!"- Kiralai nodded as she looked towards her charge, she told Luke about the time she found out that her future charge was from the country of Brazil. The Falashai couldn't help but be amazed at the many cultures housed on the country due to many immigrants having moved there in the past.

Her charge's home state however proved to be the most interesting for her, and not only because it was where he was from -"Oh really?"- Luke asked with glee on his voice -"Usually when Brazil is mentioned, people just want to know about Rio de Janeiro even if there's more than 5.000 cities and towns..."-

Luke however always felt happy whenever someone showed interest somewhere else than that part of his home country. -"But anyway... What do you find so interesting about Rio Grande do Sul?"- Luke concluded as Kiralai went on to talk about how her charge's home state had some of the most unique culture.

Not to mention... How centuries old traditions were still valued and celebrated, how riding on those tiny horses for parades -"Also the barbecues in your state also look really delicious!"- Kiralai licked her lips causing Luke to chuckle -"Wish I could try them... that if it wasn't extremely expensive to have a portion my size to be made!"-

-"Hahaha, yeah, it would take a lot of cows, chickens and pigs, not to mention people who'll have to prepare the barbecue for you, so that's understandable!"-

-"*Right. Now it's your turn Little Fox*"- Kiralai softly smiled as she briefly stopped to check the time on her Yutri -"*what else do you want to talk about?*"- Luke asked his guardian who seemed to be excited at letting her charge get to know her some more -"I'm also a great fan of music!"- Kiralai declared with glee in her voice.

Music was also another thing she had found fascinating about humans, there were just so many amazing songs and music styles to be heard.Kiralai's favorite style was around one she thought to be called Rock music. Luke couldn't help but express that she had quite good taste if it came to music.

-"Did you hear about a rock band named Vera Loca?"

-"No, I don't think so. Why?"- Kiralai tilted her head in apparent confusion, causing Luke to let out an 'aww' as he saw her ears perking up to pay attention to what he had to say. It was just so cute to see Kiralai doing this simple gesture! -"Well that's kinda expected... they're not well known outside my state"-

Luke found her head tilt very cute and had to contain himself from awwing at that. *"Well, that's kinda expected. They're not very well known outside of my state. I want to show you one of my favorite songs called 'Borracho y Loco' from them! Is that ok?* 

Before Luke could fetch his cellphone from his pockets, he was greeted to the sound of the station's PA systems announcing the next spaceship departure. Kiralai's ears quickly perked up as she looked at one of the holographic timetables displaying the ship #041 headed towards Anatalay.

-"Oh no Kit, we have to hurry! I don't want to miss my first space flight! Quick, take us there, please!" Luke begged to the Falashai as she briefly hesitated on her charge's request -"But I shouldn't run with you! Besides I made a promise to your mother!"- Kiralai replied feeling conflicted about Luke's order.

-"I'll hang on tight, if I can't hold on I'll let you know... just try to be smooth!"- Luke nodded as he gripped one of her thumbs. Having made her decision, Kiralai looked for bay number 33 as she jogged along the terminal weaving between the many passengers that filled the busy spaceship terminal.

As Kiralai briefly glanced at her hands to ensure her charge's safety, she looked around the terminal for the bay they had to reach before it was too late... She really didn't want to miss the flight, yet she felt concerned as she carried her charge's life between her hands.

Before Kiralai could make her way to the stairs leading to the upper level of the station she heard a loud whistle, then she looked at the purple scaled Arkatian that pointed at her. Kiralai's ears folded against her skull as she realized that she was in trouble, it was none other than a peacekeeper... and she didn't look happy by the looks of it.

-"You shouldn't run while carrying a human in your hands, did you fail your basic guardian training?"- The Arkatian's powerful voice reached her ears as Kiralai nodded silently, Luke glanced at the peacekeeper from his low position feeling a bit upset -"Hey! it was me who asked her to pick up the pace... You should be scolding me instead!"- Luke yelled to get the Arkatian peacekeeper's attention.

-"Go on..."- The Arkatian peacekeeper looked at the Falashai, but not before returning her gaze to the human sitting on her hands -"Look kid... it's better to lose a flight... than lose everything in an accident"- she shook her head -"take it easy you two alright?"- the purple scaled Arkatian nodded to the pair before wishing them for a safe trip.

Without further ado, Kiralai walked up the stairs leading to the upper level of the space station. She could see the bay numbers from the 10th to the 22nd... where was the Anatalay flight? Kiralai looked from side to side scanning the spaceship terminal until she found the yellow sign blinking with the number #033.

Kiralai looked around herself before jogging a bit towards the designated landing bay, without any delay the Falashai quickly placed her hands on the transfer pad by the counter as the employee stared at them confused. Luke was quick to get out of his guardian's hand and walk down the pad's stairs towards the human sized security checkpoint.

As Kiralai walked towards the security checkpoint and crossed through the metal gate of the checkpoint, she looked confused at the glass catwalk above her head. Were humans allowed to travel along mesos on this spaceship? -"Excuse me!"-Kiralai turned around to look at the employee sitting on the desk.

-"How can I help you?"- The Ashar behind the desk asked to the Falashai as he turned around on his swivel chair -"Ehm... can't humans board along mesos on this flight?"- Kiralai asked confused to the Ashar as he began to browse through the hologram being projected out of his desk.

-"For safety reasons...we can't have humans and mesos share the travel space on this flight"- The Ashar shook his head as he shrugged looking towards the female Falashai, Kiralai was about to protest the decision since she wanted to travel along with her charge. But before she could utter a word, she heard Luke's voice coming from above her.

-"Kiralai! What's the holdup? We're about to lose the flight!"- Luke looked down at his guardian from his privileged position at the human catwalk -"You can't board on the same space!"- The Ashar repeated to the human standing on the catwalk above the Falashi.

Kiralai went on to protest that decision from the security officer. But Luke was quick to quell his guardian's complaint, reassuring her that it wasn't a big deal having to travel separately... After all, there was probably a mixed size area on the ship that they likely could share at the same time while they traveled.

As Luke went through the human boarding gate, Kiralai glanced at the catwalk above her as Luke went through the human airlock. Soon Kiralai followed through and went inside the ship as the airlock hissed shut behind herself.

"Passengers of the spaceship with destination: Anatalay, this spaceship makes stops at all stations on its route, Union Interstellar wishes you a happy trip ..."-

As the PA announcement repeated itself, Kiralai quickly headed towards her seat and buckled herself up as she glanced at the human catwalks above the row of mesomorphs seats. One lone figure could be seen waving at her as he smiled from above.

Stars above... this trip was going to be so long without him...

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