

The Hearteater lingered in the dark depths of space, infecting more planets as it traveled. The creature flew through the galaxy, black ooze dripped from its tongue as he came across a new planet.

A wolf man and a fox man stood on the planet, hugging each other. Both men wore cloaks that danced with the planet's wind, an orange cloak on the fox and a blue cloak on the wolf.

Hearteater immediately knew the two were in love. It sickened the creature, feeling their endless love even from far away. It held out its hand and aimed towards the planet. Goo shot out from its palm and towards the planet.

The good hit the planet, seeping into its core and everything inside of it. A stream of it maneuvered its way through the ground until it reached the two loving men. As the ooze sprouted from the ground, the Hearteater heard their voices clearly.

The wolf, taller than the fox, kissed his lover on the maw. "Terbius, I'm glad you confessed your undying love to me. I wasn't sure how to tell you myself..."

Terbius smiled, giving the wolf a kiss right back. "Oh, Rivule... you're such a silly wolf. Let's make sure to tell each other things like that right away, okay?"

"You got it," responded Rivule, wagging his tail.

Their love sickened Hearteater, making its eye twitch. It commanded its ooze spawn, causing it to grasp onto the leg of Terbius, who Hearteater infected soon after. Terbius emitted a planet shaking yell.

Concerned for his lover, Rivule hugged Terbius. "My love, what is wrong?"

Responding little to Rivule, the fox man screamed, eyes glowing orange. "I'm sick of this planet and everyone on it!" He stomped the ground, cracking the planet.

A smile crept across Hearteater's ghastly face. Another planet soon to be destroyed, along with a relationship between two vigorous elemental enemies. Feeling a heated energy from afar, the creature raced through the cosmos, leaving the lovers alone.

Crumbling below the foot paws of Terbius and Rivule, the planet shattered into large fragments. Terbius hovered above what he left of the planet. Wings made of water sprouted from Rivule's back, keeping him from floating off into space. "Terbius, speak to me!"

The fox man raised a paw and made a fist. The surrounding fragments broke into smaller pieces and swirled around him. Glaring at Rivule, Terbius fired lines of the planet rock at his lover. Rivule summoned a wall of water, encasing the rocks and disintegrating them.

Rivule used his paws to summon water and break the pieces. The wolf man flew over to the fox and pulled him into a hug. "Please... what's wrong, my love?"

Punching him across the face before Rivule hugged for longer, Terbius grabbed Rivule and threw him into the fallen planet's moon.

*Thud.* The wolf crashed into the planet, leaving a crater. Rivule knew he wasn't a match for his lover's strength, especially with Terbius being a rock elemental. Rivule's wings slowly pushed him off the crater, coughing up blood as he moved.

Fear welled in Rivule's eyes, watching Terbius lift an entirely different planet. "The Hearteater will destroy the cosmos! There's no saving anyone," Terbius yelled, throwing the planet at Rivule.

"My... my love... what do I do to help you?" Rivule's voice quivered. Not knowing how much longer he'd live for, his wings shielded him, preparing for the impact.

*"Head towards the light!"* A female cry reverberated through space.

A titan beam of sunlight plunged through the planet and blew it up.

Confused, Terbius looked at who could've sent the beam. The sun goddess, Shadowban, stared at the rock lord with a deadly gaze. Shadowban flew over to Terbius, grabbing him by the neck and flying him towards the moon Rivule sat on.

The wolf man's eyes widened, but Shadowban gave Terbius a mighty slam into the moon, making a crater bigger than Rivule's. The impact immediately knocked out the fox.

"Sh-Shadowban," surprised to see the goddess, Rivule's voice quivered. "What are you doing here? What happened to Terbius?"

Sighing, the goddess replied. "A deadly creature named Hearteater is traveling through space, infecting planets and killing them off. It looks like that damned thing got to Terbius."

"Are you able to cure him?" The wolf man questioned, rubbing Terbius's cheek. "I can't bear to have him like this much longer."

Shadowban nodded. "I can, but we'll have to go after Hearteater right away. The quicker we take that monster of darkness down, the better."

"Right, I'll help however I can. And I'm sure Terbius will, too," the wolf spoke, worrying about his lover still.

Cleansing Terbius with sunlight, Shadowban removed the ooze that infected him. She could only wonder how much more chasing she'd have to do with Hearteater. She hoped it wouldn't be for long.