

Babylon 5: Isil'Zha - 101 - "For The Kingdom"

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TEASER

MUSIC: NEWS JINGLE

ANCHOR

We interrupt your regularly scheduled tri-vid to bring you breaking news: Susan Ivanova, a veteran of the Shadow War and Earth Civil War, as well as leader of the Inter-Stellar Alliance police force the Rangers, passed away earlier today at one-hundred years of age. Hundreds of thousands are expected to attend her funeral on Minbar in five days time. Anla'shok Na Ivanova had been the last living member among a group of high profile humans that captured our hearts and minds in the early 2260s. Truly this is the end of the Babylon 5 era.

CREDITS

MUSIC: THEME SONG, CONTINUOUS

DIUS VINTARI

In a tragedy, who is the enemy once the Gods have left? What do you stand for when you do not know what to stand against?

VORK

Vork, Drazi Engineer.

YENNA

Yenna, Yolu Doctor.

TOM

Tom Quinn, Human Bridge Tech

KAFOON

Kafoon Zynthant, Brakiri Tactical Second.

PERTH

Perth Scanili, Centauri Tactical Officer.

NUTHENN

Nuthenn, Minbari Command Second.

DAVID

The year is twenty-three-thirty. My name is David Sheridan, and this is my crew.

MUSIC: THEME SONG CONTINUES

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DIUS VINTARI

How do you create the future when the past has been left behind?

MUSIC: THEME SONG ENDS

1.1 - Ranger HQ, Minbar

ZARELL

You would think she could have been bothered to make an appearance at the ceremony.

NUTHENN

We live for The One, we die for The One. It is not our place to question her actions.

ZARELL

Do you not wonder why she has removed herself from us?

NUTHENN

As with her actions, I will not question her motives.

ZARELL

She is the best of us. She would act as a beacon, as a mirror of our future selves. Instead she floats beyond the rim, cut off from her people, from those who have need of her influence, of her wisdom.

NUTHENN

If she is as wise as you say, she must have a reason.

ZARELL

I only wish I could understand.

SOUND: FOOTSTEPS COMING CLOSER

DAVID

(WALKING CLOSER)

Understanding is not required, only obedience.

NUTHENN

Hello David.

DAVID

Hello Nuthenn. Zarell.

ZARELL

Captain Sheridan. I'm sorry, I didn't hear you coming.

DAVID

And if you had heard me coming, would that have changed your opinions of my mother, or only whether or not you expressed them?

ZARELL

As always with her name on my lips I speak only out of respect. And perhaps concern.

DAVID

Concern yourself with matters other than Delenn.

ZARELL

As you wish, Captain Sheridan.

DAVID

I would know why you have called me here. Nuthenn and I have business to attend to in Norsai space.

ZARELL

It will have to be attended to by another.

DAVID

I don't understand.

ZARELL

Understanding is not required, only obedience.

DAVID

To obey I must know my orders.

ZARELL

Of course, I will "get to the point" as you so often say. The death of the Anla'shok Na was not... unexpected. Though she can never truly be replaced, the Rangers will need a leader. I have already discussed it with the others, and the vote was unanimous. Congratulations, Anla'shok Na Sheridan.

DAVID

The Redstar...

ZARELL

Nuthenn will captain Redstar One. Your place is here.

DAVID

My place is with my crew.

ZARELL

The decision has been made.

DAVID

Then unmake it. I don't want the position.

ZARELL

Leading the Rangers is your destiny, David Sheridan. Your mother was Entil'Zha. Your father was Entil-

DAVID

(INTERRUPTING)

My father did not believe in dynasties. You would make me Ranger One for my name, for my heritage, but not for my qualifications. No. You will choose again. And this time you will choose more wisely. Come Nuthenn. The Norsai are still having trouble with raiders and I promised their Grand Duke I would be back on patrol as soon as the funeral was over.

NUTHENN

Of course, Captain.

SOUND: TWO PAIRS OF FOOTSTEPS LEAVING

ZARELL

(SIGH)

Open communications.

SOUND: BLEEP, MINBARI COMMUNICATIONS

ZARELL

Contact Shaplann and Tulenn, triple-screen.

SOUND: BLEEP, MINBARI CALL WAITING

MUSIC: INTERSTITIAL

1.2 - RS1, Yenna's quarters

SOUND: VID OF MUTAI FIGHT, CONTINUOUS

(THE MUTAI FIGHT INCLUDES GRUNTING, CHEERS, AND YOLU COMMENTARY)

PERTH

There, you see? Tusco has his number.

YENNA

Tusco relies too heavily on kicks. It will prove his undoing.

PERTH

This is Tronno; the official martial art of the great Centauri Republic, yes? Kicks are the basis-

YENNA

(INTERRUPTING)

They are no match for a more balanced approach.

PERTH

Kicks have more power, more reach...

(CONTINUED)

YENNA

They are slower. Lennai can land three punches before Tusco can land a single kick.

PERTH

So you say, but I am looking at the screen-

SOUND: VID OF MUTAI FIGHT, CHEERS SWELL, BELL RINGS, EXCITED ANNOUNCERS

YENNA

You were saying, Mr. Scanili?

PERTH

A lucky strike, that is all.

SOUND: BLEEP, MINBARI COMMUNICATIONS

PERTH

Fade.

SOUND: VID OF MUTAI FIGHT, ENDS

SOUND: BLEEP, MINBARI CALL ACCEPTED

PERTH

Scanili receiving.

KAFOON

(OVER COMM)

Nuthenn and the Captain are arriving now, sir.

PERTH

Finally. I was beginning to think something had gone wrong. I want you to run a check on the weapons system before we're out of the quadrant, and I'll meet them on the bridge.

KAFOON

(OVER COMM)

Understood.

SOUND: BLEEP, MINBARI CALL ENDED

PERTH

I am sorry, I will have to miss the main event.

YENNA

Duty calls, I understand.

PERTH

We will watch the rematch in my quarters, yes? I have some Brivari that needs consuming.

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YENNA

I look forward to it.

SOUND: FOOTSTEPS LEAVING

SOUND: DOOR, MINBARI OPEN AND CLOSE

MUSIC: INTERSTITIAL

1.3 - RS1, Transport Tube

SOUND: DOORS, MINBARI TRANSPORT TUBE OPENING AND CLOSING

DAVID

Bridge.

SOUND: BLEEP, MINBARI TRANSPORT TUBE

SOUND: HUM, MINBARI TRANSPORT TUBE, CONTINUOUS

DAVID

You've been quiet.

NUTHENN

I am always quiet.

DAVID

That's true. But not this quiet. Something on your mind?

NUTHENN

You would have made an excellent Anla'shok Na.

DAVID

Your words sing praise but your tone betrays hesitance.

NUTHENN

Minbari do not lie, Captain. You would have lead the Rangers honorably.

DAVID

Thank you. And now the rest of the truth.

NUTHENN

Though I regret the Anla'shok have lost the chance to be lead by you, I worry more as to whom the Council might appoint in your absence.

DAVID

I suspect they will choose Shaplann. The last two Ranger Ones have been human, so they will say it is time for a Minbari.

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NUTHENN

But why Shaplann?

DAVID

The position is traditionally held by a member of the Warrior Caste. Though Susan and my father were human, they were of their race's equivalent. A precedent has been reestablished.

NUTHENN

I cannot say this pleases me.

DAVID

You do not wish one of your own caste to lead us?

NUTHENN

It is not the Caste that bothers me, but the individual.

DAVID

Shaplann is honorable.

NUTHENN

He is a fool.

DAVID

An honorable fool. He sounds perfect.

NUTHENN

It is a bad combination.

DAVID

You would prefer a malevolent genius?

NUTHENN

Sometimes I wonder if you truly believe what you argue for, or whether you just enjoy arguing.

DAVID

I find merit in debate.

SOUND: HUM, MINBARI TRANSPORT TUBE, ENDS

SOUND: BLEEP, MINBARI TRANSPORT TUBE

SOUND: DOORS, MINBARI TRANSPORT TUBE OPENING AND CLOSING

SOUND: TWO PAIRS OF FOOTSTEPS

1.4 - RS1, Bridge

SOUND: HUM, REDSTAR BRIDGE BLEEPS, CONTINUOUS

PERTH

Captain on deck.

DAVID

As you were. Mr. Scanili. I trust you have been following the Norsai situation.

PERTH

Kafoon and I have been splitting the duties. No attacks while we were here.

DAVID

Excellent. How soon can we be there?

PERTH

A little under four standard hours.

DAVID

Very well, Nuthenn, you have the bridge, I'll be in my-

SOUND: BLEEP, MINBARI COMMUNICATIONS

NUTHENN

Incoming transmission Captain. It's from the Norsai Homeworld.

DAVID

Put it through.

SOUND: BLEEP, MINBARI DISPLAY SHIMMER

GRAND DUKE

(OVER COMM)
Captain Sheridan.

DAVID

Grand Duke. I hope everything is alright, we're still several hours away, and-

GRAND DUKE

(OVER COMM, INTERRUPTING)
The raiders have not returned. It is the King. He has taken a turn for the worse.

DAVID

I'm sorry. If there's anything I can do...

(CONTINUED)

GRAND DUKE

(OVER COMM)

Actually there is. We would like your Doctor Yenna to examine him.

DAVID

I thought your culture specifically forbade the use of alien medicine.

GRAND DUKE

(OVER COMM)

That has been the tradition, yes. It was not easy, but I convinced the Council of Lords that the life of his majesty is worth a slight deviation from our customs. Will you help?

DAVID

Of course, Grand Duke. You may expect our arrival imminently.

GRAND DUKE

(OVER COMM)

Thank you, Captain Sheridan. Until then.

SOUND: BLEEP, MINBARI DISPLAY SHIMMER

DAVID

Nuthenn, set a course for the Norsai Homeworld. Tom, get Doctor Yenna on the line.

TOM

Yes Captain.

MUSIC: INTERSTITIAL

1.5 - Norsai Palace

DAVID

(OVER COMM)

Of course, Grand Duke. You may expect our arrival imminently.

GRAND DUKE

Thank you, Captain Sheridan. Until then.

SOUND: BLEEP, NORSAL COMMUNICATIONS

GRAND DUKE

(ASIDE)

I pray to the Maker that he lasts that long.

SOUND: BLEEP, NORSAL DOOR CHIME

(CONTINUED)

GRAND DUKE
Enter.

SOUND: DOOR, NORSAI OPEN

SOUND: FOOTSTEP

GRAND DUKE
Lord Gwailo.

LORD GWAILO
Grand Duke. He is awake, and asking for you.

GRAND DUKE
I live to serve his majesty.

SOUND: TWO PAIRS OF FOOTSTEPS, CONTINUOUS

SOUND: DOOR, NORSAI CLOSING

GRAND DUKE
What say the doctors?

LORD GWAILO
Our best say he he will not survive the week. One said she would be very much surprised if his majesty was still alive this time tomorrow.

GRAND DUKE
He has no heir. If he dies there will be chaos loosed upon the court.

LORD GWAILO
If not the entire Kingdom. When word got out that his majesty was sick, it fueled the Democrats' fire. If he dies, heir or not, the radicals will riot in the street. They might even attempt a coup.

GRAND DUKE
Though I'm sure they would call it a "revolution".

LORD GWAILO
What happened, Grand Duke?

GRAND DUKE
How do you mean?

LORD GWAILO
When you and I were in our formative years we never would have questioned the court. Questioned the King! The current youth are disrespectful and seditious.

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GRAND DUKE

Our grandparents likely would have said the same of us.

LORD GWAILO

That I doubt. You know what is to blame? That damned Interstellar Alliance. Ever since we joined them strange, alien ideas have entered the minds of the impressionable.

GRAND DUKE

Without the Alliance we would have been decimated by Raiders. Without Sheridan's doctor, our King would have no hope.

LORD GWAILO

It is in that second point that I find solace. If they cannot save him to prove that they are worth the trouble, perhaps we should secede from the Alliance.

GRAND DUKE

It was his majesty who initiated negotiations with the Alliance in the first place.

LORD GWAILO

And have you heard him singing their praises lately?

GRAND DUKE

Not since President Delenn left for the rim.

LORD GWAILO

Perhaps the Alliance served our needs then, but it has changed, and we have changed. My only concern is the raiders...

GRAND DUKE

Leave the raiders to me.

LORD GWAILO

What can you possibly do to stop-

SOUND: TWO PAIRS OF FOOTSTEPS, ENDS

GRAND DUKE

(INTERRUPTING)
We are here.

LORD GWAILO

His majesty instructed that I should wait on this side of the door.

GRAND DUKE

Very well.

SOUND: DOOR, NORSAI OPEN

1.6 - Norsai Palace, King's Room

(THE KING SPEAKS FAINTLY, LABORIOUSLY)

GRAND DUKE
Your majesty?

SOUND: SILENCE

GRAND DUKE
Are you there, my King?

THE KING
Close the door... the light...

GRAND DUKE
Of course, your majesty

SOUND: FOOTSTEP

SOUND: DOOR, NORSAI CLOSING

THE KING
Come closer.

SOUND: FOOTSTEPS

THE KING
You love our Kingdom.

GRAND DUKE
It is my purpose, majesty. My entire heart.

THE KING
Yes. You would put the Kingdom above yourself. Above your life.

GRAND DUKE
I would sacrifice anything, Majesty. You need only ask it.

THE KING
I do not ask... I command.

GRAND DUKE
Of course, majesty. And what do you command?

THE KING
I command... I command you to take the throne at my passing.

SOUND: SILENCE

(CONTINUED)

THE KING

Are you there?

GRAND DUKE

Majesty, you will not... Sheridan's doctor is on his way. In a matter of hours the best medicine in the aligned sectors-

THE KING

(INTERRUPTING)

But if I do. If it is my destiny, I must have an heir.

GRAND DUKE

Majesty...

THE KING

Promise me.

GRAND DUKE

I... I cannot...

THE KING

Promise me.

SOUND: SILENCE

GRAND DUKE

I live to serve my King. As always your word will come to pass.

THE KING

As it should be. Now leave me.

SOUND: FOOTSTEPS

SOUND: SILENCE

SOUND: DOOR, NORSAI OPEN

SOUND: FOOTSTEPS

SOUND: DOOR, NORSAI CLOSING

MUSIC: ACT BREAK

2.1 - Redstar's shuttle

SOUND: MINBARI SHUTTLE BURN

COMPUTER, MINBARI

Shuttle now entering atmosphere.

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PERTH

I still do not understand why my presence is required. The Redstar will need it's Tactical Officer if the raiders show up.

DAVID

Yenna is putting himself in a dangerous position. By attending to the King he will be in violation of a Norsai tradition that dates back to first contact with the Minbari.

YENNA

I thought the council of Lords decided to allow my intervention.

DAVID

The decision was not unanimous. I've learned the hard way that people don't react well to change. I feel that in this situation it's better to err on the side of caution.

PERTH

And if the raiders arrive while we are planetside?

DAVID

The Redstar is a medium cruiser with more firepower than any ship this side of a Victory Class Destroyer... it's partially based on Vorlon technology. I think Nuthenn can handle it.

MUSIC: INTERSTITIAL

2.2 - RS1, Bridge

SOUND: HUM, REDSTAR BRIDGE BLEEPS, CONTINUOUS

NUTHENN

Any sign of them?

TOM

No sir. It's quieter than a Mipasian monk.

NUTHENN

I could do without the similes, Mr. Quinn. Divert all available energy to long range scanners. I want to know when they're coming.

MUSIC: INTERSTITIAL

2.3 - Norsai Landing Pad

SOUND: SHUTTLE LANDING

SOUND: DOOR, MINBARI SHUTTLE AIRLOCK

SOUND: FOOTSTEPS ON METAL STAIRS

GRAND DUKE

Captain Sheridan. Welcome to the Palace grounds.

DAVID

Thank you.

GRAND DUKE

And you must be Doctor Yenna.

YENNA

A pleasure, Grand Duke.

GRAND DUKE

This is Lord Gwailo.

LORD GWAILO

Greetings. And you are?

PERTH

Perth Scanili, Tactical Officer.

LORD GWAILO

This was not part of the agreement.

DAVID

Nonetheless Perth will be staying.

LORD GWAILO

I assure you our palace guards are more than capable
of-

DAVID

Perth's presence is a condition of Yenna's help.

YENNA

Captain...

DAVID

What will it be, Gwailo? The pride of your guards or
the life of your King?

LORD GWAILO

Now just a minute-

(CONTINUED)

GRAND DUKE

This condition is acceptable.

SOUND: SILENCE

GRAND DUKE

Something to say, Lord Gwailo?

LORD GWAILO

No, Grand Duke.

GRAND DUKE

Very good. His majesty is this way, Doctor.

SOUND: THREE PAIRS OF FOOTSTEPS WALKING AWAY

YENNA

(WALKING AWAY)

I have a few questions

GRAND DUKE

(WALKING AWAY)

Of course.

YENNA

(FAR AWAY, WALKING FURTHER AWAY)

Has he been taking in fluids?

SOUND: TWO PAIRS OF FOOTSTEPS, CONTINUOUS

PERTH

I meant to ask you how the service went.

DAVID

The streets of Yedor were such that to cross one would take you the better part of an hour. I've never seen so many be so diverse in such a small space. There were no speeches, save for a reading from her holy book.

PERTH

And how are you doing?

DAVID

I feel old, Mister Scanili. Dius is all I have left of the time I spent with my father.

PERTH

Surely your mother-

DAVID

(INTERRUPTING)

My mother is following the calling of her heart. Because of that our paths have diverged. It is

(MORE)

(CONTINUED)

DAVID (cont'd)
my hope that they will one day cross again, but if I am
fated to continue without her I will do so.

PERTH
Apologies, Captain.

DAVID
None are necessary.

SOUND: TWO PAIRS OF FOOTSTEPS, CONTINUOUS

PERTH
I do not like this Lord.

DAVID
That makes two of us. Keep an eye on him, but act with
all due courtesy. I don't want to cause an incident.

MUSIC: INTERSTITIAL

2.4 - RS1, Bridge

SOUND: HUM, REDSTAR BRIDGE BLEEPS, CONTINUOUS

TOM
Weapons systems check out, sir, just like the last time
you had me look.

NUTHENN
Very good.

TOM
Do you think we'll get a chance for some surface leave
before we move on?

NUTHENN
I doubt it, Mr. Quinn. And even if we do I wouldn't
get my hopes up. Norsai women are betrothed to a man
when they are born and then couple for life.

TOM
Sounds like a challenge.

MUSIC: INTERSTITIAL

2.5 - NORSAL PALACE

LORD GWAILO
He has been in there far too long. I do not like it.

GRAND DUKE

Have patience. We do not know Yenna's methods, or how long they usually take.

LORD GWAILO

What say you, Captain Sheridan? Has it been too long?

DAVID

I trust Doctor Yenna. If he is taking his time it is only to be thorough.

LORD GWAILO

I apologize, Captain. Our King is... his importance is beyond words. To see him like this has turned our tempers.

SOUND: DOOR, NORSAI OPEN

YENNA

Thank you, Perth.

SOUND: DOOR, NORSAI CLOSING

SOUND: TWO PAIRS OF FOOTSTEPS

GRAND DUKE

Well Doctor?

YENNA

Since we do not have medical records for your people it took me some time just to figure out what I was looking at, but I do have news.

LORD GWAILO

Can you save him?

YENNA

He has a degenerative neurological disorder. I might be able to modify some Alliance drugs to work on his biology, but they would only give him a few more days. As he is in a great deal of pain, I am not sure that would be the right thing to do.

GRAND DUKE

You will make the modifications. Our King will live the longest life we can give him.

YENNA

I will need the patient's permission, of course.

GRAND DUKE

You will have it. Gentlemen.

SOUND: FOOTSTEPS

SOUND: DOOR, NORSAI OPEN AND CLOSE

2.6 - Norsai Palace, King's Room

(THE KING'S VOICE IS STILL FAINT)

SOUND: FOOTSTEPS

GRAND DUKE

My King.

THE KING

This had better be good. I was resting.

GRAND DUKE

I assure you it is good. The alien Doctor says he can extend your life.

THE KING

How long?

GRAND DUKE

How long is not the issue, Majesty.

THE KING

Your King has asked you a direct question, Grand Duke. Would you defy him?

GRAND DUKE

A few days. No more.

THE KING

That will not be necessary.

GRAND DUKE

Your Majesty!

THE KING

I am old. I am sick. I am tired. The Maker will take me soon, and I will finally rest.

GRAND DUKE

But-

THE KING

"As you wish my King."

GRAND DUKE

... As you wish, my King.

THE KING

Very good. This is made easier knowing you will be my replacement.

(CONTINUED)

GRAND DUKE

I... thank you, your Majesty.

THE KING

For the Kingdom.

GRAND DUKE

For the Kingdom.

SOUND: SILENCE

SOUND: FOOTSTEPS

SOUND: DOOR, NORSAI OPEN

SOUND: SILENCE

SOUND: DOOR, NORSAI CLOSING

2.7 - Norsai Palace

GRAND DUKE

He has refused the medicine.

DAVID

I'm sorry.

GRAND DUKE

Do not be. You have been a great help in recent months.

LORD GWAILO

Though desiring to be of more help is the way of the Alliance, know that you have helped the perfect amount.

PERTH

Then we should return to the Redstar.

GRAND DUKE

Actually, I may be able to think of one more way in which you could be of assistance.

DAVID

I'll be happy to help any way I can.

GRAND DUKE

You will excuse me, Captain, I was speaking to Officer Scanili.

DAVID

Of course.

(CONTINUED)

PERTH

What can I do for you, eh?

GRAND DUKE

I wonder, is your training exclusively in space combat, or are you familiar with guerrilla warfare?

PERTH

My specialty is planar combat tactics.

GRAND DUKE

Excellent. We have been having some small amount of trouble with a local separatist group who call themselves the Democrats.

LORD GWAILO

Separatist group is putting it mildly. They are a violent terrorist cell intent upon dismantling the court and everything The Kingdom stands for.

GRAND DUKE

I was wondering if you could meet with our military leaders, our covert operations coordinators, perhaps with your help they can form a more complete strategy.

PERTH

Captain?

DAVID

I suppose there's no harm in you consulting. But understand, Grand Duke, we will provide no weaponry, no military aide to be used against your own people. We will not kill for you. Not in an internal matter.

GRAND DUKE

Of course. I believe I can have the relevant military leaders here within the hour.

MUSIC: INTERSTITIAL

2.8 - RS1, Bridge

SOUND: HUM, REDSTAR BRIDGE BLEEPS, CONTINUOUS

DAVID

(OVER COMM)

...so we're going to be a little longer than we thought.

NUTHENN

I understand.

(CONTINUED)

DAVID

(OVER COMM)

Any sign of those raiders?

NUTHENN

Negative, Captain. We have our scanners reaching as far out as we can, paying particular attention to the area between here and the border Jumpgate. We would see them coming hours away.

DAVID

(OVER COMM)

Excellent.

SOUND: WALLAH OVER COMM

DAVID

(OVER COMM)

The strategy meeting is about to start. We should be back in two, maybe three hours.

NUTHENN

Until then.

SOUND: BLEEP, MINBARI CALL ENDED

NUTHENN

Mr. Quinn, run a weapons check.

TOM

Yes sir.

SOUND: BLEEP, MINBARI BRIDGE CONSOLE

TOM

While we wait we could play "I've Never."

NUTHENN

Mr. Quinn...

TOM

I've never... I've never... damn, this is hard...

SOUND: BLEEP, MINBARI BRIDGE CONSOLE

NUTHENN

The weapons report, Mr. Quinn.

TOM

No, sir! Jumpoints forming in grid 45 by 7 by 23!

(CONTINUED)

NUTHENN

How many?

TOM

Three, no, four. It's the raiders.

NUTHENN

With jump-capable ships? Scramble fighters. What are we looking at?

TOM

Four gunships and at least six dozen fighters. Sir?

NUTHENN

What is it now?

TOM

Our fighters aren't launching. It looks like our system is being jammed.

NUTHENN

How much of it?

TOM

All of it, weapons, communications, launch doors. They're closing on us!

NUTHENN

Find me something that works!

SOUND: BLEEP, MINBARI COMMUNICATIONS

NUTHENN

Nuthenn to Maintenance.

VORK

(OVER COMM)
Vork here.

NUTHENN

I want primary weapons online now!

VORK

(OVER COMM)
Will attempt miracle, if you insist.

TOM

Jump engines are still online.

NUTHENN

Jump. Now!

SOUND: HYPERSPACE JUMP RUMBLE

(CONTINUED)

TOM
One of the gunships is following us in.

SOUND: WEAPON, DIRECT HIT TO HULL

TOM
Direct hit. Hull integrity down to 86 percent.

NUTHENN
He's firing on us in hyperspace?

SOUND: WEAPON, DIRECT HIT TO HULL

TOM
78 percent.

NUTHENN
Is he insane?

SOUND: BLEEP, MINBARI COMMUNICATIONS

NUTHENN
I want good news, Mr. Vork.

VORK
(OVER COMM)
Primary weapons back online.

SOUND: WEAPON, DIRECT HIT TO HULL

NUTHENN
Take it out.

SOUND: WEAPON, MINBARI REDSTAR PRIMARY LASER

SOUND: WEAPON, EXPLOSION

TOM
We got him.

NUTHENN
Good, jump to normal space. Hopefully we are still in time to do some good.

SOUND: BLEEP, MINBARI BRIDGE CONSOLE

TOM
Sir, that last hit took out our jump engine. And the border jumpgate is almost two hours away.

NUTHENN
It would take us a day to make it back from there in normal space anyway.

SOUND: BLEEP, MINBARI COMMUNICATIONS

NUTHENN

Nuthenn to maintenance.

VORK

(OVER COMM)

Vork.

NUTHENN

I need another miracle, Vork.

VORK

(OVER COMM)

On it.

SOUND: BLEEP, MINBARI CALL ENDED

NUTHENN

(ASIDE)

Stay safe David.

MUSIC: ACT BREAK

3.1 - Norsai Palace, War Room

SOUND: WALLAH

DAVID

The strategy meeting is about to start. We should be back in two, maybe three hours.

NUTHENN

(OVER COMM)

Until then.

SOUND: BLEEP, MINBARI CALL ENDED

GRAND DUKE

Gentlemen. I am sure you all recognize Captain Sheridan, who has been helping us with the raider problem.

SOUND: AGREEABLE WALLAH

GRAND DUKE

This is his strategist, Officer Perth Scanili.

PERTH

Gentlemen.

(CONTINUED)

GRAND DUKE

He has been called here to impart his wisdom concerning the Democrats. Officer Scanili.

PERTH

I think first it would be helpful to hear from you about these terrorists. What do they want? What are they willing to do to get it? Which one of you is head of intelligence gathering?

SOUND: BLEEP, NORSAI PROXIMITY ALERT

GRAND DUKE

Is there a problem, General?

NORSAI GENERAL

I'm sorry, Grand Duke. It appears as though the raiders have jumped into orbit.

SOUND: SHOCKED WALLAH

GRAND DUKE

That's impossible.

NORSAI GENERAL

It looks like four gunships. They are ignoring the planet and going straight for the Redstar.

GRAND DUKE

Good. With any luck Sheridan's men will take care of the problem before it can reach us.

NORSAI GENERAL

Redstar is not engaging.

DAVID AND GRAND DUKE

What?

NORSAI GENERAL

They are... they are running. Opening a jumpoint.

SOUND: BLEEP, MINBARI COMMUNICATIONS

DAVID

Sheridan to Nuthenn.

LORD GWAILO

Did I not warn you! Sheridan and his people do not care for us!

PERTH

Now just a minute...

SOUND: BLEEP, MINBARI COMMUNICATIONS

(CONTINUED)

DAVID

Sheridan to Redstar One.

NORSAI GENERAL

The raiders are entering the atmosphere. Trajectory should take them straight to the capital.

DAVID

Sheridan to Redstar One, please respond.

MUSIC: INTERSTITIAL

3.2 - RS1, Bridge

SOUND: HUM, REDSTAR BRIDGE BLEEPS, CONTINUOUS

NUTHENN

Bridge to Maintenance, please respond.

VORK

(OVER COMM)
Vork.

NUTHENN

I need that jump engine online.

VORK

(OVER COMM)
I am working. Crew is working. Will call you when finished.

NUTHENN

I am afraid I will need more concrete assurance-

SOUND: BLEEP, MINBARI CALL ENDED

SOUND: HUM, REDSTAR BRIDGE BLEEPS, CONTINUOUS

NUTHENN

Did he just hang up on me?

TOM

Yes sir. Should I send Kafoon to look after him?

NUTHENN

Negative. Kafoon is needed overseeing the repair of the secondary weapons.

SOUND: HUM, REDSTAR BRIDGE BLEEPS, CONTINUOUS

(CONTINUED)

TOM

I'm worried about the Captain, sir.

NUTHENN

He can take care of himself, Mr. Quinn. At least, that is what I keep telling myself.

MUSIC: INTERSTITIAL

3.3 - NORSAI PALACE

SOUND: MANY FOOTSTEPS, CONTINUOUS

DAVID

I'm sorry Duke, I assure you I have no idea how this could have-

SOUND: RUMBLE

SOUND: BITS OF CEILING FALLING TO THE FLOOR

GRAND DUKE

What was that?

PERTH

General, your forces will be confronting them right about now, yes?

NORSAI GENERAL

That is correct.

PERTH

My guess would be that the raiders are using sonic grenades.

SOUND: LOUDER RUMBLE

SOUND: MORE BITS OF CEILING FALLING TO THE FLOOR

PERTH

And they are getting closer.

LORD GWAILO

I do not understand. Where are we going?

NORSAI GENERAL

To the King's safety-room, my Lord.

LORD GWAILO

And what of his Majesty?

(CONTINUED)

YENNA

He is too weak to be moved.

SOUND: MANY FOOTSTEPS, ENDS

LORD GWAILO

Intolerable! I refuse to hole up in a safety-room while my King is vulnerable to invaders!

SOUND: FOOTSTEPS LEAVING

GRAND DUKE

Gwailo, I insist that you return to formation.

LORD GWAILO

I am going to my King! I will share his risk. And his fate.

SOUND: FOOTSTEPS LEAVING, CONTINUOUS

GRAND DUKE

Get back here Gwailo!

NORSAI GENERAL

He will not listen-

SOUND: EVEN LOUDER RUMBLE

PERTH

(INTERRUPTING)
Lord Gwailo, the ceiling!

SOUND: HUGE CHUNK OF CEILING FALLING AND HITTING GWAILO

LORD GWAILO

(SCREAM)

NORSAI GENERAL

My Lord!

YENNA

Get back. Let me have a look at him.

NORSAI GENERAL

By no means will I let an alien doctor poke and prod-

YENNA

(INTERRUPTING)
I will only assess the damage. I assure you that as a doctor I would never treat a patient without consent.

(CONTINUED)

LORD GWAILO
(MOAN)

GRAND DUKE
By the Maker, General, step aside.

SOUND: RUMBLE

NORSAI GENERAL
As you wish, Grand Duke.

DAVID
Perth?

PERTH
Yes Captain?

DAVID
You can take your hand off your pike now.

PERTH
Apologies Captain.

YENNA
He is in bad shape.

GRAND DUKE
What is wrong with him, Doctor?

YENNA
You will have to excuse my ignorance, but your people have two circulatory systems, one for blood, and another for a type of... coolant.

GRAND DUKE
Yes.

YENNA
From what I can tell the coolant has started filling his lower lung. If this goes on-

SOUND: LOUDER RUMBLE

NORSAI GENERAL
Grand Duke, could you possibly discuss this from the privacy of the safety-room?

SOUND: SILENCE

YENNA
He can be moved.

GRAND DUKE

Of course. Yes, we must continue.

NORSAI GENERAL

Care to give me a hand with Lord Gwailo?

PERTH

It would be my pleasure. One, two, (WITH EFFORT)
Three.

MUSIC: INTERSTITIAL

3.4 - Norsai Palace, Safety Room

NORSAI GENERAL

We are here.

DAVID

I don't see it.

SOUND: BLEEP, NORSAI HOLOGRAM SHIMMER

PERTH

Very nice. Did the hologram have solidity, or if I had reached out to the wall would I have felt the safety-room door?

NORSAI GENERAL

I really don't think we have time-

PERTH

(INTERRUPTING)
Of course.

SOUND: DOOR, HUGE AIRLOCK STYLE DOOR OPENING

PERTH

Grand Duke, Yenna, Captain, you take care of Lord Gwailo while the General and I go out to the front lines-

DAVID

Hell no, I'm going with you.

GRAND DUKE

Captain Sheridan, I would like to keep our relations with the Alliance on good terms, and that requires you coming out of this alive.

PERTH

Do not waste your breath, Grand Duke. When he senses action in the distance he will rise to it. Goodbye Doctor. I will be back to watch that rematch with you, yes?

(CONTINUED)

YENNA

I look forward to it.

DAVID

Are you ready?

SOUND: FOOTSTEPS COMING CLOSER

FEMALE DOCTOR

Captain Sheridan?

DAVID

Yes?

FEMALE DOCTOR

The... the King wishes to see you.

PERTH

Captain?

DAVID

Go on without me. I'll catch up.

SOUND: TWO PAIRS OF FOOTSTEPS LEAVING

DAVID

Take me to him.

SOUND: TWO PAIRS OF FOOTSTEPS LEAVING

GRAND DUKE

Quickly, close the door. Once the safety room is sealed the palace could collapse around us and we would remain unharmed.

SOUND: DOOR, HUGE AIRLOCK STYLE DOOR CLOSING

GRAND DUKE

There. We are untouchable.

YENNA

Lord Gwailo. Lord Gwailo can you hear me?

LORD GWAILO

(WEAKLY, CONTINUOUSLY)
Warm. So warm.

YENNA

You've been hurt badly. I would like permission to perform a basic operation-

LORD GWAILO

No. Get your instruments away from me.

YENNA

Lord Gwailo. Lord Gwailo.

LORD GWAILO

What?

YENNA

If I do not operate you will drown in your own fluids while burning up from the inside out. It will not be pleasant.

LORD GWAILO

Leave me be.

GRAND DUKE

You will die.

LORD GWAILO

Then I will die. But I will die a Norsai, and with my beliefs intact.

MUSIC: INTERSTITIAL

3.5 - Norsai Palace, King's Room

(THE KING SPEAKS FAINTLY)

SOUND: DOOR, NORSAI OPEN AND CLOSE

SOUND: FOOTSTEPS

DAVID

Your majesty? It's David Sheridan.

THE KING

Yes. Good. Come to my side.

SOUND: FOOTSTEPS

THE KING

I want to thank you. Actually I want to thank Delenn, but I have a feeling this is as close as I will get.

DAVID

What for?

THE KING

For believing in us. For seeing our potential. Norsai is a small world. Not very technologically advanced. We have little in the way of resources. Most would say we have no strategic value.

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SOUND: LOUD RUMBLE

DAVID

That's true...

THE KING

But the Alliance looked past all that. Took us in even though they would be of more help to us than we were to them. What was it you called us last week? The small men?

DAVID

The little guy.

THE KING

Yes. We are the little guy. You gain nothing from helping us. We have nothing to offer you. But you help anyway. Because you are charitable, because you are righteous. But mostly I think because you understand that though we may be of many cultures, ultimately we are a single community, and as a community we are no better off than the most vulnerable of our neighbors. (EMPTY COUGH)

SOUND: LOUD RUMBLE

DAVID

You should rest your majesty.

THE KING

No, my time is nearly here. That is why I have summoned you. When I pass, I am worried there will be a civil war. In the coming conflict there will be things said, actions taken, to drive a wedge between my people and yours.

DAVID

What can I do?

THE KING

There is nothing you can do.

DAVID

Then why are you telling me this?

THE KING

So you will know not to blame my people as a whole for what is to come. It is my hope that, eventually, we will all see the benefits of belonging to the Alliance.

DAVID

No matter what happens, the Norsai will have a place in the ISA. I promise.

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THE KING
(STARTLED BREATH)
Do you see him, Captain?

DAVID
See who?

THE KING
My father. By the Maker I haven't seen my father in-

SOUND: SILENCE

DAVID
Majesty?

SOUND: SILENCE

DAVID
Majesty?

MUSIC: INTERSTITIAL

3.6 - Norsai Palace, Safety Room

GRAND DUKE
I could order you to operate on him.

YENNA
You are not my superior. And even if you were, I would refuse any order to act against the will of the patient.

GRAND DUKE
Your mandate is to preserve life.

YENNA
Without the rules, doctors would be more danger than savior. No, you will have to convince him, not me.

GRAND DUKE
Lord Gwailo?

LORD GWAILO
(WEAKLY)
Yes, Duke?

GRAND DUKE
Don't you want to live?

LORD GWAILO
I would rather die with honor than live in dishonor.

(CONTINUED)

GRAND DUKE

That is not what I asked.

SOUND: SILENCE

LORD GWAILO

Yes I want to live.

GRAND DUKE

That can be arranged.

LORD GWAILO

But at what price?

GRAND DUKE

You agreed to have Yenna treat the King. If it is good enough for the King...

LORD GWAILO

The life of the King is infinitely more important than mine.

GRAND DUKE

And what of his honor? You value yours above his?

SOUND: SILENCE

LORD GWAILO

That is not...

GRAND DUKE

The truth is that life is more sacred than tradition. And, as you have always been more patriotic than self-serving, you realized this with your King before understanding its implications on yourself.

SOUND: SILENCE

LORD GWAILO

I have doubts.

GRAND DUKE

Set them aside. I will need you in the times ahead. If... when, his majesty passes, the road will become rocky. Will you leave my side now, when you are needed most?

LORD GWAILO

...Very well.

YENNA

You are certain.

(CONTINUED)

LORD GWAILO
Yes doctor. Heal me.

YENNA
I will need some room.

GRAND DUKE
Of course.

SOUND: HUM, MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS

YENNA
More room than that.

GRAND DUKE
I apologize.

SOUND: LOUD BANGING

YENNA
What was that?

GRAND DUKE
I will check the camera.

SOUND: BLEEP, NORSAI COMMUNICATIONS

DAVID
(OVER COMM)
Open up, damnit.

GRAND DUKE
Captain, is everything alright?

DAVID
(OVER COMM)
I have news, let me in.

SOUND: DOOR, HUGE AIRLOCK STYLE DOOR OPENING

SOUND: FOOTSTEP

SOUND: DOOR, HUGE AIRLOCK STYLE DOOR CLOSING

GRAND DUKE
What news have you?

DAVID
The King is dead.

LORD GWAILO
No...

YENNA

Stay still.

DAVID

And he said something that got me thinking. "We have little in the way of resources." he said, "Most would say we have no strategic value." That's true, isn't it.

GRAND DUKE

Yes, but-

DAVID

Well then what are the Raiders after? What brought them here?

SOUND: SILENCE

GRAND DUKE

I did.

LORD GWAILO

Grand Duke!

GRAND DUKE

I brought them here.

MUSIC: ACT BREAK4.1 - Norsai Palace, Safety Room

LORD GWAILO

How can you say that... how could you-

YENNA

Be quiet and stay still. This is already a less than ideal environment for such a procedure, your squirming is not helping.

DAVID

I knew something was up. But why? Your own people were harmed in the raids.

GRAND DUKE

It will not be easy to understand, as you are not Norsai.

DAVID

Try me.

GRAND DUKE

To a true Norsai, his King is all. The King is the strength of the Kingdom, its heart. To see him in this

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GRAND DUKE (cont'd)

condition has weakened the resolve of the people. Some are even starting to agree with the Democrats. I was afraid that if they gained enough support there would be a bloody coup and the Kingdom would be no more. I could not abide my King being the last.

DAVID

Or your head on a pike.

GRAND DUKE

My own well-being was furthest from my mind when I contacted the raiders. I thought that if we were united against a common enemy... If the King's army could be seen as what they are, the peoples' protectors... If they could bask in the relief efforts only a single King can coordinate... perhaps they would remember what it is to be Norsai.

DAVID

So you coordinated attacks on your own world, on your own populace.

GRAND DUKE

I made certain that only the poorer parts of the kingdom were attacked, the areas where the idea of Democracy has really taken root. No one with title was killed.

DAVID

Only the little guy.

GRAND DUKE

Yes!

DAVID

You were willing to sacrifice them for tradition?

GRAND DUKE

For my King! You would do the same, you would do everything, for your Ranger One.

DAVID

I would never participate in the slaughter of civilians, and the Anla'shok Na would never order it. And most importantly, neither would your King. He was a good and decent man, and by doing this in his name you have sullied his honor and ruined yours. Whoever the next King is, you better hope he understands leadership better than you do.

SOUND: BLEEP, MINBARI COMMUNICATIONS

(CONTINUED)

DAVID

You'll excuse me.

SOUND: BLEEP, MINBARI CALL ACCEPTED

SOUND: A BATTLE, OVER COMM

DAVID

Sheridan, go.

PERTH

(OVER COMM)

We're slowing them down, Captain, but that is all we are doing. It's only a matter of time before they make it to the Palace.

DAVID

Understood.

SOUND: BLEEP, MINBARI CALL ENDED

DAVID

And what part of your plan is all this?

GRAND DUKE

I swear I had nothing to do with this. The raiders have gone berserk. They are acting on their own.

YENNA

Will you two please keep it down.

DAVID

I think it's a little crowded in here anyway. I'm going to the front line to help Perth.

SOUND: DOOR, HUGE AIRLOCK STYLE DOOR OPENING

SOUND: FOOTSTEPS LEAVING

SOUND: BLEEP, MINBARI COMMUNICATIONS

DAVID

(WALKING AWAY)

Sheridan to Perth...

SOUND: DOOR, HUGE AIRLOCK STYLE DOOR CLOSING

SOUND: HUM, MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS

GRAND DUKE

How goes it?

(CONTINUED)

YENNA

I am not sure. This is my first Norsai.

SOUND: HUM, MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS

YENNA

But I will tell you when I know.

MUSIC: INTERSTITIAL

4.2 - Norsai Capital, Battle

(EVERYONE IS YELLING TO BE HEARD OVER THE BATTLE)

SOUND: A BATTLE, CONTINUOUS

SOUND: LOUDEST RUMBLE

SOUND: SCREAM

NORSAI GENERAL

We have to fall back.

SOUND: WEAPON, MINBARI PPG SHOT

PERTH

Just a little longer. We can hold them here another five minutes.

SOUND: WEAPON, NORSAI PPG SHOT

NORSAI GENERAL

If we stay here in five minutes there will be no one to fall back with.

PERTH

It is because we are hiding here and letting them come to us, letting them dictate the pace.

SOUND: WEAPON, MINBARI PPG SHOT

NORSAI GENERAL

What do you have in mind?

PERTH

How are you with that sword?

NORSAI GENERAL

I am afraid it is merely ceremonial.

PERTH

Then we will soon be overrun.

(CONTINUED)

DAVID

(WALKING CLOSER)
Need any help?

PERTH

Perfect! Just the person I was hoping to see.

DAVID

Are you thinking what I'm thinking?

SOUND: WEAPON, MINBARI DENN'BOK OPENING

PERTH

Something along these lines?

SOUND: WEAPON, MINBARI DENN'BOK OPENING

DAVID

Let's.

DAVID AND PERTH

(SCREAM AS THEY RUN INTO BATTLE)

MUSIC: INTERSTITIAL

4.3 - Norsai Palace, Safety Room

SOUND: HUM, MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS

LORD GWAILO

I am so hot. So hot.

YENNA

Try to be still.

GRAND DUKE

You are working too slowly.

YENNA

With all due respect, Grand Duke, you have no idea what a reasonable pace for this procedure might be.

SOUND: HUM, MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS

YENNA

You are right, though. He is getting worse, if I cannot-

LORD GWAILO

(INTERRUPTING)
I see his Majesty!

(CONTINUED)

YENNA

Lord Gwailo, focus on my voice.

LORD GWAILO

He beckons me to join him.

YENNA

Gwailo, I need you here, with me.

LORD GWAILO

My King! I...

SOUND: SILENCE

SOUND: HUM, MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS

YENNA

I was not fast enough. He is dead.

MUSIC: INTERSTITIAL

4.4 - Norsai Capital, Battle

SOUND: A BATTLE, CONTINUOUS

NORSAI GENERAL

Let's have some cover fire men, they're coming back!

SOUND: WEAPON, NORSAI PPG SHOTS

DAVID

(RUNNING CLOSER)

Thank you, General.

NORSAI GENERAL

Are you insane! Running into an enemy battalion like that!

PERTH

It made them change their strategy, didn't it? Bought us a few minutes?

NORSAI GENERAL

Nonetheless I believe it is time to fall back.

SOUND: LOUDEST RUMBLE

DAVID

I believe you're right.

NORSAI GENERAL

Men, fall back!

SOUND: TROOP MIGRATION

MUSIC: INTERSTITIAL

4.5 - Norsai Capital, Battle

NORSAI GENERAL

This is the spot. If the raiders get past us here they will take the Palace.

DAVID

Then this is where we will make our stand. No surrender, no retreat.

PERTH

Captain, if this is to be... I just want to say what an honor it has been serving with you aboard the Redstar. If I am going to die it will be nice to have you with me.

DAVID

I appreciate that, Perth.

PERTH

This is what we've always wanted, to die with honor, in defense of something worthwhile. It had to end this way.

DAVID

It's funny. I always thought I'd die with space beneath me.

SOUND: APPROACHING TROOPS

NORSAI GENERAL

Here they come!

SOUND: JUMPPPOINT OPENING INSIDE ATMOSPHERE

NORSAI GENERAL

That was not a sonic grenade.

PERTH

It was a jumppoint.

NORSAI GENERAL

Inside the atmosphere?

DAVID

She made it.

SOUND: BLEEP, MINBARI COMMUNICATIONS

SOUND: BLEEP, MINBARI CALL ACCEPTED

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DAVID

This is Sheridan.

NUTHENN

(OVER COMM)

Captain, I hope we haven't kept you waiting too long.

DAVID

I'll take it.

NUTHENN

(OVER COMM)

Just give me a moment, sir.

SOUND: BLEEP, MINBARI CALL ENDED

SOUND: RS1 SWOOPING BY

SOUND: HUM, REDSTAR ENGINE HUM FROM OUTSIDE SHIP

NUTHENN

(OVER LOUD-SPEAKERS)

Attention raiding party. Retreat or prepare to be fired upon.

SOUND: WALLAH

NUTHENN

(OVER LOUD-SPEAKERS)

You have five seconds.

SOUND: RETREATING TROOPS

NORSAI GENERAL

They... they are actually leaving...

DAVID

That'a girl.

MUSIC: INTERSTITIAL

4.6 - Norsai Palace, Safety Room

YENNA

I'm sorry, Grand Duke, I did all I could. I will of course make a full report to your medical board.

GRAND DUKE

I do not think that will be necessary.

YENNA

There are regulations about this sort of-

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GRAND DUKE

I must insist that no one is told of your involvement in Lord Gwailo's final hours.

YENNA

I do not understand.

GRAND DUKE

If it were to get out that he died while you were operating on him, the Norsai would withdraw from your Alliance.

YENNA

If you do not mind my asking, Grand Duke, why do you care?

GRAND DUKE

His Majesty initiated negotiations between the Norsai and the Alliance. Though he never specifically said so, it is my belief that he considered that relationship to be his legacy. I will not see that legacy die.

YENNA

I will have to run this by my Captain.

GRAND DUKE

Of course.

SOUND: BLEEP, MINBARI COMMUNICATIONS

SOUND: BLEEP, MINBARI CALL ACCEPTED

YENNA

Doctor Yenna.

DAVID

(OVER COMM)

You can come out now, Yenna. The fighting has stopped. And Nuthenn is ready to welcome you back onboard.

YENNA

And you?

DAVID

(OVER COMM)

Perth and I are going to finish up around here. Get some rest. You've earned it.

YENNA

Understood.

SOUND: BLEEP, MINBARI CALL ENDED

MUSIC: ACT BREAK

Tag - RS1, David's Office

DAVID
Open communications.

SOUND: BLEEP, MINBARI COMMUNICATIONS

DAVID
Contact Zarell.

SOUND: BLEEP, MINBARI CALL WAITING

SOUND: BLEEP, MINBARI CALL ACCEPTED

DAVID
Zarell, I-

FEMALE MINBARI AIDE
I am sorry, Zarell has moved locations. Would you like me to connect you to his new office?

DAVID
Yes, please.

FEMALE MINBARI AIDE
One moment.

SOUND: BLEEP, MINBARI CALL WAITING

SOUND: BLEEP, MINBARI CALL ACCEPTED

ZARELL
Captain Sheridan. It is good to see you.

DAVID
Your new office looks familiar.

ZARELL
It should. You are looking at the new Ranger One.

DAVID
Congratulations.

ZARELL
As the Worker Caste finally being allowed Ranger membership is recent enough to be in the memories of many Minbari, the Council felt appointing me would send an important message.

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DAVID

And the majority of the Grey Council is Worker Caste.

ZARELL

That may have had something to do with it.

DAVID

Have you read my report on the Norsai situation?

ZARELL

I have.

DAVID

What are we going to do about the Grand Du- I'm sorry, the new King.

ZARELL

I disagree with his actions of course, but now that the previous King is dead, he is our only ally within the Kingdom.

DAVID

Thousands are dead because of his actions.

ZARELL

For the sake of stability he will remain King, is that understood?

DAVID

Yes Anla'shok Na.

ZARELL

Very good. Zarell out.

SOUND: BLEEP, MINBARI CALL ENDED

MUSIC: OMINOUS END-STING

MUSIC: END CREDITS