# Legends of Khampiohn The Genesis Era

# **Chapter 6: The Greater Foe**

## **Main Cast**

Chronotress: Andrew Lovato Ahnbiir: Andrew Lovato Old Archivist: Thomas Avinger Infernos: Thomas Avinger Addah: Sarah Rosina Winkler Fthora: Maia Michelle Young Archivist: TJ Crovo Vypus: TJ Crovo Ahtreya: Melissa Kersh Jahrett: Ashley C. Tyrell (Actash) Ckegdromas: Ashley C. Tyrell (Actash) Isirithon: Scazza Scarletti Thonor: Brad J. Taylor Ahtreyu: Ghostwaffles

## **Supporting Cast**

Dark Whispers: D. T. Prater Skritch: Chris Highwell Alvairn Sentry: Prismatic Gaze Loyalist Titan Sentry: Raven Anderson Renegade Air Titan Scout: William Hopkins Renegade Earth Titan Warrior: Victor Orellana Renegade Soldier 1: Prismatic Gaze Renegade Soldier 2: Scott Welnosky Renegade Titan Guard 1: Raven Anderson Renegade Titan Guard 2: Victor Orellana The Guardian: Scott Welnosky Kohbra: Scott Welnosky

We begin this episode with a memory between Infernos and Chronotress at the beginning of the first day of Khampiohn.

Infernos is sat at the top of a mountain as Chronotress approaches

Chronotress: How goes it brother?

Infernos: (smiles) things are going well, what brings you here?

Chronotress: What? I need a reason to sit with my brother and rejoice with him in his work?

Infernos: (chuckles) I thought you were busy getting the veil secured?

*Chronotress:* All done, with the help of the Spirit Titans of course. You all set for the first dawn? Infernos: always, though I confess I am troubled

*Chronotress: In what way? You've done an amazing job, Father is truly pleased with how everything Is proceeding.* 

Infernos: (happy) I am glad to hear that, but it is a trouble of the heart

Chronotress: How do you mean?

Infernos: (sighs) I think I may be in love

Chronotress (overjoyed) Oh brother that is fantastic news, why does it trouble you?

Infernos: You know of Fors' daughter ....?

Chronotress: Fthora?

*Infernos:* I have been admiring her work for as long as I can remember, and her as well....Her beauty is unmatched...every time she is near me I feel light as a feather.

*Chronotress: (pats Infernos on the back) Oh I see.... Have you spoken to her about this?* 

*Infernos (blushes)* No..... whenever I try I..... can't find the right words....am I being foolish? *After all, she is a titan of spirit....I feel like I may be to lowly to have her attention....* 

*Chronotress:* Not at all....Love is love, it doesn't see barriers....If you have these feelings, go to Alkai, let him guide your words, after all, what is our father if not Love?

*Infernos: D*...*do* you think she would look at me in the same way I look at her?

Chronotress: Well, my brother, you will never know unless you try.

*Infernos: (thoughtful)* you're right ......*(chuckles)* I will approach her at sun's rise....but..... I'm not very good with words....do you think Ckegdromas could help me write a sonnet for her?

*Chronotress:* I believe Alkai will put the greatest sonnet into Ckegdromas' heart and give you the power to perform it well.

Infernos (gratefully) Thank you Brother

Chronotress: (smiles) I will always be there for you....

*We merge back into the scene of Infernos smashing through the ramshackle gates of Vypus' lair in Fiery fury* 

Infernos: (Loud/Furious) VYPUS!!! WHERE ARE YOU HIDING YOU FORKED TONGUED INGRATE!!!

Sounds of explosions as Infernos hurls Fire bolts at the surrounding landscape

**Renegade Earth Titan warrior:** Perhaps the scoundrel has fled my lord, knowing that his reckoning was near....

*Addah: (laughing)* If there was going to be a reckoning, it wouldn't be coming from you whelps..... No ... If he's not here, that means he's succeeded.

Infernos: (brimming with anger/grimacing) Succeeded in what, exactly...?

Addah: (dismissive/chuckling sinisterly) You'll see soon enough, now if you'll excuse me, I have a meeting to attend.....have fun with.....whatever you're doing Bu bye

Sound- teleportation as Addah vanishes in the wind laughing,...

*Infernos:* GAAAAH.....(grabs a renegade air titan by the scruff) Follow her trail, find out what she's talking about, and what Vypus Is planning.

Renegade Air titan Scout: (choking) At once my lord....

*Infernos: (hesitates for a second/Heart in mouth) Fthora......(turns to a nearby warrior) You, Lady Fthora is here somewhere, find her* 

Enter Fthora

Fthora: No need my love.....I'm here

The two embrace

*Infernos (a moment of gentility)* What has happened, you seem to be aggrieved of something.... (Switches to anger) I swear if that snake has hurt you in any way.....

Fthora : (reassuring) No my love, he has done no harm to me....but we must speak urgently

We change the scene to the archivists who have arrived back at the local tavern

Skritch: Ah, welcome back sirs, your table is set up as always, will you be eating tonight? We have a fantastic special today, Rex Steaks, all the way from Gisembar (Proun Giss-Em-Bar) in a sweet Papanyo (Proun Pap-an-You) glaze dusted with peppercorns and saffron.....

*Old Archivist:* Sounds Delightful, and .... (produces two bottles) here's one for you and one for us.

#### Skritch: (Excitable) Titan's Meade eh!?

Oh....this is absolutely fantastic .....thankyou .....yes we will get this out to the rest of the workers .....and two of our most exquisite goblets coming up ....th ...thankyou, for this gift we must give equal value, drinks are on us tonight ....

Old Archivist: Thankyou my friend.

Skritch wonders off happily

Young Archivist: So....you were talking about Ahtreyu and his last act?

**Old Archivist:** Indeed, but in order to get to that part of the tale, we must first understand the path that led to it

Heavy tankards are placed on the table

**Old Archivist: (takes a swig)** With the dark heart created and now being secreted away by Vypus, Fthora learned that Vypus had no interest in saving the world for the titans, his only interest was Conquest.

*Fthora, despite her earlier transgressions, began to understand that none of what she believed to be the right path was true.* 

She had no interest in conquest, she just didn't want mortals to destroy yet another world. The words that Ckegdromas spoke to her about Vypus' inevitable betrayal flooded her mind, and she began to question everything.

**Young Archivist: (takes a swig from his goblet)** So even though she assisted Vypus, she had no idea what he was truly planning?

**Old Archivist:** None whatsoever, she honestly believed that all that had been done was only to save the world, she had been blinded by sorrow and anger for so long over the way Mortals had tarnished and despoiled the many worlds before that she simply wanted to protect the world from them.

**Young Archivist:** and in so doing she essentially handed Vypus everything he needed to make his war. How did Infernos react to learning about all of this?

**Old Archivist:** He cared little for the mortal races but when he learned that Vypus had been killing those who were loyal to his vision, Infernos was furious.

Young Archivist: Was it Vypus that set those creatures on his forces as well?

Old Archivist: Indeed, but Infernos didn't learn that until much later.

Young Archivist: What of the Alvairn at this time?

**Old Archivist:** in truth they were struggling with a profound realisation Isirithon had healed the wounded but when Ahnbiir and Ahtreya tried to lay the dead to rest, they became extremely troubled.....

Enter the scene with Ahtreya and Ahnbiir approaching Chronotress with deep concern

Ahnbiir: (agitated) Lord Warden, we have a situation

*Ahtreya: (deeply disturbed)* Their spirits.....we couldn't feel them return to Alkai....they haven't passed through the crucible, though we felt them enter it..... something's terribly wrong....

*Chronotress: (concerned) This is indeed troublesome.... Jahrett.....when did you last hear from Fors?* 

*Jahrett: (thoughtfully) Truth be told I haven't heard from him since before the confrontation at the Gate of Creation....* 

*Isirithon: (very concerned)* In truth I don't believe anyone has.....but he wouldn't have turned renegade surely?

I mean ....if Fors had turned....we would all have felt it, Just as we did when Infernos turned...

**Thonor: (shakes his head with certainty)** No.....Fors would never turn on Alkai, he likes his job way too much

Isirithon: Yet he has been oddly silent recently.

Ckegdromas enters the scene, weakened and injured

Ckegdromas (wincing in pain/exhausted) That's because....Fors is dead...

*Ahtreyu: (races to Ckegdromas' side) What happened to you? (Yells to Isirithon in panic) ISIRITHON!!!! They need healing, and badly.* 

Ckegdromas collapses in Ahtreyu's arms

Ckegdromas: (exhausted, laboured breaths) I'm glad to see you are well my dear friend....

*Ahtreyu: (supportive/emotional)* You damnable idiot!! Why did you send me away like that, I could have saved you from this....

*Ckegdromas: (Reassuring)* If I hadn't, you wouldn't have made it, you would have just added to their power....

Chronotress: Forgive me my friend, I should never have let this happen....

*Isirithon: (finishes healing) NONE of this should be happening, alas, here we are. (Confused) something's amiss, I've healed your wounds but you seem, different....* 

*Ckegdromas: (exhausted) Vypus had an artifact he called the dark heart, and Fthora had the crucible with her... they.....took something from me.....my very essence feels like it's been stripped from me....* 

#### Isirithon: (furious) That Witch AGAIN!!!?

*Ahtreya: (Disturbed/greatly aggravated)* I knew she was doing something heinous but stealing the crucible? That means.....

*Ahnbiir: (equally furious)* She killed her own Father..... That is yet another Tennet the traitors have broken.....

Thonor: (growling) Their punishment will be severe ....

*Ahtreyu:* Ckegdromas, tell us more about this artifact. What can you remember?

*Ckegdromas: (in pain) Vypus made it to take away a part of me, the darker part...the....punisher...he said... He's going to use it to imbue his creations with my power....Fthora has been resurrecting the dead from the area, including those Vypus has killed personally. He's been taking their bodies and....mutilating them, stitching them together, that was what that thing was that attacked us*  Ahtreyu: we were attacked by more of those things along with beasts from the shadow realm...

How many of those things does he have?

*Ckegdromas: I..... I don't know.....he plans to march on the multiverse, and he's going to start here.* 

He has been planning this for a long time.... he's at the center of everything The rebellion....the war.....pulling string after string to distract us from his true purpose of conquest.

*Ahtreya: (resolutely)* We must get the crucible back, if we remove it from Fthora's hands we may be able to dampen the power that this artifact is using. without spirits to feed on, surely the artifact will be less of a threat.

*Isirithon:* But still a threat nonetheless, and from what Ckegdromas is saying, it already has a significant amount of power. Add to that the fact that the crucible is now bound to Fthora.....

*Ahnbiir:* And Vypus won't be leaving his treasure unguarded, not only that but we tried convincing the renegades to turn back from this darkness already and now they have more of an advantage, I can't see Infernos agreeing to anything that involves giving that away.

*Ahtreyu:* Unless it benefits him.....after all, Vypus wants to target everyone regardless of which side of the rebellion they're on....

*Chronotress: What is it you suggest Ahtreyu? you met with the father after all, what guidance did he give you?* 

*Ahtreyu: (thoughtfully)* If we can somehow convince Infernos that Vypus Is a greater foe to his vision....

Chronotress: An alliance?

**Thonor: (angrilly)** You cannot be serious, allying with that traitor!!!? I'd sooner find Vypus myself and put a lightning bolt through him.....

*Isirithon: (seething anger)* You ask for us to work with the renegades? *After everything they've done?* 

*Ahtreyu: (calmly)* I ask only for us to think for the fate of creation, Infernos is not by any means a friend to us, but he may be willing to listen if he thinks that Vypus Is a bigger threat....even if it is only temporarily.

Jahrett: We were sent here to put him and his renegades down, not give them favours....

*Ahtreya:* I don't like the idea either, but I can see the logic. Brother, do you truly think that trusting Infernos and Fthora is a wise move?

*Ahtreyu:* Trusting them to work with us.....no Trusting them to feel as though their Ego is challenged.....that is something we all know that Infernos doesn't stand for.

Chronotress: We must pray on this, Alkai will guide us to the right decision.

*Isirithon:* Of that I have no doubt but time is not on our side, even with what power you have left

*Ahtreya:* If we can create a sacred space....banish the darkness from around us, we might be able to make a stronger connection with our father and it may be easier to get a clear answer....

Old Archivist: it was at this time that an unexpected turn of events occured

Young Archivist: What happened?

**Old Archivist:** whilst trying to decide on their next plan of action, the Alvairn were approached by two fire titans who bore the mark of service to Infernos....

Young Archivist: as if they didn't have enough to deal with....

Old Archivist: well this was the unexpected part.....

Alvairn Sentry: (raising the alarm) Lord Chronotress.....we have visitors....

Ahnbiir: Chronotress is in prayer at the moment, who comes?

Loyalist titan sentry: Renegades lord Ahnbiir, bearing the mark of Infernos...

**Thonor: (shouts at the Renegades)** WOULD YOU LOT KINDLY NAFF OFF.....MOST OF OUR NUMBER ARE IN PRAYER AT THE MOMENT.....OR ARE YOU LOT THAT DESPERATE FOR A BEATING....

**Renegade soldier 1:** We're not here for a fight, though judging by your current state it wouldn't be a fair one....

Thonor: (offended) Why you cheeky son of a.....

Ahnbiir: Get to the point knave

Renegade soldier 2: Lord Infernos wishes to meet with you....

Renegade Soldier 1: No idea why, we could easily crush you if he wanted us too....

Thonor: Ha .... you're full of it as usual scum

Chronotress enters

Chronotress: Peace Thonor, our path is set

Renegade Soldier 2: Chronotress....Lord Infernos....

*Chronotress (interrupting)* I am aware, you may tell your leader that we shall grant him an audience, but only because Alkai wills it.

Thonor: Have you been chewing bad mushrooms?

Ahnbiir: I agree...though maybe not with the same words..... it's too dangerous.

Enter Ahtreyu

*Ahtreyu: (solemn)* I too have been given instruction by the Creator, we must meet with Infernos...as annoying as he is

*Thonor: (deep heavy sigh)* the Creators will be done *I pray you know what we're doing....* 

*Chronotress:* It is the will of our father, *(to the renegades)* Away now, tell your leader of the Creators will, I must speak with my people.

Renegade soldier 1: (grimacing) We shall convey your words Warden...

Ahnbiir: Mark my words ..... if you try anything untoward you will regret it ....

Renegade soldier 2: (dismissive) if you say so Wolf lord

The renegades leave

Chronotress: Jahrett, Ahtreya, You have a task now to do

*Jahrett:* You're really going to meet with that traitor after all?

*Chronotress:* Such is our father's will...but you and Ahtreya must now make haste now to the Host of Armies, we are going to need their help.

*Jahrett: (nervous)* I haven't been before the host for many years....and getting there is going to take more time then we have.

Ahtreya: There is a swifter way....we can request passage through the deliverance road....

Chronotress: You have my permission.

*Jahrett:* You barely have enough energy to stand.... How are you meant to open the way?

*Ahtreya:* He doesn't have to, Do you forget that I minister to the dead? I have the power to open the way though I've not travelled it myself

Ahnbiir: I have. I shall go with you.

Jahrett: (sighs) Very well, though I don't know how much use I'll be

*Chronotress:* Your powers of persuasion have always been your strongest gift Jahrett, You'll be fine Remember, stay close to the path and to the light, it's not an easy road to travel. Do not diverge from the narrow way.....

*Jahrett: (understanding)* or we shall perish, I know my friend, still.....I never thought I'd be taking the road whilst still living.....

Ahtreya: It is daunting but you're not alone

Jahrett: I feel like I'm hearing one of your sermons for the dead....

Ahnbiir: Don't worry.... you've still got a long time before that....

*Jahrett:* Thanks for the confidence....(*turns to Chronotress jokingly*) Are you absolutely certain that you'll manage without me....?

Chronotress: Don't worry about me, this is the will of our Father.

Sound of a portal opening

Jahrett: (fading as the three enter the portal) I hope it's the human face, the other three make me nervous....

Ahnbiir: why?

*Jahrett:* just reminds me how small we actually are and how grand the angels are in comparison....

The three fade out as the portal closes behind them

*Chronotress:* Isirithon, if we are to succeed in the task ahead, we're going to need Ckegdromas. You must travel to the Host of Spirit and petition their aid.

*Isirithon:* I can do that, are they still residing in Evergleam?

*Chronotress:* That is where I was directed, but without the crucible you must take the path through the lower Haven.

*Isirithon:* I don't have the ability to travel that road, and Ckegdromas is barely able to speak, let alone open the way

Chronotress: I know, that's why I'm going to send Thonor with you.

Thonor: Now that we've managed to lift some of that taint, I can do that but what about you?

*Chronotress: I* will be fine, but it is imperative that you make haste. *I* will set a beacon for everyone to follow in order to return.

*Isirithon:* what shall we say when we meet with the guardian, even though we are Alvairn, they won't just let us through

Chronotress: the guardian already knows of your coming, they will give you passage.

*Thonor:* well that's a relief. I still think you speaking with Infernos on your own is risky

*Ahtreyu:* he won't be alone, I will be with him, and we'll have a few warriors with us just in case.

Isirithon: very well, we shall be as swift as we can..

Sound of lightning hitting the ground as Thonor opens a portal

Thonor: Don't do anything rash without us, Ahnbiir would never let me hear the end of it....

*Ahtreyu:* Alkai be with you, as he is with us. Ckegdromas..... I'm sorry this has happened to you....but I swear justice will be done

*Ckegdromas: (weakly/coughing)* I'm just glad you're ok, don't worry, It's been ages since I saw Evergleam, I owe the Ordos a song anyway, and they owe me drinks....

Chronotress: Creator speed you on your way

*Isirithon:* and you on yours. stay vigilant, I don't know how many more times I can patch you up lord warden

Thonor: Alkai keep you in his sight...

Sound of the lightning returning to the air as the portal closes.

Back in the present day.....

Young Archivist: (pours another drink) So.....they split the party....

**Old Archivist:** Well....yes .....each had a part to play in what was to come and so they set to their assigned tasks

Young Archivist: but you NEVER split the party....it leads to all kinds of trouble.....

Old Archivist: you're not wrong but it was a necessity at this point....

**Young Archivist:** Yeah but .... Chronotress was barely able to stand, Ahtreyu had only just come back...Ckegdromas was in really bad shape....

**Old Archivist:** but Chronotress knew that in order to find a way forward, he could not approach Infernos showing any kind of aggression....

**Young Archivist:** but surely Infernos would try to capitalise on the advantage this provided, especially against Chronotress...

**Old Archivist:** Again, Chronotress had already taken this onto account as a possibility. However, Alkai had given his son the knowledge that true power comes not from the advantage over an adversary, but from humility and understanding.

Young Archivist: (confused) I don't get it.....

**Old Archivist:** Truly Infernos could have tried to take advantage over his brother but Alkai knew that of all the things Infernos possessed, his greatest weakness was his Ego

And it was this that was at the forefront of Chronotress' mind as they approached Infernos' encampment....

Chronotress and Ahtreyu approach the outskirts of the encampment and are greeted by two towering renegade Earth Titans

**Renegade Earth Titan Guard 1: (gravely voice)** Lord Chronotress.....we were expecting.....more of you...

Renegade Earth Titan Guard 2: Lord Infernos is expecting you

The two begin to head to the centre of the encampment

*Ahtreyu (cautiously/low voice)* It's becoming very apparent that Infernos was planning more than just a talk....he has warriors on the hill hidden from view ...

*Chronotress: (responding in a low tone)* Not just on the hill but all around us....be not afraid....They dare not approach....this is Infernos merely trying to boast....

*Ahtreyu: (maintains low voice)* If boasting could win a battle....I am certain we'd be dead by now....

Chronotress: (chuckles): you are certainly the son of Ahnbiir....

Infernos: (cocky) Ah, brother.....I see you received my message....strange that you did not come with more warriors....

*Chronotress (Authoritive)* we are hear by Alkai's will...not yours....save the bravado for your underlings

Ahtreyu: (confident) We answered your request.....stand down your warriors.....

*Infernos: (laughing) My my, the little fawn is finally growing some antlers I see.... I can respect that....* 

(To the renegades) Stand down, there is business here to discuss, continue with your preparations....

All Renegades: Yes lord

Infernos: We have a problem.....I assume you have heard about what Vypus is planning?

Chronotress: we are aware of his plans, we have been for a while

*Ahtreyu: (seething)* we're also very much aware that you, Fthora, assisted in the torture of one of our dearest friends, as well as stealing the crucible, murdering your father and assisting in the creation of an extremely dangerous artifact which is now a threat to the entire multiverse...

Fthora: I did what I thought was necessary to protect this world from the mortals

Chronotress: and because of your hatred you have all been easy to manipulate and deceive

Infernos: (snaps) you dare to think that Vypus has ANY power over us?

**Chronotress:** oh but he does, he's been behind all of this right from the beginning. Was it not him who put doubts in your mind about the Creator's plan for the Ark world even before you were sent to enforce the Devourer's chains?

Was it not his poisonous words that caused you to feel inferior in the grand plan? And was it not his idea to start a rebellion which has cost millions of lives?

*Infernos (aggravated)* I already knew that the mortals were undeserving of the gifts they were being given, I saw it for myself, and it was reinforced by everything that the cold one showed me as we did battle.

As for the inferiority, it was YOU, the favourite son that had everything given to him, made for his pleasure and who had the highest place of honour that made me feel like that. And the rebellion?

I did not need some low level snake to tell me that fighting back was the only way to finally be heard by our father who had cared so little for us beyond the occasional pat on the back to say 'good job'.

Any rewards we were given were stripped from us the moment a new mortal race came along....and all we ever got as recompense was 'it's ok, you can always build other planets' And you still stand there and tell me that I...Infernos...greatest of the Fire primals...was manipulated by that worm?

*Ahtreyu:* you ALL were, but regardless of whether or not you accept that, the fact remains that we are ALL in danger.

*Chronotress:* surely it cannot have escaped your notice that he has been killing indiscriminately and using the bodies for his abominations, not only loyalists but your warriors as well.

Fthora: he told me it was only to make them stronger.....

*Chronotress:* and you are so hateful towards the mortal races that you assisted him without question....I wonder if you actually know what that artifact you helped him to create does.... I have seen this moment, long before any of these things happened.

I warned you that you didn't know what you were doing and now you have brought doom to us all.

*Infernos:* I couldn't care less what happens to you, your loyalists or your precious mortal races, but he has commanded shadow beasts to attack MY warriors and this is why I will kill him.

He dares to think that he can betray ME....

Ahtreyu: (sarcastic) traitors being betrayed ... who'd have thought it?

*Chronotress:* You called us here, you must know that he is too big a threat for you alone. It is Alkai's will that we work together to bring him down.

Infernos: I'm only doing this because he dared to cross me.

*Ahtreyu:* Whatever your reasoning, neither of our forces can deal with him and his Fell-titans alone....and he has access to more souls than you can comprehend because of your actions.

*Fthora:* I don't understand, he only took the punishers power from Ckegdromas, that's what the dark heart contains ....

**Chronotress:** alas you have been hoodwinked yet again, the dark heart wasn't just a way of getting hold of Ckegdromas' shadow powers but it also can access any soul that passes into the crucible because of the link that was formed between the two artifacts....

Fthora: (disbelief) only a spirit primal can do that.....

*Ahtreyu:* and by stealing the crucible and using it in the way you have, you have enabled the dark heart to feed from the souls in the crucible

*Chronotress: (angry)* souls that SHOULD have returned to Alkai, but Instead you have trapped them in the crucible with the only way out being extracted into the Dark heart. Can you not feel the agony they are in?

*Infernos: (sneering)* and I suppose you want to take back the power that is rightfully hers for some cock-and-bull reason? You Loyalists are all the same, you just cannot bare to think that someone other than YOU could have any rights to power.

*Chronotress: does your ego ever cease? As it happens, because of the current situation, only Fthora can do this.*  *Fthora:* What is it you need me to do exactly?

*Chronotress:* as the current bearer of the crucible, you need to destroy the dark heart and set free all of the souls that are trapped.

#### Fthora: how do I do that?

*Ahtreyu:* by taking the dark heart from Vypus and re-entering it into the crucible, then you must hand the crucible over to Centennial.

*Infernos: (scoffs)* so once again we must relinquish the power that is rightfully ours *Why am I not surprised?* So out loving father wants us to be powerless.....again....?

*Chronotress: (angered)* YOU RELINQUISHED YOUR RIGHTS TO ANY POWER THE MOMENT YOU TURNED ON HIM!!!

Infernos: and what if we say no?

*Ahtreyu:* then you will suffer the same fate as everyone else. Unless you like the idea of becoming a stitched together abomination eternally in service to *Vypus*?

*Dark whispers: (in infernos' mind)* do not listen to them, they are merely trying to deny you your right to rule this world. You have worked so hard to keep this world safe from the mortals.... don't give it up now....

*Chronotress: (hearing the voices) BE GONE VILE CREATURE, YOU HAVE NO POWER HERE.* 

**Dark Whispers (now hissing in Chronotress' mind)** oh but on the contrary dear warden, I have all the power I need, Infernos is mine, as is this world, and every world I wish, even the Haven

*Chronotress: (responding to the whispers) Your plans will come to naught, Alkai will see you destroyed.* 

Sound- an ominous hiss as the dark whispers subside...

Infernos: (confused) You....you heard him too ...how?

#### Chronotress: that is not important.

Our time is short, if we do not stop Vypus there will be no Ark world for you to claim dominance over, there will be nothing at all.

*Fthora: (to Infernos)* We wanted to protect this world from mortals....but now we have to protect it from something far worse.

*We have spent aeons building the multiverse, without the mortals it would be far more beautiful....but to have nothing at all?* 

My love, We all share in your vision to keep the mortals from destroying this world like they have a second have have have have a second by the second by th

*We need to stop him and as much as I don't like working with our persecutors....It may be the only way.* 

*Infernos (scoffs again)* You really think they will allow us to just...walk away after this?

*Fthora:* I would rather fight for YOU than become one of those ....things....

*Infernos : (flash of tenderness) I will NEVER allow you to become something like that.... (To Chronotress) This is only until Vypus lies dead, after that, I WILL take this world....my purpose remains...* 

*Ahtreyu: After this, you WILL be judged by Alkai and you will ALL receive punishment befitting of your crimes* 

Chronotress: as of this moment, our paths are aligned....

*Infernos: (menacing)* Fine.....now leave this place before I change my mind....I will send for you when my preparations are complete....

Chronotress: You won't need to, Alkai will send us when the time is right

As Ahtreyu and Chronotress walk out of the encampment

Ahtreyu: (scoffs) the ego on that traitor.....

*Chronotress:* Indeed, one day soon it will be his undoing, but for now we must continue to *fulfil Alkai's will.* 

Ahtreyu: I confess I'm still a little fearful of what's to come...

*Chronotress: (Empathically) I* know, *Alkai showed me also what must be done. Fear not, you will not be alone, I will be with you all the way.* 

*Ahtreyu:* I also fear for you, Alkai has shown me a glimpse of what you may also need to do, and I wish I could be with you at that time....

*Chronotress:* Do not fear for me, young Ahtreyu, I knew long ago that this may happen, It sometimes scares me too. But what we must do will, in its turn, help to build a better place.

*Ahtreyu:* Do you ever feel regret for all the things that have happened? The War, the rebellion....?

*Chronotress:* Yes, but I also have been aware of it for a long time, as I have been aware of how we can make it better. Duty sometimes requires sacrifice, and sacrifice for the right reasons, ultimately can bring victory for those left behind.

*Ahtreyu:* Do you ever think about rewinding it all? Going back to stop any of this from happening?

**Chronotress:** I confess the thought had crossed my mind, I meditated on it for many days when I first saw it all come to pass, but you know well that time is not a Linear path. Even if i had been able to go back, stop Infernos from going into the cold sun, end Vypus the moment he started trying to decipher the Shadow realm for his experiments, It would have only meant that others would have taken this path.

Ahtreyu: So all of this, no matter what....nothing could be changed?

Chronotress: some things have changed

Ahtreyu: like what?

**Chronotress:** Your part in this has become a key point in the future of this world, the charge you have accepted was not originally yours to bear but now....well..... let's just say that we have more of a chance to save this world, and many others

*Ahtreyu:* I will do what Alkai requires of me, it just seems so.....daunting.... *(Humble)* Forgive me, I just don't want to fail

*Chronotress: (smiles)* Neither do I. And it's because of that, I know that we will succeed. Alkai will make our paths straight and true, and whatever we face, we all face together for his glory. The pair walk on and the scene returns to the present day

Young Archivist: (awe struck) They had such faith, such bravery....

*Old Archivist:* indeed, because they knew that the challenges ahead would not be faced in vein

Young Archivist: I imagine Vypus was not idle at this time either?

**Old Archivist:** Whilst the renegades and loyalists were making preparations, Vypus was already many steps ahead, he had arrived at his tower and instantly began experimenting with the dark heart.

Churning out more powerful abominations with alarming speed, and all with a portion of the now corrupted power of the punisher, Vypus' ultimate plan was in full swing.

**Young Archivist:** but he was not aware of what was happening between Infernos and Chronotress so, they still had the advantage....

**Old Archivist:** *Vypus was nothing if not extremely clever, when he left Fthora behind he also left one of his favourite creations to spy on her and anyone she came into contact with....* 

Vypus: you have information I trust?

*Kohbra (deep/secretive)* Infernos has arrived at your previous residence, Fthora has told him everything

*Vypus (smirking)* as I knew she would, and I assume Infernos is planning to find me now?

Kohbra he is making preparations to challenge you, but there is more

Vypus: well.....?

**Kohbra** Fthora released the jester, and I assume they have told the Alvairn of your plan, Chronotress and the young hunter showed up and discussed some sort of temporary alliance with the renegades to stop you and destroy the artifact...

*Vypus (laughing) This is going to be fun....what of the other Alvairn?* 

Kohbra they were not present

Vypus: (thoughtfully) Interesting.....any ideas of why they were not there?

Kohbra None my lord

*Vypus: (chuckling)* stay close to the renegades, I want to know every move they take, every tactic they discuss, though knowing Infernos he'll probably just go for a frontal assault, he's too predictable for anything else.....

Kohbra what of the Alvairn my lord?

*Vypus:* I have something special planned for them....keep up the good work Kohbra (*Proun cobra*), our benefactor will see you rewarded for your service...

Kohbra: Yes my lord

*Vypus: (to another character in the room) You know of the Alvairn more than most, why would they split up?* More importantly, what could they possibly have planned?

Enter Addah

*Addah: (malevolently)* No doubt they would be seeking the help of the haven's hosts, I imagine the healer would have taken the jester to Evergleam. The others, more than likely they will be trying to inform the host of Armies of what they have learned.

*Vypus:* well then, why are you still here? Take some of my warriors and intercept them, they cannot be allowed to reach their destinations

Addah: I will do as our benefactor wills, not you

Dark Whispers: Vypus Is right, if they reach their destinations my plan will be in tatters.....

Addah: (subservient) Yes my lord, it will be done.

We fade into the credits and then into the flash scene with Thonor, Isirithon and Ckegdromas reaching the outskirts of Evergleam, there to be met by the guardian of the realm

Thonor: We seek urgent passage to the host of spirit.

Guardian: (gentle but Authoritive) Under who's authority?

*Isirithon:* Chronotress sent us, (*indicates to Ckegdromas*) our friend is dying and only the host can heal them.

*Guardian: (after a few seconds of silence)* You are welcome to Evergleam, but be aware you cannot tarry long.....the host will see you straight away, head to the Temple, let the Ordos know your business.

Isirithon: blessings of Alkai be upon you guardian.

Thonor: (stops for a moment) Carry on in, I must stay here

Isirithon: why what's wrong?

**Thonor: (alert)** something comes, I think we may have been followed...(urgently) hurry now....

Sound of Addah's laughter getting closer.

Guardian: (out into the air) I SENSE YOU FALLEN ONE, SHOW YOURSELF!!!

Addah: (laughing) Hello guardian....did you miss me?

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