Venturing: Betwun Doors

We had arrived upon the site where Yang had believed the three coins to be. After landing upon the soft grass underneath us, I fan out my claws. Pointing in different directions of where the two coins could be located at. But even then, I felt doubtful of my own capabilities to sense them at all. I stared out into the horizon and stared at the mixture of grass and sands that surrounded us. Nothing was about that seemed interesting for me however as the grounds were just leveled. Palm trees were towards the sides; swaying much with the gentle winds blowing against them. The black skies hovered above us. Stars shone dimly with the moon being full. Our operation was silent. Not one word came from the officers of Vaster which had disturbed me at best. For as my eyes lowered from the horizon and to the grounds, I turned my attention towards my men. At how well they were doing, preoccupied with their digging.

The sounds of dirt hitting the ground was our only company. But even that played in a cycle would surely get someone to go mad at all. With the ringing in my ears, I stepped forth into a line straight through the middle of the operation and turned my head left and right. Kyro and Natty were together. Off to the side where they were digging. Tails lowered with wings spread out; claws hitting soft sands and grass beneath them while the elevation sinks deeper. The same goes for Zander whom was on the opposing side of the pair. His tail was hang high. But he seemed to be humming something underneath his breath somehow. Whatever it was, it never mattered at best as I just kept going. Ignoring him as the faint song fades in the horizon. I continued walking down the line; bypassing Ozkun and Takaki. Both of which were busy with their digging. But they seemed to be chatting with one another.

Upon the end of the line was when I started hearing Zander and Natty spoke at the same time. Throwing themselves upright as they turned to face me with something in their paws. I turned towards them; facing their snouts and drifted my attention towards the right. Glancing at their claws. There was indeed something there as it glist in the moonlight. I only faintly smiled before nodding my head as I walked towards the three dragons. Motioning for Ozkun and Takaki to pause in their digging. Everyone gathered around me. Silence fell upon their lips with the silence of shuffled feet digging through the grass underneath everyone. For soon that had faded upon the night as everyone had stopped. Ears perked in awaitance of what I had to say. Clearing my throat, I spoke as an order. “Zander, Kyro and Natty have already found the coins that we had needed. Now we just need to find that fourth coin at best.” “Guess I know where to look huh?” Ozkun chimed in, raising his claws over his chest as Takai grabbed hold onto his shoulder, nodding silently while the pair left us. “Fill in the holes where the coins were not there. Only leave the pair of holes.” I say towards the three dragons. Kyro, Natty and Zander nodded their heads and left me to do their job.

Watching everyone carry out my order. I pondered about the three coins laying about and their usefulness towards future operations. But as I do so, I had received a headache that it forced me out of my own pondering. It throb inside my head as I groaned. I traced my steps down the same line that I walked through while I turned, shifting my attention towards the side. Glancing down onto the three dragons as their numbers of holes decreased rapidly. Till in no time at all came only two holes that I had nodded and altered my path to heed straight towards them. At that, I gathered with them and knell upon the ground, eyes down to the ground. I stared at the pair of holes before me. Rapidly noticing how the pair were close to one another. As I frowned, I turned towards Kyro and Natty before raising a claw pointing down onto the holes. Kyro was the first to speak than his mate, “This is indeed how we last saw the two.” “But why are they closer together?” “I do not know.” “No Comment.” Natty interrupted us as I turned towards the dragoness in response. For she kept quiet and turned her head away from me, fixated towards the horizon or somewhere interesting while I exhaled a breath and shook my head. “Well if that is the case.” I started, trailing after a brief pause of silence as if I was unsure what to say upon this point in time.

“We found it.” Exclaimed Ozkun and Takaki’s voices filled the air. The three of us turned towards them. Spotting them as they were a few feet from our general positions. Acknowledging them for a moment, I turned back towards the two pair of dragons and briefly smiled before departing from them immediately. I heeded the gap between Kyro and Natty to Ozkun and Takaki as I had approached the other pair. Once I stopped my feet and held my claws behind my back, I shifted my eyes upon the two new holes beneath me and break my stance as I pointed below me. “This it?” “Yeah.” Started Ozkun with a smile as he raised his claw high, exposing the golden coin that was buried inside “And this is our fourth coin.” “Great.” I nodded, “We should be able to analysis the data behind these three coins then.” “Should we head back then?” Zander questioned me as I turned towards him, nodding my head. Within the second’s silence, all wings except mine were spread. Jumped into the air in union, the dragons flew easterward. Disappearing from my sights as they heed back towards Vaster where they would be reporting to Chief Yang.

But as they quickly withdrawn, a thought entered my mind. I shuffled my wings in ponderance while raising a claw high towards my chin. As I turned towards the three different holes in various locations within the grass and sands, I had wondered why all four were located far from the towns of Reptilian and Canidae realms. ‘Surely, there is something more than just three loose coins, right?” I thought to myself as I allowed a frown to submerged upon my snout while my eyes turned towards the grounds. ‘I mean… why a triangle? Or whatever shape this was that the three coins were making? And why are they pointing straight towards Canidae realm?’ I thought further, remembering that the triangle of coins were pointing diagonal which was thought to be pointing nowhere. But after the add of the fourth coin inside Canidae realm, it did make sense and further questioned the point and destination of where it had lead. But my head shook removing all of that headache that was throbbing in my head. As I had recalled that I never brought in my medicine or pills for such a thing, I frowned and spread my wings out to the sides of me. ‘No use trying to strain yourself into thinking about it now.’ I thought as I jump, flapping them as I headed westward. Following behind the large group of dragons.

I had arrived upon the station of Vaster town and landed upon the solid hard grounds that make up the roads and sidewalks of Vaster. In front of me was the station where the rest of my unit were gathered at the front doors. Looking rather worried with one another. Confused by the sudden appearance of my unit, I walked up towards them. Kyro and Zander were the first to notice me as their ears stretched upon hearing my footsteps against the grounds. For they turned to me and changed their expression so suddenly that I nearly flinched. The rest of my unit gradually took noticed took and also mirrored Kyro and Zander as the two stepped to me. Blocking my way towards the entrance as I held my gaze at them and tilted my head to the side. For quietness was upon my lips as I silently demanded an explanation which Kyro had taken into account as he explained the events that had transpired and the current mission we now have.

“We have to investigate a dead moon dragon upper Northwest from Vaster and Moon Kingdom.” Kyro explained and I shook my head, disbelief and respond to him “A dead dragon? Upper North? When did this happened?” “We never knew.” Kyro answered as clear as he could; but his head hung and he seem to be staring down upon the sidewalk beneath him in the following silence that transpired. I shook my head and growled at Kyro, flapping my wings furiously, I stepped back and flew off from their sights much to their surprise. Within a second, all dragons flew by my side one by one as we advance Northwest towards that destination where Kyro had described it as best he could. Thus indeed, we had found the warm body. It was confirmed to be between Moon and Vaster; located at an unknown destination. Between the forest trees on its left and the valley where the water falls hides a secret cavern inside upon its right. The body was laid upon its belly; wings spread though torn for some strange reason. As we landed surrounding it, Ozkun crouched and stretched his claw outward to its neck. He turned towards me and nodded gradually as I smiled, knowing that he was just unconscious and not dead at best. Though the life of a dragon does lie upon our wings as I quickly realized the situation we found ourselves in and started barking out orders towards the rest of the unit.

“Quick! Call the paramedics!”

“Get his pulse, turn him over so his breathing would not warm the grounds. Further bringing him closer towards death.”

As I barked, chaos loomed over our heads. It was the most craziest thing I had saw. From an outside perspective that is. With dragons running about, Kyro still shouting over the phone for anything and still getting himself into an argument with whomever was on the phone. I closed my mouth and stepped back to allow Zander, Natty and Takaki to perform their life saving attempt upon the unconscious dragon below them. “That would not work.” I say towards the three as they suddenly turned their heads over to me and I smiled in response to them back. “Let the professionals save him. Instead, scout around the area for a fifth coin. Yang did say that a coin was located upon this dragon alone.” “Where?” Zander questioned me so suddenly but turned his head over to Natty and Takaki whom were already feeling up his sides and spine. Checking the wings and tail, before Natty chimed over the chaos that was unfolding before us. “Found it!” At this time, we all heard siren and lifted our heads high. Glancing towards the bleak skies where red colors paint the black backgrounds above us. “Guess the paramedics are here.” I commented while Zander gave a thumbs up to the red dragon who smiled nodding towards him back as the dragons divebomb to the grounds at our location; landing so suddenly afterwards.

“This the guy?” Spoke one of them as I nodded quietly. The dragon in front of me straighten his white jacket and nodded rather silently as he motioned his claws towards the others whom were behind him. They move quickly; snatching the dragon from underneath our noses which was rather surprising even for us. As we watched them leave, the dragon turned to me and nodded. I acknowledged him and smiled back. But he kept quiet and still while he flew off, joining with the others before disappearing in the following darkness whereas red lights fade from our eyes. Silence following afterwards as I turned towards Natty. “Alright let us see what you got, Natty.” I say walking towards her and she nodded in response before opening her palm, showcasing that coin she had upon her claws. The coin was what I had saw before. Golden and shiny that it flickered upon the moonlight at its surface. I take quick notice upon its imprints. Seeing a dragon head at the center. Words on top and bottom. The head was on its side; facing left towards something. Its mouth form into a frown. “Flip the coin over.” I started to say as Natty did so suddenly.

On the opposing side laid a pile of rocks. A brick road stretched from the bottom of the coin towards the where those rocks were. Kyro commented at this with a tilt of his head; pondering what this had meant. I spoke to the red dragon through my suggestion only as I was doubtful upon my own investigation and thoughts. “Check North where a road leads towards Moon. Maybe this was showing that.” “But why rocks? What does that have to do with-” Kyro ranted but quieted down after as he met the eyes of his mate. With silence following us, I nodded towards Kyro and Natty. “You two head North then. We will wait here.” “Alright.” Natty started as she and Kyro parted from us. Heading through the intended direction as they disappeared from our sights upon the night skies in silence which allowed the ringing to echoed upon our ears. “What about the coin at Canidae?” Popped the question from Ozkun while I turned towards him and shook my head, answering him “The lizard or vixen or their followers have already gotten that coin. It would be a while before we are to recover that. For now however…” I frowned in trailance as I was unable to think or process anything in the meanwhile. Once more silence fell over our heads as the remaining dragons left behind did their own stuff.

I had noticed Zander chatting with Ozkun and Takaki which I was surprise however since the black dragon was also careful to talk about topics and such through newer additionals to our unit. But a smile drifted from my snout. Warm as it was in remembrance of my first time chatting and introducing myself through the group that I had not seen for twenty years at best. For with a responding chuckle that had escaped my lips and my eyes closing, I averted myself away from the three staring dragons on my side shortly before they had resumed their topic once again.

It never took long for Kyro and Natty to arrive back to us. Smiles were upon their faces, excitement washed over them as they landed upon the hard grounds running up towards us. They have indeed kick up a storm. Something that I was a bit surprise about. But nonetheless kept silent as I watched the pair closed in onto us before stopping while their yells escaped through the silence of the night. The three dragons caught attention towards Natty and gathered up surrounding her. I included. With Kyro trailing behind her, she started explaining what they have saw and confirmed it with the back of the coin. I nodded with a smile but took control of the situation at hand before it goes out of control as I spoke towards Natty. Questioning about what they had gathered around that area. In quick focus towards me, she sealed her mouth and grinned only for a short moment before she spoke back upon me. “I found a minimap. Two coins were in Reptilian, the third coin is in Canidae realm. Fourth was upon that dead body.” “And the fifth?” Prompted Zander with curious hanging upon his snout with a hesitated silence coming from Natty.

“And the fifth was upon the crossroads of three coins.”

“How the heck are we suppose to figure that?” Zander growled, his face darkened as he stared at the dragoness. Kyro, in turn, stepped in front of her and growled back to the black dragon. Ozkun and Takaki stepped forth between the two male dragons and separated them. Setting their claws upon their chest as they pushed them back. With that short chaos and growling from Zander and Kyro, I pondered over my last thinking and snapped my claw which startled everyone while they turned towards me. “What Natty said makes sense. Between the three coins is a crossroads. That is where we will find our fifth.” “But where is that?” Questioned Zander as he turned to face me. I smiled dimly in response to him. Yet jabbed a claw pointing at him back before answering his question, “We retrace our steps with the three other coins that we had saw back between the realms of Reptilian and Canidae.” “Oh yeah.” Kyro replied, snapping his angry dark gaze at Zander as he turned towards me, “That is right indeed. We first saw the three coins there. Then the fourth-” “Indeed. We must head back there. Surely we are to be able to find this fifth coin easily if we were to retrace our steps?” I say.

So we had returned. Back towards the same spot where we had uncovered the three coins. Thus we were left only with the remaining holes where it was believed that the three coins were located and buried as I quickly assigned myself, Ozkun and Kyro upon each of the holes. Then at Zander’s count we trace an invisible straight line down the mark till we all intersected one another. The distance from the three other holes were far that it had seemed we are deep within the wastelands of the plains between the realms. Ozkun and Kyro frowned and lowered their heads. Staring down onto the sands that pierced upon their feet while I crouched down and digged through. It had taken some seconds before we recovered something underground. Something that was familiar in our eyes however.

A fifth coin presented itself to us. Something that we were looking for all this time. With cheers coming from Kyro and Ozkun as their claws were raised over their heads and smiling, I noticed something sticking out from the sands. Something that was pure white and cornered. Tilting my head, I grabbed onto that piece and pulled it from the grounds which was revealed to us as an invitation letter. “Towards what?” Asked Kyro after he and Ozkun stopped dancing momentarily. I shrugged in silence and frowned afterwards as worriedness washed overhead and I pondered what this had meant for the rest of us. Though quietness followed after us, It was shattered when I got up onto my feet and spoke. Almost to a mutter which both dragons took noticed of. For before I could even take a step forward, I felt something upon my shoulder and I turned so suddenly and quick to face them. “What is wrong, Ling? Is it something with that paper? The invitation letter?” I nodded my head, “Yet it is not just an invitation letter however.” “Then what is it?” “Its a help letter.”

There was silence. Ringing reappeared upon our ears as I rose my eyes to face their faces. Yet neither of them showed any emotions upon this. For with the following quietness, they bypassed me. I followed behind them as we went to gather upon the rest of the unit. With this, I explained to them about the fifth coin and the letter that was buried upon the ground. Following it came an order from my lips that we are to return to Vaster immediately for preparations. Yet as I spread my wings, Zander yanked the paper off from claws to which I was startled but allowed it to so. It was a while before Zander exclaimed that caught the eyes of everyone else that they asked and questioned him. But instead, he reveals it instead.

“You are invited to Moon kingdom’s birthday party. Show up upon this date and do not be late!” Was was the words of what it said. Below that came a birthday date; but what was surprising was that this date was indeed yesterdays.