

Boys Don't Cry: WilyKat

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Chapter 7: Take On Me

Author's Chapter Notes:

You may notice that you don't see much of Lion-o, Cheetara and some of the other main TCat characters in this story. The reason why that is, is because I wanted to flex my creative muscle. I wanted to challenge myself and try to develop Wily Kat's character. As my first fan fic, I thought that if I could do that, then it will be easier to write stories about the others. That's why I came up with the Disintegration Series. It's a collection of 3 stories which coincide with each other and basically focus on the underdeveloped characters. Hopefully I explained that thoroughly. If you are still confused, again, feel free to e-mail me. I will be more than happy to know your input. Thank you for reading my story. Enjoy the last chapter!

It was as if all the excitement and joy had been lifted from the atmosphere. Everyone just kind of went through the motions, especially Ananda and Wily Kat. They have both been avoiding each other since the break-up happened a week earlier. Everyone suspected problems but they didn't know it was to that extent. Ananda was in the gym training with her newly found dad, Panthro. They spent a lot of time getting to know each other and discovering new things about their lives. Panthro did notice that his daughter wasn't into her training like she has been. She sat on the bench solemn-faced drinking her water after their workout. Panthro decided to seek an opportunity of a father-daughter moment.

"Ananda?"

She looked at Panthro and gave him a half-hearted smile. "Hello, father." Panthro was still not used to being called that.

"You haven't been yourself this past week. Do you mind if I ask you what's wrong?"

Ananda sighed and wiped the tear that fell down her cheek, "It's Kat..."

"Oh you guys are having relationships problems?"

"Well, we aren't in a relationship anymore. He broke up with me last week." She confirmed.

Panthro was baffled, "He what! Why?"

Ananda shook her head, "I really don't want to talk about this. I am wondering if I should stay here or not."

Panthro lifted her chin forcing her to make eye contact with her, "Listen to me, I lost 18 years of your life and I refuse to lose another. I will not have you live somewhere besides here. You are my daughter. You are the one key to the love I shared with your mom and I am going to take care of you. Now, I just need to have a little talk with Wily Kat."

Ananda became wide-eyed, "No! Don't! It's okay. It just wasn't meant to be." Ananda stood up and grabbed her water bottle, "I'll be okay. I just need some time, that's all." She threw her towel over her shoulder and walked out of the gym as Panthro pondered helplessly about how to help his daughter and Wily Kat.

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"Schaarf! Wily Kat! Your room is a mess! What is going on?" Snarf said looking at the piles of dirty clothes in Wily Kat's room, "Rrrowr, And I thought Lion-o was bad."

"I'm sorry, Snarf I'm just kind of tired and stressed from school, that's all."

Snarf eyed him curiously and jumped on the bed next to him. "You know it's interesting, Ananda's room has also been a complete mess lately. Not to mention that you both have been acting kinda glum, especially towards each other. Care to share with good ol' Snarf?"

Wily Kat sighed and cursed to himself. Even Snarf noticed the change with him and Ananda. "Oh Snarf, there is just too much going on. I don't even want to get into it right now."

"Oh okay, well, I'll leave you alone, but before I go I will tell you this. I can tell that Ananda is very special to you. She makes you feel things you never thought were possible of feeling, and you will never find a girl that will make you feel like that again. Not the way she makes you feel, trust me. I see it happen all the time. People will waste their time dating person after person trying to find that special someone, when the one that they are looking for is right under their nose. And I can tell with you, even though you are young, you are fortunate enough to not even have to look elsewhere. Ananda is the one for you, trust me."

Wily Kat stared at Snarf intensely. He had never heard Snarf lecture about something so deep before. He was starting to wonder again if he did the right thing.

"Thank you Snarf, I'll keep that in mind. Now if you'll please. " Wily Kat motioned Snarf towards the door. Snarf looked at him sympathetically and walked out of the room.

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Ananda laid on her bed and sobbed heavily. "Why is he doing this to me, I thought he loved me no matter what! I should've told him who I was from the beginning."

Her thoughts were broken with a knock on the door. She quickly sat up on her bed and wiped her tears from her cheeks. "Who is it?" she asked trying to hide the hurt in her voice.

"It's Wily Kit, I need to talk to you. May I come in?"

Ananda looked in the mirror and got herself together. "Sure, it's open."

Wily Kit opened the door slowly and walked in unsure of Ananda's reaction. "Do you have a few minutes? I'd like to talk to you."

Ananda motioned Wily Kit to sit in the chair by her vanity.

Wily Kit took a deep breath then let out a huge sigh. "I'd like to apologize for what happened in the gym last week, and for violating your privacy. I shouldn't have looked through your files in the first place. I was just looking out for my brother. I know that you didn't have any intention in harming him. I'm sorry if I made things worse for you."

Ananda silently stared at Wily Kit expressionless, then she suddenly broke out in a huge cry. "Oh Wily Kit.... thank you...for your...apology." She said between sobs.

"Whoa! Ananda what's wrong?"

"It's nothing, I'm just horribly tired that's all." She lied.

Wily Kit stared at Ananda curiously and sat next to her on the bed. "It's my brother isn't it?"

Ananda didn't reply.

"Ananda what's going on between you and Wily Kat? Is he not talking to you right now?"

Ananda nodded her head. "Yeah I think he's in shock about me being Panthro's daughter. I don't know if he'll ever get over it."

"He should. You guys have too much of a good thing going to let that come between you two."

"We aren't together anymore. He broke up with me."

"He broke up with you!!! I didn't know that. No wonder he's been acting like that lately. He shouldn't be acting that way especially with the baby and all."

Ananda gasped, "Baby? How did you know?"

Wily Kit blushed, "Uh, it was in Tygra's records. Even though you lost it when you weren't that far along, I think he still should know."

Ananda gave Wily Kit a quizzical look, "What do you mean I lost it?"

"The records said that you lost the baby from the accident you had a few months back. Didn't you know about that?"

“Yeah Tygra told me about that one, but no one knows about this one yet.”

Wily Kit eyes lit up, “Wait a minute, you’re pregnant right now?”

Ananda nodded unsure if she should smile or not.

“By Thundera! How long have you known?”

“I’ve known for a few weeks now. I’ve been feeling weird ever since we broke up. Then I realized that my menstrual cycle had been delayed.”

“Wow, my brother sure has everything right on point! Getting you pregnant twice within a few months, that’s amazing!” Wily Kit said realizing that she was thinking outloud, “Ananda, you’ve got to get checked up by Tygra, and you need to tell Wily Kat. It’s his child too and he needs to know.”

Ananda sighed and blew her nose on a piece of tissue paper. “Trust me I’ve been wanting to, but I want Wily Kat to be with me because he wants to be with me. Not just because we have a child together. So please, I know he’s your brother and all, but I am just not ready for him to know yet.”

Wily Kit nodded in agreement, “Okay, but he needs to know soon. You know that holding it in will not do you any good for long. I won’t say anything, but you need to get checked up with Tygra A.S.A.P. Now he won’t go blabbing because he is a firm believer in the confidentiality policy as you already know. I know I do!”

Wily Kit thought about the long, serious lecture Tygra gave her on respecting people’s privacy and hacking into unauthorized files and rolled her eyes. She shook the horrific memory out her head and then pulled Ananda up from her seat.

“Alright well let’s see if Tygra could give you a check up now.” Wily Kit said giving Ananda an assuring smile.

“Thank you so much Kit. You don’t know how much this means to me.” She gave her a hug and they walked out of the room.

“Hey it’s the least I could do after how I acted towards you. Plus, it would be nice to have a little niece or nephew running around.” Wily Kit opened the doors to the elevator, “Now, when are you going to let Panthro know that he’s going to be a grand daddy?”

“Oh no, I haven’t even thought about that.” Ananda sighed as they entered the elevator, “That’s just what I need now, my father finding out that his newly discovered daughter is pregnant at the mere age of 18 who hasn’t gone through a proper mating ceremony and by the boy who he has raised as his own....oh Great Seas of Thundera, what am I going to do?”

Wily Kit put a comforting arm around the leopard's shoulder, "Well, it looks like we are going to have to take this one step at a time. We'll figure out what to do after Tygra gives you a check up, okay?"

Ananda smiled wearily as they walked towards Tygra's lab, nervous and unaware of what was to come.

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Tygra took off his gloves and threw them in the disposal container. He looked over his notes glanced back and forth at the computer.

"Well Ananda, it looks like you are about 5 weeks pregnant. Since, your uterus may be still recovering from your miscarriage, I suggest you take these vitamins. It will give you the nutrients you are going to need for the baby and yourself."

Ananda took the pills from Tygra's hand and read the label, as Tygra continued to give her directions.

"I think it would be best that you minimize your fight training with Panthro. It could cause a lot of complications during your pregnancy."

Ananda sighed, and looked at Tygra, whose serious tone lightened up a little. He turned off his computer and sat next to her.

"These past couples of months have been rough for you, haven't they?"

Ananda nodded, holding back her tears.

"Well, I'm not going to tell anyone about your situation. You decide when it's the right time to come forth with it, but I do suggest that you tell them soon, especially Wily Kat."

"I know, I'm going to tell Wily Kat before the week is over. I just need to get my words together."

"Well Ananda, I promise you that things will be okay after you tell them. You will feel a lot better also. If you need words of encouragement of any kind, just let me know."

Ananda smiled. "Thank you Tygra, I appreciate it."

She walked out of Tygra's lab feeling more confident on what was going on.

"I'm going to tell him tonight." She thought as she entered her room, *"But first, I need to get some sleep, I've had a long day."*

The female leopard slowly crawled into her bed and went to sleep.

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Lion-o and Panthro were on night watch duty and things were pretty normal as usual.

“I’ll tell you Panthro, I’m really happy that there is finally peace.”

“Yeah, Lion-o let’s enjoy it while we can. There’s not telling if we might get a rude awakening from those blasted mutants.” Panthro zoomed out of a sector near the Southern region of New Thudera.

“So how are things going with you and your daughter?”

“It’s actually going pretty well. She reminds me so much of her mother it’s scary.”

“You really loved her mom didn’t you?”

“Lion-o, she was the only woman I ever loved. I wanted to spend the rest of my life with her. Now the only thing I have left of her is Ananda.”

The communicator interrupted their conversation.

“Bengali to Cat’s Lair on New Thudera do you copy?”

“This is Lion-o here, what’s going on over there, Ben?”

“Nothing I was just calling in to tell you that everything is normal and I can’t wait to come back to Thudera.”

Wily Kat walked in the room and saw Bengali on the screen. “Hey Bengali!”

“Hey Kat how are you?”

“I’m fine, just trying to get through school.”

“How’s your girlfriend, she make a good recovery?”

Wily Kat hesitated to answer, “Yeah, she’s healthy as a cat.”

Bengali nodded then looked at the others in the room, “Well I gotta get back on my watch. I will be seeing you guys soon! Bengali out!”

Panthro turned off the communicator and turned around in his chair and looked at Lion-o. Lion-o took the hint and made his way out of the room. Wily Kat sat in Lion-o’s seat and let out a huge stressful sigh.

“You seem to be troubled Kat.”

“Yeah Panthro I am. I don’t know, so much has happened these past few months and I am just overwhelmed.”

“Yeah, we have been through some events these four months. I can tell that there is a lot going on between you and Ananda, am I correct?”

Wily Kat nodded. “Yeah, I just don’t know, I feel weird around her. She’s your daughter and it kind of changes everything.”

“She’s still the same girl you met on the college campus isn’t she?”

“Yeah, I guess so.”

“And she’s still the same girl you fell in love with isn’t she?”

Wily Kat saw where Panthro was going. “Yeah she is.”

“And you still love her, even more now don’t you?”

Wily Kat nodded with a smirk on his face. “More than anything.”

“Then you need to follow your heart and nothing else. It doesn’t matter who she is or where she’s from. You fell in love with her just the way she is, it’s just that now, you know that she is your mother’s best friend’s and my daughter. Don’t make the same mistake I made Wily Kat. Don’t let her get away, because if you do, it will haunt you for the rest of your life. Take it from someone who’s experienced it.”

Panthro pat him on the shoulder and left the room leaving Wily Kat all alone to think about what he was going to do.

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Ananda laid in her bed in fetal position tucked in. She slept lightly as the cool breeze blew into her room from the open window. As she drifted deeper and deeper into her sleep, she didn’t hear her door opening slightly and a presence walking into her room. She suddenly felt weight on the other side of her bed, which allowed her to wake up as she was embraced with familiar arms.

“I’m shocked that you are here, but I am glad that you are.” She said softly with her eyes still closed.

She scooted closer to his body and wrapped her arms around his. He rested his chin on her shoulder and let out a heavy sigh that tickled her ear.

“You know, since we’ve been apart, I really just had to think about things. I’ve never experienced this much emotion before, and of course I didn’t handle it well.” Wily Kat played with her honey brown tresses.

“You know what? I can’t blame you for how you reacted. I don’t know how I would’ve acted in your shoes. It must take a lot out of you emotionally to realize that the person you fell in love with was not the same person after all.”

“That’s what I’ve realized. You are the same person that I fell in love with. Even though now I have the knowledge that you are Panthro’s daughter, it shouldn’t matter. It doesn’t matter.” He whispered gently in her ear, “Ananda, I’m sorry if I added to the pain that you already have on your shoulders. I never intended it to be that way. I love you with all my heart, my soul.”

Ananda turned around to face Wily Kat. The moonlight from her window gave him a mystical glow. She played with the tufts of hair behind his ears and smiled at him. She loved him. There was no doubt about it. She leaned in close to him and kissed him. He kissed her back and held her closely in his arms. They touched noses and grinned at each other.

“There’s something that I need to tell you.” Ananda said her smile turned from sweet to mischievous.

“What, what is it?” Wily Kat started rubbing her stomach gently. Ananda looked at him with confusion.

“Why are you doing that?”

“Why am I doing what?” he asked with a sly grin forming on his face.

“Why are you rubbing my belly?”

Wily Kat looked up towards the ceiling, humoring her, “Well I don’t know, I just thought it would help let our baby know that daddy is here and everything is okay now.”

Ananda gasped, “How did you...?”

“Well, I first noticed something was different about you in the mornings. You are such a morning person usually. I noticed that you weren’t as peppy as usual and it was harder for you to get up.”

“You noticed those little things?”

Wily Kat nodded, “Yep, but I still wasn’t sure what was wrong. Then tonight, I was confirmed.”

Ananda looked down and sighed “Wily Kit...”

“Yeah, she tried really hard to hold it in, but when I kept questioning her about you and my concerns for you, she finally gave in and told me. It was also obvious when I saw the prenatal pills on your nightstand.”

Ananda turned her head around and saw the white container that read “Prenatal Pills” in big black letters and laughed.

“Yeah, I guess that is kind of obvious.”

“I am so excited and overwhelmed at the same time. I never thought I would have my first child until I was much older, but I also didn’t know I would meet the one girl for me at this age either. You don’t need to be going through this alone ‘Nandi.’”

“I know, I was actually going to tell you tonight after I...” She let out a huge yawn, “After I took my nap, but I’ve just been so tired lately.”

“Well I can see why. I’ll let you sleep.” He kissed her on the forehead and started getting out of the bed.

“Kat?”

Wily Kat turned around, “Yeah?”

“Can you stay with me tonight? Or at least hold me until I fall asleep?”

Wily Kat crawled back in the bed and pulled the comforter over them.

“I will never let you go again.” He pulled her close to him and kissed her softly on the lips, “Good night Ananda. I love you.”

“I love...you...too...Kat.” Her voice slowly faded as she and Wily Kat fell asleep in each other’s arms.

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Ananda snapped up quickly out of bed. It seemed like she had been sleep for days. She squinted and rubbed her eyes until she was familiar with her surroundings. She was in her room, and she was alone.

“It was a dream.” She said to herself disappointed.

She was hoping that Wily Kat was going to be there the next morning like he had usually been, but he wasn’t. The female leopard touched her stomach and walked to her bathroom where she splashed water on her face to wake herself up. She wiped her face with a dry towel and walked into her room. Her eyes lit up as she saw Wily Kit sitting on her bed with a small black box in his hand. She walked over to him and gave him a hug and a kiss.

“Good morning, sweetie. What are you up to?”

Wily Kat rose up from the bed and then sat on his knees. “Well Ananda, when I woke up this morning and I realized how good it was to have you in my arms and be the first person I saw. It made me realize how much I would like for that to be permanent.”

He opened the box and is had a gold band inside of it. He took it out and looked at Ananda deep in the eyes.

“Ananda, will you go through a mating ceremony with me?”

A huge smile spread across her face and she nodded. “Yes Kat, I will!” He put the ring on her finger and stood up and kissed her.

“Now today at the council meeting we get to tell everyone.”

Ananda’s smile slowly faded. “Oh yeah. I forgot about that.”

“Why are you not as enthused as I am?”

“I am Kat, but I’m just a little nervous of what everyone will think. We are both still very young and I am sure that everyone will be critical of that.”

“Oh, I beg to differ. Trust me on this.”

She looked at the serious look in his eyes and nodded. He was 100% sure and she should be too, right?

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“Tygra, are you sure that you will be okay with going to 3rd earth?” Lion-o asked inquisitively.

Everyone at the council table looked at Tygra to see his reaction. He seemed to be calm and collected and a little content as well.

“I don’t have a problem at all. All that time I spent over there made me realize how beautiful it is. It would be nice to visit some of our good ol’ friends from 3rd earth.”

“Alright then it’s settled. Next month Tygra will be going to 3rd earth and Bengali will be coming here. Does anyone else have anything else to say?”

Ananda squeezed Wily Kat’s had so hard it became numb. She was holding his hand with a firm grip during the whole meeting. She became really nervous when Wily Kat raised his hand.

“Yes Wily Kat? You have something you want to say?”

Wily Kat stood up and looked down at Ananda. She didn't notice that Wily Kit and Snarf were grinning ear to ear.

"Well I would like to say that, Ananda and I want to have a mating ceremony. I know we may seem young, but we love each other deeply and we want to be together forever. So may we please have your blessings?"

The room was quiet and still. Ananda's heart was beating so hard she thought that everyone in the room could hear it. All of a sudden Snarf stood up and clapped.

"Yeah! It's about time!"

Ananda looked at the furry creature with confusion. Then all of a sudden everyone in the room stood up and shouted out congratulatory comments to the couple. Panthro was stood up but wasn't shouting as much as the others.

"I told you." Wily Kat said as he winked at her.

Ananda gave him a half of a smile. She noticed that her dad, Panthro, wasn't praising as much as she wanted him to. Even if he did have a small smile on his face and stood up with everyone else, why didn't he seem like he was as accepting as everyone else?

"Well congratulations to you both." Lion-o said as everyone sat back down.

Snarf pulled out a notepad and started rummaging through the pages. "Now I can continue with my planning. We need to get a cake, invitations, the dress...brrr Snarf Snarf, Oh there is so much to do."

"It's okay Snarf, we'll have plenty of time. Now if there aren't anymore announcements, I proclaim this meeting to be adjourned."

Everyone put their hands in the middle while Ananda hesitantly put her hands out. Wily Kat nodded and she smiled, slowly putting her hand in the middle.

"Thundercats HO!"

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After the meeting Ananda and Wily Kat went to the lounge room to themselves. Wily Kat was resting in her lap while she read a book playing with his hair. Panthro snuck in the room and smiled at the young couple. It reminded him so much of him and Amalia. All of a sudden the door slammed and his thoughts were broken. Wily Kat jumped up from his cat nap in a world of confusion.

"Whoa, wha?" Wily Kat blurted out. Ananda laughed at the two men standing trying to figure out what had just happened.

“I didn’t see anybody close the door. Is Grune haunting us again?” Panthro asked scratching his head.

Wily Kat jumped from Ananda’s lap and did a backwards flip from the couch next to Panthro in a strong fighting stance. Ananda let out a small giggle. She tilted her head to the left and the door opened on its own.

“Geez, a little edgy don’t you think?” she said standing up and walking towards them.

“Ananda! You did that?” Panthro asked walking up to his daughter.

She gave him a smirk and nodded her head. “Yeah I’ve been practicing with Cheetara. She’s been teaching me how to control my telekinetic powers.”

“That’s great!” Wily Kat exclaimed as he pulled her close to him and kissed her on the cheek.

Panthro’s face became serious. He cleared his throat and looked down. “Well guys, I came here to tell you that I am happy that you are having a mating ceremony.” Panthro paused before his voice started to break. “It’s nice to see two people in love wanting to spend the rest of their lives together. You both have my blessing.”

Ananda smiled as the hot tears fell down her cheeks. Wily Kat blinked rapidly holding back his tears. He had never been so happy in his life. He never thought that his life would ever reach this point at all. Let alone at the mere age of 18.

“Geez Panthro, that means a lot to me, to us. Thank you” Wily Kat said shaking Panthro’s hand. Panthro pulled him into a quick hug and then let go of him, trying not to tamper with his tough, masculine image.

“Thank you, daddy!” Ananda ran up to Panthro and squeezed him tight.

“By the Moons of Thundera, Ananda you are strong!” He hugged her back and leaned close to her ear, “I love you, Ananda. I am so thankful to have you in my life. You remind me more and more of your mother everyday. I almost forget about how strong Amalia and I’ love was, and you help me remember.” He held for a little longer then finally let go.

Ananda couldn’t help but smile and cry. Her emotions were going crazy. Everything she longed for in her life was finally coming true. She found her long lost father, she fell in love and is about to have a baby. She finally fulfilled her dream with being a part of a family again.

“Well I guess I will leave you two alone, I need to do some repairs on the Feliner. I will see you two later.”

Ananda sat down on the recliner as the panther started to walk out of the room. He stopped in front of the door then turned around and grabbed Wily Kat’s arm pulling him only inches away from his face. Wily Kat became nervous as Panthro began to say something in his ear.

“Before I go, I just wanted to tell you that I know that you are going to treat my daughter good because I raised you and I am more than confident that you are the one for her, and I wouldn’t want any other man to help raise my future grandchild other than you. Congratulations!” Panthro let go of Wily Kat’s arm smiling sweetly as he left the room.

Wily Kat stood there in shock trying to retain what just happened in his mind. Ananda was puzzled and slowly got up from her chair.

“Wily Kat?”

A grin slowly started to appear on his face.

“Wily Kat...”

Wily Kat snapped out of it and looked at his wife-to-be, “Oh, I’m sorry, Yes sweetie?”

“Why was my dad talking to you like that? Is everything alright?”

Wily Kat’s features softened as he stared into Ananda’s innocent green eyes.

“Yeah...” He placed one of his hands on her stomach and kissed her on her forehead. Wily Kat, no longer a boy, but now a man, looked at the woman he loved then down at their unborn child, “Everything, is gonna be alright.”

The End!