

The Mutants Rage

By WilyKat

Part two

Meanwhile at lair's council room...

Lion-O was at the window with the sight lost in the horizon when the sound of Panthro's punch on the table brought him back to reality.

"This is an outrage!!!" Panthro growled "This time those blasted mutants have to pay for their acts!!! They almost killed the Thunderkittens and look what they have done to WilyKat!!!"

Cheetara, Tygra and Snarf were silently waiting for Lion-O's reaction, when the Lord of the Thundercats deeply sighed.

"Mutants... How many times have we fought those miserable beings? I've lost count. I know how you are feeling Panthro but you must remember that there is a code that we must follow and enforce. Besides this time I think that WilyKat has to seek this trouble out himself because you know he was ordered to stay and guard Tower of Omens, and what does he do? He goes outside to play stupid games with that space board you gave him." Lion-O turned on his heels and glance at the others.

"I was near the Tower when I saw him going away leaving his post alone. Being a Thundercat, even if one is as young as he is, it's a responsibility and his duties can't be left apart every time he feel the need to play or have company. I know that maybe you'll blame me for what I'm about to do but he must be punished for his behavior."

When Panthro's was about to speak Lion-O continued "Of course we will wait until he gets better then we will make another council to let him know which will be his punishment. I'm sure that all of you understand why I am talking like that; it's for his own good. He is a Thundercat and as one He must be responsible for his doings."

All of those present nodded in agreement and then Panthro said "I agree Lion-O but you should understand that those kids have suffer a lot even before the destruction of Thundera." then the panther glance at the great cat insignia of the wall.

"I knew their parents... Aureus and Rose. They were pilots on my battle ship five years ago; when a damn band of mutants shot us down... they didn't care about that we were carrying civilians to Thundera's central hospital. I've carried my own family on that ship. Those pilots tried to save the ship and crashed as smoothly as they could. They rescued the survivors and stabilized most of them but the damn mutants where near and they didn't take prisoners. Those blasted mutants just seized every survivor and put them on a line. Then the mutant leader called Ratar-O told me that as the captain of the ship I will be left alive to spare the message to Claudis and Jaga... and then..."

Panthro's voice broke a little "They began to execute them all in front my very eyes...

Before those bastards approached where we were Aureus made me promise that if I survived I'll take care of their kids Kit and Kat... I swore him that I would do it, and then the wildcat couple spared a last kiss just before being shot and killed."

"That damn rat did the same himself to my wife and kids... they were the last to die. Of course there is a code, all of them died believing on it." Then he furrowed his eyes brows and narrowed his eyes saying "But the code doesn't say anything against killing an enemy on a fair battle, so if a mutant dares even to scratch anyone of you again I'll have their hides and make me a nice carpet for my workshop." Saying that the panther glared at the window as if he could see Castle Plun-Darr.

Lion-O was the first to recover after the panther's speech and said "I'm sorry for talking to you like that about the code; I didn't know what had happened to your family and friends."

Then Tygra spoke "I was the only who knew that because I was one of the Thundercats at the council when Jaga rescued Panthro from that wreckage that wretch day." then the tiger lowered his vision to avoid Panthro's eyes.

Wanting to break that uncomfortable moment Lion-O continued, "Well Panthro I see your point, and I thought I was a little heavy handed with the boy. Ok, when he gets better I'll only give him a lecture about the team work and responsibility."

Panthro grinned at Lion-O and said "Of course you do, if you don't mind, I wish to go with the kid right now to check how he is."

"Sure, go ahead my friend." and the panther made his way to the sick bay.

Lion-O asked "Cheetara, how is WilyKit?"

"She's fine, she only got a little wound on the mouth and a little nausea but I gave her something for that. Now she's sleeping on her bed because the medicine. She was very afraid about her brother. I told her that he was recovering but she didn't stop asking me till she passed out."

Meanwhile at Castle Plun- Darr...

Jackalman found Slithe dropped on the hangar floor and he tried to awake him with a bucket of water. The reptile opened his eyes and punched the jackal on the face and said "Imbecile!!! What in the Plun-Darr pits think you are doing?!!! I took my bath last month!!!!... Blast, that little bastard burned my mouth with that accursed pellet!!!"

The frightened jackal checked his mouth saying "That wasn't necessary, I just wanted help and tell you that Vultureman's was yelling about the missing Sky Cutter that your little... prisoner?... stole from us..."

Suddenly the mood of the reptile got worse and with a rare quick movement, he slammed the jackal in the stomach with his tail and said "And you think I care about the concerns of that feathered jackass???!!! I tell you one thing... If I see that little brat again I SWEAR to you that he'll pee his pants in fear just before I give him what he deserves, yessss!"

Saying that Slithe narrowed his eyes and with an evil smile said, "And I can assure you that that will be soon." He walked out the hangar and took the stairs heading to the lower level of the castle.

Rubbing his mouth and massaging his belly, Jackalman sobbed (alone in the hangar) saying, "And I swear you that some day I'll make you pay for treating me like that!"

Suddenly Jackalman's communicator sounded and Monkian called him "Hooo, Hooo, Jackalman... this is Monkian... over... do you read?" Rolling his eyes the Jackal answered "Of course I read you Monkian I am not deaf... what do you want?... over..." Then monkian said "Come to the main war room, we have received a message from Mumm-Ra and he wants to talk us about some kind of plan against the Thundercats... over and out Hooo, Hooo..."

Back at Cat's Lair...

Several hours after the council meeting, Pumyra was checking WilyKat's vitals when the boy awoke. He tried to open his eyes but he realized that he wasn't able to because of the bandage Pumyra had put him. The cold air from the air conditioning system of the Lair told him that he was naked on the bed, and when he heard the sound of Pumyra's voice speaking to someone in the other room, he blushed and tried to cover himself, struggling with the blankets of the bed when a strong hand on his chest stopped him.

"Hold on Kid or you'll reopen your wounds." said Panthro.

"But...But... where are my clothes!!! She is watching me!!!" said Kat still struggling for the covers.

Panthro grinned, rolling his eyes and held him firmly as he said "Of course she is watching you, because you're wounded. Pumyra and Tygra took care of you and Cheetara did the same with your sister when you arrived here. They had to cut your tunic to wash your body and sew that horrible wound on the rear of your thigh and that's why you are naked, silly boy".

Kat's face was turning too red and Pumyra said "I'm sorry to embarrass you Kat but you must remain still to avoid an infection but don't worry, I'll tell Tygra that it would be better that he comes to check you." and saying that she winked at Panthro and walked out of the sickbay.

Panthro released his hold and sat beside the frightened kitten and said "She is gone... now take calm."

Still blushed WilyKat started, "Panthro I want to explain to you..."

Panthro interrupted him "I know... Later... now rest and get well." The panther rubbed the boy's mane with care of not hurting him because of the head's wounds, then Kat said "How is..."

Panthro sighed "She is fine and sleeping now as you should do! She was worried about you too. Now rest kid" he with a sad expression on his mouth. WilyKat said "Thanks Panthro."

"You don't need to thank me Kat" Then the Panther found a blanket on the nearest table and covered him from the chest to the unwounded leg and the boy fell asleep again. He sat near him and watched out for him almost all night till he had to take his guard turn at the Lair's control room.

Somewhere in outer Space...

On board a large Rat like space ship, an ancient evil voice said "You'll never get a better chance to get rid of the Lord of the Thundercats and his wretched friends, commander Ratar-O."

A Chinese accent replied "If what you said me is true there won't be problem. They don't stand a chance against three of the best battalions in Plundarr's Army".

Mumm-Ra laugh evilly and said "It's settle then, I'll transport your fleet near the third planet allowing you to decide if you want to see what the mutants call home there or stay in your own ship." The mummy continued "Once you defeat the Thundercats do whatever you want with them but you must find and give me the Eye of Thundera."

Ratar-O grinned. "Of course Mumm-Ra, I will be happy to cut that cub lord with his own sword and kill his friends before his own eyes, then I'll give you whatever you're asking me, so consider our bargain closed."

"Excellent, rejoin your fleet then commander, I'll be back in a week to transport you and your troops to the Third Planet... Mwahahahahahahahaha!!!" and the mummy vanished from the deck of the ship.

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