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Chapter 13

The Lions are scouring the area, using every piece of technology that they are aware of: scent, radar, wireless network scan, subterranean geological scan, aerial visual analysis, and old fashioned digging. They are coming up empty-handed.

Keith sights a nomadic tribe in caravan in the plains of the north. He senses the missing component and radios over to the other pilots what he senses. Allura verifies some pertinent data that Keith describes. He summons the other pilots to join him.

The Voltron force assemble and they address the tribe. Keith speaks to them, then Pidge, then Hunk, then Lance, all to no avail. The nomads keep going on about their beliefs, that they are the sentinels of Voltron, a prophesy that they would keep the key to Voltron until he returned to the service of the planet.

Allura requests the audience of the tribe's chief, whom consults a shaman. She tells him the story of the entire Voltron force, that the pilots have been keeping watch in separate quadrants of the planet, waiting for 150 years to retrieve this piece so that Voltron can finally return to service. She explains that the invaders that defeated Voltron then are here to finish the job, likely by genocide, and they need the piece to have Voltron back to defend the planet.

The chief inquires the shaman and has an exchange in jibberish. The chief says no, stating that in the prophesy, Voltron would retrieve his own piece from them and that there was no intervention from Arusians, nor the royal family that would match the proper sign. That there must be another way to resolve the problem facing the planet. The pilots leave without the missing component, frustrated with the nomadic tribe and that don't have any knowledge of how to even reassemble the missing part back into the Black Lion, or Voltron.