

**Strange Bedfellows** by hafedor  
Chapter 10

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Prince Lotor stood over a cliff where the lava was flowing. He closed his eyes and could feel the heat as it rose from below.

“Soon my beloved beauty.”, he thought, “We shall be together forever.”

“Prince Lotor.”, said Haggar, “I have found your troublesome bride.” Haggar and two Doom soldiers escorted Allura to Lotor. She tried fighting them, but they were too strong.

“Well, my dear.”, said Lotor, “You have been giving my men quite the workout today. Making them run throughout the caverns, trying to find you. I see you took care of a couple of them without killing them. They would have been better off if you had killed them. I assure you their punishments were quite severe for their failures. I like how you tricked the guard who I originally had watching you. I wish you had tried that on me.”

“You’re horrible Lotor.”, she said in response, “How could life mean so little to you? I won’t go through with this insanity. I will kill myself before I jump in that volcano with you.” Lotor just laughed.

“My beloved!”, began Lotor, “You have as much fire as this molten lava down below. It’s one of the things I’ve always loved about you. I have eternity to enjoy you, and I shall.”

“Never, you beast!”, yelled Allura.

“I am a beast Allura.”, said Lotor while laughing, “Especially when it comes to giving a woman pleasure. Now we must prepare. You will need to bathe, and then put this robe on. You will wear nothing underneath.”

“Forget it, Lotor!, she told him.

“If you don’t cooperate...”, Lotor began, “I will have this guard bathe and dress you instead.” The guard he pointed to was shocked. He looked at the princess, and began to hope that she would be defiant. Allura decided to call Lotor’s bluff.

“Fine!”, she told the dark prince, “Let him do it!” The guard, with a smile on his face, began to walk towards Allura. Lotor became angry, and pulled out his laser sword. The guard stopped as the sword was only a centimeter from his jugular.

“No man shall touch you but me!”, said Lotor out of anger, “You are a clever one, aren’t you? You knew I would never let that happen. Fine, we’ll play it your way. If you do not cooperate, I

will slit this man's throat before your very eyes. I know you could never watch someone die in such a way, even if he is your enemy. I think you should know, that he has four year old daughter on Doom. I'm sure you wouldn't want to be responsible for her growing up without a father."

Allura looked at the soldier who still had Lotor's sword close to his neck. She could see the fear and panic in his eyes. She too had lost her father when she was young. She couldn't put another child through that, even a Drule child.

"All right Lotor.", she told him, "You win, I will do as you ask."

"Good.", replied Lotor, "Haggar will escort you to the hot springs. You will bathe there. Haggar will make sure you don't escape this time."

As Allura and the old witch walked away, Allura began to think of her father.

"Please father!", she thought, "Please help me!"

Lotor still has his sword at the guard's neck. He turned to look at him, while keeping the sword in the same place.

"You seemed quite eager to manhandle her lieutenant!", said the angry prince.

"I was only doing what you wanted to sire.....AH!", he said as Lotor slit his throat.

"His daughter is probably better off not knowing him anyway.", said Lotor, "Cossack!"

"Yes sire!", responded Cossack as he saluted.

"Get rid of this body!", ordered Lotor, "I don't want Allura finding out!"

"Right away!", responded Cossack, "I might I say what a great leader you are. How shall I dispose of the body?"

"I am in no mood for your brown nosing Cossack!", replied Lotor, "Just dump him over the cliff, into the lava! He can be part of my offering!"

"Of course sire.", said Cossack, "It is no wonder why you are in charge, and I am your humble servant."

"Cossack.", said Lotor, "If they put your brain into a bird's body it would fly backwards. Everyone leave me be. I must mentally prepare for my eternal journey."