

**The Curse of the Third Eye** by Lionora  
Chapter 27: Potential Threat

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King Zarkon was seated on his throne, looking at Prince Lotor/Masserath kneeled down before him. The king was furious because of the failure of the Arus raid and also because Witch Haggar had disobeyed his orders to appear before him when he clearly summoned both Lotor and her to state their explanations of why they had failed him. Then King Zarkon gazed at the guards who were with Prince Lotor/Masserath.

"Why the hell isn't Haggar here?" King Zarkon asked to his guards.

"Your Majesty, Witch Haggar used her magic to disappear before we had a chance to capture her," the main guard who answered was kneeled trembling before his king.

"You idiots! Go find that witch and bring her here immediately! Nobody disobeys my orders." King Zarkon was making fists.

"As you wish Sire."

The guards stood from where they were and ran out of the throne room. Then King Zarkon looked at Prince Lotor/Masserath again.

"Well my son, it seems you failed again to bring me Arus...what do you have to say for yourself?"

Prince Lotor/Masserath smirked while he was looking at the floor beneath him and then he answered:

"Father, I have not failed."

"Really? Then why are all my soldiers here on Doom and not taking possession of that wretched planet?" King Zarkon was shaking his head in disbelief.

"Because we have Arus right here on Doom," Prince Lotor/Masserath said calmly.

"What the hell are you saying? Explain yourself." Zarkon frowned at Lotor/Masserath.

Prince Lotor/Masserath now looked directly at King Zarkon and said: "I captured the princess of Arus...so there is no Voltron."

King Zarkon's expression changed to astonishment and said: "So you captured the princess, huh?"

"Yes, I did," said Prince Lotor/Masserath with reassurance.

Then Zarkon narrowed his eyes: "So why haven't you brought her to me? Are you planning on staying with her?"

"I need to interrogate her...there is important information that I need to know...before I hand her to you."

"Really?" Zarkon looked at him with suspicion. "And what do you need to know?"

"Everything father, Voltron's weaknesses, Arus' defenses...how come they have been able to defeat Doom's forces time and time again?" Prince Lotor/Masserath said.

King Zarkon kept silent for a while before he finally said: "Very well, you have a whole day to interrogate her and find out what you need, after that time you will hand the princess to me...untouched as we agreed". King Zarkon was gazing intensely at Prince Lotor/Masserath.

The prince smirked at King Zarkon and said: "Of course father, I will keep my promise to you."

King Zarkon's grimace seemed to relax a little so he said: "Ok, you can go now...we'll talk about this later."

"Yes, father" and then Prince Lotor/Masserath stood up from his father's presence and went out of the throne room towards the hangars. But while he was still walking through the halls of the castle, he heard the alarm systems going on.

Prince Lotor/Masserath activated his communicator and asked: "What's happening?"

A voice responded: "Sire, there are intruder's at the hangar...we are under attack..."

Immediately, Prince Lotor/Masserath knew that the Voltron Force would likely be the intruders trying to rescue their princess.

"Shit! Don't let them escape!" Prince Lotor/Masserath started to run now towards the hangars. "I'll be right there!"

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Keith and the other Voltron teammates were still firing at the guards that had surprised them while they were rescuing Princess Allura. Meanwhile, the princess was trying to hurry them so they could leave before the demonic prince would make his appearance. She knew that there was nothing they could do against invisible spiritual forces. Soon the Voltron Force noticed that more soldiers and guards were arriving because the alarms wouldn't stop making that terrible noise.

"Hurry guys, we gotta get out of here before it gets more crowded" said Hunk visibly upset and firing to every guard that would arrive to where they were.

Keith, Pidge and Allura arrived to the place where Hunk and Lance had been expecting them. But they had to keep firing at the guards that were blocking their way so they could advance towards the same route they had previously used to arrive there in the first place.

"We're trying to get the fuck out of here, but it's getting hard with all these new arrivals" said Lance, while he kept firing and covering himself from the attack of the soldiers.

"Pidge, is there another way we could get to the lions?" asked Keith.

"I'm looking...but if we go the other way we'll go straight into the castle, which will be much worse..." said a pessimistic Pidge.

"Ok team, let's concentrate our attack to clear the way we came in" said Keith while he kept firing. Then Allura tapped his shoulder while she said: "Keith, we have a problem."

"Another one?" he said sarcastically.

"He's here" Allura was trembling while she had her eyes towards the other direction behind them.

Keith looked at the same place that Allura was gazing but just saw guards coming from the castle so he asked: "Who are you talking about? Those are just gua..." Then he saw the figure of Prince Lotor/Masserath running from that entrance, the prince looked furious, then he stopped to look at them before he started walking slowly towards them.

"We have to go, we have to go now!" Allura was almost hysterical.

"Why are you so scared? It's just that damned prince Lotor! I'm gonna get him now.." Keith started shooting at Prince Lotor/Masserath while Allura covered her head with her hands. Prince Lotor/Masserath blocked Keith's fire with his lason sword and extended his left arm to receive Keith's laser gun, which flew from Keith's grasp directly into Lotor/Masserath's available hand. Keith watched in shock how his laser gun had landed on Lotor's hand by invisible forces.

"What the..." Keith didn't have much time to react to what he witnessed because the fire from the soldiers was distracting him and he had to take cover.

"Where's your gun?" Allura asked alarmed.

"It just flew out of my hand...unto his" Keith was shaking his head with incredulity and speaking slowly.

"I told you Keith, he's too powerful...we have to get out of here!" Allura was shaking her head.

"How did he do that?" Keith looked at the other team members who were still firing at the soldiers and covering themselves.

Suddenly the soldiers and guards stopped firing at them and they heard Prince Lotor's voice speaking up.

"There's no escape Voltron Force, you can't win against me. We have you surrounded, besides...you have no way of getting out of here alive. Surrender now and I may grant you a painless and quick death." Prince Lotor/Masserath stood smirking and gazing at the place where the Voltron Force had been taking cover.

"Never! Asshole!" Lance screamed and started firing at Prince Lotor/Masserath. But Lance's gun flew from his hand to the floor. "What the fuck?" Hunk pulled Lance down before a soldier could shoot him. "Did you see that Hunk? That fucking gun flew out of my hand just like that! Shit!" Lance looked at Hunk with wide eyes, but Hunk told him: "Do you wanna get killed? Stop risking your life like that!"

"But my gun...it just..." Lance started to say but was interrupted by Prince Lotor/Masserath's voice again.

"I am not patient, surrender before we go where you are and kill you!"

"Why should we surrender? You're gonna kill us anyway!" Keith responded.

Prince Lotor/Masserath started laughing and responded: "Well, I may kill you but I have another plans for the princess"

Then Allura spoke back at Lotor/Masserath: "If you hurt my friends...I will kill myself! But not before I tell everybody who you really are!"

"Enough!" Prince Lotor/Masserath was serious now. "Princess Allura, you and your friends will surrender and I will grant you your lives for now..."

Some soldiers frowned and looked at each other while others shrugged not minding what they were hearing for either side.

Allura told Keith: "This is the best that I can do...at least he won't kill you for now"

Keith responded: "You know that he's lying...we can't trust him."

Allura asked him: "Keith, what else can we do?"

Keith looked at his other teammates, they were all frowning and gazing at him...awaiting his next order.

"I won't risk our lives unnecessarily..." Keith then looked at Allura. "I'm sorry that I failed you princess"

"You didn't fail me, you did the best you could" Allura gave him an understanding look while she put her hand on his.

Then Keith spoke out: "Ok Lotor, don't shoot...we're coming out!"

Soon the doomite guards were taking the Voltron Force into custody...but instead of taking them to the castle dungeons...Prince Lotor/Masserath decided to take them to the prison cells inside the flagship. He wanted to interrogate them, but specially the princess. He had to know what else did she know about him and who else knew about his presence. So he took the princess back to the room where she had been before and left her there with guards posted at the door. He decided that he would pay a visit to Haggar's lab first, he had to know if she told someone else of the possession. If he knew that Haggar had said something, she would pay with her life. He had only a day to find out what was going on, before he had to hand in Allura to King Zarkon. But if he didn't find out about the information he needed in the appointed time, he would have to take another measure to ensure that he could keep Prince Lotor's body.

Still, Allura's previous warning still lingered in his mind. Was it true that someone was doing something to endanger his presence in the physical world? He would have to find out as soon as possible.

Chapter End Notes:  
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