

The Inn of Cossack the Terrible by Princess Iris
Chapter 2: An Unfamiliar Planet with a Familiar Place

It's been a couple days & I've covered a great amount of this lovely, Denubian Galaxy. A few of Castle Aden's guards have accompanied me on the trip, so no, I'm not alone. My brother wouldn't even think about letting me travel alone. He says "space travel's much too dangerous for me to travel alone." He made sure I had people traveling with me. I pass thru the Azure Quadrant & look over at the beautiful Planet of Arus, which so much reminds me of Aden. It's no wonder my Father wants it so bad, but I disagree with the fact that he wants it destroyed. Even though my brother has nearly destroyed it on a couple missions Father has sent him on, he prefers to leave its beauty untouched. Lotor's told me so much about Arus, the mighty Voltron, & this beautiful Princess Allura whom he one day wants to make his bride. Due to the fact, Aden's so far away & Doom has spies, I've never been to Planet Arus. The planet brings me a lot of curiosity, which I someday wish to explore. I wonder if I'll ever have that opportunity to visit Arus.

After passing Pollux, it's a matter of a couple days when I finally reach my destination. I could've went a shorter way, but that would mean passing the Crimson Quadrant, & possibly getting caught by my Father. Well, it doesn't matter, cuz I'm now here.

Among the sandy beaches, palm trees, & tropical forests, I look around for a resort to make as my temporary residence. Since I'll be here for quite sometime, I might well find a place that I can make myself at home at. I look out the window of my cockpit & notice so many places. So many to choose from until I see a place called, "The Inn Of Cossack The Terrible, Resorts" Now I thought Lotor said that only him & I know about this place. There can't be a place here named after Cossack. Even though I see so many beautiful Hotel resorts, something tells me I should check this place out.

It's the early part of the afternoon & I make my way to the Front Desk. To my surprise, I come to find one of the Drule Empire Commanders, Nerok working the front desk, but why? "Well, u probably haven't heard it thru the grapevine yet. Keezor & Zeppo had fired me for being a smart mouth. I was without a job & the owner had this position open, so I work here now," Nerok tells me. Of course one thing he didn't seem to realize was that his owner didn't want anybody from Doom to know about this place. Due to my royal status & Nerok's liking of me, he decides to put me in this guest suite at no charge. Hmmmm, things are a little strange here.

"Here u are. This is our one & only guest suites, which overlooks the ocean," the bellboy says as he unloads my luggage. I'm then left alone to rummage thru the pieces of wardrobe I've packed. I relish looking at my clothes, cuz I value my fashion sense. I have 3 walk-in closets at home, filled with my wardrobe outside the military uniform & usual formal gown that people often see me wearing. I change out of my usual military uniform into the black with gold crescent 2 piece swimwear & throw on a long purple cardigan to cover myself up.

After coming in from going out to the suite balcony to get a fresh of ocean air, I leave my spot to bask on the beach & stroll on the beach boardwalk. As I've just come out the room, I notice a door down the right side of my room, which read, "The Living Quarters Of Cossack The Terrible, Enter If U Dare." I think to myself, "now what's going on here. My brother says only him & I know about this place. Why would Cossack have a living quarters here? Especially a hotel named after him?" Something's not right here, but I'm not wasting my time finding out right now. I'm here to enjoy myself, but I won't hesitate to find out what's going on when I call it a night.

It feels so calm & relaxed out on this beach, even though there's people everywhere. Being in places where there's a lot of people can be entertaining for me to watch. The place is packed with humans, Drules, Mischurs, & people of other races from all over the galaxy. Pueblonia seems popular & I can see why. It feels weird for me to be alone, because I'm use to taking trips with either my brother, cousins, or friends. There's no one to talk to & especially frolick around with, which is already beginning to bore me. Even with my castle guards with me.

Speaking of frolick, many people on this beach recognize me & have either came up to kick it with me for a minute or freak out. I've even heard one stupid ass human guy ask a buddy they was with about if I was goin out with anybody. Well, in case they wonder, I hate to be so open about my personal life, as it reminds me of past experiences where either this Prince was a total asshole with me or Commander dumps me, cuz he has the hots for this female pilot. Currently, I'm as single as they come until I find someone that interests me. My brother also advises against making my relationship status too public as it will draw me some unwanted visitors, such as space predators & stalkers. While sitting out here, I've been spending time meditating, hanging out with people on the beach, & having discussions with the castle guards who came with me.

A group of colleged aged Drule & humans happened to see me as I was sippin on Marguerita & invited me over for a conversation. We then played some volleyball & strolled the boardwalk. I've at least found some people to hang out with & have the guards, so I've not found myself getting too lonely. One of the Drule guys, who's name is Josin noticed that I was quiet for a minute & deep in my thoughts. He asked me if something was wrong and I then let it out to him about what had been disturbing me ever since I left the hotel.

The fact that I've been staying in a hotel named after Cossack & finding a door to his living quarters has me quite puzzled. Even though, the point of vacation is to let my hair down, I'm pretty intrigued about looking into the situation at the hotel. I invite my newly made friends up to my suite to chill. "Don't u wanna go out & experience nightlife, Princess?" asks this human guy, Sheldon. "I have a whole 2 weeks here. It's just that I think I should look into this mystery." My new flock wanted to stay & keep me company, but were anxious to experience Pueblonian nightlife, so I told them to go on & have their fun. Don't let me keep u from that. We exchanged numbers & I told them I would catch up with them.

I walked onto the balcony & stared into the night sky, while the ocean wind blew against my face. Servants had been preparing a mineral bath for me in the jacuzzi that was in my suite. I didn't know why I was in so early my first night on Pueblonia, cuz I'm usually the social, night-

life kind of Princess. I'm the wild type who goes to clubs, parties, & out cruisin the avenue. To tell u the truth, I'm pretty much missing out, but something tells me I should stay in & relax tonite.

I soak into the warm mineral bath water & just meditate once more, while listening to Slow Jams. I've been meditating a lot on this trip, but that's cuz I needed to relax my nerves. I stayed in there for a good hour & came out a new person. Once I dried off & threw on some lingerie, I reached for my handheld media reader, & took a seat on the lounge chair out on the balcony. I wasn't ready for bed, but just needing to take it easy. It was already pushin for midnite & I all of a sudden heard women out in the hallway laughin & carryin on. Then I heard a male voice which sounded all so familiar. I put the media reader away, flew out of my chair, & went to the door. While I stood at the door, I sort of eavesdropped & the man sounded so much like Cossack. Shit was getting weird enough, so I decided to crack the door open & get a visual.

When I peaked thru the door, I was so shocked as to what I saw that I couldn't believe my eyes. Cossack was out in the hallway with a bunch of harem women fixin to go in his living quarters. I quietly shut the door & stood there trying to make sense of everything.