

KONSIO (CONT'D)

We have observed several other non-Venatium ships moving through the system, but we have had no formal contact.

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REDACTOR

Is this all a fabrication? Do you lie and murder as we do?

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HISTORIAN

What should we expect from the Venati?

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These two that now approach are small, old ones. Do not underestimate them. Their range is longer than ours, their weapons travel faster than ours. They have living weapons, arachnid-esque terrors that attempt to board your vessel and tear it apart from the inside. They take no prisoners, claim no spoils, spare no ships. They hunt and destroy and do nothing else. They are naught but hatred and madness.

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Please, do not underestimate them.

REDACTOR

What makes you think we can succeed where you did not? Are they even real, or are they simply a fabrication of yours?

HISTORIAN

What of your people back at Cyprian, on the other side of your gate?

KONSIO

We have many vessels of war, and many people. We have a new Heiress of the Charter - our most important leader and the center of our government. Much of our fleets were withdrawn to Cyprian to ensure that she assumed power correctly. This left us vulnerable to the surprise attack by the Venati. Now, she is counting on us to extend her reach one more into the Source System.

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