

IN HEART'S DEFENSE

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INT - HOLY CATHEDRAL - LAVERMONT'S QUARTERS - DAY

The room shines with an amazing brilliance of gold and marble. A weapons rack, with a long sword, bed, desk, built-in shrine surrounded by a crescent pool of water, window above.

VULDAN, 20s, bulky and cocky paladin enters with armor on.

VULDAN

Lavermont, do you stand ready for our next crusade? You have been cooped up inside your quarters for quite some time now.

LAVERMONT, 20s, honorable paladin, kneels before a shrine with gold, lavender leaves and a picture of a woman with his holy armor on.

LAVERMONT

I will stand ready soon enough, my dear friend. Please, just give me time to myself. I am still in disarray from our last encounter, Vuldan.

VULDAN

Very well, I will be waiting for you in the halls of feast. Draygash has yet to beat me in an arm wrestle and you know me. I am not one to pass up an arm wrestle.

Vuldan leaves the room.

Lavermont stands up and stares at his reflection in the water.

He puts his hand over his face.

LAVERMONT

Why do I keep thinking about her? There was nothing that could be done back in the battle. The deeds that have been done cannot be undone. After all, time is our greatest ally, as it is our most unforgiving master.

Lavermont takes the picture off the shrine.

LAVERMONT (CONT'D)

Nothing can change the fact that she is no longer with us anymore.

A VOIDLING with a smooth, but sinister voice begins to speak.

VOIDLING (O.S.)

However, there is nothing that can
change the truth: you killed her in
cold blood.

The void creature arises from the pool of water. The being of
the void stands before the paladin tall with a shard-shaped
leg and a torso with long arms. The being barely looks human.

The void corrupts the water, change the holy light blue water
into a dark purple puddle. The entire room loses it's shine.
The void layers the room.

LAVERMONT

What is this? You dare breach the
sanctum of the light? Foul
creature, stand your ground for you
will stand no chance against the
light.

Lavermont holds his fists up.

VOIDLING

I do not need to battle you to
claim victory. For you do not stand
on holy ground, you stand upon my
ground, my sanctum.

Vuldan KNOCKS on the door.

VULDAN (O.S.)

Lavermont, are you finished in
there? The council is planning the
final attack against the void. This
next fight we bring to them should
end it all.

The creature puts it's grasp over Lavermont's mouth. The
voidling now speaks with Lavermont's voice.

VOIDLING

Oh, worry not my dear friend. I am
fine, just give me some more time.
I will be ready soon enough.

VULDAN

Understood, we will await your
arrival and when you arrive we will
begin the meeting!

Lavermont attempts to break free from the voidling's grasp.

The void creature lets go of Lavermont's mouth.

Lavermont rushes to the door to open it, but the door knob fades away.

Lavermont bangs on the door.

LAVERMONT

Vuldan, come back. The void have breached the sanctum, come quick.

The voidling cackles.

VOIDLING

Try as you might hero, but they can not hear you. It is here that you will succumb to the will of the void.

The void grabs Lavermont's throat and holds him up in the air.

Lavermont grabs onto his arm.

He attempts to break the void being's hold.

VOIDLING (CONT'D)

It is here that you shall become my tool of demise. And to think that I accomplished this thanks to your betrayal.

LAVERMONT

What are you talking about? I did no such thing you abomination.

The void creature lets go of Lavermont's throat and drops him to the void infected ground.

VOIDLING

In our battle, I sensed something in you. I knew you had feelings, a companionship, but you also had a lust for her, Hamira.

The vile creature fades away into the void.

LAVERMONT

You keep your bile spewing mouth shut! I will not have you speak of her! She was my greatest companion and an honorable friend.

Lavermont holds hand out, grips hand into fist continuously.

VOIDLING (O.S.)

Speak the truth, Lavermont. You lied to yourself. You have split false blood to cover up your true intentions. I'm sure your desires were folded, were they not?

Lavermont slams his fist into the ground.

LAVERMONT

It's not true, it's not true. My heart is holy, damn you!

Lavermont tears up.

LAVERMONT (CONT'D)

I loved her for the person she was. For days she bandaged the wounds of my lost family. She was the reason I became a paladin.

The being of the void becomes visible in front of Lavermont.

VOIDLING

You yearned for her all this time. Her body was like a jewel to a man like you. Lavermont, if you join us. Not only will you become empowered by the void... you will also see your beloved jewel again.

Lavermont swung his head up, staring at the void creature.

LAVERMONT

What? What are you talking about?

The voidling wraps it's fingers around his neck.

VOIDLING

I can give you Hamira and so much more. All you have to do play as my puppet.

Lavermont puts his hand on the void creature.

LAVERMONT

Beast of the void, hear me now. I will take your offer... and send it back down to the firey hells of which you were spawned from.

The being of the void sunk it's fingers into his throat and Lavermont screamed in pain.

VOIDLING

You fool... now shall suffer the
wrath of the void and witness the
end of your crusade!

Lavermont glowed holy light. His eyes shined with holy light.

LAVERMONT

Not this day foul creature of the
void. The light has bestowed the
remembrance of my oath I had sworn
to Hamira before I began my
crusade. An oath that is not lead
by the lust the burns, but through
the love I held for her.

The voidling screeches in agony.

VOIDLING

How could this be, no! You... will
never succeed. If only my plan
succeeded.. My corruption of the
light.

Lavermont holds his hands out with holy light generating
within his palms and around the ground beneath him.

Lavermont holds onto the voidling.

He unleashes two powerful beam of the light into the foul
creature.

The void creature cries in agony with two holes through their
body.

The being of void fades away as the room's void layer fades
away as well. The room is now holy and cleansed.

Lavermont gets down on his knees before the shrine. He stares
at the empty pool of water.

LAVERMONT

It is a shame that I did what I
have done. I only wish that I had
never stuck my blade through your
skull. The sweet memories that were
rested within were beautiful, but
all the more bitter to let sink
into me yet again.

Lavermont stands up and stares through the window.

LAVERMONT (CONT'D)

For every sun that shines, a
darkness always wishes to drain
away such life. I will never break
my holy dedication and Hamira. I am
so sorry for making you suffer.

Vuldan opens the door.

VULDAN

Lavermont! I've done it, while you
were in here, I arm wrestled with
everyone in the sanctum and let me
tell you, I won ever single arm
wrestle!

Lavermont turns to Vuldan.

LAVERMONT

Congratulations Vuldan, but you're
not the only one who's come out on
top.

Vuldan laughs and slaps his hand onto Lavermont's back.

VULDAN

Is that so, Lavermont? Well it
looks like you and me are going to
have to have an arm wrestle in the
group meeting to see who's the true
arm wrestling champion.

LAVERMONT

You're on!