

Sweetie looks a bit confused around, empty hangar, just Sazory there greeting her as she is still in the shuttle. Oberon and Calabash left already and the scared pilot was still in the shuttle. She looks at Sazory still be distrustful and asks: "What is your plan fella?"

Pilot:

"Lady, can you please get off my shuttle?"

Sweetie:

Sweetie hisses at him, scaring him and he trembles back.

Sazory:

"Don't speak. Don't ask questions. Just follow me. I'm trying to help you".

Sweetie:

"Aren't you an Alliance pup? Ssso far your people are only trying to flail my flesh and get my tech!"

She moves on the shuttle ramp and Sazory can notice the pilot getting unwanted courage to push Qaargghang out of his shuttle by force, not considering any harm or risk.

Sazory:

"I was working with Qaargghangs already, I know your people better than anybody else in the Alliance. Let me help you. But you should stop talking and asking questions until we're in my room. Let's go there. Follow me!"

Sweetie:

Sweetie moves more on the ramp, pilot scared only waits for end of her tail to be on it before kicking tip off and runs back to shuttle. Qaargghang looks at pilot and hisses holding her railgun ready for hostiles. She then follows Sazory.

"How did you know I wassss on board?"

Sazory:

"I said no more questions. Give me your weapon and take this", *he holds special handcuffs, designed for such strong creatures as Qaargghangs, and says: "Trust me".*

Sweetie:

Sweetie looks at him with face "Try to restrain me" and then says:

"Are you sssaying this is helpful?" *She hands him her weapon though.*

Sazory:

Sazory takes her railgun and says:

"If it would make you trust me better, these handcuffs are fake, you need them only to make the other crew less scared".

He turns back, looks at the entrance and says: "Come on, hurry up!"

Sweetie:

Sweetie thinks for a moment and then shows her hands, Sazory can notice she is more muscular, probably doing more lifting than regular females.

Sazory:

Sazory is cuffing her and says: "Now follow me. Silently!"

Sweetie:

She does as he says.

Sazory:

Sazory gets a radio call from the chief of security.

Chief:

"Common Sazory, how long you need to block out an entire fockin hangar mate?"

"I have people to do work there!"

Sazory:

"I almost finished here. Just give me two more minutes and it's done".

Chief:

"I'm waitin to ze door mate, I want to see what kind of stuff ya got for me on my ship!"

Sweetie is slithering behind Sazory. As both get to the hangar door and Sazory opens it, chief of security, a woman Zedt is standing in their way with several security members and a few pilots, engineers and other personnel waiting.

Immediately as they spot Sweetie many of them scream and run away and guards start aiming at her.

Chief looks at Sazory and says:

"NO NO NO NO, you are NOT! Moving qaaark..qqas. whatever their goddam name is on my ship! Throw that monster out of airlock or I order to fire!"

Sazory:

"No, you are not allowed. She is my mission and my responsibility".

Chief:

Chief walk up to Sazory and yells at him:

"BUT SHIP SAFETY AND SAFETY OF IT'S CREW IS MY RESPONSIBILITY AND I WILL NOT ALLOW BLOODTHIRSTY MONSTERS ROAM THE PREMISES OF THIS VERY VESSEL!"

Other guards are shocked by the newer chief's approach to Sazory, but they don't say anything as they are scared of the Zedt lady and Sweetie.

Sazory:

"I'm responsible for all her actions. If anybody got injured because of her or if anything on this ship is damaged by her, I myself would destroy her then. Your ship is under my protection now".

Chief:

Chief blinks to times and goes closer to Sazory:

"Are you trying to say that you are taking control over my shift and my ship? A puny male?"

She is still blocking his path and gestures to the guards to go towards Sweetie, but they seem to either ignore or do not notice her orders.

Sazory:

"Correct", then he takes a badge out of his belt, shows it to the chief and points at the symbols displayed on that badge: "Do you know what rank is it?"

Sweetie:

Sweetie giggles at Sazory power move as the chief is angrily looking at Sazory without looking at the badge.

Chief:

Chief looks at the badge, stops for a moment and Sazory can see a sense of fear and probably despair from her face, as she is contemplating if this is true or not. Guards are now more cool, waiting for Sazory orders, giggling and laughing at their chief, showing no one really likes her as a new officer.

Sazory:

"So? Can we proceed?"

Chief:

*"Yea, ye, ye o...f..of course sir!"
She steps aside.*

Sweetie:

*Sweetie whispers to Sazory:
"Why are you keep thisss crazy witch on board?"*

Sazory:

Sazory doesn't answer, he's about to leave the hangar, then says: "Follow me!"

As both of them leave the hangar and go through the ship, all the crew seems to be scared, and sometimes jumps away from the way. Sweetie is sometimes trying to ask questions, but then notices she gets no answers and follows.

On one crossing Sazory notices two engineers ready to throw cans and other garbage as soon as Qaargghang appears from behind the corner.

Sazory:

Sazory says loudly and quickly: "Very important mission. Very dangerous creature. Provoke her and you will be arrested even if you have missed!"

Two engineers look at each other, smile at Sazory and move away throwing garbage to the trash compactor.

As Sweetie and Sazory travel through white, shiny round corridors of the ship for a few moments, they end up in front of the closed door. It is locked by an override and behind glass is Lakakki, the doctor looks at Sazory and says: "I'm afraid I can't let you through,

Sazory. I was told by my credible source that Qassarks or how you pronounce them are spreaders of really deadly diseases, and i can't let you contaminate higher quarters of this ship!"

Sazory:

Sazory knows that the doctor can close the door behind them too, but waits for Sazory's response, the doctor is only trying to protect the good of the crew and the ship, nothing malicious.

He says: "That is not... Yeah, you're right. But this one won't do it. She's under my responsibility. Let us enter my room. I'm gonna lock the door when we both are inside".

Doctor:

"But, but they say they spread it by breathing Sazory, maybe you are infected already!"

Sazory:

"Breathing? You don't know.... You're just a doctor" *Sazory says annoyed.*

He sighs, then says: "I'm not infected. They can't do it by breathing. Unless they use nanites. If she was using nanites I'd be already dead".

Doctor:

"But Sazory, this is Qaas on an Alliance ship, that is crazy, maybe even too crazy. You know I will let you through, but only with a promise that everything will be alright, ok?"

Sazory:

"Indeed, this is crazy. Only one Qaargghang was on an Alliance ship before this one... You know who... Everything is okay. Just let us go and don't worry!"

Doctor:

Doctor waits for a moment, then unlocks the door.

"Go Sazory, go before anything bad happens."

Sazory:

"Thank you. Everything is okay. But I'd still recommend keeping the distance", *he looks at the Qaargghang and then says: "Let's go!"*

Both of them travel through ship tunnels to higher levels, into high priority quarters of commanding personnel. Sazory can notice on one crossing that the captain, navigator and two elite guards are walking through the hallway he needs to go through with Sweetie.

Sazory:

Sazory whispers to the Qaargghang: "Alright. Time for sneaking. Make a noise and you're dead!"

Sweetie wiggles her head to yes. Sazory notices that the captain and others are now standing in the hallway, watching some video of a drunk Halivern on a tablet.

Sazory:

Sazory points to the left and whispers: "This way".

He starts to walk quietly that way, sometimes turning his head at the right.

You both manage to move past the captain and other crew into the hallway leading to officers rooms.

Sweetie whispers: "Are you scared of that guy?"

Sazory:

"He's the only one on this ship who can ignore my rank and get us in trouble".

Sweetie:

"Oh well, where do we need to go tho?"

Sazory:

Sazory can hear captain laughs and then says: "Did anyone seen Sazory today? Weird i didn't here single thing about him in last two few hours!"

Sazory:

"We are almost there, this way, hurry up!"

They both go hastily towards Sazory's room, go around through different hallways and after a while finally get to his room. Sazory notices that the captain and his group are still in the same hallway, nearly at the crossing still looking at videos of young or drunk Haliverns. One of the guards gave a thumbs up to Sazory.

Sazory:

Sazory nods to that guard and then turns to the Qaargghang: "Quickly enter the room!", right after that the door opens.

Sweetie:

Swetie sligheters quickly into the room.

Sazory:

Sazory enters the room after her and the door closes, making some noise in the end.

Captain:

Captain notices the sound and yells: "Sazory! Come here buddy!"

Sazory quickly locks the door and turns off all the cameras in his room, then says: "Finally. It's time to talk. We have about an hour before they realize that something is wrong. I hope my friend will do his job right and the captain won't bother us anymore. But my bosses. They're much smarter".

Sazory sits on his chair and points at handcuffs: "Now you can get rid of this".

Sweetie:

Sweetie looks a bit confused and then shows her handcuffs.

Sazory:

"Come on, I said it's fake, you can easily break them!"

Sweetie:

Sweetie breaks them with ease and looks around.

Sazory:

"I have chairs for guests but in your case I'd recommend my sofa".

Sweetie:

She lays down on your sofa, gets comfortable and looks at her minimal clothes.

"Do you have anything more, hmm, more to wear than underwear please?"

Sazory:

Sazory thinks for 3 seconds and then says: "Maybe a large towel? In my bathroom. Sorry but it's the only thing that would fit you".

Sweetie:

"A blanket maybe?"

Sazory:

"I don't have it here, sorry. You... What's your name?"

Sweetie:

"My name is Sweetie", she tries to stand up to shake his hand but her damaged top nearly breaks so she instinctively grabs it.

"OH, ssstill intact, but ssscared me a little."

Sazory:

Sazory still looks serious:

"I mean, what's your real name?"

Sweetie:

"You would have no chance of sssaying it nor remembering it my dude."

Sazory:

"Really? Just like I have no chance to say Hassalarrn Ignissithhegnirrh Khassinderrh Ounggrh, right?", he finally smiles a bit but then makes his serious face again.

Sweetie:

Sweetie jaw drops, she looks really surprised and not capable of saying a word. She quickly raises her hand she was holding her damaged top with and breaks it, it falls down without her realizing it is down and she points at him.

"You sssaid his name!"

Sazory:

"Ohhh!", he blushes, then covers his eyes with hands and turns his head away, then says quickly:

"Please go to my bathroom, take a towel and cover your body with it, then lie down on the sofa, so we can keep talking!"

Sweetie:

Sweetie, still shocked by the fact that the name of her hero was spoken by a creature in front of her, still doesn't realize her exposure and doesn't react to Sazory's request. Still looking in disbelief and only repeating the name if he really got it right.

Sazory:

"Are you still here? You're naked. I can't talk seriously with a naked lady".

Sweetie:

Sweetie blinks, looks at herself and then very hastily looks around to find the bathroom door. She slither to it, opens it and goes inside.

Sazory:

*Sazory can hear knocking on his door and captain behind them saying:

"Saaaaazoooooryyyy, come out buddy!"

Sazory says loudly: "I'm very busy, working on my mission. Is everything okay there?"

Captain:

"I was told by someone you are doing something very, very specific that I would not like and need to talk to you, Now."

Sweetie:

Sweetie looks from the bathroom covered and waiting for instructions from Sazory.

On Sazory's personal computer, guard that was taking care of captain's attention sended a message saying: "That new Zedt chick pmed him about you are snake on board Sazory, she is pretty but stupid as brick wall sometimes."

Sazory:

Sazory says to Sweetie: "Please wait there, I need to leave this room for a moment..."

Sweetie:

Sweetie hides in the bathroom.

Sazory:

Sazory stands up, walks towards the door, turns around to make sure that Sweetie is hiding in his bathroom, then opens the door, quickly leaves his room and closes the door right after that. He asks: "What's going on?"

As Sazory leaves his room. Old human captain Avarin stands only a meter away from the door. Navigation officer seems to be angry and guards are keeping guard. Other personnel left.

Captain:

"Sazory, I hear that you! Got a Qaargghang on my ship, a little sneaky snek."

"I'm maybe old, maybe in function long, but I'm not sti..." *He gets interrupted by the Zedt chief running in, dragging doctor and yelling:*

"Captain! He has that creature on board! I saw it!"

Sazory:

Sazory comes closer to the captain and says quietly:

"Yes, I did it, it's my mission. I didn't inform you because I knew that you would try to stop me and interrupt my mission. So, what's now? Arrest me? Hmm... She's in my room. I hope you still remember that my room on this ship is my property and I'm allowed to do anything there, as long as there's no damage to the ship and no harm to its crew".

Captain:

Captain sighs and then say: "Sazory, you know that I'm reasonable and I'm trying Not To jeopard..." He gets interrupted by chief again, he only looks at her with anger but doesn't say anything as she yells: "Mistr Sazory, this doctor was helping you against the security chief and captain's orders right?" Captain looks at Sazory if he wants to put the newbie in her place before continuing in their own dispute.

Sazory:

"Yes, she was helping me with my mission because she understands how important this mission is. She will be rewarded for that!"

Chief:

Zedts lady huffs and hands captain tablet:

"Alright, also some merchants are asking for a docking permission captain."

Captain:

Captain reads it, signs it and hands the tablet to the chief as she then walks away with the doctor. "Well Sazory? Where is that snake?"

Sazory:

"Honestly? In my bathroom", *he looks serious.*

Captain:

Captain giggles for a moment and says: "You are going on it fast..." other guards giggle too. Then the captain goes serious again.

"I will let you do what you need to do Sazory, but the moment that creature will only show any signs of hostility I will personally reach to Alliance to remove your room permissions and flush air from it. Are we good on these terms?"

Sazory:

"Sure. Anything else?"

"Yea, did you see that video with that drunk Halivern trying to fly?" *Captain nearly laughed at that memory.*

Sazory:

"Was too busy with my mission. Now let me keep working on it. Captain?"

Captain:

Captain smiles and then says: "Yea, alright, go work, I will not disturb you."

Sazory:

Sazory opens the door and enters the room, then quickly closes the door before the captain and guards can see what's inside.

Sazory sees that Sweetie isn't there and asks:

"Sweetie? Are you still in the bathroom?"

Sweetie:

Sweetie from bathroom: "Yeaaaaa little help? Why are thessssse wentsssss sssssmaler then Zedtssss onesssd?!?!"

Sazory:

"Have you found a large towel? Cover your body with it and get out. I have other questions for you...", *and then he thinks to himself: "She isn't hostile at all... or maybe just trained good enough to play friendly..."*

Sweetie:

Sweetie squeaks and Sazory can hear the sound of stressed metal.

"I would, I would like to go, but the pipe won't let me..."

Sazory:

"Is everything okay? Do you need my help there?"

More sounds of stressed air ducts and Sazory notices that the AC of the room is showing blocking in the air duct.

Sweetie:

"Give me a moment I will try myssself!", *hHer voice can be heard from the air vent above Sazory.*

Sazory:

"Ummm, sure. What's your real name? I need to know it. You must be a warlord or an outcast. Maybe a pirate? No. Too well-mannered for a pirate".

Sweetie:

Sweetie moves and trashes, then gives up and say: "Can you help me pleeeeeeeasssse?"

Sazory:

"Sure but... How?"

Sweetie:

"Come here please."

Sazory:

Sazory thinks for a moment, then sighs and enters the bathroom.

Sazory can see Sweetie's huge tail dingling from a quite stressed bathroom roof where her rear side and thighs got stuck and the rest of her body squished into a small air vent.

Sweetie:

Sweetie yelled: "Heeeeelp"

Sazory:

Sazory is surprised: "What are you doing there? Towels are not there, but... here", he opens a small door and there are dryer pipes with different towels on it.

Sweetie:

"I wanted to hide and find towelsss, but now I have nothing on me anymore." She wiggles more and Sazory can notice that she is stressing the roof with her position.

Sazory:

"Don't move and relax, I'm gonna activate anti-critters fans", he leaves the bathroom, takes his tablet pc and activates the system. Large fans from the opposite side are starting to work, blowing Sweetie out of the air vent.

Sweetie:

Sweetie asks nervously: "Anti-what?"

AC blows more, then more, then metal starts screaming and after a few moments it stops with beeping and an error message saying: "Warning blocked air duct! Call a classified technician to unblock air flow."

Sazory:

"Oh, that's not okay. Now I have to use my bots".

Sweetie:

Sweetie more stressed: "Don't kick me! I'm defenseless now!"

Sazory:

"Luckily I still have some of them here in my room. I was planning to get rid of them but was too busy with other things. Now I see it's for good... But where are they?", he activates something on his tablet pc, and after 10 seconds two hoverbots appear. Sazory says: "They were designed to build this ship and are supposed to pull heavy metallic constructions, so they must be strong enough to pull a Qaargghang out of the air vent". Both hoverbots enter the bathroom and use all their 6 tentacle-like mechanical arms to hold Sweetie's tail.

Sweetie:

Sweetie suprised wiggles a bit: "WHAT isss that? What are you doing back there?"

Sazory:

*"I said relax and don't move! Trust me. They will help you!"
Two bots are starting to pull Sweetie's tail.*

Sazory:

"Yeah, it should work", *then he remembers that Sweetie is still naked, so he turns away and sits on his chair.*

Bathroom now looks very crowded and there's not enough room. If Sweetie falls out of the vent, she would fall on one of the bots.

Robots pull and pull, Sweetie slowly slipping downwards and getting free. Few moments pass by and a loud crack and bang can be heard as Sweetie falls down on one robot that slowly flies up with Sweetie nearly sitting on it. Her belly still has a vent frame under her breasts and her hands up.

Sweetie:

"I'M OUT! YEEEE"

"But I got a new very unconventional and uncomfortable belt under my... My, you know, breasstss. Can they cut it?"

Sazory has to take a look at Sweetie. He still blushes a bit. Then he notices the cut on Sweetie side from derelictship she had and then says:

"Wait! You're injured. Is it because of the vent? You need a doctor!"

He tries to contact the Lakakki doctor using his tablet PC.

Sweetie:

"NO, nonono I'm not injured, just my boobs are up bcs I got this vent frame on my!" *Robot she is sitting on still waits and another one hovers around.*

Sazory:

"I see. But what is on your right side under your right arm? I'd say it's an injury but probably not a new one but, umm, old one. I know that Qaargghangs are very good at natural healing... Does it hurt?" *As he asks he orders one robot to cut the vent frame from Sweetie.*

Sweetie:

"Thank you for getting that off and yea, that doesn't want to heal well, but I think it will be alright. Just a gunshot wound from Zedts."

Wound is slightly bleeding, probably from stress in the vent.

Sazory:

"I see you need a doctor. I'm gonna call her. I think we can trust her. Also gonna ask you to bring some good clothes for you". *Then he contacts the Lakakki doctor using his tablet PC.*

Doctor:

Doctor asks Sazory: "Can you measure her please? I know she was thicker than usual."

Sazory:

Sazory asks Sweetie: "What's your size? We need it to make new clothes for you".

Sazory uses his tablet to deactivate his hoverbot. Bots are returning to their storage area and are turning off after that. Sazory is so busy talking with the doctor, he didn't realize that Sweetie is still on one of those bots!

Sweetie:

"I do not know..." *Sweetie says sadly.*

Sweetie is still sitting on one of the robots, still a bit taken off by what happened she still didn't take the towel.

Sazory:

"We still can talk but I won't look at you".

He looks at the display of his tablet PC.

Sweetie:

"But I think you need to look at me to know my sssize." *She jumps off the robot and goes for a towel.*

Sazory:

"Why don't you know your own size? You were wearing some clothes before."

Robots are gone and there's no trace of them in the room anymore.

Sweetie:

"As I got a bit changed to be prettier as they sssaid, idk, sssome Zedts sstuff."

She takes a towel and realizes it is too short, so she takes two.

Sazory:

"Yeah, Oberon told me about you. How did you get here in this system? I don't know any other Qaargghangs activity in this system. Are you a warlord? An outcast?"

Sweetie:

"I was sscouting to do sssome ssscience, but ssuddenly piratesss attacked my vessel. They purssued me to a sssmall desertic planet with an atmosphere where my vesssssel crashed and I escaped from wreckage. But ssadly that planet was ssswarming with different criminals and their logistical campss. Thosse pirates captured me after killing a good 30-40 of them. Then they sssold me to those Zedst criminals with my minimal belongingss and my railgun, piratesss kept my shipm sssuit and other things I had."

She then pauses for a bit and breathes, trying to think as things Zedts applied make it more and more hard to remember things.

"Zedts told me I will be changed, brainwashed and made a maid for ssome Zedt. They wanted me as an expensive ssslave for ssomeone and wanted to make me pretty. But I was already pretty, but now I'm much more huggable and thicker sso I don't really mind."

As she is talking about these events, she reminds herself of what happened, Sweetie gets some of her memory back but it is distant. Not sure if it is hers but it is best she got so she continues:

"But on their ship they didn't sssecure, nor ssedate me properly so I esscaped, reprogrammed their ssecurity sysssystem and killed them. But their captain ssabotaged the bridge and navigation sysstems so I wasss unable to sstart or move the ship. I only activated

comms so someone could notice that ship. That had a lot of water and food and I hid guns of dead oness."

As Sweetie repeats what happened in the past, she gets reminded of constant yells from Calabash and her emotions wake up, annoyance and bit of anger, reminding her of two Haliwerns that brought her here.

"Then that incredibly loud Calabash and calm Oberon found me."

Sazory:

"I see. Hmm, you say scouting... Alright. Now, what's your real name?", *he is ready to type this name on his tablet pc.*

Sweetie:

Sweetie pauses for a good moment, realizing that she is not sure what her name is. Trying to remind herself of her full name, grasping any pieces of her slowly disappearing fragmented memory that she can. She gets reminded of her teacher, best friend and other Qaargghang she called friends. At Least she thinks she knows them. From all these fragments she pieces a name, probably hers.

"My name is Arrissia Essigghaa Issessi Mussirggeq Saurq Ashh"

Sazory:

"Alright. I like this name but I prefer to keep calling you Sweetie, it really fits you", *after this he is typing something on his tablet pc silently.*
After 40 seconds or so, he finally says: "Now I need to scan you".

Sweetie:

"Ssc..aa..Scan me?! I don't want more mutagenssss tho!"

Sazory:

"What? Oh no, it's just to find out your size, height, length... umm, thickness".

Sweetie:

Sweetie blushes and then asks: "Do you want me to drop my towels?"

Sazory:

Sazory blushes too and says: "Yes, to make the scanner work properly. Don't worry, it won't take long. Now tell me about your plans. Are you planning to work on your science again? To keep scouting?"

Sweetie:

Sweetie ignores questions as she rises and drops her towels, very elegantly moves closer to Sazory showing off her beauty, elegant curves and large feminine body. Narly automatic reaction and behavior. She wasn't sure if this is how she always behaved, but seems to be most normal for such a situation.

"This Qaargghang is ready for your, sssscaaan master", *she said in a sweet voice.*

Sazory:

Sazory blushes even harder and starts to sweat and then says: "You didn't have to get so close to me... The scanner is there!", he points at something behind Sweetie.

Sweetie:

She moves even close, like a hidden trigger within her clicked. She slithers close, raising her arms towards him.

Sazory:

Sazory coughs and then closes his eyes with both his hands, slowly turns to the left and jumps under Sweetie's right arm. He quickly reaches the wall with the scanner and says: "Stand right here please", he points at the floor two steps away from him. He is still blushing and his eyes are closed.

Sweetie:

Sweetie tries to catch him but as he slips away she just follows him with her tail. Seems like she will try to coil him and bring closer.

Maybe word scanner was a trigger word for build in changes? Or she just got needy? This Zedts biotech can be incredibly confusing!

Sazory:

"Just stand here and wait. Don't move. Don't touch anything", he doesn't wait for her reaction, instead runs away from her and enters the bathroom.

Sweetie:

Sweetie is in the room alone, the bathroom ceiling is still a bit broken.

After 10 seconds somebody knocks on the main door and a low-pitched male voice says: "Sazory? Are you there? We need to talk".

Sweetie:

Sweetie snaps at the door. Sweetie looks around for any weapons if creature behind door would be hostile and reaches to air vent saying: "Someone is behind the door Sazory."

Sazory:

Sazory leaves the bathroom, holding a towel, his head and face are wet.

Sweetie:

"What did you do there?" Sweetie asks, while towering in the middle of the room still naked.

Sazory:

Sazory thinks to himself: "What am I doing? A naked and very attractive woman is in my room, she is playful and the door is locked. But my goal is to make her leave this place as soon as possible".

He reaches the scanner and whispers: "Scanned! Sending all the info to the doctor". Somebody knocks on the main door once again.

Sweetie:

"Can I ask you a question after you deal with the person behind the door?"

Sazory:

"What?" *and then he says loudly:* "I'm too busy now! Go away!"

He uses his tablet PC to send Sweetie's size data to the doctor.

Doctor:

"Thank you, give me a few minutes."

Sweetie:

"The dooooooor?" *She is again close to Sazory, now hanging her head and chest above him, looking curious.*

Sazory:

Sazory tries to ignore her, he looks at his tablet PC and says: "Alright. My friend will arrive in 40 minutes. He will help you to reach the space station next to this system's gate. On that station you can contact Qaargghangs and ask them to send a shuttle to rescue you. Is it okay for you?"

Sweetie:

"No, I wanted to..." *Sweetie stops and looks heartbroken.*

Sazory:

"I know you want to keep working on your mission, scouting and science. Yeah. You were lucky to meet me. I'm probably the only one in the Alliance who can help a Qaargghang without being arrested".

Sweetie:

She looks like she is about to cry and coils into a small snek pretzel.

"But I wanted to, I hoped I could work in Alliance..."

Sazory:

Sazory is shocked, he even drops off his tablet pc (luckily it's rugged and can't be damaged that easily) and says: "Qaargghang in the Alliance??!"

Sazory didn't tell anybody but it was his dream to work with a Qaargghang for the Alliance.

Sweetie:

Sweetie goes deeper into her protection pretzel and says:

"Yesss, I wanted to be in open space, not forced into issolation, to one world and few death worldss. Toxxico is a hero that left and wass free, made sssome around him free."

Sazory:

"But.. b-b-buuut.... I'm pretty sure other Qaargghangs won't approve it if you joined the Alliance and even more, if you started to work for the Alliance!"

Sweetie:

"But I don't really care! They are so ssst stubborn and traditional, very ssstrict and just, jussst Ahhh..."

Sazory:

"Are you sure? You know... I would like it to work with you.. for the Alliance".

Sweetie already was interesting for Sazory and very attractive but now he realizes that he fell in love with her. He even thinks that he would love to marry her, someday.

He thinks to himself: "I already love Mycteria, love her very much but also know that we will never be a couple. Friends? Sure. Good friend? Something like that? But nothing more than this. What about Sweetie? I want her so badly but can't do anything right now. I should complete my mission first".

Sweetie:

Sweetie observes Sazory thinking.

"Yes, but tell me first, I was observing you and noticed your looks." *She emerges from the pretzel showing her body to him again.*

"Can I work with you?"

Sazory:

Sazory blushes again and tries not to look at her, he says: "You... Well. I'm gonna try my best. But I'm not sure my bosses can accept you. They don't trust you and your people. I believe you but can't make them believe you. First you need a proof... something that would show them that you really want to work for the Alliance and that you're good enough. If you want to work with you should show your skills first".

Someone knocks on the door and Sweetie snaps on the door again.

Doctor:

"I got clothes and medicine!"

Sazory:

Sazory to Sweetie: "Where are your towels?" and then to the doctor: "One moment!"

Sweetie:

Sweetie looks down: "Here!", and picks them up to show to Sazory.

Sazory:

"Now cover your body with them!"

He walks toward the door and then turns back to see what Sweetie is doing.

Sweetie:

Sweetie cowered herself and smiled.

Sazory:

Sazory smiles too and then opens the door.

Doctor:

Doctor smiles at him and hands him clothes, Antibiotics syringe, and medkit. "Here Sazory, everything you will need", she then whispers: "Those clothes have strings in the back that would allow you to restrain her if necessary, and decorations are made to be a straight jacket if needed."

Sazory:

Sazory takes all the things and says: "Thank you! Do you want to take a look at her wound? Something is wrong on her right side under her right arm".

Doctor:

"Sure!" And the doctor steps in to take a look at Sweetie. Still shocked by the mass that is her, she proceeds.

Sazory:

"Don't worry, she is not hostile but very friendly", it isn't clear who he is talking to, maybe to the doctor or maybe to Sweetie.

Doctor:

Doctor approaches Sweetie and touches her. Sweetie drops her towels and shows her wound. Doctor starts immediately working on that wound to make sure it is alright.

Sazory's personal computer notifies him that the ship stopped and engineering feed was cut off.

Sazory:

"What?", then he tries to contact the captain: "What's going on?"

Captain:

"Hmm, I'm just watching videos of Haliverns."

Sazory:

"Why did the ship stop? I'm sure the captain should know why!"

Captain:

"Ahhh Saz... Why did we stop?!" click, communication ended.

Sazory:

"How odd...", then he shrugs and asks the doctor: "Is everything okay there?"

Doctor:

"Wound was infected, but antibiotics should be kicking in soon."

Sweetie:

Sweetie is taking her new clothes.

Sazory:

"Alright. Thank you very much for your help! Now you should go. I'm still completing my mission with this Qaargghang lady", and then he thinks to himself: "What does the doctor think about my mission? She knows that the door was locked and that Sweetie was almost nude with only two small towels covering her body. What if she takes it wrong?"

Doctor:

"Are you sure you don't need me anymore? I can stay few minutes longer and help you."

Sweetie:

Sweetie looks at her dress and all the decorations on it.

Sazory:

Sazory to the doctor: "I don't know. Is there something else you should do here? Do you want to say something or ask something?"

Then he turns to Sweetie and says: "Nice dress! I like it!"

Doctor:

"I just wanted to tell you that I really value you in Alliance and what you do for us. I want you to know that I value you as one of our species and people of the alliance, it is honestly an honor to have you as my commander. But sadly I'm getting too old for any missions."

"I have now two weeks to vacation." *She smiles warmly.*

Sazory:

"Thank you. I'm glad to know it. Your mission is to heal people and make them feel better. You're doing it very well. Have a good vacation!"

Doctor:

She hugs him for a while, she keeps him in a warm hug before going to the door.

Sazory:

Sazory hugs her too, just a friendly hug. Then he looks at Sweetie to see your reaction.

Sweetie looks at them with a smile, slowly melting away by how sweet she finds it.

Sazory:

"Alright. Let me keep working on my mission now..."

Doctor:

She goes to the door and waits for Sazory to open it.

Sazory:

Sazory gets closer to the door and the Lakakki doctor, he turns to Sweetie to look how beautiful she is and opens the door at the same time, while still looking at Sweetie and thinking about her.

Sweetie:

Sweetie smiles and then waves to the doctor.

Doctor:

Doctor leaves the room, turns to say something to Sazory but before saying it she looks to her left, looking down the hallway and then, gunshot is heard, scream of someone as it happens.

Doctor head gets shot by higher caliber weapon, and splashing entire right side of Sazory face and his body with blood of the doctor.

Sweetie:

Sweetie stops waving and just looks completely shocked.

Sazory:

Sazory is shocked too, he doesn't really get what's happening but his reflexes are still working, so he closes the door as soon as possible.

"What just happened???!"

He feels something wet and warm on his face and neck.

Sweetie:

Sweetie points at Sazory and says: "I think she got shot, and you have sssome blood on you and ssome ssskin pieces I guesssssss."

Sazory:

Sazory is still very shocked, he looks down on the floor. Blood, skin, pieces of bone and an eye.

Sweetie:

"Aren't we ssuppossed to be sssafe here? They just murdered your friend!"

Gunshots are heard in the hallway and room next to Sazory.

Sazory:

It took 10 more seconds for Sazory to finally realize what happened.

Sazory isn't that shocked anymore, now he's angry, very angry!

He says: "I don't know what's going on there and I don't know who did it but my work is to stop them and hurt them as much as possible!"

Sweetie:

"She will not have her vacation now D:"

"Alright, do you need help with it?"

Captain:

Captain calls Sazory on his personal computer.

Sazory:

Sazory says to Sweetie: "Of course you stay here! This room is still safe as long as the door is locked", then he takes his plasma rifle from his storage room and finally looks at his pc. He turns on the webcam and mic, looks at the captain and then checks his rifle, without saying a word.

Captain:

Captain's camera is broken, but mic is active, gunfire can be heard and captain yells:
"Sazory, we are under...a...aa..attack by pirates, those merchants are pirates, we have casualties on the bridge and I got shot too. Comms technician and navigator are dead, and your friend is injured." *A Shot can be heard and the captain's computer loses contact.*

Sweetie:

"I'm not leaving you, I'm going to help you! Give me a sssword, knives or my railgun or I go bare fisted!"

Sazory:

"I just can't... I'd get into trouble then. But you know... I believe you. I believe you can and want to save their lives. It's your chance to show your skills and your interest in working for the Alliance! Let's go! Where's your railgun?"

Sweetie:

"You took it!" *Sazory can hear someone kicking the body behind the door and away sticking something to his door.*

Sazory:

"Oh! Yes, now I remember. It's under my table. Can you take it yourself?"

Sweetie:

Sweetie takes it, prepares it, getting reminded of her memories with her beloved gun, as emotions of happiness kick in and then says: "Ahhh, low ammo!"

Sazory:

Sazory takes two smaller guns from his weapon rack and says: "Sorry! I have no ammo for your railgun, but I have this", he throws one of the small cannons.

Sazory:

Sazory then realized that the mic was still on. He says: "Captain? Have you heard of it?" Captain connection is death.

Sweetie:

Sweetie takes the cannons and immediately shows she knows how to handle them.

Sazory:

"No signal. Can't contact anybody on this ship... Probably we're only two still alive here... Are you scared, Sweetie?"

Sweetie:

"Ssscared? No... I wass in ssimilar ssituationsss already lasst week twice."

Sazory:

Sazory gets closer to the door and listens to what's happening on the other side. Is it quiet behind the door?

He can hear some sticking breaching charge on his door.

Sazory:

"What's going on there? I believe the captain is already dead and all the crew. Now our main goal is to survive".

Sweetie:

"Then let's roll out and kill hossstiles!"

Sazory:

"Alright!", *now he stands with his back close to the wall. When the door opens, nobody can see them from there.*

Sazory:

"Are you ready?"

He looks down at the floor for the moment and remembers his hugs with the Lakakki doctor when she was still alive. Now he feels even more angry.

Sweetie:

Sweetie goes to the other side and stays prepared.

Bomb on door clicks, blasts but door only rings and both can hear more damage in the hallway.

Sazory:

Sazory says loudly: "Now!" and then opens the door.

Four pirates lay death in a completely obliterated hallway.

Sweetie:

"What happened here???"

Sazory:

Sazory slowly looks there, still hiding behind the wall. He says: "I believe they're dead. We must go.... Follow me and shoot only pirates! I guess you already know how the crew looks and know the difference".

Sweetie:

"Yesss I know, and I think their bomb failed!"

Sazory:

Sazory notices one pirate appearing behind the corner to his right.

Sazory shoots his plasma rifle before that pirate even starts to aim his gun. Now there's a hole in his chest and it's burning inside.

Sazory says to Sweetie:

"Let's go! Now!"

Pirate drops death and Sazory can hear more pirates running up from that hallway behind a corner.

Sweetie:

Sweetie moves a lot of rubble with her tail and nods to Sazory to take cover.
"Wait for them."

Sazory:

"How many? I have this against a crowd!", *he throws a small cube towards the corner and then whispers to Sweetie: "Close your eyes!"*

Sweetie:

She closes her eyes, and soon after the box hits the ground pirates run to it and the good blood of seven pirates fall down in confusion, indeed and hurt.
Sweetie opens her eyes after banging and starts shooting.

Sazory:

Sazory opens his eyes too only to find out that all seven pirates are killed by Sweetie.
He says:
"You're good. Now we should go... this way!"

Sweetie:

Sweetie nods as Sazory and Sweetie move through damaged corridors of official quarters.

They go right, then move a few meters through the hallway before seeing two pirates dragging wounded Halivern crewmen towards stairs.

Pirate:

"Come bitch, you will be good fucking food today!"

Second pirate:

"I love the taste of Haliverns!"

Both pirates haven't yet noticed Sweetie or Sazory.

Sazory:

Sazory looks at Sweetie and nods, then he turns to the pirates. Then both, Sazory and Sweetie, shoot their cannons, at once. Sazory shoots the left pirate and Sweetie shoots the right one, killing them instantly.

Pirates drop dead, Halivern immediately jumps up, Sazory notice she is a cleaning lady. She starts running towards Sazory and Sweetie just to notice Qaargghang, scream and run in opposite direction.

Sweetie:

Sweetie goes to poker face.
"Why, they, think, I'm a fucking monssster???"

Sazory:

Sazory says quickly: "I'm slowly working on it, hope one day I'll show them that not all Qaargghangs are monsters", then he says loudly: "Stop! Lady, it's much safer to be with us than without us!"

Halivern stopped at the crossing, yelled into the hallway and ran back to Sazory and Sweetie screaming. Suddenly, a Pirate in minimal armor and mostly only in swimsuit with weird spear appears from behind the corner, points at Sazory and yells: "YOU, ME, WE FIGHT LIKE AWESOME GLADIATORS!"

Sweetie:

Sweetie burst out laughing.

Sazory:

Sazory says loudly: "Sure!" and then quietly to Sweetie: "I'm gonna have some fun here but you go next room, there! I'll be there too, as soon as possible".

Sweetie:

Sweetie looks surprised and then takes Halivern lady to a random room.

Pirate:

"Hey, why are bitches leaving? Call them back!"

Sazory:

"Hey, you wanna fight? Come on! I'm still here!"

Pirate:

Pirate huffs and puffs and then throws water balloons at Sazory and takes out his freezing ray.

"DROWN SCALLYWAG!"

Sazory:

Sazory is surprised at first, he didn't expect this but thanks to his reflexes, he evades all the balloons and then jumps to the corner, hiding behind the wall.

Pirate:

"Fucking coward Scalliwag I will eat you, eat you, eat you!"

Sazory:

Sazory is lying on the floor, about to surprise the swimsuit pirate when he turns to this corner.

Pirate:

Swimsuit pirate slowly walks up to the corner, but before turning he throws another water balloon at a standing person, exposing his hand.

"TAKE THIS LAND WALKER!"

Balloon misses but Sazory makes noises with his legs, as if it got hit by it.

Pirate:

"YA DIRTY SCALLYWAG YOU GOT WATERED. HAHAAHAHAHA!"

Then he shoots his freezing ray behind the corner.

Sazory:

Sazory quickly rolls on the left, then forward, behind the corner and when he finally quickly stands up, he is very close to the swimsuit pirate, on his left side.

Pirate:

Swimsuit pirate having no real chance to react only starts turning his freezing ray to Sazory:

"NOOOOOO YOU ARE STILL DIRTY AND NOT SOLID!"

Sazory:

Sazory says quietly: "Really?" and then shoots with his smaller cannon at the pirate's knee.

Pirate:

Pirate screams in pain and falls down. He drops his spear and ray and cries a little. "You are cheating! Man, why none fight gloriously, why...?"

Sazory:

"I had a choice, to shoot my plasma rifle to your head and kill you instantly or to shoot with my smaller gun to your knee and just arrest you".

Swimsuit pirate:

"Arrest me for what? I didn't kill anyone! I just keep the water park on the ship running! I just came to loot pipes!"

Sazory:

"I should have taken some handcuffs... Hmm.. Lay here quietly!", *he takes his spear*, "It would be a nice gift for Sweetie".

Swimsuit pirate:

"Alright, that spear is the hook I use to clean the pool tho."

"Also, are you crazy? Keeping Qarkak as a bitch?"

Sazory:

Sazory feels angry and wants to stab the pirate's head with the spear but gets over it and instead just says: "I said quietly. Lay here on the floor, keep bleeding and wait for me. I'll come back soon", he turns around and walks towards the next room Sweetie went in, hearing a lot of loud noises.

Sweetie:

Sweetie in the meantime entered a large meeting room where there are many dead male crew members and a large metallic spider piloted by male Screee with a cage instead of spider rear filled with many women crew members, either stripped naked or in tattered clothes.

Sweetie:

"Are you fucking shitting me?"

The Halivern lady hides in one wardrobe next to them.

Screee turns around and notices Sweetie, he holds huge and heavy guns in each of his long legs, and laughs loudly with his high-pitched voice: "AHAHAHA, ANOTHER CHICK FOR OUR COLLECTION", then aims his left gun at her.

Sweetie:

Sweetie quickly dashes towards the right, trying to get behind the spider and Screee and close to him.

Crazy Screee:

"Where are you going, sweetie? Can't wait to join other chicks? Haha!"

Sweetie:

Sweetie is a bit shocked by Screee calling her by name, slowing down a little, even opening the opportunity for Screee.

Everyone in the cage panics when they see a Qaargghang.

Crazy Screee:

"Oh hahahaha, here you arre!", then he chirps and trying to catch her with his right leg while still aiming his cannon in his left leg at her:

"My sweeeet, my caaaanddy, squawk!", he doesn't seem to be scared of a Qaargghang at all but finds her very cute and pretty.

Sweetie:

Sweetie stopped for a bit too long, getting confused and coughing in thoughts.

Crazy Screee:

Crazy Screee gets closer and quickly grabs Sweetie's left arm with his right leg.

Sweetie:

"Hey, let go of my chicken!"

She is trying to use her strength to escape.

Crazy Screee:

Screee uses the leg of his mechanical spider to grab Sweetie and pull her up into the air. Then he yells: "YAAAAA BABY, ANOTHER ONE TO MY COLLECTION!"

Sweetie:

Sweetie takes one of her pistols to aim at the Screee just to get kicked in the face and the gun stolen.

Crazy Screee:

Screee screams: "YOU DON'T NEED THAT LAAAAADY!" Then he slowly moves her towards the cage.

Sazory:

Sazory rushes into the room with a pirate spear in his hand only to see that large spider piloted by a Screee. Bird screams and shoots one of his guns at Sazory which kept direction from pointing at Sweetie. Sazory manages to dash away into safety behind broken furniture and fires on the spider hitting manipulator holding Sweetie. She falls down behind the Screee and immediately goes to coil him only to find Screee's long strong legs are too much for her. Arid species like Screee knows how to avoid and go around snakes that gives this one advantage.

Crazy Screee:

"YAAA THINK YAAA STRONG, BUT I'M STRONGER SNEK CHICK, I STEP ON SNEK!"

Sazory:

Sazory doesn't want to shoot as he is still exposed to the gun and Sweetie is now coiling around the Screee.

Crazy Screee:

Screee grabs Sweetie by tail and chest, slowly pushing her away. His strength is probably larger than hers. Sweetie panicking realizes, facing reality that a mere non-flying bird is stronger than her, a mighty Qaargghang. This should be impossible, she is getting frozen by fear, despair visible in her face which the Screee notices and strikes her snoot with his beak, then her right shoulder, and after that tail. Forcing her to lay down on the mech.

Screee screams at Sweetie: "I STEPPED ON SNEK AND SNEK CRIED, I WON YA ANGRY PRETTY CHICK, YOUR TAIL IS WEAK, YOU CANNOT HANDLE MY STRONGEST OF BLOWS! HAHAAHAHA!"

Sazory:

Sazory realizes that Screee is occupied by bullying Sweetie and jumps from his cover and says loudly to Sweetie while throwing the spear: "USE THIS SWEETIE!"

Sweetie:

Sweetie catches the spear with her left hand and strikes the bird's chest with it and pushes it away.

Crazy Screee:

Screee screams and falls down as Sweetie is master fully on top of him cutting him badly in his left wing. Bird looks at her and says: "You should have went for the head!", then activates self-destruct on the robot.

Sweetie:

Sweetie cuts his leg hard and goes to help the ladies in the cages with Sazory.

They managed to save most of the ladies but then they needed to abandon a few and escape. As they leave the room Screee screams and mech explodes killing him and the

remaining three ladies. Blast catches Sweetie and throws her into the opposite room where she lands hard on the conference table. When Sazory looks into the spider room he sees Halivern lady in the remains of the wardrobe, as she notices him she screams and places a fallen wardrobe door in front of her. Remains of the room are completely destroyed.

Room is filled with smoke and fire.

Sazory:

Sazory coughs then asks loudly: "Sweetie? Are you okay? What did that Screee do with you?"

Sweetie:

Sweetie doesn't respond, just laying down in wood and rubble in a room opposite to where robot was, she seems to be alive without her spear, but maybe crying?

It becomes noisy and loud because of all that saved ladies who started to whine and call for help.

Sazory:

Sazory doesn't know what to do with them, he walks towards Sweetie, getting closer to her. He wants to make sure she's alive.

Ladies are still asking Sazory questions as he is trying to get to Sweetie. Ladies are not approaching Sweetie at all but some kicking defenseless swimsuit pirate. Sazory notices that Sweetie is crying.

Sazory:

Sazory turns to ladies and says loudly: "Please give me a minute!", then he gets closer to Sweetie and thinks to himself: "I had no idea Qaargghangs can cry. But what happened? Is it because of pirates? Because of the explosion? She was fighting armed smugglers easily. She didn't cry even when she was wounded. Or did she? Is she wounded?", then he asks loudly: "What happened? Are you wounded?"

Sweetie:

Sweetie burst into tears, everyone was completely shocked and in fact a Qaargghang was crying.

"I'M NOT Wounded! Worse, I wasss nearly wounded by a fucking birb, pirate bird! I LOST TO A FCKING UGLY ASS NON-BREEDER SCREEE! I'M A FAILURE, THOSSSE CHANGES THEY MADE, OR FACT THAT I'M SHIT, ONE OF THESSSE MADE THAT I'M COMPLETE FAILURE. I should kind myself right now, right here, but even though I losst my weapon, my ssspear and guns, I'M A FCKING FAILURE NOTHING MORE!", Sweetie cries really hard and incredible amounts of emotion can be felt from it. One of the ladies says: "I didn't know these monsters feel emotions! That is probably just a game , deception!"

Pirate:

"Wow, just wow. Strong Qark defeated by mere Screee... that is poetic."

Sazory:

Sazory is shocked, he knows that all her emotions are real. He can't say a word. He wants to make her stop crying. After 5 seconds he says: "Sweetie, I don't...", but his speech is cut short by another pirate who enters the room from the opposite entrance.

A Kapalior male with a golden star shaped helmet and only lion cloth comes from behind the corner, looking at Sazory and Sweetie. Sazory can feel an incredibly strong mental onslaught from Kapalior in his mind. He drops his weapon and slowly goes to the ground. Sweetie was distressed, and onslaught got her really quickly into near unconsciousness.

Pirate:

Swimsuit pirate looks at Kapalior and says: "Heeeeeeyyyy, hi star head!"

Sazory:

Sazory knows this feeling. His friend Azawak was attacking him this way many years ago. He feels disoriented and dizzy at first, then he feels his legs and arms are paralyzed, he can't say a word, can't even scream...

Starhead:

Starhead moves up to Sazory and grabs him by head, focusing his attack on Sazory heart and brain.

Swimsuit pirate:

"Ahh, starhead, you are doing that weird shit again..."

Sweetie:

Sweetie is paralyzed.

Starhead:

This Kapalior is much more experienced then Azawak years before. This Kapalior is capable of forcing his power on two people and focusing on body parts, attacking with incredible power and precision.

Sazory:

Sazory can't speak and can't move anymore, his head and heart hurt, he thinks:

"It's the end... How stupid... We should... We must... save their lives..."

He thinks about those saved ladies who are too scared to get closer.

A plasma shot is heard, the sound of exploding flesh and smell of burned meat and skin, and a few metal pieces hit Sazory to his face. That mental onslaught stopped suddenly.

Sazory still feels some weakness but his brain and his heart don't hurt anymore and his paralyze is slowly wearing off. He looks at the Kapalior, trying to understand what just happened. He still moves slowly, even turning his head was hard to do.

He sees Kapalior's head with a large burned hole in it and the wounded ship captain behind him with his plasma pistol aiming now at the Swimsuit pirate.

Pirate:

"Bye Starhead... I never liked that asshole..."

Sazory:

"Cap...", *he coughs, then again and again*, "Captain! You're still alive! Thank you for saving my life!"

Captain:

"Any time friend, this old meat bag is still well capable of fighting even wounded." *Captain coughs. He is bleeding from his left shoulder, seems to have a broken leg and has a lot of cuts and bruises on his face and body.*

"They've assaulted the bridge and killed over half of the commanding crew, what is the situation here Sazory? Where is security chief?"

"And what about that Qarg, is this her doing?"

Sazory:

Sazory just realized Sweetie must be still here in this room. Maybe the captain is gonna arrest her. Or maybe kill her... Sazory says: "She helped me to fight pirates and she's very good at this! We saved some ladies there, thanks to her. We need her here and now, to help us stop the pirates!", and then he thinks to himself: "I hope she has already stopped crying..."

Sweetie:

Sweetie is no longer crying but trying to stand up.

Captain:

Captain looks distrustful at Sweetie but after an explosion shakes the ship he signs and nods to Sazory.

"I will take these ladies and pirate to safety."

He throws Sazory some kind of USB stick and says: "Your and her primary objective is now to reach the engine room of this ship and insert that into the engineering computer to override engines and push us towards the face gate. I was unable to do it from the bridge. Do not fail Sazory, our fate is once again in your hands!"

Then the captain slowly goes towards Sazory and the ladies.

Sazory:

"Sure! It's time to save this old ship again! Cap'n!"

He thinks to himself:

"I love Sweetie. I still barely know her but I'm sure I'm in love!"

Sazory helps Sweetie to stand up. Then they go finally to the end of that hallway and on the left they see twenty to thirty pirates killed with plasma pistols over a more than sixty meters long hallway with multiple hallways to sides. Sazory knows they need to go right, but the sheer number of killed pirates by the captain in his wounded state is outstanding.

Sweetie:

"Did he kill them all alone?!"

Sazory:

"He had guards. Probably they helped him to kill the pirates. How are you feeling now, Sweetie? Please don't cry. You're not a failure. Not at all. You're a very good fighter, very beautiful and attractive lady, probably a good scout and scientist... And just a very lovely and kind person".

Sweetie:

"Thank you for all your sweet words and trust. But I feel like a failure ssstill, I got owned by a ssstupid bird! And the captain came alone, he iss a better killer than me and he iss a human, and I wasss trained from a young age. "

Both of them continue through the hallway with care, passing crossing by crossing towards the stairs in back about 200 meters away.

Sazory:

"You'd be a very good agent for the Alliance... How odd, we see pirates' corpses and dead crew... Is there anybody still alive?"

Sweetie:

"Yea, alot of death but no action,like divine foreshadowing of higher force funneling us into something, I don't like it but I have very cool tingling."

As they walk through the now nearly empty hallway, after 110 meters they can hear feminine mumbling and weird loud pleading. They hear a few pirates load cheers and the sounds of metal and plastic.

Sweetie:

Sweetie whispers: "Did you hear that?"

Sazory:

"Yes. What's going on there? Those must be pirates. Let's go!"

Sweetie:

Sweetie slithers more cautiously realizing she has no weapons and taps Sazory on shoulder.
"Hey, I need to go get a weapon!"

Few pirate weapons are few meters behind them on death pirates or crewmen.

Sazory:

"Wait, take this", *he gives her his laser cannon*, "It's not much destructive but is still better than nothing at all".

Sweetie:

"I never handled thisss weapon before! Will do my best!"
She then stands ready to proceed on Sazory's order.

Sazory:

"Let's get closer. Time to sneak!"

Sweetie and Sazory approach. Sazory on corner and Sweetie in hallway. Sazory looks behind the corner to see five pirates rampaging through gold, silver and jewelry of a lady Triffiantry diplomat who has vines tied together, hands tied, tail badly secured and ring gag in her mouth as two pirates are thinking how to molest her.

Sazory was furious, new species in the Alliance, important diplomats getting robbed and molested on Alliance spaceships. This is outrageous. He was filled with rage and hatred, seeing these dirty pirates possibly breaking fragile fresh bounds between Alliance and Triffiantry.

He gestured to Sweetie number and relative positions of pirates. She nodded and then he started counting silently down from three.

They both jump out and shoot on two armed pirates who are standing around and not carrying or doing anything. One of the pirates is surprised with his pants down and falls on the ground. Plant uses the chance and breaks restriction on its tail, breaks and eats the gag, frees its vines and hands and bites deep into one of the pirates while slicing a pantless pirate with her tail, gutting him.

Other pirates immediately surrendered when four of their colleagues died in just mere seconds. But Sazory doesn't care, he approaches them while shooting them repeatedly with his plasma pistol to pieces. Sweetie stays behind watching.

When Sazory gets closer to the stressed plant she cut hand with his weapon with her tail. He drops the weapon, snaps back from anger and says: "Lady, miss, I'm from the Alliance, we are here to get rid of these pirates and save you as others on this ship."

Triffiantry stops and ten panicking apologies: "Oh I'm sorry, I was scared and I didn't know who you were. I'm deeply sorry, sowwy! Sowwy!"

Sazory:

Sazory gestures to her that it is alright and looks at the smoldering bodies of the pirates. Then he looks at Triffiantry and gives her directions towards the safe room where the captain went through hallways they cleared. Plant leaves and Sazory things for a moment.

Sweetie:

Sweetie, a bit surprised, waits until the plant leaves the premises and then asks: "Are you alright? What wasss this weird plant? I guesssss it was a plant?"

Sazory:

Sazory looks away from pirates as he holds his hurt hand and answers calmly Sweetie: "These are Triffiantry, they are not long in the Alliance and we are still working on diplomatic relations and common understanding. Some of our people don't like them, some love them."

He pauses for a moment as he thought he heard something but when nothing happens he continues: "Let me tell you tho, these plants are not only cute and pretty, but it is also impossible to find things or creatures they hate. But damn threaten them or their planet and they tear you to shreds. They have somewhat contradictory vibes, that is why common people are sometimes afraid of them as no one really knows what tips them to kill mode."

Sweetie:

Sweetie nods at looks around.

Sazory:

Sazory looks at one pretty knife from Triffiantry and realizes Sweetie is missing the spear he wanted to give her as a gift.

"Sweetie, let's go back for your spear, you seemed to be really good with it."

Sweetie:

Sweetie looks at him, happy he noticed and says: "Yea, I'm a melee fighter primarily. And yesss, let's go!"

They back track to the room where the bird was, fires have been put out by still surprisingly functional fire suppression systems. They look around and Sweetie finds her spear undamaged, just a bit charred. She cleans it up a little and whistles at Sazory.

Sweetie:

"It iss ssstill intact!"

Sazory:

"That is unprecedented but good, now let's start engines again!"

They go once again through the hallway to the back. Reaching stairs and going into lower levels. Aside from a few dead bodies they find only a few pirates which they kill without any problem.

They reach the middle connecting hallway in the lower decks and continue through it.

Plates, boxes and machines are scattered in this large hallway made for moving cargo throughout the vessel, multiple connection hallways and rooms together parts of the ship, as they get closer to the engine room, about 150 meters away.

One of the side doors open. Large, bulky Celestian pirate with biker aesthetics and really long beard comes out with huge minigun already firing at Sazory and Sweetie direction.

Sazory:

Sazory yells: "TAKE COVER!" As they both dive behind few metallic boxes and plates.

High RPM of the minigun in combination with its laser shoots tears through their cover slowly and surely. Pirate yells: "YAA ANGRY FUCKS KILLED MY MAN, I WILL NOW KILL YOU WITH SHEAR FIREPOWER!!! MEET YOUR MAKERS!!!"

Sweetie:

Sweetie looks sad, as this is the end, yelling pirate and sounds of disappearing cover around her. Her being the bigger one means that she will die first.

She lays down to Sazory and coils a bit around him to protect him, or at least try. Prepared to give her life to someone who protected her and showed care. She starts to think about kissing him, giving him at least some, now the last reward for his care.

Suddenly, before she decides, pirate yelling stops and a loud detailing Bang can be heard followed by stopping of his minigun.

They can hear the Zedt chief yells: "TAKE THIS YA WHANKER!"

They both look up to see the Zedt Chief with her teared uniform, bloody huge wrench. Her face, body and hands were covered in blood. Several wounds can be seen on her body. She stores the wrench on her back and takes the minigun with its battery pack. Noticing Sazory and Sweetie and pointing at them while saying: "Noone, no one will be breaking this ship she points down and MY CREW! Seems like I'm better than this damn snake AND YOU SAZORY COMBINED! Now I go clean up more of these fucking arses and you go power up this damn vessel!"

Zedt chief walks away and flips them both off.

Sweetie:

Sweetie looks bit scared and says to Sazory: "That lady is fucking ssscary!"

Captain:

Captain of the vessel appears from one on the side hallways behind them, more wounded than before on his chest and left hand. Plasma pistol in his hand and with a serious look on this old human face he yells: "Chief Karrisa! Come with me and do not flip our surviving crew, I will need your assistance on the bridge! And you two, I was afraid I lost you both! But now, secure the engine room and hold it!"

Chief:

Chief turns and nods, then follows the captain.

Sazory:

Sazory says loudly: "Thank you Karrisa for saving us!"

Karrisa:

Karrisa nods and smiles at him, gesturing to him that he is welcome.

Sazory:

Sazory then looks and smiles at Sweetie whispering: "You tried to save me but I was also really afraid for your life. I value what you did but now we have our mission! Let's show them what we are made of! Also don't worry, I'm too scared of this Zedt lady."

Sweetie and Sazory stand up, bit in pain from his hurt hand, go up to the pirate and notice he is not dead but unconscious. They tie him up with a few loose cables that were laying around and continue to the end of the hallway.

Sazory:

Sazory thinks to himself: "She doesn't want to talk about it, but I have noticed it. When she thought that she's about to die, she tried to cover me, trying to save my life instead of saving her own. People should know it. People should know that Qaargghangs are not monsters. At least, not all of them. Qaargghangs can be friendly and can love. Meeting Sweetie is the best thing that happened to me in 15 years or so. I love her. I wanna be with her.... But I'm still in love with Mycteria. I know that we can't be together so maybe I should just forget Mycteria and live with Sweetie instead. How would she react if I asked her to... marry me?"

As they reach the heavy duty door to the engine room, Sazory goes to the side to open them via control panel as Sweetie prepares in cover for enemy contact.

Door started opening and Sazory ran to cover the other side of the room.

When it opens they see two very confused engineers sorting valuables on engine room controls. Sazory notices they are not armed and runs to them, realizing these are engineers from the crew who betrayed them! And these two are the same guys that wanted to throw trash at Sweetie!

Sazory:

Sazory was angry, very angry but could keep his cool at this moment. He without a word walked up to both of them and knocked them out with a few well placed punches.

Sweetie:

"Good hitsss! Let's sssee how to sstart thossse engines!"

Sweetie comes closer to Sazory as he is starting up the engines to make the ship mobile again. Sweetie is looking around, keeping guard.

When engines are started they move their now found prisoners next to a wall in the room and secure them.

Sazory:

Sazory sits down and waits as Sweetie was waiting and keeping an eye out. After a while the captain called Sazory, notifying him that the ship was secured and is back under their control.

Sazory happily told the news to Sweetie and she started cheering, going to hug him. He accepted the hug and didn't mind her coiling around him. Happily he was petting Sweetie as she was looking at him with happy eyes. They gazed deep into each other, loving every second. Slowly but surely they got closer, whispering lovely things and in a moment went for a kiss.

They kissed long and with love, growing close to each other in the mission and now in the end found that this is what they both want. Sweetie coiling around the chair and Sazory, hugging him with love and letting him do whatever he wants.

After a while door to room opened and Azawak walked in. Noticing Qaargghang around Sazory ready to jump in but then realized that they are, kissing? He stops for good moment.

Being able to read their minds and feel genuine love between them. How they think only about this moment, kissing, hugging and about Sweetie coiling him with her body. For first that he heard and now even witnessed that Qaargghangs are capable of this emotions. He put himself together before saying: "Sa..Sazory?"

Sazory:

Sazory stopped kissing and hugging Sweetie and looks at Azawak wery confused as he didn't expected him here at all: "Oh hello friend, what brings you here?"

Azawak:

"I was sent here to pick you up. You are ordered by high command to get on the main sector station immediately. And your new found friend too. All prisoners you ate now keeping here will be given to the ship crew."

All three of them got their things and went to Azawak shuttle. On board they got first aid by an on board female Zedt medic who was shocked by Sweetie at first but after talking with Azawak was calm.

They left towards the phase gate to sector headquarters. Report to commanders and maybe keep Sweetie in the Alliance.

The End!