

She smiled as she heard the congratulatory applause. Adjusting the deep blue jacket of her dress-uniform a bit, she fidgeted nervously. The Orca's ebony skin glistened under the auditorium lights as she chanced a quick peek at the other officers in line with her.

She could see her parents smiling in the front-row seats of the auditorium as a Rottweiler stepped forward and took his place at the podium.

"We gather today to honor one of our top graduates. A pillar of justice for the city of Militis." he stepped to the side, his hand motioning towards her. In response, she gave a sharp salute and smiled nervously as she stepped up, then staggered a bit and felt herself tip forward, her arms flailed as she tried to regain balance.

Reality set in as she stumbled and suppressed grunt of pain. A shrill chirp of pain left her mouth as a sharp jolt of pain shot through her foot. She heard the sound of a wet splurt and felt the crunch and groan of metal under foot as her face became intimate with the fresh mowed lawn of the training grounds.

She rolled over, sat up quickly and looked around in a panic. She relaxed some as she looked down by her feet was a partially crushed dumpster. The gunk built up from months of use slowly oozed out, the giantess grimaced at the sour smell and the fact some of it had splattered her shoes.

Thankfully another patrol bike was not the victim, or worse one of the frail humans that worked on campus. Standing near the half crushed dumpster an officer stood staring in shock, both he and his patrol car splattered with dumpster gravy, the horrid smelling mess dripped from his clothes, and the brim of his hat. He grumbled a bit as he flicked an errant orange peel from his brim and his hand went to his ear. Leilani winced as she felt her ear drums rock.

"Cadet Leilani!" the voice yelled angrily, somewhat distorted due to the sheer volume pumped out by the small communications device in her inner ear.

A shudder of fear went through her body as she spat a hunk of topsoil and grass from her mouth; jeez humans could be loud when they wanted.

"You've been warned repeatedly about watching your step." The officer took another step forward before continuing. "Just once I want you to listen to those warnings cadet!" The small male shouted as an angry scowl spread across his face.

Leilani's normally white cheeks flushed a vibrant pink. Her broad shoulders slumped as embarrassment took hold. A sheepish smile came to her face as she noticed a few of her fellow cadets' snicker as they

walked by.

"I'm so Sorry Sgt. Ikari!" Leilani said sincerely. The giant orca offered a sheepish salute and a gentle smile before she removed one of her trainers with an oblivious look and began to wipe it on the grass.

She scooted away in surprise as the small human stepped up, still ranting as he picked and wiped bits of food and muck off his person and out of his graying beard.

"That's the third thing those big feet of yours have stepped on this week, Monday the patrol car, the day before that my new bike!" the officer bellowed, then caught himself as he saw the sincere regret on the orca's face.

"Just, just go about your business, but be more alert," he said in defeat. A heavy, angry sigh came from his mouth as he walked off.

Leilani was able to hear the human mutter, "Damnit, its squishing in my shoes. This is so damn disgusting!"

As Ikari stormed off still dripping garbage and goo, she thought about her situation, not many of her kind had much to do with land dwellers these days, much less the small creatures called humans.

Leilani sighed and ran a hand through her mess of blond hair and shook her head in frustration. She put the shoe back on and stood, giving it a light tap on the ground and wiggled her toes inside.

She stepped away from the ruined dumpster, and offered an apologetic look towards it as she walked along the lawn, pausing only to wipe at a soiled part of her shoe as her mind wandered again, this time to thoughts of what could go wrong due to carelessness.

The constant threat of accidentally damaging property, something she had experienced first-hand many times since her first day, mostly on the training grounds, always loomed over her head; as did the grave concern of harming the diminutive humans.

She grumbled and took a deep, calming breath as she tried to shift her thoughts to a more positive bent.

She sat down again and took a deep breath, her frown leaving as more pleasant thoughts came to mind. The orca began to focus on the reasons she had joined the force. She thought about the stories read about others like her when she was younger.

News stories about others like her working with human society, rescuing people, protecting them be they giant or human. She wanted to further that ideal, the ideal of peaceful coexistence.

When she first signed up, she was fresh out of school and mostly uneducated about

the human world outside of what little the schools on her world taught. Green around the gills as humans called it.

The flood of realization on the sheer amount of differences in their two worlds sobered her quickly on her first week at the academy. A great deal of training became the norm, as soon she found out. Even the simplest interaction required the utmost care and awareness, on top of knowledge of human laws.

At first it frustrated her, why all this work to handle a world that was similar to her own, but smaller. As time passed and mistakes made themselves known, she understood how fragile the humans world was, how much power even the smallest of her kind had when around their small allies.

It took another glance at the crushed dumpster to remind her just how much she needed to train. It reminded her on how she needed to focus to avoid being a hindrance, to avoid perpetuating those fears some still held towards her kind. She pursed her lips as she remembered news reports of those like her. She thought to the video feeds showing those like her. The images of the aftermath of their raids against human colonies, pictures of ruined homes, crying families, people who could not defend themselves.

She hated how it made her kind look like nothing but bullies and monsters, the things you would see in old human science fiction films.

"No, I will not be like that. I won't mess up again." Leilani thought quietly. She was once again recalled to the here-and-now as the pleasant chime noting an address rang in her ear. "Cadet Leilani Fatu, please report to dispatch for cadet assignment."

Dispatch was usually a meeting point for those fully trained humans and giants awaiting deployment or duty assignments; however, right now it was mostly deserted. Most of human patrol and support vehicles were stored underground; something that the orca gave thanks for, it kept her from stumbling over any wayward cars, and kept that nasty officer Ikari out her ears.

She hated to admit it, but even after a year in training, she still had some issue moving in a world built at a fraction of her size.

Leilani stood at ease for a few minutes. As more time passed she began to relax a little more, the orca idly began to rock back and forth on her heels.

As her body swayed the occasional, cheerful, cetaceous chirp came from her throat. She looked around, and for the first time marveled at the small human structures, vehicles and the beings themselves.

"This is like a dream, a world of dolls," she thought aloud with a giggle. She sighed as the all too familiar chime of dispatch rang in her ear.

"Instructor Hanna Vollan will be with you shortly to discuss your duty assignment for today," a somewhat shrill cry left her lips, "not her, anyone but her" was her thought, her tail swayed a bit more.

She slumped a bit, her tail swishing a bit, causing a slight breeze behind her. "Great, this keeps getting better," Leilani thought as she ran a hand through her blonde hair before she dropped to the ground and crossed her legs, chin in her hands as she waited.

Instructor Hanna would be out to deal with her soon, not someone she wanted to deal with, always so serious, typical ursine she thought. She spent the idle time making amusing faces in the mirrored windows of the dispatch building, getting a few giggles from passing cadets, both human and giant.

She got a little bolder from the attention and stood then began to flex her more than ample chest as she hummed the can-can, a few more cadets pausing, not at the absurdity, but for more....obvious reasons. Leilani herself was giggling more and more before just giving in and out right laughing. She gave her audience an odd look as most had scampered off and a large form shadowed her, and the faintest tap, tap, tap of fingers on a data pad emanated from behind her unassuming form.

As she looked up, she noticed her fellow cadets' faces, all of them fearful, some of them pointing frantically behind her.

Leilani quickly pivoted on her heel and tripped, then fell face first into a set of blue uniform jacket covered breasts, which in turned caused a rather loud "AHEM" to be emitted. The orca looked up, her brown eyes peering out from the cloth covered cleavage and into the piercing green ones of the massive, female polar bear looking back down at her.

Leilani quickly righted herself, the blush on her cheeks hot enough to melt ice at this point as she managed a salute, her neck craned up slightly. "Instructor Hanna!" she exclaimed, a shrill chirp accompanying the realization.

The polar bear grumbled a bit as she ran her hand over her face. She mumbled a few words best left to the imagination came from her mouth.

"Why does command ALWAYS saddle me with the odd ball rookies? Why?" she thought as she looked down at Leilani, the recruit a

head and a half shorter than her. A narrowed gaze met Leilani's eyes. The orca let out a timid chirp as she felt she would wet herself under that serious gaze of her larger instructor.

Hanna turned to the onlookers and narrowed her eyes. "I'm sure all of you have things to do. If not, I'm sure I can find something; something you may not want to do." Her voice was steady and calm yet commanding. Many cadets saluted before scattering like frightened mice.

"I don't get you sometimes Fatu." she pointed towards the far end of the lot and began walking, Leilani followed like a prisoner on death row. Instructor Hanna was well known for her no nonsense attitude, especially when procedure was an issue.

"You've got the potential to make a good officer here, but you need to stop daydreaming while you work, I heard about Ikari earlier." Hanna grimaced a bit, her eyes still locked on the orca.

"If I were Instructor Emery," she pointed over to a male Rottweiler in the distance, barking orders at a group of cadets doing push-ups, "You'd be on salvage duty."

Leilani frowned at the threat. While the giantess had never been on salvage duty, her dorm mate had and from his explanation it made latrine duty something to be envied.

"As it stands, looking at your past incidents, all involving property destruction due to carelessness, I'd normally send you back down to introductory training and make you do it again until you either got one hundreds across the board, or until you forgot your name!"

The polar bear was looming over her, which caused her to take a fearful step backward.

Hanna relaxed with a grumble.

"But that's not my call. Commandant Naisa feels the need to let you loose on the populace. She wants to see how you handle yourself in a live situation."

Leilani let out a chirp of excitement, but quieted as Hanna held up a hand. "Hold on there, in no way are you going out there alone of course."

The orca frowned, always a catch she thought.

"I thought about going with you myself." Hanna started; a smirk came to her lips as she saw the cadet step back again, eyes wide.

"But the Commandant thought that'd make you skittish. We wouldn't be able to

gauge you properly with a mother hen over your shoulder."

Leilani relaxed a bit and released a breath she didn't know she held.

"Instead we're going to pair you with a human officer. I believe you are familiar with Patrol Officer Mills, Axel Mills?"

She nodded a bit, a small, nervous laugh.

"Umm..Y..Yeah I do. I met him on my first day. He was also my interaction partner my first year."

A voice rang in both giantesses' ears, a tone of humor to it.

"Met? I almost had to change my last name to Scholl's when you first got here."

Both looked down to see a man in a brown motorcycle patrol uniform with sand toned skin, his short somewhat unkempt red hair matched well with his uniform. He waved up at both women and with his free hand pushed a pair of small, wire frame glasses up his nose.

"Hey it was an accident!" Leilani near shouted as she turned her nose up. A look of indignity took hold on her face as she snorted. Hanna nodded down to their new arrival as she stifled a cruel chuckle.

"I'm giving you shit, don't take it so personal Cadet Leilani." Axel commented dryly as he walked by, a hand patted the massive cross trainer clad foot as he stood between the two giants.

"Would one of you mind giving me a lift up? My neck is starting to hurt." Henna crouched for a moment, hand open, before bringing the human officer up to shoulder height.

Leilani calmed down as she realized it was just a harmless joke. She felt the familiar blush return as she crossed her arms over her chest. "It was an accident. You. You both know that!" The tone in her voice made it seem like it was more to convince herself than her fellow officers.

A small laugh greeted her ears. "It's okay Lei that was long ago. I'm sure you've gotten better about that, at least I hope so." Axel pushed at his glasses again, "I'm just glad the only thing smooshed was my poor bike." He laughed a bit as he sat down in Hanna's hand.

The cetacean poked her fingers together. "Still, stop teasing me."

"Oh fine killjoy," the human replied as he looked up. He snickered a bit as he scratched his nose.

"Something on your mind Mills?" Hanna asked as she began to kneel, being careful with her passenger.

"Oh just thinking about doing some mountain climbing later," he said, feigning innocence.

Hanna sat Axel down and waited for him to get clear, her face now stern. "Once again, I still think this is a bad idea given your recent goof ups. However, once again not my call. I do hope for your sake he has not made a bad call." With that said, she began to trudge off. The bear's heavy footfalls shook the ground a bit as she left a somewhat depressed Orca and her human companion behind.

"Yeesh, does she always got to treat me or the other cadets like dumb kids?" She almost stomped her foot as she pouted, but remembered Axel was by her feet.

"Eh," Axel said apathetically, "She's very much the mother hen. You shouldn't let it get to you blonde."

Leilani frowned a bit and grumbled as she ruffled her hair with both hands trying to work out the frustration she felt.

"She acts like I'm going to break you!" she snorted, "I wish she would just lighten the heck up!"

Axel shook his head. "Nah, I doubt its that well maybe a little bit of it." he rubbed her chin some. "From what I heard it's a bit deeper with her, I heard she was a war vet. Some junk she saw might have something to do with it."

Leilani frowned. She remembered reading about the war back in school and briefly wondered what happened that would make that bear such a pain the ass.

"Err...let's not think on that okay?" she lowered a hand to her new partner, Axel smiled a bit as he noticed it was shaking. "Umm..so....what do we do now?"

He shrugged a bit, ignoring the giant's apparent nervousness as he stepped onto the white palmed hand before sitting down.

"Well, its still early, and we've been okayed for a patrol. May as well put you to the test!" he pointed towards the campus exit. "My patrol bike is parked out that way. Mind giving me a lift?"

Leilani smirked. "Can I ride on the back?"

The two looked at each other for a moment, both smirking a bit before bursting into giggles as she walked, eventually they arrived at the officers' parking lot and the Orca set her passenger down.

"Another time Lei. I so don't want to do a wheelie all the way into town," Axel replied with a laugh.

"So got your gear ready?"

"Yup! I got my cadet badge, my communications bud and all that kit. So we're good to go!" Leilani replied as she tied her hair into a tight bun.

Axel hopped on his bike and kick started it; a deep rumble was heard as the engine came to life. He looked behind him at his rookie of a partner, a frown on his face. "Damn was I that fidgety on my first run?"

"Look Leilani, I know you eat a lot of flak for your mistakes. But you'll do fine, this little jaunt'll show them." He revved the engine a bit and did a lazy donut.

"We'll take it easy on your first patrol alright?" He wheeled the sleek white and black two-wheeler around so Leilani was behind him, "A short trip to the suburbs, a quick run down the supply highway, then we'll wrap it up, head back and grab lunch? How's that sound?"

Leilani took a deep breath and let it out, determination set in on her face.

"Right! I'll do this right the first time!" There was a happy bounce to her step as she began to fidget, excitement clear on her face.

"And I know you already know this, and I know ya will, but be careful. There's some in Militis not entirely used to you guys yet."

The orca rolled her eyes, "I know, I know, let's just go already," she punctuated this with an irritated chirp.

Axel laughed a bit, the girl was like an excited pup going for her first walk.

"Don't burn up too much energy, we're going to hit the highway soon after all." Alex shouted back as he pulled out the lot and onto the main road, the sound of Leilani's steps heard behind him, the giantess easily matching his modest twenty mile speed.

Traffic was thankfully light this day, so it took one worry out of both the officer and cadet's minds.

Leilani was a bit worried. This was after all her first live patrol. Having to walk with traffic instead of along side it like during marches felt off at first, but eventually she adapted to it. The diminutive citizens were another matter all together. Most drivers simply pulled to the side of the road and allowed her and Axel a wide berth to pass. Others pulled off the road altogether as they noticed her.

"Jeez they're all scared of me." She sighed a bit, before the chirp of her comm. got her attention.

"Don't worry about it; they'll have to get used to you all eventually come graduation." Axel toned in "I mean you're doing well so far, so them being scared for nothing kiddo!"

She relaxed, her strides becoming a bit more confident. She could understand the worry though; her kind were things you'd see on the news, or in some old sci-fi video, so seeing someone who could wear your luxury sedan as a sandal was a little jarring to say the least.

Leilani shoved this to the back of her mind never forgetting them. She did keep them as the humans said "on the back burner". She thought about graduating, about showing everyone that her kind weren't a hazard and that they could be helpful it was these thoughts that drove her right now.

Axel took a right, taking them through the commercial district, the area full of eateries with mid-morning diners; the sun shimmered off the mirrored high rises. Thankfully, at this time of day both automotive and pedestrian was light. As a show of warmth, Leilani offered those souls she did pass, a warm and cheery wave.

Axel smiled at how easily she was adapting, though there were a few of his fellow humans that shrunk away, most smiled and waved back, if somewhat nervously.

"Good, good" he thought. "Heh thinking of it like a field trip are we?" he asked.

"Well, kinda, this is my first time being closer to the city than just the boonies." She replied as they hit a stoplight.

"I mean I guess this is all a little surreal, even though I've been here so long. I..I love it to be honest." She paused for a moment as the light turned green and they made their way through the cross section.

"It's like being in a fairy tale I guess." She continued hands behind her back. "I mean, everything is so peaceful. So many things go on here I'd never see at home." Her stride became a little more leisurely, but she still kept pace with Axel's cycle.

"If my patrols are like this, I think I'll be alright Axel."

"Yeah, Militis has always been kind of sleepy, I thank heaven for that. Hopefully it'll stay that way." Axel began to relax too, what was once a training exercise now seemed like a quiet morning drive. There were no requests from dispatch, just quiet and peace. He chanced a look back at his charge and allowed himself a smile. "It's like watching a child see their first sunrise with her." He mused as he saw Leilani's curiosity and care as they

continued.

An hour passed into the patrol, and Leilani's sense of wonder and excitement weren't as strong as they had been, as evidenced by the slight pout on her face.

"Bleh, is anything going to happen Axel?" she asked her partner, boredom clear in her voice as she sighed and wiped some sweat from her brow.

She squeaked a little as she heard Axel's chiding laughter.

"So getting tired already Leilani?" he asked, a bit of a sarcastic yet playful tone in his voice.

"You were so gung-ho a while ago, and it's only your first time out. This is going to be your job soon, remember?"

Leilani grumbled in response as she let out a breath of air to blow her hair out her eyes. "I know, I know." She replied as she ducked under an election campaign banner. "Just gotta get used to it I guess."

"That's the spirit. So are ya ready for a little highway travel?"

A mumbled reply from the orca combined with a grumpy squeal, "Yeah, I guess." The giantess replied.

"You don't sound too excited, where'd that can-do attitude go?" the senior officer goaded as they neared the on-ramp, he revved his bike some before pulling onto the supply highway.

"Was a good idea to have the patrol come through here. Industrial highway won't be used until the next cargo drop." Axel thought as he picked up speed, Leilani's heavy, rhythmic footfalls heard behind him as she jogged.

"Umm...Axel?" Leilani asked, her tone like that of a child with a hidden question.

"Yes Leilani?"

"Can we race?" she asked and gave a flip of her tail. "I mean this road isn't used except for shipping right? Nobody will mind, right?"

Axel pulled over to the side of the road, engine still running as he looked back. "We really shouldn't." His resolve broke as soon as he saw the pouting black and white face and the giantess's fingers poking together timidly.

"But I guess it can't hurt....just this once though" he almost fell off his bike laughing when he got an overjoyed chirp in reply. Then without another word, he gunned the engine and shot off, startling his massive partner. Leilani was shocked briefly as the cycle shot off like a scared rabbit. That was immediately replaced with

irritation, "HEY COME BACK YOU CHEATER!" Leilani shouted excitedly and began to run after the bike. She began to overtake her human partner, offering a raspberry, and then her large tongue went limp as Axel hit another gear shooting him back in the lead.

With a strained pant and a slight grunt, Leilani put all she had into a sprint, bent on proving herself faster than some little human tinker toy, her muscled legs almost matching the cycle's six-thousand cc engine. She snorted a bit, barely keeping pace, then as they neared a populated area, the two of them slowed by unspoken consensus to a more civilized pace.

As they hit the off ramp and began to patrol along the city's coastal area, Leilani gave her human companion another raspberry followed by a mocking squeak.

"Little toy ain't so bad." She said, having a bit of fun in antagonizing her squad mate.

"Heh, it was good enough to dust your squeaky little butt now wasn't it?" Axel replied, a raspberry given in retort over the comm..

"Hey! If we were by the water I would've so left you in my wake!" The orca retorted. She grew silent as Axel suddenly pulled to the side of the road.

"Hold up, getting something from dispatch!" he said in a worried tone.

Leilani smoothed her hair as she sat down behind her friend. She was glad for the breather as she gave her partner a quizzical look, waiting for him to tell her what the deal was. She didn't have to wait too long.

"Robbery in the MacGuffin ward." he said as she hit the gas, Leilani scrambled to her feet nearly falling over in her haste to catch up. "From what we got from dispatch they're headed our way, Candy Apple red T-bird. This is the only route before they hit the bridge out of the city. The chief wants us to help the pursuing officer and set up an ambush, see if we can cut them off."

He paused and looked around the area. "Damn it, they might try something stupid if they see you, so hide somewhere!"

Axel moved the bike behind the off ramp, while Leilani was hard pressed to find something that could easily cover her fifty-two foot frame. She dove off road and tried to conceal herself as best she could behind some construction supplies. Both officers could hear the deep, beast like rumble of the engine of the suspects' car.

"Wow, a '34 T-Bird.....damn I wanted one so bad when I was in school." Axel murmured as he gripped his handlebars, even though

he knew it was mainly for those young speed freaks to have something to gawk at. He could see a patrol car giving chase, the vehicle hard-pressed to keep up; the siren wailing angrily.

Axel ran through all the protocols, procedures and such in his head he could enact regarding the situation. He swore under his breath as nothing came to mind that didn't end in someone getting hurt.

Leilani chimed in over the comm. "So, um, should I try and grab them or something?" she sounded excited yet unsure.

Axel shook his head with an uneasy laugh. "I got no idea, there are no real rules on stopping a car with your bare hands."

Another nervous laugh followed the statement. "So I guess that means its Kosher. We'll give it a shot. If it doesn't work we'll just do it the old fashioned way, just don't let Hanna know."

Leilani nodded and readied herself. Her broad tail swished slightly like a cat ready to pounce as she hunkered down and waited, the car was several seconds out before she leapt out in front of it.

Axel was not sure if it was Leilani or the car's tires that emitted a high pitched squeal. The vehicle had swerved hard in an attempt to avoid the giantess. Leilani had to side step the car so it would pass between her legs and not smash into her foot, then bent quickly to try and pick it up. She smirked in triumph as she felt the doors crumple a bit in her grasp as she caught hold.

She felt her heels dig in as she struggled to keep her balance. She felt her muscles go taut, the veins in her legs showed as she brought the thing to a halt. She laughed triumphantly as she looked down at her catch "Give up ...yet?" the bravado in her voice died as she got a good look at her prey, the pursuing patrol car.

"God damnit Fatu! Can't I get rid of you?" the angry voice of Officer Ikari shrieked in her communications bud, the orca winced as she looked at the retreating criminals.

"For the love of fuck!" she shouted before setting the car down and pivoted on her heel as she shouted out a sincere "SORRY!" over her shoulder before bolting after the perps again, the white of her cheeks in full blush mode.

"I'm so dead when we get back." She thought as she continued pursuit.

Axel's jaw dropped in disbelief. That car was hauling ass when Leilani snagged it as easily as he would a running puppy. "Jesus Lei!" he shouted over the communicator before following the pursuit. "Nice catch, but wrong car blondie! Don't worry I'll vouch for you when Hanna comes to skin you!"

His tone was joking, he saw this as her chance and wanted to do everything to push her towards it.

"I'll pull up a map of the area see what we can do, you keep on them!" Despite having done little, he could feel his blood pumping from what he'd seen, he knew the giants were strong but damn.

The orca nodded absently, way too focused on running to waste her breath on a reply. The car swerved again, taking off into the suburbs.

"Damn it, Freeze means stop! Leilani had managed when she had the breath. She grumbled and jumped over a guard rail, wincing a bit as she felt the asphalt shatter beneath her. The gamble paid off however and it gave her a much needed gain. That gain however was short lived as the vehicle began to pull away. She panted the run beginning to take its toll on her, her mind working rapidly on an idea.

"Hey Lei! That street doubles back the way you came!" Axel shouted in her ear.

"Got it Axel!" she shouted back as she leapt over a modest one story house and landed in the back yard. She winced and swore under her breath, the orca stumbled as she crashed through someone's tool shed. She quickly regained her footing and renewed her pursuit, a shocked human couple had been sitting on their deck as Leilani has made her rough landing.

She skidded onto the street arms held out just as the T-bird rounded the corner. Leilani smiled as she swore she could hear the driver swear as he panicked and swerved to avoid the massive form blocked his way, the muscle car doing a quick spin and barreled off the other way.

Leilani let out a tired, but pleased squeal as she sprinted back the other way, the sound of the car tearing ass down the street back the way they'd already passed.

The driver smirked thinking he and his accomplice had gotten away but he'd caught on too late, Leilani was already at the opposite end, hemming them in.

The car revved its engine, its tires squealed as thick white smoke burned off them then kicked into gear in an attempt to blow past her. However, Leilani was ready as she dropped into a crouch, hands outstretched. The orca winced as she felt a sharp pain in her hands when she grabbed the front of the car. The impact of nine hundred horses caused her to stagger a bit before the car came to a stop and her hands pressed in, the sound of metal shredding against metal and the feel of composite ceramics of the hood molding to her large hands greeted her ears. An added bonus was the panicked shouts of the car's occupants along with the squeal of the tires slowly died down before the car finally came to a stop. She glared at the occupants eyes narrowed. Her mouth turned up into a snarl, two rows of sharp, dagger like teeth greeting the occupants and

shining brightly filling them with fear.

"Get out of that car, NOW!" she shouted in her most commanding voice, the thunder behind it shook nearby windows, the snarl dropped and turned into a somewhat cruel chuckle as she heard a timid whisper, "Dude..dude I think I just pissed myself." For a minute nothing happened, then with some fearful hesitance two males stepped out, hands over their head, knees knocking, and sure enough, one of them had an embarrassing, dark spot on his jeans.

She relaxed as she heard Axel's vehicle, along with a patrol car come around the corner. She let out a tired grunt and took the car in her hands, and turned it upside down, so the owners didn't get any ideas.

She flopped on her behind, panting. "Um...can you guys take it from here?" she said with an exhausted groan, then looked to the suspects. "Um, right, you're under arrest..." she paused for a moment, finger to her lips.

Axel rolled his eyes. "I got this Lei," as he began to read the Miranda rights to the perps as he handcuffed them.

"Thanks Officer Mills." She replied before leaning back, her eyes went wide and she winced as she heard a crunch of metal under her head and sat up sharply, a hand going to the back of her head.

"Damnit Leilani, that's the second bike!" Axel shouted in exasperation

"SORRY!" a sorrowful chirp came from her, Axel's look softened some.

"Not bad by the by Cadet Fatu." He said with a strained smile as he helped another officer place the criminals in the back of a squad car. "Not bad at all, you'll make a fine officer."

She smiled, relaxed, almost teary-eyed at the compliment. "So, can we go back now?"

"Yeah we can, just need to get a truck out here to get this mess back to the." Axel stopped, and gave Leilani a dead pan look as she picked up the T-bird and tucked it under her arm.

"Already done!"

"Show off." he muttered as they began to head back to the station.

Leilani fidgeted a bit in her seat. Her eyes were locked on the lithe, ebony furred jackal that paced back and forth across the office floor. He had a cigarette screwed into his lips, and his braided hair jostled to and fro with each step.

"Um...everything okay Commandant Naisa?" she asked timidly, a hand idly twirling

her hair.

"Aside from the damage caused to the roads, and that tool shed, yes actually. Officer Ikari personally vouched for your actions despite the damage to the patrol car. The officer in said car was mad at the time of course, but looking back he thought it was hilarious.

"T...that's good to hear." The orca said, relaxing some. This was pleasant, especially after Instructor Hanna drilled into her on what she did wrong.

The Jackal gave a quiet 'hmm', taking a deep drag off his cigarette, "You did a fine job, a fine, fine job. But I'm afraid I can't give you the green light to be an officer, " There was a bit of mirth in his eyes but the orca didn't see it.

If she could slump any deeper in her seat she would. "I, understand sir commandant. "

"I have nothing else to say. You'll know my decision on what will become of you before days end. You are dismissed."

She sighed, almost in tears, she'd done a good job right? She caught the bad guy, no one got hurt, right?"

"FATU!" she tensed. "Great, just what I needed." She sighed, before turning to see Instructor Hanna, her hand behind her back, and a stern look on her face.

"I need to give you something. Rather, someone wants to give you something."

"What, more paper work? More demerits, or reprimands?" she snapped, Hanna just smiled in return as her hand came around,

Officer Mills in her palm barely holding onto a rolled up slip of paper larger than he was.

"So um, the commandant wanted me to give this to you. You're an official officer now," he said with a smile, "They're working

on your badge right now..."

Her dread changed to joy in an instant, so that's what Naisa meant! Such a mean trick...

"Also they assigned me as your partner, said I worked well with you, and with a bit of polish you'll be..." he was cut off as Leilani let out another squeal and quickly plucked the human from her instructor's palm and squeezed her close to her chest.

"CADET FATU! JESUS!" Hanna said as she rushed up close. Leilani realized what she just did and let go, horror on her face as

Axel was nowhere to be seen; the only thing in her hand being her crumpled certification.

She squirmed a bit as she felt something push up from her cleavage. "Oh god, I'm so sorry!"

"Ugh and to think I used to go to sites based on this; never thought it'd happen." he murmured, arms draped over the edge of

Leilani's dress shirt.

Hanna sighs. "Damnit Fatu, I'll never get you." She muttered and walked off. For now she was content to let things slide.

"Axel?" Leilani said as she began to walk.

"Yeah?"

"Thanks for everything and believing in me."

"Heh, no problem, I was a cadet once too." he replied, his cheeks flushed as a few wayward cadets giggled and spoke in hushed

whispers at the scene. "I asked if I could be your continuing partner, figured you could use the personal glee club."

His blush intensified to the color of his hair as he felt a gentle, black fingertip pat his head.

"I look forward to that Officer Mills".

"So do I," Axel said as he slowly got used to his fleshy seat. A slightly perverted look on his face. "So do I."