

As time passed, Julie slowly adjusted to her new home. Her conception of time became confused as she quickly realized that it was based on the earth. Days on the dragon's planet were about 29 hours long. Having rarely traveled, Julie had little experience with jet lag, and this was far worse than ordinary jet lag. There were two suns rather than one. A year lasted just over 21 months. The light from Alpha Centauri, about 55% further away than the earth is from the sun, was somewhat weaker than sunlight on earth, though the planet was somewhat warmer on average because of the thick atmosphere, which had nearly 20 times the carbon dioxide of earth's atmosphere. The other main difference in the atmosphere is that it contains about 25% oxygen (earth's is 21%) and proportionally less nitrogen. The planet had an 11 degree axis tilt, so seasons were milder than on earth, though still strong enough that the dragons came down out of the mountains into the warmer valley as winter approached. Julie arrived in the hottest part of the summer.

Shortly after she arrived, Julie learned the dragons' names for their home planet, its binary star Alpha Centauri, and the rest of the system. The planet was called Vorazhkie, which meant home. The brighter sun, Alpha Centauri A, was called Duperion, which meant life-giver, and Alpha Centauri B was Duperionel, based on its obvious resemblance to the primary star. Vorazhkie was the fourth and outermost planet of Duperion; the system has no outer planets because of the binary star's orbit. There were also four rocky planets orbiting Duperionel, though none was visible from Vorazhkie without a telescope. Vorazhkie also had a dark moon about one-quarter the size of earth's moon. The moon orbited about one-third as far from Vorazhkie as the moon orbits earth, but was much less bright due to its unusual surface, and could never be seen during the day. A month was about six Vorazhkie days; somewhat longer than a week on earth.

Julie expressed her surprise that the dragons had English names. Unlike humans, they had different names in the different languages they spoke. As a speaker of English, she came to know them by their English names, but she rapidly picked up on the other names of the dragons she spent the most time around.

Initially, Julie felt she had little to offer the dragons. They were so strong and powerful that she felt helpless in their midst, but she was often surprised. The dragons were powerful, but there were certain tasks to which a human was better suited. For instance, Julie could fit into spaces that were too small for giant dragons. This wasn't much protection from the dragons, who could magically transport her out of these spaces, though as she soon learned, they were more likely to use their powers to save her than to harm her. On one occasion, when Julie became lost in a cave, the elder dragon Maria located her by telepathy and teleported her out. Julie also had excellent motor skills, and was a talented artist, despite having to hide her art from her possessive husband. She would entertain the dragons with her drawings, which were sometimes quite detailed and realistic and at other times very surreal, according to her mood.

Julie remained close to Dick, and when there was time to rest and have fun, she usually spent it with him. Some of the other dragons felt that Dick's behavior was reckless, and tried to warn her, but she would have none of it. Julie's desire to be eaten alive by Dick only increased with time, and she would often rub it in the face of meddling dragons. When Thomas, a dragon with whom Dick had frequent arguments, tried to warn Julie that Dick might hurt her, the following argument ensued. This occurred after Julie had been on Vorazhkie for nearly nine earth months:

"Julie, you trust Dick way too much. He loves danger, and he has a temper. He has hurt me, and it is not easy to hurt a dragon. He could kill you by accident."

"Dick loves me. Most of the other dragons don't treat him well, so of course he feels resentful. I love him, and he knows that."

"He sees you like a toy."

"BULLSHIT!"

"Make one false move and he'll eat you alive."

"That's exactly what I want."

"Are you just fucking with me, or do you seriously have no idea what you are saying?"

At this point, Maria interrupted. "Thomas, leave her alone. Dick isn't as bad as you think he is. You picked a fight with him and you lost. Stop blaming him for everything."

“Maria, I think Dick is using Julie and I just wanted to warn her. Do you not remember how he ended up here? He has been kicked out of other dragon communities because of all the fights he started. You voted to give him another chance. Are you sure you made the right call.”

“Dick is not a hothead. He has a long fuse. You deliberately and repeatedly provoked him.”

“How about Samuel? Dick has a history of hurting those who cross him.”

“That was 9000 years ago, and Samuel was hardly an innocent victim.” Thomas knew he had lost the argument. As he retreated, Julie thanked Maria for her support. Maria was known primarily as a healer, and did not like to insert herself into the disputes of others, but she felt she had to intervene this time. Maria had played a key role in the vote to allow Dick into the community. Dick was about 200 years old – a young adult by dragon standards. When his father suddenly died, another dragon named Samuel made fun of him. When Samuel refused to back down, Dick bit off Samuel’s tail and ate it as Samuel begged for mercy. Dick’s sorrow quickly turned to sadistic glee. The community was divided about what to do, but when Dick threatened to do to another dragon what he did to Samuel, his childhood community banished him. Dick flew about 150 miles before landing in his adopted community. Maria took pity on him and persuaded the other dragons to give him a chance. The dragons were wary of an outsider with a temper, but feared that Dick might die if they did not take him in. Thomas traveled to the other community to confirm Dick’s story; they simply said that Dick was banished because he intentionally hurt another dragon, refusing to confirm or deny any details of what happened. When Thomas said that they were holding a vote on whether to accept Dick into their community, the elders of Dick’s old community said that he was no longer their problem. Thomas told all of this to the other dragons in the community, and a bare majority decided to let Dick stay with them. The beloved healer Maria persuaded just enough dragons to accept him, while Joseph, who was one of the oldest and most revered living dragons, argued that Dick’s old community was trying to push a trouble maker off on them. Thomas abstained.

Dick learned of the argument, and warned Julie to stay away from Thomas. Dick admitted to hurting Thomas but noted that it was Thomas who started the fight. Julie needed little convincing that Thomas was trouble. Julie told Dick about Thomas’s warning that Dick would eat her, and her response. They both laughed. Julie asked why Dick refused to eat her. Dick tried to change the subject, but Julie was persistent. She reminded him of his insistence that he could do it safely and asked what other concerns he could possibly have. Dick responded that he wanted to be sure she was really ready. Julie lost her patience:

“WHAT THE FUCK ELSE DO I HAVE TO DO TO CONVINCE YOU? EAT ME, DAMN IT!”

“Calm down. We shouldn’t do this when you are angry.”

“Maybe I’ll just stay angry until you do.”

Rose interrupted: “We’ve had this conversation a number of times. If it was once or twice I might dismiss it, but she is persistent. She wouldn’t bring it up this many times unless she really wants it. I’m thinking of doing it if you won’t.”

“No, it has to be me,” Dick replied. “I’ll teach you how to do it, but the first time it has to be me.”

“The first time? You’ll do it then?” Julie could not contain her excitement. “Come on, I’m ready.”

“We need to plan this out,” Dick responded. “I want to know precisely how you want me to do it. Quickly? Slowly? Head first? Feet first? Do you want to spend some time in my mouth before I swallow you?”

“Head first sounds more exciting. And could you do a nice loud belch when you’re done? I want to know that you are enjoying it.” Julie ran toward him and stumbled. “SHIT! THAT WASN’T SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN!”

“I don’t think today is the day,” Rose said. “Maybe we could put on a show for you. I think you would like that.”

“What kind of show?” Julie asked.

“I revert to my human form, and he swallows me.” Julie giggled. Suddenly, there was a flash of light. Julie saw Rose in human form for the first time. Rose was over six feet tall. Even in human form, she was

significantly larger than Julie. Rose began licking her lips, and Dick mimicked her. Rose turned her back on Dick and ran as fast as she could. Dick grabbed Julie in his right hand then chased Rose. Despite her size, Rose was a fast runner, but Dick easily caught her. Dick wrapped his tongue around Rose and pulled her into his mouth. His teeth were fully retracted and his palatal valve was closed. Rose kicked and screamed. It was all an act. Rose connected telepathically with Julie and made it clear that she was in no danger and was enjoying every moment, even as she screamed in fake terror. Dick magically levitated Julie onto a heavy tree branch, from which she had an excellent view. To Julie's surprise, the branch was padded with the hide of some animal, protecting her from the roughness of the tree bark. Dick licked Rose's pussy vigorously as she kicked and screamed. He flung her into the air, and she fell feet first into his wide open mouth. Dick belched loudly. Julie asked if he could swallow her next.

"One at a time, I'm afraid," Dick responded. "But you'll get your chance." Dick snatched Julie from the branch and lay on his back, exposing his erection. Julie crawled across Dick's belly; then Dick forced his enormous cock into her pussy. Julie listened as Rose moaned with delight. Julie was surprised that she could hear Rose even though Rose was inside Dick's stomach. Their pleasure was mutually reinforcing. Dick ejaculated with such force that Julie was thrown into the air, but he quickly caught her before she could get hurt. Rose suddenly appeared beside them, once again in dragon form.

"So, now you've seen what it's like," Rose said. "Any second thoughts?"

"As if. I want it even more now," Julie responded. The three quickly grew tired and went to sleep. Before dozing off, Dick promised that Julie would soon get her turn. Dick lay down and wrapped his right arm around Julie before both fell asleep. The next morning, Dick awoke early and in distress. He was having difficulty breathing. Julie stayed beside him as Rose summoned help. Maria arrived with Joseph, an even older and more experienced healer. Fearing that Dick might have something contagious, Maria flew away with Julie under her arms. She figured that anything that could make a dragon ill was potentially fatal to a human.

Maria asked if they had been doing anything unusual, and Julie told her about the wild night they had. Maria informed Julie that transformation was a dangerous process and was visibly upset that Dick had transformed Rose to a human and back for fun. Julie protested that she had no idea about the risk, and Maria made it clear that she did not blame Julie for what had happened. The transformation had left Dick weak and vulnerable to infection. Maria was unsure if Dick had anything contagious but did not want to take any chances. Since Julie had spent the night curled up in Dick's arm, she could have caught anything Dick had. Julie expressed skepticism that Dick could catch anything that quickly. Maria responded that she was just being cautious and that this was an unusual event. She did not know of any

other dragons that had used transformation solely for entertainment, and usually when a transformation was done, there would be several dragons involved so that no one dragon expended a dangerous amount of energy. For instance, when Rose was transformed from her original human form into a young dragon, more than a dozen dragons channeled their collective energy to do so. The risk was exacerbated by the vigorous sex, and Rose was potentially at risk too, though she had not shown any symptoms yet.

Maria agreed to look after Julie until more was known about Dick's condition. After a few days, it became clear that Julie was not physically ill, though she missed Dick and Rose and begged to be reunited with them. Maria treated Julie with compassion, and Julie's trust for Maria quickly grew. Maria warned Julie that she was aging, and that each healing she performed depleted some of her life energy. Joseph was older than Maria but in better health. Maria loved Dick, and was willing to take the risk, even though she was angry at Dick for misusing the transformation process. Maria was concerned about telling Joseph how Dick had become ill, lest he decide that Dick was not worth the risk. Though Joseph had strongly opposed admitting Dick into the community, he had become one of Dick's closest friends. Joseph promptly forgave Dick's latest transgression, feeling that Dick was paying through his illness.