

## Hawk's Remembrance By Sweetkitten

Even though Hawk acted relaxed aboard the Searcher. He still had one person on his mind,his beloved "Koori".

In his quarters he stood and looked out the portal at the vast number of stars. In a very soft voice he whispered,"Koori, I'm so lost with-out you, my love".

He closed his eyes and thought of Koori; the way she moved, her smile, even the way she would get mad at me for staying away to long.

He opened his tear-filled eyes and sighed. He sat down in a chair that was next to the portal.

"I need to rest," he thought to himself. But that was not meant to be. As soon as he closed his eyes, his mind filled with memories of Koori and their people.

No matter how hard he tried he could not open his eyes again. Exhaustion finally took over.

He soon fell into a deep sleep, and the picture of his lost mate kept running through his mind. Finally the picture stopped on a part of his life that he knew very well.

It was when they first seen each other many years ago. Every night the village would gather around the communal fire and tell the children how their ancestors came to Throm.

Hawk, dreaming of all these good memories of Koori and their people put a smile on his face. He turned his head a little as if to see more of Koori in his dreams.

Soon he settled down again. He then remembered how he used to tease her about how little she was, her being three years younger than Hawk. He teased her for a number of years. But, he would never tease her to hurt her. Koori seem to know that he was just playing around.

After several years went by, Hawk realized just how beautiful and kind Koori was, even after all that teasing. He realized he had fallen in love with her, so he decided to tell her how he really felt about her.

The next day, he saw Koori out in a field of flowers. When he finally worked up enough nerve to go to her, she looked up at him and smiled. Hawk's heart started to melt from the sight of her sweet smile. He thought to himself, what if she just laughs at me? But finally he got up the nerve to tell her how he felt. She gave him a little smile,and told him that she'd had the same feelings for him for a long time. Hawk's heart started to beat faster.

Before she walked away,she leaned toward him and gave him a kiss on his cheek. He was so surprised that he just stood there for a few minutes after she left.

Then he started smiling. He had to have her for his mate! He ran up to her home and knocked on the door. Soon Koori's father came to the door.

"Yes, Hawk can I help you?" Hawk just stood frozen for a few minutes, then finally spoke. He told her father how he felt about Koori, and that he wanted to ask for her hand in marriage. Koori's mother who had followed her mate to the door, and father started laughing good naturedly. Hawk stood there wondering what was so funny.

Her parents looked at Hawk's confused face and told him that Koori was always telling them that one day she was going to marry Hawk. She'd been telling them that for several years.

Koori's father reached out to shake Hawk's hand, and gave him his blessing.

One week later, Koori and Hawk stood before Make Make, and their family and friends and exchanged wedding vows.

The next day they left to go to the soaring place. There they would seal their bond for each other.

It was about three weeks later, that Hawk and Koori came back to the village, and found their families and friends slaughtered.

Hawk suddenly awoke with tears in his eyes once again. How can I live after what happened to all my people, and losing my true love, he said to himself.

Just then a knock came on his door. "Enter," Hawk said in a low voice.

Buck entered into the room and could tell right away Hawk has been thinking of Koori. "Are you ok?" Buck asked in a sympathetic voice.

Hawk stood up, and looked out the portal, and then said to Buck, "You said it would get easier with time." Hawk then turned around and looked Buck right in the eyes.

Buck answered with a soft and understanding voice, "yes it will get easier, but you will never forget".

Hawk could only turn away and look at the stars. He wondered if Koori was missing him as much as he was missing her.

Buck walked over to Hawk and gazed out the portal with his friend. Buck lowered his head and asked, "Hawk, do you remember what you told us when you first came on the Searcher?"

Hawk turned, looked at Buck and asked, "what did I say?" Buck replied, "you told us only some of your people landed on Throm. So it's possible that some of them went to a near-by system and survived. So you see my friend, there's a good possibility that you are not the last of your kind."

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