Betrayal of Friendship

This story was written by Justin Kelley. All thoughts and comments can be sent to JDKelley18@aol.com. This story involves strong language, violence, death and other subjects of a very mature nature. If these subjects offend you, do not read the story. Well, here we go.

Chapter 14:   The Final Fight for Earth.

Goku stood alone at the entrance to his house. His wife and father-in-law had ran into the hills after many words. The hardest part was telling his wife to go even when she asked about her children.

"Where's Gohan and Goten!? Where are my babies!? Goku, why aren't they with you!?" kept ringing in his head. He turned and walked down to the lake. He looked over it's smooth surface and noticed, unhappily, that the sky was darkening.

Small ripples formed as a tear dropped from Goku's eye. He had lost his friends and family and now he was the last. He balled his hands into fists and looked straight into the air.

"Gohan! Goten! Vegeta! Krillin! Piccolo! Tenshinhan! Chaozu! Trunks! Yamcha! Dende! I swear that I'll avenge your deaths!"

Goku turned his head as he heard clapping. Behind stood a pillar of white fire. Goku turned his body and locked his body into a fighting stance.

"What a lovely speech. Really, I've always wondered why the wounded hero must have his little line before the fight."

"Beast! I'm going to make you pay for what you've done!"

Goku's anger only burned stronger when he heard the laughter that followed. He saw him draw closer, the energy begining to blow his hair around.

"You couldn't guess how many times I've heard that. Really, it's lost all of it's meaning. I mean, how could the likes of you..." Tien powered down and waited for the energy to leave his body. Goku's eyes shot open and his mouth began to babble, "defeat me?"

"Tenshinhan! You!? But..."

Tien raised his hand and laughed.

"Are you ready for our rematch? We're 1-1. I've waited my entire life for this moment!"

Goku remained standing, awe-struck as Tien flew forward and drove his fist into Goku's chest. Goku shot backwards, kicking up water to his sides as he stopped himself. His mind filled with anger and he exploded in kaio-ken.

Goku flew back across the lake and began to attack Tien. He swung with a wide punch and felt it get blocked, but couldn't see Tien's arm. He tried to kick him in the face and felt his leg nearly get snapped as Tien wrapped his arm around the knee and drop his elbow down onto the thigh.

Goku layed in the small crater for several seconds before he dropped out of kaio-ken. He looked up at Tien. Goku flipped backwards and felt Tien's boot land on his back in the process, crying out as he hit the ground again. Tien pressed down harder, then stepped off him.

"Do you see now that you are powerless against me? No power you possess can match mine!"

Goku pushed himself up and raised his head. Slowly standing, he spat at Tien's feet. Goku began to flare with gold fire as he stared at Tien.

"Tenshinhan... it's over!"

As Goku detonated the energy inside him, triggering the transformation to level 2, he flew forward and connected his right fist into Tien's chest. He sent the human flying back slightly and ran forward, zanzokening as he came in.

Goku felt the rush of power as he dropped out long enough to smash his knee into Tien's back. He shot backwards as he felt Tien begin to move and barely dodged a hook. Goku landed and looked over at Tien.

"Tell me, why! Surely we could have worked through this! I would have been glad to train you!"

Goku shot back as Tien became enraged. As he chased after him on foot, Goku shot over his head. Tien turned and quickly unleashed a blast that caught Goku in the stomach, knocking him to the ground. Goku rolled over to his chest and began pushing himself up.

"So you could enjoy in watching me fail!? Wallow in your own superiority? So you could hold my hand!? No! My pride has been beaten enough!"

Tien fired another blast at Goku and watched as he flew into the air through the

smoke.

"Why do you insist on dragging this out!"

As Tien blew the image away with an intense beam, the real Goku flew behind him and kicked him across the back of his neck. This caused Tien to hit his knees as he flew forward through the ground.

Goku took off into the air and drove his knees down into Tien's back. He began to throw killer punches into his back as he slowly lifted off, his rage clouding his mind. He fired off a renzoku energy dan at a range of three feet. The sound of Tien yelling in pain spurred him on even harder.

Goku stopped his attack and reached down, palming Tenshinhan's skull and picked him him up out of the ground. As he squeezed down into his bald head, Goku began to hit Tien's kidneys with his free hand. He was squeezing so hard that blood began to leak out from where he was touching his head.

Goku's blows came to halt as one of Tien's legs came up backwards into his groin. He let Tien loose and recieved Tien's fist into his face. Goku flew backwards as Tien overtook him and kneed him in the mouth.

As Goku's head went down into the ground, he still had the sense of mind to bring his legs up and shot them under Tenshinhan's arms. Tien's eyes went wide in shock as Goku straightened his legs, drawing him into the ground as well. Slowly, Tenshinhan rose and saw Goku rising as well.

They looked at each other as the sky's burden was let loose onto the ground. Goku spat out blood to the ground and broadened his stance.

"Tenshinhan, I'm sorry for what I have to do here today. I wish I could change it, but the death of my family and friends must be avenged!" Goku began to power up, solid bolts of golden lightning hanging around his body. As he screamed in rage, his hair pushed out until it hung down onto his back before his body exploded in intense fire. The scream and explosion caused the tops of the surrounding mountain tops to slide down their slopes.

Tien was looking forward as Goku's fist hit his cheek, sending him flying to the side. Tien stopped and took a knee to his chest that sent him flying into the air and was followed by a boot into the mouth. Tien flew backwards as fast as he could and tried to spot Goku.

"It's nothing I can't handle. I just need to concentrate on the fighting. Hyahh!"

Tien opened his clenched hand and fired off a beam into the ground. He saw Goku

take off through the air as the beam come down on him after zanzokening there. Tien followed his movements with an intense ki beam from his third eye. The ground behind and below Goku was sliced into deeply, causing the ground below to belch thick dust into the air.

Goku left an image behind for Tien to slice in half as he flew straight up from underneath him at ground level. Tien realized the mistake in time to take two fists into his abs. He doubled over and took an uppercut to his chin. Goku charged a kame hame ha quickly and pushed his cupped hands at Tien's backfliping body. Goku saw his form be consumed by the blue beam and felt Tien fly backwards with the attack.

As Goku ended the attack, he took off after the small speck at the limit of his vision. It disappeared on his way there, causing Goku to slow down and bring his arms up in a defensive posture. Seconds later he was hit from below with Tien's own kame hame ha.

A few moments later, Goku hit the ground. His gi was smoking and blood began to run out of his cheek. He spit at the ground when he saw Tien land in front of him and stood up to attack again. The two began to trade blows on the ground, ripping the ground asunder. Goku took several heavy blows and was brought down. Tien stomped him down into the ground several times before he flew up and hit Goku with several kikohos.

Goku used his shunkan idou to get right behind Tenshinhan and attacked him. He was surprised as Tien quickly spun around and hit him with all of his might in the temple. Goku dropped like dead weight. Lightning illuminated the sky as Tien began to rain ki blasts on his enemy from above.

Meanwhile, back at the Capsule Corp. building, Vegeta had finished the graves of his wife and child. He had eaten one of the sensu left on the ground after his rage had left him. The rain falling on him washed his body of the blood and dirt he had acumulated during his fight with Tien. Silently, Vegeta kneeled down between the mounds and placed the hilt of his sons' swords on top. His face remained emotionless as he stood back up.

Slowly, Vegeta turned on his heel and walked to the elevator leading down into the training room. Sections of the ceiling had fallen into the walkway, causing him to go a little slower. Forcing the door open, he found the elevator on his floor. Knowing that it would not respond to his commands, Vegeta pressed down with his body and drove through the floor, feet first. Reaching out, he shoved the door outwards and stepped onto the floor.

Down below, the air was as black as obsidian. But this familiar room needed no light for Vegeta. He walked as if everything was illuminated and turned into the healing chamber. He walked to the far wall and reached up to it, taking a metal box down. Memories welled up inside him, but he pushed them down as he went back to the ground level.

As he unlocked the latches, Vegeta looked down and saw the yellow strap armor lying on top of his blue jumpsuit, gloves and boots. It was the final copy made for him by Bulma. After he had fought without it, he realized how much of his past was wrapped in the suit and it was a past he didn't want in his new life.

"But now... the past is all I have left."

Vegeta took off the remaining rags of his suit and reached down and pull his old suit out. He pulled on the legs, then the shirt. He grabbed the boots and pulled them on. Next came the strap armor. He pulled it on and flexed his muscles, trying to get used to it's feeling. Finally, he slipped his right hand into the glove followed by his left.

"Tenshinhan..."

Vegeta reached down to the ground and picked up the remaining sensu before he flew through the broken roof and headed to the battle field as fast as he could. His face was void of everything other than an intense rage that was starting to surface.

Back at the fight, Goku's Super Saiyan 3 form had proven to be too weak to defeat Tien. Goku kneeled on the ground, his long hair lying in the mud at his feet. As Tien wiped blood from his mouth, Goku zanzokened forward and hit him. His fist bounced off of Tien's chest. As he tried to escape, Tien drove his own fist down across Goku's chest, slicing it open.

As Goku's body hit the ground, his hair faded and shrunk. He slowly got to his knees and felt Tien wrap his hand around his throat. He felt his body get picked up and soon his feet could no longer touch the ground. He tried to kick his way free but he felt Tien tighten his grip to the point where he was sure his neck was going to be broken.

"So, this is how it ends. I must say Goku, you're as strong as ever. Worthy of being my final opponent. But now, it must end. Goodbye, 'old friend'."

Tien raised his other hand and brought it down towards Goku's face. Goku shut his eyes and waited for the end. Instead, he felt a very familiar ki signature come from behind Tenshinhan. He opened his eyes to see a white boot driven into the side of Tenshinhan's head, knocking his grip loose and allowing Goku to drop to the ground.

"Ve... Vegeta!? How? I thought..."

Vegeta raised his hand and cut Goku off. He reached into his suit and pulled out the second sensu and tossed it to Goku.

"Here, eat this. We need to be at full strength to destroy this bastard." Vegeta transformed to his second level as he took several steps toward Tenshinhan.

Tien stood up and began to rub his ear. He laughed as he saw Vegeta stop about twenty feet from him. He clapped briefly before his laughter ceased and his smile went away.

"So, I see your sorry ass didn't know when to die. And do you really expect to defeat me? We both know the limitations of your power. Goku's third level couldn't do it and I doubt your second one will."

Vegeta said nothing. He opened his palm to the rain and watched it splash around. For several seconds, nothing was said. Suddenly, he clenched his fist and looked back at Goku.

"Kakorotto, hurry and eat the sensu."

Tien's eyes shot wide as Goku ate the green bean. He felt Goku's strength return and increase. He looked at Vegeta in his armor, fully healed and back to Goku. Suddenly, he realized where those sensu came from and dropped to his knees in hysterics. After a few moments, he managed to stand and face the two Saiyans again.

"So, I see you saw my handy work. I really didn't think you'd see it in this world. But, I don't mind this twist of fate."

"Vegeta, what is he talking about?"

Before Vegeta could answer, Tien explained.

"His wife, daughter and sons were all killed by me. I must say, it was a rather nasty affair. Blood and organs everywhere. Beautiful, in a way."

Goku was shocked and took a step backwards in disgust.

"Have you truely sunk so low?"

"Tenshinhan, prepare to fight me. I demand vengence!"

Tien spat at Vegeta's feet.

"It wouldn't be worth my time. I know your tactics now. You may be a little stronger from healing, but you're nothing to me. Get out of the way so I can kill Goku."

"Kakorotto can wait. I demand a fight."

"You stupid bastard. Your second level is nothing!" With this, Tenshinhan dashed forward to knock Vegeta's head off. He was surprised when Vegeta caught his wrist.

Looking into his eyes, Tenshinhan saw them burn an intense green.

"No, but you have yet to feel the wrath of my third!"

Both Goku and Tenshinhan were shocked at these words. Tien didn't even fight back as Vegeta lifted him up and threw him a couple hundred feet away. He drew his fists close to his body and screamed in rage as golden fire slowly consumed him from the feet up. After being completly covered, golden lightning raged from his body and tore the ground he stood at apart. Vegeta threw his arms out and the fire left him quickly, driving the clouds above away. Silenty, Vegeta stood there, long golden hair flowing down his body.

"Kakorotto, join me!"

Goku's shocked expression left him as he smiled and transformed as well. Vegeta and Goku both charged the slowly rising Tien. Vegeta went up high and tried to connect with a boot but missed as Tien dodged to the left. This allowed Goku to hit in square in the rips with a kick of his own, sending him flying ahead of Vegeta.

Vegeta yelled in rage and sped up until he overtook Tien's body. He drove his knees down into his abdomen, forcing him into the rocky ground. As the two slid through it, Vegeta began to pound Tenshinhan's face with his fists. He tried to avoid Tien's counter attack but took the jab to the jaw. As Vegeta flew off, Tien tried to get up only to encounter Goku's full assult. He defended as best as he could but soon Goku was driving fists straight into Tenshinhan's chest.

Vegeta flew back and went above Tien before driving his feet straight down onto Tenshinhan's shoulders. Tien yelled as he was knocked below the surface of the ground. Goku came to a quick halt in front of the hole. Vegeta landed opposite of him and pointed his hands down into the hole. Goku followed suit and both began to pour ki down into the ground.

Explosions from below rocked the ground around them and forced them to fly up to avoid being tossed around. After a couple of minutes, the two stopped their attack and dropped to the ground, breathing heavily.

"Ve..Vegeta... thank you."

Vegeta said nothing and only continued to catch his breath.

"My, my... that was very impressive!"

Goku and Vegeta looked at each other in shock before looking up at the floating human.

"Impossible!"

"What will it take to kill you, human!?"

Tien laughed and landed dozens of feet away. He looked back in forth and chuckled.

"I'll answer the question you'll obviously ask when you get your jaws off the ground. In your little rage to roast me alive, you failed to notice me zanzoken above you. Vegeta, remember how you tricked me before? I took the leason to heart. You two really are very foolish. Now, shall we continue?"

Goku and Vegeta rose to their feet and got ready to attack when Tenshinhan lifted his hand.

"First," with a yell, two more arms came from Tenshinhan's body, "now, we may continue!"

Goku was the first to reach Tien. He tried to throw a punch but his wrist was caught. He tried to kick Tien upside the head and saw Tien raise one of his arms to block it. With his free arms, he hit Goku hard in the chest, sending him back.

Vegeta zanzokened in punching after Goku was knocked away. Tien leaped from the ground and took off backwards with Vegeta in persuit. The two began throwing punches as Vegeta closed the gap. However, after a few seconds, it became obvious that Vegeta was taking the worst of it. When he tried to attack, Tien would hit him in his exposed area. If he tried to defend, Tien's overwhelming offense would batter him.

"Tenshinhan!"

Tien looked up see Goku flying upside down along with them. Extending his arms, Goku placed his cupped hands right in Tien's face and fired his kame hame ha. As all four arms went to cover his head the bleeding Vegeta powered up his final flash and placed his hands right on Tenshinhan's chest.

"Aghhh!"

Tien bounced back on the ground and through it several times. He landed on his chest and fought to raise himself as Goku and Vegeta took positions on either side of him. At the same time, the two Saiyans charged and prepared to attack. The two reared back their fists to strike at the fallen human when he suddenly stood straight up.

"Fools!"

Goku and Vegeta tried to stop as they saw him stretch an arm out at both of them

before hitting them with one handed kame hame has. The two screamed in pain as they were knocked back, smoking and bleeding. They landed quite a distance apart. As Tien fired off several beams with his hands at Goku, Vegeta was slowly standing up.

"Not in this world will you be allowed to win. No matter the cost..."

Vegeta took off madly at Tien and drove his knee into the small of his back. Tien turned quickly and was rewarded with several blows to the face. All four arms went to crush Vegeta's head at the same time but were stopped by his forearms.

Vegeta and Tenshinhan's eyes met as they both struggled to gain superiority over the other. Sweat and blood ran down their faces and bodies. Slowly, through a massive act of will, Vegeta pushed Tien's arms away from him before driving his knee into Tenshinhan's abs. As he hunched over, Vegeta balled his hands together and swung sideways into Tien's head, sending him flying so fast across the ground that dust was left in long columns in his wake.

"Vegeta! Wait, we need to fight together!"

"Kakorotto, I have him now! I must do this!"

Vegeta tore through the air after Tien and shot straight down with his arms entended out. As Vegeta drove his hands through the false image and into the rock, he saw a black boot heading right into his face. So fierce was the hit that Vegeta was sent flying back taking a large chunk of rock left clinging around his hands.

"Should have listened to that other piece of trash!"

Tien walked to Vegeta and went to grab him when he had all of the rock brought down on top of his head. This served to daze him long enough for Vegeta to kick him hard in the chest and get back to his feet and prepare another attack.

When the two clashed, it was Vegeta who took the worse of the exchange. His initial attack had been deflected by one of Tien's four arms and had left him wide open for a chop into his ribs, shatering his armor there. Vegeta tried to counter after that, but was too slow as Tien ducked and drove his fist into his gut, breaking more armor. After that, Vegeta just tried to stay in close, getting beaten at the same time. In one last attempt to attack, Vegeta sliced his hand across Tien's waist and was rewarded with a fist to either of his temples. The Prince's eyes glazed over and Tien lifted him high over the ground and pushed in harder, cracking bone and causing blood to being to leak from his ears. Chops to the ribs first cracked then broke the armor off in chunks and soon Vegeta was coughing up blood as well.

"Vegeta!"

Tien used his other hands to duel-uppercut him square in the face. Vegeta's hair shortened as he floated backwards.

"No!"

Tien turned to see Goku charge at him. A quick side step and elbow drop sent Goku skidding across the ground before being ingulfed with a kikoho from Tien.

"Ha ha ha! What a waste of my time! I really thought the two of you could do better than this!"

Tien looked over at Vegeta and saw him gone. He shot his eyes open as he felt Vegeta next to Goku. He turned to see both of them swallow a sensu. Looking down, he noticed that his bag had been stolen. A flashback of Vegeta's last attack came to him and he realized what must have happened.

"Give those back!"

Vegeta smurked as the bag cought fire in his hand.

"Without these, your powers are worthless."

Tien became enraged at the Saiyan's audacity. He began to slowly stalk forward, raising his power to it's limit. Before he could take more than ten steps, the two were gone.

"Don't run from me you bastard!"

Nearly a mile away, the two of them were looking at Tien while keeping their power down. Every time Tien swung his head around their direction, they ducked down. The tension in the air was thick enough to reach out and touch. Vegeta hit the ground with his fist and snarled.

"I feel so powerless not being able to go fight him now!"

"We can't hide forever, Vegeta. If he tires of this, he could go destroy more cities or maybe even the planet."

"I know. Kakorotto, I was thinking of this. Alone, neither of us can beat him. And working together, we get drove apart from each other."

Goku only nodded his head at this.

"Kakorotto, fuse with me. Only combined do we have the power to stop him. And he can't seperate the two of us as easily."

"Vegeta, it sounds kind of dangerous..."

"Kakorotto, I'm asking you this as a warrior and... as a friend. Help me get revenge for everyone lost at his hands."

Goku nodded again and stood up. Vegeta smiled and joined him. Slowly, the dance began.

"FUUUU..."

Tien turned to the sound and charged an attack.

"SION! HA!"

As Tien prepared to fire, he felt a massive wave of strength run at him. He slowly walked backwards as Gogeta slowly hovered towards him. Long golden hair ran down his back and swung slightly as he moved. Tien fired off his attack, retracted his second pair of arms and dashed at Gogeta. Gogeta concentrated on the oncoming attack. In a flash, the weak attack exploded as a harmless cloud of smoke. Through this, Tien's body stabbed out and pounded Gogeta with punches.

Several seconds later, Gogeta drove his fist forward into Tenshinhan's mouth. Blood spewed out as he was sent rocketing backwards. Gogeta thrust his hand up and slightly stretched his fingers out. Miles away, Tenshinhan's body stopped dead in the air as if he hit a wall and dropped to the ground. Gogeta's body was engulfed in ki as he shot off from the ground, leaving dust and broken rock behind.

He reached down and grabbed Tien's neck and drug him through the rocks before flipping forward and flinging Tien into the distant mountains. He watched as the speck that was Tenshinhan hit the mountain and split it open. He raised a hand, collected ki into it and flung the crescent attack at him.

Before it hit he realized Tien was coming back and had dodged the attack. As it landed where he was, the mountain was ingulfed in an explosion and was gone as the smoke came out black and heavy from the crater. Looking up, Gogeta saw Tien turn his body down right at him. He kicked up and grazed Tenshinhan's chest and felt his own explode in pain as Tien landed a punch.

Gogeta forced his feet to the ground and slid through it as he racked his body to stop himself. He jumped into the air, dodging a sweep from Tien who then sprung up after him. He turned and landed a punch into Tien's face, breaking his nose and causing a gush of blood to flow from it.

With a thud, Tien landed back on the ground. Gogeta wiped sweat from his brow

and lowered himself to stand next to his enemy. He brought up his boot and smashed it into Tien's chest with such rage that deep cracks ripped the ground apart. With a savage kick, Tien was knocked into one of the chasms.

Gogeta sighed and hit a knee. He eyes shot open as he felt Tien's energy spike and he quickly tried to jump off the plateau. A shin-kikoho incinerated the rock and washed over Gogeta's body. He threw up a feeble ki shield around his body and tried to fly out of the attack's range. A few feet from the edge of the blast, his shield fell and he was knocked with the full force of the ki beam. A few moments later, it ended and Gogeta fell down into the cracks he had created.

He opened his eyes slowly and spit out blood as he slowly stood back up. It was dark down here, but he could see. He was seeing double, but he could see. He reached forward and nearly missed the base of a plateau in front of him. He shifted his weight to the arm and tried to catch his breath.

"He just doesn't give up..." groaned the combined voices of Goku and Vegeta as he shifted back to his feet. He jumped backwards and nearly fell onto his back as he felt Tien drive forward through the rock. Gogeta tried to fly up and saw Tien wrap his hands around his ankles. Tien forced himself back and brought Gogeta into the still collapsing rubble.

Thinking quickly, Gogeta flew with Tien's movement and flew between his legs, flipping him onto his back as he was pulled through them and caused him to let go of his grip. Gogeta came to a halt with a flash of light and turned to his fallen opponet. He threw out a hand and let loose with a powerful blast, scarring the world even furthur. He saw Tenshinhan cover his head with his arms before the attack engulfed him.

"Die, you bastard!"

Gogeta stared into the beam and saw a spark rise up quickly from the hole. Tien's burned and bleeding body forced it way right in front of the fused Saiyan and hit him with all of his strength. Gogeta gasped in pain as he was driven backwards and upwards through the rock. As he rose into the sky, Tien zanzokened from below to drive his elbow down into his sternum and his brought his knee up into his back. He pressed down until he heard Gogeta's bones start to crack.

His body filled with pain, Gogeta struck desperately with the arm not pinned against Tenshinhan's body. He managed to hit Tien in the throat several times and slip between his elbow and knee.

"I will not let you live!"

Gogeta turned around quickly and covered Tien's beaten face with his right hand. He tightened his grip until he saw blood run down from his finger tips. He scrunched up

his eyebrows and began to concentrate, causing the remainder of his energy to flare up around him in intense gold.

"I will kill you, you worthless alien trash!"

Tien grabbed Gogeta's face and tightened his grip as well, flaring with bright white energy. The two's power began to build up and spark. As both continued to focus what was left from their intense fight, the sky began to heat up and soon the ground below was being destroyed.

"It's over!" screamed Gogeta as he poured all of his energy into his hand. At the same time, Tien forced all of his power into his hand. The resulting explosions burned in the sky brighter than the sun. The ground below baked and cracked from the heat. If anyone could have looked into it, they would have seen a tiny spec fly out on the opposite side of two smaller specs.

Eventually, the blast died away and all that was left was black smoke that hung in the air. On the ground, the three fighters were slowly dying. Most of the flesh on their faces, necks and pecs had been charred.

"Goku! Get up! Get to Tenshinhan before he can get away!"

The voice of King Kai was screaming in Goku's head as he tried to force his eyes open. He couldn't remember anything through the pain. Slowly, the events of the recent past came back to him. As he remembered all the deaths, his rage began to burn again. Ever so slowly, he pushed his body up to his knees and fought to keep his breath. He managed to open an eye and saw Vegeta's body slowly twitching beside him.

Looking up, Goku couldn't see Tien anywhere.

"King Kai, where is he?"

Goku waited for a few seconds before he asked again. When he still recieved no response, not even a scream to let him concentrate, it dawned on Goku that Tien must be blocking the God's thoughts from reaching him.

"That must mean he's at least still concious. Great, just what we need. Vegeta, we have to keep going."

The Prince slowly stood and nearly collapsed before he could steel his resolve and force his tired body to stand erect.

"I don't feel him close to us, Kakorotto."

Goku nodded and took a few steps forward. As his mind continued to clear from

the attack, he could reach out furthur and furthur. After a few more seconds, he let out a shocked gasp and turned his head back to Vegeta.

"Tien! He's going towards Capsule Corps.!"

Vegeta was just as shocked as Goku was and before saying a word he forced his body into flight with Goku right behind him.

"What could he possibly want there? He's already killed everyone there." mused Goku innocently.

Vegeta looked back at Goku with no small amount of anger in his eyes.

"There are the space ships! They have regen tanks inside them and they don't rely on the power of the city to opperate. He could be trying to heal in time to face us before we get our strength back!"

Goku gave a small frown and nodded his head. Small bits of blue cloth flew past Goku off of Vegeta's suit. There was almost nothing of it left. Looking down, he realized that he himself was nearly nude.

Nearly a minute ahead of the Saiyans, Tien was pushing his body as hard as he could to keep ahead of the two he felt behind him. He was still cursing himself for letting them form Gogeta and for letting that bothersome catfish talk to Goku.

"I can't stay here on Earth anymore. I'm a little too old to be ready to fight in a week or two, and those damned monkeys won't give up until they kill me. My only chance is to escape in space. The flight system didn't look too complicated from the designs I saw."

Looking down at his body, Tien realized that his stomach had been torn open in the attack. If adrenaline was blocking the pain or he was simply too hurt everywhere else to focus on that new injury Tien didn't know. What he did know is that he was starting to slow down as he felt his energy slowly bleeding off.

"I still should have enough of a lead to get to the ship before they can get to me."

As Tien entered the dark city, the few humans and animals who had braved going outside fled like rats. Tien flew low to the Capsule Corps. building and landed in the court yard. He began to walk up the stairs when he was brough to his knees from an attack behind him. He turned back and saw Vegeta in the air above him, leaking blood on the ground below as he lowered his right hand. Vegeta's eyes rolled into the back of his head, and he fell silently into the road below him.

"Damn you! But you're too late! I'm already here!"

As Tien turned his head back around, he saw Goku's body right before his vision was dimmed from a boot into the eyes. Tien cried out as he fell backwards onto the ground. He felt Goku walking very slowly to come to him.

"So," Tien thought to himself, "they caught up with me at the expense of their already injured bodies."

"Tenshinhan, Hell will be too good for you."

Tien looked up as Goku began to draw back his hands for his trade mark attack.

"Wait for it..."

"Goodbye, 'old friend'" Goku said those last two words with no small amount of pain and anguish.

Tien saw the blue light spill from the cupped hands.

"Almost..."

"Kame hame ha!"

"Now!"

Quickly, Tien used most of his strength to fire his own at Goku after he had used most of his own strength to charge his attack He tried to dodge, but Goku was hit dead on with it. He said nothing as he hit his knees and then his face.

"Must be quick..."

Tien began to crawl slowly past Goku and back up the stairs. That last attack was more than his body could handle. The blood slowly coming from his body helped him to drag his weight across the floor and over to the console. He reached up and pulled himself to his knees. He could barely see the buttons as he hit them in sequence as the read out gave him for lift off. With a smile, Tien heard the door shut behind him and the ship begin to raise into the air before engaging it's main drive and begin to rip through space.

Tenshinhan had only the sense of mind to give the ship a general direction before he fell to his back.

"Now, for the regen pod."

As he turned over and looked to the corner it should inhabit, his spirits sank. The

machinery was in shambles. He had taken the ship Goku had healed in. Tien passed out on the floor with a look of disbelief on his face.

Back on Earth, Goku had finally came around and was carrying Vegeta into the other ship. He put him in the regen pod and went over to the chair in front of the controls. He dropped into it and sighed as he looked at it.

"I don't know where you are, Tenshinhan, but I will find you. And next time, I won't let you escape."

"Goku? Can you hear me?"

"Bulma, is that you? Are you at King Kai's?"

"Yes, I'm here. I know what happened. King Kai can't feel Tien anymore but then again he is very tired."

"Yes, so hurry up and explain!"

"Fine, you jerk. Goku, the controls in front of you. Hit the large screen in the middle. Then hit the big white key at the very bottom. Now, you should hit the yellow key on the left of the screen, then the purple. You should see a list of planets. Select the second one. Now, hit the white key again."

Goku followed Bulma's orders, though he didn't understand them.

"Bulma, where am I supposed to go."

"You're going to bring us back, Goku. You're going to bring us back so all of us can help you and Vegeta get Tenshinhan back! You're heading towards New Namek."

Goku smiled and nodded his head.

"Thanks Bulma. I'll see all of you soon then."

Goku closed his eyes and his smile faded.

"And you, Tien. I promise that I'll be the last person you ever see!"

And while this small war was waged on Earth, the Rhodjan fleet descended into the giant asteroid known as the Citadel. Nearly thirty other races had fleets joining them. As Ornita looked at the Walls of Vigilance, a tear ran down his face. Had it really been so long since he had played there with his brothers?

A chime told him his escort had arrived. Ornita turned from the window and

walked to the door and hit the switch to open it. The three Rhodjans bowed to him.

"Vacil, deliver a message to the Council of the Watch. Tell them that I will speak to them in an hour."

Vacil bowed and walked down the main corridor, leading to the walkway that would take them from the landing facilites into the large city that was the heart of the giant fortress.

"Laysha, Saiz? Please return to your posts."

The two threw each other a quick glance before bowing and leaving their Lord alone. He turned and threw his ceremonial cape behind him as he walked to the room of Ursapha. He hit the chime and waited for the door to open.

"Enter, dear friend."

Ornita walked in and found Ursapha looking at a projection of his family. He had been the father to nearly a hundred. And now, he was all that was left of his house. He turned it off and looked at the formally dressed Ornita.

"My Lord, I heard that you intend to speak to the Council?"

"Ursapha, there is no need for such formalities between us."

"You still call me Master, though."

Ornita laughed and shook his head.

"Yes, this is true. And to answer your inquiry, I sent a message to the Council that I would like to speak to them in an hour."

"Oh? And what do you intend to say?"

"I thought a lot on our way here. And I have decided my path. I am going to declare war on the reborn human Empire and I will avenge the deaths of all the people they killed."

Ursapha was slightly shocked, but nodded his head in approval. The two said nothing as they heared the fortress wide announcement for the two of them to make their way to the Council of the Watch's chambers. In less than an hour, the fate of billions of lives would be decided.

The End

This story was written by Justin Kelley. Any thoughts, send them to JDKelley18@aol.com.

Thank you to everyone who has read my story and writen to me to share their thoughts. The sequal to this story, "Twilight and Dawn" will be started in a week, but will stop when I go to boot camp. After I return, I should finish it quickly and end this two part epic that I'm trying to create. I would really like to hear from everyone again on all good and bad parts of this story so that I may correct the next story to make it the best that I can. Again, thank you.
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