

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 6: The fall of the last human.

Silently, a small beam of light pierced through a window in the Capsule Corp. complex. It shone down onto the face of Goten. His light brown face squinted, and he rolled over on to his side, blocking the sun.

A few birds chirped outside, singing in the new day. Silently, Vegeta rose from bed. He had spent a glorious amount of energy on Bulma, and he was determined to recuperate in peace. He stumbled over his clothing on the ground, and kicked it aside, effortlessly. He walked over to the window, and hit the button to it's side that opened it up. The glass slid up, heading into the building. Vegeta stuck his head out. He squinted in the light, and looked below. He saw the little birds.

"Damn avion pieces of shit." he mumbled to himself. Slowly, he placed his hand out the window, and fired off a shot. The birds exploded into pieces of worm kibble. Vegeta hit the button to close the window, and went back to bed.

Below, on the first floor, Goku as well got up. Slowly, he stood up. He reached down and picked up his gi. He pulled on the pants, and tucked the blue undershirt into them, and pulled his belt tight.

"I'll put the rest on after I eat." he mumbled as he went, on instinct, to the kitchen. He looked around, and opened the fridge. He picked out a few sausages, bacon, milk and some eggs. As he was sitting down, Chi Chi came in as well, and took the food from him. Goku looked sad, but perked back up as he saw her begin to cook the food. The smell of food brought in Gohan, Trunks and Goten. Chi Chi saw the four hungry men, and sighed. It never got any easier feeding them.

In the bright new day, another man began to stir. Silently, Tenshinhan rose from the ground. He stretched his muscles, and cracked his neck. He had to think about what to do next. He felt everyone in close proximity to each other. Silently, he floated to them, in no great hurry. He could wait for them to break apart, and continue the way he had been doing.

"But, they may begin to think about me doing everything, and they'd come at me all at once, and I'd be forced to kill them where they stood, instead of making them pay. Or...I could go there! Yes, that's what I will do! I'll go, and become one of them in their

futile search for the killer. How simple!!!"

Tien took off, flying faster. The green ground passed by below at an amazing speed. He was forming his plan in his head as he went. This would have to go without any mistakes.

Meanwhile, the remaining Z fighters were in the lecture hall at Capsule Corp. The room, usually used to display figures and facts about the state of the company. Today, however, it served a different purpose. Around a rectangular table sat some of the Z fighters. The ones who had yet to arrive were somewhere in the complex. Bulma came into the room with a small pouch at her side. She opened up a hidden pannel near the front of the table, and slipped some small disks into open slots.

"Bulma, how much longer until we can start?" asked Goku, holding his stomach.

"Not much longer, Goku. Believe me, you're not going to starve."

Goku hung his head and waited.

"Everyone!!! Come quick!" yelled Krillin as he ran past the door leading into the hall. Goku, Goten, Trunks and Bulma followed after Krillin. They ran through the hall, and were soon met by everyone except Vegeta. They came out onto the front lawn. In the distance, they saw Tien coming down towards them. They hadn't seem him at all, and had feared that the killer had defeated him as well.

The people below began to wave at him as he landed.

"Sorry I couldn't come sooner. After seeing that beast kill Chaozu, I haven't really had time to do anything."

"HEY! You came to me and wanted to train against Trunks! Where was the time then!? And why did you want me to set it to come back right away?"

Tien's face went pale, but he quickly thought of an excuse. "I saw his power, and I knew fighting him would do no good. So, I came to you so I could train with Trunks, and become stronger. And I didn't want to come back a week or so later, and find that he had killed everyone, and that I was alone. I came out, and foolishly went to fight him. He defeated me with ease. Even my shin kikoho didn't phase him. I'm amazed he didn't finish me off."

Bulma nodded her head in acceptance. It made a lot of sense.

"Well, you're here now, Tenshinhan. We were thinking of a plan to catch the killer, and defeat him. And, with your first hand experience of him, we can make it better!" yelled Krillin. Tien nodded, and began to walk with everyone else to head back into the

hall.

As they entered, Vegeta turned the head chair and looked at everyone. His ice cold stare went from one person to the next. He opened his mouth to speak, but closed it. He quickly opened it again.

"Okay, everyone, here's the plan. You all get the hell out of my house, and look for this person by yourselves. I will wait for him to kill you off until he gets to the most powerful fighter, me, and then I will defeat him."

"Vegeta, I have a real plan. Get up, please." said Bulma as she opened the console where she had put the disks earlier. Vegeta stood up slowly, and walked to the side of the room, turned and leaned against the wall. He stared at her. She sat down and hit a few buttons. On the wall, a holographic globe appeared.

"As we all know, this beast has been wiping out the most powerful people in the world, all of you. I took the liberty of compiling everyone's information into a reference. Using it, I have paired people together as their strengths and weaknesses list them. So, Goku and Vegeta will be paired. Trunks and Goten will be together too. Krillin and Tien will work together, too. Gohan, we don't need to worry about you really, so you're alone. Using this point as home, the four groups will head in various directions, trying to get the killer to come out and attack. As soon as you feel a fight begin, I need the rest of you to get there as fast as you can, and assist."

"But, what about here? What if the killer decides to strike here?" asked Krillin, worried about the people staying behind.

"18 will remain here, to protect us."

"Very good plan, except for the fact I have to be teamed up!" yelled Vegeta, clenching his fists.

"Vegeta, listen. I know you're strong, but Goku can help you."

"Kakorotto can help his son!"

"Just do this, Vegeta. Jeeze. Tien, you said you fought him. Any weaknesses you could figure out, or what he looks like?" asked Bulma to the towering human, getting the subject away from Vegeta.

"I didn't get a good look at him, except that he's about my height. He's more powerful than you can imagine. He walked right through my shin kikoho like it was nothing."

"That's because it is nothing, human." laughed Vegeta. Tien gave him a cold stare,

and continued his lie.

"So, I jumped back, and I was worried about how I could fight him. So, I split into two people, and attacked at the same time. Amazingly, it worked. I didn't really do anything to him, but he can't seem to track anymore than one person at a time. So, your plan is a very good one."

Bulma smiled. She was always happy when she showed off her intelligence. "Well, let's get to it, okay?"

All the warriors stood up, and began to file out of the room. The conversation, shared by everyone, was about the tactics they would use if they ran into the warrior somewhere out in the world. They went out into the back yard, passing through a metal sliding door.

"Dad, take care. This fight might end up being more than we can handle." spoke Gohan softly.

"I know, Gohan. But, there's nothing else to be done. We have to stop him before more innocent people die."

"Yes, you're right." answered Gohan as he took off into the air, leaving a trail of ki behind him.

"Papa, I'm going!" yelled Trunks as he snapped his sword around himself. Vegeta nodded as he Trunks flew off, with Goten right behind him. Two white trails faded in the sky.

"Well, Vegeta, let's go. Gohan is taking the north, Goten and Trunks the west. We should head east. There are more cities there, so we have a greater chance of running into him there. He did attack Rush."

"Kakorotto, let's get this over with. To think a prince would be stuck helping a lowly soldier. Let's go!"

Vegeta leaped into the air, and exploded with power. He tore through the sky, heading east, into where the sun had risen. Goku chuckled to himself, and followed behind Vegeta. The two Saiyans were seen heading through the air by the humans below. They blinked, and they were gone. Trails of energy hung in the blue sky, and soon faded.

"Well, Tien, I need to go home and check on Master Roshi. After that, we can search around. I thought that murdering beast was only after true warriors, but when Kami died...I've been worried that it could be almost anyone."

Tien smiled. "I understand your concern. This is a very dangerous time. It is

important that we keep those close to us alive."

The two humans jumped up, and flew down south. Tien looked over, and sped up, far beyond the ability Krillin possessed to track him, and sped up to head to Roshi's. How could he have forgotten about him!? The old man meant a lot to these sentimental fools, and killing him would break them easily. He was over the small island in an instant. He lowered himself, and flew in. With a sharp kick, Puar would die soon. He saw the damned turtle in the living room. With a solid stomp, the turtle would explode soon. A kick through the throat would claim Oolong. At last he found Roshi, with a porn magazine in his hand, and his pants on their way down. He reached out, and grabbed the old man's head at the ears, and turned it around one complete turn. Confident that everyone would die as soon as he slowed down, he took back off and headed back to Krillin. As he took his old place, he dropped out of his high speed. In the distance, he felt four small powers die off.

"I'm sure he's fine, Krillin. Just fine."

Meanwhile, at King Kai's...

With the arrival of Piccolo to King Kai's, the fallen warriors began to plan a way to at least get in contact with Goku. As the god flew off to converse with the fellow kaios, Dende flew behind him. He intended to find out how to talk with Goku, even if he had to break all of the rules in heaven.

Back at King Kai's house, Piccolo meditated. Chaozu and Yamcha fought around him. Their strength had improved greatly since they had fell to Tenshinhan. But, the rage that held on to their hearts like a vice-grip did not allow them to think, that beside them sat someone much more powerful than they could hope to become in anytime soon, and he had fallen like they had.

"Will you two please stop!?" growled Piccolo as Yamcha hit Chaozu into the Namek. "Don't you both realize that fighting him would serve you no good? Chaozu, you couldn't hurt him even if you put all of your power into your most powerful attack. Yamcha, Tien would beat your weak ass a million times before you realized you were losing. Me, Gohan, Vegeta and Goku will deal with him. You two shouldn't even bother."

"Well, we saw what happened to you, so I wouldn't talk any smack, Piccolo. Hell, Tien let you hit him, and you didn't do jack shit!" yelled Yamcha.

Piccolo stood up, and turned and faced the black haired human. A distance of only a few inches separated them. Yamcha looked up into the eyes of the Namek.

"Listen, little man, unless you want a repeat of what happened to you in Rush, I'd suggest that you back off now!"

"Guys, guys! Stop it!" yelled out Chaozu's high pitched voice. The small man flew between Yamcha and Piccolo. "We shouldn't fight each other."

The two looked at each other for another second, then they both turned and walked away.

Chaozu sat down, and began to think. Into his mind, King Kai's voice rang out.

"Chaozu, get the other two and come to Enma-sama's house of judgement!"

"But, King Kai, I don't know if that's such a smart idea. Piccolo and Yamcha aren't getting along right now."

"Drag them here if you have to!"

"I'll see what I can do..." sighed Chaozu as he went to talk to Yamcha.

As Chaozu began to get everyone together, Krillin and Tien were getting close to Kame's house. The two humans pierced the sky as they descended to the beach. Krillin walked to the front door and opened it. The stench of death forced him to stumble back.

"Krillin, what's wrong!?" asked Tien, trying to sound like he cared.

"Te..nshinhan...they're dead! All of them!"

"Impossible!" yelled Tien as he ran past Krillin into the building. Krillin followed right behind him. The two of them looked over the four bodies again and again. Krillin again began to leave the house, when he heard laughter. Quickly, he realized that the sound was coming from behind him. He turned slowly and saw that Tien's massive body was shaking in laughter.

"Tien? Tien!? What the hell is wrong with you? This isn't funny!"

"You're right. It's not funny. It's sad, that not only would these three be so easy to kill, that no one would discover that I'm the killer and that you have followed me blindly to your grave." spoke Tenshinhan solemnly.

Krillin's face was blank. Slowly, his brain accepted the unwanted information. His eyes began to burn with anger. He clenched his fists, and slowly spread his stance.

"Let me guess, you want to kill me next?"

"You know, Piccolo said almost the same thing, before I killed him?"

Krillin snarled, showing his white teeth. He got into a combat stance.

"Oh, so you wish to face the reaper with guns drawn?" inquired Tien. "Well, I guess it's more fun that way for me, and more painful for you. So, why are we waiting!?"

With the last word spoken, Tien flew backwards as fast as he could. To him, Krillin looked like a statue, carved in a stance of combat. Driving an elbow into Krillin's chest, he slowed down and watched as the small man was sent flying out of the door way and sent skimming across the ocean. Massive waves crashed the blue-green water back to it's original location after Krillin had went some distance away. They crashed in a foamy mess, only to be cut in half again as Tien flew Krillin's path. Eventually, Krillin stopped himself. He was miles away from the island.

"Damn. That was one hell of a hit." he commented as he rubbed his chest. "I didn't even see him move!"

"Did you see it this time?" asked Tien as he came into view in front of Krillin.

"I...impossible!" yelled Krillin as he got into a stance. "HOW THE HELL DID YOU DO THAT!?"

"Well, it's a long story. But, in short, I just split into two, did the fusion dance, and repeated. After about thirty minutes later, as my first fusion was about to fail, I locked myself together with these earrings," he flicked the small orbs hanging from his earlobes "and here I am, with more power then anyone else could hope to possess."

"Beast!"

"I'm going to allow that last remark, but only because it's like a good-bye present for you. One last thing, because there's no way you could beat me as it is, with the gap between our powers the length it is now, I'm going to lower my power to match yours, witch is...205 million. We're the same now. It's abilities versus abilities."

Krillin exploded and flew at Tien. His punched landed right on Tien's mouth, forcing him to spit out a mouthful of blood. He chuckled as he wiped it off with the back of his hand. As Krillin tried his luck again, Tien reached up and caught the small fist, and crunched down on it. As Krillin writhed in pain and anguish, Tien placed his own fist into Krillin's face, returning the favor.

The black haired man was sent flying backwards, his hand let loose so he could fly unhampered. As he slowed, Krillin faced Tien, and powered up a kame hama ha. Krillin released the concentrated beam from his cupped hands. The blue beam tore off at Tenshinhan. As it came close, he extended his massive arms, and caught the end of the shot. He was sent backwards, still holding on to the shot. After a few hundred feet, Tenshinhan managed to gain control of the shot, and threw it off into the water below. As it detonated, and the water sprayed the battlefield, Tenshinhan flew back at Krillin. The

two exchanged blows for a few moments, before they flew apart.

Krillin raised his arm up, and a twirl of ki laced around his hand, before turning into a flat, spinning disk. He threw the kienzan at Tien. The taller man blurred from sight as it approached. Krillin threw another as Tenshinhan came into sight again. Disk after disk were launched at Tenshinhan, but he still could not be hit.

"Damn you!" screamed Krillin as he unleashed a renzoku energy dan. Tien crossed his arms in front of him, and covered the front part of his body in a ki shield. Krillin's blasts slammed unending into the shield. Tien felt the barrier waver, and before he could reinforce it, Krillin's attack got through, pounding his body. As Krillin stopped, he formed two large balls of ki in each hand. He slammed them together in front of him, forming a large sphere of crackling gold energy. He fired it off forward. It was lost in the hazy black smoke, but it detonated on something solid, blowing the smoke away.

"Well, Tien, did you like that?"

The triclops' body hung in the air, unmoving. He slowly raised his head, and stared into Krillin's eyes.

"Not really. I was expecting so much more from you. But, we can still play before I kill you. Maybe you'll do better then."

Krillin slowly backed away. He was at about half of his full power right now. As Tien drew closer, he split into two, then two more. In front of him, four Tenshinhans flew. They all exploded as they came nearer to Krillin. Krillin knocked one aside with a kick, as another was sent into the ocean below with a punch. The other two flew at him at the same time. Krillin flared with ki, and extended his arms, firing two streams of ki at the incoming men. They both knocked the shots straight down. Krillin felt something coming, and looked down, and saw the Tien that had been in the water had returned, and was firing off a kame hame ha. Krillin reached down, and planted his hands at the front of the beam, and rode it up as he tried to control it. He managed to knock it to a side, but as soon as that threat was gone, he noticed the Tien that had been dispatched with a kick before was back. With his hands in a diamond shape, a kikoho flew forward, and slammed Krillin's body. He was sent backwards, crying in pain as he slowed down. As the smoke cleared, Krillin flared with ki. His shirt was burnt, and his hair singed slightly from the blast.

"Tenshinhan...I know that using your split form divides your power, speed and strength by the amount of copies made. Well, if that's the case, then this will finish you off!!!"

Krillin fired off a beam of ki at one of the giants. As it came close, it flew into the air. From there it exploded, sending four shots off at each of the targets. The four got into a feeble defense position as the shots landed, exploding on contact.

In the still air, Krillin sighed. He slowly began to make his way back to Kame's house, to rest before heading back to Capsule Corp. Before he could go even a hundred yards, he heard the deep voice of Tenshinhan booming from behind him. He slowly turned, and saw that there was one Tenshinhan again.

"How!?! My kakusan should have killed you? Or...did you alone survive?"

"Well, I'm glad to disappoint you. No, all of me survived. We just recombined, since we can tell you're on your last legs."

"No...no. It can't be. There's no way!"

Krillin went insane, and exploded with energy, and drove himself into Tien. He layed into him with a massive flurry of punches, but none changed the stance of the giant. Then, all of a sudden, Krillin realized he had punched an after image. Before he could look for Tenshinhan, he came from beside him, flying fast and drove his elbow into Krillin's side. A thick string of blood hung in the air as he flew sideways. Again, Tien was gone, and came back above Krillin. He smashed down with an ax handle slam. Krillin was gone, into the ocean below in no time. Tien smiled, and flew after him. The Earth trembled as, on the ocean floor, thousands of feet below the surface, Krillin lay gasping for air as Tien's fist was buried in his abdomen. Krillin reached down, and grabbed Tenshinhan's arm, and tried to lift it up. Responding to the attempt to remove his arm, Tien pushed harder, making the ground below Krillin crumble and splinter into massive pieces of rock. Krillin spit up mouthfuls of blood, as Tien laughed. Around them, the water was forced up into a hellish cone. Tien flew up, and came above the surface. Looking down, he pulled his arms back. Lighting rushed over his clenched fists. He brought them together above his head, pointed them at Krillin, and fired off a massive blast of orange ki. Krillin looked through tear blurred eyes, as the shot came closer. He clenched his eyes shut tightly, and prepared for the pain.

"I love you, 18 and Marron." were his last words.

The shot burrowed through Krillin's body, and into the Earth. Tien stopped, and began to fly to Roshi's. The waves crashed down, trying to fill the hole.

As Tien walked into Kame's house, he threw the four bodies into the waves, far from the house. He cleaned the house slightly, then closed the front door. Flying up, he stood perpendicular to the small wall above the door. He was waiting. Someone would come here sooner or later, and that would be the next victim.

At Capsule Corp., Bulma and Chi Chi are striving to keep 18 with them.

"I can't. If that man comes here, he could kill Marron. I can't allow that. I'm taking her to Roshi's house. She'll be safe there, until all of this settles down."

Bulma turned around, and stormed back into the complex. Chi Chi followed swiftly. They didn't like the idea of being alone right now, but they very well couldn't force 18 to stay. The blonde haired woman picked up her daughter, and took off for Roshi's, unaware of the danger.

In heaven, King Kai was talking eagerly to the other kaio's. Krillin had joined his group, waiting for the other three to arrive. This wasn't very long.

King Kai rushed over to Chaozu as soon as he landed. "I think we've found a way to get a message to Goku!"

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Next chapter: Test of the only hope.