

It was a perfect calm and beautiful day in the Caribbean when The Royal Atlantean reached a place in the ocean midway between Puerto Rico and Venezuela. She maintained that position and waited for SeaVenture to sail into that general vicinity. The Seekers and Masters were holding a security block over the ship so Diana or her people would not detect their location. Simultaneously, Cleito and Melanie watched SeaVentures presence in an out-of-the-body mode and knew where she was. They had The Royal Atlantean adjust their waiting position when needed to ensure that they would both arrive at the same location at the same time. SeaVenture was moving at top speed, so The Royal Atlantean began to move at her top speed, and headed directly for an extrapolated meeting point. The Royal Atlantean appeared to be heading for SeaVenture at a highly accelerated speed when appearing on SeaVenture's radar before she had a chance to react to The Royal Atlantean presence. The Seeker and Master physic covers were both dropped, so they could concentrate on their attack formation.

The Chinook and Blackhawk took off simultaneously and headed towards SeaVenture and took up their positions. They wanted to wait until SeaVentures warriors and crew arrived on the open decks before launching the first phases of their attack plans.

Diana and Tyrone ran up to the Command Room and out onto its deck to join Captain Pierce. Hunter soon arrived and joined them out on the deck to see what was transpiring. They saw the Royal Atlantean approaching and the Chinook and Blackhawk hovering close by in the air.

Tyrone inquired of Diana, "This looks like an attack invasion formation Diana. Would they dare do this?" Diana just looked at him but did not answer.

Hunter Cooper, being military lead, asked Diana if he should initiate a defensive or an offensive response at this time. She advised him to hold any action until they ascertained what the Seekers were going to do. She thought that they might simply be trying to scare them into giving up the Emerald Crystal prototype. But she was very concerned about the possibility of an actual attack, because she did not have her full complement of Metaphysical Warriors onboard. She contacted Cullen telepathically to ask what his status was. He said they were ready to leave Isla De Margarita whenever SeaVenture arrived. She told him what was happening and commanded him to load the Leonardo with as many warriors as possible and head for SeaVenture immediately. They desperately needed this backup if the Seekers escalated the situation.

Diana thought she might establish talks with the Seekers to delay events until Cullen arrived, but she was unaware of the Seekers military planning. Suddenly, a loudspeaker from The Royal Atlantean that was fast approaching issued a message from Melanie. "Diana, we suggest that you consider the fact that we are intent on retrieving the Emerald Crystal prototype, your research records, and your scientists before we have to come and take them from you."

Diana didn't answer right away. She looked down at the lower decks and could see her Metaphysicals taking up positions and her entire crew pouring out to the external decks as well to see what was happening. She grabbed a megaphone and then answered, "You know we are not going to do that, Melanie, and you can see from all my people on the decks that we can defend ourselves if need be."

This response was one that The Seekers knew they would receive. The Chinook started to race towards SeaVenture, and then Rascal and James began to launch the six UAV drones. That was the clue for Captain Perry Tucker to call Captain Pierce on SeaVenture with his satellite phone, that Captain Perry knew Alan Pierce had with him all of the time. Captain Pierce answered, and hearing Captain Tucker say, "Alan. Please take my word for this as a friend, and get off the deck and into your Bridge. Now!" Captain Pierce knew better than to argue, and he immediately turned around and went inside the Bridge interior, calling back to Diana and Tyrone to follow him. Diana saw him make that move but just figured that he wanted to be at the controls in the event of an enemy strike and so stayed on the outer deck so she could see what was to occur.