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A Warrior Is As A Warrior Does

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Episode 11 was an eye-opener for me, and as I had said, I was planning to travel on the Spiritual Timeline, back in time to watch young Alexander III in action during the Battle of Chaeronea. I can't believe that Alexander and his father, King Philip II, would be so focused on winning their battles that they could effectively kill off a group of warriors that they both admired above all others. I doubt they would do something like this if they lived today, but perhaps I am wrong.

Well, I did travel back in time and watched the Battle of Chaeronea in 338 BC. I was shocked, and to put it mildly, quite disgusted with the entire affair. It was a glorious battle, but two things stuck out to me, and I wasn't pleased with it.

First, why did King Philip put his 18-year-old inexperienced son in charge of the army's left wing, which would have to face the Theban's finest army segment, led by the Sacred Band. They were an undefeated group of experienced warriors held in the highest esteem throughout Greece. Some said it was because Philip II wanted to train his son to succeed him one day.

Others said it was because he wanted Alexander out of the way and figured that The Sacred Band was the perfect way to accomplish that. King Philip had recently had a serious altercation with his son during a party when both were disgustingly drunk. Alexander and his mother, Queen Olympia, fled Macedonia to escape Philip's wrath. Philip eventually asked them to return, but many felt that he had ulterior motives in doing so. It was more dangerous for King Philip to have them isolated inside other kingdoms than it would be to have them close to him so he could watch and control them.

It also doesn't seem likely that Alexander would want to fight the Sacred Band as he was known to admire them, just as he had admired Achilles. Perhaps King Philip reasoned that Alexander would surely fall to or be humiliated by the vastly superior Band Of Thebes. That would solve the conflict with Alexander succeeding or even challenging him for the Macedonian throne. We will never know, but something was very odd in this affair and smelled of something foul.

King Philip cried when he saw the Band Of Thebes eliminated. He was associated with the Band when he was young and a royal hostage of Thebes. He paid tribute to the Sacred Band and even erected monuments to their heroism. He did not do the same for his son Alexander, who was the victor in this battle. I assume that Philip felt that Alexander was supposed to be in the ground rather than the Band Of Thebes.

But in any case, I ramble on, and this episode is not about me and my magnificent obsessions. We are concerned here with Matt and Zander and their soon-to-be initiation into the Band Of Seekers. That's my made-up designation, by the way, which I considered more attractive than simply The Seekers.

Anyway, now is the time to have Matt take over the narration and get on with his Quest.

The Seekers Cessna Citation was approaching Miami and delivering Kareem, Zander, and me towards the next chapter of our lives along with the other Seekers from Belize. Normally my mood would have been typical of someone arriving back home from a long vacation. Still, now, after all of the events that I have experienced in Belize, it was a completely different sense of returning to my home country.

It was very strange that I had never asked him, but Zander told me that this was his first visit to the United States. Being a typical American, I just assumed that everyone makes a point of coming here at some time or other, but evidently, that is far from the case. Now I have a different feeling. I was excited to show Zander my home and my country. He was the major part of my life now, and I didn't want anything to separate us. I was looking forward to Kareem getting to get to know me better. We would have to wait a bit on that, though, as we would leave for Puerto Rico right away.

The plane landed and taxied to the private aircraft arrival ramp. I figured a couple of Seekers would be there to greet us, but after finishing the Customs and Immigration check-in, I saw a big welcoming group waiting in the public hallway.

The first people to greet us were the Seeker leadership. Melanie and Mark, Cleito and Justin. They enveloped and embraced us. It was so great to meet them in person finally. Then Tanya and Adam, two beautiful and dynamic people, came to us and gave us huge hugs and kisses on the cheek. Antonio, who is our pilot Buck's husband did the same. Antonio was very attractive and someone who you knew you would like from the first meeting. Then there was a charismatic man who we knew immediately had to be Derek Romano and his handsome twenty-year-old twin sons, Fred and Frank. They had driven down to Miami from Orlando for the Seekers meeting that we were planning to have. They owned and operated the Miracles Center in Orlando that rehabilitated and trained spiritually damaged people. Melanie had been one of those people when she was sent to them by Mark Daniels. She had been a prostitute in New York City before she came to Orlando. They are now husband and wife and co-leaders within the Seeker's organization.

There was also a visually striking couple who we didn't meet in the spiritual sessions we had in Belize. But once introduced, we knew who they were from the stories we had been hearing. Deo Silva was a spectacular-looking tall Latino from Venezuela who was a Spiritual Adept. He had trained to become an Ascended Master and would have become one if he had wanted. He elected not to advance to that position, as he preferred to be a free spirit throughout this lifetime. Because of this, he was in an on-again and off-again love relationship with the gorgeous black woman with him. Sonequa Taylor was a fully Ascended Master. They had been together in a romantic relationship at various times during the past years. Still, they often separated because of Deo's desire to throw off the discipline needed to be an Ascended Master. Sonequa, on the other hand, constantly maintained that disciplined lifestyle, which made it difficult for them to stay together long term. Deo was still loved and admired by her, and all of the other Ascended Masters, because of his free spirit, exceptional martial arts abilities, venturesome lifestyle, and uniquely loving and robust personality. It was very easy to love someone who always demonstrated that they loved you. And that in spades was D, as people usually called him.

After the introductions, we all piled outside into cars that would take us to the hotel. It was a large and beautiful new high-rise hotel located on Biscayne Bay, complete with two huge swimming pools, a spa, and every amenity imaginable. This gorgeous hotel, owned by Cleito Summers. She is a billionaire and co-leader of the Seekers. I tended to be immediately surprised when finding out about these dramatic financial details, but it was not surprising at all when I thought about it. Anyone as competent and superior a soul as Cleito would have no problem amassing a fortune if she intended to do so.

We were escorted to our spacious suites and told to relax and do whatever we wanted until five o'clock. Then we were to meet in a cocktail lounge next to the Oceanview swimming pool on the roof. We had adjoining rooms with Kareem on one side and Rascal and Jim on the other of ours. This arrangement pleased us as we were happiest when our friends, who had become like brothers, were with us. Our balconies also had doors between them, and we could maintain the privacy or mingle with each other, whichever we preferred. We usually left them open to wander back and forth whenever the mood or urge struck us.

The view of the bay was breathtaking. And the ocean breezes drifted throughout the balconies and cooled the air inside the suites with the air conditioner off, which we preferred. The temperature was perfect, and there was an ever-so-subtle scent of the salty sea coming in on those breezes. When everything is so perfect, you become concerned that it might not last at times like this. But, we all seemed to be pretty much in control of what we were doing, so I decided not to be too concerned about such things.

Following an hour of socializing, Cleito suggested that everyone come to a conference room just off the pool terrace, so we can all be brought up to date on our strategic planning. She suggested that we all stop at the bar to replenish our drinks if we desired.

Once everyone was at a huge conference table, Cleito and Melanie stood together at the head of the table. Melanie started the meeting. "It's so nice to see you all here today. We haven't found out much more about Diana's planning since our last meeting in Belize, but there are a couple of things you should know before you leave for Puerto Rico. As we told you then, she had reserved launch times with Space X for new satellites and had set a date three months from now. I don't think she wanted to set that date, but Space X insisted she commits to an actual date to reserve the space. She also scheduled her Metaphysical Warriors on her yacht SeaVenture within two weeks, transferring them from her warrior's training grounds in Belize and Florida.

But the most relevant news is finding out that Diana had also hired a well-known Mineralogist. Mineralogy is the study of minerals, their crystalline and chemical structures, and this fits into their need to recreate the Emerald Crystal into a new but presently unknown structure. We had also found out that Daggert Enterprises has purchased a large building complex in Puerto Rico that is currently empty but was previously used to manufacture glass lenses for telescopes and microscopes. Acquiring that manufacturing facility would make sense if you were planning on producing something with a crystalline structure. There is a lot of difference between lenses and the Emerald Crystal, but certain manufacturing techniques may be similar according to Jim and Jane."

Rascal spoke up at this point. "This sounds like major advancements towards getting ready to replicate the Crystal and starting Tuaeoi production. Are we processing ideas to resist and disrupt Diana's plans yet?"

Melanie responded, "Yes, we are in that process and will be asking for all of your ideas after you get to Puerto Rico. The reason for this meeting here is to get everyone thinking about those ideas. We will start war strategy sessions after we set up there. I ask you to continue your out-of-the-body reconnaissance missions and provide Cleito, Mark, Adam, Tanya, and me with the critical data we will need to develop interruptive plans against Daggert's efforts.

The rest of the meeting was uneventful, with various comments shared with everyone in attendance. Our leaders told us that we would have two days to stay in Miami, which we could use to take care of any local tasks we might have.

Two days later, we were heading to Puerto Rico. The Citation XLS Plus could hold twelve passengers plus the pilot and co-pilot. On this trip, Buck and Adam were piloting the jet. The remaining passengers included Melanie and Mark, Rascal and Jim, Kareem, Antonio, Tanya, Fred Moses, and Zander. We were landing in Mayaguez airport, where Brad and David would pick up Rascal, Jim, Fred, Kareem, Zander, and me. We would be staying at the Rainbow in the

Jungle lodge in the mountains above the City of Mayaguez. The jet would then go to San Juan with Melanie, Mark, Tanya, Antonio, and Adam.

Those of us going to the Rainbow in The Jungle lodge would have psychic blocks over us all of the time. It took a little effort to maintain these blocks, but it would effectively keep Diana and her people from knowing where we were or what we were doing. Those going on to San Juan in the jet did not place those blocks on themselves. Cleito and Melanie wanted Diana to know that they were arriving back in Puerto Rico.

All too soon, it seemed, we arrived at the airport in Mayaguez. We taxied to the terminal where Brad and David were waiting to pick us up. Zander and I got some pretty good hugs from these new friends, and we gave back as good as we got. After some conversation between everyone, Melanie, Mark, Adam, and Tanya boarded the plane and departed for San Juan after some conversation between everyone. The rest of us piled into two SUVs and headed up the mountain to the Puerto Rican Rainbow In The Jungle Lodge, our new home for the near future.

This Rainbow In The Jungle resort was quite different from its sister resort in Belize. The jungle itself was different here because they were at a lower altitude. In Belize, the forest at the resort was a mix of mountain tropical broadleaf and higher altitude pines and alpine trees and shrubs. The Belize resort seemed a little more subtropical, whereas this Puerto Rican resort was very tropical and on a fairly steep jungle mountainside. In Belize, the primary atmospheric influence was being on a rambling waterway called the Privassion Creek. In Puerto Rico, the tropical mountainside and some open views towards the City of Mayaguez and the Western Caribbean Sea were the primary interests. But in both resorts, the ambiance was pretty much the same. There was beautiful and comfortable tropical architecture and a welcoming and loving atmosphere on every spare foot of the property. Everyone was welcome, and everyone that came here quickly became family. It was obvious from the minute you set foot in these resorts that you would be happy you were here, and the feeling was mutual in that the staff was indeed happy you were there as well.

Zander and I were assigned a beautiful villa to stay in that looked out over a steep mountainside. Kareem had his own nearby, and we could talk to each other from balcony to balcony.

The villas overlooked a small but beautiful rambling creek following a densely foliated little rainforest ravine downward through the jungle. There were lots of birds, including a pair of colorful toucans flittering from limb to limb, and we enjoyed a light breeze coming in from the ocean, making its way through the jungle's vegetation to cool our balcony.

It was just a short distance up the mountainside to the clubhouse, and we could catch the scent of something delicious the staff was preparing for our lunch. Jim had told us that hanging

bells at the kitchen would ring thirty minutes before a meal was ready to be served in the lodge. The smell of the food made us very hungry, and we were looking forward to starting our walk towards the dining room. As if to answer our inner urgings, we heard the bell ring. That was our clue to head up to the dining area.

When we entered the balcony off the dining room, we saw that most of our comrades were already there and starting to sit down. We selected a table near Rascal and Jim, but then I asked if we could join them. Rascal smiled and said that they would be upset if we didn't. We sat down and noticed that Deo and Sonequa were sitting at a nearby table. I had told Zander previously that we had to watch our tendency to stare at this fascinating and gorgeous couple. Rascal smiled at us and said, "It's hard not to stare at them, right?" We were embarrassed but had to nod our heads in affirmation.

Well, as hard as it was, we looked away from the magnificent couple and began to pay full attention to our table-mates. It was not very hard in itself because these were two very magnificent men that we had fallen in love with as friends.

Soon, our discussion turned to our determination of what tasks we would each have to ascertain what Daggert Enterprises was up to in Puerto Rico or elsewhere. It was obvious that they currently felt they were close to replicating the Emerald Crystal and setting their world economic domination plans in motion.

Jim said that he felt they had a good chance of pulling it off. If he was still working for Diana Daggert, he is confident that they would have reached that level of competency by now. Jane was his fellow scientist and agreed with that assessment. She should know because she had been working for Diana longer than Jim was on that project.

While we were batting ideas back and forth, Kareem entered the balcony and walked over to us. Zander jumped up off his chair, obtained another one from an empty table, and put it down to invite Kareem to join us.

Kareem thanked him and then sat down while looking at the rest of us with an odd broad smile on his face. He had something to say to us. We all looked at each other. I said, "OK, Kareem. Out with it!"

Kareem softened his smile somewhat and said. "Sorry, guys. Even as I was entering the balcony, I could see that all of you had very serious looks on your faces. That always encourages me to attempt to rectify whatever is causing those serious looks."

Rascal replied. "Our looks are serious because we have a very serious task in front of us, Kareem. Diana Daggert is extremely powerful, and she has all of the weapons and assets she will need to accomplish her goal to become the leader of this world. And if she controls the energy used by every country, she will have accomplished that. She automatically has the advantage at present because she originates the plans and sets the venue. In effect, she has the high ground in this battle from the start."

"I agree! Kareem said. But I also want to suggest that all of you here are approaching your next steps predominately from a warrior's viewpoint. That viewpoint would seem to make sense because you are all Seekers and all warriors. And so is Diana and her Metaphysicals, who will likely create their plans from a warrior's perspective. And so, it certainly seems to make sense to want to counter with one of your plans from a warrior's perceptions when creating an offensive or defensive position. But there is possibly a problem with such planning perspectives."

Jim immediately responded. "But warrior against warrior planning seems to be a very rational formula, to me at least as a scientist."

Kareem answered, "And in most or at least many combative situations, that is the proper offensive or defensive position. But a different strategy could be an advantage in considering a plan that would not be obvious from an opposing warrior's point of view. In other words, you can't always develop an effective defense against something that you don't know is dangerous to you. Remember that I am not a spiritual warrior or a Seeker, but a spiritual guide and teacher. I think of everything in a long-game aspect. It's how those in our spiritual niche see and do things."

I was impressed with the concept that Kareem was putting forward. I did not consider myself a warrior type either. And it was appealing to consider that there might be some value in doing something to help in this conflict on a non-military spectrum. I asked Kareem, "What do you suggest we consider, and if we like it, to submit to the Seeker leadership for their consideration and approval?"

Kareem continued, "As you all know, spiritual beings like us are committed to the guidance and teaching of others who are on a path to self-evolution. Therefore we can only advise souls and leave action up to those we are encouraging. They must make their own decisions on the course of action they will take on every issue. It is always our choice to recommend resolving a problem in the most possible and non-violate means. And in the case of dealing with Diana Daggert, this becomes difficult because she doesn't feel or act benevolently,

particularly if someone gets in the way of her achieving her goals. In dealing with her, only the warrior mentality seems to be effective."

"OK, Kareem! You are dragging this out way too long." Zander said with a friendly grin. "What are you proposing? "

Kareem hesitated for just a second or two and then said, "I'm suggesting that we can neutralize Diana Daggert. She is going all out to corner the Emerald Crystal market by being the only entity in the field. In the past three battles, the Seekers have thwarted her efforts by acquiring the Crystal and then destroying it so she couldn't use it. This tactic only interrupted her agenda. It didn't destroy it. She is beginning to recreate and then replicate the Emerald Crystal. Has it ever occurred to you guys that you, Jim, Jane, and Fred could quite possibly do the same thing?"

Jim thought about this for a moment and then said. "We have discussed it from time to time. But why would we want to? If we were successful, we would simply become Diana's target. It might be easier for her to steal it from us than create it herself. Maybe not, but it would be a possibility."

"OK, Jim. But let me suggest a scenario that we can consider. Let's say that you, Jane, and Fred establish a Tuaoi Crystal research lab here or wherever you prefer. You could restart your research on the Emerald Crystal. Word would soon get out to Diana that you are doing this, of course, and that will cause her to focus on investigating you guys and divert her attention away from her current path a little. To be on the safe side, you will record your research project theories, steps, and breakthroughs and relay them to multiple locations, all controlled by the Seekers. This way, no matter how successful Diana is in obtaining your work, she can never exclusively get it all."

Rascal added. "I can see where this would indeed cause some irritation to Diana, but I can't see where it would stop her efforts to complete her research and replication of the Tuaoi."

"It wouldn't, Kareem responded, but it would still cause Diana Daggert to greatly expend time and effort in the matter and divert some of her attention away from her research. I suggest that you gain some time that will allow you to complete the Seekers research into a workable, successful Tuaoi system. The key point to this strategy is to possibly enable us to create a workable Tuaoi Crystal implementation before she does, or at least around the same time. "

I asked Kareem why we would want to do that and why would we want to put ourselves into the exact position of gaining global domain once over the energy domain? "

He answered that we would not want to do that, of course. But if we resolved the technology first, we would be in a superior position to spread it to various major energy suppliers worldwide. This situation would not only stop Diana dead in her tracks for good but also allow the Seekers to widely spread a gift of less expensive energy throughout the world for everyone's benefit. In summary, Kareem suggested that we spread the technology instead of wiping it out. He felt that it was the ultimate solution.

All of us at the table agreed that Kareem's suggestion sounded like a very good option. Rascal said he wanted to discuss this more over lunch and then submit it to Melanie and Cleito to see what they thought of the plan. The more we discussed this option, the stronger we believed this was the best of all plans if they could pull it off.

After lunch, we all met with the other Seekers in a large conference room with floor-to-ceiling glass on one side that provided a magnificent view of the City of Mayaguez. The meeting was to welcome everyone to the Rainbow In The Jungle Resort and update them on current happenings in Puerto Rico. By intent, there were only Seekers at the resort at his time, as the leadership wanted to start preparations to start a resistance against Diana Daggert and her Metaphysicals. Usually, about twenty non-Seeker guests were visiting the resort at any one time, but The Seekers reserved all of the rooms during the dates we were to be there.

We were all to meet in the conference room before dinner.

When Zander, Kareem, and I arrived, almost everyone was present in the conference room. Soon after we were seated, Melanie and Cleito appeared and greeted everyone. I was once again amazed at the clarity of their holographic spirit images that stood before us.

Cleito spoke first. "Rascal and Jim contacted us this afternoon and informed us of a strategy that Kareem had suggested to them and our newest family members, Matt and Zander. Melanie and our executive leadership group have discussed this plan and feel that it has merit and is quite exceptional. We had considered a version of this strategy before. But now, thanks to Kareem, significant detailing has been added to it. And that detailing has made it an exceptional offensive act to use against Diana Daggert.

"The primary goal of this plan is to spread the technology of the Emerald Crystal or Tuaoi to all producers of energy within the global production markets. The implementation will not be simple because we have to start before or simultaneously with Daggert Enterprises reaching their production start. The complications are many, but essentially the major ones are science, technology, time and money."

Then Cleito rested, and Melanie took over.

"This is where we stand today," Melanie stated. "As far as technology goes, we have Jane Stafford, James Anderson, and Fred Moses, all of whom were the original lead scientists for Diana Daggerts' Tuaoi technology development program. They may or may not be lagging behind some of the new technological discoveries of Diana's current scientific staff, but I doubt it is much, if at all. Jane and Jim have continued their research while with us. Fred has not because he has taken over the more important technology of being our head chef."

Everyone laughed at this bit of humor from Melanie.

She then continued, "As you all know, Fred had wanted to stay divorced from any conflict between Diana and us. But that was because of his relationship with Selena Juarez. He did not want to create a problem between her and Diana. However, we found out that Selena has resigned from running Daggert Enterprises' Cohune Community Development in Belize and is joining Fred here in Puerto Rico. Fred is now free to become active in the Seekers fight against Diana, and that, in our opinion, will possibly give us the upper hand to solve the Tuaoi technology. The scientific combination of Jane, Jim, and Fred should help to accelerate making that a reality."

Melanie rested a second and then continued. "Cleito has more than enough capital to start the production stage of the Tuaoi once it is feasible. She has agreed to start the process immediately. But Diana certainly has the edge in funding and distributing energy created by Tuaoi because of her control of various manufacturing and distribution systems. Because of this factor, we will have to revise the strategy and structure of the Seeker organization. And here is how we see it changing."

This episode has ended on some very exciting notes. First is that the Seekers are all assembled in positions to resist Diana Daggert to the fullest, and they have pivoted planning strategy in such a way that could throw Diana for a loop. She might get a little careless once she finds out that the Seekers are attempting to solve the technology of the Emerald Crystal on their own.

She will also likely figure out that the Seekers might share this technology with the world, making her even more careless in her actions.

We shall see!

