

A way back home

SG1/The Tribe

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Kapitel 5: Meeting the Eco Tribe

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Daniel and Rose were walking slowly with their hands held up high as they entered the camp. As Daniel looked around he realised that 'camp' was not the right expression. This was because what Daniel saw in the glow of the fires reminded him more of a Maori village than the refugee camp he expected.

'They don't survive, they live.' He thought as he watched an older boy teach a younger one how to read.

"We mean no harm." Daniel held up his hands just a bit higher as he said that, while Rose, having enough of this nonsense took down her own.

"ROSE!" A boy, maybe 6 or 7 years old, screamed as he ran towards them.

"Mickey. God I missed you" Rose smiled as she embraced the boy.

They looked happy and Daniel asked himself what kind of relationship they might have.

"You where gone for quite a while." The voice came from behind Daniel and he turned to face her.

Walking towards them was a blond woman, dressed in a get up that was strange, even for the tribe society. She had her hair pined up to knots and was dressed in a blue bodysuit, that was liberally decorated with feathers.

"Not voluntarily." Explained Rose as her hand continued gliding up and down the young boys back. "I was taken by the Traders on my way into the City. Daniel" here she pointed at her companion "and his team freed me and the others earlier tonight."

"We are indebted to you Daniel." The blond woman voiced her believe, while her face was graced by a small smile. "But please, tell me everything."

"It is late." The Archaeologist explained as looked up to the dark sky. "And the way back into the city is long." He added now focusing on the blond woman he assumed to be Eagle.

"The children we rescued need a place to stay for the night and Rose suggested your village."

For a moment there was no reaction, but then she called for Pride, the boy who taught Rose if Daniel remembered correctly. His get up was normal, or at least normal as far as it concerned the tribe society.

With his black combat boots, the grey-black camouflage pants, grey black shirt and long black dreadlocks he blended in with his surroundings far better than Eagle.

"Pride, take two of the others and gather as many blankets as we can spare and all the drinkable water. Rose will show you the way." Pride didn't seem happy about leaving her alone in Daniel's presence, but he left without a word, followed by Rose.

In the meantime Eagle had focused on Mickey. "Go and tell Nelly that tomorrow we will have to boil more water than usual."

Two of the older tribe members had, in the meantime come closer and Eagle gestured them to her.

"These two are Lily and Don. They will guard you tonight."

The 'to make sure you don't attack us' was left unsaid.

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It was dawn and the eco's were already up and working. From catching fish and boiling water to repairing cloth, the duties were varied and it reminded him of pre-industrialised villages around the world.

"You are coping very well. It's...it's impressive how you rediscover skills and organise everything." And it was, as Daniel couldn't imagine that someone had taught these children how to catch a rabbit. Looking around he focused on the school where one of the older children thought six of the younger ones how to build a trap.

"We were not totally without knowledge and we had the time to utilise it." Eagle explained.

"We have improved and still are improving our skills, especially the fighting and teaching skills."

Eagle was proud of her tribe, it showed clearly in the way she spoke about it.

"You teach fighting?" He shouldn't have been surprised, while the eco's were peaceful the tribe society as a whole was not.

"Survival of the fittest. We do not want war, but we want to survive."

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In the meantime Jack had arranged a meeting of those that were freed the night before. "From what Rose told me we are here" He illuminated while pointing on his map.

"That gives us two possible ways back to the city."

He was now pointing inside the forest.

"This way. North-North-East through the forest."

Slightly changing the angle he now pointed at a different part of the forest.

"Or that way. East towards the street and then north towards the city."

Looking at the children he continued.

"If anyone of you is hurt in a way that complicates walking you need to let me know. Because then, and only then, we will take the way east."

"Why? It's obviously more comfortable." One of the boys asked.

"Because the traders camp is East North-East." Sam explained, showing him the map where she had marked the camp the night before.

"But would we.." the one of the girls began but Sam interrupted her.

"We wouldn't necessarily encounter them but we don't want to take risks if it is avoidable."

"Carter will walk in front while Teal'C will guard our rear and Daniel and I remain with the group." Jack said to continued Sam's explanation.

Chaos erupted as everyone tried to talk to everyone else and it just didn't seem to stop.

"OK Guys." Jack started only to interrupt himself.

"SILENCE!"

That had the desired effect as everyone stopped talking.

"OK Guys" Jack started once more. "We're meeting again in fifteen minutes. Be ready by then. Carter !"

"Yes Sir."

"Go and search for Daniel." He turned to face the Jaffa "T, you and I will search for Eagle."

"That will not be necessary." Teal'C replied before turning his head to indicate towards the village, from which Daniel and Eagle where emerging.

"You will be leaving?" The leader of the Ecos asked as she reached the rest of SG1.

"In about 13 minutes" Jack replied, "You are ready Daniel?"

The Archaeologist nodded "Yes. But there is something Eagle wants to talk to you about."

"I am able to speak for myself." Eagle looked sternly at Daniel as she said this, before turning to the Colonel while Daniel's face had turned a nice shade of red.

"Your Tribe may be small but you are rich in skills and medical recourses. We on the other hand can provide manpower and food. As one has what the other needs I'd like to propose a tribe alliance."