Scudi: <u>https://www.darkjedibrotherhood.com/character_sheets/9088</u> Ruka: <u>https://www.darkjedibrotherhood.com/character_sheets/8810</u>

Prompt: Awkward Encounter

Conversation

"It's beautiful isn't it?" Scudi asked the Mirialan as she looked up at the clear night sky.

"There is a certain beauty to it, yes." Ruka responded to the woman.

"I'm Scudi, by the way. Stars are one of my favourite things." The Chiss introduced herself.

"Nice to meet you Scudi, I'm Ruka." Ruka responded in kind.

"Fancy a drink? I always bring a spare."

"What is it? I'm rather careful about what I drink."

"Hot chocolate, made from scratch. I like vanilla in mine." Scudi informed Ruka.

"I'll pass, I appreciate the offer though." The Mirialan politely responded.

"What brings you here?" Scudi asked, no longer looking up at the stars but at Ruka.

"Life, it throws all kinds of surprises at you. Taking the time to notice the beauty of the galaxy is always a welcome distraction." Ruka philosophically responded.

"Yeah. I suppose it is. It can be inspirational, you know? Makes you want to do things. I'm a mechanic mostly. Do some slicing on the side. Both creative ventures if you look beyond the surface." Scudi was now nervously switching her focus between the night sky and Ruka.

"Yeah, it makes me want to make the galaxy a better place, you know? Make it somewhere deserving of all the beauty within it." Ruka spoke slowly, his gaze fixed on the sky.

"So, Ruka. Why aren't you here with anyone? I mean, a young guy like you. Doesn't seem right to me." Scudi wondered how Ruka would take her comments.

"Oh, well, umm, that's kind of personal, so forgive me for not answering your question."

"I see how it is. She busy with work? Usually not the case. I mean there's equality and what not. But still men seem to be the more work-addicted." Scudi asked after spotting Ruka's ring.

"She? Oh, I see, no, there is no she." Ruka stated.

"Nobody for me. I just can't get that close to anyone, man or woman. For a night or two, maybe. But nothing serious enough for that ring."

"Oh, so you saw it did you? It's from his family" Ruka clarified.

"A he? Well, that makes this a little awkward." Scudi realised.

"Just a little." Ruka added.

"I just figured a young attractive guy had someone. So is he busy with work?" Scudi inquired.

"He'll be done soon, probably let me know when. Then we'll meet up somewhere before going home." Ruka guessed at his schedule for the evening.

"Well, um, that awkward little bit aside. It was nice meeting you Ruka."

"Nice to meet you too Scudi, maybe I'll introduce you to him sometime." Ruka wondered how Cora would react to his new 'friend.'

"Oh, umm. I don't know what to say. I mean sure, just let me give you my holo-frequency." The Chiss scribbled the information down on a note.

"Thanks, I'll see what he says and maybe I'll be in touch. You seem like a good sort." Ruka took the note as he spoke.

"Well, see you some other time hopefully." Scudi finished as she departed for her ship.