

*Dear Mom & Dad*

*I hope that this letter finds you well. So far things have been somewhat quiet along the shipyard front. Despite what media portrays, we are in good standing. We were briefed the other day that Arx Capital Exchange is sending ships to oversee the safety and security of the Diplomats while they negotiate a successful deal. Though we have seen some rather...unusual folks about the shipyards. Some are more open than others, some are out right disturbing to be near.*

*We have a lot of ships and equipment to repair, so the Commander has charged me to be the new maintenance officer over my section. As one of the newer Lieutenants, I feel pretty honored to oversee the repairs and get our fleet underway. I have a good crew and a lot of good ol' space downgs with much more experience than myself. I continually hear both of you during my duty hours to listen to what these experienced men have to say and learn from their knowledge. I know with that mindset, I will see myself in front of the promotion boards more often than not.*

*I can't thank you enough for the care package, it was a pleasant surprise for me during mail call. The homemade short bread and cookies were a big hit among my team. I could not resist treating them to mom's famous cookies! Hopefully scored some cool points with them that day.*

*I want you two to know, regardless of what is to come, I will remain faithful to my charge. I am looking forward to seeing the new Arx Capital ships maybe even get a tour of one. Very soon I will be standing on the bridge of one of those ships as its Captain. That is the least I can do for the two of you for everything you have supported me all this time. I cannot thank you guys enough.*

*I don't mean to cut this short, it is almost time for my shift. There one last thing, despite what the media is pushing in their propaganda campaign. We are safe, and there has been no sign of forces from either side of the Collective or this Brotherhood. Even though we have had those few folks about the shipyards, things have been business as usual. I am telling you, Mom & Dad, these ships are the safety and security of the galaxy, I am proud to lead these men to procur the epeace this galay so desperately desires. Regardless of what has taken place or the endless rumors, trust me when I tell you they are nothing close to the truth. Both sides would not be here if peace were not the goal.*

*Well, its time to head to role call, miss you both!*

*Your loving son,*

*Lieutenant Darvis Gates*