

Teel'ryn and Inferna were out and about looking around to see what they could gather, food or something useful. Teel'ryn froze, then his elk ears perked and twisted in all directions, something was watching them...As he was warning Inferna, a tiger hybrid lunged out of the shadows, pinning her to the ground. Before he could lay a claw on her, Teel'ryn ripped him off her. He unsheathed his sword and stood in between them. The tiger snarled at Teel'ryn until he got a good look at the Kirin. He transformed into his normal form then got up on his hind legs, laughing, "What kind of joke is this?! The almighty Phoenix being protected by a *KIRIN* of all things!" Teel'ryn exhaled smoke when insulted, held his sword towards him, "What do you want?"

"Oh I don't know, I am pretty hungry...I saw her fall out of the sky not too long ago. Thought I could satisfy my hunger and do our kind a favor by getting rid of that damned bird!"

He tried to attack Inferna again. Inferna fluffed out her feathers to the max and flexed her talons in preparation, judging where she'd strike. Before anything happened, Teel'ryn blocked the Tiger's claws away from inferna, "You have gone feral, snap out of it! She has done nothing to you!"

"Idiot Kirin! You have no idea how keeping her alive will doom us all! Halis wants HER. I do not know his reasons for why but I sure as hell don't want to find out!"

The two fought. Both getting a good few strikes on each other. Teel'ryn held his ground, waiting for the tiger's next move. But then, he heard the sound of steps coming closer. (*Hunters*) he thought. Teel'ryn then slashed his sword to the ground, igniting it briefly. While the tiger was stunned and blinded by the smoke, Teel'ryn grabbed Inferna's hand and hid under a large ledge, made by a fallen tree. When the tiger regained his vision, he had lost both of his prey. He roared in frustration then started to search. Teel'ryn heard a faint sound of a bow being drawn then held Inferna tight. TWANG! An arrow hit the tiger in his shoulder. He screamed in pain then turned around sharply. To Teel'ryn's dismay, he heard Ryan shouting commands at his group. He risked a look behind; he saw the tiger turn into his animal form then ran into the bushes, his attention now on the hunters, all eyes were drawn away. "Come on!" He told Inferna. They quickly slid down the hill then ran over a ditch. Now in thicker brush and further away, they slowed down. They turned around and saw a party of 4 hunters and a wolf-like creature bringing down the tiger. Besides Ryan, the other hunters looked like trainees by the way they acted. To Teel'ryn, all of them looked very familiar. Ryan then surprised the tiger by stabbing him in the back with that poison tipped arrow. Quickly after, the tiger was swinging his claws aimlessly then fell over.

Ryan then put one foot on the tigers back then started talking to the boys, pointing and nodding in discussion then patted the wolf on its head. The wolf transformed into a small boy, his tail wagging in excitement. "He's training new hunters", Teel'ryn whispered to Inferna. "We need to be more careful"