



THE HALLANDAHALL SCROLLS

A Song of Strings

The ancient HALLANDAHALL SCROLLS were discovered in the buried vaults of planet Ziud in the galactic cluster of Ontah. Although not all have survived, those that have been found hint at the creation of ALL. Herein lie the precious few excerpts that have endured.

TEOS SONG

A distant star's melody pleaded to be heard, asking to be named Teos, and expressing its fervent wish to strum the strings that traveled throughout the void.

Tekuhtly, moved by the star's intense demand, contemplated the offer, but unsure as to the purpose for such a request, remained silent.

Teos increased the urgency of her melody so as to inform Tekuhtly what was to come. Translucent rays emanated from deep within Teos joining all stars in a song of inseparability. "Joined yet separate," Teos voice vibrated with conviction.



Teos sang an unyielding melody

As the other stars responded with joy to Teos song, Tekuhtly foresaw the consequence of a linkage amongst the stars, in that they might derive a sense of oneness and sisterhood, and protect one another from the darkness of the void. "So shall it be," Tekuhtly responded at last. "Henceforth, you shall be named Teos. Your task will be the guardianship of unity."

Teos, rejoiced in the granting of her name and her melody burst into splendor. Sunrile, a vibrant star surrounded by newly formed planets, joined in the song with a high pitch of joy that echoed through the strings thus sharing its delight amongst the stars.

"But, heed my words, Teos," Tekuhtly admonished. "From this instant forward, without repose, you shall protect the distinctiveness of each star, as I, Lord of Time, foreknow that most will evolve. As they grow, change, and flourish, it shall fall to you to shepherd and foster their nature."

Tekuhtly's decree caused Teos' melody to fall silent. An unformed thought manifested within her and interrupted the harmony of the strings. The previously joyous melody resumed in sadness and reluctance. "How can I protect those stars that I am unable to extend to? There are stars that have ceased to sing and have fallen in upon themselves. Only darkness thus exists

within them and my melody goes unheeded. Will these stars evolve to allow my melody to ignite them from within, or am I doomed to remain apart and watch them fade?"

"Evolve they will, and remain apart you must. Many will return, some will be devoured. For the void is hungry, and woe to any star that strays too close, for the darkness shall reach out to consume it."



The stars' melody was both joyous and melancholy, but always gorgeous.

It was then that Sunrile's melody echoed in a whisper. "Teos, do not despair. We have witnessed how stars have shattered and darkness has seeded from the blast, but also have we observed the creation of new and glorious forms that have banished any void around them. Observe all that surrounds me and learn how it came to be."

Teos ventured a tune of creation for all to heed. "The songs in the stellar clouds reflect the explosion that gave you birth, and the planets and moons that dance around you."

"Indeed." Sunrile vibrated with joy. "Therefore, reach out to us, all living stars and planets and do not venture to reach the blackness of collapsed stars, lest you vanish into the void."

"Sunrile," Tekuhtly interceded, her song so vibrant it muted most others shimmering nearby. "You are young. Although your song is sincere, it is for me alone to guide Teos. Ousía has decreed it shall be so."

Sunrile fell into humble silence for a moment, then began to whisper a sweeter song. "Please accept my apology, great Tekuhtly. The harmony of Teos' plea touched my core. The brilliance of her song of strings overwhelmed me in how simple and sincere it is."

The cacophony of songs increased as the stars expressed their views, until Tekuhtly silenced them with high note of discontent. Then the Lord of Fire and Time spoke loud and firm so all

could hear. “Teos, play the songs of your strings that they may bring your sisters the assurance of your protection, guidance, and connection.”

So Teos strummed her strings and intoned her song. The stars took solace and strength in her voice as the translucent strings linked them in a cosmic dance of bliss.

The void shrunk away from the renewed and vibrant light, and Tekuhtly smiled with pride upon the stars.

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