

# Episode Two: A Storm on the Horizon Part II

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## Notes:

1: First I borrow several names from *The Fast and the Furious*, *Transformers*, and *G.I. Joe* series; all of which I'm a fan of. Their including in Leonidas is my nod to those series.

2: Leonidas is writing as a 'polish draft.' Meaning there will still be some mistakes in the chapter: for example grammar, spelling, etc. However, I'm just trying to get my story out. If I find a mistake, I will go back and correct it. While reading Leonidas, if you notice a mistake please feel free to inform me.

Thank You.

## Chapter One: Operation Downfall

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182 days before Operation Homecoming

Conference Room 1A,  
Hyperion Bay Fleet Command, Hyperion Bay,  
Aquaria, Helios Zeta System

Arthur is standing in the main conference room of Hyperion Bay Fleet Command. While Fleet Headquarters is located in Kios, Picon, the Colonial Fleet maintains several sub-headquarters, called Fleet Command; the one for Aquaria is in Hyperion Bay.

The Fleet Command is responsible for all traffic around the colony and defense of the colony if something should happen to Picon Fleet Headquarters. In the conference room with Arthur are Admiral Michael Conway, Vice Admiral Andrew Ogden, Rear Admirals Michele Kalian, Katherine Kingman, and Natasi Daala.

"We are six months away from Operation Downfall. Officially the operation is to destroy the Erebea, but we all know that is not the real goal," says Arthur, with a chuckle, "We each have a system that is our responsibility. I have Zeta, Andrew-Alpha, Conway-Gamma, Kingman-Epsilon, Daala-Beta, and Kalian-Delta."

Arthur pauses to see if there are any questions.

As there are none, Arthur continues, "The *Spartan* will jump directly over Caprica City, launch its nukes and jump out...hopefully before crashing into the surface of Caprica. Conway will remotely detonate the nuke that will destroy Fleet Headquarters. At the same time, Tank will be directing Marines to eliminate the remaining Fleet Command. Also, my Ministry of Intelligence contact, Whitney Thompson, will lead a strike team to eliminate the Golden Goose..."

The "**Golden Goose**" is the nickname for President Richard Adar.

"...At the same time Heavy will lead strike teams to eliminate all remaining cabinet members..."

Arthur sees the look on the other Admirals' face.

"...It has to be done. Are there any questions?"

"What type of casualty rate are we expecting?" Conway asks.

"20 to 40 percent of the Colonial Defense Forces; plus over ten million civilian deaths at least," says Arthur, realizing the weight of his words.

Arthur knows the number of civilian deaths is going to be high, but that is the reality when two cities are going to be nuked. Caprica City has a population of seven million, while Kios' population is over three millions.

"What is the fall back plan?" asks Andrew.

"If things go badly...and they may! All Colonial Warships will rendezvous in the Endor System and wait the arrival of the *Leonidas* before final jump," answer Arthur.

"What about the Erebea's warships?" Kat asks.

"They will have their hands full over Tauron," replies Arthur, with a laugh.

"You mean you're going to sacrifice them?" asks Daala.

Arthur just nods.

"Do you hate them that much?" asks Andrew.

"It has nothing to do with hate. I actually respect the Erebea...but the reality is that the Erebea's belief system is outdated and obsolete. They are just like the Colonialist-Nationalist Party and like them they operate under a belief system that is idiotic and doesn't work," replies Arthur, thinking, *'It never did work.'*

Arthur absolutely hates political parties, especially the Colonialist-Nationalist Party, which is one of the two major parties in the Twelve Colonies of Kobol, along with the Federalist Party.

"Let's get back on topic! What is the actual plan if things do go badly?" asks Conway, who hates political talk.

"After regrouping in the Endor System...we will jump to my secret base and then decide on our next move," replies Arthur.

"Secret base? What secret base?" Andrew asks.

Arthur just holds up his hand meaning it is something that he is not going to discuss.

"Why don't we attempt to recruit a member of Adar's Cabinet to our faction?" asks Kat.

"It's too much of a risk and none of them I either like or trust," answer Arthur.

"What about Roslin?" Andrew asks.

"She is the worst possible option! Besides being a moron, she is also sleeping with Adar! Another issue with her is that I can't stand that woman. If I get the chance to throw her out of an airlock, I'm going to do it in a heartbeat," replies Arthur, smiling to himself.

"Who is going to be in charge of the new civilian government?" asks Daala.

"I have selected Karla Selma who will become the new President and Conway will be in charge of the Military," replies Arthur.

"Does she know that?" asks Conway.

"No, I have not yet told her. I only recently made that decision."

"What about you?" Kat asks.

"I will step down from the Admiralty," answer Arthur, as his voice cracks a little.

"Why?" asks Andrew.

"The people of the Twelve Colonies will need someone to blame for the destruction of two colonial cities and that person will be me," says Arthur, seeing the reaction of the faces of the other Admirals.

"Buy why?" asks Daala, wondering what Arthur is thinking.

"Some must be sacrificed if all are to be saved," says Arthur.

"If there is nothing else, everyone is dismissed," injects Conway.

Then Andrew, Daala, Kat, Kalian, all leaves.

"They are too young for a thing like this," says Conway.

"What about me?" Arthur asks, wondering why he was left out.

"Because you're an old man trapped in the body of a college kid," replies Conway, as the two leave the room.

**Toretto's Garage,  
Theia,  
Aquaria, Helios Zeta System**

Arthur takes an Apache Class Raptor Mark I to Theia Spaceport and then drives to Toretto's Garage. Arthur gets out of the Tauron Hummer that he has rented at Theia Spaceport. With Arthur is Sergeant Major, First Class Darrell 'Tank' Robinson.

Tank asks, "Arthur, are you sure this is a good idea?"

"Not really, but what other options do we have?" replies Arthur, as Mia Toretto, sister of Dominic 'Dom' Toretto comes out and says, "Arthur, how are you?"

"I'm good. How have you been?" asks Arthur, as the two exchange hugs.

"I'm good, Dom is in his office," says Mia, as she knows who Arthur is here to see.

"Thanks," replies Arthur, walking through the garage and into Dom's office.

**Dom's Office,  
Toretto's Garage, Theia,  
Aquaria, Helios Zeta System**

Dom and a man are talking when Arthur walks up and asks, "Dom is this a bad time?"

"No, this is Tej Parker but everyone calls him Portha," replies Dom, exchanging handshakes with Arthur.

"Nice to meet you, Portha. Is Tej not short for Tejomay?" asks Arthur shaking hands with Portha.

"Yep, but no one has called me Tejomay since my childhood," answer Portha.

"Well this is Darrell Robinson, but we call him Tank," says Arthur.

"Wow you're big! Ever thought of fighting?" asks Portha.

"No," answer Tank, wondering what Portha is thinking.

"Well I run fights on Tauron. If you ever need extra money, here is my card," replies Portha.

"Well now that's out of the way, down to business...so how is running the Lubyanka Crime Syndicate going?" asks Arthur.

"I don't know what you're talking about," replies Dom, looking at Portha.

"Well according to intelligence, profits are up 30 percent since the Bratva-Basileus conflict started and rumors have it that the Ha'la'tha are also getting pulled into the conflict," answer Arthur.

"Portha, will you excuse me?" order Dom.

Then Arthur adds, "Tank, will you excuse us also?"

Tank snap's off a salute and then leaves, followed by Portha.

"You're well informed Arthur, but what does this have to do with me and my crime syndicate?" asks Dom, wondering what Arthur is planning.

"Both of us know that the Lubyanka is the weaker of all of the crime syndicate. What if I could help the Lubyanka out?"

"Why would you do that for the Lubyanka?"

"Better the devil I know than the one I don't," replies Arthur, wondering if Stryker is rolling over in his grave as Arthur makes a deal with a crime syndicate.

Stryker always thought that the deal with the Basileus Crime Syndicate was his greatest mistake.

"All right, I'm listening," says Dom, as Arthur starts to explain what he is planning.

Dom is shocked and a little stunned at the immense size of Arthur's plan.

After Arthur finishes, Dom asks, "Are you insane?"

"No, maybe a little crazy though," replies Arthur, with a chuckle.

"What happens if I don't agree to your terms?"

"Then the Ministry of Intelligence will learn of a new crime syndicate that is on the rise!"

"You wouldn't dare?"

"Dom, you know me. I don't really have a sense of humor. Plus I have a fifty man strike team standing by in case something happens."

"You are a son of a bitch!"

"Actually I'm a son of a whore but that's neither here nor there. What's your answer?"

"Give me some time to discuss it with Portha."

"All right, I will be outside talking with Mia," replies Arthur, standing up and walking out of Dom's office, as Dom breaks his pencil into two pieces.

**Outside of Dom's Office,  
Toretto's Garage, Theia,  
Aquaria, Helios Zeta System**

As Arthur leaves Dom's office, Portha goes back in as Mia comes up and asks, "Is everything all right?"

"Yes, Dom and I were just discussing business," replies Arthur, thinking it's too bad that Mia is Dom's sister.

"Well would you like something to eat?"

"Sure."

**Lunch Room,  
Toretto's Garage, Theia,  
Aquaria, Helios Zeta System**

As Mia, Arthur, and Tank are eating, Tank asks, "So how do you two know each other?"

"Cayla," answer Arthur.

"So Mia has Arthur ever attempted to get you into bed? I mean he sleeps with anything in a dress," replies Tank, with a chuckle.

"No, actually he never tried but there are two reasons. First my brother would kill him and second I developed late," answer Mia, a little embarrassed.

"It has nothing to do with that. I had just never been attracted to you. Besides at the time I had both Guinevere and Cayla," says Arthur, hoping he doesn't hurt Mia's feelings.

"Thanks, I feel so pretty right now!" says Mia, a little bit joking and a little bit hurt.

Tank leans in and says, "How does that foot taste?"

Arthur just shoots Tank a look, as Dom and Portha come back out and Dom says, "Arthur, I accept your deal."

Then a woman walks in and asks, "Dom you want to see me?"

"Arthur, this is Gisele Harabo, she will be the liaison between the Lubyanka and your faction," replies Dom.

Arthur just smiles as he looks Gisele up and down, as Tank sighs in disgust knowing what Arthur is thinking.

**Outside of Toretto's Garage,  
Theia,  
Aquaria, Helios Zeta System**

As Arthur, and Tank leaves, Tank asks, "Arthur, what are you planning?"

"Why would you ask that?" replies Arthur, getting into the Hummer.

"Because I know your taste in women and Mia is your type. I'm actually surprised that you have not bent her over a desk and frakked her yet," replies Tank, as Arthur starts up the Hummer, "And with that knowledge, I ask what are you planning?"

"At the end of the day Mia is more useful to me as is, than as my mistress. Because, at some point I will have to eliminate Dom and the Lubyanka; Mia is my ace up my sleeve. I know she is in love with me and when the time comes, I will play that card and she will do exactly what I want her to."

"You are really a manipulative bastard!"

"I'm what society has made me into and what is needed. But what's wrong with you today?"

"Me and Janet had a fight this morning and it has been on my mind ever since."

"What happened?"

"She worries about my safety and..."

"Let me guess, she thinks I'm a bad influence on you."

"Yep, how did you know?"

"Because, Tiffany and Heavy had the same fight...I personally wonder if they are correct sometimes."

"I know you have some flaws but you're my best friend. I can't stand that Janet wanted me to stop being your friend."

"You must think about it from her point of view. She just wants what is best for you."

"I guess you're right."

"I'm always right and will always be right," replies Arthur, with a chuckle, as Tank gives Arthur a look that says '*Arrogant bastard.*'

**Outside of Toretto's Garage,  
Theia,  
Aquaria, Helios Zeta System**

Outside of the garage, Dom turns to Gisele and says, "Be careful. Arthur is very manipulative and women who tend to get too close tend to get burned!"

"Are the rumors true?" asks Gisele.

"What rumors?"

"That he is a womanizer?"

"Absolutely! Arthur can charm most women out of their dresses but I never understand why."

"Well, I can only tell you what I think. But there's something about him, the way he walks and carries himself. I like a confident man!"

"Well I guess that's good for you! But once again be careful. I don't need Arthur frakking your brain out of your head and then you stabbing me in the back."

"Why would I do that?"

"Trust me! Arthur can manipulate his women to help him complete his agenda."

"Then why did you ally with him?"

"Because beside the Gods there is no one in the universe who can stop him, it's like a hurricane. No matter how much you prepare, there is nothing you can do to stop it. All you can do is try and survive and be out of its way when it makes landfall."

"I see," replies Gisele, thinking, '*You're not really helping your case.*'

**Battlestar Anubis,  
Aquaria Fleet Shipyards,  
Orbit of Aquaria, Helios Zeta System**

Arthur takes the shuttle *Elizabeth*, to the Battlestar *Anubis*, SHBST-5, a Goliath Class Super Heavy Battlestar, in orbit on Aquaria. The *TCS Anubis* was originally scheduled to go through the Service Life Extension Program, SLEP for short. However, with the latest round of defense cuts by Adar, its future is now in doubt.

The Colonial Navy has four different programs to help maintain the warships of the Colonial Fleet. The first program is Refueling and Retrofitting-RRF, which normally takes three to six months. The second program is Refueling and Overhaul-ROH, which normally takes six to twelve months. There is also a shorter Refueling and Overhaul program known as a Mini-Refueling and Overhaul-MROH, which normally takes three to six months. The third program is Refueling and Complex Overhaul-RCOH, which normally takes 12 to 24 months. The last program is the Service Life Extension which normally takes 24 to 48 months.

Refueling and Retrofitting, is done whenever necessary. The Refueling and Overhaul, is done once every five years. The Mini-Refueling and Overhaul, is done when it is felt that a ROH is not necessary. The Refueling and Complex Overhaul is scheduled for halfway through the ship's eliminated life-span. However Capital Ships have been known to go this early if there is significant technology advancement. Finally, the Service Life Extension is scheduled at the end of the ship's eliminated life-span in order to extend the life-span of the ship.

Since the *Anubis* is largely sitting empty waiting on a decision to be made about its future, Arthur has selected it to be used as a temporary base for his *Death Dealers*. The *Death Dealers* are a twelve man team that operates under the command of Arthur. Arthur has selected Major General Charon '*Hawk*' Macgrory to oversee the *Death Dealers* and complete the assignments Arthur sends their way.

Arthur sees Hawk standing outside of what would be the CO's office and says, "Hawk."

"Admiral Wallace," answer Hawk, snapping off a salute.

"I have told you several times, call me Arthur," replies Arthur, exchanging a handshake with the Major General.

"Yes, Admiral Wallace."

Arthur just sighs as he says, "I have a mission for you if you are up for it."

"The *Death Dealers* are ready for anything," replies Hawk.

Hawk is 70 years old from Leonis, and good friends with retired Fleet Admiral John Kronus. After Kronus was forced to retire by Adar, Hawk began to plan his own Military coup. However, after a meeting with Arthur, both Arthur and Hawk's coups merged into one. Hawk may not have many years left but he will make sure to outlive Adar.

As they enter Hawk's quarters, Hawk says, "Arthur, you know my second-in-command Major Lennox."

"Major Lennox, how are you?" asks Arthur.

"I'm good," replies Major William '*Wild Bill*' Lennox, given a salute to the Admiral.

"Did you not just have a baby?"

"Yes, my wife gave birth three months ago, to a baby girl that we named Annabelle."

"Congratulations. Your wife's name is Sarah, correct?"

"Yes, why?"

"Just want to make sure," replies Arthur, as Master Sergeant, First Class or Chief Master Sergeant Robert 'Tyrese' Gibson walks up and says, "Arthur, General Hawk," while snapping off a salute.

"Tyrese, how are you?" asks Arthur, exchanging a handshake.

"A little tired but having five children will do that to someone!"

"Well if you and your wife understood the concept of a condom then you would not be so tired."

"You are one to talk," replies Tyrese, who has always spoken his mind; often at his own cost.

"All right, what is the mission you spoke of?" asks Hawk.

"All right, here goes. I need Lennox and Tyrese to break into Fort Milledge and break out Neela Kelley," says Arthur, taking out the schematics he has brought with him.

"And next you would like us to fly around the room on our own power, right?" asks Tyrese.

Hawk is about to say something, when Arthur holds up his hand to stop him.

"What Tyrese means is that it's impossible, Admiral," injects Lennox.

"Well if you can't do it then, please let me know of someone who can!" answer Arthur.

"What is so important about the Neela...Neela Kelley?" asks Hawk.

"She is there because Nagala placed herself there," replies Arthur.

"There has to be more than that?" asks Tyrese.

"She is there because she was spying for me. Nagala doesn't know that, yet! However, it is only a matter of time till they break Neela. If that happens, everyone on my faction will be done for! I also will not allow someone loyal to me to sit in a Gods forsaken place like Fort Milledge," replies Arthur, seeing the reaction on everyone's face.

"You better have one amazing plan!" says Lennox.

"I have a plan. I will let you know afterward if it is amazing or not!" answer Arthur, placing the schematics of Fort Milledge onto the table before he continues, "I have already ruled out an air rescue, and since Fort Milledge is on an island a land rescue is out of the question. That leaves us with a sea rescue."

"Well there goes that rescue!" says Tyrese.

Arthur continues, without even looking at Tyrese, "Anything bigger than a boat is too big for a stealth approach, and a boat would be suicide."

"So how are we going to get onto the island?" Lennox asks, wondering what Arthur is planning.

"The only way possible; we are going to use a submarine," says Arthur, seeing the reaction on everyone's face.

"That's it! Arthur has gone off the deep end!" says Tyrese.

"Admiral Wallace, that is insane! A submarine can't reach the island. Fort Milledge is protected by SDRADIS net," says Hawk.

SDRADIS is short for **SONAR DRADIS**. The only difference between DRADIS and SONAR DRADIS is one is designed for the air/space, and the other one is designed for underwater. The Colonials also used SFDRADIS which stand for **Surface DRADIS** and is used to detect vessels on the surface of the water; plus TDRADIS, **Terrestrial DRADIS**, commonly called **Land DRADIS**, LDRADIS, is used to detect anything on the surface of a planet not covered by water.

Currently there are eight versions of DRADIS but only two versions of SDRADIS, SFDRADIS, and TDRADIS. DRADIS stands for **D**etection, **R**ange, **D**irection, **D**istance, and **S**peed. The Original Mark I DRADIS was developed by Graystone Industries and was used by the Caprican Military in the 1940s, replacing the older Radar system used by the Colonies. The SDARAIS also replaced the older **M**agnetic **A**nomaly **D**etector system, MAD for short. During the Cylon War, because of the dumbing down of computers, the Mark II was developed.

After the Cylon War ended, Graystone Industries created the Mark III. At the time of the development of the Valkyrie, the Mark IV was also developed, followed by the Mark V for the Mercury. Eight years later, the Mark VI came into service. The Fenris Class Battlestar carries the newer Mark VII. With the Spartan Class Battlestar currently under construction which is going to carry the newer Mark VIII. The only real difference between each version is range, but the Mark VIII is radical different.

The Mark VII DRADIS and the **J**ump **P**oint **D**etection **S**ystem, JPDS Mark II, have been merged into one. The Jump Point Detection System Mark I was an innovation aboard the Nova Class Command Battlestar. It detects the energy build-up that occurs before a ship FTL jumps in and plots its position. However, the Mark II also can determine size, time to arrival, and types. Plus it categories all FTL frequencies, so once it detects a ship once, it can know whether the incoming ship is friend or enemy even before its arrival.

The Spartan Class Battlestar, originally was to carried both the Mark VII DRADIS and the Mark II JPDS but because of its advanced computer, the Leonidas carries the Mark VIII DRADIS. This allows the Spartan Class to carry an experimental three dimensional computer hologram system that uses the DRADIS and sensor data to create an estimated mapping system that besides mapping star system in real time can also estimate enemy positions and tactics.

This is all made possible by the Spartan Class's artificial intelligence, which is officially listed as limited artificial intelligence. The Sai for the *Spartan*, and the Lai for the *Leonidas*, was developed by Audrey '*Plenty*' O'Toole, and Lieutenant Daniel '*Golden Boy*' Jackson, with a little help from Arthur Wallace who makes illegal copies of Daniel Graystone's notes on artificial intelligence.

Sai stands for: **Spartan Artificial Intelligence**; while Lai stands for: **Leonidas Artificial Intelligence**.

"I know that but my inside man...wait I should said inside woman, will disable the SDRAID allowing for the submarine to get as close as possible and we will swim the rest of the way," says Arthur.

"If you have an inside person then why don't you just have them turn off the DRADIS and then we can just land a Raptor?" asks Hawk.

"Because at the end of the day, the DRADIS will have to be off for too long and it would give away we are coming and send the whole Fort into alert!" replies Arthur.

"Who is your inside woman?" asks Tyrese.

"Her name is Elena Neves and when we escape we will be taking her with us," replies Arthur.

"Why did you say, **'we?'**" asks Lennox.

"Because, I'm going with you, also Tank is coming. That is why I'm only briefing you two," answer Arthur.

"Admiral Wallace, I don't think that is a good idea. Your safety is a high priority!" says Hawk, wondering what in Hades Arthur is thinking.

"I understand that, but the decision is made and I'm going," replies Arthur, in a usual tone.

No one replies.

"What?" Arthur asks.

"You sounded like Stryker there for a moment," replies Hawk.

"Thanks," says Arthur, "If there are no more questions, then everyone is dismissed."

The other three men salute and then leave Arthur alone with his thoughts. Arthur just collects his stuff and walks back to the shuttle *Elizabeth*, so he can rendezvous with the *TCS*

*Solaria.* As Arthur walks down to the hangar bay, he wishes he could tell them the rest, but the less they know the better.