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Abby moved into the stall opening the back sliding door which led out into the corral. Making sure everything was still secure, she picked up a brush and brushed Gloria down before closing the gate.

“Come on Bo. Let’s take a walk and see what else needs to be done.” Abby called as she moved down the path towards her workshop.

She would check it out before heading towards the meadow further up the mountain where she saw the weird light last night. She had dreamed about it. She couldn’t really remember much of her dream, just a nagging feeling that she needed to check it out. Her workshop survived the storm just fine. She was glad as she had several thousand dollars worth of materials inside; not to mention the piece she was almost finished with. Bo pranced around, wagging his tail and marking just about everything. Abby laughed at the male need to mark. It reminded her a little of Clay when he was following her around town glaring at anyone who looked her way.

Bo ran ahead down the path. Abby was a bit slower as she stopped to move some of the bigger branches out of her way. She liked to hike up to the meadow during the summers and just enjoy the scenery. She was in the process of lifting a really large branch to the side when she heard Bo barking excitedly.

“Hold on, boy. I’m coming.” Abby yelled out. She pushed the limb out of the way and jogged up the path.

Abby stopped suddenly, her mouth hanging open, as she stared at the huge golden ship in the middle of the meadow. Bo was walking around it. As he moved closer, the ship seemed to shudder and move away from him. It was almost like it was alive. Abby moved toward the golden ship slowly.

“Bo, come here boy. I think you are scaring it.” Abby said softly, calling out to Bo to come to her.

Bo took one more sniff of the golden ship before taking off on another adventure. Abby walked around the ship watching as it shivered when she stepped closer to it. It wasn’t real big, maybe about the size of a large SUV but it was absolutely beautiful. She looked at the sleek design. Different colors seemed to swirl through the outer coating making the golden ship almost invisible as it took on the colors around it.

Abby slowly reached out her hand to touch it. The ship seemed to shimmer a bright gold, almost as if in warning. It reminded Abby of some of the wildlife she had noticed while living up in the mountains. She and her grandparents sometimes came across frightened or wounded animals over the years and they nursed many back to health before releasing them back to the wild.

“It’s okay, baby. I’m not going to hurt you.” Abby whispered softly. “It’s going to be alright. I won’t hurt you.”

The golden ship shuddered again as her hand gently brushed against its smooth surface. Abby laughed softly as she felt the smooth, soft metal. She didn’t understand what it was or where it

came from but she didn't get any bad vibes from it. She reached up her other hand, letting it glide over the surface. She rubbed it lightly while whispering nonsense words. She felt her hands slowly sink into the soft metal and long strips of the gold reached out, winding themselves around her arms and wrists. Abby's breath caught in her throat as she watched the gold bands slowly slide up her arms. When she pulled back two thin, intricately designed gold bands were attached to her wrists like gold wrist cuffs. Abby stared at them, marveling at their beauty, as she ran her fingers over first one then the other.

Bo's sudden barking turned to a scared yelp as he charged back towards Abby. Abby moved away from the ship looking up startled as Bo raced past her toward the path leading back to her cabin. Turning towards where Bo had come from, Abby wondered what other wonders the storm had brought.

"Well, what got your tennis balls stirred up?" Abby asked bemused. She was still in a daze at finding something so beautiful on her mountain. A groan from the direction Bo just ran from had Abby taking a step back.

Zoran groaned as he tried to lift his head. He didn't remember much about their landing. He knew he needed to get out, his body on fire but didn't remember much but the fierce weather from the planet. He collapsed back down unable to move, the pain in his body overwhelming him. He knew he needed to get back to his symbiosis but didn't have the energy. He could only hope the message he sent out to his brothers would be received as darkness once again took him.