

Reflections on a Sister

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Summary

A Romulan agent prepares for infiltration. Unbeknownst to her masters; she has already completed an infiltration. With the help of a half-sister.

Notes

Author's Note: Neither T'Vaakis or Talok are mine. T'Vaakis appeared in the late Margaret Wander Bonanno's *Unspoken Truth*, an excellent Saavik novel that continues her past STIV: *The Voyage Home*.

Talok appeared in the 4th season of *ST: Enterprise* in the Vulcan arch. He shares a look with a certain cantankerous engineer-turned-captain in the 3rd season of *Picard*. I urge you, if you are a Saavik fan, seek out that book. It is a wonderful portrayal of our heroine.

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The young Romulan stares at her reflection in the mirror. She notes the curly hair, somewhere in between a shade of charcoal and raven, and the high cheekbones, with the otherworldly green eyes. The eyes that she shares with the Other tells her that they had come from the Romulan, rather than the Vulcan, as she has no shared Vulcan ancestor.

That she knows of.

She isn't sure of how truthful her Romulan father was, as he had that species' propensity for prevarication. One that she shared, with her now-dual loyalties, with his masters in the Tal Shiar.

Her new ones in the V'Shar, the Vulcan version, too.

The Other, as she referred to her older half-sister, hadn't shown the level of deception, except where absolutely necessary to entrap her and the rest of the Romulan cell on Vulcan, over a decade ago.

She closes her eyes at the memory of the immolation of their shared father—if Saavik shared him—at his capture by the V'Shar. She wasn't sure if it had been the Tal Shiar or himself that had triggered the fire.

The door slides open. She ceases her self-inspection at the mirror, then moves into the other chamber.

The old man gazes at her with his steel-gray eyes. Talok, the most successful infiltrator of Vulcan since the Sundering, nods at her after a moment. She had read of his exploits, when the Tal Shiar had essentially owned the leader of Vulcan's High Command, before being foiled by T'Pau, the leader of splinter faction, T'Pol, the Vulcan first officer of an Earth ship, and her captain, who had allegedly carried the katra of Surak.

"Are you ready for your next assignment?" he asks.

After a moment, T'Vaakis nods, all thoughts of kinship and loyalty discarded.

For now.

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