




"MY APOLOGIES,
BARONESS."




"THE NEED FOR
SECRECY MEANT MY
INVESTIGATION OF THE
MASS GRAVE TOOK
FAR LONGER THAN IT
SHOULD HAVE."




"THE DEAD WERE
ALL IN THEIR EARLY
TO LATE TEENS."




"NOTHING IN COMMON
EXCEPT THEY WERE
FORMER CUMAEN
SLAVES, AND, MORE
IMPORTANTLY,
SURVIVORS FROM
THE HEART OF THE
CONSTANTINE BLAST.



"ACCORDING TO OUR
SOURCES, THE WARLORD
KIDNAPPED THEM
BECAUSE SHE THOUGHT
THEY MIGHT HAVE
INTELLIGENCE ABOUT
THE WEAPON THAT
DESTROYED THE CITY.



"BUT NONE OF THEM
TALKED. EITHER THEY
KNEW NOTHING...OR
THEY WERE LOYAL TO
THE DEATH.



"THE WARLORD HAD
THEM KILLED SO THE
NEKOMANCERS COULD
COMPEL THE TRUTH
FROM THEIR SOULS."



WHAT
DID SHE
LEARN?

ONLY
THAT
MORIKO
HALFWOLF
HAD A
DAUGHTER.
NOTHING
ELSE.



THE QUEEN OF
WOLVES SEEMS TO
KNOW THE FULL TRUTH.
I MUST ASSUME THE
WARLORD DOES,
AS WELL.

OR THAT SHE'LL
EVENTUALLY DISCOVER
MY... SPECIFIC
CONNECTIONS.



THE
WARLORD
WON'T DARE
HARM YOU.

SHE'D
DARE.

HER
OBSESSIONS
WITH CONSTANTINE --
AND WITH HER
SISTER -- ARE
LEGENDARY.

IT MEANS I
MUST WORK
MORE QUICKLY
THAN I
ANTICIPATED.



SHE WON'T
JUST GIVE YOU
THE AIR FLEET,
BARONESS.

TO HER,
YOU'RE A
NINETEEN-YEAR-
OLD BRIDE; AT
BEST A CONTRACT
FULFILLED...
NOT A WAR
COMMANDER.



THAT WILL
CHANGE.

I KNOW
SOMETHING
ABOUT
DEALING WITH
HALFWOLVES,
AFTER ALL.