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Part 2: Episode 10

A ship unable to defend itself...

A captain determined to revive her...

Worlds dependent on them both to survive...

An enemy bent on their destruction...

With the Aurora unable to fight, the Karuzari Alliance must find a way to not only repair their flagship, but to make the enemy pay dearly.

Sometimes, you just have to make do with what you've got.

"Retaliation" is the 10th episode in Part 2 of the Frontiers Saga: Rogue Castes. Episode 11 is coming soon!

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Kyle says

Another great addition to the saga. I will say not a lot happened as far as the story is concerned. You get a quick battle in the beginning, and not much until the end. As always the characters are great and I can not wait to see what happens next. I have included below a synopsis of the story so that I can remember what happens for the next book.

****SPOILERS FOR THE ENTIRE BOOK****

The Dusahn attack the Rogan system while the Aurora recovers from heavy damages while the Aska attack their new allies. The attack is fought off and they begin planning their recovery.

A group of Dusahn ships fled the battle. Nathan decides to send jump missiles and a group of fighters to attack the ships. One ship, the Amonday, jumps back to Rogan to attack the Aurora as the other ships are destroyed. The Amonday is left defenseless as help finally arrives and the ship is boarded and taken over as the remaining crew are captured.

The acting captain of the Amonday, Commander Andreola, is brought to the Aurora when he is questioned by Nathan Scott. He tells them that the Dusahn took over his homeworld called Orswella, and that they have a shipyard surrounding an asteroid. Only one Dusahn ship protects the world.

Meanwhile they go on the offensive with teams of Cobra gunships and Gunyoki fighters conducting surprise attacks on Dusahn ships. The Dusahn send more ships to finish off the Aurora.

The Aska continue their attack on the bases on Casbon in a surprise attack. The Karuzari forces defend against the surprise attack using Super Eagles and their new AI assisted Nighthawk fighters.

Commander Prechitt takes a group of Nighthawks to meet with Nathan to inform him of the attacks on Casbon and request help to attack them head on. Nathan is introduced to the AI technology in the Nightwing. Also, during an attack, a Cobra gunship is damaged and drifting in space as the others rally and search for them.

Jessica takes a squad to the Amonday to get intel. When they access the computer systems it sets off a booby trap which explodes the ship. Jess, Ghatazhk soldiers, and Commander Andreola escape in a pod but jump an unknown distance away and are lost. Robert sets out to find the lost Cobra crew and finds them drifting with little air left.

Josh and Loki are able to find Jessica and the others in their escape pod. Meanwhile crews locate the damaged Cobra crew and are trying to feed them oxygen and save them. Nathan sends additional ships with Vlad to attempt to save the crew. Vlad is able to connect an emergency power and air, but it looks like enemy ships are nearby closing in on them. Also, Nathan is preparing to steal ZPEDs to give power to the Aurora who is stuck without a new power source.

A team of ships attempt to rescue the damaged Cobra Gunship and the Dusahn finally arrive attempt to thwart their rescue mission. Right before the mission is about to be aborted, Gunyoki and other fighters arrive at the last minute to distract the Dusahn and complete the rescue.

A small attack group attack Ahka head on and destroy industrial targets and deliver a message to leave Casbon alone. Orochi boat ships have successfully been transformed into jump missile platforms and Josh and Loki begin testing them. Crews come to learn the new ships and are told that they are going to attack Takara in 3 days, which is likely going to be a distraction so that Nathan can steal ZPEDs for the Aurora. Nathan, Jessica, and Marcus go to Haven to get a Dusahn ship for their mission.

As they wait on their ship they return to the Aurora and make the final plans for their attack on the ZPED factory. Vlad tests out plugging the AI from the new Nighthawks into the Aurora after being amazed by the technology and is excited by the results. Siggy arrives at the Aurora with a Dusahn ship and uniforms as they leave for their mission.

Jessica and the Ghatazhak do a space jump and cold coast next to Nathan in the Dusahn ship through the asteroid's shields into the facility. The Orochis launch jump missiles towards Takara to start the distraction. Jessica lands and takes out the shields as Nathan makes his way into the facility.

Nathan makes his way through the facility and Telles manages to get the ZPEDs. The attack on Takar continues but Lord Dusahn figures out their ploy and sends their ships to defend the base. Nathan orders them to take off with the ZPEDs, but as he is pinned down Jessica comes back to save him. The crew is able to escape and jump away just in time as they launch jump missiles to destroy the station.

Vlad and Deliza finish integrating the AI into the ship which they now name "Aurora." Nathan thanks Jessica for saving him. Lord Mahtize is visited by a mysterious elderly man on Takar. It is revealed that it is retired General Hesson, who was just fired by Lord Dusahn for the attack that just occurred. He wishes for Mahtize to deliver a message to Nathan...

Jessica says

Another awesome adventure !

Loved every second of it, Ryks books are like crack... But it was a bit SHORT for my taste as have been the last couple of books ... Still, i love the books and cannot wait until the 11th book is released !!! Also I think I'm liking where ryk is going with Nathan...

Mike Nemeth says

With "Retaliation," the 10th episode in the Frontiers Saga, Part 2: The Rogue Castes, Nathan Scott and his band of rebels get the opportunity to strike back at the Dusahn, the empire-hungry invaders who have derailed the Alliance. Scott's ship, the Aurora, continues to struggle. It's nearly dead in space after an attack by the Dusahn. Despite the win, the Karuzari remains the underdog, still swinging but weak and vulnerable. But Scott has some pretty tough fighters. They don't back down and they find ways of harassing the stronger force coming after them. Scott uses subterfuge and he knows how to get people to trust him. He's straightforward but deadly. And he's become more of a pirate than freedom fighter. He figures out a way to save the Aurora, but it's a little crazy and requires going in and attacking a planetary system controlled by the enemy. Author Ryk Brown obviously loves his characters, but he has no problem putting them in danger and

even kills them off. There are many difficult experiences in this novel and some are hard to read. Brown ramps up the tension. And his build up to the main conflict is as good as any he's written. Scott and the rest encounter one problem after another but figure out a plan B, or C, or D. Brown keeps his fans, like me, ready for the next installment.

David Syzdek says

Utterly riveting book

These books keep getting better and better. Nathan, Jessica, Loki, Josh, Vladimir and all the characters we've grown so attached deal with a damaged Aurora and the devious Dushan. This was book was an incredibly exciting page-turner that was impossible to put down.

J?nis says

As in previous books of this series, the action starts from the first sentences. Needed to re-read the last chapter from the previous book to remember where the author left us. A lot of different changes in events. Also the end of the book there is many questions that will need to wait for the next book. The only complaint is about the length of the book - the book seemed to be shorter than previous ones.

Ruth W. Wallace says

Great science fiction

Excellent and consistent character development with growth. Ryk Brown keeps the story line fast paced and the reader guessing. I really enjoy the philosophical discussions he sprinkles in. Can't wait for the next book and find out where the many story lines take the reader.

Mary Barb says

Good Book

Mr. Brown , this is a great read and one your followers will love. Please don't take so long between books. We need to keep a flow going with the characters and story. Thanks

Francis J Mallalieu says

Aurora in a dire situation makes up use of u usual options.

The Aurora has been badly damaged by an Dushan ambush.

One of the ships is hit as they jump away from a battle and the rear end of his ship is damaged as the failing jump emitters chop off pieces of the ship through a series of little jumps. Not knowing where they are the crew have to prepare for an unknown period of time lost in space.

One incident after another hits Nathan as his day progresses ending in a massive mission that could see the demise of Nathan and many other people.

Another great book, I can't wait for the next book.

Levi Jennings says

1 Of the BEST Series

The Frontier Saga series of books is in my opinion one of the very best science fiction space operas written within the last five years. The problem that I'm having is in waiting for the next book in the series. I almost felt cheated when I got to the end of episode #10. Now I've got to wait for # 11.

Jay Shavitz says

Good but a little slower and “thinner” than other in this series

I'm a huge fan of Ryk and this series but found this one to be more of a “same old” collection of skirmishes with the Dusahn rather than it introducing any new depth or plot complexities. Still enjoyable however and I'll pick up the next installment as soon as it's ready.

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A great installment to the series with plenty of fast-paced action. The plot lines are coming together nicely, and we are starting to see both a tipping point and an expansion point for the story. The only complaint I have for this book is a similar one I've had before... character waffling, which I'll explain in a bit. Otherwise, I can definitely give this book four stars and call it an Action Packed Read.

Now, on to the details... don't read further if you don't like spoilers. Or criticisms, because I'm about to be a bit critical.

Picking up where the last the book left off, we are dropped right in the middle of a sudden scrap on the new found ally world of... uhm... that place where they went and did the thing. Casaba? Casbon? Where they did the deal for the new-new-new fighter ships. You remember? So yeah, they fight there, then we see them fighting back at the Samurai Planet. Then, more fighting to keep from having to fight more, after which they decide they should go fight more to keep from having to fight more later and also right now.

I know, it sounds complicated, right? But remember, Nathan Scott is a super genius who always know the right thing to do, especially when people who are a lot smarter than him tell him he shouldn't. But he does it anyway, and it works, so there you go. Oh, and he also Captain Kirk's the dangerous missions too. That's because he's both indispensable to the cause because no one would keep fighting if he wasn't alive to lead it,

and also because he cannot be seen as not fighting in the front lines because no one would follow him otherwise, and... yeah, that all ties right into the problem I've been having. Waffling logic explained away as a character flaw... in ALL the characters. It's getting old.

I love the books. I love the action. I love the plot twists. I love the tech and the tech advances (although I still don't understand why you have to be pointed in a certain direction to use the jump drive when it's not based on momentum). And I love the characters too, but they are all flawed in the exact same way... Ignore logic and their own previously stated convictions if it's in the name of saving a single individual or pursuing a really cool idea/goal.

Sigh. Oh well, nothing is perfect. I just needed to vent that, I guess. Besides, writing is hard. I choose to give the benefit of the doubt and suspend disbelief for the sake of an enjoyable story, which this series most certainly is.

Happy Reading!

Karl Donovan says

Serviceable also predictable

Story line does not move a great deal, there is plenty of action (perhaps needed). Generally a good book and very much in the episode tv vein, although I would like the story to hurry up a little. Perhaps it's the wait between books that is frustrating. It is a moot point anyway as if this far in you will not stop now!

Jason Roper says

Another set of twists and cunning

If you have followed this series so far you will not be disappointed with this installment. Ryk has laid a basis for the summation of this second series but allowed for more lines of exploration.

Yk says

No evidence of Nathan's improved intelligence

When feigning an attack, it has to be so convincing that your enemy believes it wholeheartedly. Worse yet, using such high power on small targets naturally arouse Lord Dusahn's suspicion and that General Hesson, a seasoned career soldier couldn't see it is a mystery to me. Either Nathan had issues dealing with his new found intelligence or the writer failed to understand Sun Tzu's 'Deception in war'.

It's otherwise a good read as usual.

Katherine says

Great action but getting hard to keep up

It has been awhile since I read the last book in this series. When I started reading this I couldn't remember the setting and people and got frustrated. The main characters are easily remembered, but there are so many characters and subplots now, that it is hard to remember everything in the months between each new title. Perhaps it would help to have a brief summary of what came before at the start. Otherwise another good book and I'm glad Jessica refrained from killing rampantly.
