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We're heading to Ki. The journey's a long one so we'll be on this starship for quite a while. There's only 50 people on board, but it feels like more. I'm grateful for my quarters which are much larger than most and away from the others. I have some degree of privacy. Royalty does have its privileges. Good, I'm tired of always having to be so gracious. I need space to think.

I'm feeling a lot of intense emotions. So much has happened. I'm confused, scared, happy, sad. Mixed up is the best way to describe it. Alone, at last I can reflect, figure this out.

I've never seen father so angry. I, espoused to Ea, father's first born son and my half brother, our offspring were to be the legal successors to the throne. I had it made. Why then did I fall for my brother Enlil?

Granted, Enlil's a dashing commander and very seductive. Enlil, my half brother, is the Legal Heir, first born son of Antu, father's half-sister and spouse. Anu granted his first born son, Ea, son of a concubine, right of succession through sons born of me, Ninmah, Anu's eldest daughter. As Ea's spouse, I would rule through my sons—the closest I could get to ruling Nibiru since I am a woman.

But no more. Not only did I make love with Enlil, but I bore him a son whom we've jointly named Ninurta. Father, severely angered, forbade me never to wed!

Why did I do that? I truly love Ea and desired to fulfill my destiny. And yet, I betrayed him, my father and my people. I don't understand myself sometimes. I'm so upset with me. Woe

is me. I am forever shamed.

I thought all was lost. But then came an interesting turn of events. My mistake turned into a blessing in disguise.