

# TWINS UNMET - THE BLAZE -

Book #1

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## **CHAPTER 1**

### **BLAZE STONES**

“King Blake, I just hung up with the Blaze Plant. The last test of the Sabe Mill went well,” State Man Rane tells the king of Pune. “The plant is all set for the big day.”

King Blake sits at his big desk at his home, Trime Base, and scans the gas trade contract draft that is in his hand. He hates this draft that Grand Duke Cade of Vade made up to win his daft quest. It asks for the use of gas, not just on Vade and Pune, but on all of the planets in the Gild Pact.

King Blake’s wish is to shred this draft to bits.

Then State Man Rane adds, “At last, Ken set the codes on the safe and the Sabe Mill. The disk with the codes is up to date.”

“Thanks, Rane,” King Blake nods.

“And tell Ken that I am glad for all he did for the ramp-up. He is the best cop at the Blaze Plant.”

Rane hands a pile of notes to King Blake. “The safe and the Sabe Mill codes are in the white file. I will share the codes with Slin and Zene. Then, just the five of us will have these codes. And this black file has the notes on the next State Address at the Pune Congress.”

“Just set those files on that shelf. I will check them and get back to you,” King Blake tells him.

State Man Rane sets the notes on the top shelf with the rest of the king’s files and then asks, “Are you fine? I take it that you are not glad.”

As King Blake’s best pal, Rane can tell when the king is not at his best.

“Not at all. This is a big day. And I am glad. Well, it is just that...” King Blake stands up and steps next to a big glass pane on the tall and thick brick wall of Trime Base. “I gave up a lot for the Blaze Plant to get to this day. Those that I had to care for.”

“Yes. You and Zene gave it all up,” Rane nods as he steps next to King Blake. “Zene spent her life on a quest to set up the Blaze Plant to save Pune. And she did it in the end. The plan had its share of slip-ups, but Zene got it back on track and got us to this day. Thanks to all that Zene did, the Sabe Mill can use the blaze stones to make power that is not toxic,” Rane states as he rests his hand on King Blake’s back.

King Blake stands still next to the big glass pane and stares at his men at the back gate.

“Zene chose to help in this way to save us,” Rane adds. “And Pune will last past us, thanks to her. All that you and Zene gave up got us to this day. And with luck, the Blaze Plant will ramp up in just five days. I wish you just let go of your sad past.”

“I wish that as well,” King Blake states and sits back at his big desk. “And as the king, I must.”

Rane taps the frame that sits on King Blake's desk. "Be glad that Slin is still with you."

King Blake picks up the frame. It is a snapshot of Slin and him at the last Fall Fest. Slin sits next to her dad on the grand throne. King Blake is stiff, and Slin has a big fake smile.

## **CHAPTER 5**

### **CODE RED**

“This is bad. The back gate cam just froze. And then, it went blank!” a man on the Blaze Plant staff tells the cop that sits next to him.

The cop picks up his comm and yells, “The hall cam is off as well. This is NOT a drill. This is NOT a drill. Note, it is 6:00.”

When a red flash pops up, the staff yells.

“And the line is cut!”

“It is all black in the halls and on the steps.”

The cop stands up. “Get the cams back up. Note, it is 6:02.”

“It will take a bit,” the man on the staff grunts. “It is a black-out in the whole plant.”

The cop still yells, “Note, it is 6:04! Get the plugs out! Then stick them back in!”

“Plug out! Check! 3, 2, 1. Plug back in. Check! Yes! At last!” the man on the staff

yells at the top of his lungs. “The cam at the back gate just came back on! But... But it is in safe mode and stuck on its last frame. And the rest of the cams in the whole plant are stuck on safe mode as well.”

“This will not help! Note, it is 6:07. The line is still cut,” the cop grunts.

Just then, a big blast shakes the plant.

“Is that blast at the back gate?” a cop asks in shock.

Cops rush to check the blast at the back gate. A red flash blinks in the halls.

The staff on site is in shock. “This is class five. This is Code Red! Note, 6:09.”

This time, the cop blares on his comm, “CODE RED! CODE RED! Get the line and the cams back up fast.”

The cop with the top rank at the plant, Ken, yells back on the comm, “Get all the cops to the safe and the Sabe Mill as fast as you can!”

“On it,” yells his man, Tom.

“Run! Quick!” Ken still yells. “And Tom, check that the drive on the Sabe Mill is safe. And the disk with the codes as well. Then, check that the red stat file is still in the safe. Fast! This is NOT a drill. This is NOT a drill.”





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