

Qura stepped toward the sand nervously, holding her bright red towel snugly around herself
"Ah! Young Qura!" a loud voice echoed behind her
turning quickly she found herself staring up at the vast frame of the barbarian Fraeya.
"Glad you join us!" she grinned while Qura marvelled at the mass of exposed skin from the Amazonian's bikini-clad figure
Qura smiled back, noting the collection of supplies the barbarian was carrying nonchalantly and feeling embarrassed at the excellent shape in front of her
spotting the havlin wrap her towel tighter Fraeya looked thoughtful before leaning down
"come, sit with me, let the sun warm until you are comfortable to leave towel, yes?"
without waiting, Fraeya began to walk across the sand, flattening large footprints Qura hopped into as the pair headed toward two very pale figures
Qura smiled and waved as she spotted their quarry – the elven twins Asciiyan and Barbilyan looking pale but stunning in matching swimming costumes
"I find a havlin" Fraeya began to place their towels and an umbrella out on the beach haphazardly
"Qura!" Barbilyan dropped to her knees and held out her arms for a hug while Asciiyan helped the barbarian while looking, to Qura's eyes, effortlessly fabulous, as he shook out a large towel
"Come on brother!" Barbilyan pushed him from behind and ran toward the sea, splashing far enough to dive gracefully into the beautiful waters
Qura's attention was diverted as Fraeya thumped heavily onto the large blanket and stretched her legs out in front of her
Qura settled down too, opening her towel enough to be covered but still let the warm air breeze against her
"um. Hi!" a quiet voice piped up and Qura turned to see Phoebe stood demurely nearby, the cleric wearing a form-fitting one piece swimsuit and carrying a dainty parasol
Qura looked up in surprise as Fraeya sprung to her feet to greet the small figure awkwardly
"Um. Hi" Fraeya's voice quivered "glad you came!" Fraeya gestured to the towel and the pair sat down awkwardly
Qura's eyes rolled as the pair sat in silence looking everywhere except at each other
She shrugged off her towel and stretched her legs out "Hey Phoebe! Isn't Fraeya's swimsuit lovely?" she smiled as she watched the girl run her eyes over the barbarians' muscles
"I'm gonna try a swim!" Qura didn't even look back as she knew the pair's eyes would lock, oblivious to anything other than each other
Qura stepped carefully into the water, keeping herself from a shiver as the cool water lapped at her ankles
She looked up with a smile at a splashing and Asciiyan bound up to her "gonna join us for a swim?" he grinned and scooped the halfling up easily "wait! I..." Qura managed before the elf threw her bodily out into the deeper water
She managed to suck in a lungful of air before she tumbled under the surface, flailing wildly her head broke the surface and she tried to grab another mouthful of air as she struggled into the blue waters again
her eyes snapped open and the surface seemed so far away as the lights dimmed, her legs kicking out, searching for a foothold
without warning a pair of hands reached under her armpits and she rose at tremendous speed, spluttering and gasping as she was lifted head and shoulders out of the water
Turning she could see Barbilyan holding her up, the elf's head barely above the surface.
As the rangers' worried expression faded, replaced with one of anger she began shouting at Asciiyan in elvish, the foreign words lost on Qura but the meaning full of fury

They waded closer to shore Qura could feel her feet touch sand and stood, her head clear but the gentle waves barely halfway up the elf's thighs
Qura grabbed Barbilyan's hand, the elf pausing in her rant "i'm fine! I can swim" she smiled up at her saviour "just... just not very well" Barbilyan smiled down at her and scowled at her brother, pointing a warning finger at him before turning and thrusting herself back into the water
"I am so sorry!" Ascilyan knelt in front of Qura "i should have checked!"
Qura reached forward to hug him "I was surprised, that's all." Qura smiled "you can help me swim better though!" and turned to flail at the water in something akin to a doggy-paddle to the elf's amusement