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The situation came to a head when the crew nearly mutinied against Martok, but Worf changed the situation by challenging Martok himself, accusing his friend and commanding officer of being a coward.

During the fight Worf, seeing that Martok's fear had tra????nsformed into the spirit of a warrior, let him win the fight and retain command; the general immediately gained the crew's loyalty, and he remembered his duty as a soldier of the empire. In appreciation for what Worf had done, Martok accepted him into the House of Martok. (DS9: "Soldiers of the Empire") ????

After the Dominion War broke out, Martok, along with Worf, was instrumental in convincing Gowron to lend support to Starfleet's offensive to rec????apture Deep Space 9 from the Dominion in Operation Return. Although Klingon forces were late arriving at the battle, they played an important role in defeating the Dominion fleet in that engagement. (DS9: "Favor the Bold", "Sacrifice of Angels") ????

Martok plans his next move in the Dominion War. Martok continued to serve as commander of the Rotarran. He was promoted to Supreme Commander of the combined Starfleet-Klingon Ninth Fleet in early 2374. Martok resented the position because of all the paperwork and bureaucracy involved in commanding an entire fleet, and also resented his elderly "assistant", Darok. (DS9: "You Are Cordially Invited", "Once More Unto the Breach") ????. A few days after Operation Return, Martok sent several scout ships to the Cardassian border to check for signs of Dominion activity. (DS9: "Resurrection")