

DEMONS 561

Chapter 561: Planning time for... a chat

"Lily" said Vivian firmly, "don't make excuses for her. You're not married yet, there's no need to defend her from idiotic choices yet"

Lily went bright red and Kat winced. "I'm right here Vivian. If you want to harass me can you at least do it to me instead of through Lily?"

Vivian shook her head rapidly, "Nope. Embarrassing Lily at the same time is half the fun. There's no way I'd give up the chance to get both of you at the same time. As I'm now filling in the role of your mother, it's imperative I use that position for maximum entertainment!"

Vivian then turned her eyes to Lily and fixed her with a hard stare before continuing to speak "Now Lily. Is there anything else that Kat has done? Anything she needs to know?" Lily's face twitched, "Oh there's something she needs to be informed about? Would you care to enlighten me as to what it is?"

Vivian's manner of speech made Lily feel like Vivian was the real devil here. Lily swallowed heavily as her mind very specifically drifted to the fact Kat clearly needed 'the talk'. Loyalty to Kat and the desire not to out her at the table warred with the desire for Kat to gain that knowledge, and make sure she didn't have to be responsible for providing it. Part of Lily knew that she could simply tell Vivian at a later time but she caved under the stare eventually. "Kat... um... Kat maybe... sorta... um.. needsthetalk?" mumbled Lily

"Ah I see" said Vivian with a grin, "I'll ensure that she's caught up to speed... thoroughly"

"Shall I assist you in this endeavour?" asked Callisto to the surprise of the new couple. Sylvie actually seemed to expect the answer for some reason, and Vivian clearly knew her well enough to guess something like this.

Vivian got a wicked gleam in her eye and raked her gaze over both Kat and Lily both suddenly feeling like a vicious predator had them in their sights. "Well, I suppose I shall get you to accompany me. Together we can conduct a much more thorough and explicit version of the talk. Why we could even provide certain visual aids to make sure the point really sinks in deep."

Lily let out a strangled 'meep' sound as her face went bright red. That was the clue Kat needed to figure out what Vivian had really said and found herself similarly embarrassed. It was also when she remembered Sylvie was nearby. "VIVIAN! You... you... you can't just say that! Or... why would even do that? That's highly inappropriate. Especially with Sylvie nearby to hear"

Vivian was all set not to care until Kat brought up her final point and winced. Still, she didn't want to back down from her prepared answer. "Now Kat, Lily, what dirty things are you thinking I was suggesting. Callisto is an expert at computers and can certainly come up with a Powerpoint presentation or something similar with little to no trouble. As for Sylvie... well I'm sure it's fine really. She can learn what we're talking about later"

Sylvie rolled her eyes and chimed in with, "You are trying to give Kat the 'sex talk' and you laced your suggestion for Callisto to join you with several statements to imply that you and Callisto would engage in the act while teaching the material. It's not that hard to see"

Every eye in the room turned to Sylvie at that point. Lily was even redder somehow and was leaning against Kat for support. Kat was thoroughly shocked that Sylvie possessed such knowledge, as was Vivian. Callisto just seemed to nod. Eventually it was Vivian who broached the topic. "Sylvie dear... how did you know that? Not even Kat figured it out straight away"

Sylvie shrugged and said, "I don't really know how Kat missed it, but one of the older girls would always pull us aside and explain just before someone got adopted that sex was not something to get involved with, especially not with your family, along with just how easy it was to get people arrested for paedophilia."

Kat's jaw dropped. "Why didn't I ever hear about this?"

Sylvie shrugged again. "It was only really for people getting adopted. I actually overheard this talk, it wasn't given to me when I left. I'm not sure if they assumed you'd give it to me, or if it's because they knew you'd protect me but I wasn't pulled aside for it. As to why you never heard about it... I actually don't know? Maybe they assumed you DID know as you'd been around so long? I don't know."

"That... while it's good advice to have I guess... I don't really think it's terribly appropriate to bring up..." said Vivian still shellshocked.

Sylvie shrugged a third time, not really seeing the big deal. "Nobody younger than five was told, and it was always just before they left. Though... I wonder who kept track of the who was giving the speech... nevermind, it's just a thing that happened and I like to think it's for our safety"

"It is a trading of innocence for safety. There is clearly a cost... but I suppose it is a valid one. I do not know if I would endorse the practice, but I certainly would not stop it if I knew" said Callisto. "Though I do wonder if the owner of the orphanage was aware this happened... I would suspect so."

Sylvie nodded to that and said, "Yes I believe he knew. A little silent nod, and once I knew to look for it, the person giving the speech always got a little extra food at dinner. Which granted, we didn't go hungry so it wasn't like it really mattered, but Gramps would very specifically give them something little more than they'd ask for and nod."

"How did I not notice this?!" said Kat her voice gaining a few bars in height. "I... I feel like I've almost been negligent in my care..."

Sylvie promptly left her chair to walk over to Kat and give her a hug... mostly around her side. Kat decided that wasn't good enough and grabbed Sylvie to place on her lap. Wrapping the little girl in her arms Kat tried to calm down, but Sylvie had even more words, "It's not your fault Kat. We always came to you for other things. You weren't meant to be serious like that. It wasn't your job and you had enough of them"

Silence reigned for a few moments before Callisto gave a loud clap and spoke at with a slightly raised voice. "Enough. It is a sad thing, yet not one that is causing harm. Sylvie, I appreciate your knowledge on the topic but I think it would help Kat's sanity for you to not bring this up again. Kat. You WILL be getting the talk from Vivian and I sometime in the next few days. Possibly tomorrow. That is not a question. It is important, and will be suitably entertaining to give. Now. Let us discuss something more fun and interesting. How far did you and Lily take your relationship already?"

Callisto was expecting a blush from Lily, and was genuinely shocked when she got a groan instead. "That's part of the problem" when Callisto just raised an eyebrow and Vivian looked at her like she held the secrets of the world Lily sighed and continued, "Kat doesn't know. She just wasn't interested so she doesn't know anything other than kisses and... well... the act itself"

"We're going to have our work cut out for us" said Vivian shaking her head 'sadly' "Truly for Kat to not know. Seriously, how did this happen? Actually Lily, how did you find out?"

Lily gulped and looked over to Kat pleading for her to answer instead. Kat noticed and dipped into thought. *While I see no reason for me to answer this... I suppose this is part of being a good girlfriend. I suppose I should answer...* completely ignoring the fact that even before today she'd have done whatever Lily asked. So with a resigned droop of the shoulders, Kat answered, "It was because Lily explained there was a difference between kissing and sticking your tongue down someone's throat. I however don't see that difference or previously know it was a thing"

Vivian nodded and replied in a serious voice. "Yes, indeed. That is a serious lack of knowledge. I see we'll have our work cut out for us..." then her voice returned to normal as she faced Callisto, "But why do we do that? I mean... what's the point? Why does it feel better Callisto? Now that it's been pointed out to me I can't help but feel it's... kinda odd isn't it? I mean I know I have this one spot on my... actually I'll save that for 'the talk' but I want answers!"

"I do not know the answer to that off the top of my head Vivian" said Callisto seriously, "I will endeavour to find out for our presentation. I know it has something to do with arousal of course... but not why."

Chapter 562: Whispers in the Night

After that bit of embarrassment things settled down for a bit... just until dinner was done really. Then Vivian swooped in and asked, "So Lily are you going to stay over the night or are you going to head home?"

Lily glanced at Kat, as if she should be the one deciding, only to realise what she'd done when Kat gave her a very confused look. Kat of course, simply believed it to be Lily's choice. Lily took a few seconds to realise this and sighed wondering what she wanted to do. It would have been nice, in her mind at least, for Kat to help answer the question, but she knew Kat saw barely any difference, especially when they lived so close.

So, she sucked in a deep breath and said, "I'll stay the night here then I guess. If you could let my parents know? I'm aware I put some of my clothes in Kat's closet after I fell asleep here working on things so it should be fine"

"Are you going to sleep in Kat's bed again?" asked Vivian 'innocently'.

Lily went bright red and realised the trap she'd stumbled upon. Of course, Kat not being a normal girlfriend, had exactly zero reaction to this. Her total thought process amounted to 'yes that makes sense'. Kat was assuming this happened while she was away and thought it only made sense for the spare bed to be used.

Lily wasn't sure how she wanted to process the statement. Knowing that she'd fallen asleep at the kitchen table and been carried to Kat's bed by someone, likely Vivian now that she thought about it. Still,

any protest would be brushed off as trying to save herself she was 'sure'. Turning around she tried to catch Kat's eyes to gauge her reaction only to see practically none. Then of course she remembered exactly what Kat was like and resolved to stop letting her mind fly wild. She KNEW Kat. A little teasing from Vivian shouldn't have her so worried. "That's entirely up to Kat, it's her bed" was what she managed to squeak out.

Hmm. Seems fine to me. I'm not sure it's entirely appropriate now... but we've had sleepovers before so it's fine. "Sure, sounds fine to me," said Kat

And only then to Lily realise what she'd signed up for. Oh, she knew Kat would say yes, but found her thought process continued to not work properly for the time being. While this was what she wanted, she also knew it was going to be very hard to get to sleep now.

"Well you should both shower then. It might not be too late but I'm sure you'll be kept up... chatting I suppose" said Vivian, "Just remember that while Callisto has soundproofing on her room, you don't"

"Why does Callisto have sound proofing?" asked Kat at the same time as Lily was trying to ignore the backflips in her stomach and the slight heat, she was experiencing lower than her face.

"Sometimes I am in calls with other individuals at odd hours," said Callisto easily. "I insisted on the soundproofing in the walls to make sure that I wouldn't be responsible for Vivian waking up during the night. It also keeps my room nice and quiet when I need it."

Kat thanked Callisto for the explanation and moved to help clean up. Callisto did make to protest but decided it was fine when she saw Lily and Sylvie head upstairs for the showers. It would give Kat something to do after all, and while it was an activity Callisto find mildly relaxing, the ability for Kat to wash things in boiling water was not something she was willing to give up. So they worked together for a while. They finished before Kat heard the shower upstairs turn off and headed up to take her own shower.

When Lily walked out Kat gave her a kiss on the cheek and walked into the bathroom leaving a very red Lily stunned in the hallway before she smiled massively and headed for Kat's room. Kat simply had a quick shower and joined her. Lily was propped up against the back rest with a pillow and Kat made to join her but paused.

Ok now how do I want to do this? Lily will need to get up if I put my wings under her... but I pretty much have to do that don't I? There really isn't space otherwise and I can't keep my wings folded without it being uncomfortable against my back if I'm sitting up like that. I don't want to just faceplant on the bed either because I want to talk to Lily for a bit... and hug her too.

Lily didn't really pay attention to Kat when she opened the door. She was lost in her own world really, but instinctively, when she felt Kat's form press onto the bed leaned forward to allow for a wing to pass behind her. Kat was actually a little shocked at that.

How did she know? I didn't even really know I needed her to do that. Kat settled in beside Lily who instantly curled up to Kat's side as soon as she was situated. Thing was though... that included the time it required Kat to shift in place for a few moments to get comfortable. As soon as she was though, Lily just seemed to know and let herself fall on Kat.

"Thank you" whispered Lily.

"What for?" asked Kat

"For saying yes" said Lily

Kat frowned, and started to run her hands through Lily's thick hair. It was substantial and Kat found she was quite enjoying the feeling. Unlike her own smooth hair that had only gotten smoother, Lily's was still just as bushy as ever. While it hadn't dried completely, it had already puffed up quite a bit and Kat couldn't be bothered to stop her fingers as they worked to tease any knots out of Lily's hair.

"You don't need to thank me for that Lily. We went over this. I like you as well and I'm not giving you to anyone else. I thought I made that clear" said Kat softly.

Lily shivered as the words dusted past her ears. Pressing herself further into Kat in response she let out a content sigh. "I know but... I want to say it. It means a lot to me Kat. I really... I really don't know what I would have done if you'd said no. I mean... I prepared myself for it don't get me wrong... and... and I don't ever think you'd hate me for it... or even have treated me that different... but I can't help but wonder what I'd have done. Certainly I wouldn't have been ok with the Memphis transformation... or maybe I'd have done it as soon as possible to force you to accept. I don't know that I like thinking about it... but I also think I have to."

"Oh Lily" whispered Kat, stopping her fingers so that she could pull the girl into a proper hug. Letting her head rest on Lily's shoulder she could still feel Lily's hair anyway. "I told you. I'm very happy to have you. I'm quite thankful for it as well. I didn't truly realise just how strong my feelings were for you before today but... I don't exactly want to think about what I'd have done to whoever you did to decide to date. I doubt it would have been pretty"

"Kat you're a big softy that hides behind apathy occasionally. You'd have done nothing" said Lily with a chuckle.

Kat shook her head and returned with a denial. "Oh I very much doubt I'd have done nothing. I would have done the scariest shovel talk you ever seen. If it was in the future I'd have made full use of my demon abilities. Maybe pretend to appear in their room in a burst of purple flame..." Kat saw Lily was starting to grin and decided to explain... and maybe exaggerate a bit.

"...Then I'd approach them and use the full demon voice. The horrible ghastly throaty voice and project it as much as I could. Then I'd slam my aura down on them and make them calm. Calm however, doesn't quite mean rational. I'd then very carefully describe the multiple ways I'd potentially kill or maim them for hurting you and that, as a demon, I might even say I was contractually obliged to follow through with it.

"Maybe I'd scare off a few of them that way. If they stuck around well... I'd be happy for you of course, especially for surviving that... but I'm not sure I could have ever liked them" Finished Kat and Lily burst into giggles.

"I can picture it now" said Lily with a smile, "that would have been terrifying for them if it happened. Still, I'm glad it didn't need to happen. I got what I want. You!" Lily finished and then started yawning deeply.

"That seems to be the call of the night. Time to sleep Lily" whispered Kat.

"Noooo" murmured Lily already starting to drift off as Kat ended the hug and went back to playing with her hair. "I can stay up. I mean... I might not have got a lot of sleep yesterday but I don't... I need... I mean... what was I saying Kat?"

Kat gave Lily a kiss on the forehead "Goodnight dear"

"mgmhm, yes. Goodnight" mumbled Lily before falling asleep in Kat's arms.

Chapter 563: Waking up in Her Arms.

Kat awoke first to find herself in a slightly awkward position. The pair had shifted during the night. When they'd started, Lily was curled up to Kat's side with her arms around her, something Kat had reciprocated happily. Now that it was morning and she was awake again... that was no longer the case exactly...

Lily was now sprawled out on Kat's front while using Kat's right boob as a pillow. Kat's tail had wrapped around them both multiple times forcing Lily to remain stable on her chest despite the slightly awkward angle but it worked. Their legs had somehow ended up intertwined together and Lily's longer pyjama pants had been pushed up so that it was skin on skin for practically all of their legs. Lily's left hand had found its way around Kat's neck which likely didn't make for the greatest sleeping position.

The most awkward part though, was Lily's right hand, which had made its way under Kat's outfit and had a sizeable handful of her left boob. Kat's hands were not quite as indecent... but weren't exactly free from scrutiny either. Kat's tail had seemingly pushed Lily's shirt up a bit causing it to bunch up around her shoulder blades while her tail provided most of the covering for her stomach. Kat's hands though, had wondered.

The first hand was fine, it simply rested on Lily's back, holding her tightly to Kat... which of course was further pressing Lily into her tits but Kat didn't feel particularly uncomfortable with that fact. Her other hand though was just barely in Lily's pants on her outer thigh. Quite frankly Kat wasn't sure what to do. So she froze.

*Ok... ok... umm... how do I deal with this? Do I... like... retract my hand? Would that wake her up? Should I retract my hand? I mean... her hands... or hand? Is certainly doing around my tits. Is that ok? I mean... I don't mind. I'm sure they are quite squishy and clearly they work as good pillows because Lily abandoned hers for mine...

But what is protocol here? She's the one who suggest we don't exactly go too far with things and stick to kissing right now. Then again... she was asleep. Does that count? I don't really know how to judge this kind of thing. Hmmm. Nah I'm not going to wake her. She's so cute look at her face. I couldn't wake her if I wanted to. So adorable.*

Kat smiled down at Lily who also had a big smile on her face and Kat decided this was perfectly fine. Whatever it was that Lily was taking enjoyment from would stay, and until Kat worked out if it was the positioning of her own hands, or where Lily's hand ended up, she was not going to move an millimetre. So, she didn't.

Eventually Lily was doomed to wake up. As she stirred Kat softly whispered, "Good morning" into Lily's ear.

Lily wasn't entirely coherent enough and let out a 'hmm' at the noise before starting to wake up further. When she did though, she froze. The hand on Kat's boob squeezed lightly and Lily froze up again. Before throwing herself backwards... of course Kat being many many times stronger than her and the fact that Kat's tail had bound them both together meant this was doomed to failure. So she ended up face first into Kat's other tit and was panicking slightly.

Kat couldn't help but giggle at the chain of events but let her tail unwind and lifted Lily up and to the side. "How are you?" asked Kat.

Lily.exe was still rebooting though. It took a full minute before she slowly turned to Kat and said. "I. am so sorry"

Well Kat decided she wasn't having any of that. Kat pulled on the smaller girl and brought her into a kiss and let it linger for a bit. Lily's mind exploded and the events of yesterday rushed into her mind at the same time as Kat started pulling Lily in closer so that she could get a hug out of this as well.

Lily couldn't help but moan slightly at the feeling and pulled back from the kiss. "Um... woops... I mean... sorry..." mumbled Lily

Kat glared at Lily and said. "Do I need to kiss you again? There's no problem really. I will do it!"

"Don't tempt me" said Lily.

That was enough for Kat to give her another kiss... on the cheek this time though. "Ok but you need to stop apologising. Seriously Lily what's wrong..."

Lily pursed her lips and looked Kat up and down. Kat of course hadn't even attempted to correct her outfit. The thought didn't even cross her mind and as such the left side of her kimono was wide open leaving nothing to the imagination. Lily went red and tried to think of a reason she was annoyed but found her eyes drawn to the side.

Violently shaking her head she tore her eye away from the glorious sight to look Kat in the eye. "Kat... I... I shouldn't have done that though. I was practically molesting you in your sleep! My hands were not in places they should have been... and I mean... don't get me wrong I loved it for that split second before the panic kicked in and I probably had the best sleep of my life but it's still wrong" said Lily

"Why?" asked Kat

"What do you mean why?" retorted Lily

"I mean... why is it wrong? I have no complaints." Said Kat

"Yes I don't have any either-" started Lily but before she could continue...

Kat cut her off with, "...then it's fine. I have no complaints. You have no complaints. Therefore. There are no complaints to be had."

Lily pouted. "Kat. Not even twenty four hours ago we agreed to go slowly and that wasn't slow. Nice. But not slow"

Kat just shrugged, "That was purely for you benefit Lily. I have no qualms stripping naked in front of you right this moment if you want. At the same time, I don't have the desire to either. It just IS for me. Sure, maybe it's embarrassing to some people, and I wouldn't do it to you without permission, but I really don't mind. You have my full permission already. Just don't do it in public."

Lily choked on Kat's response. "Kat how can you just say that? I mean... hmmm. Huh..." Lily stopped and thought for a few moments. "No. It's not what we should be doing. You might have really nice boobs but I'm just not ready for that sort of thing"

"I never said you were" said Kat with a grin, enjoying the faces Lily was making. *Oh no. Let's not enjoy this too much. I don't want to turn into Nira and bully our children with sexual things. Kat paused. Wait... did I just say... OUR. Where did that come from? Huh... what a bit of perspective will do to your thought process.*

"So you agree it was inappropriate?" wondered Lily as she shifted in place to get more comfortable slipping back into Kat's side.

"Oh no it was completely appropriate. You were asleep and you did what you wanted. I actually what to know what happened first. Did you roll onto me or did I pull you there? Were you bound by my tail before or after you started fondling my boobs? At what point did my hand sneak down your pants? These are questions I wish I had answers to" said Kat matter of factly.

Lily went bright red. "You did what?! Wait no. I... I didn't even notice... where did you have your hand?"

Kat shrugged and looked away slightly pretending it was no big deal and she didn't spend minutes contemplating if she was doing the right things. "Just a few fingers on your thigh Lily, nothing to worry about"

Kat was of course abusing her superior peripheral vision at the moment and was able to easily see when Lily huffed and contemplated jabbing her in the side for those words. "You had me worried there Kat" said Lily

"Ah but were you worried you missed out on something? Or that I could have started it?" asked Kat

Lily decided there was only one answer to that and threw the pillow next to her at Kat's face. It fell into Kat's lap with a soft pomf. "Thanks for the pillow" said Kat easily. *This is certainly why Nira teases her kids. It's so much fun watching Lily's reactions. She has so many and they are all ADORABLE. The only issue is I keep feeling the niggling desire to reward her with a kiss. Which I'll grant, isn't necessarily a bad idea but it would certainly be distracting and likely cotton her on to the fact that I'm messing with her...*

Wait a minute. Kat looked over at Lily's face and noticed her eyes properly and compared them in her memories. Ah I see. She to is in on the game. Kat noticed very quickly that despite the shifting expression on Lily's face, this whole time her eyes were bright with happiness. There was a slight dip right at the start, but once it was clear Kat didn't have any issues what happened she'd relaxed completely and simply gone along with what Kat was saying. *Well. I guess she really does deserve a kiss for that. Should convince her to play along more in the future...*

Chapter 564: "The Talk" Part 1

After cuddling with each other for a little longer the pair decided to head down for breakfast. It was one thing to be caught snuggling, another to be caught snuggling together after having slept in the same place. Callisto was already downstairs preparing a large number of pancakes. Kat was a little confused about why she was using three pans for it, but decided it wasn't worth asking.

A short time later, Vivian came down with Sylvie snuggled into her arms. The little girl looked perfectly awake but very happy with the situation and Kat made a note to pick up Sylvie in the morning at least a few times while she was on Earth. Seeing them together stoked a good deal of warmth in her heart and Kat knew she wanted to participate.

Kat herself ended up opting out of any breakfast pancakes until she was hit with pouts from Sylvie and Lily at once and was convinced to have at least one. Still, that was the most exciting thing to happen during the meal. Once it was over though, Vivian actually helped Callisto wash up even if there was a little glaring.

The reason for this became apparent once they'd finished. "Now Kat" said Vivian with a big smile, "It's time for the talk. Callisto prepared a bunch of slides for us and double checked her information. Are you prepared?"

Kat had the sudden feeling to answer in the negative. This same feeling was increased when she saw Lily quickly grab Sylvie up under the arms and say, "I'm going to go hang out with Sylvieby!" before dashing off. Kat was only mildly surprised Lily was capable of carrying Sylvie up the stairs before her focus returned to what might be her doom.

In the end she just went along with it. Vivian might have been smiling in a slightly dangerous way, but this seemed like important information. "Fine drag me away..."

Vivian's smile grew in size as she grabbed Kat by the arm and lead them all to her office. It had been redone slightly for this with a projector set up on the desk itself and a projection screen set up on the opposite wall. Vivian grabbed a large ruler from somewhere and planted it on the ground like a knight standing at attention. Callisto came in afterwards with a laptop and plugged it into the projector.

While Callisto was setting things up she said, "Kat, I looked up your question from yesterday about the difference between kissing, and kissing with tongue" Kat felt herself go slightly red at the reminder. "and it turns out to be a matter of saliva. Or at least, that is the most widely recognised reason. Kissing itself releases a number of chemicals in the brain to make you feel good. Swapping saliva however helps increase arousal more specifically than connection."

Huh... well... what do I do with THAT information. I'm not sure I particularly want to arouse Lily overmuch... I mean... I certainly could but I don't want to lead her into sex, I want her to make that decision in completely sound mind. Between the two of us, it means a lot more to her and it really shouldn't be in my hands.

Kat of course was ignoring that Lily might arguably never be of completely sound mind in Kat's presence. Her love for Kat already drastically impacted her thought process when the succubus wasn't present. Lily herself was well aware of this, and that if Kat asked her for something while she was being kissed, she'd

never say no without it being a huge issue. Lily wasn't overly concerned about that fact for a number of reasons and didn't want to change it.

Still, Kat nodded at Callisto even though she wasn't looking and said, "Thanks, I guess"

"Now" said Vivian tapping her ruler against the currently unlit screen, and drawing Kat's attention back to her, "we'll start you off with things that only a man needs to know. Partially because toys are a thing, but you'll likely have no interest and on Lily's end... well... you have a tail so that should help. The other reason is just so we can call this a 'complete' talk though obviously I could speak more on the subject."

"Why does it matter I have a tail?" asked Kat confused

Vivian paused and turned to Callisto to say, "Should we really be doing this? I feel like I'm about to cross some forbidden line you know? Maybe we should just let her stay innocent..."

Callisto shook her head and replied, "No Vivian, this is important information that really should be covered in school. Likely in more detail. Knowing these sorts of things helps prevents misunderstandings and... unwanted issues. Plus, once this is done you can torment Lily about it"

Vivian nodded in understanding. "Yes. That is a good point. Multiple good points in fact. Ok! First things first. Penis goes into vagina, eventually both people feel good. Sperm, which is stored in the testicles comes out, and if they're lucky fertilise the eggs of the girl and that's where babies come from nine months later. Any questions so far?"

Kat stared awkwardly at Vivian. *I have so many questions but none of them have anything to do directly with what you just said. The first one is... do you think I skipped biology in school? I mean... I know THAT much at least Vivian.* "Um... yeah I got it..." said Kat unsure of what else to really say.

Vivian nodded seemingly happy with that. Callisto at this point had finished setting up the projector and now on the screen it showed a clearly 3D model of a woman. "Now. You don't really need to know anything else on the male side so we're ignoring it. What you see before you" Vivian slapped her ruler on the picture "is all the erogenous zones on a woman"

Kat looked at what was clearly an unmarked picture of the entire body. "Vivian... there isn't anything highlighted"

"EXACTLY!" said Vivian, "See, what they won't really cover in school is that everything here can be utilised if you know what you're doing. Of course you got the obvious" Vivian used her ruler to point to the genitals and the breasts "but plenty of girls find it arousing to be kissed around the shoulders" Vivian's ruler started to follow where she pointed, "kissing is something we brought up a bit already of course. Then there are stranger things like hair. A really common thing is having your hair pulled during sex. I know a girl I did some work for loved it. I know WAY too much about that particularly kink and part of me wants to share that with you... but I won't. No sense going too detailed just yet"

Kat gulped. Ok maybe this isn't as simple as I thought. Why would someone enjoy getting their hair pulled? Vivian continued, "Now, I can see it on your face, what's a kink?" Kat decided not to correct that, "once again. EVERYTHING. Everything can be. The important thing is finding out what Lily likes, because that's who matters in this situation. If you have something you enjoy, keep it in mind of course... but at this point you're pretty sure nothing will happen right?"

Kat nodded, "Yes with the fire and the notification I sort of got from my instincts yesterday it's pretty much confirmed I'm asexual"

Vivian nodded, "Ok good. So, as I said EVERYTHING is an option and it'll be your job to work on it. Try all sorts of things. Running your hands down her sides, biting gently on her ears. Nuzzling into her neck, running your fingers through her hair. Then you have more abstract things...

Vivian gestured at Callisto who swapped pages. It now had a picture of someone on spandex with a whip in hand and a second person chained up next to them. "Now, two of the biggest more... abstract kinks are Masochism, and Sadism, or submissive, and dominating. Now. Despite how similar they might sound, they aren't quite the same thing but that's muddying the waters. The reason I'm bringing them both up is because it gives you a good framework for when you're... exploring. It shows you that some things that you might find questionable are OK to explore, but you don't need to be silly about it.

"The big one that might confuse you is submission. A number of people find it really arousing to be bound, gagged and blindfolded. Perhaps not all of them at the same time, that's a bit extreme to start with, but they enjoy the feeling of giving themselves over to another person.

"On the other side is people who enjoy dominating others. These people enjoy giving the order. The knowledge of having someone ready to do anything asked of them is what gives them arousal and they work really well as matched pairs.

"Of course, most people aren't so strictly one or the other, it's more of a scale. One submissive might like wearing chockers and taking suggestions, while another might enjoy being choked out while having candle wax poured on them. Those are two very different examples of submissive. Don't just go all in on this sort of thing."

I don't know I like either of those ideas to be honest. The idea of forcing Lily to do anything greets on my nerves. I can hardly manage to order her to get proper sleep let alone... whatever that mess is. I don't know that I'd take orders all that well either... Kat thought about it for a few more seconds and realised she probably would in fact do whatever Lily asked. *Ok maybe I do take orders well. Does that make me submissive?*

Chapter 565: "The Talk" Part 2

"Does that make me submissive then?" asked Kat after seeing Vivian was waiting for her input.

"Why do you think that?" asked Vivian trying to engage Kat and see why she'd reached that conclusion.

"It mostly stems from that fact that I hate the idea of forcing Lily to do anything she doesn't want to and I'm pretty sure on top of that, I'd do anything she asked" said Kat.

Vivian let out a puff of air. "Honestly... hard to say Kat. Hard to say. The fact that you're asexual means probably not, in the grander scheme of things..."

Callisto jumped in. "Indeed. Currently we are speaking in sexual terms. The fact that you do not feel that burning or get aroused by anything as far as we know means that none of this will apply to you in the same way it would Lily. It is handy to keep in mind, but not exactly something that you can properly apply to your own experience. Also Lily wouldn't be unwilling in this example anyway"

Kat let out a cough. "Right... um... continue then?"

Vivian pointed to Callisto who took up the next section, "Ok. Sadism. This is something both Vivian and I believe is unlikely for Lily to have... but still we'd like to bring it up. Sadism is of course, enjoying the pain of others. This is not the same as enjoying HARM caused to others. Light amounts of pain at the right time or in the right areas is something many people also enjoy. The reason we feel the need to cover it more specifically, is that you regenerate.

"That changes the whole board for what is and is not ok. For you personally, it will be more important to manage your regeneration and how long you can keep that up. Also note that extreme amounts of blood are exceptional hard to get out of sheets"

Kat frowned at that. Once again not really liking the idea of Lily finding joy in cutting her up. *This just sounds like more things I should stay away from. Is it so wrong just to want to hug her and keep her close and maybe do sexual things if Lily really wants me to? Then again... maybe that's the point. I cannot understand these people because I don't feel that attraction. I just can't see how it could be worth it.*

"I... I just don't get it" said Kat

"That's fine dear" said Vivian, "you just need to be aware of it. If you don't use this knowledge that's perfectly fine"

"It... it just seems kind wrong to me though..." said Kat, "I can't really muster up any enjoyment for the premise nor do I like the idea of Lily enjoying a lot of these things. The just seem a bit... out there"

Vivian sighed, "Kat, that's fine. We aren't trying to say these things will happen to you, or that Lily will enjoy any of this. What we are showing you is that there are rather extreme options open to you. I already explained that everything can be a kink. This is more of that. Showing you that even if you find it strange, other people might not.

"Like, for example, for some people intelligence is extremely attractive. They might find it the single defining feature of a person. The smarter the more attractive. It can even completely negate appearances in the eyes of some, though that's quite rare. That's another thing actually now that I think about it...

"You should find out what Lily finds attractive in you. Your wings and tail for example. Do they add to your charm? Take away? Or are they a neutral addition? I haven't known you and Lily that long but it's very clear that she's had a crush on you for more than just the past few months since your transformation so they can't be the only thing. Do you have any ideas?"

Kat bit her lip. "Well, I didn't really ask... but I know at the very least that red hair is something she likes. Or at least, I can make a reasonable assumption it is. Both of me and the other person she... hmm... not sure how much I should say, but her two big crushes have had red hair, so I imagine that means something..."

"What about athleticism and power? A lot of women are attracted to muscles, but just as many are attracted to power. It doesn't have to be physical, or if it is, they might prefer someone who doesn't look ripped but can bench press them anyway" explained Vivian.

"Some people will do anything for a bit of money" chimed in Callisto. "It is common enough for the term 'gold digger' to be a popular insult. It is not as prevalent as some would have you believe, but money normally indicates success and competency which is something almost everyone looks for in a mate. They just have different ways of judging it."

"Right..." said Kat looking over the memories of the previous night where Lily mentioned Stella. "She might like my build? I'm unsure. She was certainly praising quite a few things about me, but it was before she really calmed down."

Vivian shrugged. "Well, just make sure to ask her."

"Now on to the more explicit things" said Callisto and Kat felt like bolting right there. *Were these things not explicit enough?! What more do you want to put me through?*

"Now Kat don't look like we just told you the world is ending" said Vivian, "we're just imparting some useful tricks. Things you'll need to know." Vivian swapped over to a new slide. It had two female figures laid out in a number of compromising positions. "As you can see, people have all sorts of poses they find best for pleasing a partner."

"What you need to concentrate on, other than exploring things, is the use of your hands and tongue. Your tail as well of course, but neither of us really know how best to use that. Though I hope you can get some ideas" said Vivian with a grin. "The first thing is of course, that pleasuring someone's genitalia requires patience."

"You can't just push in a few fingers and then then go at it. You have to take things slow. Also find the most appropriate number of fingers" said Vivian with a smile. Kat decided that this, despite everything else, was the piece of information she liked the least "once you've found that, you have to stimulate your partner. Normally you don't even start anywhere near the genitals..."

As Vivian continued with her exceptionally explicit actions required to bring someone to climax using only her fingers Kat decided it was time to put that away in a box. She didn't need to know right now and didn't want to. When she then started to describe uses for the tongue as well Kat decided she'd rather be anyone else.

"... so was that clear Kat?" asked Vivian when she finished.

"Hardly!" grumbled Kat, "I'm so embarrassed just thinking about half of those things. I mean... why did you give me so much detail. Oh the details. I think this is a time I wished my memory wasn't so perfect dammit!"

Vivian shook her head and Callisto chimed in. "Oh do not worry. It is our duty to make 'the talk' as mentally scarring as possible. That way you never forget. I know I will never forget the version my parents gave me and I'm sure that Vivian is the same."

Kat groaned, "Can't you just give me a... I dunno a nice... non explicit but useful version"

"Well, the best I can do for that, focusing on you in particular, is make sure to take things slowly, but not too slowly. Listen to the noises Lily is making, but also be willing to ignore her. If you're slowly dragging your tongue down her body and she asks for you to speed up, consider it but don't always listen. Make sure that when she climaxes, she doesn't spasm and cut herself on your horns."

"Don't just... keep going. Once someone orgasms... they can't just get up and do it a second time. You might be fine, either because you won't be able to experience that, or if you CAN your regeneration or strength might allow you to overcome it. Lily, for now at least and likely into the future, will not be so lucky."

Vivian paused for a second and then looked over at Callisto before saying. "I just realised something. If Lily is transitioning into a new body and a completely new species... will her instincts in regards to sex change? People are already different enough when they are all human... what sort of strange things might she pick up as something else... hmm..."

Kat's eyes widened in horror. "Was... was this all pointless? Do you mean to tell me all I've really gotten from this is 'listen to Lily carefully and not just what she says'? I... I feel betrayed."

Chapter 566: Chatting Over Chess

Kat managed to escape her lecture (torture session) and headed off to find something to distract her. Listening out for Lily and Sylvie, she found the two had set up a chessboard in the lounge room and were using a number of pillows spread out on the floor as a place to sit while the chessboard was set up in the middle. Kat wanted to go over and hug Lily to try and calm herself down... but she was feeling conflicted.

Despite desperately wanting to simply push the information she'd recently... acquired... from her mind, Vivian and Callisto had been right when they said the talk was mentally scarring. For someone like Kat that had a perfect memory it was even worse. As soon as she looked at Lily and the desire to hug her bubbled up, so did half a dozen other much more inappropriate thoughts and Kat found herself embarrassed. That was a surprise in and of itself.

Why! Why can't I get this shit out of my head? I need to find a box shove it inside and bury it under a bunch of mundane stuff and mark it never to be opened under any circumstances ever. I just want to hug Lily and feel a bit better after that horrible experience but now I feel like second guessing myself. Why am I even doing that! I already know I'm asexual and I still have images of her tied up or of her tying me up. How does that even work?

Kat bit her lip and considered her options before realising the easy solution. Lily may be her girlfriend now but Sylvie deserved hugs as well. So Kat walked over to the game and picked up Sylvie before depositing the younger girl on her lap and started to hug the girl. "Hi Kat" said Sylvie cheerfully.

Lily pouted but had eyes full of mischief. "Hello Kat, no hug for your girlfriend?"

Kat glared back. "I have... so many horrible ideas trapped in my mind now Lily. I don't know why I had to go through that. I feel so unclean and I can't even get dirty anymore. So. I'm going to sit here and hug Sylvie while you both play chess until I finally manage to bury those thoughts in the deepest part of my mind and hope I never remember them"

"That's just how it is Kat" said Lily with a grin.

"Right... was it this bad when your parents gave you 'the talk'?" asked Kat.

Lily let out a slight giggle that she couldn't prevent from sneaking out that caused Kat to narrow her eyes. "Lily..." said Kat menacingly as she tightened her grip slightly on Sylvie. "You did have to go through the talk didn't you?"

Lily seemed to consider her options here and eventually decided to say, "Sort of..." *nOVeLnext.cOM*

"How can they sort of give you the talk?" asked Kat with a slightly threatening tone to her voice.

"Well Kat, seeing as neither of my parents are gay... when they finally got around to the talk... I let them start but couldn't help but blurt out I was in love with Stella half way through it... and hooo boy did that confuse them" said Lily shaking her head as she made her move on the chessboard. Sylvie, deciding that Kat's lap was best, responded by telling Kat to make a move for her, "In the end my parents just kinda... panicked?"

"They had a whole thing planned I think... a proper presentation like Vivian and Callisto did but upon finding out I was gay... they just asked me a few times if I was sure. If I wasn't just latching onto my only friend instead of looking for people. They asked if I was Bi, or just gay, a couple more times and after asking me about my preferences, specifically what I found attractive in women, Dad got this odd look of approval and just wandered off... then Mum had no idea what to do with me.

"I think Dad might have been able to say some things but I could tell he wasn't really invested in giving me the speech... and it's not like I hadn't looked up a few books on the subject... though sadly they were all for straight people. So... Mum was just sort of left standing there very confused for a bit before she went back to the kitchen and made herself some coffee."

"I feel awfully cheated" said Kat with a pout. She didn't pout... but this was certainly worth the exception to that. "Maybe I should convince Vivian and Callisto to start up the projector a second time for you..."

Lily winced at the thought and searched Kat's gaze for how serious she was. What Lily found was an odd mixture of emotions and she tried to figure them out before giving her answer. After a few moments and another round of chess moves, Lily decided Kat was split three ways. The first part of Kat would never want to subject her to that, the second wanted her to suffer a little for setting it up... and the third part genuinely wanted to know if she'd appreciate the chance.

"It's fine Kat" said Lily carefully, "I... well... I feel a little mean admitting this but know our three bullies?" Kat of course nodded, "well... I don't know which one, never actually double checked... but one of them left a themselves logged into the computer after they left one day... and I may or may not have looked up the answers to most of my questions then. So I don't really need it"

*That... that's surprisingly vindictive Lily. I wish I could say I was completely surprised...? but the chance to find out new information that's very relevant to you while getting the bullies back just a little bit. On top of that the chances of getting caught were tiny and... well... it's not like any of them would be willing to ask about who was searching such things up and risk people thinking it really was something they looked up and were trying to hide it. I'm a little surprised the school wasn't blocking that sort of thing... but maybe it wasn't explicit enough or that they weren't familiar with the... terms... *

"I'm not as surprised as I maybe should be... but I am a little surprised you went through with it Lily" said Kat with a grin. "That's a little vindictive. Not that I mind... but you're normally a lot more timid. You never fought back and I had to step in. Granted you didn't exactly like that I was taking those hits instead, but you allowed it even if it upset you. Did you get back at them in any other sneaky ways?"

Lily quickly shook her head as a few more moves were made on the chessboard. Kat wasn't sure who was winning but her money was on Sylvie. Lily was smart sure, but she didn't really care for chess too

much.? "Not really. Or at least, nothing like that..." said Lily softly. "I... it was somewhat early on all things considered. I had a crush on you but we weren't really friends just yet so I didn't know you that well... and honestly it was more revenge against what they'd done to you then what they'd done to me. Even if nothing came from it I got information and more than a bit of satisfaction..."

"I mean... I know now that it really doesn't bother you but... well... you know how much I was fighting myself when you first showed up so I was actively looking for ways to mess with them somehow and get them to focus on me again instead."

Kat's eyebrows shot up at that. "You were what?" hissed Kat

Lily waved Kat off as 'Sylvie' made her next move. "It's fine. I thought you were putting on a brave face. I hadn't properly internalised just how little you cared about what they were doing. Actually... now that I know you're asexual a lot of little things make sense. None of the teasing about how you'd never find a man would have bothered you at all... because you were never trying. The comments about being gay they swapped to when that didn't work... also failed because you knew you weren't attracted to women... calling you ugly didn't matter because once again, you didn't care for romance and I assume the kids at the orphanage all knew how beautiful you really were... wow is there anything they said or did that actually mattered to you at all?"

Kat let of a slight humm as she considered what Lily had said. "Not really no. I mean, the most common insult about not having parents didn't work when I was younger and the trio were around to see that. When I was older they were likely smart enough to work out that they'd be the ones coming off as horrible if they kept on with it. It's just a line that crossing would have meant they were the bad guys..."

"The water wasn't a problem either. I'm glad the uniforms weren't seen through when wet though. It might have been a bit more annoying if they were but I'd have figured something out, I guess. They never used juice which was nice. Probably because they also made fun of the fact I had second hand uniforms and that I'd beat them up for ruining them because I couldn't have Gramps paying for more..."

Chapter 567: Racial Options

A slight bit of time passed as the 'pair' finished their chess game. Lily nearly won because of a mistake Kat made in the placement of pieces a few turns back that Sylvie had overlooked at the time. Still, the little girl had come out on top and was now preparing for a second match. The group had moved though. Now the chessboard was set up on a pillow placed on Kat's lap with Sylvie and Lily taking an arm each so they could both be hugged. Kat found her tail drifted over to Lily and wrapped around her at some point without her notice but didn't move it afterward.

As the opening moves played out Kat asked, "So Lily... why did you want to go with Memphis in the end?"

Lily glanced at Kat and then back down to the board, "Quite a few reasons. I had initially discounted the beast races because they just weren't worth it for the most part. Everything they did something else did better unless I was specifically looking for animal appendages. Sure they are actually quite decent all rounders. They have slightly different stats of course, but I could pick one for whatever I wanted but it would never be the best.

"Like say... if I wanted to go with Elephant beastkin for their longer lives. I would be better off picking basically anything from the elf faction. Sure the elves have really long formative years, but as my mind is fully formed I would avoid a lot of their issues with that. Also the low fertility rate is completely irrelevant because even if I didn't manage to become your girlfriend I still have no interest in men"

"Surely there are species that can reproduce with the same gender, right? I imagine that has to be a thing?" said Kat, jumping into Lily's explanation mostly just to participate in the conversation. Seeing Lily's smile, she knew she made the right choice.

"Yes and no" said Lily "Of course there are some races that do. The issue is... that I know there are options to get around it. I know that magic and likely some technology could solve that problem. I mean, we're already nearly there. I digress though. Yes there are a few races that can do it, but most of them only have one gender. I might appear female, but I'd be just as much a man. Or I guess neither? The point is I would be both or neither depending on how you want to count things...

"Like Dryads! They don't actually have a gender, not really. I'm not even sure why the stereotype is that they look like women. They are still trees at the end of the day. They come into existence in a few ways. Now, not all dryad species are related. Some can use both ways, others only the one. Anyway that's not super important.

"The first way they come into existence is pollination just like any other plant. If two dryads cross pollination, they create seedlings that they spread around and eventually, once those seeds grow up into proper trees, they develop into a dryad. This might seem like the best method... but it actually isn't great from what little information I found about it. The issue is they take a really long time to gain sentience. Nothing can speed it up. More higher energy does mean that they will be more powerful when they gain a body but it doesn't speed up the centuries it takes.

"The next way is for sufficient mana to gather in a tree after a certain amount of time. The tree needs to be both old, significant in some way, and contain an abundance of higher energy. I don't really understand HOW the tree can tell its significant but they just sort of... can somehow? They might have been the largest in the forest for a millennia, or the only tree on an ancient battlefield or something. I don't really understand it, and D.E.M.O.N.S didn't give me any more information on that."

"Huh... that does explain Thyme just sort of... picking whatever for a body" said Kat thoughtfully. "What about species that are female only?"

Lily cringed at the question. "Yeah... the issue with those is that most of them still need men. There just aren't many races that are actually female and can reproduce with each other. At BEST it's a last ditch effort to replenish the population but it is never the ideal solution. Like... there was this one bird race... I can't remember what the name was but they were basically the fire equivalent of a siren. They attracted men, slept with them, and then ran off for the most part. Harpies do it as well, but I wasn't thinking of them. Oh and Harpies have rather short lifespans."

Kat nodded, "Well that explains those options I suppose. Carry on."

"What was I saying?" asked Lily as she pushed the next piece into position and leaned slightly more heavily on Kat, which of course was no issue for the demon.

Kat scrolled back in her mind. "You were talking about low fertility rates not being an issue in elves"

"Right right" said Lily, "I'm remember now. Ok, so elves. I was looking into them for a while actually. They have a bunch of good options and live for AGES. The issue came when I started to investigate how easy it was to extend that lifespan and it turned out to be really quite difficult." Kat raised an eyebrow and Lily continued. "Well, I had to double check what the maximum lifespan was if I got really into mana.

"I was therefor surprised to find that... their lifespans don't really change. They live however long that species of elf lives for... and that's it most of the time. I'm not sure why that is, and the info blocks didn't say, just that they really struggle with it for the most part and I discarded them wholesale as an option. I have no doubt you'll get to the point you'll never die of old age without issue so I needed something like that...So of course, I looked into vampires."

Now... do I ask if she has a vampire fetish? This feels like important knowledge to have where my girlfriend is concerned... but I don't know how important. And I don't really care what the answer is now that I think about it. And Sylvie's here. Ok that settles it. "Why vampires as the next option? And why did you discard them?" asked Kat

"Well, the short answers to those questions are, because they're known for longevity, and I can't drink your blood specifically," seeing Kat's look of confusion Lily elaborated. "Your blood contains too much demonic energy. Vampires aren't really equipped to filter it out, in fact, they are designed to get as much as possible from the blood. It means they would never be able to leave such a potent source of energy... 'on the table' so to speak.

"Of course, this would mean I'd need to go find other things to drain for blood. I didn't know if you'd mind because of your regeneration, but as I mentioned, that doesn't matter. So I basically discarded the idea then and there. A young vampire simply requires more blood then we could easily get on Earth without you helping to substitute for some or all of it and I had other options" said Lily.

That led a thought to occur to Kat. "Wait... did you actually remove dryads as an option already?"

Lily shook her head, "No that happened later, they are still on the shortlist but you wanted to know why I didn't just go straight for a female only race." Kat nodded and gestured for Lily to continue. She was about to, before glancing at the board and then up at Sylvie. "I've lost already haven't I?"

"Basically," said Sylvie calmly. "You got a bit to involved in your chat with Kat and made a few big mistakes."

Lily sighed and started to reset the board. She didn't really mind, this was mostly to have something to do with her hands and she was trying to concentrate on the game as well... but leaning on Kat felt great and she did want to talk about the options she'd had for transformations. Perhaps Sylvie would pick one for herself when she got older. "Right. Yeah... so... I moved away from vampires with that. The instincts that came with it weren't great. I don't know how long it would take for me to be ok with the drinking blood thing... and it just wasn't feasible.

"Next race I looked at were the slimes. They were a surprisingly interesting choice and one I still don't mind. The biggest issue with them is actually the additions I can do with other things. I can choose to add extra affinities to other races. Slimes can only have one for a long time because of how they're made I guess. They are also very squishy... er... I mean they are easy to kill. While they cannot die of old

age, and can gain power decently fast and even resist Demonic Energy extremely well... they are so easily killed for quite a long time. You probably wouldn't have allowed me to come with you on Contracts for decades at the very least"

Chapter 568: An Extended shortlist of Races

"Did you consider any other races?" asked Kat

"The only other races that had a chance were dryad and kitsune. The other races all seemed to have a crippling flaw. Golems for example are all asexual and require significant downtime between major activities. Not that there's anything wrong with? being asexual of course... I just... it's not for me? I mean they have other problems anyway... like... um... they struggle to gain power. Like, they don't really get stronger. Mostly they are limited by what they were made from and their core. Then there was a whole suit of races that use Qi, but I ignored basically all of them. If I'm going to be picking anything, mana is the way to go and I won't hear otherwise."

"Qi does seem less cool than mana. Though I guess it depends on what you like," said Sylvie.

Kat chimed in with, "I think it sounds cooler in concept but less cool in practice"

"Oh, and why do you think that?" said Lily making her next move in the chess match that was still ongoing between the two shorter girls.

"Well... I mean... the way it was explained to me is that 'Qi lets you punch the universe so hard it just sort of agrees with you' and that sounds really cool in theory. In practice... well... if most cultivators are anything like the ones I was hanging around then they are all extremely boring for people who can punch nonsense into the universe" explained Kat.

"I cannot deny that it does sound cool when you put it that way," said Lily with an interested hum. "Even I think that sounds at least somewhat cool. If I wasn't so dead set on become a witch I might have actually considered it again. Still, I'm quite happy with Memphis."

"Do you want to cover dryad and kitsune though? Just so we've gone over everything?" asked Kat

"Sure, why not?" said Lily taking another turn. "Right. So... fundamentally the issue with kitsune is that genes play a big part in their power level. Some of them just can't get past a certain number of tails no matter how hard they try. Sure it's normally higher than they get... but not always by that much. Six tails is normally the cut off and I've got no certainty I'll make it past that if I chose them as my race. It's not worth the gamble when I have other races that can gain power easily.

"As for dryads... the fundamental issue with them is that they are their tree. It's not too hard to become strong enough to wander that world, but dimensional jumping is basically impossible for them. They have to either keep the portal open or teleport their tree through as well. That would just be a nightmare because even the smallest dryad's tree is still huge. At least a fifty metres tall, likely more.

"It actually causes two issues. I'd probably end up mana starved if I planted my tree on Earth. Dryads are capable of processing truly amazing amounts of mana, but they need that flow for parts of their vital functions so living on Earth would be a real issue for them. I actually didn't notice just how limiting the tree was. It seemed so very free and basically a non-issue until I checked how it functions across dimensions."

"That is a bit of a shame" said Kat, "I'm surprised there are so many issues with some of these races"

"Well it's not like humans are much better" said Lily. "We have quite appalling benefits for the individual. Oh sure, our minds are most able to function outside of the box apparently, and we have a rather high reproductive rate and compatibility to nearly rival Succubi. Of course neither of those things matter to me. My mind is formed so I get to keep my predilection for out of the box thinking and once again, the children thing really doesn't benefit me"

"Do any of those races sound good to you Sylvie?" asked Kat

Sylvie pinched her mouth together off to the side and considered what Lily had said about everything. She'd mostly just covered the problems, but that was fine. Sylvie had seen the list and even helped a little and knew just how close things were at the end when it came down to deciding. "Plenty of them sound good Kat... none of them really call to me though. I'm not sure what will be important to me in the future when I make this choice. Actually... how old should I be?" said Sylvie.

*That's a good question. After puberty is a must... and I want her to finish school as well... so I guess around now? Same age as Lily I suppose? Then again... I wouldn't be surprised if Sylvie skipped a few grades at some point. She totally could. But I don't want to just say 'when you finish school' because that might encourage her to skip grades just to change races. I don't want that to happen either.

Ok. Let's think about this. I can probably get away with saying, 'I don't know' but I feel like Sylvie deserves a better answer than that. I could also say 'when you turn eighteen' even if that's a bit later it is the age people are considered adults. Wait... speaking of adults... will I need Vivian's permission for this? I should probably at least bring it up with her before I give Sylvie an answer. Well bother. I guess 'I don't know' might be what I have to go with for now.*

"I don't really know Sylvie. It's a big decision and you should really take your time with it. School would be especially hard if you don't wait for that to be finished. University as well, if that's something you want to do" said Kat carefully.

Sylvie scrunched her face up slightly as she thought on Kat's new words, continuing the chess match with Lily as she did so. Finally, it was a question that past through Sylvie's lips. "Are you going to Uni Lily?"

Lily sucked in a deep breath at the question. "Probably not no... I mean... it might seem like I'm jumping in to things... but before now I never really knew what I wanted to do after school. No course at University was truly what I wanted for myself so it just didn't look like it was going to work out.

"Oh sure I could have found something interesting enough and compromised. I don't mind drudge work and I could probably end up as a high end research assistant without too much trouble and just sit in that role... but it's not exactly a career that spoke to me. I like researching for myself not necessarily for others. I like to find out as much as I can on a topic and then move on. If it was actually my job I would have needed an area of expertise or something and that just seems dull to me" explained Lily.

"What about you Kat?" asked Sylvie

Kat let out her own long breath at the question. "I'd probably have just found work somewhere. I'd loved to have just stayed and worked at the orphanage... but I know if I did that I'd want to take over some day from Gramps and you need a couple of qualifications to do that. None of them were things I

was really interested in getting you know? I mean... why spend years getting a few pieces of paper when I've been looking after the orphanage for most of my life.

"It just seemed so... pointless to do it that way and I started to sour on the idea overall. I looked at other things but I never had a subject that called to me. I'd probably have gotten a job somewhere local I guess, maybe at the pharmacy or one of the corner store chains. Then worked my way up to owning my own store if possible and make my money that way.

"It's not exactly something I WANT to do, but it was something I could have lived with you know? I would have been in town and close by you and the rest of the orphanage kids. Lily... well I didn't really like to think about what awesome things she'd be doing before I turned into a demon, and now she's ALL MINE." Kat leaned over and gave Lily a light peck on the side of her lips, not wanting to go for her lips while holding onto Sylvie.

"I think you could have done better for yourself than a corner store sales rep Kat" said Lily, "You don't really give yourself enough credit."

Kat shrugged, "Credit or no, it's not like it there were more interesting jobs on offer."

"I think you could do really well with public speaking. You stood up for me, for a long time. You've stood up for yourself plenty of times as well. Perhaps you could have brought that energy into a speech" explained Lily excitedly.

"I think you're seeing me as bigger than I am. I doubt I could right a good speech. Sure I'm pretty tall for a girl, but I'm not that charismatic." Denied Kat.

Chapter 569: An Affinity For Chess

"Everyone at the orphanage listened to you though," said Sylvie, "I know that everyone did whatever you asked pretty much straight away. Most people also liked it when you paid attention to them, though I'll admit none liked to spend as much time around you as I did. They saw you as a larger than life figure really, not the adorable big sister you are" *novelnext.com*

Kat looked over to Lily seeking some confirmation but the traitor just grinned and said, "Well, she's my girlfriend now and I'm not opposed to worshiping her a bit. I wonder if that makes me a heretic? Worshipping a demon? Of course, she's also a girl... and the Catholics are still rather split on that issue. So I suppose I was already a heretic by their standards. Same as quite a few other religions around the world. Hmm. Maybe I should convert to Buddhism or Shintoism"

"I thought you were an atheist" said Kat.

"Well I was until I found out magic is real Kat. Plus remember right back at the start when you found out you only count as truly dead if you've been dead for a millennium or whatever it was? Also how part of that was that you might have been reincarnated with your memories in-tact? I mean that's sort of what I'm doing with this body switcheroo I'm going through with. I imagine that something godlike has to exist now. I have enough evidence for that. Angels might count if the one you talked to on that cultivation world is anything to judge by. Plus, we know you're already quite strong at Rank 2. Imagine a Rank 8 or 9 demon. They might as well be gods at that point" explained Lily.

She makes a compelling argument. Hey System, how do you know universes get created.

User Kat does not have the required Rank for that information.

Well, I suppose the knowledge on how to create entirely new universe would be outside of a Rank 2's need to know facts. I wonder how common knowledge it is though? Kamiko might actually know and Nira probably does. It feels like something that you likely can't do anything about for a long time so it would be no point in trying.

"So what was the answer?" asked Lily

Kat's head snapped to the side. "How did you know I even asked D.E.M.O.N.S for a question?"

Lily froze. "Did you just say... well I can't say anything other than demons of course but how did I hear it as D, E, M, O, N, S? That doesn't make any sense. Also I told you before when we were cuddling that you get a very particular look on your face whenever you ask the system anything"

"Well, the D.E.M.O.N.S thing is a trick of the translation ability I have. I just say demons while thinking about its proper name. I learnt about it while I was in the Hub and I wanted to try it out. As to what was said... basically that I'm not high enough Rank to know how to make a new universe," elaborated Kat.

"Wait... is that why so many demon names are impossible to pronounce? They abuse the translation feature and just say something close enough?!" asked Lily

"I had the exact same thought!" said Kat happily and giving Lily another kiss for her answer. This caused her to fumble the move she was trying to make on the chessboard, but based on the slight frown on Sylvie's face this new move was actually a better one.

After that conversation drifted to a close because of the look of concentration on Sylvie's face. It quickly became apparent to the two playing chess that the mistaken move on Lily's part had almost completely changed the game around. The fact that it was a valid move they both should have seen only made it worse. Sylvie was looking for ways to turn things around while Lily was trying to comprehend the full scope of what she'd done and what she needed to do to keep her slight lead. It took a good five minutes before Sylvie's next move was actually made and Lily didn't fare much better. She took six minutes and clung tightly to Kat's arm as if squeezing her hard enough would give the answers.

After Lily made her responded move... Kat still had no idea what was going on. Chess wasn't really her game and she never learned the rules in depth. She had a rough idea of what was going on but no more than that. She certainly didn't know any of the strategies behind what they were doing. Purely by count of pieces Sylvie was ahead but Kat knew enough about Sylvie's expressions to guess Lily was actually winning somehow... or at the very least close to turning things around.

Kat happily sat in silence with them for over half an hour until Lily spoke up again. "By the way Kat any good ideas for my affinities?"

"What do you mean?" asked Kat

"The three kinds of magic I'll be best at. I found out I can pick up to three when it comes to my new body so I've been thinking about it. Healing would be good, but I'm wondering if I want to dedicate a slot to it. I know you can heal with water light and a few others. Heck, you can heal with fire if you're good enough. You just need the spells, the power level, and the image for it." Explained Lily.

"Well that should be your choice shouldn't it? You can pick whatever makes you happy." Said Kat

Lily sighed, "Kat I actually want your opinion here. Like ice affinity just for example. I think it would be nice and pair well with your own powers... but if you have ice covered already maybe it'd be better for me to pick something else and branch out?"

Kat shrugged, "I'm not sure. If you're concerned about me, ice and fire basically do nothing to me. I'm not sure if even at the highest levels of spells they could do anything. I'm basically immune to temperature changes it seems so taking one or the other would let you blast me with them and not have to worry. Though an ice spike in my shoulder would hurt me just as much as everyone else" said Kat.

Lily bit her lip. "Hmm, I didn't think about that. Depending on how ice spells work exactly if I end up with little bits of hail ice might not be worth picking for the safety... but if I can control the ice you create that would be nice. That's just raw elemental manipulation though and apparently on the higher level of things. Oh actually speaking of higher level. I won't start with all my affinities, I'll gain them as I gain in power or time passes. Some combination of both, so we'll also need to decide what I should start with" explained Lily.

"Well, I'm on the fence about healing. I don't need it and probably never will. My regeneration means that anything you would be able to heal on me would I could regen, and anything higher level would require a demon hospital say. That being said... I wouldn't be happy if anything happened to you. So having it to heal yourself would be very nice." Said Kat

"Eh... it takes a really good healer to heal yourself" answered Lily, "I wouldn't count on me being able to heal myself all that quickly so maybe picking something to avoid damage would be better. Shadow was something I considered and then focusing on using it for avoidance. Shrouded by shadows, and eventually hiding myself and a bunch of things IN the shadows. It'd be hard to force me out if I hid in the shadows on your outfit. Normally you wouldn't be able to do something like that, but with the connection we'd have to have, it'd be possible and likely very effective.

"I'm also thinking of space. I was hoping for space-time, but apparently, they are separate affinities. You can get them to affect each other, but you can't just grab both together in one. Also, it isn't very good at the start. I should probably make space my third affinity just because I wouldn't be strong enough to power anything worthwhile with it."

Hmm, space and shadow would be cool utility powers. Especially if they can combine together. That does mean it's probably best for her first power, if it isn't shadow, to be an attacking one. "Would you take shadow as your first or second affinity?" asked Kat

Lily bit her lip to consider the question. "I... I'm not sure? It has some low-level spells but it's not like I actually get them wholesale, just examples of things shadow affinity CAN do. Something else might be better first... but if I do go with healing Shadow would be my first, and I guess primary, affinity."

Chapter 570: Affinity for Trouble

Before the discussion could get any further Vivian and Callisto walked over and took a seat next to each other on the couch with Vivian laid out over most of it and Callisto sitting with Vivian's legs between her

and the couch back. "Hey girls. I see Kat has recovered from our little chat. What are you all up to other than the chess?" asked Vivian.

Kat suppressed a shiver at the question as the memories from that particular chat threatened to rise up from the dark corner they were shoved into. Still, Kat was expecting this and battered them back into the darkness before she could properly recall them. As this was going on Sylvie answered seeing that Lily was pondering over her next move. "We're discussing what affinity would be best for Lily. Space and Shadow are up there. Healing was considered but it doesn't seem too valuable because it's hard to heal yourself with it, and Kat doesn't need help with that."

"Not space-time?" asked Callisto in such a way it was clear she expected Sylvie to have thought of it.

"Apparently they are both split for magical affinity purposes" said Sylvie and Callisto nodded at having her hypothesis confirmed.

"Sylvie also neglected to mention I'll only start off with one. The others will come in time. Space is going to be the last one I pick up because you need a lot of power to start doing useful things with it. If I took it as my first then I wouldn't be able to do much more than shrink tiny inanimate objectives to make them just slightly smaller. Hardly useful." Said Lily

"I do not know about that" said Callisto thinking, "If you made bullets that were slightly too large then shrank them and shot them at people when they expand inside their bodies it would be quite painful and rather damaging. You could probably do the same thing with barbed arrows as well"

Lily blanched at the image, while Kat remained fine and Sylvie looked to be considering the applications of such an ability. "I do NOT want to use my magic for that sort of thing Callisto. That's just... icky. I mean... first off why would I want to get magic only to then use a bow or a gun. That just seems silly. Secondly... that feels kind of torturous. I don't want to use my cool new magic powers to torture people. Combat is one thing but... yeah that... that's another," said Lily.

Callisto just shrugged. "It was merely a suggestion. I wished to point out that all magic likely has its uses at all power levels and that just because you are unwilling to think of those uses, it does not mean they do not exist. Still, I can agree with Space being the final magic as I can see how the power requirements for useful things would be quite high"

"Right..." said Lily uncertain. "In that case. If you had to pick three kinds of magic what would you take?"

Callisto bit her lip and thought on that for a few moments. "You ask a difficult question. I have not studied all the types as you likely have. I do not even know all the rules for magic, just the few that Kat mentioned from Nixilei's basic magic rundown during her time participating in that tournament. So I can really only guess at the affinities I can choose and what I can do with them.

"At a basic level, fire is just a good choice. It does not require anything more than summoning the power and aiming. Ice, Earth, Water, Air, and many others all require you to fashion your magic into a specific shape to deal damage or in the case of water, if a shape is not good enough you might also need to move it at high speed and use it like high powered industrial water cutter.

"So if I just wanted to do the most damage as effectively as possible in the shortest amount of time I do not know if you can beat fire. Of course, it is a dreadfully cliché and dull choice for magic but it certainly

works. Still, if you will allow me some... creative interpretation I suppose for what I can chose and what I can do with my options.

"Earth, illusion, and sound would be the three I would build myself around. Taking earth or sound first, illusion second, and whichever I skipped third. I would then use earth magic to hide myself underground, while using illusion and sound magic to make it appear like I'm above ground and doing things. Once I got really good I'd even make it look like I was blocking and taking damage.

"Keep that up for a battle as I slowly move towards my enemies underground and then slice their achilleas tendons. It should be able to beat most people. Barring that, sound magic surely would allow me to do significant damage to the ears of opponents and if I can find the correct frequencies perhaps damage to the internal organs as well. Earth would be a good defensive element even if my hiding underground plan failed and tossing boulders at people is always a possibility" explained Callisto.

That's a rather interesting build. I can see the possibilities with that. Could continue the thought though, Callisto actually continued to speak. "That's just in combat though. With earth magic I could move the dirt beneath my feet to make myself faster and decrease travel time. With sound magic I can hopefully learn an echolocation spell that's too high pitch or low pitch for most things to hear and use it for scouting.

"With illusions I can also hide my appearance even if I am standing where it is. Plus, if I get good, using illusion and sound magic I could pose as an entire crowd of people, or perhaps a band. Making money by being a literal one-woman-band. The possibilities are endless"

Indeed they are. I can really see Callisto doing some scary stuff with three abilities like that. "What about you Vivian?" asked Kat, "Callisto's build is pretty technical and quite cool. What sort of thing would you go for?"

Vivian lifted herself up onto an elbow so she could look at Kat properly as she spoke. "Well... I think I'd have to take wind and gravity magic. I don't even care how powerful they'd be. With them both I'm certain I'd be able to fly and that's easily worth it in my opinion. Even if you can fly with other magic, I'm certain you would get the best flight from those two together. Decreasing wind resistance, pushing you along with both air and gravity if you can manage both, and making yourself light enough that you won't fall. Or I guess... depending on how exactly it works maybe just cancelling gravities effect on you...

"After that I'm not too sure what I'd want for my third and final magic. I know I'd get wind first. Gravity is probably like space and too expensive to start with. Hmm... actually that might be my final one, taking space. If I can reduce the space between the places I'm going, make a mini wormhole or something I could really go places."

"Well... I know Thyme could teleport people so it's certainly possible to get that power. Though... now that I think about it... what the heck were Thyme's affinities..." said Kat who trailed off at the end.

Vivian gave the best shrug she could from her position, "Well with that knowledge maybe I'd take space? I wonder if I'd fly enough if I learned how to teleport. Makes me think I should completely retool my build... but I guess I stand by it"

"Do you want me to take you flying?" asked Kat, "If it's that big of a deal to you?"

Vivian narrowed her eyes. "Don't think I've forgotten that it hurts you to fly on Earth Kat. I'm not even going to think about asking until you're strong enough for it to be easy, or you find a way to take me on a Contract. Not that I'm asking to go on a Contract with you, I understand it would be needlessly dangerous to do so. Would be interesting though. Maybe when you figure out dimensional travel we can go on vacation or something," said Vivian.

"I imagine it'll be possible once I'm at a higher Rank. That or I might have to pay something I'm not sure. Actually wait... Lily, how come you're already planning to come with me on Contracts? I didn't notice properly. How did you sneak that by me?"

Lily grinned, "Well I manage to sneak it past you by just making it a forgone thing. I just told you I was coming along, and you didn't really think about the how or the why. I'm glad you were happy I'd be coming along. As to why I'm already planning on coming along. That bond we'd need for the Memphis transformation would force me to come along. It would snap if we were separated by dimensional walls at the start. I think later on it can be strong enough to survive it, but at the beginning you'd be stuck with me"