Abril was very happy to be able to sleep in her little house again. When her magic class ended, she went to look for Cassian. She wanted to be with the little fox since she would have time to take care of him.

Cassian was in the garden. As she approached him, the little fox ran towards her. Abril took him in her arms, petted him, and said,

"I've missed you too, little one."

"Hello, Cassian," she greeted him with a smile.

"I'm glad we found each other. I was just going to look for you."

"Me?"

"Yes, I wanted to bring your pet to see you. I think he misses you."

"Thank you so much for taking care of him."

"Don't worry about it."

"His Majesty will be away for a few days as he has to inspect the kingdom. During those days I can go back to my house, so I will have him with me for a few days. I hope I can count on you afterward to take care of him."

"Of course."

"Thank you very much."

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The days Alessandro was away, Abril felt she was free again. She went to her magic classes during the day and in the afternoons she worked in her garden. Although doing that was tiring for her, it was better than living in the palace. There, she could see the blue sky, feel the warm rays of the sun touching her skin, she could feel free. She had lived her whole life locked up, and although she knew it was only temporary, she was glad to have had it.

Abril was in her magic class when Sirius had told her to try to feel her magic. When he said that, she couldn't help but laugh and said, "How do you want me to feel something I don't have?"

"Try it and stop arguing, princess."

"Alright, what do I have to do?"

"You must close your eyes, search deep inside, and try to feel your magic."

Abril did as Sirius told her. Although she knew it was useless, she tried as she had promised.

She searched deep inside, trying to find her magic. She submerged herself in the depths of her being. She saw a small light and wondered if that would

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be her magic. She tried to touch it, but it disappeared and, with it, her consciousness.

The princess began to glow. It was a warm light that made him feel calm and flooded him with peace, but he could also feel it nullifying his magic. That only lasted a few seconds.

She fainted and fell to the floor. That day Abril was unconscious all afternoon. When she opened her eyes she was in an unfamiliar room. Cassian was by her side. He asked her,

"Are you okay?"

"What happened to me? What am I doing here?"

Sirius approached her and said,

"You fainted in the middle of the class."

" What was the last thing you remembered?"

Abril tried to remember, but she couldn't. She said,

"I think it was when I closed my eyes and I tried to feel my magic as you instructed. After that, I don't know what happened."

"I see." Sirius said.

"Did I do something strange?"

"No, you just fainted. You haven't eaten. I'll have them bring you something light to eat," Sirius said, and left the room.



"Thank you." Abril replied.

When Sirius left, Cassian handed the little fox to Abril and said,

"Since I didn't know if you would wake up today, I went to get your pet."

Abril stroked the fox's head and said, "Thank you so much."

"You must be tired. I'll let you rest.

"See you tomorrow." Cassian said, and left the room.

Cassian found Sirius in the hallway and asked,

"What happened to the princess?"

"She just fainted."

"I don't think that was all, after hearing what you asked the princess."

"I must go and check on the princess. See you later, prince."

Cassian knew that Sirius was Alessandro's faithful dog. No matter how much he insisted, Sirius would not tell him anything unless Alessandro authorized it. If he wanted to know what had happened, he would have to wait for Alessandro to return, because he would be the only one Sirius would tell exactly what had happened.

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After that day, Sirius stopped her classes until the king returned. Abril was perfectly fine and happy to have more time for herself and not have to go to the palace.

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But since she had returned to her house she felt as if someone was watching her. She thought it was her imagination and stopped thinking about it.

Alessandro's inspection had taken longer than he had thought. After eight days, he returned to the palace. When he arrived, the first thing he did was send for Sirius, as he had sent him a message that

he needed to speak with him.

Alessandro was somewhat worried. He wondered if it was about the princess. When Sirius entered Alessandro's office, the first thing he did was ask, "Has something happened to the princess?"

Sirius nodded

"Yes, that's why I wanted to talk to Your Majesty."

"What happened?"

"A few days ago, the princess's magic awakened."

"That's good news."

"I'm not so sure about that. Her magic awakened only for an instant. Her magic is truly fascinating. Now I understand why some consider them saints. Her magic reached me, it felt very different from any I have ever known. It instilled peace, tranquility, and blocked my magic for a whole day."

"So it was true, her magic nullifies other magic."

"More than nullifying them, I think it blocks them, making you unable to access your magic."

"She can cure Cassian. We must ask her to do it."

"Wait, I told you that her magic only awakened for a moment, then she fainted. When she woke up she didn't remember anything, it was as if her magic blocked her memories too. I think that's



why she is not aware that she possesses magic."

"That's strange."

"Yes, that's why I canceled our classes. I need you to lend me that book again and all the books you have on it."

Alessandro took out the book he had lent him earlier from one of his desk drawers and said, "Here you go."

"Can I take it with me this time?"

"No, stay in my office until you finish."

As Alessandro walked towards the door, Sirius asked him, "Where are you going?"

"I'm going to see my wife."



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