

A Pale Affair

Humans have only one Quadrant but trolls have many

Von Oogie-Boogie

Kapitel 4: Alien Vampire and Horrorterror Wizard have quality time

"How was your day Kanaya?"

Kanaya, who lay with her head on Rose's lap, opened her eyes. "Satisfying, my love."

"You look way more relaxed than before."

"I did something I wanted to do for a considerable amount of time."

"Will you divulge this secret to me, my dear?"

"No, sorry. I can't tell you about it. Trolls still have some secrets we have to keep to ourselves at the moment."

"Your plans to take over earth and enslave humanity?"

"Karkat meant once that humanity would be useless as slaves. Too easy to break and way too emotional. Well, he said I should tell this fabricated story to anyone who asked me about the subject."

"Is he still paranoid?"

"He was paranoid for a great amount of time in his life. It is not easy to drop all your old mannerisms."

"I thought he calmed down after everybody found out about his blood colour?"

"A little. But now he has to avoid worshipers of the Signless. They are pretty persistent in their view of seeing the reincarnation of their messiah in Karkat."

"What about Kankri?"

"He was very happy about the prospect to debate the matter with the worshipers. After a few minutes they left him."

"They seem to be pretty smart."

"In certain cases, certainly."

Rose fondled the ears of the shining Rainbow Drinker who sighed happily in return.

"So, other than Karkat's disregard of humanity, what was bothering you?"

"Private matters, my love."

"Nothing Troll related? Come on, you can talk about everything with me."

"I know, but it isn't important. Nothing you have to worry about."

Rose nodded. Everybody needed their own secrets, and needed to be able to solve at least part of their own problems.

But Rose didn't like that for some reason.

Her feelings told her that Kanaya was very nervous for some reason. Her knowledge about psychology helped too. Something was eating Kanaya up. Maybe some serious

stuff, at least from the perspective of the troll lady.

"You can talk to me about everything."

"I know, Rose. But don't you think I could burden you too much with all the sorrows I might have accumulated?"

"You're right... But if it is too much, talk to me. Or anyone else you trust. "

Kanaya smiled, suddenly very happy, as she heard that answer. "Thank you."

"But I would be happy if you told me first. You can trust me."

Kanayas sudden happiness abated a bit. "Yes... Yes I can."

Note: Proofread by Shaula. I thank you again.