

After some time of walking in the frigid cold, Miran drug the now uneasy Emplisi toward the river. While the kadin wasn't technically forced to do anything, the pressure of just having the blonde toa hovering around her aimlessly made her anxious. Maybe if she completed this "task" of his, he'd leave her alone for good? Or maybe not. It was truly unknown and that sneaking grin of his...didn't make any promises for her. That thick, uneasy feeling was difficult to ignore when the kadin needed to keep her eyes on him.

"We're here." Miran prompted happily.

There was nothing, a vastly open area on both sides of the ravine. Ice was floating in it, barely trying to form, but it clearly wasn't there yet to truly hold shape. In fact, if you placed a single step on it, it'd surely collapse. As the pair moved toward the water, Emplisi carefully crept to the edge.

"Where is 'here'? I don't see anything at all?"

"Here is where you, my *friend*, are going to dive in." The golden, frizzled coat's color danced as the sun hit it.

"I've heard there's treasure somewhere deep in this ravine, I just don't know *where* it could be." He began to circle the kadin once more. "However, I know where my partner has searched. So I'm simply trying to help her out!"

The chime in his voice almost seemed sweet, should the motives not be questionable.

"Out of the goodness of your heart?"

"Out of the goodness of my heart, absolutely."

"*Hmph.*" Emplisi huffed as she tapped the water to test how it felt. And it was just as icy as it looked. She shivered, scrunching into herself. "And why can't you do it?"

Miran's nose wrinkled up as his teeth escaped his maw as he rolled his eyes. "Sadly, I am not...skilled with...water."

Was he implying he toa couldn't swim? Or possibly a fear of his? It was vague, but seemed sincere as he lifted a paw in disgust.

"Fine, but I get half for all the hard work."

"H-half!?" His ears perked up in shock. The audacity she had!

"You heard me, take it or leave it."

Miran growled to himself, pacing once more. His tail swishing violently behind him now. Before the “painful” idea of giving up part of “his find” struck him. Dragging his claws from his cheeks to the snowy grounds, he shook his head in disbelief.

“FINE. But get first pick. I am not negotiating.”

“ON THE FIRST ITEM.”

“WHATEVER!”

The kadin smiled with a nod. “Agreed then. Step back.”

“Why should I step ba-”

Without a moment to spare, the kadin leaped into the water, splashing the toa on her way in. The cold water left him gasping for air. After cursing Emplisi out, the sky, water, and anyone that could hear him he slumped down near the trees, shivering to himself.

Emplisi, on the other hand, did her best to search the waters below. Though the waters were clear as day, what lay beneath was all covered in soils and debris. She dug around a bit before resurfacing from time to time. Nothing. Turning over rocks and other sunken finds. Empty.

She was freezing now. She surfaced again.

“Damn it!” She muttered to herself as she pulled up to the river bank.

“Find it yet?” Miran growled.

“NO! Now, stop pressuring me unless you want to get soaked again.” She shook the water off her feathers as the frizzled ketucari yelped at the droplets.

The toa groan. “You aren’t gonna find it.”

“What!? Don’t tell me you knew?”

“I don’t. But I guess there’s a reason my partner gave up so easily.”

Coming to his feet, he turned to leave without a word as Emplisi growled.

“Oh I don’t think so.”

The kadin rushed to grab the toa by the scruff like a child and tugged at him to follow.

"You did not put me through that for *nothing*! We are finding that treasure whether you like it or not!"

"I DIDN'T SIGN UP FOR THAT!?"

"*I didn't ask.*" She huffed, pulling him by the tail now as he squeaked. Who knows where she would drag him off too, but it'd be well deserved.

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Have fallen in love with Emplisi lol

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Venture and entry for her with Miran!