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13. On the Same Page

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Jared (sounding incredibly nervous):

Grove... Back, back- hey! Hey, come on in, hope you weren't waiting out there too long

Darius: (entering Jared's home, sounding a bit more comfortable than Jared:)

Oh no, not at all. I only knocked once, you're good.

Jared:

Need help with the bags?

Darius:

Nah, it's fine. Where should I put them?

Jared:

Over on the table's fine. Uhm... anything need to go in the fridge?

Darius:

Not immediately, nah... you alright?

Jared:

Yeah, yeah, I'm fine. I just, uh, wanted to talk about something before we... start cooking?

Darius (now sounding a bit more on edge):

Yeah, shoot. What's up, Jared?

Jared:

(takes in a deep breath)

You're... voicemail. Uhm, I uh, was wondering if we could just get that outta the way first?

(a beat of silence passes before Darius is heard rummaging through a bag)

Darius, with a softer voice:

Sure. Here. It's... nothin' much, just a lil' letter I wrote for ya. I didn't think you'd want it first, heh.

Jared, taking the letter:

I've... kinda been thinking about what this could be ever since I got your voicemail. Not gonna lie, it's had me a bit anxious...

Darius:

Oh, Jared, I didn't mean to make you anxious... it's really nothin' big, we don't really gotta discuss it-

(a beat of silence passes again)

Darius:

... Jared?

Jared:

It's... okay, it's what I thought, uhm-

Darius (sounding a bit dejected):

What.. you thought?

Jared:

Oh! No, no no no not like that. Gods, uhm. After your voicemail I was really concerned and confused, but I was kinda scared to just call you back, so I called my friend Jamie- you met Jamie a few weeks ago. She's great and much better with... *feelings*. She said she was pretty sure you like me, and I just... I'm *not* good with feelings. But I knew we had to talk about it *sooner* rather than *later*, but I've been anxious trying to figure out what to say and what to do, because-

Darius (still sounding a bit dejected, but forcing a smile):

Well... Jared, if you don't like me, it's-

Jared (rambling and stuttering in a panic):

No! No, that's the thing. I... do? Uh, like, I like being around you, I look forward to spending time with you, I'm *comfortable* around you. I... you mean a *lot* to me, as a friend and... also, I- I just, I don't *know* what romantic feelings *should* feel like, so I don't know if that's what *this* is. I don't wanna ruin what we have, whatever it is, but also I wouldn't be opposed to dating if that's what you want, and I just-

Darius (in a comforting tone):

Hey, hey. Jared. It's okay, breathe... we don't gotta change a thing. I guess I just thought it was only fair I tell you the truth... I like what we've got, too. I just felt like it was a bit... obvious, so I thought I should at least say something.

Jared:

(weak chuckle) Heh... obvious to everyone but *me*, it seems... I-... thank you, Darius. I appreciate it. I... you mean a lot to me, you really do, which is why I've been so nervous about changing... anything. I've... never been in a romantic relationship before, so I really just wanna... take it slow?

Darius (beaming):

That's fine! That's fine with me. As long as we're both comfortable, what's the harm, yeah?

Jared:

Right... and, uh, I should be more *honest*. I've... kinda kept a lot of things from you.

Darius:

... oh?

Jared:

Like, work. What I do for work. I- well, I'm a scientist, but not a biologist or anything. Uhm, I do more... classified stuff?

Darius:

(with a soft chuckle) yeah, those fancy government jobs and those top-secret cases. I mean, I guess I'm not *too* surprised.

Jared:

I actually am more of, uh, well, remember when I said I have a *passion* for cryptids and ghosts and stuff? My interest is actually a bit more... *professional* than that.

Darius (after a pause):

Okay... so, you study the *creatures* 'round here, like those kids that come knocking at night?

Jared:

Mhm. Yeah. That's... kinda why that day after the picnic I wandered around. Partially, anyways. I was investigating that river monster that's rumored to be out there *(awkward chuckle)* and yeah, it's out there... saw it with my own two eyes.

Darius:

... is *that* what you meant by 'hazards of life'? Are those scars from work?

(a pause from both of them)

Darius:

S...Sorry, I shouldn't have a-

Jared:

Yeah. It is. But don't worry, I've got *great* healthcare, they patch me up pretty well, heh... (*clears throat*) you can't tell anyone, okay? I... shouldn't have told *you*, but.. I've been dying to tell *anyone* at least *that* much of the truth and I trust you.

Darius: (with an audible smile)

Secret's safe with me, doc... now, c'mon, the eggs shouldn't sit out *too* long. Let's get cooking, okay?

Jared (also with an audible smile):

Hopefully I don't burn anything this time

Darius:

You're getting better, I think you'll do great...

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And now, if you've been enjoying "Jar of Rebuke", a word from our creator:

Hello everyone, Casper Oliver here. Thank you so much for listening to our second interlude.

This one was a lot of fun and I hope you all enjoyed. As you enjoyed, our schedule is still 1 minisode every 15th of the month and we will be here with Season 2 come June. So June 7th will be when Season 2 officially starts back with full length episodes twice a month. This does also mean our art contest/giveaway will be extended until June as well so if you post fanart using the #JarofRebukeFanart and tag the official Jar of Rebuke social media at the pages, you will be entered into a drawing for some free Jar of Rebuke merch including stickers, buttons, a poster, and a handwritten letter from myself. This is a free international contest, all we'll need is a way to contact you and an address to ship it to.

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This is the voice of Dr. Jared Hel, singing off, until next month.