

Moon had been begging for days to go to the river that was near the casino. Bane would just make up some random excuse to not go because summer was his least favorite season to be outside during, too hot, unbearable. But the puppy eyes she learned to give and the look from midnight made him give up.

"Alright, fine!!! Fine I will go, we will go." He sighs

Moon gasps and clutches her fists up close to herself in excitement and looked up and over to midnight who smiles with relief, looking down to her and smiling wider to her excitement

"Well what are you waiting for firefly, go get ready" midnight spoke as he walked over to banes side.

Moon jumped up and ran off

"YAYAYA!! SWIMMING!"

Bane flicked his glare at midnight

"right now!? Wait, that's not what I meant, I thought we were gonna plan it. I'm not, I'm not prepared for the heat!" He whispered with devastation.

Midnight put his hand up on banes shoulder "she was too excited to not go today. It won't be toooooo bad" he grins, then pats his arm and walks by him. Bane turns around, his gaze following him as his tail thrashes around, looking over to the window with displeasure.

He drags himself over to their storage bins grumpily, grabbing out a bag as midnight comes back over with a handful of sunscreen, towels, and an umbrella. "Figured your grumpy ass would want the umbrella while we're there" he calms, grabbing the bag, putting the supplies in it, then looking back over at the grumpy crook. "You should probably go collect some snacks before moon gets the chance to. You know the snacks she picks out"

Bane leans to the side and turns sloppily "oookayyyy" but his ear flicks as he hears the door open that leads out to the casino. Which his pace hurried in a snap, "MOON!" he calls out. Midnight shakes his head and returns back to shoving the stuff in the bag.

Bane returns to the room with moon over his shoulder and some snacks in his hands. Moon sniffled, from cries of not getting the snacks she wanted to bring to the river. Bane flops her on the bed "stop being a crybaby we're gonna go to the river aren't you excited! You can't have chocolate, it will melt the second we step outside you nugget!" he grumbles.

Midnight takes the snacks he brought "she's just a kid bane" he mutters to him with a side eye. And bane puts his hands up "what! She knows it" he looked back at the bed as moon got up to sit "when are we going, are we ready yet!!" She exclaimed impatiently. Bane opened his mouth to say something but midnight spoke first before he could "we're going right now, are You ready?"

Moon gasps and crawls off the bed in a hurry while midnight puts the bag up and over his shoulder. Bane flicks his eyes up and down him as his arm reaches over "I can carry it" he

grabbed at it while midnight started to walk “nono I've got it it's not that heavy. And I don't want you eating all of the snacks” he gave him a knowing look. And bane avoided eye contact as he crossed his arms “hey. I packed a lot. There's plenty”

Moon bolted out the door as her dad's followed behind. Bane's eyes immediately squinting and making a disgusted sound by the brick wall of heat and bright sun. “Oh gods. The deadly summer heat.. it's going to make my beautiful hair so frizzy and dry!! I don't think I'll make it” he exaggerates. Midnight rolling his eyes and watching moon “you're not going to melt to big baby” which bane looks at him with shock “I am not a big baby! I am expressing how my perfect hair will fall to ruin in this heat” he wheezes

The walk went on a dirt trail that slithered down a hill, the grass green under the only shade provided by trees. bugs screaming among the ambience of the hot dry wind. Luckily the river was not far of a walk from that casino. But to bane it was forever before they made it to the bare white rocks

Before they could even settle down, moon ran her way into the shallows, splashing her way in knee deep. midnight notices and walks a little faster towards the water. “moon hon!! Wait, you need to put your sunscreen on first!” He hurried over, Pulling bane along. Which bane drags himself sluggishly along, panting.

Moon looks over and huffs and shakes her hands “buT!!! I don't need sunscreen!!!!” She pouts. Midnight handed the bag over to bane as he dug his hand in it to grab the sunscreen and walks over “I don't want you getting burnt, it will be quick alright, then you can play all you want” he stood in the shallows with her as he started to apply it to her about and shoulders. Nevertheless she kept her pout. Looking beyond midnight impatiently to the other skiers that were enjoying the water.

Bane, melting, could barely notice the other skiers there as he gravitated towards the closest spot of shade. There was already a cccat there relaxing. Noticing bane walk over, they awkwardly shuffle. And bene kicks their stuff “move it you parasite” and snarls. The cccat gasps, but in the shock, Scrambled off with their stuff. Bane plopped his stuff down and then himself.

When midnight finished up with moons sunscreen. He looked back, scanning the shade for bane. Knowing he'd end up there. Spotting him he walked over and squats down to him “are you sure you don't want to get in the water, you'll cool off a lot better” he goes to sit down on his legs.

Bane looks at the water blankly. “Too... far, so much sun” he heaves. Midnight goes to squirt some sunscreen on his fingers then gently apply some to banes face “you can bring the umbrella. I'll take you to the water myself if I have to.” Bane started to relax and some out to the gentle application of sunscreen. “Mm...” his eyes scanned the water. As midnight sighs, putting more sunscreen on his fingers. “I know. The cats, just, ignore them. Or I'll keep them away, or maybe moon can.”

He puts some sunscreen on bane's shoulders then closes the bottle. Bane scowls "I don't want her interacting with the cats" his eyebrows furrow and midnight looks back and at moon who was having a great time. Then looks back at bane "we can't control who she interacts with all the time. She... is innocent, she doesn't know about what happened. And we're not going to tell her, so let her make friends with who she wants, as long as she's happy, right?" He shoves the bottle at bane as he takes it "...mmmh... mhm" his eyes flicked away. As midnight shakes his head.

"Can you put some on my back" he asked. As bane sits up and goes to slather some on his back. Rubbing it in with a bit of a massage, midnight relaxed to the feeling. Then turns and grabs bane's hand after he's done. Going to close the lid for him. And stand up. Bane tumbles on his feet after getting pulled to stand "what huh" and midnight gestures his head to the water "you're coming to the water to cool off you big lug" he pulls him along as bane made a sound of devastation when the sun hit his skin again "nooooo" he cried out gently.

When his feet hit the water he exhaled sharply. The water really was cool. Midnight notices and chuckles at him "see I told you" bane gives him a squinty, then squats down slowly and sits down in the shallow water, stretching his legs along the rocks below the water, Panting "but, there's still so much sun... my shoulder and snout burns!!" he complains. As midnight shakes his head "well, get down more in the water, you're so hard headed"

Moon however was playing around with some clay with her bucket she brought, she notices her parents moving. Seeing them come over to the water. Filled with excitement she came running over "dada papa! You are gonna swim too!!!" She stood in midnight's shadow as midnight hums pleasantly. "I might. But. I don't know about this grumpy pile of rocks" he nudges bane with his leg. As bane flops his head up and over to look at moon "it's so hot Hun" which moon tilts her head "well that's why you get in the water!!! Lookie!" She bends down to scoop up some water in her bucket and pours some in his leg. As he makes a sound of relief

"ugh... that felt great" he closes his eyes "keep doing that" which moon giggles and scoops up more water and pours it on his other leg. Bane's tail fwomped against the rocks happily as the water got poured on him. Midnight watched, putting his hands on his hips with a happy smile. "Heh, looks like you found your dad's fix." while Moon was having a good time too.

"Dada you should come swim with me!! Can we go to the deep part?" She pointed over at an area. Which bane looks over. Seeing a few other skires over there. But seeing some cccats made his face curl and eyebrows furrow. Turning his head away "mmm I like the water getting poured on me better." Moon pouts and whines "but I don't wanna pour it on you forever ! I wanna go play !!! Come play with me" she points over to the clay area that she was playing in before.

Bane looks over and sees 2 younger skires. Seeing they weren't cccats he tilts himself and starts dragging himself over "alright alright, I'll go over there with you" Moon gasps with joy and flops down into the water to start crawling over there. And had bane sit in a little pocket of water

next to the clay and started to put clay in her bucket while bane watched, relaxed finally in the cool steady stream of water. Midnight watching moon make little castles from the wet clay and forcing bane to help make some with her. Midnight relaxing in the shallows himself, satisfied with this little family time at the river.

As the day went by it consisted of bane and midnight relaxing while moon played around in the shallows. Every now and then when bane said it's time to go moon would cry her way into another hour. Till sunset hit and moon decided herself that it was time to go. She got up out of the water soggy and cold, pitter-patter of feet ran up to the spot under the tree where her parents sat eating all the snacks.

Midnight and bane both notice her as bane reached in the bag and got out her towel. Lifting it up and opening it "I see you finally wanna go home hm?" Moon runs into the towel and twirls in it to wrap it around herself "yeah, I feel all wrinkly" midnight chuckles and gets up "well we should walk home before it gets too dark"

He gathered up the towel he sat on and shoved it in the bag. Bane did the same, this time he carried the bag home. Walking up the trail they got to watch the gradient of colors along the sky as the sun set. Midnight goes to hold banes hand while looking over from the sky, bane looked back at him in response to the hand holding. A smile in return. "Yaknow, I guess sunsets aren't too bad during the summer" he said among the crickets and other bugs chirping, as darkness settles on the hot summers evening from a great hot day.