

Susceptible to Supernova Sample

Zoli: Anyways... if we're going to be lying... we'll need to have an excuse for meeting privately.

Adara: A cover story for being alone in my room?

Zoli: Exactly.

BEGIN CHOICE BLOCK

What's your cover story?

OPTION 1: You and Zoli can say that you're studying.

JUMP TO SCENE: Studying Cover

OPTION 2: You could say the two of you hooked up.

JUMP TO SCENE: Hooking Up Cover

OPTION 3: You don't need a cover story to hang out with a friend.

Adara: If anyone asks, we'll say we hooked up.

Zoli's tentacle-like ponytails turn a deep blue. You can't help but wonder what emotion, if any, that conveys. Of course, your first guess would be embarrassment.

Zoli: And why is that where your mind went to?

Adara: It would stop people from asking too many questions.

VARIABLE CHECK. DEPENDING ON `Zoli\_love`, TAKE ONE BRANCH:
BRANCH ONE:

Zoli: You really think that no one will ask you questions when you tell them you got with an alien?

Adara: I can always just tell them to mind their own business or that it happened in the dark so I didn't see anything.

Zoli laughs which makes you giggle softly. This is all so high school... or at least you assume. You never went to high school, being a criminal's daughter and all.

Zoli: If you're going to make up a whole story in your head you should probably know that... um... sections of my skin glow in the dark.

Adara: Oh, I thought it was just your clothes that had metal glowing pieces on it.

Zoli lifts up her shoulder pads, revealing aqua-colored splotches of skin across the back of her shoulders and down her arm.

Zoli: So... it couldn't have been dark.

Your face turns slightly red. You put your pointer finger on one of your cheeks.

Adara: This happens when I'm... flustered or embarrassed. Just thought I'd make it even while we're talking about Terran and alien anatomy.

Zoli smiles warmly.

Zoli: I think it's cute.

BRACH TWO:

Zoli: I'm not sure that's true... I mean... we're not exactly an obvious couple.

Adara: I never said anything about being a couple.

Zoli: Sure, but don't you think even a casual relationship requires some amount of compatibility?

Adara: You don't think we're compatible at all?

Zoli's eyes dart to the window, pretending to be more interested in the constellation outside.

Zoli: I think we'd tear each other apart if we tried to be anything other than coworkers.

Adara: Isn't that kind of the idea of a hookup?

Zoli: I never knew Terrans had such an... interesting idea of intimacy.

Adara: Well, we certainly have passionate arguments. I think we could fool the crew, at least.

Zoli laughs and stares at you, suddenly making you feel very self-conscious for bringing up the current topic.

Zoli: Fine. We'll use that story. I just hope it doesn't backfire.