

It was a beautiful summer day on the Paradise Islands. Kaida was curled up in the work shop she shared with her partner. Or rather, Muireann let Kaida have a small corner for her to write and watch her work. She loved it. Being able to watch Muireann create her beautiful glass works of art usually inspired her to write. She wasn't your typical writer, but one of her personal adventures traveling around Shengdao on her journey to seek out a cure for her illness and to record different types of flowers and plants all over their little world.

Today she sat curled in her wicker chair, doodling out a poison ivy plant she came across on their very own Paradise Isle. The sun was beaming down on her, warming her easily. Just like her familiar, an orange tabby named Satsuma, she was drawn to the sun's warmth.

Looking out over the ocean on her way to the work shop, Muireann started to smile. Today was gonna be the day, she decided, while looking for her lovely partner. Peeking her head into the workshop looking for the taller shiji, she took in the sight of Kaida curled up doodling, sitting in the sun, looking like a goddess being haloed by golden light.

Knocking on the wooden frame to let her partner know she was there, Muireann stepped in to lean against the frame.

"hello georgious, whatcha working on?"

Kaida knew Muireann was on her way to the workshop only because Satsuma got up and stretched out his orange body, jumping down to greet her partner. She glanced up at the knock to the door to announce herself, a wide grin upon her lips. "Hello, love. I am just recording some poison ivy I found down in a ravine that couple miles from here."

Her brow raised when her familiar weaved his way between Muireann's legs, mewling and purring, trying to steal all her attention. She usually gave in and loved on him as much as she did on herself.

"Am I forgetting something? Did we have plans?" Often enough Kaida would become so distracted in her writing and drawings, hours would pass and she didn't notice. (edited)

Chuckling at Satsuma's behavior, Muireann picked him up and held him petting, while looking at Kaida with a soft smile. "Maybe you can show me the poison ivy when we next head down that way, or your recording of it when you finish.." Setting the familiar down after a moment of loving, she refocuses on her lovely partner with a smile.

"No, we didnt have plans, however in the case of spontaneousness, how would you like to go on a walk with me, and enjoy this evening together?"

Kaida shook her head at the familiars actions as he nuzzled his little head beneath Muireann's chin and purred even louder. "What a spoiled boy." She murmured put and slowly uncurled herself from her chair. She stood up and groaned softly, muscles complaining at her actions, reminding her that she's been still for a couple of hours. "I would love to show you where it is. Don't need a case of the itches going around." She chuckled as she moved to Muireann and

kissed her on the cheek before she ran a hand down Satsuma's back. "But a walk with you sounds even more enjoyable. I'm ready when you are, love."

The orange tabby jumped down from her partner's arms and made his way to the house, going to find somewhere to sunbathe before the sun goes down and disappears.

Giggling, Muireann nodded. "Yeaaa.. dont need a repeat of an incident of crazy itchies." Reaching up with her hand to catch Kaidas hand, she presses a quick kiss into her palm, before holding her hand. "A walk with you would be one of the bright parts of my day. And i have the perfect trail for us. Ready when you are."

Pulling her hand gently, Muireann grabs her pack that she set beside the door and starts lightly pulling her towards the beach, to follow one of the trails that direction.

Kaida smiled at her love, "It was cute, you dancing around, unable to reach the middle of your back." A blush spread across her cheeks at the kiss to her palm, adoring how sweet Muireann is to her. She held her hand, swinging it between them as they walked towards the beach.

The sky was beginning to look like a painting, oranges, purples and pinks splashing and colliding with one another. It was beautiful. "What's the occasion for this walk, Muireann? Not that I don't love our walks." She giggled at her softly.

Chuckling, Muireann brought spun her around to face the other direction, to reveal a hidden lagoon that was just out of view of the main beach. "Well... i thought this might be a good reason.. " while out of view, Muireann let go of her hand to take a step back, pulling Kaida's favorite flowers out of her pack, made of shimmering glass, waiting for her to turn back around after taking in the lagoon

Kaida gasped softly at the beautiful view before her, her bright cyan eyes taking in the crystal clear waters of the lagoon. "Oh, Muireann! How did you find such a beautiful place? How did I not find it!" She laughed softly at that, her artists eye taking in everything before her. However she wondered why her partner was so quiet. She turned around to see her holding gorgeous hand crafted tiger lilies and her heart melted. "M-Muireann.. When did you.. Why did you.." Her words stammered off as she took in the beautiful flowers, her beautiful mate. She stepped closer to her, lifting her hands to curl around hers on the stems of the flowers.

Gently smiling, Muireann looks up at her beautiful mate, before taking a deep breath to let out her nervousness.

"Kaida, you are the light of my life, and every time i see you its like the beautiful sights all around us, your beauty outshines all of them. However the light fades, and the night comes, but my love will never deminish from you. Knowing that, I would love to make it forevermore.

Kaida, will you journey with me to the elders to exchange our scales and become soulbonded? Would you be with me forever, side by side as my soulmate?"

The Dark blue Shiji-Long stared into those brilliant cerulean eyes of her other half and squealed. "Y-Yes! A thousand times over, yes! I would be honored to be your soul bonded. I wouldn't have asked for a better mate who supports and loves me as you do." She took a deep breath as she threw her arms around Muireann's shoulders and peppered her face with many kisses, her tail swishing happily in the sand behind her.

Bouncing on her toes, Muireann breaks into a wide grin, amazed that this wonderful shiji would agree, and catches her lips to give her a deep kiss. Drawing back after the kiss and wrapping her arms around her waist, Muireann looks up at Kaida with a soft smile. "Well future bonded of mine... I cant wait to spend all my lives with ya, as you grow as a herbologist... becoming the amazing shiji i know you are"

Kaida kissed her back, putting as much passion into it as she could. She was beyond ecstatic over this new development in their relationship and for their future. "All of our lives together. I can't wait." She kissed her once more before pulling back to lean against her love, glancing down at the glass tiger lilies in her free hand. "When did you make these? I didn't see you do any of this! And we've been working together!"

Letting out a giggle, Muireann glances at the tiger lillies with a smile. "You know how some mornings I've been up before you, to gather things for when I get my familiar? Ive actually been working on this for a few weeks now, little by little so you wouldnt notice." Feeling alittle sheepish, she rubs the back of her head. "I still have got the items, but it was a good excuse to have time to create them, hiding them in my spare kiln I hardly use when you were in there."

She squealed gently and kissed her cheek before she pulled away from Muireann and placed the flowers on the bag that was brought with them. "That is the sweetest thing I have ever heard. But you shouldn't have sacrificed sleep for me! I love it though." And she did. She had a patch of tiger lilies growing outside of their home, and she took the utmost care with making sure the flowers were happy and healthy. "I am glad you got the items for your familiar, how exciting! I can't wait to see what you hatch. Satsuma will be super jealous." She laughed. He was seriously obsessed with Muireann and didn't like to share her with herself, so she didn't know how he would react to that.

"Shall we go for a swim?" She cocked her head towards the lagoon, itching for a swim. Muireann knew water was her weakness and would swim whenever she was able to. "Wait! This means we have to take a road trip! A road trip to Tianshu! What elder are we going to make an offering to?"

Smiling, she walked to the lagoon shore with Kaida. "Well, i had gone to bed early the night before, and with much tea it was absolutly worth it to see your reaction. And yes defenetly will have to take a trip, and it depends, would you like to see if Qing is there? I hear that they like crafted items as an offering."

"I would love to swim with you, we can plan it out while we swim"

"I think Qing is a lovely choice! I will have to made a side offering to see if I can be healed at the same time." She hummed softly, dropping her sundress to slip into the cool water of the lagoon.

Kaida dove under the water, using her tail to help propel her further along, gliding smoothly beneath the surface. If she could, she would swim all day, everyday. But she came up for air, glancing around for her partner, her hands lifting to her hair to slick back the wet strands.

All she could think about was what they would need to appease the Elder.

"That would be great! I know you have been worried about your heart.." Watching Kaida dive into the water, Muireann couldnt help but stop to watch her gracefull movements. Seeing her coming up for air, Muireann stepped into the water, eyes on her dazling mate, trying to memorize every detail of her beauty. If she had made a stained glass window of that, she could be compaired to a goddess, or a mermaid of the human world. (edited)

Kaida melted on the inside as she noticed the way Muireann was gazing at her with such love and adoration. It made her so happy. She treaded water for a moment before she swam to where she could touch the sand. "Muireann.. You are beyond amazing. You're caring, and supportive. You take care of me and are always working super hard. You make me proud to be in your life. I strive to be better with you. I can't wait to see where this life takes us and the rest that will follow."

Blushing hard at Kaida's words, Muireann offered a hand to her, to walk into the deep part of the water together. "Kaida... I dont know what to say, other than life with you will be beyond my wildest dreams, and with this first night, the next step of our adventure together will begin.."

Kaida tugged Muireann into the water, gently kissing her. "We'll figure this out together. We do have to decide what we want to make Qing.."

They swam together in the crystal blue lagoon, enjoying the beautiful evening.

Giving her love a gentle smile, Muireann kisses softly back with a quiet murr, enjoying the touch from the other shiji. "Well.... I heard he loves things created..." Following her into the water,

Muireann swam close, smiling at the graceful movements of the darker shiji, almost like part of the water, watching the clouds reflect on the water, surrounding them with color.

Kaida laughed softly, "You're the one who creates. I just write and record flowers. I can't draw much else. You're the true artist. Tell me your thoughts?" It was easy like this, them together, swimming and chatting. Just being together. It felt right, especially in this moment.

Blushing, Muireann thought for a moment "... how about an infinity chain made of glass to show our devotion? you can help me with colors and stuff, maybe use different flowers in cane form..." trailing off, Muireann tilted her head trying to think of how it could be put together.

Kaida let out a quiet snicker, "Yes. Let's encase some poison ivy in a chain and give that to Qing." Her head shook, water droplets flying everywhere, splashing Muireann some. "I have some dried flowers laid out in the workshop. We can pick and choose from there. I think an infinity chain is a perfect idea!"

Laughing, Muirann holds an arm up to stop the droplets from going in her eyes. "Hey!!" Splashing Kaida in return, with a big smile, she nodded, agreeing to the idea. "I like that, we can pick when we go back."

"I think that's a perfect idea." Kaida began to swim a little more, swimming circles around her mate, gently splashing her here and there. It was such a lovely evening. The trees around the lagoon swayed with the gentle breeze, crickets and other bug life chirped and sang in the night. She wouldn't change it for the world. However, Kaida began to get tired, it happen more often than not, and she couldn't afford to tax her heart. "Muireann.. I'm almost tapped out for the night."

Spinning in circles to watch her mate, smiling at the joy in her eyes, enjoying the twilights symphony. Hearing the tiredness in her voice, Muireann froze for a second in her spin, before offering Kaida her hand, and begins to lightly tug her to shore. "Lets head home then. we can take a break on the shore for a few to let ya catch your breath, before walking home.. or if you get to tired, can carry ya piggy back," she says the last bit with a chuckle, as from working in the shop knows that can carry her if need be.

Kaida laughed softly, shaking her head. She knew Muireann was more than capable of carrying her home, she had too much pride for that. "We can take a breather before we head home. Don't need two exhausted females." Slowly, she made her way to the shore, pulling her dress over her wet frame before plopping on the sand. She just needed a few minutes before they headed home.

Smirking slightly at the exhausted mate, Muireann leans in to kiss her cheek, whispering in her ear "Oh yes... what would people think seeing two gorgeous ladies panting heavily leaning close.. " Pulling back and chuckling gently, Muireann sashays back over to her outfit and pulls it on slowly, trying to hide how blushy she turned from her own words, unable to believe how bold she turned for a moment. Once done putting on her clothes, Muireann moves back to Kaida with a smile, to kneel behind her and start rubbing her back gently.

Kaida blinked at her mate. And blinked again, her words sinking in slowly. A dark blush stained her cheeks, but her lips curled into a smirk, "Don't forget wet." She said while gesturing to their bodies, water droplets sliding to the sand beneath them. Her eyes watched Muireann dress, then closed when she came over to rub her back to help soothe her.

She only needed a moment before she turned to Muireann to brush her lips over her cheek. Her breathing had returned to normal and her chest stopped hurting, everything was fine again. "Okay..Let's go home."

Smiling and hiding a blush, Muireann offers her hand to Kaida, eager to go home and begin working on their gift for the Elder.

She took the hand offered, got up and headed home with her love.