

The changing of the seasons felt so good. The departure of the longer, cold winter air felt good on the smooth scales of Eden's body, their flowers and leaves happy with the warmer sun, their scales retaining the heat after basking in the sun for the better part of the whole morning.

Today they had something special planned, a trip to visit a friendly face that would be helping them learn the innate magic they knew they had. From the second they'd awoken basked in cool blissful water it had spoken to them as if woven into their very being, a comfortable hold on their soul that beckoned them to seek it out, and that's exactly what they planned on doing.

Running through the trees and underbrush has their mind racing, crowns bristling as the wind rushes by them, leaves and lilac flowers rustling softly with each long leaping step they make, music to their ears as their hood rests flat to their neck.

Kol was waiting they knew it, with the energy in the air it had to be the case, he was waiting to teach them all about the waves and streams, how they flow through the land and carve paths to give life to so many different lands and creatures wherever it went, just as it had done to them.

Finally, as they burst forward through the brush into an open space they find the ground disappearing from under their feet, and they yelp as they fall directly into the water. It's cool, with a little current but only subtle, most likely not more than a small lake or pool with a stream passing through, cozy and comfy which all but encourages them to stay in the blissful float it provides.

Just as they start to relax, forgetting the reason they ran for so long and so far from their usual roaming zone, they feel two large hands carefully wrap around their torso just under their arms and hoist them above the surface into the fresh air. "Hey there, a little excited to learn hm?" A friendly voice, smooth and refreshing just like the water was. Their tongue slips from their mouth to bring their eye out so they can peer at who their holder was, their eye met with the most vibrant blues they had seen since visiting fresh tropical waters, mixing with greens like foliage and small pops of orange that reminds them of small flowers amongst the grass at the water's edge.

*"Hello! Was looking, are you Kol?"* They tilt their head without turning it, which gets a soft chuckle from the larger of the two before he turns them around to face him.

He has a soft smile on his face, slightly amused probably at watching them fall face first into the water they were supposed to train in, over-eager to begin the honing of their skills. "I am, I suppose you're Eden then? Want to get started with the training? I'd offer to throw you in the deep end but it seems you've done that all by yourself" there's a chuckle in his tone as he lowers them into the water, setting them down with care.

*"I am! And I do! Water moving for me, I want to connect to home~"* They smile as their hood fans out with their excitement.

“Alright, well the best way to start is to focus on that feeling of the water around you, to push and pull like it does to you! See what happens~”

It's soft encouragement but it gives direction for them to follow, and so they move to be waist deep before they take a soft breath and focus. The feeling comes so naturally, as if etched into their memory from the moment they formed their new body.

As it runs past their hands, between their legs and around their tail they follow its motions with slight movements, humming before they lift their hands and will a new direction into the current-

In an instant the water is pulled up following just under their hands, racing after their new direction and seeking a place to go once released, which just so happened to be straight up into the face of the cccat advising them. He lets out a soft sound as his gills flare and he flinches back, tipping on his axis before falling back into the clear waters surrounding them. It hardly takes more than a second before he twists and swims over, whisking the smaller cccat along with him to the deeper side of the pool, a voice speaking through a small hivemind link.

**“Lift yourself within the flow! Better not sink!”**

As his words come through, the smooth support under them drops and they find themselves underwater once more, peering around to see Kol circling and swimming around them, expectantly watching with a smile on his face, and they weren't going to turn down a challenge of their skills.

They flex their body and twist around, coiling for a moment along with the current they feel before they turn and lift their arms, feeling the water push up with them and propel them forwards towards the sun - *It feels like the day they first formed, swimming towards the surface to chase the gorgeous sun through lush foliage, the desire to meet the day and experience everything new to them in that moment.*

The surface breaks and they are pushed up by a jet of water, laughing and wailing with glee as they fly up high into the sky, able to touch the trees as their limbs all flail and they see Kol circling closer below until he leaps up as well to meet them in the middle, a proud grin stretching across his face.

“Look at that! Straight into the sky!” he laughs with them on their way down before splashing into the cool water once more.

After some moments they both float to the surface, Kol floating on his back, letting Eden sit on his chest, taking it easy as he gives soft critique and pointers on what they can do, curious to see the magic changing within their shape to harmonise with the water around them, seems they were right.