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Part V: Distant Silence

The remainder of the night I was restless and couldn't get to sleep. The date with Roman was amazing and something that I would remember for the rest of my life. Though the thought of my surface family possibly coming to try and take me away was hanging heavily in my mind, it did not deter me from having the time of my life with Roman and all my new found friends. Here I felt like I belonged, I felt more loved than I ever had on the surface. All of this made my decision that much easier, for I decided I was going to stay. Not only was I going to stay I was going to work on talking again. I took the pencil and paper and decided to write a journal entry, this method helped me empty my mind of worry and allowed me to sleep happily and peacefully. The next morning I was greeted with the glorious smell of eggs and bacon, within moments there was a knock at my door as it slowly cracked open. "Autumn, are you awake my dear? I brought you some breakfast." Roman walked in holding a bed tray with a full breakfast spread on it, it had a large plate that had eggs, bacon and toast on it, accompanied by a glass of orange juice and a small vase with a beautiful blue rose in it. As he walked to my bedside carefully carrying the tray I set myself upright and he placed the tray over my lap. "Did you sleep well?" I gently shook my head and motioned that my heart was beating fast and my mind was going crazy all the while with a smile on my face. Roman understood and smiled back at me. "I didn't much either, last night was amazing. You're such a beautiful dancer." He leaned down and kissed my forehead. "I'll leave you to your meal my dear." He turned and was about to make his way to the door when I clapped my hands to regain his attention. Roman turned and I motioned him to come back to me, before he could speak I tugged him down by his shirt and gave him a kiss. He returned the kiss enthusiastically as he gently cupped my face in his hands. This kiss was much more intense than the one the night before, there was more force and passion in this kiss. Our hearts beating in time, our breathing becoming heavy, Roman and I gently pulled away to catch our breath as we stared into each other's eyes. His warm and loving smile gradually faded as a blank then saddened expression came over him. "I'm so sorry Autumn." His voice got quiet and shaky as tears began to fall from his eyes. "I had the librarian

lie about not being able to contact the surface. I-I was afraid that if you talked to your family, you would want to leave. I was selfish and after I said I would help you, I failed.” He sank down even more until he was sitting flat on the floor with his head buried in his arms next to me. I let out a small sigh and lifted his head with one hand while stroking his head with the other. I looked at him in the eyes and gave him a warm smile, I then reached out and grabbed my pencil and paper and began to write. I told him that I suspected something was odd and decided to try for myself and yesterday the reason why I was upset was because I did get ahold of my surface family and they were making plans to bring me home. Before I could write down another word explaining that I was going to stay, Roman gently placed a hand on the paper and stood up. More tears were falling from his eyes as he looked at me with great sadness and disappointment. He turned away and walked to the door and as he opened it to walk out, he slightly turned his head staring at the floor. “I-if you decide to leave, I w-would prefer it if you never came back.” His voice waivered and cracked as he spoke, I was in shock how could he think I would up and leave after what have been through, before I could do anything Roman had walked out and shut the door. I moment later I heard a door open then close again followed by a soft cry from the other side of the wall. I was angry with myself for not speaking or even trying to speak, how could I have been so stupid and lazy. I was so upset I couldn’t eat my now cold breakfast nor any other meal for at least four days. Every other day since I would go to the library and chat with my family, I’ve told them I wanted to stay, but they, namely my father wasn’t having any of it. Each day after I spoke with them I would go to the falls instead of going home. On one of my trips I discovered a hidden cave that had a small waterfall inside, the cave was about the size of small one story home while the falls came from a crack in the ceiling down to a warm pool below. This is where I would practice talking and think about things in general. The next couple weeks were uneasily quiet, Roman didn’t speak too much to any one and became distant, I blamed myself, but until I could speak clearly I would be able to convey what I wanted to say to him. One day I decided to see Adonis at the lab in Hotlands instead of going to the falls. Adonis spoke to me before about helping him with an experiment and to drop by anytime I was ready. Half way to his lab I ran into his two sisters, who were twins, Tori and Melina. They were heading to Snowdin to hang with Wendy for the day. Tori was short but thin

and a fighter like her mother Undyne. Melina was the odd ball of the family, she paired up with Spooklyn, Mettaton's and Napstablook's son. She loved to ribbon dance and had her own show alongside Spooklyn. We stopped and chatted for a bit and it turned out that they had a gift for me. Melina handed me a small box with my name on it, I opened the box to see a twin tailed dancing ribbon with the colors of green and pale teal blue. They explained that my date with Roman was recorded by Alphys, she and Mettaton thought the dance we shared was so beautiful, it had to be shared with the rest of the underground. I blushed at the idea of us being recorded and thinking how things were at the moment between Roman and I. They explained that they thought I would be a bit embarrassed by it and wanted to give me a gift to show that there was no ill will and also as a thank you for accepting the offer to help their brother. I smiled and nodded as Tori pointed out that there was a note in the box too, before I could read the note or tell them thank you for the gift the girls had to be off, for they were now running late to see Wendy. I shook my head and let out a light giggle, then began to read the note. It explained what the girls told me and it also said, thank you for being such a cool friend to everyone in the underground. The ribbon was hand made by Melina and was fused with magic which would give the ribbon a glow when used. The colors of the ribbons represented Roman and me and the glowing movements the dance we shared the night of our date. Tears fell from my eyes my heart was touched, but also hurt not from the gift or the meaning but because Roman and I were becoming distant. I quickly shook my head and dried my tears as I continued on to the lab. Once I was there I knocked on the huge metal door, a voice rang out from inside the building. "It's open, please come in!" The door opened and I stepped inside, once the doors closed behind and in front of me was Adonis at his computer typing away. Adonis stopped for a moment and looked my way, I smiled and waved. "Ah Autumn, welcome! Perfect timing my dear, I was about to call you over to see if you were ready to part take in my experiment. If you're ready we can head downstairs right away and get started." I nodded and followed Adonis as he rose from his chair and headed to a heavy door at the end of the room that was locked with a fancy looking keypad. When the door opened he led me down a case of stairs that went down into a dark and cold room that had a chair in the center with machines, wires, tanks with a bright colored gas inside and tubes surrounding it. The sight sent shivers up

my spine, something didn't feel right, but I did promise to help Adonis so I kept following him. "Please take a seat my dear" I sat down in the chilled chair shaking nervously and with a press of a button metal brackets cuffed my wrists and ankles. I couldn't help but struggle, what was going on? Why was I being strapped down? Adonis who was at a table turned to face me and as he did he held up a rather large syringe that contained the same color liquid as the gas in the tanks. He walked over to me with a calm but cold look on his face. "Just relax my friend, it will be over soon." Another bracket shot out from the chair, this time holding my head in place as a mask was placed over my mouth and nose. Tears were falling from my eyes, I was trembling so much I could feel my bones rattle. Adonis placed his hand on my forehead and looked at me in the eyes. "This will hurt dear, please try to remain still." After he spoke he plunged the gigantic needle into my chest directly into my heart, I couldn't scream for my mask was filled up with the brightly colored gas from the four tanks. Adonis said again. "It will be over soon my dear, this experiment will show if your Human body and soul can withstand being infused with monster souls." Souls, he was putting monster souls inside of me, what kind of sick experiment was this? It wasn't just any monster souls he was putting in me, they were the souls of past experiments. Adonis couldn't let the souls fade after the bodies melted and decayed, so he saved them and kept them in several tanks and tubes turning them into gas and liquid for better storage. I began to feel myself grow very weak from the pain and struggling, Adonis finally pulled out the large needle and used his magic to make sure the hole it made healed, he then removed the mask once the gas was depleted. My head flopped to my chest and my vision became very blurry. Adonis released the brackets that were holding me to the chair, he caught me as I slumped forward. "It'll be alright Autumn, I will observe you and make sure you won't die." He lifted me from the chair and carried me over to another room that was lined with odd looking pods along one wall. He took me to one of the pods and pushed a button that opened the hatch and gently lifted me inside. I couldn't move or see as Adonis placed a mask on my face and wires on my body that were connected to machines and an oxygen tank. He stepped aside and the hatch on the pod closed tight, locking me inside. I looked over to Adonis with a questioning look on my face, however I could only see him as a dark shadowy silhouette as I closed my eyes. Adonis set all the machines to monitor my vitals and fixed it so all the information would

be logged and kept in a secret file on his computer. After everything was set he left the room and returned upstairs as Tori and Melina returned from their time with Wendy. Adonis had them call Roman and Wendy and tell them that I was going to stay there for a sleep over since the experiments were running longer than expected, without question they did what they were asked. For the next several hours I was left and monitored downstairs by the machines connected to me and the pod. In the darkness of my mind a light began to glow, as brilliant blue glow. I saw myself standing in an empty space, then like in a video game I zoomed in and was now looking through my own eyes. I felt strange, but surprisingly good, I felt as if I gained muscle although I was still the same size and shape I was before. I looked at my surroundings and saw nothing but pitch black, suddenly I saw six glowing figures appear all around me, were these the monsters that Adonis spoke of? Were these the creatures that suffered an awful fate by the hands of Adonis? The creatures ranged in sizes and shapes, but all had the same eerie blue glow. The largest monster placed their claw like hand on my shoulder as I looked up to it. "You have a good heart young one, but it is troubled. It aches for the love which you already have and cries for the love you miss. You know what you must do, a sacrifice must be made, but you are ready." All the monsters then spoke in unison. "Take in our broken souls to mend your own, but only one can make it complete. Become one with us, be one with all monsters, with all life. Accept our added power and life anew." With that all six monsters glowed brightly then with a great flash turned into a sparkly blue cloud, swirled around me before engulfing me becoming one with my being. I felt dizzy, light and tingly as I cupped my eyes and rubbed them from the bright flash. I opened them again and looked down at my hands, my skin was smoother and had a gleam to them and my nails were long and healthy. I felt a warm sensation around my eyes, I looked down at my feet and saw my reflection in a pool of water, both of my eyes were glowing, my right still hazel, but my left eye glowed the same blue as the creatures. Before I could process another thought, everything went white. My eyes began to slowly open to a darkened room, was I still in the lab? I couldn't tell I was groggy and so very tired from the whole ordeal. In what seemed like forever I regained my full vision, although the room was still spinning. I looked around and as I did I removed the mask from my face and one by one removed each wire. This made a silent alarm go off and the pod opened automatically. I made

my way out of pod falling to my hands and knees. I crawled on the floor slowly and made my way to the nearest wall. I used the wall to help lift myself up to my feet, from there I made my way to a sink that had a small mirror. I gazed into the mirror and what I saw didn't look very human anymore. Was this me? What I saw in the mirror was indeed me, but with longer hair, fangs and what appeared to be a pair of small horns protruding from my forehead and my eyes all a glow. I shut my eyes tightly, shook my head and splashed cold water on my face then looked again and everything was back to normal. Was this from the experiment? Was I really fused with six monster souls from Adonis's failed experiments? I was suddenly hit by a cold chill that sent shivers up my spine. I grabbed my arms and noticed something, I was naked! I looked around frantically and saw my clothes folded up on a table near the pod I was in. I dashed over and quickly put all my clothes back on. Why in the bloody blue was I naked in the first place? I had to find Adonis and find out not only that, but why he chose to put monster souls inside of me. I ventured around and came upon a door that led to the first room where this all started, from there I looked for another door that would lead me upstairs. Once I found it, I made my way to it, but couldn't get it to open, without a key I was stuck. I started to panic a little and my head began to spin again, I wanted out, I wanted answers, I wanted to go home! My head pounded like I was being hit with a hammer, I placed my hands on either side and shut my eyes from the pain. When I opened my eyes I was on the main floor standing behind Adonis as he was doing some work on his computer. He felt my presence and spun around in his chair. "Autumn, you're awake, I wasn't expecting you to be awa..." He was cut off as I grabbed him by the throat and lifted him into the air. I was angry and confused and found it hard to control myself, in a multi-tone voice I spoke to him. "What have you done to me?" He grabbed my hand and wrist as he gasped for air. "P-please calm yourself Autumn. Gack, I can explain." It was difficult, but I managed to calm myself down enough to let him down to his feet. Adonis grasped his throat and coughed holding his chair for balance. "Huff, huff, good work Autumn, the experiment was a success, the souls I put into you are now bonded with yours." He stood back upright still rubbing his neck. "You may not think so but you showed some great restraint there, you could have easily killed me." My eyes opened wide at that realization as I looked back down at my hands still trembling from the adrenaline. Adonis took my hands and told me

to breath and to relax everything was alright. I took a few deep breaths and was able to revert back to normal. He explained that though it was risky he wanted to test if a human soul could also contain a monster soul, but then he got greedy on put in six of them. He was amazed that I was still able to retain my human form and survive, though he would've made it so that I wouldn't die, not completely anyway. What did he mean by that? At the moment I didn't really care, after the rush and having calmed down, I felt great, better than I ever have before. Though pleased with the results, Adonis warned me that I needed to make sure to keep my new power in check or it could very well destroy me. He told me that he had his sisters call home and tell Roman and Wendy where I was, and that he wanted me to stay so he could observe me. I shook my head no, I wanted to go home, and I didn't want to stay there anymore. Though Adonis didn't like the idea of me leaving after merely nine hours, he reluctantly decided to let me go home, but insisted that I log everything. I was to write down when I used my power, how did I use it and if I suffered any effects from using it. He offered to walk me home, but I refused, I would rather walk alone than have him with me. We said our goodbyes and I made my way out of the lab and through Hotlands towards the falls. I couldn't help but think on the way, how I was going to tell them what happened or should I even tell them, one slip and it would all be revealed. Half way through the falls I thought I'd try teleporting again, like I did at the lab, but this time have more control. I closed my eyes and envisioned my room at home and focused on it, I took one step and re-opened my eyes. I blinked a few times and saw that it worked, I was able to travel to my room at Roman's house, luckily I didn't feel as dizzy and sick as before. I made sure to jot everything down in the notebook Adonis gave me. Roman was at Grillby's and Wendy was in her room playing loud music as usual, so didn't know that I was home. I went straight to bed, for I was very tired from the whole ordeal. The next day, I changed my clothes and decided to wear the dress and shoes Roman gave me, I also grabbed the mp3 player and speakers Wendy gave me, the ribbon from Tori and Melina and placed them in my small bag. I wrote a note saying that I was going to spend the day at the falls. I grabbed my things, walked out of my room and towards Wendy's room. I knocked on her door, she opened it and said hey. I gave her the note saying where I was going. She scratched her head a bit confused. "You know, you two really need to start talking again." I hung my head and

made an embarrassed stupid looking face. "Sigh, look I know it's been rough, Roman really thinks you're leaving, but I can obviously tell that you're not. He loves you, you know, he's been miserable and has been spending a lot of time at Grillz place and he doesn't even like it there." I wrote another note that if he asks where I am to go ahead and tell him and if he decides to come and see me I'll talk to him then. She wasn't happy about that answer, but for once didn't argue. "You're lucky I like you kiddo, alright I'll tell him, but you better keep your end and talk to him, you got it?" I nodded and gave the thumbs up, I wanted to keep my speaking a secret and have my first real words be with Roman, even though I spoke at the lab. With that I walked down the stairs grabbed my coat and waved goodbye to Wendy, then headed out the door into the snow. I thought it would be best to just walk to the fall rather than use my powers, just to be safe. I wondered if Roman would come out to find me, if he would even come to look. Wendy was right though, I needed to talk to Roman and tell him everything, but I wanted to do it in private if possible. She might act like a reckless teen, but she knows when something is up and when to act like the big sister that she is.