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It was the first time Katya ever talked with Iliss in private. A couple of months ago, they were in one of the sharing groups together. But Katya tried to dislike Iliss because Katya suspected that Iliss and Alex were only pretending a lack of interest in each other. And Katya was jealous.

Katya had never mentioned her suspicions to either Jack or Miko. And she was afraid to bring up the subject with Alex. She didn't want Alex to know that she saw Alex and Iliss together in the atrium the night of the reception.

But this time, Katya found herself open and listening as she talked with Iliss. Maybe it was because Katya knew about the affair Jack was having with Miko and Katya felt sorry for Iliss.

Iliss's body language and speech were congruent. Katya saw nothing about Iliss that should alarm a psychiatrist. Katya finally interrupted their conversation about the voyage and said, "We've been talking around the reason you are here this morning, Iliss. Miko told me that Jack found you unconscious on the floor this morning. Is something bothering you?"

Iliss explained that she had no recollection of the events.

Katya took her hand and squeezed it. She asked, "Iliss, is that the truth or are you too embarrassed to tell me about it?"

Iliss cried. She was feeling so alone at the moment.

Katya put her arms around Iliss and pulled her head over to her shoulder. Iliss hugged Katya and Iliss cried her heart out.

Finally Iliss pulled away. Katya's arms were still around her and Iliss left her hands on Katya's shoulders.

Iliss looked into Katya's eyes and wondered: Can I trust you to keep a secret?

Katya thought, Oh, God, not another secret. But she was a professional. She squelched her own fears and whispered, "Yes, Iliss, you can trust me."

Katya's response startled Iliss, because Iliss had not spoken aloud.

Iliss thought, {***What!***}

Katya whispered, a little louder, "I said, 'You can trust me.'"

Iliss didn't say her next thought aloud either. {***No. Before that, you said, 'Oh, God, not another secret.'***}

Katya whispered, "I'm sorry. I didn't mean to say that aloud. Sometimes people tell me things I would rather not know. But I can keep a secret." And Katya thought, Like knowing that Jack and Miko are lovers.

Iliss thought back, {***Like knowing that Jack and Miko are lovers.****}

Katya was stricken with remorse. She thought, Oh, God. Oh, God. I didn't! I couldn't! I wouldn't say that aloud. Could I? Get a grip on it, Katya. Get a grip. Don't lose it here.

Iliss saw the panicked look on Katya's face. And Iliss wasn't thinking about herself and her predicament and her loneliness anymore. Iliss could sense how terribly ashamed

Katya was feeling. Katya was thinking that she had betrayed a confidence. But there was no need for Katya to feel that way.

Iliss also knew that Katya didn't mean to hurt Iliss, far from it. Katya wanted to help Iliss and Katya's desire to help was genuine. Katya was a very caring and loving person.

Iliss needed to stop Katya from feeling so awful about what had just happened. Iliss leaned closer and grabbed Katya on each side of Katya's head. Iliss thought, **{*Watch my mouth, Katya. See! My mouth is closed. I am not talking. You are hearing my thoughts in your head.*}**

And Katya was looking at Iliss's mouth. And then Katya looked up into Iliss's eyes. Katya's eyes were as big as saucers. And Katya thought, **{*And that means that you are hearing my thoughts too?***}

Iliss nodded her head. **{*Yes.*}** she thought.

Katya wondered, **{*How can this be! How can this be! I don't believe in ESP.*}**

Iliss thought, **{*Get a grip on it, Katya. Get a grip. Don't lose it here.*}**

Katya was freaked out. She wanted to get away from Iliss, but she didn't want to offend Iliss either.

Iliss read her mind. Iliss thought, **{*That's perfect. It will be a perfect experiment. Stand up and back away from me. Let's see if it still happens when you aren't touching me*}**

Feeling free to move because Iliss gave her permission. Katya stood up suddenly in a panic. She pushed the chair back with her body until it hit the wall. There she stood watching Iliss on the bed. Katya's breasts were heaving in her fear.

Katya look down at Iliss lying on the bed. They kept looking at each other for about five minutes. In all that time, Katya didn't hear another thought from Iliss.

Iliss finally said aloud, "Come here, Katya, and sit down again."

Katya licked her lips. She thought, I'm afraid of you. You scare me, Iliss. There are secrets in my head that no one should ever know.

Iliss said, "I can't talk to you if you keep standing over there. If you want to hear me confess my sins, doctor, you will have to come over here where I can whisper."

Katya thought, I don't want any part of your telepathy. I don't want you to read my thoughts.

Iliss said, "I can't hear a word you are saying, doctor. You're too far away. Please come closer."

Katya finally realized that Iliss was speaking aloud. She began to move forward, one tiny step at a time.

As Katya got closer and closer, Iliss held out her hand. Katya took it. And immediately Katya heard Iliss's thought in her head, **{*See, Katya. I was right! It only happens when you touch me.*}**

Katya jerked her hand away from Iliss and went back to stand by the chair. Katya kept looking at Iliss, wondering what she should do.

Iliss said aloud, "I don't want our conversation to be overheard. You promised confidentiality, didn't you? So why don't you come back here and sit down, so I can whisper?"

Katya knew what Iliss meant by whisper. Katya shuddered, the shivers running down the back of her neck all the way to her tailbone. She shook herself after that and took a deep breath.

Katya got behind the chair and pushed it toward the bed with her knees as she walked slowly forward. Never once did she take her eyes off of Iliss's face.

Katya whispered, "Don't touch me until I say it is okay."

Iliss nodded agreement.

Katya sat down in the chair. She watched Iliss's face for a while. Finally Katya held out her hands.

Iliss took them and thought, {***Put your head on my pillow. It is even better when your head is touching my head.***}

Katya wanted to pull away again. The thought was in her head and her face showed her fear.

Iliss thought, {***Don't be afraid, Katya. When it first happened to me, I was scared to death too. It took a while before I was able to accept the truth. Put your head on my pillow and I will tell you about it.***}

Katya was breathing hard, but she swallowed, took a deep breath and closed her eyes and put her head on the pillow. Her golden blonde hair touched platinum blonde hair and then their heads were touching.

Iliss expanded her mind and Katya was totally taken into Iliss's world. And Iliss didn't tell Katya about the night of the reception. Iliss showed Katya what happened. And then Iliss went on to show all that had happened between Alex and Iliss up until last night.

And Katya began to cry in grief for what might have been between Katya and Alex.

Iliss pulled her hands free from Katya's hands and put her arms around Katya's neck. And Iliss began to kiss Katya on the forehead and on her eyes and all over her face. And Iliss thought, {***Oh, Katya, dear sweet Katya. How you have suffered. You're stepfather was such a hateful person. I just can't imagine such terrible, terrible things he did to you. And all the while your mother lay dying. Come here, get into bed with me. Let me hold you. You're such a big girl now, such a big girl. You're bigger than your mama. And I'm so weak. Come, my darling, lie here beside me. You're much too big to carry anymore.***}

And Katya climbed into the bed and lay beside Iliss. And Iliss stroked her hair and Katya cried and Iliss kissed Katya's tears away.

After a time, Katya was calm. She opened her eyes and looked at Iliss. And Iliss was looking at her as though Katya were her child. Iliss brushed the hair away from Katya's eyes just the way Katya's mother used to do.

Iliss thought, {***Do you feel better now, Katya?***}

Katya nodded and whispered, "Yes."

Iliss thought, {***Good.***} and she kissed Katya on the forehead. Then she added, {***Because I have some more things to tell you. And you need to listen.***}

Katya wondered, {***Are you my mother?***}

Iliss answered, {***No. But by sharing our lives, I know you and I know your mother. And, I know how much your mother loved you, Katya. And she would never have let your stepfather hurt you like that if she had known about it.***}

Katya nodded, {***I know. But it's nice to really share how I feel and be completely understood for the first time in my life. You know that I never got to say goodbye to my mother. She died while I was at school.***} Tears were flowing from Katya's eyes again.

{*I know. I know. My father died while I was at school and I never got to say goodbye to him either. Alex helped me say goodbye. And now I've helped you say goodbye. And it makes me feel so good that I could help.*} Iliss shared.

Iliss kissed Katya's tears away again and even kissed Katya on the mouth this time, the kiss of a lover. And Katya was surprised, but not offended. Katya returned the kiss.

Iliss continued, **{*Because, Katya, I love you too. I love you the way your mother did. I love you like a daughter. I love you like a sister. I love you like a best girlfriend. And I love you like a lover. I think the last feeling comes from Alex. It's very confusing inside my head. Ever since the night in the atrium, all of Alex's feelings are inside me. And every time I link with him, I get more and more of him inside me. Alex loves you, Katya. And he would like to make love to you. But, you know him well enough to know that he has a hard time with any sexual feelings because of his mother. And because Alex is my lover, he would probably feel obligated to be faithful to me. But I want to share him with you. I think its only fair. I've been fucking Jack and Alex. Jack's been fucking Miko and me. And Alex has only had me, and I want him to have you too. I think it would be good for him. And I know how much you love him. You need him as much as I need him. And you need to know him as a lover to make up for all the hurt you've experienced from people like your stepfather and Gregor and all those other men. I couldn't deny you that. You may need him more than I do because of what happened to you in your childhood. I had a wonderful father. I was a virgin until I was twenty-seven and screwed jack. But my father always told me to play the field and have lots of lovers. He said that it helps you grow until you are ready to be a parent and faithful to one person. He said he wanted the best for me. He said that men were like buying clothes at a department store and I shouldn't settle for any one thing until I tried on everything I liked.*}**

Katya was touching Iliss's face, hardly believing what she was hearing. Katya thought, **{*Alex fucked Miko twice. Don't forget that. And he will probably fuck her again when they are alone on the SOLAR WIND.*}**

Iliss smiled at Katya. Katya was jealous, just as Iliss had been jealous. But somehow in the connection between Iliss and Katya, Iliss had lost that feeling. Iliss thought, **{*That's okay. Miko can't wait for sex the way we can, Katya. She gets so desperate she would do something foolish if Alex didn't protect her from herself.*}**

Katya wondered, **{*Where did you learn that?***}

Iliss touched Katya's forehead and responded, **{*From you.*}**

Katya hugged Iliss and kissed her and cried happy tears. **{*It is like having a sister, a twin sister.*}**

Iliss kissed her back. **{*Isn't it wonderful. I'm so glad you can share the feeling. I thought only Alex and I would ever know how wonderful it felt to be as one person in our minds. Oh, wait until you have an orgasm when he does. It will just blow you away.*}**

Katya thought, **{*But I've never felt anything telepathic with Alex.*}**

Iliss reached into her memory and into Katya's mind. **[*That's right. I wonder why.*}** They thought it out together.

{*Yes.*} thought Iliss, **{*That has to be it. I am the one who connected with Alex. And I am the one who connected with you. I guess I'm the catalyst. I didn't**

know I had this ability until I connected with Alex. But I don't have to touch him for there to be a connection. In fact I always have a connection with Alex in the back of my mind.*} And Iliss let Katya deeper into her mind.

And Katya was aware of a third person just over there. Someone that seemed so close, close enough to touch. Iliss brought a finger to her lips to indicate that Katya should not say a word; not even think. And Katya was quiet.

And slowly like watching a sunrise, Iliss moved into Alex. He was in the gymnasium of the SOLAR WIND working out. Alex had been a gymnast in college. He was on the rings doing twists and turns. His heart was racing and he was breathing rapidly.

And then in another moment, they were seeing through Alex's eyes. And the gym room was spinning around and around. It made Katya and Iliss dizzy. Iliss withdrew as carefully as she entered Alex's mind and brought them back to the room in the medical center. But in the background, just over there, so close, Katya could sense the subliminal connection that remained between Iliss and Alex.

Katya breathed, "Oh, my. I could feel him. It was like I was sitting next to him at supper. Sometimes I have an orgasm when he touches me. I had one just now." She pulled Iliss close to her and hugged her and kissed her. **{*Oh, thank you, thank you, thank you, for sharing him with me.*}**

Iliss responded, **{*Now that you know what it is like, we have to do the rest. We have to do the whole thing. Do you have any plans for the rest of today and tomorrow, Katya?***}

Katya answered, **{*I think I'm going to be in bed with you, aren't I?***}

Iliss thought, **{*And not only me. Alex too.*}**

"Oh, wonderful." breathed Katya.

There was a knock on the door. Katya slipped off of the bed and into the chair. She held onto both of Iliss's hands with her own. Their connection wasn't broken.

Iliss called, "Come in."

The door opened and the nurse came in. He went around to the other side of Iliss and asked for her left arm. He had already drawn blood from her right arm.

Katya released Iliss's left hand and grabbed Iliss's right hand with both of her hands. Katya didn't want to break the connection between them. It felt so good, so right, Katya was afraid to let go for fear it would never happen again.

Iliss looked up at her and smiled. Katya smiled back.

There was the prick of the arm. Both women felt it. And they felt the blood flowing out of the arm each time a vial was filled.

{*Amazing, isn't it, Katya. I don't feel the blood flowing like that when I am by myself. But I feel it when I am connected to you. There is so much more I am aware of when I am fully connected to Alex too. I hope you will be able to experience that without my help. It is so wonderful.*}

The nurse started to go out the door. Katya called him back. She asked, "Did Doctor Huan authorize any more tests?"

"No."

"Then I can take Iliss home?"

"No. Not without authorization."

He went out and left them alone.

Iliss looked sad. Katya ran her hand through Iliss's hair in a caress. Katya whispered, "Come on, get out of bed. You may not be able to get out the doors of this place. But I know damn well we can go get something to eat."

Katya broke their connection long enough to get Iliss's clothes out of the closet.

Iliss sat in the chair and put on her sandals. Then she stuffed the underwear in her purse and pulled the sundress over her head.

Iliss saw the questioning look in Katya's eyes. Iliss smiled and whispered, "I'll tell you later."

They both ate quite a bit of food. They were eating dessert and laughing and joking when Jack and Miko found them. Katya and Iliss were holding hands across the table.

Katya told them there was nothing to worry about, that Iliss had explained the whole thing to Katya's satisfaction.

When Miko asked for details, Katya said, "It's a private matter. Like other things I know. It is privileged communication between Iliss and me. But I assure you, there is nothing wrong with Iliss."

Iliss opened her mouth to say aloud, **{*I've had just about enough of you two today. Why don't you go fuck each other some more or something. I just don't care. Katya and I are going sailing the rest of today and tomorrow.*}**

But Katya stopped her. **{*No! Don't say it!*}**

Iliss looked at Katya across the table and smiled. **{*Okay.*}**

Jack said to Iliss, "Why don't I take you back to the hotel where you can rest."

Katya said, "Iliss is going to stay with me tonight. Then we are going sailing tomorrow. Don't worry about her. I'll keep her under observation." She squeezed Iliss's hand. Iliss squeezed back.

Jack and Miko looked very relieved. Miko said she would authorize Iliss's release. Then they thanked Katya, hoped Iliss felt better, and left the cafeteria together.

Iliss whispered, "Thanks, Katya. I'm sure they just came from her suite. I thought I smelled his semen dripping out of her pussy again. They aren't very careful about those things. It's a wonder they haven't been caught in the act somewhere."

Katya laughed out loud. She had the same opinion.

Arm in arm, they walked out of the cafeteria. They checked Iliss out and then left the building. They enjoyed the sun hitting their faces. They walked around the block three times. Then they went into the HQ and up to Katya's room.

Iliss took a shower and lay naked in Katya's bed, waiting. Katya took a shower and then joined Iliss in bed. They explored each other's bodies. And had many mutual orgasms. Then they curled up in sixty-nine and went for the big one. When it came, they both passed out from the pleasure of it.