William is Comet Fanfic Contest

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Submission 2: "The Lenses"

"Kara." William started, after they'd been dating for a few months, and he knew he could trust her with a secret like his. "I want to show you something."

He handed her a box with the Obsidian lenses on it, and for a moment, Kara was confused.

"I've been in there before." Kara said. "And forgive me for saying, but I prefer it out here in the real world most of the time."

(She couldn't say all the time, anymore- there were definitely days when she wanted to escape everything, when she would do just that in ways she couldn't tell him. But most of the time, she faced whatever it was, without the lenses)

"Oh, I know. Like I said, I just want you to see this. Then we can come back here- it's as simple as that."

Kara didn't want to go in. After everything that had gone on with Andrea, and Leviathan, and the glitches that hadn't been fixed on purpose, she didn't trust it- even more than she hadn't trusted the program before. But she wanted to trust William, and since it wouldn't be easy for people to disconnect from Obsidian Platinum completely, Andrea had promised to fix those glitches with Kelly's help.

So in the end, she took the box, and together the two of them put on the lenses.

When Kara resurfaced, she was no longer in her apartment.

Instead, she seemed to be on her own, in a field- no buildings or anything around for miles, only a bright blue sky and vivid green grass.

"Kara." William said, but she couldn't see him. There was, in his place, a horse speaking with his voice.

"Will? Is that you?"

"It is." William answered. "Obsidian is supposed to give people their greatest desire- and this is mine."

Kara stepped away from him, staring up at him.

"To look like a horse?"

"No. To be who I really am. And to do that with someone I really like- if you don't mind, of course."

Kara continued staring, but even as she did, she knew what she was going to do. Because she really liked him as well, and who was she to judge his true self?

She hadn't even told him hers, yet.

"I don't." she said, and he allowed her to get herself onto his back.