

Stable Relationship

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Alex opened the door to Kara's apartment carrying a bag of takeout in one hand and a shopping bag full of ice cream in the other.

"Kara," she called, spotting her sister sitting on the couch with an empty ice cream carton in her lap.

Alex put the bags on the coffee table and sat down beside her sister.

"What's wrong?" She asked.

"Did you get Rocky Road?" Kara asked, searching the shopping bag.

"Yes. Now, do you want to explain why you texted me, 'Need to see you, bring ice cream and potstickers'?"

Kara grabbed the carton of Rocky Road, took her spoon from the empty carton, and placed it in the fresh ice cream.

"William." Kara sighed, before putting a large spoonful in her mouth.

"You told him." Alex guessed.

"I was going to, but before I could say anything he found out."

"What happened?"

"We were driving down Highway 52 when a squirrel darted out in front of the car. William swerved to avoid it, but he lost control of the car and it went over a cliff and I had to fly out of the car and catch it so he wouldn't get killed. Well, after that it was pretty obvious I wasn't human."

"How'd he take it?"

"He was shocked, and although he didn't say it, I could see he was hurt I didn't tell him. But he also confessed he'd been keeping a secret himself. He's..." Kara hesitated for a moment then blurted. "He's a horse!"

"A what?"

"Okay, he's not technically a horse." Kara explained "He's a Protean. They're a race of telepathic, alien shapeshifters. But he showed me his true form and it looked...well like a horse"

Alex took a minute to process all Kara just told her. *So my sister is dating a horse.* The thought was so crazy it caused her to start snickering and although she tried to stop herself, soon she was laughing hysterically.

Kara glared at her. "Seriously, Alex?"

"I'm sorry," Alex said through chuckles, "I'm not laughing at you. It's just we've been through a lot of weird stuff, but still, I never expect you'd be dating a horse."

“Eww, gross! Don’t say it like that. I’m not dating a horse. I’m dating a shapeshifter who can turn into a man when he’s not a horse...and oh I just heard how that sounds out loud.” Kara slouched back against the couch.

Alex put an arm around her. “Look I’m sorry for laughing. I know this is shocking, but I also know how much William means to you, and you know how hard it is to feel like someone won’t accept the real you. This is a lot to process, but I think you two can get past this.”

“Thanks, Sis.”

“And look on the bright side ” Alex smiled. "You're dating a real stud."

Kara rolled her eyes, then smacked Alex with a throw pillow.