Replacement
KuroFai <3

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Kapitel 6: Past

They stood on the lake in a deep embrace. Kurogane and Yuui had their eyes closed, and a chilly wind crossing the scene made this moment nearly perfect.

The forest was quiet but Yuui, always anxious, still felt it coming. He was bound with nature and was protected by it. Yuui could feel every harm that came closer… this time was no exception.

"I don't want to let you go…" Yuui murmured against Kurogane's shoulder. He clung harder to the larger man.

"Yuui." Kurogane's voice sounded strangely soft these days.

"I know…"

"King Ashura will be here soon," Kurogane didn't take a step back. Even if he knew he didn't want to burden Yuui with such a painful duty.

"I know," Yuui repeated.

"Yuui.." Kurogane called his name again. His voice was even more sorrowful when he stroked Yuui's long hair. He always liked this fairy blonde of an idiot. His hair was so soft and never messy when it floated all around his head while he used his powerful magic.

"I KNOW!" Yuui shouted. He was always a very calm person, never showing tears or bad feelings around others but Kurogane could feel his shirt getting wet.

"Stop telling me all these things I already know, Kuro… It's painful enough to lose you."

Kurogane grabbed Yuui's chin and forced him to look at Kurogane. He could see Yuui's wet shining eyes. They were blue like the sky, always glimmering with much joy and full of life since the first time he met him.

"I love you, Yuui. I really do. Stop crying because of me," Kurogane whispered.

"I love you, too…"

"See?" Kurogane wiped away Yuui's tears. "You fulfilled my life, Yuui. I'm happy your King took me in and let me meet you even when he knew it would end like this. But it's already enough. I can't rely on your magic any longer. I can see it's getting harder every day for you. You suffer too much…"

Yuui just stared into Kurogane's eyes and wondered when the black haired man realized it.

Kurogane smiled as if he could read Yuui's mind.

"You come here really often lately. Ashura told me when I asked him since I knew you wouldn't tell me."

"Why did he-"

"He cares a lot about you, that's why. It was my own decision to cut the magic between us. I can't let you die with me, Yuui. It's my own fault… I took this demon's magic without thinking twice."

Kurogane never talked about what happened in his past before he came to the village. King Ashura already knew Kurogane made a mistake. This world was big and Kurogane came from far away.. from a town destroyed by demons. The last one was already dying when it desperately told Kurogane it he could save his family with its power… but instead of helping, it possessed Kurogane.

Kurogane came here by accident without much energy left. Ashura knew about what happened, but told Yuui only a part of the story since he knew Kurogane was Yuui's destined one. He wanted to give Yuui's healing magic a try. Yuui suppressed the negative power, gave Kurogane a normal life and fell in love with him.

But Yuui lost a lot of his magic every year he used this spell. But he fell more and more in love with Kurogane and that made him stronger too. But decades later not even Yuui's magic was enough and that's when Kurogane realized it and talked to Ashura. The King only told him what he could do and not what he must do.

"I'm sorry. I'm still not strong enough to fight against this demon's power," Yuui sighed. He looked apologetically in Kurogane's eyes. He never felt so helpless.

"It's not your fault. You've grown stronger since I met you. I'm sure you will find someone else… just promise me not to be sad for too long. I like your smile and a lot of other people like it too, including your king. It would be a shame if you lost your happiness."

Kurogane never spoke much, but this was the last time he had the chance to.

"I'll... try," Yuui spoke. He really tried not to cry and even a little smirk was on his lips. He didn't feel like laughing or smiling at all but he didn't want his crying face to be the last thing Kurogane saw.

"I'll be here forever," Kurogane said when he lay his hand on Yuui's chest.

It was kind of cheesy but they didn't care. Kurogane was dying but his words made Yuui feel better. The magician was going to lose everything but Kurogane's words were healing enough.

"You could have been more like this earlier, you know?" Yuui smirked.

"Was I this bad?"

"You weren't. You were perfect..."

"Yuui. Kurogane." King Ashura said in a very polite but serious tone.

The King was punctual and Yuui just tightened his grasp on Kurogane.

"Still not finished?" Ashura asked.

"We are." Kurogane said.

Kurogane leaned his forehead against Yuui's and looked in his eyes. He had a soft smile on his lips.

"I'm just here to seal the bottom of the lake if you're finished," the King explained.

Yuui knew what to do but he still hesitated. It wasn't a big deal since he only had to undo his magic and let Kurogane sink into the water. He wouldn't decay because of the magic of this lake but the King's seal would make it impossible to release him again.

"I'll never forget you," Yuui said when he kissed Kurogane for the last time.

A bright light appeared around them. Yuui touched Kurogane's cheeks when the kiss ended. He stepped backward and the light only got brighter and warmer when he finally released Kurogane. He couldn't avoid showing tears when he closed his eyes and let his lover sink into the water.

"Goodbye... Kurogane," he whispered.

Before Kurogane closed his eyes to go to sleep forever he gave him a last soft smile.

Yuui lead the magic with his hands when he felt that Kurogane was gone already. At the same time Ashura used his own magic to seal away Kurogane and gave him a nice grave. He wasn't visible at all from the surface.

"It's enough Yuui. You can stop," Ashura ordered.

Still crying, Yuui looked at the bottom of the lake but couldn't see anything. He just knew that Kurogane was there. Silently sleeping.

The demon left his body long time ago. Just a bit of magic remained and he was only alive because of Yuui's magic.

"You'll recover your full magic soon, Yuui…"

"Yeah…"

"Should I go?" The King asked.

"No… please stay for a while…" Yuui said when he came closer to Ashura.

Yuui sat down on the meadow and pulled his legs closer to lay his head on them. He could watch over the lake now while Ashura was standing besides him.

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"Why did you do this for so long, King Ashura?"

"Mh?"

"You never said a word to me. You let me met him, let me fall in love and yet you knew I'd lose him soon or later."

"Because it was your destiny, Yuui. I could have killed Kurogane before you knew about him but just seeing the future in my dreams doesn't change them. You would never know what love is if you hadn't met him. You deserve the world Yuui and I can't give it to you… sadly."

"But it's too late now. He is gone… I killed him!"

"Yuui… you know that's not true. You heard what he said."

"I kind of feel not okay right now.."

"It's okay," Ashura said when he bent down to pull Yuui into an embrace.

"I'm not okay. I'm not okay.. Ashura… I'm…"

Yuui finally retreated and started to cry in Ashura's arms. He had never cried in front of someone and would never do it again but he'd held back this feeling of loss for a way too long to bear it any longer.