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Summary

Shane notices something that Ilya and Sofia share and it makes him realize that he quite literally birthed his husband's mini-me.

Notes

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From the moment of a child's birth, there are certain things a parent is able to pinpoint on their newborn that they received from themselves, or their significant other.

The things that Shane in particular noticed was the soft subtle curl to his daughter's hair — Ilya.

The inky black color of her hair — that came from him.

The sprinkle of freckles dusted lightly across her little nose — also him which speaking of her nose there was always something from her early months until this very moment that Shane had realized that his daughter had always done with her nose but just now connected the dots as to where it came from.

It had to be a subconscious thing, not something so much as inherited as it was just something she picked up but sometimes he wondered if her mannerisms were as Ilya liked to say 'genetic'.

They had been sitting by the lake, having a little day to themselves tucked away from the hustle and bustle of the outside world.

Their own little oasis that they had made at the cottage now included their baby girl who thoroughly enjoyed spending time with her daddy and papa there because that meant she got to see her grams and grandpa every day and that also meant she got to go swimming and play mermaid.

Ilya liked to be the shark but Sofia insisted that sharks did not live in freshwater lakes. For a four year old she was smart, like crazy smart and as her parent it was natural for him to be a little biased but her pre-school teachers even said she was very intelligent for her age.

Shane stood by the lake hand under his taut swell watching as Sofia and her papa argued over what animal he could be if he couldn't be a shark.

"Papa you can be mermaid too!" Sofia had a simple solution, her hands on her hips whenever her papa shook his head.

"How about I am special lake shark?" Ilya suggested, helping Sofia climb onto one of the rocks where the mermaids were supposed to sit.

Sofia contemplated it for a second, putting her hands on her hips with her face scrunched slightly as she thought about the plausibility of a shark. She liked when her papa played shark but she wanted him to be a mermaid with her. "Daddy come swim! You can be a mermaid too!"

"Yeah, how about being a mermaid while I'm a shark." Ilya had a half grin perched on his lips motioning for Shane to join them in the water. The alpha floated close enough to grab at his husband's foot while staying close to Sofia making sure she didn't fall off the rock.

Their pup had her floaties on and they had signed her up for swimming lessons from the time she was a year old but it was always their rule that one of them had to be within arms length of her when Sofia was in the water.

Shane kicked lightly at Ilya's hand, not really wanting to swim at the moment but Sofia wanted another mermaid and she was doing that nose twitch, it was subtle something a person could miss if they didn't watch closely but he noticed it— it was the same twitch Ilya did when he was bothered by something or nervous.

"You both with that nose thing, it's so cute." Shane lifted his t-shirt up over his head, smiling as he folded it carefully to put on a chair before making his way into the water floating over to where Ilya and Sofia were.

"What nose thing?" Ilya questioned, eyebrow arched with interest.

"That nose thing, you know like the little twitch you do." Shane waddled over to Sofia helping her down into the water.

"What do you mean? I do not do a 'nose' thing." Ilya muttered doing the exact nose twitch that he most definitely 'didn't do'. Sofia tugged on his arm, trying to get his attention.

"Daddy, I want up— the water is too cold now and I am freeze." Sofia extended her arms up getting tired of the cold water well that and her papa not being a mermaid with her — of course doing that little nose twitch with discontent.

Oh he definitely had given birth to a mini Ilya, it was more and more evident the bigger Sofia got.

"Listen here, you better come out somewhat like me or else it's me against them." Shane mumbled to his bump, rubbing the side of it getting a small kick in return to his palm as if the baby was acknowledging what he was saying.

"Sofa, here I will be mermaid with you. Come here, show me how to swim like one." Ilya gave in just like that, the pout on Sofia's face twisting his arm without her even having to put in much effort.

Sofia brightened up and launched herself at her papa, practically jumping out of his arms. "Don't worry papa is easy being mermaids. Just keep swimming, swimming, swimming." She went into a little song, bopping her head from the left to right as she led Ilya right along behind her showing him how to be a mermaid.

Watching Ilya be such a good father to their pup really made him wish silently that their newest addition would turn out to be just like their papa too.

End Notes

💌 this is inspired by ilya's little nose twitch that he does 💖 i think sofia would pick that up as a habit 😂 so yeah that's what it was inspired on, hope you enjoy!

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