

Acceptance

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EXT. ALISTAR'S LIBRARY - DAY

Bright blue sky. Gleaming green grass. Pretty white flowers flowing through the breeze.

POOF!

KENDALL ZODIAC (22, immortal wizard, kind and caring), ALISTOR ZODIAC (+10,000, old immortal wizard, wise and clever), and ANNETTE MARIE FAIRYGTON (21, fairy nurse, sweet and smart) arrive in front of Alistar's Library.

Annette begins to fly away from her friends. She turns back around and smiles at them.

ANNETTE

Okay guys, I'll see you tomorrow. Today was fun! I really enjoyed our adventure in the Swirling Dimension!

ALISTOR

Same here my dear. As always it is an honor to spend time with an elegant being like you.

Alistor bows down with respect.

Annette smiles big at Alistor's response. Kendall excitingly pulls a pink, sparkly, heart shaped jewel out of his hoodie, and shows it in front of Annette.

KENDALL

And, and thanks for this amazing gift Annette! Its so pretty and beautiful! Who would've thought you would save me from those monsters by finding this.

ANNETTE

You're quite welcome. Remember don't drop it, its very delicate.

KENDALL

Don't worry I won't!

Kendall chuckles a little. Annette waves her hand goodbye.

ANNETTE

Okay, well I got to go. Bye boys. Have a wonderful evening.

POOF!

Kendall continues to lovingly stare at Annette's spot even though she's gone.

KENDALL

You have a wonderful evening too.  
You're always thinking about  
others...

Kendall blushes and leans his head down looking at his gift. Alistor notices his adoptive son's interesting behavior.

FLASH!

INT. ALISTAR'S LIBRARY, UNDERGROUND ROOM - DAY

Tall wide room. Hundreds of shelves filled with books. Several tables and seats.

FLASH!

Alistor and Kendall appear in the center of the room. Kendall, still staring at his gift, walks forward. Alistor watches from behind in surprise.

ALISTOR

Its finally happened...

Kendall rubs the shiny jewel with his fingers, and sees his reflection. Alistor flies to one of his shelves, and pretends he's not focusing on Kendall.

ALISTOR

Sssoooooooooo... That Annette is  
pretty amazing right?

Kendall's attention is quickly directed towards Alistor.

KENDALL

I mean, duh! Have you not been  
paying any attention to her old  
man? She's brave, she saves lives  
24/7, she's intelligent!

Alistor ignores the books on his shelves and looks directly at Kendall.

ALISTOR

So, you like her?

KENDALL

Of course I like her. Everyone  
likes her, or should like her.

ALISTOR  
No boy. I mean, like like her.

Kendall blushes hard and tries to brush off the idea.

KENDALL  
No no no no no, you don't  
understand. I like her as a friend.

Alistor blinks his eyes twice, as he stares at his adoptive son.

ALISTOR  
Oh, well... that's a shame.

Alistor turns his attention back to his books and begins moving them around the shelf.

KENDALL  
What, what do you mean?

ALISTOR  
Oh, I mean I thought you had good  
taste in women. But I guess not.  
You're still not ready for that  
lesson.

KENDALL  
And what's that suppose to mean?!

Alistor smiles from behind, knowing he is playing with Kendall's mind.

ALISTOR  
I mean its so obvious you don't  
find her attractive or a true  
partner.

KENDALL  
What?! I NEVER SAID ANY OF THAT!!!

ALISTOR  
Uh, huh...

Alistor pretends to not take Kendall seriously by flipping through pages in one of his books.

KENDALL  
For your information, you old fart,  
I think Annette is quiet attractive  
in both mind and body. I mean,  
she's obviously very pretty and-

Kendall stops and sees Alistor looking at him with a smile on his face.

KENDALL  
WHAT?!?!? Can't I compliment a friend?!

Alistor turns away with his smile, and tries to hold in a laugh.

KENDALL  
What are you even trying to say Alistor?

ALISTOR  
I'm not saying anything you're not already telling me Kendall.

KENDALL  
Good. Besides you saw what happened today. Annette saved me from those monsters. So in return, I asked if she wanted to hang out together tomorrow evening...

ALISTOR  
So you do like, like her?

KENDALL  
Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!

Kendall begins to walk back and forth repeatedly in frustration. He stops and raises his hand to Alistor.

KENDALL  
Why can't you just see that we are just friends?

ALISTOR  
Because it's obvious you don't feel the same way Kendall! What YOU WANT me to believe is that you are just friends. However, what I ACTUALLY SEE, is my adoptive son too in denial to realize his own feelings for someone he cares about, even if he is friends with her.

Kendall looks at Alistor with a sad, disappointed face. He places his gift on the table next to him.

He crosses his arms and looks off to the side. Alistor briefly looks at Kendall, then back at the page on his book.

ALISTOR  
You know I'm proud of you.

Kendall looks up at the old wizard with surprise.

ALISTOR  
For your first romantic crush, you really chose quite a keeper. And a beautiful fairy at that. Very impressive.

Kendall happily smiles at Alistor's response. Alistor closes his book.

ALISTOR  
Now the question is...

Alistor proudly shows Kendall the cover of his book titled "MY HEART."

ALISTOR  
Do you accept your feelings?

KENDALL  
Uhhh...

ALISTOR  
DO YOU ACCEPT YOUR FEELINGS  
KENDALL?!

Kendall turns his back in embarrassment. He looks more concerned at his gift now.

ALISTOR  
Son, this doesn't have to be hard. There's nothing to be ashamed about. I'm your adoptive daddy. Come on!

Alistor walks forward and places his hand on Kendall's shoulder.

ALISTOR  
You can be honest with me about anything. You know that, don't you?

Alistor lets go of his hand on the young wizard's shoulder. Kendall takes a breath and prepares to speak.

KENDALL  
I accept my feelings for Annette. But I'm also in denial of them, because I try my best to not let  
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KENDALL (cont'd)  
them interfere with our friendship.  
I've never felt like this before...

Kendall turns towards Alistor with a sad face.

KENDALL  
I'm afraid to admit because I don't  
want to lose her. She's my first  
real friend, Alistor.

Alistor takes the heart jewel away from the table for a  
moment. He looks at him with reassurance.

ALISTOR  
You won't lose her. I know it. If  
she was confident enough to give  
you a gift like this, then she  
really must care about you.  
Feelings or not.

Kendall smiles with hope from Alistor's words.

ALISTOR  
Besides, she might even like you  
back.

Kendall smiles a little more thinking about that  
possibility.

KENDALL  
You really think so?

ALISTOR  
Yup, trust me. I'm over 10,000  
years old, I've seen and been  
through a lot.

Alistor looks at Kendall more seriously.

ALISTOR  
But no more of this hiding feelings  
junk, alright? Accept yourself  
Kendall! Don't let anyone tell you  
different, not even an old fart  
like me. Okay?

KENDALL  
You got it. Thanks dad.

Alistor smiles, satisfied by his adoptive son's  
understanding.

ALISTOR

Good.

Alistor turns around with Kendall's gift, and flies in the air. The old wizard stops at one of his shelves with an empty space.

ALISTOR

Right here outta be nice.

Alistor gently puts the heart jewel gift in the empty space. It sparkles and shows Alistor's reflection.

ALISTOR

Today was a good lesson for us all.

Kendall smiles proudly at his father figure, and begins to walk away to the other room. Alistor smiles at Kendall as he leaves, and closes his eyes.

POOF!

The old immortal wizard disappears.

Fades to black.