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Summary

Etho was content with his life. He had great friends, he finally finished high school, and he was on his way to college.

He wasn't really planning on meeting his soulmate, but it seemed to work out.

Notes

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“Ohh, I can’t wait to share a dorm!” Bdubs exclaimed, which Impulse enthusiastically agreed with.

Etho could hear Tango groan lightly, which meant that either his clutz of a soulmate had gotten injured again, or that he still managed to get annoyed at their friends’ behaviour.

“How do they still behave like a newly wedded couple?” Tango mumbled, which about answered Etho’s silent question.

“Oh, you’re just jealous you don’t have a soulmate as amazing as mine!” Bdubs shouted, of course having heard the remark.

“I’m not jealous!” Tango shouted back, but they all knew that wasn’t true. Tango, although he wouldn’t admit it, was a hopeless romantic, and he was probably counting the days until he finally got to meet his soulmate and live out his fantasy life or whatever.

Etho wasn’t really sold on the whole soulmate thing. He wasn’t opposed, per say, he’d seen enough

examples where soulmates were happily together after all - Impulse and Bdubs, or Beef and Zed - but he also thought it was weird for everyone to just accept the universe's decision on who your significant other was supposed to be.

"Hey, maybe you'll be lucky and find your soulmate during college," Impulse nudged Tango, no doubt trying to cheer up his friend.

"Ha, as if I'd ever be that lucky." Tango's tone was bitter, and Etho couldn't blame him; Bad luck seemed to be following him and his soulmate around wherever they went. Or maybe the two were just incredibly accident prone.

"Oh, come on, Mr. Pessimist," Bdubs rolled his eyes. "The universe wouldn't give you a soulmate just for you to never meet."

"I wouldn't be that surprised if it did," Tango mumbled, but was unable to hide the hopeful gaze in his eyes. Yep, a romantic through and through.

"Can we finally get it over with and look for our guide?" Etho said, reminding them of the actual reason they were at the college for.

"Yeah, sure, whatever." Bdubs rolled his eyes, but they all started looking for the cafeteria. It took around fifteen more minutes, Impulse and Bdubs' continuous flirting, Tango's bickering in response, and Impulse having the sensible idea of asking a passing person for directions for them to find the room.

They arrived around five minutes late, so they weren't surprised to see the cafeteria already filled with students that stood around in small groups. One of them perked up as they entered, waving them towards him.

"Hey there," he greeted. "Any of you Group C? We're still missing a few."

"The two of us," Etho replied, gesturing to himself and Bdubs. "Those two are Group A and D."

"They're over there," the guy replied, pointing at two of the groups, which Tango and Impulse took as their cue to leave, not without the latter plastering a kiss on Bdub's forehead and the former rolling his eyes at the display.

"I'm Marty, by the way," the student introduced himself. "You're Etho and Bdubs, right? Those were the only two missing."

"Yup! I'm Bdubs, the gloomy man here is Etho," the man introduced himself, wide grin plastered across his face.

"It's nice to meet you," Martyn said, not at all deterred by Bdubs' overly energetic behaviour. Etho thought he was alright in his book.

Soon after, the tour around campus started, the group of students being shown around the area and explained how things worked. Martyn dutifully explained the locations of different rooms, shortcuts you could take to get from one place to another, and what drinks not to get from the cafeteria under any circumstances.

At one point, when Martyn was showing them the outside area, Etho climbed up a rock, laughing at Bdubs when he managed to scare him from above.

"Don't do that," the man exclaimed, but Etho simply rolled his eyes before he jumped off the rock, landing gracefully on his feet.

Next to them, another student flinched. He had brown hair with a green dyed streak, and he looked over at Etho in confusion.

“Wait, did you just jump off the rock?” he asked, which in turn made Etho confused.

“I did, yeah. Why?”

Instead of responding, the man held eye contact, raised his hand and punched his own arm with it.

At the exact same moment, he felt a light surge of pain flare up in his arm.

It took a second for Etho to understand the implications.

“Wait, don’t tell me-”

The man shrugged. “I guess so.”

Bdubs, who had been watching everything play out, widened his eyes even further than normal.

“Wait Etho, is that- you two-”

“Yup,” Etho confirmed, and at the same time the man said “Guess we’re soulmates.”

“What? No way!!!”

The other students present seemed to have also caught up on what had happened, their attention directed towards them.

“Alright everyone, let’s give the lovebirds some privacy, shall we?” Martyn called, interrupting the excited whispers and curious stares that were going around. Etho sent him a thankful look, which Martyn grinned to in reply, winking at him.

“Well then. This happened.” Etho said, once they had regained a semblance of privacy.

“Yeah,” his soulmate agreed. “I’m Joel, by the way.”

“Etho.”

“Yeah, figured. Your friend called you that.”

“That he did.”

“I have a girlfriend, by the way,” Joel mentioned. “Hope you’re okay with that. I’m not really planning on breaking up now only because we met. No offence.”

It fit, Etho supposed, that his soulmate seemed to care about the soulmate thing as much as he did.

“None taken. It’d be kind of rude of me to expect of you, anyways.”

A beat of silence fell over the two of them. Then- “Do you wanna share dorms though?”

“Yeah, that sounds good.”

Later on, Etho and Bdubs reconvened with Impulse and Tango. Etho got to introduce his soulmate, which earned him a round of congratulations.

Etho could see the glint of jealousy in Tango’s eyes, but to his credit, his friend was doing his best to hide it. Etho did hope Tango would find his soulmate sooner rather than later. After all the shit th universe put him through, he deserved it.

End Notes

might turn this into a series at some point with the other characters :P

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