

Mass effect Fanfiction

Characters: fem.shep, Liara, Codename Demon.

Location: Horizon, Citadel

A noise woke Jesse up from her slumber, she bolted right up in a sitting position. She tried to scan the room she was in. It was dark and Shepard thought she could see medical equipment on either sides of the room, while Shepard was still trying to get a sense of her surroundings a light was turned on.

Shepard looked at the shape by the switch but her vision was still blurry. The person standing there wasn't human, that was for certain. Slowly Shepard's vision sharpened and she started to see the figures of the person standing there, elegant bleu and finally she recognized her.

'Liara...' Shepard's voice was nothing more then a soft whisper. The Asari finally came closer.

'Shepard...' Liara whispered 'I thought I lost you... again'. Shepard could hear her emotion. Anger, grief, guilt, desperation.

'Liara... I'm sorry, but what about the reapers? About the fleet? What happened?' Shepard asked with an insecure voice.

'The reapers were destroyed. And most of the fleet has returned to their home systems'. Liara told her, this time with a voice filled with pride.

'but that's impossible!' Shepard yelled. 'by destroying the reapers the relay network would blow up to! How can they return to their systems without the relays?!

'Shepard, the relays never blew up, there was just that energy wave that fried most our technology, but nothing that couldn't be repaired'.

'And what about the citadel then'? Shepard asked in disbelieve. 'The citadel did blow up, we barely escaped with you trough the beam when it happened'. Liara said calmly.

'What? How could you have followed me up? Hammer was annihilated!'

'yes... hammer sustained heavy losses.' Liara said, 'but after hammer's demise Harbinger just flew off.'

'just like that?' Shepard couldn't believe what she was hearing.

'just like that, it had us riddled to... but I guess that the reapers didn't think anyone would dare to make a run for the beam anymore', as the husks and cannibals began swarming the field it became almost impossible to get to the beam anyway.' Liara told.

'but how did you get me off the Citadel in time then? Shepard asked confused.

Garrus and I gathered all the marine's we could find and made a run for the beam, there where six of us and hundreds of them. We fought off countless waves to get to the beacon, at the beacon Garrus I and one marine were left standing. Liara continued.

'Garrus and I went through the beam while the marine stayed to buy us time, we found you just in time. You were bleeding heavily and had some major burn wounds, so we picked you up from the floor and carried you out.'

'The Citadel was literally falling apart, there were gigantic explosions everywhere. We reached the Beam and jumped for it. We awakened back on Earth in a hospital, the first one to greet us were Admiral Anderson and Admiral Hackett. Telling us what happened to the Citadel, and that you had slipped into a coma.'

'How long?'. Shepard asked.

'For about three weeks, doctor Chakwas assured me you were going to be fine'. Liara said. 'Although Garrus was more skeptical about yr chances, seeing how much effort they made ensuring you didn't die from the burns and the bleeding's you had'.

'How bad was it?'. Shepard actually didn't want to know but the question had slipped of her tongue before she could swallow it again.

'It was bad, I was surprised when doctor Chakwas told us you were going to be fine'.

'And... what happened to the others? What about the Normandy?' Shepard asked.

'Well, James Grunt and Wrex are helping clear the rubble, Miranda Jacob and Ashley are taking care for the survivors from hammer, the victory fleet and the resistance. Kasumi disappeared, and with her a lot of tech, Javik also disappeared after the battle, some people heard him murmuring something about finding a new purpose. Garrus went to calibrate the Normandy's guns'.

'what else would he do?' Shepard thought sarcastically.

'Jack Tali and Samara died in the fight, Zaeed is still in the infirmary. Liara told while rubbing away her tears.

'I see... and' Shepard was interrupted by the door suddenly opening. 'SHEPARD!' Grunt yelled while he and the entire team came in. 'You don't have to yell at her y'know, she's right there'. James said while covering his ears.

Shepard saw her friends enter one by one, first Grunt Wrex and James, followed by Admiral Anderson and Hackett, which were followed by Miranda Ashley and Jacob supporting Zaeed, last to enter was Garrus. Shepard smiled upon seeing her old friends, but inside her heart broke a little for those that had given their lives to save so many others.

Hackett seemed to notice it and tried to comfort her by saying they died a hero's death, but to little avail.

As everyone took turns talking to Shepard she slightly became absent, as her head started spinning from all the information her brain had to decode all of a sudden when...

'I think that's enough for today, the commander needs to rest'. Doctor Chakwas had entered without anyone noticing. As everybody left the room in an delighted mood, Liara remained.

`I should probably go to` the asari said softly.

As she wanted to walk through the door Shepard softly said. `Please... stay with me`. Liara glimpsed up and looked into the eyes of the human she loved with all her being, and what she saw was hurt and regret. As she walked back to the commanders bed, she softly said. `Ofcourse commander`. While she kissed her bondmate intensely.

`its just Jesse to you Liara` Shepard said while moving to the edge of the bed so that Liara could join her.

`Is that an order commander?` Liara playfully teased.

`Damn yes it is` Shepard replied with the same teasing tone. And as she heard her love chuckle she fell in a long peaceful sleep.

3 weeks later.

`I really cant persuade you not to do this?` Anderson asked.

`Nope, my decision is final` Shepard told him with a serious voice.

Shepard resigned immediately after Liara told Shepard that she was pregnant, wanting to be around as much as possible, for when the time came.

`Then I wish you luck commander`. Anderson said but before he could complete his sentence he was interrupted.

`Its just Shepard now Admiral` Shepard said while saluting.

`That will take some time commander` Anderson replied while saluting the commander.

`So, have you already found a place you want to live?` Anderson asked.

`Liara and I are thinking of a colony nice and quiet. she suggested Horizon, what do you think?`

`I think it's a great place to raise a family, well I have to go. Good luck commander`.

`You to Admiral` Shepard replied.

5 years later.

Shepard had officially resigned from duty with the alliance, and the spectre's. Although this actually wasn't really possible, saving the galaxy did earn some perks. As long as Shepard was willing to deal with minor issues as contending to a party or keeping the peace in some of the unstable regions of space she could 'retire'.

Liara and Shepard had (completely funded by the Alliance and the Council) bought an house on Horizon, at first Shepard didn't want to live there because of the events before the reaper invasion. But Liara had managed to persuade her into living here.

Alicia, Shepard's and Liara's daughter had grown up here and now Liara was now 5 months pregnant of a second child. In the meantime Shepard had accepted a position training the colony's militia how

to properly defend the colony. Liara had teased her with her `job` saying that she was more soldier than she cared to admit. Shepard saw the irony in it as well but shrugged it off later under the motto `old habits die hard`.

Sigh

`what is it love?' Liara had heard that sigh many times before, and she knew she would hear it many more times.

`I need to attend to a formality that would cement relationships between the humans and turrians that live in the Terminus`.

`but why would you need to attend to something like that? Liara asked confused. `The terminus have always been the lawless reaches of space`.

`yep, but some genius thought that it would be a great idea to establish a colony on a colony.` Shepard said while rolling her light blue eyes. `And of course both sides claim to be the first ones there, so they need me to broker a truce`.

`They never do seem able to take care of this on their own not do they'? Liara said playfully `Nononono they need Jesse Shepard to the rescue`!

`Ow please don't say that you know I hate that phrase`

Liara giggled at her bondmate, she was as easy to irritate as ever. `Of course love, now go save the galaxy again`!

Shepard laughed quietly as she said. `Of course, try not to get in trouble will you? I would hate to have to rescue you from some dark cave` Shepard teased back. `I will be back at the end of this week, maybe the next`.

`Hurry home love`. Liara said as Alicia suddenly stood next to her mother, she was becoming as sneaky as her father. `There goes daddy to save the galaxy again Alicia, wave to daddy!

`BYE DADDY`! Alicia shouted so that her tiny voice was heard over the engines of the UT-47 Kodiak Shepard had entered.

`Bye sweetheart! Keep mommy safe for me`! Shepard yelled back

`I WILL DADDY! COME HOME SOON! Alicia shouted, and then the shuttle took off.

Liara always hated it when Shepard was sent on a mission to improve galactic stability, but also knew Shepard was THE hero of the galaxy and that even her presence alone would improve the situation. She only wished that she didn't need to go so often.

`A well to keep pondering over it would be a waste of time` Liara said to herself. `Well I best bring you to school before your late young lady` Liara said to Alicia. `go get ready`!

`Do I really have to go to school mommy'? Alicia hated to go to school, she would rather play outside than go to school, which probably explained her overall averaged grade, she excelled at exercise however.

'Yes you do sweetheart, now go get dressed'. Alicia accepted with a grumble and went upstairs. A few minutes later Liara dropped her off at the local school. As Liara waved Alicia good bye she went home to finish work and to clean up.

Liara still worked as the shadowbroker although she had given Feron most of the responsibilities, so she could spend more time with her family. Sometimes Feron would call asking for her help, and she would usually stay up late to finish it. Feron maintained the vast array of contacts and Liara helped Feron out as much as she could, the poor guy drowned in information at first but recovered quickly up to the point Liara could almost devote all her time to her family.

But this particular night something was off, Liara was working to crack a file Feron had been unable to crack as she heard a loud explosion. As she bolted from her chair and ran to a window to look what happened. Liara just stood there for quite a while when Alicia came down the stairs crying, Liara immediately turned to her daughter and picked her up, calling Shepard while she prepared to leave.

'Do you know what time...?' Shepard began before Liara cut her off. 'Horizon is being attacked Shepard'!

'WHAT? BY WHO?!' Shepard yelled in the omnitool while she jumped out of her bed, she had barely slept after a chaotic day solving problems.

'I don't know! There's gunfire and explosions, I'm getting Alicia out of here'!

'I am coming Liara'! Shepard shouted through her omnitool, already in fully dressed she violently awoke Joker aboard the Normandy. He preferred to sleep in the Normandy because he didn't believe these colonists would take the first chance they got to steal the Normandy.

'AAAH watch it! Its 2 AM Shepard was is it'? Joker said with an irritated voice.

'Back to Horizon Joker, ASAP'! Shepard yelled while she marched to the armory.

'Are you going to tell me why?!' Joker replied

'Its under attack Joker'! shouted from the elevator.

'Oh boy, those folks are really going to regret the day they were born'. Joker said to himself.

Liara had prepared Alicia to leave when all of a sudden the door was breached and armed men poured inwards, instinctively shielding Alicia from the attackers Liara slammed two men into the nearest wall, two others against the sealing before she was hit. As everything went dark and Liara hurt a cry in the distance, 'MOMMY!' It was Alicia's voice, she had to stay awake.

Awake...

So tired...

Alicia.....

Several hours later on the SSV Holland.

Liara suddenly came to her senses and nearly exploded with rage when she saw the men guarding the door, before they even noticed the asari was awake she had thrown one of the guards against the wall and biotic punched the other unconscious, when she heard a calm, cold voice.

'Good morning doctor'. The voice said.

'Where am I?! what did you do to my daughter?! Show yourself covered!' Liara screamed in rage.

'You are aboard the SSV Holland, an alliance vessel. Your daughter is safe and sound. And I am standing right here.'

The voice drew Liara's attention to a dark corner, from which a large man stepped forward.

'Who are you?' Liara asked

'you can call me Demon, I'm here to brief you on what happened.' The man said

'Brief me on what happened? You butchered the colony! You destroyed your own colony!'

'Indeed, I got to talk to some contacts first then I'll tell you what you want to know'

'What?! Why...? Why did you even hit Horizon?' Liara said slightly confused and enraged.

'A while back the Alliance asked the commanders help with slavers in the terminus systems, Shepard turned them Alliance fella's down because they could handle this themselves. I will tell you more after this.'

After contacting an old contact Demon tells Liara what's going to happen, Horizon has been raided by slavers, an passing Alliance patrol stopped the attack and rescued about 1/3 of the colony.

'And what makes you think Shepard will want to help you after this?' Liara asks, slightly disgusted the Alliance would scoop this low to get what they wanted.

'Before each mission I do my homework on the target were going to hit, extract or whatever, in Shepard's personal files I found the interesting fact that this happened to her when she was sixteen. She will want revenge when she hears that this same fate almost happened over her loved ones'. Demon replies coldly.

'So you get Shepard to help you by deceiving and lying to hear' Liara says with an disgusted face.

'Pretty much'. Demon said without actual emotion to be heard in his voice.

'and have you considered the fact that I can just tell Shepard what you did here?! How low the Alliance scooped to get her co-operation?!' Liara yelled, unable to contain her rage about what happened.

'you won't tell Shepard what happened here, not until the situation is dealt with' demon replied coldly.

'Is that so? And why wouldn't I tell Shepard exactly what happened here?'

'because all the lives she will save dealing with the slavers out in the Terminus. Do you even know how many people they abducted and sold? About all the family's they tore apart to earn money?' Demon replied.

Liara heard the anger in his voice, although he tried to cover it with his usual cold tone.

'And anyway' Demon continued. 'They would eventually raid this colony, it was only a matter of time'.

Liara was quiet for a long time, eventually she said: 'What do you want?'.

I want you to tell Shepard that Horizon had been hit and you barely got saved by a passing patrol, but'...

'but what?' Liara asked

'Well... once the situation is dealt with you can tell Shepard what really happened here.'

'You know she will go public with this right? That will implicate the Alliance'

'I don't care what happens to the Alliance its reputation'.

'O really? There has to be more then that.' Liara said with an angry voice that almost sounded like she was lecturing a little child.

'Do you know what the original mission objective was?' demon asked

'Ofcourse not Liara said, you wouldn't be much of a... what kind of unit are you anyway?.'

'We are one of three Black-ops groups send to exterminate the colony to get Shepard's attention focused on the slavers.'

Liara was outright shocked. 'The Alliance would exterminate its own colony's to get her help? You are that desperate?! How could you bring yourself to do that?!'

'It gets easier after the first time, trust me. And yes the higher ups are getting pretty desperate. The slavers have become organized, luring patrols away from their destination and raiding the colony before the patrol comes back. It has them tangled in quite a knot.'

'Wait... you said exterminate the entire colony, why am I alive then?' Liara asked

' Because I disobeyed the orders, as the other 2 groups carried out their orders I smuggled you on this vessel' demon replied

'Why?'

'Because I didn't believe it the best strategy to get Shepard's help with the slavers, as I said before when she finds out her family survived she will want to prevent the possibility of it ever happening again. But if you would have died she would only want revenge, and then having lost her family a second time her mind would break, no one has a use for a broken Shepard.'

'So that's it? You let me live because Shepard is more useful this way?'

'Also that'

'How do you mean Also that?! Answer me!' Liara's biotics came up, she would smear this man across the wall if he didn't answer.

'Although we black-ops don't care much for our target, we still need to know everything about them, Shepard saved the entire galaxy. She nearly gave her life so that ours would be spared, killing her family would be a monumental 'fuck you' to the face, don't ya think?'

'Th... thanks I guess, please could I see my daughter?'

'Ofcourse, follow me'

They walked through a few corridors into a room where Alicia was playing happily.

Demon whispered: 'We put a small dose of medicine in her drink that causes amnesia, she doesn't remember anything of the past few days.'

Liara wasn't happy about the fact they had drugged her daughter but appreciated the fact her little daughter wouldn't remember anything of this whole ordeal.

As Alicia turned to her mother she said 'Mommy! Look what I've got!' holding up a small toy. 'these nice people gave it to me!' Liara was emotionally sickened that her daughter thought these were good people but let it slide for her sake.

'That's a very nice toy indeed sweetheart, have they treated you well?'

'Oh they were so nice to me! They even gave me sweets!'

'That's nice darling' Liara said while smiling to her daughter.

'Doctor may I interrupt your reunion? We have some things to discuss' demon said, carefully awaiting the perfect moment and interrupting it.

'Ofcourse, ofcourse' Liara said, angry for the moment that was just lost.

'not here follow me.' Demon said.

Walking through a few corridors again they arrived on the bridge.

'Shepard will be here soon, so I suggest you ready what you're going to say to her. I will be in the cockpit if you need any help'. He said while walking away.

'Yes... yes a story for Shepard... Liara had to keep thinking of the colonists Shepard would save by lying to her, she would tell her after she was done. And then she would tear the one that ordered this atrocity asunder.

So Liara started planning.