

I Could Love You Episode 2
A Dragon Age Inquisition Fandom Audio Drama

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1 EXT. SKYHOLD COURTYARD

We hear the bustling sounds of Skyhold.

RINIYA (V.O.)

Being the Inquisitor now, instead of just the Herald felt overwhelming at times. I pulled my cloak tighter around me as a chilly wind whipped across the battlements. I watched below as Cassandra and Cullen worked with a group of new recruits in the courtyard.

RINIYA (V.O.) (cont'd)

I found myself smiling as Cassandra gave instructions in her no nonsense, commanding tone, a still unexpected warmth filling my chest. The sensation kept taking me by surprise though at this point it was becoming more and more common, forcing me to come to a problematic conclusion; I had feelings for the Seeker that went well beyond simple attraction.

RINIYA (V.O.) (cont'd)

I pressed gloved fingers to my temple, resigned, happy, terrified, enthralled, and disgusted with myself that despite my best efforts I could not rid myself of this attraction and now I wasn't sure I wanted too because it was so much more than that.

RINIYA (V.O.) (cont'd)

It wasn't my fault! It was a culmination of events that gave birth to these feelings. The first came after Redcliff when our plan to capture Alexius had gone... a bit awry. Being sent forward into time was jarring enough but to have seen the chaos, the raw, merciless destruction that overtook Thedas still gave me terrible, terrible nightmares.

RINIYA (V.O.) (cont'd)

But it was the the fate a failed future had for my companions that made everything worse...

2 INT. REDCLIFF - FLASHBACK

The sounds of the Redcliff dungeon, in a world where Corephus has won. We hear Rin's footsteps as she comes up behind a guard, shoves her hand over his mouth and simultaneously plunges her dagger into his neck, to prevent him from screaming.

Next we hear the crack of a staff, as Dorian makes another guard go night night.

RINIYA (V.O.)

I quietly laid the body of [homies name] guard on the floor, pulling my knife out of his neck. Dorian had knocked out the other, keep our position quiet.

RINIYA

We have to get back, Dorian.

DORIAN

We will. With a little luck. And a little magic. Both of which I have.

RINIYA (V.O.)

Dorian offered a smile in attempt to lighten the grim reality of their situation but I saw the fear and disgust in his eyes. Regardless we pressed forward, passing cells full of red lyrium. We'd spoken to Fiona moments before and I was still nauseous, knowing that once upon a time the lyrium inside these cells was once a person.

As they move into another cell block they hear Cassandra saying the chant of light, over and over.

CASSANDRA

[chant of light]

RINIYA

Is that... no. No.

RINIYA (V.O.)

Dread filled my chest. Without explaining to Dorian I surged ahead, no longer caring if I was quiet. I charged through the door without bothering to check for more guards. There were none, but their absence was hardly noteworthy.

RINIYA (V.O.) (cont'd)

Cassandra was on her knees. Her hands must have been clasped together in prayer in front of her because I couldn't see them. Instead red lyrium surrounded the front of Cassandra's body. Her neck, face and back exposed though not by much. Cassandra stared sightlessly at the lyrium, and kept repeating the chant of light.

RINIYA

Cassandra, no. Oh no. Dorian get it open. Please.

CASSANDRA

I am hallucinating again... be gone apparition! I beg you. Torture me with the sight of our beloved Herald no longer.

DORIAN

Step back dear.

We hear the zap of Dorian's magic hitting the lock on the cell. Rin yanks it open, immediately moving towards Cassandra.

RINIYA (V.O.)

I flung open the cell door, the sight of the Seeker becoming blurred by my tears as I took in the full extent of Cassandra's torture. Her back was covered in badly healed and in some cases, not healed at all whip marks. Bruises marking the portions of her sides I could see. I tried to swallow back the lump in my throat dashing the tears from my eyes and tenderly touched Cassandra's face.

RINIYA

I'm not here to torture you Cassandra. I'm real. I'm alive. We were sent forward into time. We didn't die. I'll fix this, I swear to Mythal I'll fix this. I won't ever let them do this to you. I won't. I won't.

RINIYA (V.O.)

The Seeker's eyes opened at the unexpected touch. Cassandra stared as if she couldn't comprehend. After a long moment she drew in a painful wheezing breath and pressed her cheek against my hand. Her gaze suddenly looked sharper, a touch more like herself. "If my mind does not deceive me, then the Maker has not abandoned us."

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RINIYA (V.O.)(cont'd)

I would wish to see this world made right again before I die. And I would wish to see you, Rin.

3 EXT. SKYHOLD COURTYARD

We fade back into the sounds of Skyhold, and soldiers training below.

CULLEN

You there! Use your shield properly.

RINIYA (V.O.)

I grounded myself back in present, focusing on Cassandra in the training yard below. Healthy. Alive.

RINIYA

(calming breath)

RINIYA (V.O.)

Cassandra and I grew closer after Redcliff. It just... happened. Fighting side by side, spending so much time in close proximity, learning about each other, discovering a shared love of poetry and certain books. The closeness did absolutely nothing to cool my desire for the Seeker. Made it worse really. Bull took care of me, when it felt like too much. And the rough, passionate sex with him was nice, and took the edge off, but it had been a temporary fix at best.

RINIYA (V.O.)(cont'd)

After Haven was destroyed and we'd arrived in Skyhold, I stopped my trysts with Bull. I almost died the night Haven was destroyed and getting pushed to the brink like that made me realize my attraction to Cassandra wasn't only physical.

RINIYA (V.O.)(cont'd)

It was the thought of Cassandra, of what would happen to the Seeker if the Inquisition failed, if I failed that gave me the strength to fight through the blizzard the night Haven was destroyed. I remember how loudly I cursed in that snow storm when my wounds and exhaustion became too much for my body to handle and I'd collapsed.

RINIYA (V.O.) (cont'd)

Things after that were still a bit fuzzy. I remember seeing Cassandra's face as I blacked in and out. I remember hearing Cassandra's soft voice in prayer beside her, while Dorian and Solas worked to heal and warm me. I remember Cassandra's face being the first thing I'd seen when I'd finally woke and the fierce wordless hug the Seeker gave me.

RINIYA (V.O.) (cont'd)

I hadn't wanted Cassandra to ever let go.

RINIYA

Fuuuuuck.

RINIYA (V.O.)

I needed to tell Cassandra. I didn't know if the Seeker felt the same. I had no idea if Cassandra was even attracted to women. But I would go mad if I kept this bottled up inside of her for another moment.

RINIYA (V.O.) (cont'd)

I'd done scary things than this right? Resolve steeled, I got the Seeker's attention with a wave, motioning for her to join me.

4 EXT. SKYHOLD BATTLEMENTS

The sounds of a bustling Skyhold should become more muted. With only the occasional gust of wind, cutting around the ancient stone.

RINIYA

Is it so terrible that I want you?

CASSANDRA

It's impossible. You're the Inquisitor. The Heard of Andraste and... a wom-

RINIYA (V.O.)

I couldn't hear it. I didn't want to hear it. I reacted on instinct, surging forward, curving my hands around the Seeker's cheeks and pressed my lips against Cassandra's. When Cassandra did not draw back immediately, I softened the press. I dusted my lips gently back and forth across the Seeker's. Softer than I thought. Creators help me, I kissed each corner.

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RINIYA (V.O.)(cont'd)

And finally I drew back before I forgot herself, lowering my hands.

RINIYA (V.O.) (cont'd)

Cassandra's breathing was deep. The Seeker looked stunned, at a loss for words, and underneath all that confusion I recognized sparks of desire. Seeing it made me feel feral, made her want to kiss Cassandra again and again. Instead, I stepped backwards, putting space between us.

RINIYA

A woman. Yes, I am. And you should know... I don't just want you for the physical. I want you. I want to court you. I think... I could love you, Cassandra Pentaghast.

RINIYA (V.O.)

Cassandra said nothing, her mouth open, then closed but she truly looked at a loss for words. I watched Cassandra's beautiful hazel eyes shift from mine, to my mouth and back. But then Cassandra took a step back putting more space us. That hurt. That hurt more than I'd anticipated.

RINIYA

I'm sorry, I shouldn't have kissed you. If you mean it, truly that you're not attracted to women, to me I won't flirt with you again, Seeker. You have my word.

RINIYA (V.O.)

Before the sting in my eyes embarrassed me more than I already embarrassed myself, I turned around, walking quickly away.

5 EXT. HERALD'S REST - NIGHT

We can hear the faint sound of a Tavern in last call. The more muted sounds of Skyhold as it winds down for the evening.

RINIYA (V.O.)

I was sitting on the steps just past the Herald's Rest. I held a bottle of of Mackay's Epic Single Malt and was drinking straight from it.

We hear the approaching steps of the Iron Bull. He sits down next to Rin.

RINIYA (V.O.) (cont'd)

My sensitive ears picked up Bull's heavy steps before the bulk of his frame lowered next to me. Bull didn't say anything right away, just put his arm around my shoulders. His silent understanding was so dear to me. I scooted closer and pressed into his side. I even offered him a sip from the bottle.

THE IRON BULL

So, we head out tomorrow. Field time will do you good. Clear your head. Get you away from here.

(beat) RINIYA

All right. It'll be a week or more before we can confirm the Wardens are at Adamant. We can make a short run of things in the meantime.

THE IRON BULL

You, me, the Chargers. Dorian and Varric?

RINIYA

Sounds perfect.

RINIYA (V.O.)

I took the bottle back from him, taking another healthy swallow. I'd nearly finished it and I was a lightweight. The liquor made my head heavy. It wasn't doing what I wanted though. It wasn't making me numb. It wasn't making me forget. It wasn't helping, it was heightening the pain that snuck in.

RINIYA

Does everyone know?

THE IRON BULL

Don't think so. But you've been moody for days and you're never moody, not like this.

(sighs) RINIYA (V.O.)

I pressed the bottle against my forehead. I didn't want the gossiping to start. I didn't want to deal with it.

(MORE)

RINIYA (V.O.)(cont'd)

I didn't want Cassandra to have to deal with it. I had to get her shit together. I needed...

RINIYA

Can I have you tonight? Would Dorian mind?

THE IRON BULL

He wouldn't mind.
(beat)

You sure you want that, Boss?

RINIYA (V.O.)

I didn't want him, as wonderful as he was, not really. But what I wanted... Fuck it. I tipped back the bottle, swallowing down the remainder in a long gulp. I tossed it carelessly aside, ignoring the loud crack as it rolled down the steps and climbed into Bull's lap, putting my arms around his neck and pressing against him.

RINIYA

Shut up and fuck me, Bull. I don't want to feel anything but you.

6 INT. INQUISITORS QUARTERS

The sound of hurried footsteps, doors that open and quickly close, the creek of footsteps on stairs, flinging clothes, and soft moans of pleasure from both the Rin and Bull.

RINIYA (V.O.)

I didn't remember the trip back to her quarters, only that I started pulling off my clothes as I climbed the stairs. Bull was at my back, helping me, distracting her with his large hands on my breasts, his open mouth on my neck, his teeth and tongue on my skin making me moan shamelessly.

RINIYA (V.O.) (cont'd)

He didn't put me on the bed, instead he slammed me roughly back against the wooden door next to it. It hurt, knocked the breath out of her, and made me wetter. I climbed him, my arms tight around his neck, my legs around his waist. Our lips collided hard, passionately, his tongue licking deeply inside of my mouth.

RINIYA (V.O.) (cont'd)

He pushed inside of me abruptly, and I ripped her mouth away from his to give voice to my loud cry of pleasure.

RINIYA

Yes. Fuck me. Harder. Harder please.

RINIYA (V.O.)

I was pulled away from the door, his cock slipping out so he could bend me over the bed. I went easily, lifting my ass to him eagerly, squeezing my eyes shut.

RINIYA

I don't want to think, Bull, I just want-

RINIYA (V.O.)

Cassandra. To feel loved. To be a woman again not an idea. To forget that I was apparently the most powerful woman in Thedas and the one thing I wanted, I couldn't have.

RINIYA (V.O.) (cont'd)

Bull grabbed me by the hips and sunk back inside with one smooth stroke. He was far too big for me to take him all, but I took enough and the pleasure blocked out everything else. He fucked me wildly, hard and fast, slapped the cheek of my ass, told me how good I felt around his cock. I gripped the furs that covered my bed with one hand, my cheek pressed against my arm, my shameless cries echoing throughout the chamber. My other hand reached between her legs, finding my clit, sending my pleasure spiraling.

RINIYA (V.O.) (cont'd)

When my orgasm finally ripped through me, my neck snapped back, technicolor flashing behind my eyes with it's intensity. My lips parted, and before I even knew it a name carried itself out of my mouth around my breathless moans.

RINIYA

(as the orgasm hits)
Cassandra!

7 INT. SKYHOLD THRONE ROOM

We hear Cassandra steps as she approaches the Inquisitors door - and stops.

CASSANDRA (V.O.)

I hesitated. Maker, I stepped towards the door and moved away almost a dozen times. Though the main hall was empty at the late hour I worried someone would seeme loitering about in front of the door to the Inquisitor's chambers.

CASSANDRA (V.O.) (cont'd)

I carried a book of poetry that I wished to share, and I knew the Inquisitor preferred the evening hours. Though... I wondered if perhaps I should not visit Rin. I'd heard the gossiping tongues on my way across the courtyard, a comment that the Inquisitor looked forlorn. I could only hope I was not the reason. But, I felt like I needed to talk to the Inquisitor. To reaffirm our friendship. At the very least to let the Rin know how flattered I was that she felt that strongly about me, and that I wasn't upset about the kiss.

CASSANDRA (V.O.) (cont'd)

The kiss.

CASSANDRA (V.O.) (cont'd)

I felt myself flush and promptly cleared my throat as if that would help. I flatly refused to think about my reaction to the kiss. It was a charged moment. Rin was a dear friend and I had not been kissed in sometime. And never with such...

CASSANDRA (V.O.) (cont'd)

I shook my head to clear it. No, those thoughts were foolish. Squaring my shoulders I pushed open the door.

8 INT. INQUISITOR CHAMBER HALLWAY

We hear the echo of the door open and closing. The creak of the stairs as Cassandra approaches the secondary door to the Inquisitors chambers.

CASSANDRA (V.O.)

I climbed the first flight of stairs and rounded the walkway.

(MORE)

CASSANDRA (V.O.)(cont'd)

Just as I was lifting my hand to knock, sounds echoing out from inside the chamber stayed my hand. At first, my body tensed in combat readiness. I was prepared to charge in – but... Sweet Andraste there was no mistaking it, the sound was a moan. The Inquisitor was moaning. Loudly.

CASSANDRA (V.O.)(cont'd)

I felt the heat in my cheeks rise again, my body responding instinctively to the sounds. I knew I should step away and respect the Inquisitor's privacy, not remain standing there like some perverse cretin. My brain's logic was not translating to my feet. Instead of backing away I moved closer to the door, until my ear was nearly pressed against it. It sounded like a fiercely passionate coupling and I was... not at all sure how I felt about it. The Inquisitor said her interest was more than just physical... she'd said she could... but if that were true then surely not just a few days after-

RINIYA

(as the orgasm hits)
Cassandra!

CASSANDRA (V.O.)

Oh. My knees went weak, and it was the first time I'd experienced the sensation outside of battle fatigue. I pressed my hand against the door to keep from falling over, struggling to suppress an unexpected whimper. I had never, not in all my years, heard my name called out like that. There was... Maker, there was such longing wrapped around the passion in Rin's tone.

CASSANDRA (V.O.)(cont'd)

Arousal ripped through me sharp and burning, undeniable in its intensity and made thought difficult. If I was honest with myself, I'd felt the same way on the battlements when the Inquisitor kissed me.

CASSANDRA (V.O.)(cont'd)

No. When Rin kissed me.

CASSANDRA (V.O.) (cont'd)
 I licked her lips, shutting my eyes. The Elf was coupling with someone else, thinking about me. Thinking about me so strongly that she'd called out...

CASSANDRA (V.O.) (cont'd)
 Oh.

Jealousy suddenly shot through me. Jealousy and envy. Would I be able to make Rin cry out in such a way if it was my hands and mouth on her? My fingers curled against the door, every part of me suddenly and fiercely aching with need to find out. I wanted to be there, in place of whomever that was, I wanted to -

CASSANDRA (V.O.) (cont'd)
 A startling realization flooded my arousal fogged brain. Maker... did I?

CASSANDRA (V.O.) (cont'd)
 I could not face Rin, not now. I jumped back from the door as if it had tried to attack me, turned on my heel and marched out.

9 INT. CASSANDRA'S QUARTERS - DREAM SEQUENCE

The crackle of a fire, the creak of a chair.

CASSANDRA (V.O.)
 The way her light gray eyes focused on me with such intensity made me shiver. I could feel wetness beginning to stain my small clothes, and though I desperately wanted them off I feared moving. I feared that if I breathed too loudly, or if I stood up from the table this vision would leave me to my solitude. To my heavy thoughts and worries, and I wanted none of that right now. What I wanted...

CASSANDRA (V.O.) (cont'd)
 Riniya, a name I thought beautiful, reached behind her and locked the door. She drew her tongue over her bottom lip and I felt my lips part, wanting to feel that sensation on mine.

RINIYA
 You're delightful, Cassandra, do you know that?

CASSANDRA (V.O.)

The elf pushed off the door and walked across the small room, not stopping until she put herself in my lap, straddling me.

CASSANDRA

I object. I am not-

RINIYA

You are.

CASSANDRA

I do not... I did not think I was... attracted to women...

RINIYA

Do you want me to stop?

CASSANDRA (V.O.)

Rin tenderly kissed the scar on my cheek. My breath caught, my exhale a whimper I could not contain when Rin's tongue gently traced the scar.

RINIYA

Would you prefer poetry instead?

CASSANDRA (V.O.)

My eyes closed as I felt Rin lips hovering, barely touching mine, just enough I could feel the tease of her breath.

RINIYA

Already rejoicing, I begin to love, for I am made better by one who is, beyond dispute the best a woman ever saw or heard.

CASSANDRA

That was...

RINIYA

What do you want, Cassandra?

CASSANDRA

Kiss me. By the Maker, please kiss-

10 INT. CASSANDRA'S QUARTERS - MORNING

We fade into the sounds of Skyhold in the morning. The faint bustle in the courtyard outside Cassandra's window.

CASSANDRA (V.O.)

My eyes opened to the early light of dawn.
My body felt achy, warm, and overly
sensitive.

CASSANDRA

(frustrated groan)

CASSANDRA (V.O.)

I should not be surprised about the nature
of my dreams. Not after hearing the
Inquisitor in her chambers the night before.
Not after spending the evening with Rin
the sole thing on my mind, trying to come
to any type of solution to my... problem.

CASSANDRA (V.O.) (cont'd)

I could not understand the change in
myself, or why Rin affected me so. The
night brought no answers, only longing. A
longing made worse by that dream
because I remember when Rin read that
exact poem to me. It was the evening
after we'd returned from Redcliff. I
remember how touched I'd been, the look
in the Rin's eyes...

CASSANDRA

(sighs)

I got out of bed, moving over to the wash
bin and splashed the cool water on my
face. The fire in the hearth died down, but
I did not mind the chilly air in my current
state.

CASSANDRA (V.O.)

It was because of Rin, I claimed this
chamber on the battlements that
overlooked the gardens. Though I liked the
armory and spent a great deal of time
there the noise did not do well for long
conversations on books or the other
enjoyments Rin and I shared.

CASSANDRA (V.O.) (cont'd)

The thought gave me pause. When had our
friendship blossomed into something more?
Is that truly what I wanted? I could no
longer deny I was attracted to Rin, but
giving into a night of passion would not be
enough. Yet, had She not told me she
could... love me?

CASSANDRA (V.O.) (cont'd)

A sinking feeling began to settle in the pit of my stomach. Had I made a mistake? I could not solve this dilemma on my own. I needed a friends council.

11 INT. ROOKERY

The sound of Leliana's crows, and Cassandra's pacing.

CASSANDRA

I do not understand her Leliana. I do not understand these things.

LELIANA

(amused)

What don't you understand Cassandra?

CASSANDRA

(beat)

I do not understand how she can claim to have feelings for me that are not purely... purely physical in nature and then... couple with someone else!

LELIANA

And how is it you know that the Inquisitor was having sex after you rejected her?

CASSANDRA (V.O.)

I stopped pacing, my cheeks heating in embarrassment. I briefly met Leliana's amused but always calculating stare. Sighing, perhaps in defeat, I gripped the railing, looking at her crows.

CASSANDRA

I... It was not right after. It was several days later. Yesterday evening. I... went to her quarters to share a book and determine if she was okay and... I heard her.

LELIANA

I see.

(beat)

Cassandra if you do not share the Inquisitor's affections for you, why do you care?

(beat) CASSANDRA

I think perhaps I acted rashly. I never considered I might be attracted to another woman. That these feelings were not strictly friendship.

LELIANA
Hm. This must be quite the revelation for you.

CASSANDRA
It is.

(beat) LELIANA
When things hurt people will sometimes do things to make them forget. Perhaps that is what you caught our Inquisitor doing; drowning out the pain of your rejection in the arms of someone else.

CASSANDRA (V.O.)
I felt my hands tightening around the railing as a hot streak of jealousy tore through me again. Guilt followed closely at its heels. I did not want to think I'd hurt Rin so badly. But I did, didn't I? I recalled clearly the look in the elf's eyes, the tone of her voice as she'd bravely admitted how she felt even after I shot her down with... reasons.

CASSANDRA
Tell me Leliana. You love the Hero of Ferelden. How could I possibly start a relationship with the head of the Inquisition? The Herald of Andraste? In the middle of all this?

LELIANA
I think perhaps the greater question is if you care for her Cassandra, how can you not? You are the Hero of Orlais. You know the weight she carries. Do you wish her to find her comfort, to be just a woman, in someone else's arms or your own?

CASSANDRA
(beat. A groan of realization)
How could I have not known this about myself?

LELIANA
 (laughs)
 People draw out different things in us. You don't need to over think it.

CASSANDRA
 Thank you, Leliana. I must go and speak to her.

LELIANA
 You will have time to deliberate further over your new found feelings. She rode out this morning with The Iron Bull, the Charges, Dorian and Varic.

CASSANDRA
 Oh...

CASSANDRA (V.O.)
 I felt it again, that uncomfortable tension in my stomach, tightening my shoulders. There were rumors the Inquisitor and Bull sometimes... was he the one in her chambers?
 (beat)
 He could not have her! Did he know who the Inquisitors favorite Poet was, and how much she loved the forest, and what a kind, truly gentle person she was, and how beautiful she looked when she-

LELIANA
 Have faith Cassandra. But, when she returns I would not wait too long before you act.

12 EXT. SKYHOLD COURTYARD

The sound of horses trotting in through the gate, mixing in with the usual hustle and bustle that is skyhold.

CASSANDRA (V.O.)
 It was five days before the Inquisitor returned. Hawke and Alistar confirmed the Wardens were at Adamant and Erimond was seen going inside the fortress.

CASSANDRA (V.O.) (cont'd)
 When the Inquisitor arrived in the courtyard, I was on the walkway outside Cullen's office. My heart hammered in her chest as I watched Rin dismount.
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CASSANDRA (V.O.)(cont'd)

The bite of jealousy coiled inside me when the Iron Bull leaned close and said something to Rin that made her throw back her head with laughter.

CASSANDRA (V.O.)(cont'd)

I watched the Inquisitor give the Qunari a fond look and touch his arm, the same kind of smile given to Dorian before Josephine and Cullen whisked her away to the war room.

CASSANDRA (V.O.)(cont'd)

I paced along the battlements. Should I go to her now? Wait until after Adamant? While the first thought brought another round of nervous excitement the latter didn't feel right. I should not wait. Too many things could happen in the time in between, the moment could be lost. No, this needed to be done and I would do it.

13 EXT. WAR ROOM

The wind whips around outside the broken section of the wall. We can hear the low murmur of voices inside the war room.

Finally we hear the heavy doors open, Cullen, Josephine and Leliana walking out.

CASSANDRA (V.O.)

I leaned against the broken stone wall in the hallway that led to the war room. There were many repairs that needed to be done throughout the castle, this area was next on a very long list.

CASSANDRA (V.O.)(cont'd)

The doors to the War Room finally opened, and my full attention was drawn to it. I nodded a greeting Cullen and Josephine and tried to ignore the knowing glance Leliana gave me as she continued down the hallway, speaking with Josephine.

CASSANDRA (V.O.)(cont'd)

Rin did not emerge. I hesitated but for a breath of a moment, and then pushed forward, entering the room.

14 INT. WAR ROOM

CASSANDRA (V.O.)

Rin stood in front of the large table that held a map of Thedas, the surface covered with markers of various areas of import, her hands on the table's edge. I took in the line of her back, the square of her shoulders as she contemplated the map. Thinking of the battle ahead no doubt.

CASSANDRA

Inquisitor. May I have a word?

(beat) RINIYA

Of course Seeker Pentaghast.

CASSANDRA (V.O.)

It was such a formal way to address me. I did not like it, but I could not blame her. I had hurt Rin with my rejection, The knowledge brought a tightness to my chest and a wildly protective instinct to make it right.

CASSANDRA (V.O.) (cont'd)

I shut the door to the War Room and moved behind Rin. I felt, not at all in control, felt like something other than my brain was dictating my motions. I surrendered to it, giving into the urge I'd had many, many times and pressed my face against the elf's hair, nuzzling against its softness and drawing in her scent. I felt Rin stiffen at my sudden unexpected nearness.

RINIYA

Cassandra?

CASSANDRA

Turn around Riniya. Please.

CASSANDRA (V.O.)

I was so close I felt the shiver that went down Rin's spine. I backed up just a step and slowly, Rin turned around. I met the elf's confused, searching gaze. Without hesitation I wrapped my arms around her, drawing Rin close cradling her. For a moment she was stiff in my arms, and I feared I would be pushed away.

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CASSANDRA (V.O.)(cont'd)

It lasted but a heartbeat though, and when finally Rin raised her arms to close lightly around my back, desire seized me, coiling hotly in my gut. Warmth flooded my chest again, and without consciousness thought I tightened my arms around Rin, drawing her closer.

RINIYA

Cassandra... I-

CASSANDRA

I know the upcoming battle must weigh on you. I would be the one to comfort you when you need it. To hold you like this, when the weight of what you must do wears on you.

CASSANDRA (V.O.)

Rin trembled in my arms, and I felt a thrill that I could effect the her so strongly. She pulled back enough to look at me. I saw clearly the confusion still in her eyes, her expression guarded. She opened her mouth as if to speak -

CASSANDRA

I could love you, Riniya Lavellan. Truly, I think I must.

CASSANDRA (V.O.)

I watched what could only be shock spread across Rin's face, her features tightening, her eyes becoming glassy.

CASSANDRA

(whisper)

Rin...

CASSANDRA (V.O.)

I pressed my lips against hers, and I almost moaned at the way the she melted into me. I simply could not move slowly after that. I felt as if I had wanted this woman my entire life and now...

CASSANDRA (V.O.)(cont'd)

Anything on the war table crashed to the floor as I lifted Rin and put her on the table. She seized my face between her hands, her lips parted and hot, her tongue teasing my lips, pressing deeper into my mouth. I sucked on her tongue and Rin moaned loudly.

RINIYA

You're what I want. All I could want,
Cassandra.

CASSANDRA (V.O.)

The sound of my name in that breathless tone drew a shiver down my spine. I found the Inquisitors clothes to be a nuisance, one that I divested the other woman of, handily. I touched Rin's breast and the feel of the her soft skin in my battle worn hands, hearing the soft whimper Rin made left me hopelessly wet. My arousal spiked higher when she saw the look of pure pleasure on her face and knew that I was the cause of it. I bent, my lips parted as they dragged over Rin's breast. I used my tongue on the elf's nipples, listening as my lovers breath caught. I covered the peak with my lips and began to suck.

RINIYA

(moans)

Cassandra wait... I... oh,
fuck. My chambers... my-

CASSANDRA

No. I will wait no longer. I will have you...
love you now.

CASSANDRA (V.O.)

I pressed my hand between the Rin's legs, cupping her intimately, and a touch possessively. I could not deny that the memory of the Rin coupling with the Iron Bull had not briefly run into my mind, and I was determined regardless of my inexperience to make Rin feel the same pleasure with me.

RINIYA

(sexy noises go here)

I... Cassandra I wanted you
too much... I'll come so fast if you keep
that up.

CASSANDRA (V.O.)

It thrilled me to no end that my usually articulate Inquisitor could barely form a sentence, and the hot little sounds she made in between each word made me feel utterly ravenous to have her. I'd had only one other partner and I'd never wanted him like this.

CASSANDRA

Then I will simply have to make you come again after the first.

CASSANDRA (V.O.)

I drew a finger between Rin's folds, and I could not help but moan when I felt how wet she was. I found her clit, stroking it gently, pressing my lips against the arched column of her throat. Rin's moans were delightful, as was the way she gripped the back of my head. I slowly pressed a finger inside of her, and Rin began panting, her hips rocking into my motions.

RINIYA

Blessed Mythal, yes... don't stop. Please... I need you.

CASSANDRA (V.O.)

I lifted my head, because I found I loved watching the elf's face in her passion. She was beautiful, breathtaking with her lips swollen from my kisses, parted to give voice to her pleasure, her eyes hooded with desire, snapping closed when sensation overcame her. I added a second finger, and began pumping them rhythmically inside of her lover.

RINIYA

I won't last... Cassandra...

CASSANDRA (V.O.)

Rin curled her fingers against the back of my neck, claiming my mouth in a searing kiss, lips parted and messy with the passionate sounds she kept making every time my fingers plunged inside of her. It was heady to be inside the other woman, I mused in a passionate haze. I learned Rin especially liked it when I drew my fingers out, circled them around her clit, over and over, before pushing back inside her.

CASSANDRA (V.O.) (cont'd)

Knowing what I also liked, I curled my fingers so very slightly upwards, until the tips rubbed against the rough, sensitive bundles of nerves inside her.

(MORE)

CASSANDRA (V.O.)(cont'd)

Rin's breathy moans suddenly turned into a shout of pleasure, the other woman's hips rolling in a hard, sensuous motion against my fingers. I felt her tighten, her nails digging into my shoulders, my back, loud helpless moans and whimpers falling from the elf's lips as she came.

RINIYA

Yes... Yes... I love you. Cassandra, I love you.

CASSANDRA (V.O.)

I shivered, unable to contain my reaction or the quiet whimper escaped. A deep sense of satisfaction and another wave of possessiveness washed over me. I brought her down slowly, finally easing my fingers out of my love.

CASSANDRA (V.O.)(cont'd)

Rin was still panting, her eyes hooded with desire as took hold of my hand. Keeping her eyes on mine, she brought my hand to her mouth, sucking on the fingers that had been inside of her. My breathing flared. I would have not thought such a gesture to be so arousing but it was.

RINIYA

My turn. Take me to bed, Cassandra. I'm going to spend the time before this battle doing nothing but loving you.

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A warm fire and the rustle of sheets. Oh yeah.

RINIYA (V.O.)

She was so beautiful, and I loved watching her sleeping.

RINIYA (V.O.)(cont'd)

Somehow we managed to make it from the war room to my chambers. Cassandra was sprawled out in bed next to me, the blankets mostly around her waist, one of her legs peeking out from underneath the furs. Her muscled back was exposed to me and the sight of Cassandra's skin so close was far too tempting to ignore.

RINIYA (V.O.) (cont'd)

We didn't have much time before the march to Adamant, and I'd waited far too long for Cassandra to waste any quiet moment I could get.

I brushed my lips featherweight over the back of Cassandra's shoulder.

Slowly I applied more pressure, gently trailing my mouth over Cassandra's back, down her spine.

The soft brush of her fingertips following the path of my lips.

CASSANDRA

Mmm. You... are insatiable.

RINIYA

(laughs)

I could very easily say the same about you.

CASSANDRA

That is your fault. You are far too... touchable.

RINIYA

(laughs)

RINIYA (V.O.)

I moved to lie next to her Cassandra, facing her. She was smiling at me, a soft look in her eyes. I gently cupped her cheek.

RINIYA

I love you.

CASSANDRA

And I you, Riniya. May I court you my lady?

RINIYA (V.O.)

I felt a lump forming in my throat at the request. In answer I leaned forward, pressing my lips against Cassandra's. Just the feel of the Seeker's mouth against mine and I immediately wanted, craved more. I pushed the Seeker onto her back and found a sensitive spot, just behind Cassandra's ear.

(MORE)

RINIYA (V.O.)(cont'd)

I learned running the tip of her tongue across it made Cassandra wet. When I sucked, she moaned, and thrust her fingers into my hair.

RINIYA

Cassandra?

CASSANDRA

Hmm?

RINIYA (V.O.)

Cassandra's eyes fluttered open, and even her attention to the question didn't stop her from trailing her foot over the back of my leg, her hips lifting to press against me.

My breath caught and it took another moment before I found my voice.

RINIYA

What made you change your mind?

CASSANDRA

I... I... heard you.

RINIYA (V.O.)

I tipped my head curiously not understanding, even as pressed my muscled thigh against her. I was rewarded with her moan, and the slow, subtle shift of her hips to increase the friction.

RINIYA

Seeker?

CASSANDRA

You wish to speak of this now?

RINIYA

(laughing)

Yes. I want to know. Tell me.

CASSANDRA

I will... I will confess these things if you promise not to stop.

RINIYA

I promise I won't stop.

RINIYA (V.O.)

I did shift though, sliding down Cassandra's gorgeous body, dragging my open mouth over her stomach muscles.

(MORE)

RINIYA (V.O.)(cont'd)

Cassandra breathed out roughly, her hooded gaze watching me. I paused, just to peek at Cassandra expectantly.

CASSANDRA

(relenting sigh)

I came to your chambers, before you left with The Iron Bull and I... I heard you.

RINIYA (V.O.)

I paused for just a moment, a small wave of guilt crashing into me. I pressed my mouth lovingly against Cassandra's skin, dragging my tongue down the V of her hip.

RINIYA

I'm sorry. That you heard that.

CASSANDRA

Do not be sorry. The fault is mine. But, now that I have you-

RINIYA

You do. I'm yours Cassandra and no one else.

RINIYA (V.O.)

I lifted eyes briefly to Cassandra's then turned my head and pressed my lips against her. Cassandra was unable to stop the way her hips shifted towards my mouth and the subtle motion turned me on to no end. I dragged my tongue through her folds, parting her intimately, the motion unstopping until my tongue was against Cassandra's clit. Slow soft teasing licks before I pressed my lips harder against her and began to suck.

CASSANDRA

(having the best time
so more sexy noises
plz)

I love you... please do not stop. I love you...

RINIYA

I want to hear you say that again, Seeker. Maybe louder next time.

RINIYA (V.O.)

I smiled before I returned to the very important task of making my lover come.

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We hear the faint moans coming from behind the door.

IRON BULL

That a girl. Hear that? Seeker loses it in less than five. Guaranteed.

VARRIC

I'm just surprised everything works down there. Maybe give her a few more rounds, the pipes are out of practice.

DORIAN

I could use a bit of magic. Really heighten sensation.

CULLEN

What in the blazes are you all doing?

IRON BULL

Crap. Busted.

DORIAN

We're shamelessly listening to the Inquisitor and the Seeker have sex, Commander. Obviously.

Orgasm sounds.

IRON BULL

Ha! See. Told you.

VARRIC

You know, if I made my characters come that fast even in a serial as bad as Swords and Shields, it still wouldn't be believable.

CULLEN

(flustered)

This isn't - you can't just -

LELIANA

What in the world are you all doing?

DORIAN

We've got a bet going. Well, I suppose we'll need a new bet now.

VARRIC

5 to 1 odds they can squeeze in another round before Curly and crew have to interrupt them for important Inquisitor business.

IRON BULL

Bet.

LELIANA

I'll take your bet.

CULLEN

Are you all insane? This isn't proper you can't just-

VARRIC

Shhh. Don't let them hear you, Curly. I think they're going again.

VARRIC (V.O.)

Until it was time to pull the lovers apart and prepare for the battle at Adamant that's where the group stayed. Rest assured if Cassandra ever found out - well, she would probably kill all of us.