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Summary

Having reached your rendezvous point before everyone else Usopp begins to start to worry while the only thought you have is that this is finally your chance to make a move. Or thats what you wanted. Things didn't exactly go your way.

Swinging your feet over the edge of the cliff was the only source of entertainment you had at the moment as you wait for the others to make it back.

"Why are so late?! Nami said to get back here by sunset and now the suns gone! What f they were captured?! Or worse, what if their all dead!?" Usopp yells as he pases behind you.

"*We're* going to be the dead ones if you keep yelling like that" you hum glancing back at him "I'm sure their fine, Luffy is probably just doing something stupid that's making them take longer" if it was anyone else going in circles like this for the past two hours you would have been annoyed beyond belief right now, but since its Usopp doing it you were only mildly annoyed.

You've been trying on and off to get it through his thick skull that they were fine and nothing to bad has happened, he of course doubted that but the fact the vivid cards you made for everyone were fine cemented your belief. Though no one knew those existed so you refrained form mentioning it to him.

Usopp sighs loudly behind you before walking over and floping down next to you "your right" he grumbles and you smile and let out a sigh of your own happy you finally got him to shut up about it.

"I'm always right" you say teasingly nocking you foot against his.

Usopp just rolls his eyes at you not even bothering to respond, having had this conversion so many times both of you have lost count. With that, a comfortable silence falls over the two of you. Its nice to have a moment like this with him, it has been to long since you got the chance to truly be alone with Usopp.

Sure you hung out with him in his work shop on the Sunny but you weren't really *alone*. It felt like any time you tried flirting or making a move someone would come crashing though the door. Be it Franky wanting to help with whatever Usopp was making or Luffy coming in to bug you guys they just seemed to have some type of magnetic pull to you and Usopp whenever your trying to flirt.

But now with them all running around in a Marine base farther into the island you have an actual chance.

"You know this is really nice" you say nudging him with your shoulder.

"Yeah the views pretty" he say back leaning his head into his hand.

"Oh uh- I mean yeah the view is really pretty but I meant us getting to be alone like this" you say stumbling over your words. God your screwing this up already!

Usopp turns his head to look at you as he blinks owlishly "it has been awhile since we got to be alone huh?" he says it with a slight nervousness that is so subtle that you almost miss it all together but you know all his little tells to well to miss it. But he always seems to have that when you two are this close so you simply brush it off for now.

"Mhm its like everyone has made it their mission to stop us from being alone together!" you say with a small laugh knowing that it wasn't true. If those dickheads knew how you felt about Usopp they would be all but forcing you two to be alone, hell you bet they would even lock you in a closet together.

Usopp though darts his gaze away from you and lets out a nervous laugh "yeah totally it would be SO WEIRD if they were doing that" ok that has thrown you for a loop.

Now you squint at him suspiciously looking him up and down "right… it is weird" ok it seems that it was true but why would they want to stop you two from being alone? Do you make Usopp uncomfortable? Is your crush so obvious that it's weirding him out? God you hope not.

Both of you are silent now looking out at the scenery not really knowing what to say now. Normally conversations flowed easier then a river with Usopp neither of you being able to shut up about whatever the current subject was but now the only thing that popped to your mind and threatened to slip past your lips were the questions of if you were causing him to

become uncomfortable. The possibility had never once crossed you mind before this he had always been more open with you about his thought and feelings then anyone else so why would you think that there was ever a chance of that?

You're probably overthinking things there could be other reasons for it other then him not feeling comfortable with you anymore if that was the case Nami, or Robin, or Jinbe would have told you if that was the reason. So what *is* the reason?

God why couldn't this have just gone exactly as you were hoping?

Looking over at him you see him fiddling with his own fingers staring into nothingness with a nervous flushed look on his face. You spent a lot of your time staring at his face. Looking it over and over so you can burn every detail into your mind so you will never forget it. And looking at it now fills your heart with the same all encapsulating love that usually does your worry being easily over powered by it to the point you could almost forget about it.

But you can't. Not yet at least.

"Usopp?" he almost jumps out of his skin at your voice his head snapping over to look at you.

"Y-yeah?" he sputters out glancing around anxiously which only makes you frown. Anxious is one of the last things you want to make him feel.

"Are we like… Good? Am I making you uncomfortable?" the words taste bad on your tongue and you almost regret saying them because of that but sitting here saying nothing would be much worse so you bare it.

"What? Yes- No! How would you make me uncomfortable?" he says in a confusion laced voice as he stumbles over his words his face reddening even more. Which you didn't think was possible.

"I don't know you're just acting differently then normal, so I just wanted to check that wasn't why" you advert your gaze from him and rub the back of your neck with your hand.

"Me? Different?" he makes a little noise while waving his hand through the air dismissively "I'm the same old me! Same Usopp as ever, nothing different at all!" you know that's straight bull shit.

"Can you please tell me the truth? I don't want whatever is bothering you to come between us." to emphasize your words you reach over and take his hand that was sitting in the middle of you two into yours and give it a small squeeze.

From the looks of it that breaks his brain and his mouth opens and closes like a fish's. Another thing that is insanely odd to you and causes your brow to furrow. Holding his hand was something you've done many times without him reacting like this. You don't move away though leaving that up to him, instead you stare at him quietly as he tries to get his brain to stop leaking out of his ears.

Right when it looks like he is finally about to talk he does something you never thought would ever happen. He kissed you. In a sudden unexpected burst of movement he lounges forward almost poking you with his nose as he locks you in a surprisingly deep kiss. Your only frozen for a few short moment before reciprocating not wanting him to think that this was a one sided thing for even a second.

It became pretty obvious just from the way he was moving against you that he has never kissed anyone before. He pressed a smidge to hard into you and the jerky movements he would do were awkward to work with. But that doesn't take away form the moment. Quite the opposite really. You feel a hot burning sensation of excitement at the thought that you are the first and only person he has ever kissed. Your not sure how long the kiss lasts after your observations but you do know that as soon as Usopp pulls away you just want to pull him right back in again.

"Uh- I uh… I asked them to stop us from being alone because I wanted to wait for the um- the best moment to do… Well that. And I *was* stalling a bit earlier." he pauses as he looks away from you instead looking at your one hand that was still grasping his "I knew I would mess it up if I was alone with you but I just did that anyway" he mumbles still not look back at you.

God this man was to cute, his meekness made you want to reach out and squish his face in your hands.

"If you ruined it I wouldn't have kissed you back moron" you state quietly and teasingly as you move your free hand to grab hold of his face (almost not resisting the urge to pinch his cheek) and press a quick small peck on your forehead "you could have kissed me in a sewer and I would have still been happy"

He finally lets his eyes fully meet yours and there is a hopeful look in his eyes that makes your heart expand "really? You aren't just saying that? Because your just so much more handsome and brave and cool then me and I've never-" you cover his mouth with your hand to stop him.

"It was a amazing kiss and I wouldn't mind having another" you drop your hand back to the side of his face gently cradling it and leaning back in to capture his lips again before he could start his rambling.

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