

The Common Thread

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Summary

Three Daxes, three kisses.

“I’m not -” says Benjamin, and the rest of the sentence disappears into nothing as Curzon kisses him. It’s very brief, lasting only a few moments before Benjamin gently pushes him away again.

“You’re not not interested in men,” says Curzon, when they separate.

Benjamin shakes his head.

“And I’m not the exception,” adds Curzon. He sighs, and then he chuckles. “Forgive an old man his vanity, I like to think I’m irresistible.” He adds, “If I had been a young woman when we met -”

“Nothing would have changed.”

Curzon has his doubts, but maybe it’s true. Stranger things have happened.

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It was Curzon who got to know Klingons, but Jadzia who fell in love with one.

She kisses Worf with her eyes closed and thinks about the future, which is something she didn’t worry about before. She isn’t going to love him for the rest of her life: she will love him for the rest of Jadzia’s life, and then the next Dax will miss him as a memory.

If that bothers him he never says, but aliens are often confused by Joined Trills and maybe he’ll only understand when she is finally gone. She hopes he’ll cope with it.

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She used to worry that Julian would think about Jadzia when they were together, but he swears that he doesn’t and in any case she feels differently now – Jadzia was Dax, and Ezri is Dax, and the line between them is sometimes difficult to draw. She tolerates ambiguity.

When she kisses him she remembers the first time they met, and she remembers the *other* first time they met, and both of those will be someone else’s memories eventually. Maybe they’ll meet for a third time.

So she doesn’t worry about Jadzia. She leans back, and pulls him down over her.

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