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"Maggie and Drew said they'd meet us at the airport," Lisa said as she turned to watch the skycaps unloading the luggage from Tracy Two's cargo compartment. She sidled up to Kyrano, who was giving instructions to a hangar employee about the jet. The young woman nodded, then went off to park the plane. The skycap touched his cap as he maneuvered the float with the luggage toward the Tracy Industries lounge.

"And how is our passenger?" Kyrano asked quietly as he offered his arm to his fiancée.

Lisa glanced back to see Cherie, her eyes focused on her little music player, trailing along behind them. She sighed, waving the girl to follow closer. Cherie looked up, and rolled her eyes slightly, a stubborn set to her mouth reminding Lisa all too well of her own daughter. But the girl picked up the pace and was soon tagging along directly behind her grandmother and grandfather-to-be.

"Kyrano and I will only be staying overnight with Uncle Drew and Aunt Maggie," Lisa explained once again. "But you'll be staying for the week while we head to Greenville and settle things there. Maggie thought it would be nice for you to get away from the island for a bit. She's got plans to take you shopping and sightseeing around L.A."

"You told me that already, Grammy," Cherie said with a sigh.

"Well, I hope you have a good attitude for your great-aunt," Lisa rejoined. She smiled, an impish look in her eye. "Who knows? You might even have fun."

By this time they'd reached the terminal and the lounge designated for Tracy Industries employees and guests. "There they are," Kyrano said. He smiled. "Greetings!"

"Hello, Kyrano! It's great to see you again, Lisa!" Drew moved forward, his hand outstretched. Kyrano took it to shake it, and Drew moved to hug his sister. "Hey, there, Cherie! Welcome back to Los Angeles!"

"Hey, Uncle Drew," Cherie said in a desultory tone, not looking up from her music player. Drew gave his sister a knowing glance and a sly grin as he put a hand on the teen's back and gently pulled her into the small knot of people.

Maggie turned to greet her sister-in-law, and suddenly a voice asked, "Well, Fruitcake? Aren't you going to say hello?"

Cherie glanced up, and her eyes widened in surprise and delight! "Steph!!!" she squealed, all but launching herself into her cousin's arms. "Steph! Oh, Steph! How'd you get here? What are you doing here?" The words tumbled out quickly, and Stephanie laughed as she hugged her cousin

tightly.

"Uncle Drew and Aunt Maggie sent for me. They thought it would be cool if we spent some time together before my school starts on Thursday," Stephanie explained. "Dad was kinda leery about it, but Mom thought it was a great idea... and here I am!"

"Oh, I never thought... wow! This is such a cool surprise!"

Cherie turned to her grandmother. "Did you know about this? Wait a minute; of course you knew! Whose idea was this?!"

"Mine, mostly," Maggie admitted, opening her arms to hug her great-niece. "After your mom and dad postponed your vacation, I thought it would be nice for the two of you to get together while your grandma and Kyrano went to close things up back east." She shrugged a little. "It's not the same as Wyoming, I'm sure..."

"No," Cherie admitted, "but it's the next best thing!"

By this time, Lisa had the opportunity to greet her other granddaughter, and suddenly there was a moment of quiet as Stephanie came face-to-face with Kyrano.

"I heard you're going to marry my grandma... sir," Stephanie said quietly and respectfully.

"Yes, I am," Kyrano replied, a little unsure of where the conversation was going.

The girl bit her lower lip, then sketched a little bow. "My name is Stephanie Parkhurst, sir, and I am honored to meet you, sir."

Kyrano smiled, and returned the bow. "We met briefly at your aunt's wedding, Miss Stephanie, but I am glad to make your acquaintance once again. And I am looking forward to becoming your grandfather, even if only by marriage."

There was a brief pause, then Drew clapped his hands. "Well, now that we're all together and everyone's been properly greeted, let's hit the road," he said. "Maggie's got a light dinner planned, and I'm hungry!"

The small group laughed, and the two girls fell into step as they followed Drew and Maggie out. Stephanie gave a quick glance over her shoulder at Kyrano and Lisa, and Lisa chuckled to overhear Cherie inform her cousin, "...and you'll have to call him 'Grandfather'."
