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Spawning Season || Marine biologist Deku x Mermaid Listener (18+)

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CW: Oviposition, LISTENER LAYING SOME MERMAID EGGS, Don't listen if you're not into oviposition WE'RE EXPERIMENTING LOL, Mermaid bits

Deku: (talking to someone in the background) ahhh I know.. I'm just going to do a couple more checks and then I head home, I promise! I.. know I've been overworking myself, but.. it doesn't feel that way. I love it here, and I love being able to learn more about these amazing creatures.

Shoto: (leaving) Okay.. Just promise me you'll get a decent sleep tonight? You push yourself really hard...

Deku: (Softly) Haha.. mm. I promise I will. Goodnight, Shoto! Get home safely!

(Door closes, and the listener taps on the aquarium glass to get Deku's attention)

Deku: hm? ... Oh! Hello, shimmer! **(He walks up to the glass)** Not sleepy? The mers in the other aquariums are all out cold.. Is there something wrong?

....mm? You want me to meet you at the top? .. Well, I was going to finish some paperwork, but I guess a little visit can't hurt. Alright.. you swim to the surface of the tank, and I'll be up there in a sec. Meet you up there!

(Listener starts swimming up to the surface, and waits a moment. Deku opens the door at the top and approaches)

(Sweetly) Shimmer! How's my favorite mer doing tonight? **(Shifts to worry)**... oh, you look a little flushed.. are you sick?? **(Worriedly mumbles as he's checking them over)** oh no... mmm... your forehead does feel a little warm to the touch.. And your scales..! They're much more iridescent than I last remember them being...

Are you able to tell me how you're feeling? .. Mm... Warm. Okay, hold on for me, Shimmer... Let me take some notes.. I might be able to figure out what's wrong. ... Ookay lets see here.. **(starts writing down)** .. Warm... Anything else? Any fatigue, or runny nose? or- .. a.. Ah..

(Nervous, flustered) You're.. Getting a little close.. Is it that you're hungry? ... Cold..? M-maybe I need to turn up the uhm.. Mm..- T-temperature in your aquarium tank...? Um..! Youre... W-wrapping your tail around me... What is it..? Can you tell me...?

(Sudden realization, soft little gasp) ... Oh..! Oh my gosh..! You poor thing, you're.. You're in the midst of spawning, aren't you? ... I should have known, both male and female mers' of your species lay eggs around this time of year... **(gently)** Shimmer.... Were you left alone all day like this..?

Oh, I'm so sorry... I started my shift tonight a little later than normal, and had to deal with the deep sea mers in the other wing until now... If I had noticed you needed some comfort while you were spawning, I would have rushed to your tank...

Since your tank is isolated, I assume these eggs are .. ahem... unfertilized, correct.? .. They must be... How long have you been like this, Shimmer..? **(soft gasp)** It's.. really been since last night? It shouldn't be taking this long at all for them to pass..! From the research I've done on your species, it.. Should only take a couple hours at most for the process to complete... I.. Could be wrong, though... With the lack of research done on your specific species. You're rare, Shimmer....

Mm... A-are they.. Not coming out? Has this happened before, love? ... Mm.. I see, so this is definitely not normal... This must be why they have you in the medicated tank all by yourself. Poor thing... The other researchers must have been hoping you'd just pass them on your own, but if they haven't come out by now....

Hmm... M-maybe I can um.... Help.. you. **(softly, reassuring, gentle)** If you're comfortable with it... You can scooch up on land a little closer..

(Listener slowly comes up further out of the tank, and gets close to him) ..That's it.... There we go.. Rest your back against my chest, Shimmer.. I'll be careful not to bend your beautiful fins. There.. Mm.. Okay.. How's this, are you feeling comfortable? I'm not bending your dorsal fin in an uncomfortable way right? .. Okay, sweetheart...

(cooing, soft) *Ohh...* I know.. I know... It hurts. To think you were having contractions all night, and all day.. By yourself.. And you couldn't get them out on your own. **(soft little sigh)** .. I got you now. I know I can't stop the discomfort, but I can help you relax... I'm.. Sure it's a lot of pressure.

Are you in pain...? **(soft breath)** Okay, that's good.. At least it isn't hurting you badly.

Mm.. We'll get those eggs out. I promise... **(there's some gentle silence a moment)** .. Your tail is tensing up so much just now, are you having more contractions? Ah- your body is so tense- h-hang on.. Just focus on keeping your body relaxed, okay?

I know it hurts, love.. But the more you fight it, and the more tense you keep all your muscles, the less likely they'll be to pass on their own..... It's okay, you're okay...

It... really seems like they're not budging, doesn't it? .. Oh, Shimmer.... Okay.. I'll tell you what we'll do. I'll sit with you a little while longer while you have contractions, and I'll see if I can help your body relax enough to pass them all...

The Mers I've studied so far seem to have clutches of about five to ten eggs at a time when spawning, but.. your species is so unknown, there isn't much documented. I was over the moon when we'd rescued you and brought you in. I've always wanted to know more about iridescent Mers...

Of course.. You don't need to thank me now. I'm.. So happy that you're safe now. you're recovering so well from being all caught in that awful fishing line.. I can hardly recognize you. You're doing so well.~

I.. I guess I might be the very first human to ever see an iridescent Mer in.. well.. a situation like this. Um.. Spawning eggs, I mean. I get to study every aspect of you.. At least.. before you're released back into the sea when you fully recover.

(Cooes) Oh, Shimmer.... Another contraction? It'll be okay. That's it.. just ride it out. See if you can let your body just.. sink back into my chest. Relax for me... that's it. I know it's hard, I know you're all warm and dizzy, and.. I know it feels funny..

This is natural.. just another part of your life.. and it'll pass, love. It'll be okay soon, I promise. I'm here.. I got you.

Mm... **(gentle kiss on their head)** .. Breath in for me. And out... Just like that. Perfect, you're doing so good.

A-ah..! Ouch, your grip on my wrist is, heh.. Pretty strong..! A-ah..? where are you putting my hand- ... um.. Sh-... Shimmer...

Y-you want me to.. Um. Touch you *here*? **(nervous)** U-um..! I mean.. I can if you think it'll help but..! Ah... **(softly, contemplating)** .. I guess it might help to loosen your inner muscles if I.. um.. Stimulate the area, right? .. **(soft, shaky huff)** ...

Okay... O-only to help you. I hate to see you uncomfortable like this... um.. Let me try something.. **(soft huff, as he gently starts rubbing)** Let me know if you want me to stop, okay?

(soft inhale) .. *Woah....* You're so slick down here... My fingers just glide across your smooth scales... mm..

I won't lie, I'm... Quite intrigued... .. With this more... intimate aspect of mers. We don't have much knowledge or research yet on this side of things... A-and I'm not suggesting that you let me use you as a guinea pig or anything like that of course..! But.. I'd love the opportunity to um... e-explore a bit... I want to understand you better.. And how your body works... Your anatomy is human-like, but.. So different at the same time. I'd.. Love to unravel every little secret that makes up such a beautiful mer....

Nn.... Yeah..? It's.. okay? Alright.... I promise, I'll be very gentle with you. Please.. Tell me the second I do anything you don't like, and I'll stop.. Okay?

(Soft breaths, continues rubbing them) .. You're so soft and slick here... So it's obvious that mers produce a slick substance for easier um.. Penetration, and egg laying... The more I rub between these soft folds, the wetter you get...

Mm...

Let me... Slip my fingers inside, see if I can help your muscles loosen up from the inside...

(Schlipping sound as he slides his fingers in)

(Breath hitching, amazed) *Oh wow....* They slid right inside so easily... You're so warm... **(soft breaths as he starts to move his fingers in and out)** Your body is responding really well to this..... Your tail is curling.. Does this feel good, Shimmer? ... **(softly)** so cute... Mmn...

You're shuddering against me..... You really are feeling good, aren't you? My sweet Shimmer... **(Soft breaths for a bit)**

... I.. I think it's working.. I can feel something coming... That's it, Shimmer.. That's it.. The first one is almost... ah.. **(He pulls his fingers out, watching as the egg starts coming out)** There you go.. The first egg is coming out!

(Soft, happy breath) There.. That's number one.. **(gentle kiss)** .. I'll keep going with my fingers, we'll get all of them out, okay? Keep going for me.... That's it... **(soft, heated breathing as he watches, fingering them some more)** ...

(soft, held back moan) ... Soaking wet.... Your body is really responding well... I.. I feel another.. That's it... there you go.. That's number two.. O-oh.. is that.. another..-

A-ah..! three...

See, shimmer? You got this..! That was two in a row! You're doing amazing... mm.. Gonna keep moving my fingers, seems to be helping you pass these nice and easy... Just a couple more, hang in there...

You're insides are so slick and hot... I think you really needed this, didn't you..? Mm.. Mer's aren't a solitary species, so I'm.. Assuming the reason you were having trouble is because of the stress of being in a tank all by yourself...

(soft breath) .. It's okay... I can arrange something, I think. There's... another mer who's in a solitary tank. A beautiful lionfish.... He's a bit feisty, but he's calmed down a lot since his rescue. We've been looking to move him to a tank with other mers, so he can be social. Maybe, if you're willing.. We could see how you two get along? It might make both of your stay here a lot less lonely...

Yeah..? oh..! Ah, another egg... There you go.. Won't be much more now.. That's four, so you're almost there! Hah... look at that.. Five...

Mm...

(softly) Wow.. A sixth...

You're doing amazing, Shimmer.. You're so, so close now... That might have been the last one...

(more slick noises, soft breaths) ... I think that's it.. **(softly)** ahh.. I'm so proud of you..! You got them all out. You look so flushed and exhausted.. Poor thing. Hmn...

.... Shimmer..? **(soft, quiet laugh)** Did you fall asleep..? ... mm..

(keeps his voice down) .. That's okay. You can sleep on me.. Your body went through a lot of stress that dragged on and on for hours... All by yourself. **(soft sigh)** .. You never cease to amaze me, with your strength. You really are such an amazing mer.... I'll stay here with you while you rest. I got you....

Rest well.. You deserve it, sweet Shimmer.

