

A ShadMaria Story

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1 - Christmas Eve

Maria was back from the dead- right before Christmas. Shadow was happier than he's been in a LONG time. But on Christmas Eve, as he stared out the window from the couch, he felt sad and depressed. But why? Maria was there!

Shadow sighed. He heard footsteps. His ears twitched and he turned his head. It was Maria. Shadow smiled a little and looked out the window again. Maria sat next to him.

"Did it snow last year?" Shadow looked over at her confused.

"Is that what that white stuff is?" Maria nodded.

"It's frozen rain," Shadow laughed quietly.

"Don't tell that to Sonic," Maria smiled.

"No, it didn't snow last year for some reason," informed Shadow. Maria looked out the window.

"I didn't see your last Christmas from...up there...what happened?" Shadow stiffened a bit.

"N-nothing major," Maria looked at him.

"SOMETHING happened,"

"I avoided the mistletoe at all costs," informed Shadow. Maria giggled.

"And...," Shadow added, his ears folding down.

"I didn't really enjoy it...,"

"Why? Because I wasn't here?" asked Maria. Shadow nodded and looked at the ground.

"I cried," He said that extremely quietly.

"What did you say?" asked Maria.

"Never mind," replied Shadow, looking up.

"What did you say?" asked Maria, a little more demanding.

"Nothing important," answered Shadow, blushing lightly. Maria smiled.

"That's it," She jumped on him. Shadow went wide eyed.

"Wha-" Maria started tickling him where his chest hair was.

"AH! S-stop! I h-hate it wh-when you d-do that!" Shadow exclaimed, laughing.

"Tell me what you said," replied Maria.

"Get o-off of me and I w-will!" Shadow exclaimed again. Maria got off of him. Shadow sat up, and scowled at her.

"I hate that!" Maria laughed.

"Okay, I know, just tell me!" Shadow sighed and looked out the window again.

"I cried,"

"Shadow," Maria whispered sympathetically. Shadow didn't look at her. He couldn't- his cheeks were burning. He felt a hand rub his shoulder. Shadow's cheeks turned redder. Maria stopped rubbing his shoulder and turned his head.

"It's okay, Shadow," Shadow turned around completely. Maria wrapped him in a hug, and Shadow hugged her back.

"I know you loved me, so-" Shadow pulled away quickly, interrupting her.

"Love?!"

"Oh, sorry! I meant love family wise," informed Maria, blushing a little.

"*Is she blushing?*" Shadow thought.

"Anyway, I understand why you cried," said Maria. Shadow nodded. They were quiet for a while.

"I remember your FIRST mistletoe experience," informed Maria, braking the silence. Shadow smiled a bit.

"You mean OURS!"

Flashback...

Shadow leaned against the doorway as eight year old Maria placed one last present under the Christmas tree in the center of the ARK. Maria stood up.

"That's the last one, I think!" She walked over to Shadow and leaned on the opposite side of the doorway.

"You okay?" Shadow looked at her quickly.

"Oh, yeah, I'm okay," They heard snickers. Shadow looked over in the other room to see employees laughing at...Maria and him!

"What are they laughing at?" He looked over at Maria to see her cheeks pink.

"Maria?" Maria pointed up. Shadow looked up and saw mistletoe, which made him go bright red. He looked back at Maria.

"Uh...," Maria kissed his cheek. Shadow was on the verge of fainting.

"No, you have to do lips!" exclaimed one worker. Gerald came by.

"Get back to-" He saw Shadow and Maria standing under the mistletoe.

"What's going on here?"

"Sir, she has to kiss Project Shadow on the lips!" informed another worker.

"Brett, they are kids!" exclaimed Gerald. Brett and the other workers walked away laughing. Gerald rolled his eyes and looked back at the other two.

"Grandfather, do we really have to?" asked Maria.

"No, but you can if you want. It's just like family kissing family," answered Gerald. Maria looked at Shadow, who was blushing harder than he was earlier.

"D-do you mind?" Shadow shook his head. Actually, he wanted to kiss her. Maria and Shadow kissed on the lips, just like they were family. Gerald smiled.

"Okay, just don't go past that," Maria smiled.

"I don't know how to kiss like that!" Gerald ruffled her hair.

"I know," He walked away. Maria looked back at Shadow, who was mesmerized.

"You okay?" asked Maria. Shadow snapped back into it.

"Yeah," Maria giggled.

"I don't think you would survive longer than that,"

End of Flashback...

"Stupid workers," said Maria. Shadow laughed.

"I can't believe they said that,"

"Me either," replied Maria.

"There's no mistletoe around here, is there?" Shadow shrugged.

"I don't want to find out," Truth is, he did. He wanted to kiss Maria again.

2 - The Mistletoe Incident

"So, what do you want for Christmas?" asked Maria.

"Nothing," answered Shadow.

"You can't want nothing!" exclaimed Maria.

"Yes I can," disagreed Shadow.

"There's gotta be one thing!" replied Maria.

"*You to be my girlfriend,*" Shadow thought.

"Nope," He got up. Maria came after him.

"I already got you a present, anyway,"

"You did?" asked Shadow, stopping. Maria stopped too.

"Yeah, of course!" Shadow smiled.

"I got you something too," Maria smiled back.

"Shadow," said a voice. Shadow looked over at the voice- who was Amy.

"Hi, Amy!" exclaimed Maria.

"Hi," replied Amy.

"What's up?" asked Shadow.

"The mistletoe above you two's heads," answered Amy. Shadow blushed redder than his eyes and looked up. Maria went as red as Knuckles' fur and also looked up. Sure enough, there it was. Maria looked back at Shadow. They WERE in a doorway. Why could she see that before? Shadow leaned back against the doorway nervously.

"Come on! It's just a kiss! It can't be on the cheek though...," informed Amy. Maria walked over to Shadow, bent down to his height, and kissed his lips gently for five seconds. She stood up completely and looked at Amy.

"That's a real kiss, right?" Amy shook her head.

"No, but that's okay. You're just twelve, so...," Maria looked at Shadow. He was blushing extremely hard.

"You okay?" asked Maria. Shadow nodded.

"Yeah, just fine,"

"You sure?" asked Maria.

"Yeah," answered Shadow.

"Sorry," Maria apologized.

"It's okay, I just don't know why this happened again," informed Shadow. Maria smiled and started walking away. She stopped.

"By the way, you're cute when you blush," Shadow blushed harder and Maria walked off. Shadow rubbed his face.

"I'm so nervous around her! How long is this going to last?!"

"Shadow, are you sure your okay?" asked Amy. Shadow looked at her.

"Yeah," Amy got beside him so she wasn't under the mistletoe.

"No you're not,"

"And why do you say that?" asked Shadow, crossing his arms.

"Most people would've gotten over their blush," answered Amy. Shadow looked down. Amy gasped.

"You like Maria!"

"No I don't," said Shadow.

"Then you love her," replied Amy. Shadow covered Amy's mouth, still looking down. He looked up at her.

"If you tell anyone I will kill you," Amy moved Shadow's hand.

"I don't think Sonic will be very happy,"

"Then I'll kill him too," replied Shadow.

"I don't think Maria would like that much either," informed Amy. Shadow growled.

"Shut up," Amy smirked and walked away.

"I'm doomed," said Shadow, hitting his forehead.

3 - Christmas, Confessions, and a Cliff Hanger

Later that night, Shadow sat in his room, watching Mad TV. Someone knocked on his door.

"I'm usually the only one up at ten...unless it's Sonic," thought Shadow. He got up and opened his door.

"Maria? Shouldn't you be in bed?" Maria smiled.

"No one can tell me when to go to bed anymore," Shadow smiled slightly.

"True," He let her in. Maria sat on his bed.

"What is this?" she asked, referring to the show.

"Oh, uh, Mad TV. It makes fun of lots of other shows. I should change it...it's PG-13," (Me: LOOK WHO'S RESONSIBLE! Shadow: Shut it.) Shadow picked up the remote and flipped through the channels.

"Well, Amy said you had to tell me something," informed Maria. Shadow dropped the remote and looked at Maria.

"What else did she say?"

"That if you don't tell me she will," answered Maria. Shadow went extremely red. He looked away from Maria and picked up the remote. He started changing the channels again.

"I'm guessing you never wanted to tell me in the first place," said Maria. Shadow sighed. He set the remote down.

"I want to tell you, but...I can't. It's...complicated,"

"Oh," replied Maria, disappointed.

"I knew it was too good to be true...he would never fall for me,"

"Well, I'll tell you something important if you tell me it," Shadow once again dropped the remote. He looked at Maria.

"And that is...,"

"You first," replied Maria.

"No, you first," said Shadow.

"You don't trust me!" exclaimed Maria, turning around so that her back was facing him. She smiled. She was joking around, but Shadow didn't know that.

"I do trust you!"

"Then tell me," demanded Maria. Shadow sighed. He was blushing extremely hard. He got up from the bed and turned on the lights. Maria looked at him. He was blushing again.

"You know what? You don't have to tell me! It's fine! I mean, my thing to tell you is not important at all!" She got off the bed, and tried to walk out. When she opened the door, Shadow shut it. Maria looked at him. His blush was gone.

"You sure?" Maria sighed. She looked at the ground and nodded. Shadow turned the light back off. The TV was the only thing lighting the room.

"Can you at least stay?" Maria looked back up and smiled.

"Sure," She walked back to Shadow's bed and sat down. Shadow picked up the remote and sat next to her.

"Shadow, like on the ARK, you can lay your head on my lap," informed Maria. Shadow blushed again.

"Uh...okay," He laid down, and then laid his head on her lap. Maria gently rubbed his cheek. Shadow started purring. Maria looked down at him. Shadow smiled nervously. Maria smiled, trying to hold back a laugh.

"I don't mind," Shadow stopped smiling and looked back at the TV screen. A few minutes later,

Shadow's purring was louder. Maria looked down again to see him asleep. She giggled quietly. She grabbed the remote and turned off the TV. She laid back, her head landing on a pillow, and went to sleep.

The next morning, Shadow woke up to a very shocking discovery- he was on top of Maria! Nose to nose. Shadow had a great urge to kiss her, but he knew he couldn't. He leaned in closer, but stopped when their lips were a centimeter apart. He forced himself away.

"*What am I doing?!*" He sighed.

"*Maybe...just the cheek?*" He shook his head. Then he realized it was Christmas! He gently shook Maria. She woke up.

"Shadow?" Shadow blushed hard.

"Look what happened last night," Maria giggled. Shadow got off of her. Maria sat up.

"It's Christmas!" Shadow nodded. Maria hugged him.

"Merry Christmas, Shadow!" Shadow smiled and hugged her back.

"Merry Christmas," He pulled away.

"Can you tell Amy that I told you?" Maria nodded.

"Sure,"

"Thanks," thanked Shadow. They both got off the bed and walked out. The living room was empty except for Amy...she was placing a gift under the tree. She stood up.

"Merry Christmas you two!" Shadow nodded.

"Too you too,"

"Merry Christmas," replied Maria.

"Did he tell you?" asked Amy, glaring at Shadow.

"Yes, he did," answered Maria.

"So...", said Amy.

"So what? There's nothing to talk about," informed Shadow.

"Your friendships not any different?" asked Amy.

"Why would it be?" asked Maria, looking at Shadow. Amy was half buying it.

"I thought the news would be kinda...shocking...I mean...all those years...and now...,"

"Everything is fine, Amy," replied Shadow, annoyed. Amy smiled.

"So, she's not shocked that you love her?" Shadow blushed hard.

"What?!" asked Maria. She covered her mouth.

"Yeah, I love her as a sister! What else is new?" Shadow asked Amy, keeping his cool. His blush faded. Amy sighed.

"Well, see ya later. I gotta go find Sonic," She walked out. Maria sighed.

"Is what she said true?"

"N-no, how c-could it? I mean, it's too w-weird!" Shadow stuttered.

"*She's never gonna by that,*"

"Yeah. I think so too," Maria agreed sadly. Shadow noticed she was sad.

"Maria?" Maria shook her head.

"It's nothing," She started to walk off. Shadow grabbed her hand.

"Maria, please,"

"It's no big deal...I like you more than a friend, that's all," replied Maria. Shadow gasped, and then smiled.

"Come here, Maria," Maria looked at him and walked up to him. Shadow hugged her. Maria hugged him back, confused.

"Amy's right...I do love you," informed Shadow. Maria blushed and pulled away.

"Aw, Shadow!" Shadow blushed.

"What do we do now?"

"Well-," Maria got interrupted by screaming. She and Shadow looked at each other, and then ran into the kitchen, where the scream came from. Shadow laughed quietly.

"That's so sweet!" exclaimed Maria.

Me: Cliff hanger!

Sonic: It involves me!

Amy: And me!

Me: And a-

Sonic: SHUT UP!

Amy: You just gave them a clue!

Me: How?

Amy: If it's 'a', the next word starts with a consonant, if it's 'an', the next word starts with a vowel!

Me: **YOU** just gave them a clue!

Sonic: I still love her. *Hugs Amy*

Amy: *Blushes, giggles, and hugs him back*

Me: I forgot to mention they are best friends and have been going out.

Sonic and Amy: *Start making out*

Me: GET A ROOM!...I own no one, stay tuned for the next chapter!

