Pearl’s POV:

I opened my eyes only to see a red-eyed creature in front of me. Wait, is that *Shadow?!* I immediately sit up in shock, and I also see Tails, Blaze, Silver, Knuckles, Rouge, Sonic, Amy, and a brown female hedgehog. “Huh? What? Am I dreaming?” I stammered.

“Nope,” Shadow replied, “This is reality.”

“H-how it that possible?! You guys are video game characters! You’re nothing but code!”

“Maybe on Earth, we are, but on Mobius, we’re living creatures,” Tails replied, “What’s your name?”

“I’m P-Pearl…” I said, still in disbelief.

Amy then walked up to me, holding a bowl of soup. “Want some, Pearl?”

I took it and said, “Thanks, but could you stop treating me like a child? I happen to be 18, thank you very much.”

As I drank the soup, Rouge commented, “You sure don’t look 18. Tails, could you use that thingy-ma-jigger Darlene gave you?”

“The Info-matic 200? Okay. Pearl, I’ll need a strand of your fur.”

I plucked a strand of fur and gave it to the yellow kitsune. He smiled and thanked me, and I couldn’t help but smile as well. He put the fur into the Info-matic, and I saw his eyes widen.

“You sure you’re 18?”

“Positive! Today’s my 18th birthday!”

“Well…” Tails rubbed the back of his head nervously, then he turned to the brown hedgehog. “Darlene, did your age change when you first arrived here?”

So Darlene’s like me; we both were human before arriving here. She shook her head and replied, “Not that I know of.”

“Why?” I asked.

“Pearl…the Info-matic says you’re only 12.”

My eyes widened in shock. “*Nani?!*”

Rouge giggled. “Maybe those 2 extra tails took away those extra 6 years.”

“Huh?” I turned around, and, sure enough, I had 3 tails!

“Rouge!” Darlene scolded, “Don’t make fun of her because she has 3 tails!”

“Yea!” Tails added, “Look at me! I’ve got 2 tails, and you’ve never made fun of me!”

It seemed as if Rouge was too busy laughing to hear what they had said. I got off the couch, setting my bowl down, and hugged the yellow fox. “Thanks, Tails…” I say.

“Oh, uh…no problem…” Tails chuckled nervously.

“By the way,” Silver told everyone, “where is Pearl going to sleep? I’ll be honest; couches are not comfortable when you’re trying to sleep.”

“She could always sleep in my room,” Darlene spoke up.

“But where will you sleep?” Rouge asked, finally though her laughing fit, “The only room with a big enough bed is-“

The bat trialed off, and Darlene seemed to realize what was gonna happen next since she facepalmed and said, “Oh…no…”

“Wow, Darlene, you’ve only gone on 1 date with him, and you’re already wanting to-“

Darlene cut her off. “Rouge. 1: That wasn’t a date. 2: I don’t like him that way!”

Rouge turned to Shadow. “Well I guess it all depends on if Shadow will let you sleep in his room tonight.”

Shadow growled. “I will, but don’t get the wrong idea! I’m only doing this because I think Pearl will be better off sleeping in Darlene’s room.” He crossed his arms and looked away from everyone else, but I could see a small blush forming on his cheeks.

Then everyone sort of disbanded after that. Darlene walked up to me and asked, “Hey Pearl? Do you want to use your last name or do you just want to be called Pearl the Fox? I’m asking this because I prefer to be called Darlene the Hedgehog when I’m like this, and I was wondering if you were like that as well.”

I thought for a minute, and I told her, “Actually, since I’m a female fox, I’d like to be called Pearl the Vixen,”

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