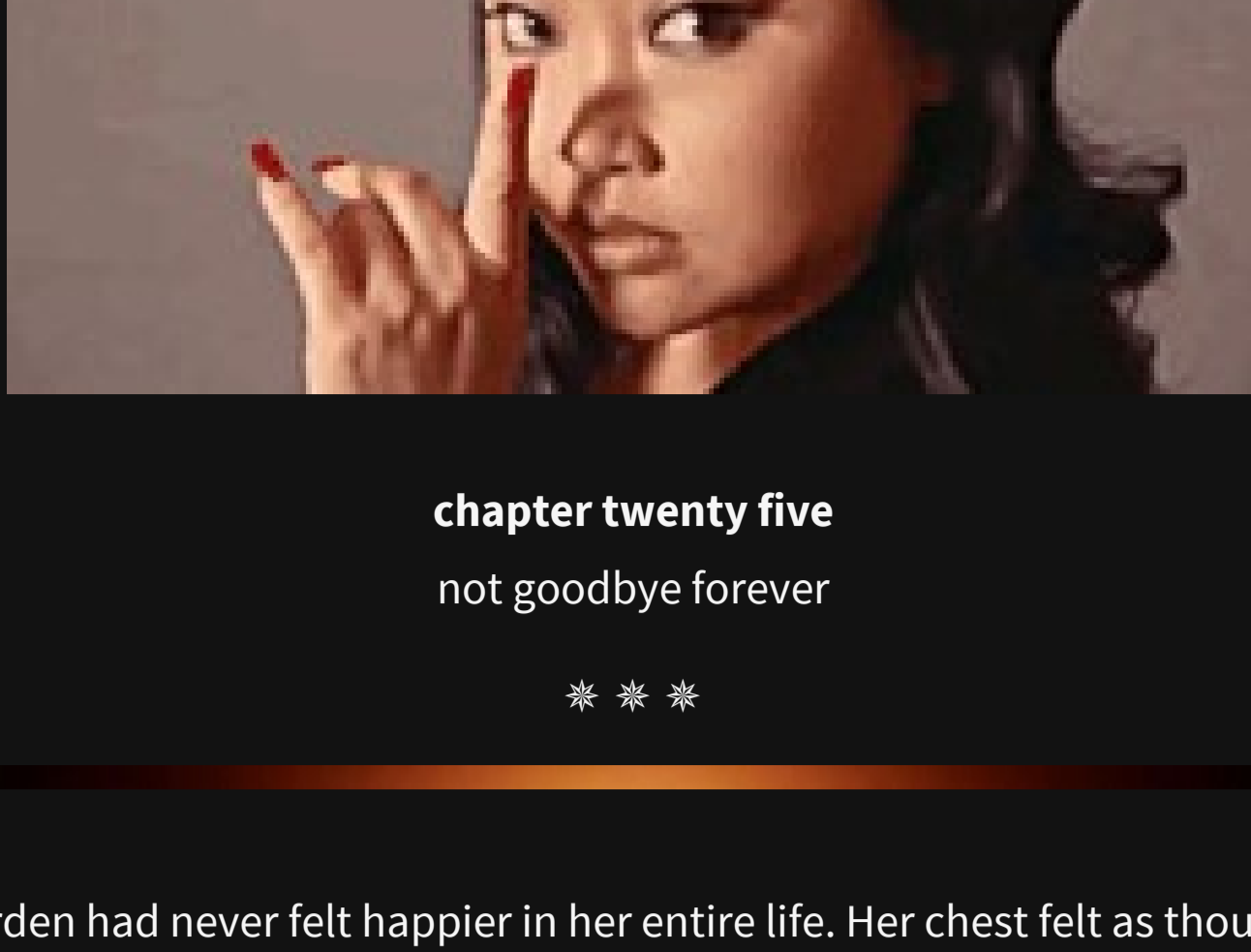


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Arden had never felt happier in her entire life. Her chest felt as though it was going to explode and it hurt so bad (in a good way) that it brought tears to her eyes. Jaws, the only man she could ever need in her life, had tackled her down onto the ground and wasted no time in kissing her all over her face.

"Oh my baby" she exclaimed laughing so hard they were convinced she would pee herself. "I missed you so so so so much."

The dog could not stop wiggling, he weighed so much Arden was sure to have broken ribs from how his elbows were pushing into her chest. She pet him frantically, kissing his face when he had stopped kissing hers.

It was the greatest moment of her life.

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"The sudden appearance of an enormous stone figure in the Indian Ocean has led to more questions than answers for authorities. U.S and Australian naval ships are maintaining defensive positions." The TV spoke.

Arden was sitting on the floor in front of Druig and Makkari with one hand holding her dog back so he would not try to take her food. It was moments like these when she scolded herself for spoiling him and treating him like he was a baby. He was just a little shit sometimes now.

"Are you gonna eat that?" Druig asked, pointing at her plate.

She lifted it up to him and he took what he wanted before they resumed what they were doing.

"You guys did that?" Ben asked, pointing to the TV.

"Yes sir," Arden grinned, lowering hand making her dog take the last bit of her pizza. "You son of a bitch!"

Phastos contained a laugh before looking to Ben.

"I love you so much."

Arden sat grumbling under her breath with her now empty plate in her lap. It was too late to go after him because as soon as his tongue hit the crust, it was gone. Vanished.

"Was he like this when he was with you?" Arden asked Ben.

"No actually," he smiled. "He just ate the dog food you told us to get and let ours alone."

"He's probably hungry," Druig said.

At his words, Jaws sat down and looked at him with a pant.

"I gave him some food already," Arden spoke, sighing and rubbing the dogs back. She needed to put her plate away but that used up too much effort.

"I'm not giving you my food," Druig told Jaws, who moved closer and closer until his head was practically on his lap.

Soon Phastos was up and running to the kitchen yet they paid no mind except for Makkari who had to hold his plate. Jaws laid his head on Druig's lap and began to whine, the puppy dog eyes had no effect on him.

"No," he said sternly.

Arden turned around and laid her head on Druig's other thigh and pouted.

"My dog ate my food," she sighed.

He looked between the two of them, eating his food slowly on purpose as the two watched. He sighed and grumbled, before giving a small piece to Jaws, who happily chewed away, and offering his plate to Arden.

She laughed quietly as she turned around and he looked at her confused.

"I was just messing."

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"Wow Dad, the domo is so cool," Jack said from Arden's back.

"Your dad fixed that with his bare hands," Phastos said.

They watched as Thena threw a stick for Jaws who happily ran in the open field. Arden had to admit it was very nice. The open air was way better than her small apartment back in Washington. She couldn't help but feel a little sad.

"Do you wanna go check it out?" Arden asked, adjusting so Jack wouldn't fall down her back. "It's way cooler on the inside."

"Yeah!"

"No," Phastos said, putting his hand out to stop them. "Absolutely not."

Arden stepped around his hand while he went on a rant and smiled slyly. She began walking backwards, keeping her eyes on Phastos, while she told Jack to run when she gave the signal. The boy was soon on her back and holding her hand and he couldn't contain his laughter.

"Phastos I would never endanger you're sweet boy," Arden said. "What kind of person do you think I am."

Phastos looked at her and at the laughing Jack beside her and his face filled with fear.

"Arden no," Phastos warned.

"Arden yes," the girl replied. "Now now now!"

The two began running, they didn't go very fast for their laughs had slowed them down and Phastos chased after them.

Soon enough Phastos got tired and ended up using his powers to capture Arden. The woman felt something wrap around her body too late for the next moment she was face down on the grass.

"Are you okay?" Jack asked worried, stopping and crouching down beside her.

"Yeah," she laughed. "Your dad is a meanie. Look at that I could've died!"

"You couldn't have died Arden," Phastos grumbled and kicked her feet as he walked past.

She rolled over onto her back and squirmed, screaming so loudly before she stopped and closed her eyes. A moment she stuck out her tongue with a 'blegh!'.

"You killed her dad!" Jack laughed.

"I did not," he scooped, secretly putting Jack at least 2 feet away from the domo.

"You didn't but get me out of this," she squirmed again.

"You're in timeout."

"What! Why?!" she exclaimed. "Jack, Jack help me."

Phastos looked at her with a smile before rushing Jack along and she scooped.

"Man I thought we were best friends," she mumbled.

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"Hey Phastos," Druig spoke, his smile slowly fading as he became serious. "Take care. This would be lucky to have you."

"Thank you," he spoke holding out his hand. "I know you're not a hugger so..."

They shook hands before Druig tugged and embraced him in a hug. Arden 'awwed' in her head and pulled her phone out quickly to take a photo.

"Cute," she said, looking at the photo.

She turned around and began walking to the domo.

"Arden!" Phastos shouted. "Where are you going?"

She hadn't realized she had walked so far away already when she turned around.

"To the domo!" she shouted back.

"Without saying goodbye?"

She thought for a minute, not sure why she was just leaving but soon she turned into a wolf and had sprinted toward him. She talked him to the ground and kissed all over his face. When she got up, going back to normal, he laid there and she laughed.

"That's what you can do?" Jack spoke in awe.

"Yeah it's kinda boring from mind control and changing elements and whatever it is your dad does," she snickered.

"That was so mean," Phastos huffed as he stood up.

"You tied me up."

"You took my son when I told you not to."

"Touché."

They looked at each other before going into a bone crushing hug.

"I am going to miss you Phastos. I'll come visit."

"You better," he grumbled. "This isn't goodbye for ever."

"I know."

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Arden sat on the floor laying on Jaws as he slept. She tossed a rubix cube up into the air repeatedly.

"It's been weeks," Makkari signed. "We haven't heard from any of them. It's like... they've disappeared."

"Maybe they all died," Arden spoke, yawning.

Makkari sent her a glare and her eyes widened.

"Arishem," Thena said. "We have to go back."

That's smarter Arden thought. Better than death a little bit

Arden tensed at a weird feeling and looked to the others who shared a look.

"I feel it too."

Arden stood up, Jaws' sleep not interrupted, and walked slowly beside Thena and Makkari.

"What?" Druig asked with a mouthful of food.

Arden had to resist the urge to laugh at him. How adorable

A light was forming in the hallway and screaming was heard until something or, someone? flew into the domo.

Arden panicked and went forward to try and attack before Makkari held up her hand.

The drunk laughed. "Aah! My ears. My eyes are numb. No more drunk teleporting for you."

Hmm. Weird

"Hang on hang on," he spoke, clearing his throat. "Behold, the royal prince of Titan, brother of Thanks, the Knave of Hearts, defeater of Black Roger. . ."

"Roger," the new person corrected.

"Oh," he groaned. "Defeater of Black Roger. The great adventurer, Starfox of Mystery Planet."

"What a pleasure to make your acquaintance," he bowed. "My fellow Eternals."

Arden huffed and went back to lay on her dog.

"You know you really don't have to do the thing everytime."

"Everything you do is impressive."

"I once bit a deviants face off," Arden spoke, lying just to fix the weird vibe.

They looked at her and she smiled.

"Who are you?"

"I'm Eros," he spoke. "This is Pip. And you are as beautiful as legends say, Thena."

His eyes flickered back to Arden on the floor and he smiled.

"And as you, Arden. Though I did not expect the whole biker thing."

"What do you want, lads?" Druig spoke before he could continue, a frown on his face.

"Pip and I are here to help, aren't we?"

Pip burped and Arden frowned. A gold orb floated above Eros' hand and she tilted her head in confusion.

"Your friends are in big trouble," he spoke. "And we know where to find them."

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I FINALLY FINISHED

what are your thoughts or whatever i would very very very very much love to know them

thank you for reading this and if you're here from when i first published i love you and thank you for staying for a year



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