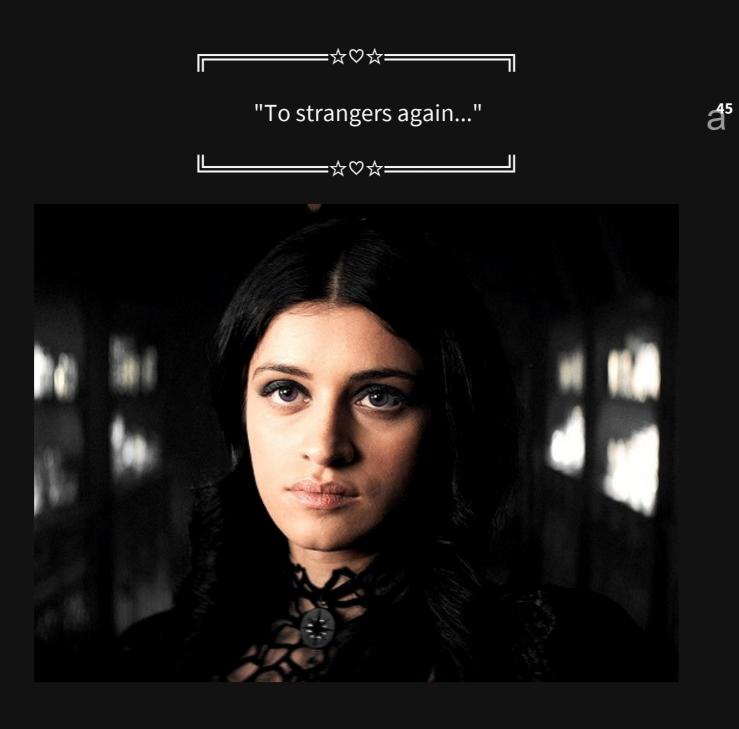
confiding in friends



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Makkari leads me o the property and signs " Candy and booze is needed. I'm sorry I ever tried to push you two together. He's the worst. The next time I see him I'm taking a pipe to his knees."

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I laugh and she smiles to me. 'Let's get shit faced and forget about Druig the man whore."

I nod and we walk through the dunes signing and nodding to each other.

We eventually start racing just to get to where we need to go. She's ridiculously fast

Unfairly fast.

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Back at base:

Ikaris crosses his arms as the blonde bimbo scrambles to put her clothes on. Ikaris is low on patience "Hurry the fuck up." She shouts "I'll see you later Druig!"	
Phastos says "No you won't."	a 6
She leaves the house quickly and everyone enters Druig's room as he looks around for some boxers or clothes to slide on	a
Everyone fills into the room and he says "Jesus! Is it really necessary for you all to be in here?! Maybe let me get some clothes on first!"	ß
Sersi crosses her arms and says "You don't deserve that luxury. You deserve humiliation."	a⁵
Thena rolls her eyes and says "You fucked up."	a B
Ajak sighs and says "You really did. I am very disappointed in you Druig."	
Ajak walks out and Ikaris says "Fix it. Now."	ส์
Druig says "Fix what? I'm not Gaia's little servant that needs to mop up her tears every time she's overemotional."	122 d
Sersi says "Druig!"	
Ikaris walks over to Druig as he slips on sweats on over the boxers he just slided on. He grabs his collar and says "Gaia did nothing to provoke you. You made her witness your disgusting man whore habits very vocally. She has stuck by you when nobody else on the team hasn't. You fucked up."	කී
"She fucked Loki and Thor. Honestly, I should be good to go with another woman tonight."	ď
Sprite sco s and says "You know, they were all right about you. That you're more of a foe then a friend."	
Druig says "And I'm sure Gaia indoctrinated all of you to hate me."	ືສ
Gilgamesh shakes his head and says "That's the thing. She didn't. We just know you are in the wrong here and have seriously screwed up."	

Sprite says "Quite literally."

Sersi says "Gaia doesn't even like Thor or Loki like that anymore."

Druig says "Could've fooled me, the last time she was out with them she wasn't back for a week. She was sleeping with them that whole week. But I'm the bad guy."	
Ikaris shakes his head and says "You're a dick."	
"Takes one to know one Ikaris. I thought you despised Gaia. What's with the sudden change of tune. Has she taken you up on your o er too?"	8 6
Ikaris' anger spikes and he says "Alright I've heard enough."	a
He punches Druig across the face leaving him with a bruised eye. Druig stumbles into the wall and Sprite says "It's like I don't even	
know him."	å
Kingo says "Ikaris That's enough. Sersi"	
Sersi nods and says "Ikaris" Ikaris says "I won't hold back next time. You're lucky Gaia even	
defended your sorry ass. If you hurt her again You won't ever be going back to olympia." He slams Druig into the wall holding his shoulders tightly.	åı
Sersi says "Ikaris! Let's go." He releases Druig with another push into	
the wall leaving a small dent in the wall.	
Sersi pulls Ikaris out of the room and Phastos says "What the hell druig" he walks out and Gilgamesh sighs dissapointedly and heads out with Phastos.	
Thena chimes in "I have the strong desire to behead you right now.	
Both heads" she turns and leaves without another word. Druig gulps loudly feeling his throat tighten at Thena's very real threat. Sprite says "I have one more thing to say to you Druig."	කී
Druig says "Oh goody. Go ahead Sprite."	
She walks over to him and provides him a swi kick to the nuts. "That is all I have to say to you." He doubles over and she swi ly leaves.	a
Now all that remains at the door is Kingo.	
Kingo says "That was not cool man. Gaia is one of the sweetest girls to exist. Even though she has her moments you shouldn't have hurt her like that."	
"We weren't even dating!"	a
"You two have been flirting since the moment we got o Olympia. She wouldn't have reacted like that over nothing. Fix your shit Druig."	~
Kingo leaves and closes the bedroom door behind him. Druig rubs his temples and winces at the throbbing pain from his eye.	
The team is overreacting. Gaia should be just as accountable. She was macking lips with the asgardian brothers and they all knew tha She's just more likeable and a pretty face of the eternals	it. a ¹
Druig heads to the bathroom rinsing the small amount of blood o his face. He says irritared "I'm in the wrong yeah right. No. She's the one who jumped at the opportunity to see her lover boys. A er she fed me all that nonsense about opposites attracting. She's so full of shit."	
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With Gaia:	
"And so I come home a er an exhausting day of wrangling drunken soldiers and dealing with that and I find the man I'm supposed to be with fucking another woman! Moaning up a storm. My friends tried to stop me from hearing the girl he picked up calling out his name. Buuuut it didn't work! Now those noises are permanently implanted in mah brain!" I slur my words from my druken state.	
The man stares at me wide eyed and says "So you weren't even dating this guy?"	
"Well, technically no."	
He shakes his head and says "Then you're just overreacting sweetheart."	ซื
Oh I'll tell you where you can shove that sweetheart, asshat.	
"He shouldn't have toyed with my feelings and slept with the first thing that walked by." "That's just how mon are hency. You must just not be acquainted	
"That's just how men are honey. You must just not be acquainted with men's way of doing things. It's natures way. Men are allowed to sleep with who they like."	a
This guys a man enabler. Men can do no wrong. Wow you sure woul love Druig. Maybe you could cheat on your wife with his help. There sadly is some truth behind his words	ld đ
There sadly is some truth behind his words.	
We aren't dating. I am technically nothing of significance to him.	
The man says "He probably slept with her to just get your attention.	

Or in spite. Some man was flirting on my wife and I slept with another woman. She never let a man flirt on her again. Men are never in the wrong. As you should know by the books we read to our children,	
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Who the fuck does this guy think he is?	a
I make a disgusted face and say "Cheating on someone is a cowardly move and shouldn't ever be rewarded forgiveness when you're married. That's disgusting. You're lucky your side piece didn't get pregnant. You'd be the talk of the town!"	
He sco s and says "Go run on back to your male owner woman."	a
I gasp and say "Excuse me?!"	
Did another man just piss me o ? ON TODAY of all days?! Between the line about men being superior to the run on back to my OWNER! OOoooh he's asking for a broken arm.	? a³
I slap him across the face roughly and he slams my shoulders away from him shouting "Slut! Run on back home to where you belong!"	
I growl towards him and Makkari pries me away from strangling the man. She pulls at me as I land in a firm jab to the mans eye.	
Oh we're running now? Makkari is running now? Oh why?	a
We stop in front of a lake and she signs "what we're you thinking starting a bar fight?"	
I hu and sign "He deserved that."	
"I'm sure he did but you are way too drunk to hold your own 10 v 1 with a bunch of big burly guys."	
I laugh and say "No silly! It would have been 10 v 2! Like I'd let you miss out on the fun."	
She rolls her eyes and signs "howconsiderate of you."	
I nod and scream "Now you promised me CANDY!!!"	
Makkari shakes her head and we walk towards the closest town to the lake we stopped at.	
This is going to be a long night with a drunk Gaia.	
"Oh! Let's also go steal some shit!"	
Makkari shakes her head to Gaia and then signs "Fine. Only because I enjoy stealing and it brings me joy."	đ
I smile to her and hug her tightly.	
"You will always be my best friend! Who needs men! I know I doooon't!"	1 6
Makkari nods and signs "I know. I know. We've been saying this for centuries G."	đ
My lip quivers and I say blurting it out "I think I really cared about him. Now all I feel is gross and sad and like a pile of mush. He made me feel like a pile of mush. I don't like that. That's not fair. I don't want to feel like a pile of mush. I want to feel those butterflies and the warmth from his dimpled smile. He's such a jeeerrkkk."	14
Makkari pats my hair down and signs "I know. I know."	
I have literally no idea what she's saying with her voice warbling like that and her lip quivering. She won't even remember this conversation in the morning. I'm all good I think? Seeing her like this only makes me want to ring Druig's neck even more. Why the he did I ever root for Garuig to ever happen? Garuig? Or like maybe	
Gruig? Daia? Druia? No. Draia? I kind of like that.	a
NO Stop it! Focus.	
Yes. Draia.	
No! It's not gonna happen. He's made Gaia cry, Use your brain, Okay – now just nod to what Gai	ia
He's made Gaia cry. Use your brain. Okay now just nod to what Gai is saying and rub her back. The vibrations are all mu led from her lack of composure.	ld
I don't blame her though.	

At least she didn't have to come face to face with the girl Druig brought back at home. I had to watch him bring her into his room. Trust me when I say that I did try to intervene and kick Druig's ass.

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Later on:

Druig sits beside Sprite as she sits beside the stone fountain in the garden. He clears his throat and Sprite says "I don't want to talk to you."	a
He nods and says "Common phrase I've been hearing all day."	a
"You shouldn't have hurt Gaia then."	
He shakes his head and says "I wasn't thinking."	a
She sco s and says "I find that hard to believe. If Gaia was going to	

sleep with someone you decided you were too. Did you not think you would get caught?"

He sighs and says "I wasn't thinking. I told you this. Gaia is just... she drives me nuts and knowing she was going to see her ex lovers pissed me o ."

Sprite shakes her head and says "So you slept with someone else in spite of that."

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He groans and says "I'm not proud of it alright? Gaia fed me all these lies and then just ran to their defense. I was finally getting somewhere with her and everything. Are you even sure she heard or saw anything?"

Sprite sighs and says "Trust me... she knows."

He sighs and says "Wishful thinking."

"She defended you at every questioning of your morals or allegiance to us. You said that she was the one leading the Druig smear campaign but she wasn't. All Gaia's life since we've been on earth has been in defense of your character. You mucked up your reputation all on your own, pretty easily."

She stands up and walks away. Druig sighs and says "Sprite!" "Piss o ."

Druig mutters "Always a delight.."



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a/n: small fight in this chapter but just preparing you for the big argument and drama between Druig and Gaia that's quickly approaching. The big blow up. That'll be posted later. I'm still working on it. I really wanna make a splash but not completely ruin the chances of a romance ever blossoming. Anyway, I want to post some of my other stories I have in dra s but I don't know if you guys will like them or even read them. I literally have stories on top of stories for each character. What characterxromance with an oc would you guys like to see? I have 40 unpublished option (a) that's a little nuts right? Anyway, THANK YOU FOR 30k views! I love you guys! You're the best. Keep on reading and voting. Also... did I just make sprite and Ikaris more likeable than Druig in this chapter? Oh my goodness... buckle in for the next chapter. It may or may not be a tear jerker

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