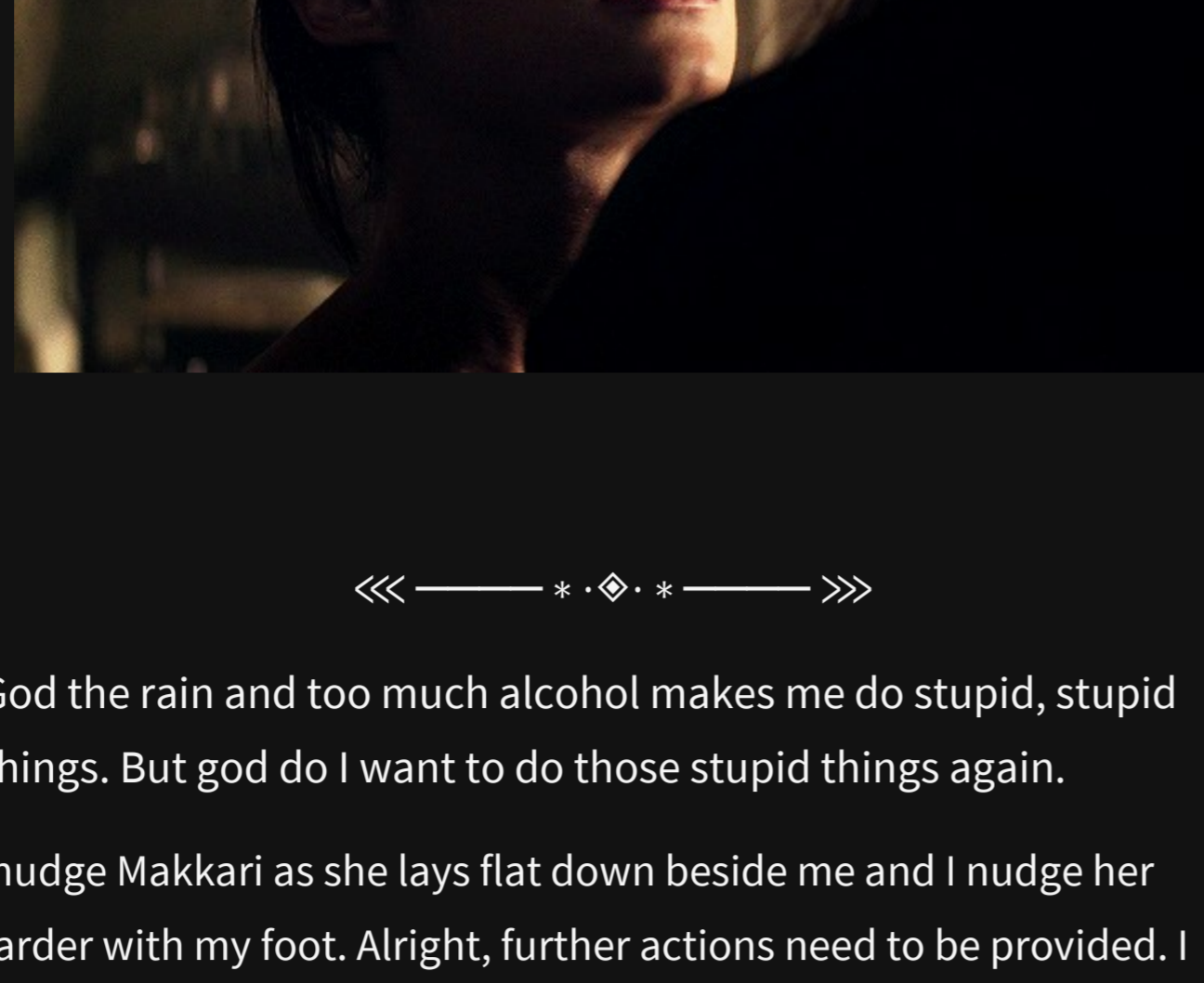


## suppressed emotions

Mamma mia, here I go  
again. My, my, how  
can I resist you?



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God the rain and too much alcohol makes me do stupid, stupid things. But god do I want to do those stupid things again.

I nudge Makkari as she lays flat down beside me and I nudge her harder with my foot. Alright, further actions need to be provided. I kick her and she tumbles o the bed. She groans and goes to her knees as she peers over the side of the mattress glaring daggers into me. She's pissed.

I smile innocently and she signs "What were you and Druig doing on the roof last night?"

I shake my head and sign "Just talking."

She eyes me and signs "You're lying."

I sco and sign "I am not. She nods and sighs "You're a horrible liar. You've started keeping things from me. I don't like it. We're best friends. We tell each other everything. I don't like you being all closed o."

I sigh and shake my head as I get out of bed "It's nothing Kari."

"If it's nothing then just tell me what the nothing is."

I exit the room and Makkari begins to get frustrated with my avoidance. She nods to herself and goes on her way to find Druig. Uh oh. I sit at the kitchen table and Kingo says "It's weird without Ikaris and Sersi at breakfast with us."

Sprite sco s into her oj cup and Thena comments "It's actually breathable in here without Ikaris' ego." I snort and high five her. She smirks and I pour myself cereal and milk.

I take a bite of the cereal when Makkari walks in with a almost naked Druig. The cereal gets stuck in my throat and the pure shock causes me to choke. I gasp and go into a coughing fit

Thena slams her hand into my back helping me breathe again. I groan and stare down at my cereal with my cheeks reddening. Druig smirks and Kingo groans "Dude. Where are your clothes? I'm trying to eat here. The mens fashion show is later."

Druig looks to Makkari and says "She dragged me out of bed before I could put them on." Phastos teases "You should probably put some on before Gaia chokes on her cereal again." The team laughs and I really have the urge to slam my head into this table. I rub my throat and take a sip of my water.

Ajak says "Go put some clothes on Druig." He nods and walks away to go change. I cross my arms and Makkari signs "Your body seems to have had a reaction to naked Druig."

I crinkle my nose and bite into my cereal again. Can I drown myself in this bowl of cereal?

What kind of comment is that? He's hot what does she expect?

I clear my throat and change the subject "So, who's teaching at the school in Sersi's place?"

Phastos says "Ah, that'd be me." I nod and say "Have fun with that. I have to go into town and speak with the citizens and then find out what they will be doing with Phastos' advances in tools and other things."

Sprite yawns and says "Sounds boring."

Makkari signs "I'm sure she'll make time to shove her tongue down Druig's throat."

She knows. Shit.

I stand up abruptly and everyone looks to the two of us as I pull her out of the room. " Stop it. Stop embarrassing me Makkari! She crosses her arms and shakes her head "I saw you two in the rain last night. You came inside and didn't tell me anything about you two. I was waiting for you to tell me. You weren't going to tell me. You don't trust me with that information."

I sigh and squeeze her shoulders "I was going to tell you when you woke up but you seemed angry already."

"You should have told me last night."

I nod and say "I know. I know."

She crosses her arms and I shake her shoulders and attempt to make her smile. Ajak discusses the next deviant missions and Druig enters the kitchen again. He looks around and Kingo says "The two peas in a pod are currently arguing in the living room."

He nods and Makkari sco s as I completely lie to her.

I sign "No, there's nothing else going on. We kissed and we haven't discussed it yet and I know you went out to steal artifacts again last night."

She rolls her eyes and signs "That is none of your business."

I shake my head and sign "Fine don't tell me what's really your problem. I walk away annoyed and she sighs. I enter the kitchen and immediately bump into Druig. Immediately our eyes widen and his hands grab my sides steadying me. Kingo mutters "It's like a massacre. I can't look away but I probably should."

Sprite says "I'm going to puke up my eggs. Gross."

Gilgamesh mutters "Next wedding is there's."

I slide my hands over his and slowly slide them o my sides. I bite down on my lip hiding half my smile and stepping away from him. Phastos says "So when did that happen?"

Druig hums "Hm? What?"

Kingo says "You two. I thought she still hated your guts."

I walk out of the kitchen with my slice of toast and I take a bite out of it. Druig says "I don't know what you are talking about." Kingo says "You know, the whole flirting thing you're doing right now you were doing before you mucked up everything with Gaia and slept with Tammy."

Druig says "Tammy's gone. She's been dead for like 500 years. Anyway, I'm dressed. Why did Makkari drag me out here?"

Thena yawns and says "This situation all seems pretty repetitive right?"

I enter the barn and scale the wooden ra ers. Makkari watches as Druig goes to find me. Anger boiling up. My actions are irritating her obviously.

I climbed up to the top ra er frustrated with Makkari's anger with me. I was going to tell her. I haven't told anyone yet. I was going to tell her first about the making out with Druig before anyone else. Of course I would. She's my best friend. Nearly every night we end up asleep beside each other.

She's everything to me and her being angry with me is not ideal.

I rub my temples stressing about how to tell Makkari about my Mad w'r'y. "How'd I know you'd be up there."

I look down to Druig as he looks up to me. oh look... he has clothes on now.. booooo.

I groan and say "Makkari knows we kissed."

He says "How? And you're the one who kissed me." I sco and say "Keep talking like that and it won't be happening again." He laughs and says "Oh, Gaia. You're going to make me climb up there again aren't ya?"

I mmhm and he climbs the ra ers. One by one. I lay on my stomach and lean over the side of the ra er to get a good view of Druig climbing. Can I get nearly naked Druig climbing the ra ers instead? Why'd Ajak have to make him put some clothes on?

That man has roped me in. I've been roped into gawking at him like this. He sits on the ra er I'm on and says "Happy?"

I smile and say "Take o your shirt and I'll be happier."

"Funny. Not happening."

I chuckle as I now move to lay on my back. "Wishful thinking am I right?"

He nods and says "Care to talk about what happened yesterday?" I sigh and say "Sure, what first?"

"So, you kissed me while we were drinking..." I nod and say "Continue." He says "Do you regret it?" I do you're regret to him making sure to put the emphasis on you "Do you're regret it?" He shakes his head and says "I asked first." I nod and say "Well, you can answer first."

He shakes his head and says "Why do I have to answer first?"

"Because.... Because..."

He chuckles and says "So, go ahead Gaia."

"Why do I have to talk first?" I whine out

"Okay soo I don't know what to say."

I sit up and say "I don't want to say something that we don't both agree on." He nods and says "Yeah..."

I sigh and say "So am I a good kisser?"

He gulps and I say "Eros said I was a good kisser." He looks to me annoyed and says "What?" I nod and say "I have... a history with Eros." His eyes widen and says "Oh." I smile and say "That was a long time ago." He says "You get all the men don't ya?"

"Excuse me?" I sco out

He defends "No. No. Not like that god I'm so bad at this. I mean you dated attractive guys-" I kick his leg and say "If you start fishing for compliments I'm gonna kick you o the ra ers. I only have history with those guys."

He says bluntly interrupting me slightly "I enjoyed the kiss."

I nod and say "No regrets?"

He smiles and says "No regrets." I nod and say "Are you going to make me initiate every kiss from now on?"

He nods and says "I'm lazy what can I say." I look down to the ground and say "Well, there's no Sprite or Ikaris to interrupt us." He leans over me and hovers above me. He kisses me and I loop my le arm behind his neck.

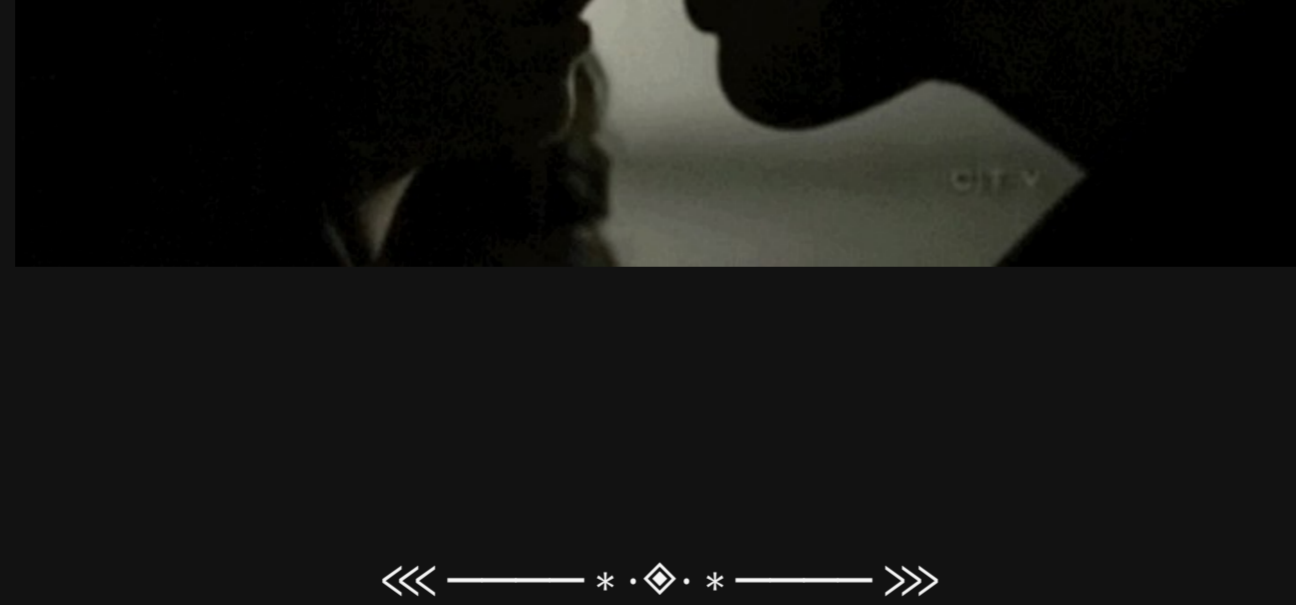
Yeah... he's a good kisser.

He pulls away and says "I don't think I'll ever get tired of that."

"I'm glad."

"You're a good kisser Gaia."

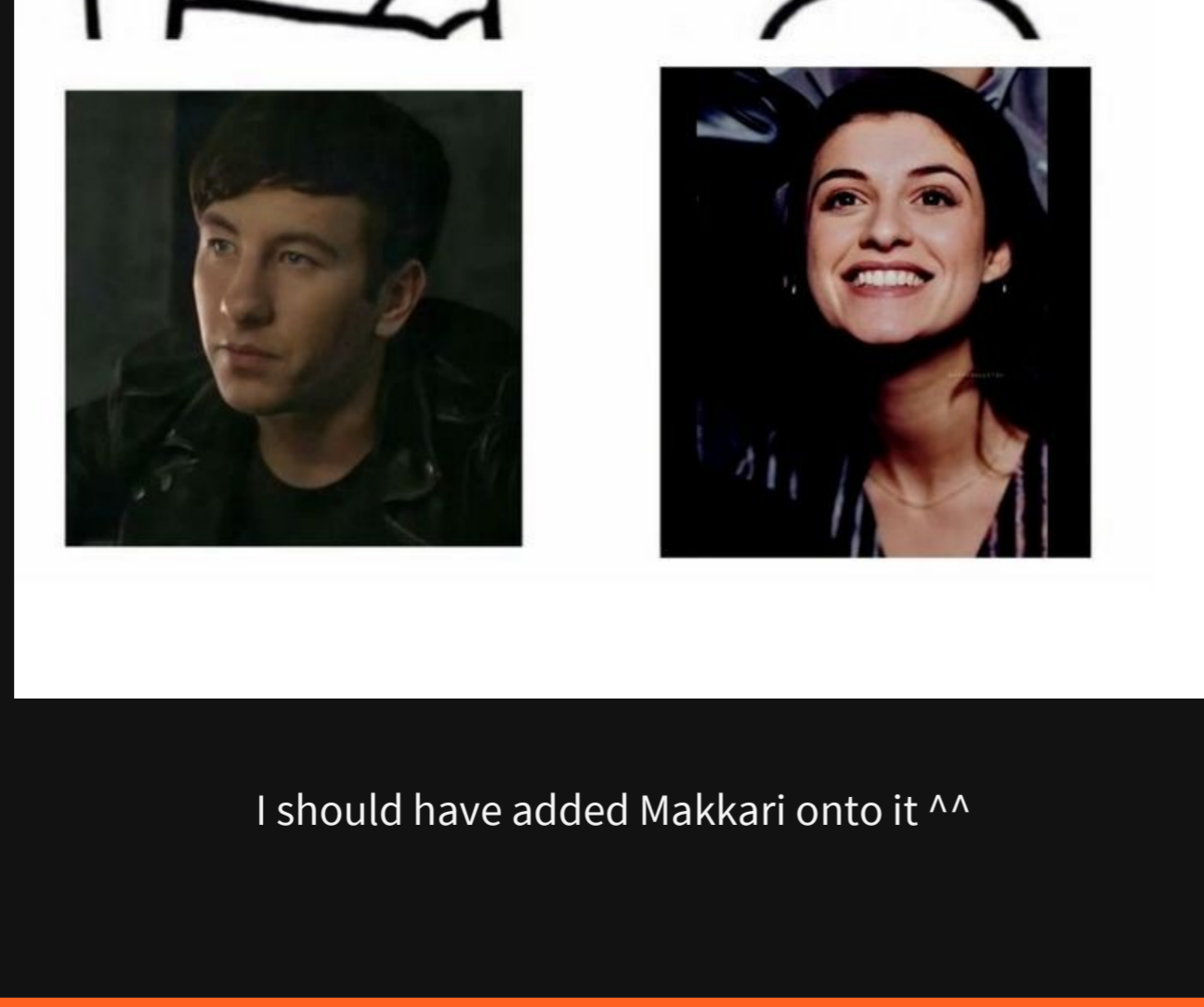
Oh he so shouldn't have given me that ego boost.



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a/n: Obviously Makkari and Gaia are having some problems. Makkari knows Gaia is lying about more then just a kiss hmmm. When will Kari find out the truth? I'm sure she won't be expecting Gaia to be su ering from mad w'r'ry. I LOVE LOVE LOVE this little tiny edit below. Gaia looks so happy oh my goodness. This is embarrassing but I was watching Thor Dark World while writing this, I'm ashamed to say I enjoy that movie too much. Thor is smoking hot in it. Plus Sif is smoking hot in it also and Loki is... well Loki's always attractive but I personally find Thor 1 his best look. Anyway, I think I'm going to jump to the last deviant battle next or soon... I can't make up my mind. Do you think I should extend this part of the book a little longer? Put in some more grovelling? A er the last battle the team disperses :( I'm still working on figuring out how Gaia fits into that. Please provide guidance I'm struggling. Also, haha this one person added my book to their reading list called **'Shit books I didn't like.'** I got a good laugh out of that one. Haha **Questions I didn't like.** I got a good

Q&A: Best marvel ship?



I should have added Makkari onto it ^^

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