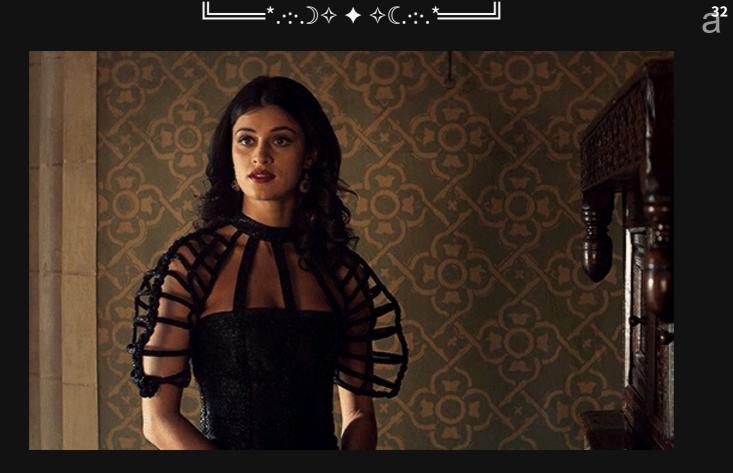
expose secrets



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I sigh as I enter my empty bedroom, I'm not enjoying the silent treatment I'm receiving from Makkari. It feels horrible. I don't think I've gone a full day of life without talking to her. I turn back around and enter makkari's room.

I knock on the door and walk in. She waves me away but I keep walking towards her

"Go away."

"No."

She hu s and I jump onto her bed and sit on her legs. She grumbles and I sign "I just made out with Druig."

She rolls her eyes and I sign "I was going to tell you first. I know how angry you were when I didn't tell you immediately a er."

She attempts to kick me away from her but I hold my ground. She pushes me o her and we end up getting in a smacking match. She pushes and smacks my arm and I return the beautiful and loving gesture back. Just more aggressive.

She pushes me too hard and I grab ahold of her arm as I go tumbling o the bed. We start swatting at each other as we roll on the ground. "Fighting always did calm your ass down. Fighting has always been your solution for when we have an argument."

She smacks me upside the head and I chuck her o me ready to continue this disagreement.

Makkari and I have an odd friendship alright?

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She speeds towards me tackling me to the ground. My head smacks the hardwood floors and I groan as she does her speed punches to my stomach. I grab her fist stopping her mid swing with my heightened senses.

She grumbles as she throws stu from her nightstand at me.

I look to her as I duck out of the way of a book and some other items. "Are we going to talk like grown ups?"

She sco s and signs "Is that what we are? You seem to just be my lying best friend."

I throw the book back at her and sco as I sign "I told you about Druig. I've been keeping you in the loop about Druig the moment I started liking him."

"You're lying about more then just him. I know you are."

I shake my head and she throws a glass of water at me. I duck and gasp. My voice cracks while I use my higher register "Are you kidding me?!"

She nods and I literally tackle her. Makkari's door opens while we roll on the ground smacking and punching each other.

Thena, Phastos, Gilgamesh, Sprite, and Druig stand there watching us fight.

Sprite shouts "Yank her hair Gaia!"

I grumble and push Makkari's forehead away from me. Thena says "I expected a better fight between the two of them."

I shout "Stop it!"

She knees me in the stomach and I push her away from me. Kingo cheers and says "I love watching fights! This is like a hot cat fight. Is anyone else enjoying this? Phastos can you make me some popcorn? I don't wanna miss-"

I snag her arm yanking her to the ground. She screams and Thena says "I like that."	đ
Gilgamesh says "Should we stop them?"	đ
Druig shrugs and says "I think they could use some stress relief."	
Kingo claps his hands and cheers "Yeah! Go girls!"	a
Makkari attempts her speed punches but I hit her with a beam of light only causing her to be angrier with me.	
Druig comments "Makkari. Go for Gaia's legs."	đ
I glare at him and Makkari grabs my legs and speeds me away to smack me sideways into a wall. I groan and Kingo winces with Gilgamesh on that hit.	a
Druig is so getting his ass kicked next if he keeps this up. What a boyfriend he is. What afriend I mean.	å
Kingo nods and says "That looked painful"	
I comment annoyed "We didn't request an audience. So scram."	
Makkari signs angrily "Do they know your super secret secret? Or is i just me that doesn't know?"	t
Phastos says "What secret?" Druig says "I have no idea what you're talking about makkari." She sco s and signs "I saw the look he gave you before answering. You confide in an asshole like him before me	."
Kingo looks at us confused and says "Wait. What?"	
I grab ahold of Makkari's ankle and yank her to the ground. "Get out Druig."	
He shakes his head amused and crosses his arms as he leans against the doorframe "I'm perfectly fine right here. This is incredibly amusing." I hurl a book at him and he moves his head out of the way just in time. Kingo chuckles and says "Again! Again!"	a
I hold Makkari's arms down as I straddle her abdomen. Kingo says amused "Kinky. I like." Druig smacks his arm irritated with that comment and I hu and say "I don't know what secret you're referring to Makkari. I just reconciled with Druig. Barely. I haven't confided in him about anything."	ືສ
Sprite says "I wanna know what the secret is."	
I groan and say "There's no secret!"	
Thena says "The famed straddle pose in hand to hand combat is a weak move when Makkari could just grab Gaia's long braid destabilizing her."	å
Gil says "Thena-"	
Makkari yanks my braid and I flop onto the ground beside her a er she punches me one more time in the stomach. We both stare at the wood ceilings. I think we've given up on fighting now. Sprite says "Okay now I'm bored." I'm tired. But angry.	
Sprite walks away with Phastos, Gilgamesh, and Thena.	
Kingo says "More. More! Come on throw another jab." I flip Kingo o and say "So help me god I will throw that sharp dagger at you on the count of 3 if you don't get out of my face Kingo."	
He sco s and says "Jeez. I'm leaving. Harsh." He walks out and Makkari points to Druig now. I look to him and he narrows his eyes at us. I interrupt him before he can make a snarky comment "Leave."	
" Come on Gaia. I can help-"	
"Go."	
He sighs and walks out. I look to Makkari and she turns her eyesight away from me. I sigh and nudge her. She grumbles and I reach and grab the stray flower on the ground that fell away from the dozen that fell. I tap her nose with the rose and she tries to bite her bottom lip attempting to stop her smile from forming.	
I sigh and swat her with the flower again. She grabs it by the petals and smashes it. I laugh and she chuckles. I sign "I have been lying to you."	
"I KNEW IT!'She angrily signs to me	
I nod and sign "I really can't tell you Kari.She shakes her head and signs "That's stupid. Why even admit to me that you're lying if you won't even tell me?'I sigh and sign "I didn't willingly tell Druig. He found out and I swore him to secrecy."	

She covers her face frustratedly and shakes her head. "Get out. Please. You were my best friend first. Not his...girlfriend or whatever you are. It's like you start speaking with him again and I'm le behind. You found someone more entertaining and le me. I just wish we could go back to it just being the two of us. Where he was the third wheel not me. I don't like this."

I shake my head and sign "I am not intentionally trying to hurt you. Makkari we just slept beside each other like all week and all the weeks before. We pierced each other's ears. I would love to go back to it just being the two of us but it can't. It always will be Gaia and Makkari. You know that. I didn't tell you about this secret because I don't like talking about it. Come on. I don't want to argue. It's not a pleasant thing to talk about. I have to defend myself and I.. I don't know how you'll react to this information."

"I will support you. Just as I always do. Why are you acting so weird? It's like you aren't acting like my Gaia anymore. The one who told me everything. From your weird sex partners like Eros and Loki to you smacking a random mans ass on accident because you thought it was Gilgamesh. You are acting like you don't ever speak with me about all your weird shit. Talk to me."

I sigh and run my hands down my face. If I get reset because of this I'm going to lose it. I sign "I'm not acting like your Gaia because she's slipping away from me. It's like I'm here but not sometimes...I su er from mad wr'ry and Druig helps me control it."

She looks to me surprised and concerned. I cover my face trying not to get worked up over it. She nudges me because she wants me to read her signs. I look to her and she pats the top of my head. I sigh and she signs "You better not be lying. Gaia this is something serious. How long have you known of this?"

I look down not wanting to talk to her. She bumpd my chin up and signs "How long?"

"Not too long..."

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"Gaia..tell me."

"Like a year maybe. Before Sersi and Ikaris got engaged. I can't remember how long ago that was. I just didn't want to concern you. I didn't want you to think di erently of me. Or treat me di erently."

Her eyes widen and she shakes her head. "A year of you keeping this from me!? We are supposed to tell each other everything!"

I nod and sign "I'm sorry. I know. No more secrets. But... Kari...You can't tell anyone. Please Kari I mean it."

She shakes her head and signs "You need Ajak's help. You're going to end up hurting yourself or someone else. I can't let that happen."

"No! No! You can't tell anyone. I can't lose everything. If Ajak knew she would reset my memory. I can't forget you and everyone else I love. Everything would be di erent. I wouldn't be your Gaia. Please.."

She shakes her head and signs "This isn't fair. I don't want to lose you. I need you...Does it hurt when you slip into mad wr'ry?"

I look down and she pushes my shoulder wanting a response. I sigh "Not anymore. Druig knows the signs of when I'm about to slip and takes over. She shakes her head and signs "You shouldn't have to be controlled to live your life Gaia."

I swallow hard and shake my head "I rather be controlled then completely lose all my memories and relationships."

Makkari rubs her face and signs " There's no other way? That's why you and Druig have gotten so close?"

I nod and sign "Yes. Makkari, you'll always be my number one. You don't see me spending the night with him every night now do you?"

"You may in the future."

"I'll just get a bigger bed and lay in between the two of you. Promised⁶

She chuckles and high fives me.

She sighs. " I'm going to hold you to that Gaia. A promise is a promise. Anyway, you really care about him don't you?"

I close my eyes and cover my face. A few seconds later I give her a thumbs up and she chuckles.

I look to her and say "Yeah. I think I might care about him a little too much."

"Buuut?"

I nod and sign "I can't give into him yet. Yes I know Kari."

I stand up and immediately nose dive back into the floor as I slip on Makkari's shoes.

I groan and throw it at her as I begin to exit the room. She clears her throat and I look to her. "I'm not overly angry at you now."

"Does that mean I get to stay in here with you?"

Makkari makes a face and signs "We aren't that good yet."

I roll my eyes and leave her room. I enter the living quarters and Kingo says "More fighting to watch?"

I sigh and sit down on Druig's lap not even thinking. He immediately tenses and Sprite glares at him. I lean back and say "No, makkari and I have made up."

Kingo says "Hold on. Is Druig controlling you right now?"

I look to Kingo confused and say "What? Why would you say that?"

"You're sitting on his lap."

I nod and say "Well, I don't want to crush Sprite and you aren't sitting so there's no lap for me to sit on and Gil is already in bed. Now if Makkari and Thena were out here I'd gladly sit on their lap but they aren't."

Good save Gaia.

Druig shakes his head and says "So basically I'm your last option?"

I nod and say "See kingo! He gets it!"

Druig sco s and Kingo sits down and pats his knee. "Come on over Gaia."

I rest my head on Druig's shoulder and say now extremely comfortable "Too late Kingo. Maybe next time."

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A week later:

I throw a cup of water at Makkari as she sprints out the door because she pissed me o and ate the last piece of bacon and drank my orange juice but my breath hitches.

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She comes to a halt as I drop the cup causing it to shatter on the rocks below us. She turns towards me and signs "Gaia?"

Immediately I am in attack mode. Makkari looks to me wide eyed as my eyes look to her completely white.

Makkari doesn't realize that vocals pull me back into reality or Druig. Currently, we don't have either.

A er a long chasing match of me flying to catch Makkari and her sprinting away and attempting to deflect my shots at her. She grumbles as I nearly scorch her ponytail o .

She hits me with a shovel in the back of the head a er I land to stun	
me and keep me down. She shakes her head and wishes Druig was	
here to keep her crazy ass best friend under wraps.	З
So she really wasn't lying. Haha I took her down with a shovel. She	's

going to be so mad it wasn't harder to take her down.



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a/n: Long chapter this time! I'm working on the next one currently but not exactly looking forward to the final battle chapter a er it. ugggghhhhh my memory of the movie is a bit rusty too. I gotta see it again. Next chapter Druig comes home from a mission with the others and finds Gaia unconscious Imao. Anyway, any opinions on this chapter? I am going to sleep early tonight I think. I am exhausted. Anyway, I'm very tempted to put another flashback to another lifetime of Gaia and Druig next chapter. Are they boring? Anyway, good morning, good a ernoon, good evening, and goodnight my lovelies! Anyway, Question below! Q&A: grossest and weirdest mcu ship in your opinion?

personally I think the tony and peter parker ship is disgusting along with the Thor and Loki one. DISGUSTING

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Also also, can we talk about Adele's new album OH MY GOD i love it

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