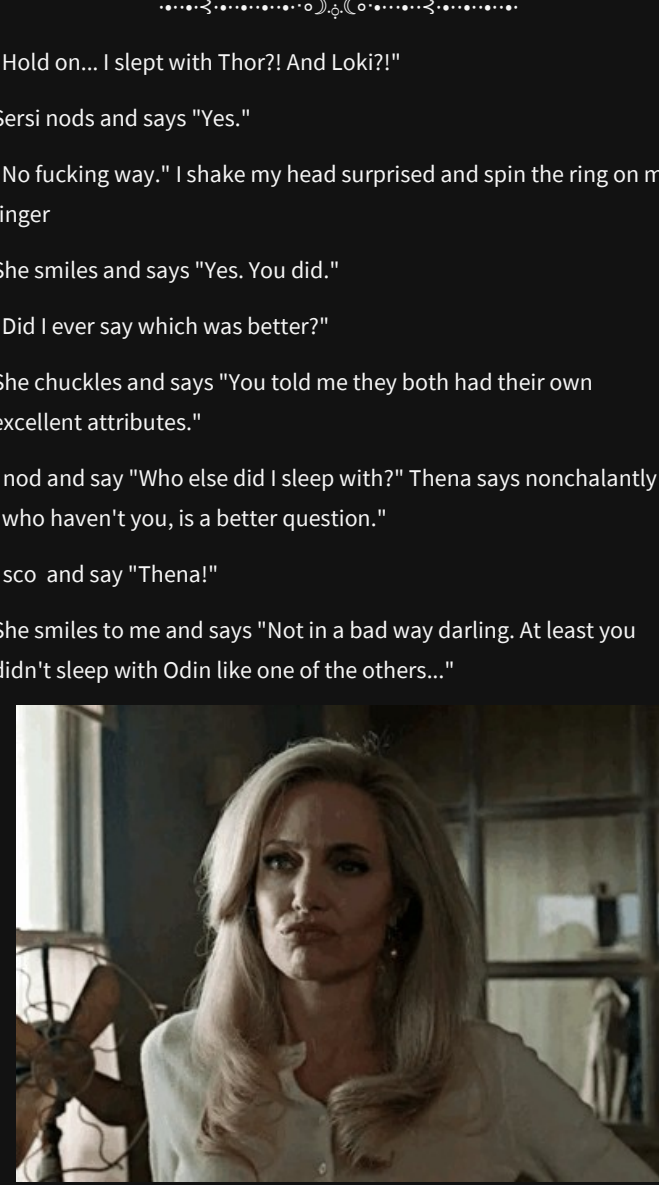


## ikaris' betrayal

"Do you ever see someone and think "Wow, God must hate me!" Cause He spent so much time on them and for me, He got lazy."



"Hold on... I slept with Thor!! And Loki!!"

Sersi nods and says "Yes."

"No fucking way... I shake my head surprised and spin the ring on my finger"

She smiles and says "Yes. You did."

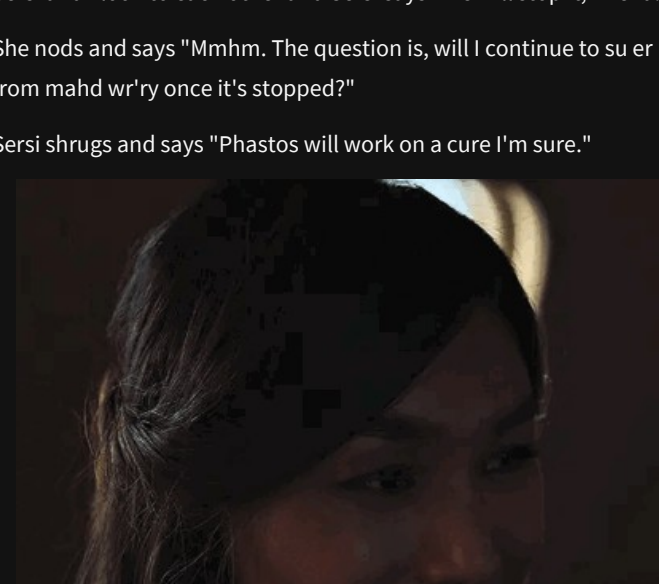
"Did I ever say which was better?"

She chuckles and says "You told me they both had their own excellent attributes."

I nod and say "Who else did I sleep with?" Thena says nonchalantly "who haven't you, is a better question."

I sco and say "Thena!"

She smiles to me and says "Not in a bad way darling. At least you didn't sleep with Odin like one of the others..."



Sersi shakes her head and says "Thena..."

Thena chuckles and says "It wasn't Ajak's proudest moment. Odin wasn't too bad when he was a young warrior though. Very skilled fighter. Admirable."

I look to her shocked and say "Ajak slept with a guy named Odin?!"

Sersi says "Odin is Thor and Loki's dad... Wait it wasn't Ajak. It was Kingo!"

Thena nods and says "Was it? It feels like eons ago. Another life ago."

Sersi nods and says "Kingo won't admit it though." My eyes widen and say "I didn't do Odin right?"

Thena shrugs and says "I'll never tell you the truth. I'll just let you worry. Anyway, there was a few men from earth you picked up before you met Druig. Nothing serious though." Sersi says "Then there was that one guy you met with Ajak. He was interesting according to what you told us."

"What do you mean interesting?"

Thena bluntly says "Handsome but annoying. Good at what he does but arrogant." Sersi says "Red head right?"

Thena nods and says "Yeah. He was. Is? Was?"

Sersi chuckles and says "He's probably long gone now. He sang too right?" Thena smiles and says "He was probably so annoying."

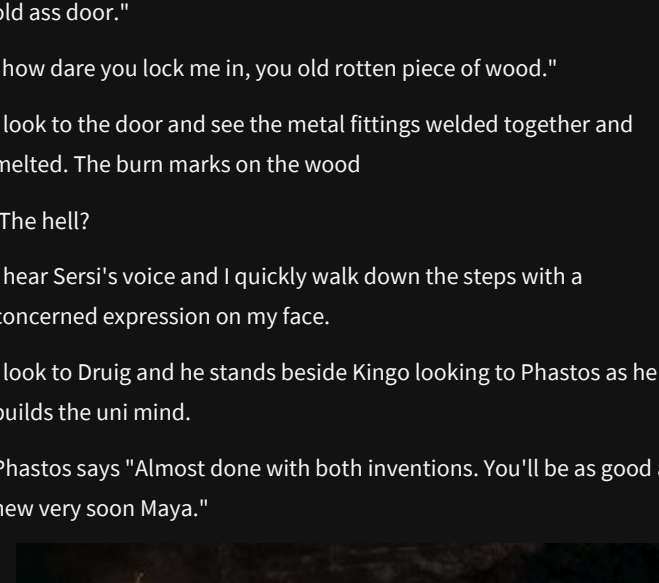
I look to them and say "I wouldn't know." Sersi laughs and says "Well, technically... nevermind. Makkari knows the details. She'll spill all the food details."

Thena says "This whole emergence thing is odd..."

Sersi and I look to each other and Sersi says "We will stop it, Thena."

She nods and says "Mhmm. The question is, will I continue to su er from mahd wrry once it's stopped?"

Sersi shrugs and says "Phastos will work on a cure I'm sure."



There's a throat being cleared behind us and I see Ikaris and Kingo.

Kingo says "Thena? Care to comment for my documentary?"

I roll my eyes and Thena watches me to make sure I don't destroy his camera. I smirk and Sersi walks towards Ikaris.

Woowwww thanks a lot Sersi

Thena follows Kingo and I lose another one of the ladies. I step towards the hall and head to my room.

I look behind me as I feel the presence of someone else. Someone watching me.

I step into my room and shut the door. I slack onto the bed grumbling. I kick Druig's bag and pull it towards me.

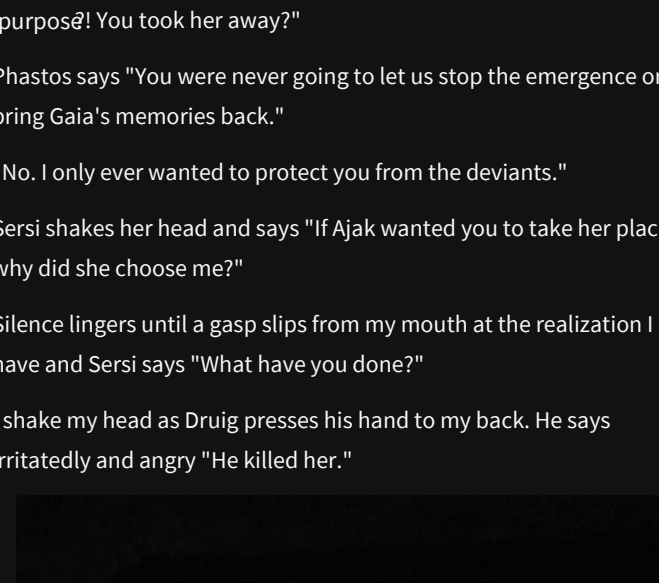
I rifle through his belongings and curiously look to Makkari's things.

That's rude right?

I grumble and roll on the bed, proceeding to fall on the wood floors. I groan and say "Too lazy... don't wanna get up."

I lay there for awhile until I hear shouting downstairs. I stand up cracking my back and body as I approach the door to see what the hell the arguments about.

I grab the door handle only to have it burn my hand.



I groan and shake my hand quickly in an attempt to soothe the burn. I grab a cloth o the ground and attempt to use it to open the door.

No use.

I pull on the door harder and I begin to freak out.

What the FUCK

Why the hell wont this open?!

I shake my head feeling my anger spike. "Fuck it."

I blast a hole in the wall and walk through it, talking to myself "stupid old ass door."

"how dare you lock me in, you old rotten piece of wood."

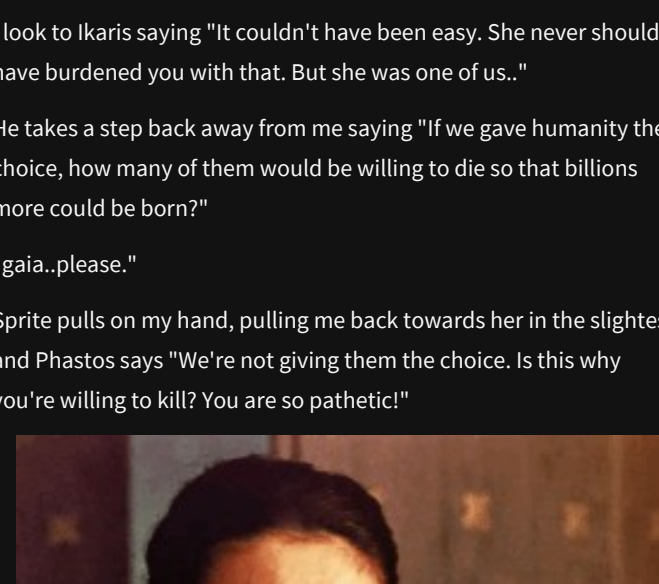
I look to the door and see the metal fittings welded together and melted. The burn marks on the wood

The hell?

I hear Sersi's voice and I quickly walk down the steps with a concerned expression on my face.

I look to Druig and he stands beside Kingo looking to Phastos as he builds the uni mind.

Phastos says "Almost done with both inventions. You'll be as good as new very soon Maya."



I look to Druig and say "Someone just locked me in my room. The handle was scorching. I burnt my hand."

He walks towards me saying "What?" I approach him, meeting him half way as Sprite says "Who would do that?" Druig holds my wrist as he looks to the burn on my hand

Druig and I make intent eye contact and Phastos says to someone entering "I'm close to figuring it out..."

The uni-mind is suddenly blasted and Phastos is blasted back. Hitting the ground roughly.

Druig quickly covers my body and turns away from the blast. I grit my teeth as I stand up and whisper to Druig "he's going to hurt Makkari... where is she?!"

He pulls me to my feet as Kingo shouts "Boss! What are you doing?!"

Ikaris stands solemn saying "I've let this go on long enough."

"Don't hurt him!" Sersi shouts as she helps Phastos up.

I look to Ikaris and say "...he lied to us."

Sersi nods in realization and says "He already knew about the emergence."

Kingo says irritatedly "No he didn't." Ikaris stares at Sersi saying "Ajak told me everything when we le Babylon. Ajak and I told Gaia everything when we erased her memories. Gaia figured us out."

He looks to me for a moment as Sprite steps behind me.

Ikaris continues "Her powers were two strong. She knew earth better than any of us.... We had to erase her. Gaia couldn't handle having to lie to the others. Or the humans that viewed her as mother earth. She couldn't handle the mahd wrry either. We made a choice."

Druig steps forward pissed and Kingo says "What? You erased Gaia on purpose? You took her away?"

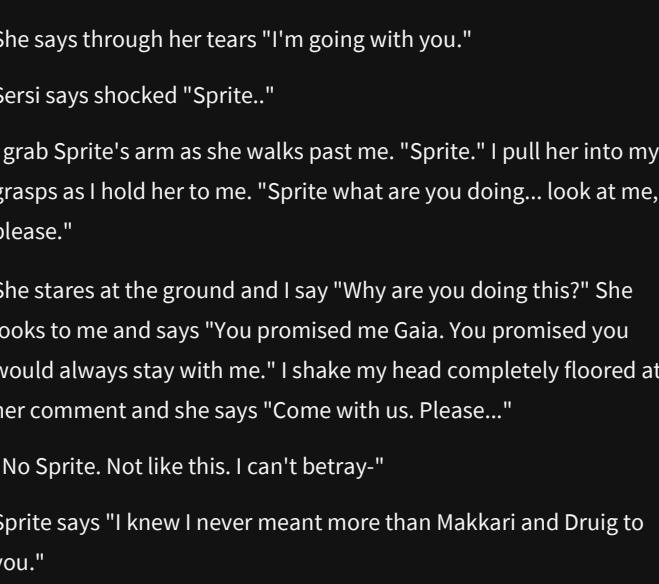
Phastos says "You were never going to let us stop the emergence or bring Gaia's memories back."

"No. I only ever wanted to protect you from the deviants."

Sersi shakes her head and says "If Ajak wanted you to take her place, why did she choose me?"

Silence lingers until a gasp slips from my mouth at the realization I have and Sersi says "What have you done?"

I shake my head as Druig presses his hand to my back. He says irritatedly and angry "He killed her."



Ikaris' eyes water as he continues to only look at Sersi. Sprite looks to Ikaris shocked as I cling to Druig's side tightly.

My hand slipping int Sprite's as she reaches for me out of comfort. I squeeze her hand tightly.

"I had to."

Sersi stares at him completely floored at the man he's become "She loved you."

Phastos whimpers a sob and Kingo heaves a shaky breath. Ikaris questions "Did she?"

I look to Ikaris, slowly sliding Druig's grasp o me as I step slightly closer to Ikaris "She loved you. We all loved you Ikaris. You're were our family. And you... you just erased me from existence. I had a family. People who loved me."

Sprite holds tightly to my hand as she slowly is pulled forward with me.

Slowly I approach and the saddened expression bores deep into me as I feel just an ounce of sympathy towards the killer in front of me. Someone I've known for eons.

I shouldn't pity him. He ruined my life. I lost the people I loved for 70 years. It isn't fair. I thought I made the choice to be erased. But it was all a lie wasn't it?

"Do you think it was easy to live with the truth? To know that one day all this would end? To keep on lying to you?"

I look to Ikaris saying "It couldn't have been easy. She never should have burdened you with that. But she was one of us."

He takes a step back away from me saying "I've gave humanity the choice, how many of them would be willing to die so that billions more could be born?"

"Gaia... please."

Sprite pulls on my hand, pulling me back towards her in the slightest and Phastos says "We're not giving them the choice. Is this why you're willing to kill? You are so pathetic!"



I scream angrily as Druig grabs my arms pulling me back "You took my life away from me! You told me the truth and forced me to be a nobody! You killed Ajak and you lied to our fathers!"

He shakes his head as I lunge towards him "You coward!"

He doesn't even make eye contact.

I hate him.

I hug Sprite tightly as Druig releases my shoulders. She clings to me and I shake my head as I become emotional.

Ikaris looks to Phastos and I and says "I'm an Eternal, Phastos. Gaia. I exist for Arishem. As do you. It's who you are."

Phastos shakes his head and says "I wouldn't change a single thing about who I am. Born or made. But I do not exist for Arishem! I exist for my family!"

They approach each other and Ikaris threatens "Then you are making the same mistake Ajak and Gaia's dear friend Maria did."

Nonna?

I feel the familiar breeze or gust and Makkari speeds in. Ikaris' attention snaps to her and she signs "I found Tiamut."

I scream "No! Makkari!"

I lunge towards Makkari as Sprite restrains me. Kingo shouts "Makkari!" He lunges in front of Ikaris' shot and she speeds to help wounded Kingo.



I push Sprite away from me as Kingo says "Get out of here Makkari!" She speeds away as I step towards Ikaris.

The anger spiking.

I step beside Kingo, helping him up as Ikaris says "Kingo..."

Kingo and I both raise our hands towards Ikaris. Kingo raises the singular hand with two pointed fingers and I hold both my hands out towards Ikaris as my body shakes from built up anger. The golden whispers engorg my hands aggressively

Kingo says "You do not turn against your family. Gilgamesh died because of you."

My bottom lip trembles at the thought of Gilgamesh. Ikaris says "You won't succeed against me. And I will kill every one of you if I have to."

Sersi sobs as I say spitefully "You won't be killing anymore of my family. I will kill you if it comes to you."

He turns his back to us and begins to walk out. Sprite says "Wait."

My hands drop quickly as I feel the anger slowly disappear at the sound of her voice. I look to her and Ikaris stops in his tracks.

She says through her tears "I'm going with you."

Sersi shookered "Sprite..."

I grab Sprite's arm as she walks past me. "Sprite. I pull her into my grasps as I hold her to me. "Sprite what are you doing... look at me, please."

She stares at the ground and I say "Why are you doing this?" She looks to me and says "You promised me Gaia. You promised you would always stay with me." I shake my head completely floored at her comment and she says "Come with us. Please..."

"No Sprite. Not like this. I can't betray."

Sprite says "I knew I never meant more than Makkari and Druig to you."

Thena steps into the room and says "What is this?"

Sprite and Ikaris disappear in an illusion of butterflies as I feel Sprite's wrist slip from my grasp. I can feel the tightening in my chest and the empty feeling set in.

I stare at Thena with her blade raised as the remaining of the butterflies disappear. My anger bubbles and Sersi says "Why... Why did they do that?"



I toss my hands in the air angrily and the ceiling receives two large gaping holes. Druig says "Gaia."

I grumble and say "She thought I would go with her. She was guilt tripping me." Kingo says "This has all gone to shit."

I walk away from them. Stepping towards the remnants of the uni mind and all of Phastos' work. I look to all the shattered chemicals across the floor. All his research on bringing all of my memories back is ruined.

I sob tears through my body as that becomes the straw that broke the camels back. I fall to my knees in painful sobs.

Ikaris ruined my life.

Sprite abandoned me.

Ajak was murdered by Ikaris.

Gilgamesh died because of Ikaris' stupid actions.

Ikaris killed Nonna. The only person that knew everything about me. She knew something he didn't want the world or I to know.

He erased me and everything I loved.

Kingo says "Gaia..."

My sobs cover the sounds of everyone's concern as I squeeze the ruined pieces of the uni mind around me in my hands. Along with the compound of chemicals that were supposed to bring Gaia back.

She's gone.

All that's le is this pathetic half Gaia, half Maya le.

Druig rests a hand on my back and says "We'll be alright..."

"Sprite... she le me, Druig... She le..."



## halley speaks!

Well... shit. Shit just hit the fan damn. So Gaia was really planning on returning to Druig and Makkari! Hence why she le her ring. All she wanted was answers and comfort in someone she trusted. Ikaris definitely had a bigger role in her erasure.

Sprite and Ikaris' betrayal was painful! Sprite expected Gaia to follow her? P she doesn't even know Gaia then. I actually enjoyed writing their friendship that was more of a sisterly or aunt and niece relationship.

And here's some happy or funny sappy shit to lighten the mood yo hoo!

QA's favorite sweet food?



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