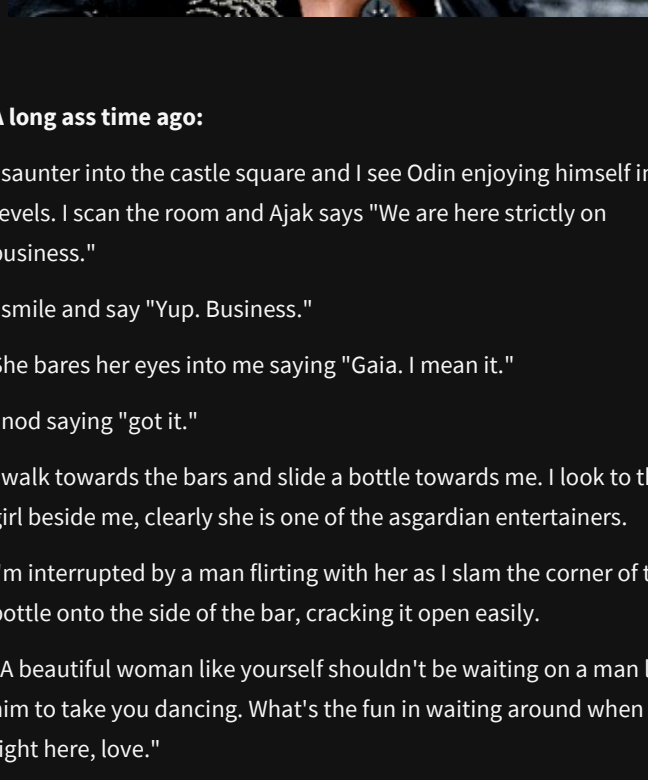


## epilogue

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#### A long ass time ago:

I saunter into the castle square and I see Odin enjoying himself in his revels. I scan the room and Ajak says "We are here strictly on business."

I smile and say "Yup. Business."

She bares her eyes into me saying "Gala. I mean it."

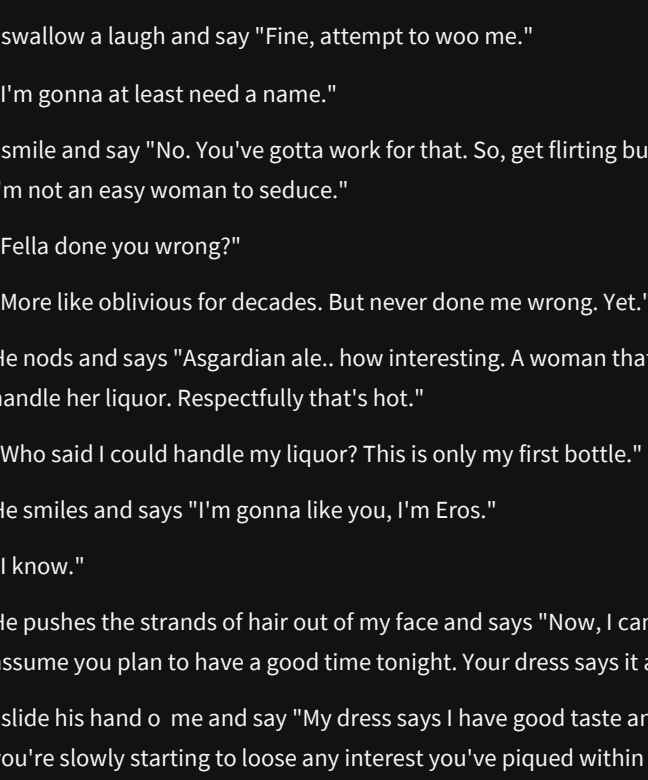
I nod saying "got it."

I walk towards the bars and slide a bottle towards me. I look to the girl beside me, clearly she is one of the asgardian entertainers.

I'm interrupted by a man flirting with her as I slam the corner of the bottle onto the side of the bar, cracking it open easily.

"A beautiful woman like yourself shouldn't be waiting on a man like him to take you dancing. What's the fun in waiting around when I'm right here, love."

I roll my eyes and sco. He peers over her shoulder looking to me as I drink the ale in my bottle



"Got a problem in need of fixing, darling?"

I roll my attention towards him and he smirks as I make eye contact. I purse my lips and say "I think all of my problems would be solved if I didn't have to watch your incredibly annoying flirting."

"Women adore my flirting."

I nod slowly saying "It must be really hard for you to know that I'm not adoring it like the others."

He smiles widely saying "Well, I haven't even begun flirting with you. You'd know if I was."

I shrug and say "You call what you were providing this dancer flirting?"

He nods saying "I do. I consider it flirting for someone of that intelligence range. What kind of womanizer would I be if I didn't? Hm?"

I swallow a laugh and say "Fine, attempt to woo me."

"I'm gonna at least need a name."

I smile and say "No. You've gotta work for that. So, get flirting buddy. I'm not an easy woman to seduce."

"Fella done you wrong?"

"More like oblivious for decades. But never done me wrong. Yet."

He nods and says "Asgardian ale.. how interesting. A woman that can handle her liquor. Respectfully that's hot."

"Who said I could handle my liquor? This is only my first bottle."

He smiles and says "I'm gonna like you, I'm Eros."

"I know."

He pushes the strands of hair out of my face and says "Now, I can only assume you plan to have a good time tonight. Your dress says it all."

I slide his hand o me and say "My dress says I have good taste and you're slowly starting to lose any interest you've piqued within me."

"You're not going to make this easy for me are you?"

I shake my head and say "Well, darling, easy isn't in my vocabulary."

I walk away from him and retreat through the crowds as he watches me saunter away. He bites his thumb as the woman beside him says "How about that drink?"

"One moment."

He quickly follows a er me as I slip from his eye sight.

He stands in the center of the groups dancing and he's pulled in every direction but the way I'm headed

I approach Ajak as she sits at a gambling table and sit beside her. She says "What have you done? You have that mischievous smile on your face."

I shrug and say "Only light taunting. Nothing that would get either of us in trouble."

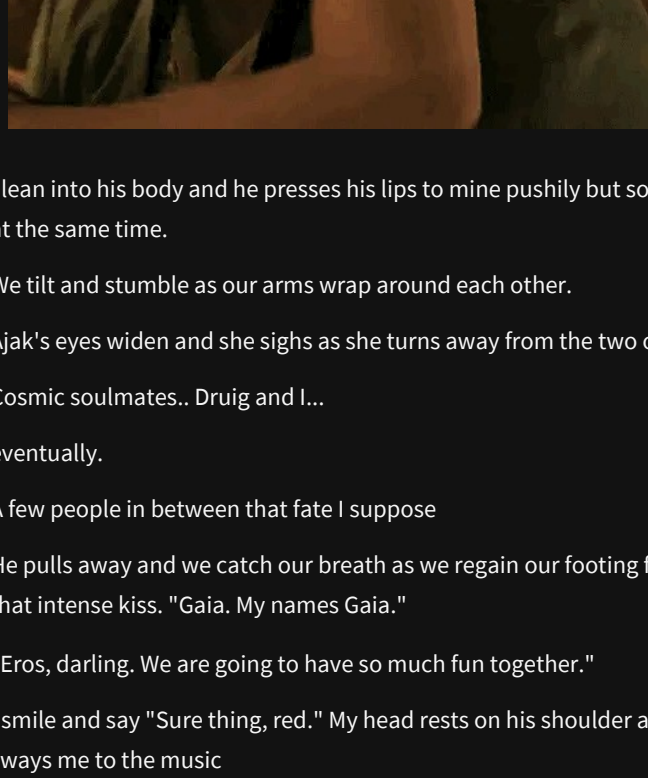
"And who were you taunting?"

I'm interrupted as I open my mouth to respond by the shouting and chanting behind us.

Everyone at the table turns as I see everyone that was previously dancing chanting and li ing someone.

Then I see it.

Ajak says "My.. my.. that's the man. Isn't it? Your beauty has entranced another hasn't it?"



I smile widely as he is li ed in the air and basically crowd surfed over to the stage where music is playing. Ajak says "Oh god. Please tell me he isn't going to sing."

He scans the crowd and points to me "for you my darling."

He smiles and the background music starts as he shakes his non existent nerves o himself

He points to me and says "...darling." He scrunches his nose and I begin to get pulled towards him as I desperately reach for Ajak's hand to help me. She smiles and says "He's very talented."

She shoos me and I sigh as he sings a ballad and jumps down from the stage dramatically with the guitar still around him.

He grabs my hand spinning me and finishing the song and tossing the guitar into another persons hands as he quickly pulls me closer.

Dipping me and dancing fluidly with me. He says "You're a far better dancer than I anticipated you being."

"I've had many years of practice."

He nods and says "Bet you have stories a plenty."

I am spun and pulled back in briskly. I laugh as I enjoy myself and he says "Purple eyes. You don't see that o en."

He pulls me close and his hands linger on my hips. I slide his hands up my sides to land above my hips and I say "I'm one of a kind."

"You can say that again. So incredibly beautiful. You could have the men in here drooling over you if you were even wearing a burlap bag."

I nod and say "Tempting o er."

He laughs and leans to dip me. I dip and I say "You're a good dancer but a bit of a spaz."

He sco s and says "You're really resisting me."

I nod and say "Maybe I am. Your charms seem to be failing, how's your ego taking the rejection?"

He shrugs saying "Well, it's still in denial. So I'd say I still have a chance."

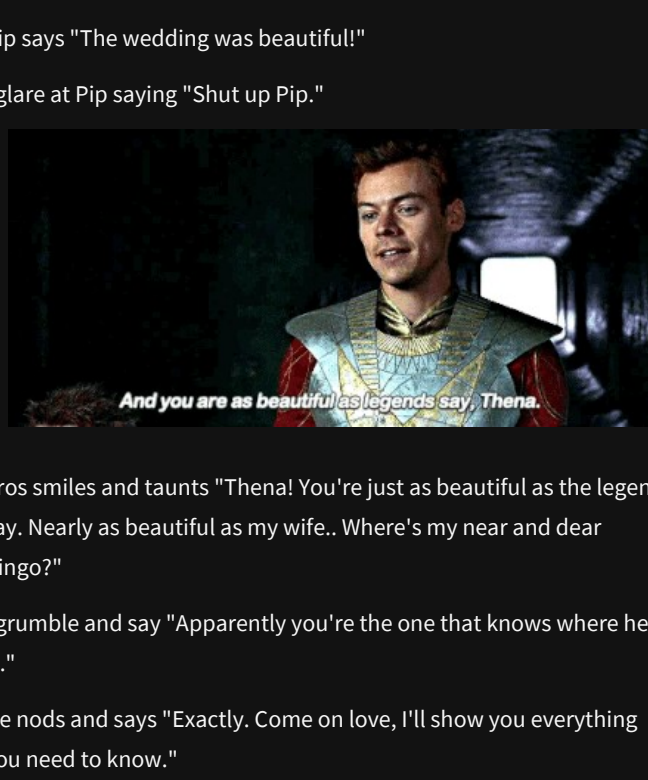
He dips me and smiles to me. I sigh and he pulls me back upright

Our bodies extremely close together as he says "I believe I've finally pieced the mystery together, Mother Earth. You're just as beautiful as the legends say you are."

I look to him saying "Congratulations, you've figured me out."

He nods saying "I have a good feeling there's much more to you than that."

I smile saying "Oh, you have no idea."



I lean into his body and he presses his lips to mine pushily but so ly at the same time.

We tilt and stumble as our arms wrap around each other.

Ajak's eyes widen and she sighs as she turns away from the two of us.

Cosmic soulmates... Druig and I...

eventually.

A few people in between that fate I suppose

He pulls away and we catch our breath as we regain our footing from that intense kiss. "Gala. My names Gala."

"Eros, darling. We are going to have so much fun together."

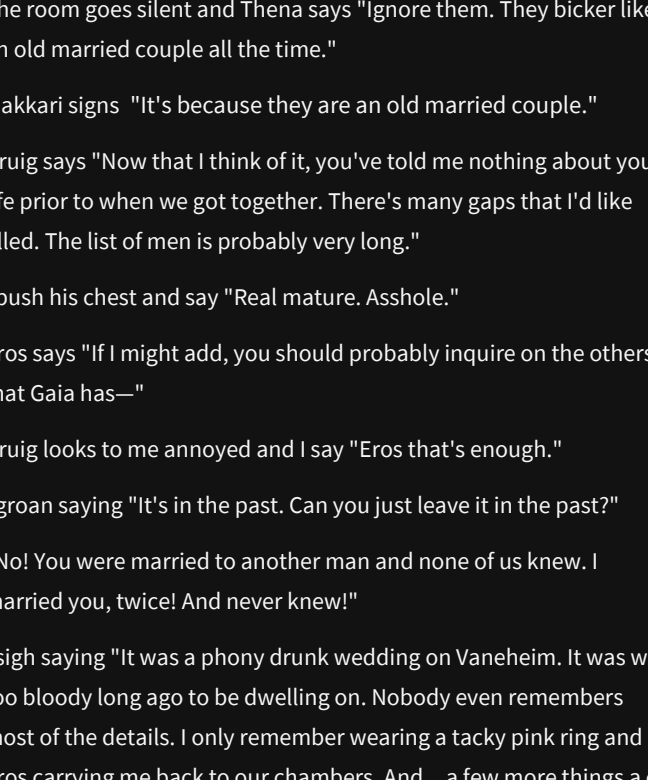
I smile and say "Sure thing, red." My head rests on his shoulder as he sways me to the music

He succeeded.

He truly did.

And I had a night to remember.

Truly.



#### Present day:

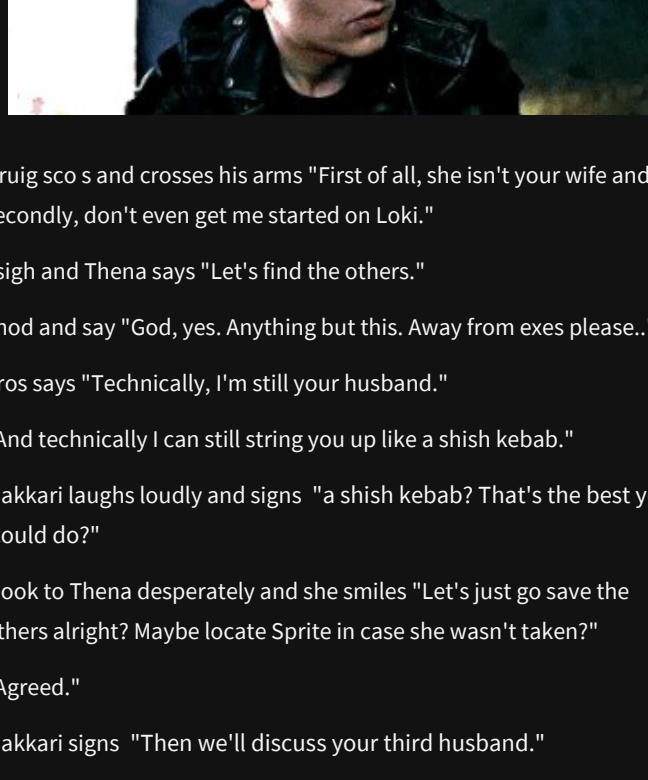
I whisk the cake batter in the bowl quickly as I dance around the kitchen with the bowl tucked under my arm as I whisk it quickly with the whisk in my other hand

I bob my head around and I hear a loud noise from the main quarters.

Thena says "Gala!"

I quickly set the batter down and toss my apron onto the counter

I walk towards them quickly as I see the oh so familiar elf standing there burping loudly from his ale in his hand "Behold! The royal prince of Titan, brother of Thanos, Knave of Hearts, defeated of Black Robert, the great adventurer, ... Starfox of Mystery Planet!"



My smile drops from my face and my hand covers my mouth as I see Eros step out of the shadows.

He looks down to Pip and says "I know you really don't have to do the whole thing every time."

Pip says "Everything you do is impressive, what am I to leave o the list?"

I rub my temples anxious. Eros says "No, I know it's impressive."

Thena cuts him o and says "Who are you?"

Eros and I say at the same time "Eros."

He looks up and sees me standing there. His smile widens and he shouts "Darling!"

My glare deepens as he approaches. Druig says "Back up."

Pip says "And introducing Gala! Mother Earth. Protector of realms. Princess of Titan. Wife of Eros Defeater of Aones!"

I glare at Pip and Eros abruptly kisses my hands and leans towards me to kiss my lips. I push him away and say "Nuh uh. Not happening."

Druig clears his throat, stepping towards me. "Excuse me Wife of Eros?"

I feel my anger spike and Makkari signs "you really don't get embarrassed at anything do you?"

I grumble and Eros says "We can address that later my beloveded! Your friends are in grave danger and I know just how to save them. Gala, my love, let me show you first."

I slap his hand o me, glaring at him. I cross my arms saying "Eros... don't dare to call me that again. Why are you here? How did you even find me?"

He provides a chuckle and says "What can I say? I like em feisty. I found you with this." He motions to the sphere in front of him and my jaw tightens

I grumble and Druig says "I'd like the explanation first."

"It's nothing. Eros clearly seems to remember our parties very di erently then I do." I bluntly explain

Pip says "The wedding was beautiful!"

I glare at Pip saying "Shut up Pip."



Eros smiles and taunts "Thena! You're just as beautiful as the legends say. Nearly as beautiful as my wife... Where's my near and dear Kingo?"

I grumble and say "Apparently you're the one that knows where he is."

He nods and says "Exactly. Come on love, I'll show you everything you need to know."

I slide his hand o me stepping back towards Druig and saying "Eros. Meet Druig. My real husband."

Roger says " oh shite"

Eros says "Hm, that's interesting. Very funny." Makkari looks to me and I say "Don't. Don't start, Karl."

She laughs and Druig glares at her

I rub my temples saying "Druig and I are married. You and I... we are not. That wasn't a real wedding. It wasn't even legal."

"It was real to me." Eros says confidently

I sco and say "And I suppose you've just stayed away from any woman that threw themselves at you? You never cheated on me? You stayed loyal?"

He chuckles and shakes his head "I forgot how feisty you truly are. No, the women were excellent. Not that any were like you but I don't blame you for seeking out a new male companion. Anyway, your friends. They're in grave danger."

He winks to Thena and I grit my teeth as I lunge towards him to slap him

Makkari stops me, grabbing my shoulders and Pip burps as he walks away.

I glare at Roger and Druig mutters to me as Eros explains the basics of where Sersi, Kingo, and Phastos are "you and I need to have a long talk. I can't believe you kept that from me for centuries!"

I look to him shushing him and saying "We have to save our friends Druig. There's no time for petty arguments."

"Petty arguments!? Gala! You got married to someone else and never told me! Petty arguments my ass!"

The room goes silent and Thena says "Ignore them. They bicker like an old married couple all the time."

Makkari signs "It's because they are an old married couple."

Druig says "Now that I think of it, you've told me nothing about your life prior to when we got together. There's many gaps that I'd like filled. The list of men is probably very long."

I push his chest and say "Real mature. Asshole."

Eros says "If I might add, you should probably inquire on the others that Gala has—"

Druig looks to me annoyed and I say "Eros that's enough."

I groan saying "It's in the past. Can you just leave it in the past?"

"No! You were married to another man and none of us knew. I married you, twice! And never knew!"

I sigh saying "It was a phony drunk wedding on Vaneheim. It was way too bloody long ago to be dwelling on. Nobody even remembers most of the details. I only remember wearing a tacky pink ring and Eros carrying me back to our chambers. And... a few more things a er that. But the details don't matter!"

"Gross! You... and... And him!"

"No... I wouldn't say gross...")

I sigh saying "Look, if you're gonna be insecure about your role in my life go argue with someone else. This isn't bothering Eros or anyone else. I'll tell you more about my stupid "wedding" a er we find the others alright? I married you twice. I only married him once and it was more of a "fake wedding" wedding."

"Fine."

Eros says "Great! You guys are in for a joy! Gala knows how much fun traveling with me can be."

I narrow my gaze at him saying "You need to not do that from here on out. It's unnecessary and needs to stop. I know you're instigating, Eros."

He smiles widely and charmingly saying "Me? Causing problems? What? You think I'm the god of mischief or something? You're my wife, you should be used to this."



Druig sco s and crosses his arms "First of all, she isn't your wife and secondly, don't even get me started on Loki."

I sigh and Thena says "Let's find the others."

I nod and say "God, yes. Anything but this. Away from exes please.."

Eros says "Technically, I'm still your husband."

"And technically I can still string you up like a shish kebabs."

Makkari laughs loudly and signs "a shish kebabs? That's the best you could do?"

I look to Thena desperately and she smiles "Let's just go save the others alright? Maybe locate Sprite in case she wasn't taken?"

"Agreed."

Makkari signs "Then we'll discuss your third husband."

"What!?"

"She's kidding!"

"Is she?"

"Not funny Eros!"



To be Continued...  
The end! That's a wrap!  
for now.  
haley speaks!  
weilllll that's it guys. That's the book! Woo this was long awaited by many. I am open to doing a few **one shots** or **requests** a er the epilogue if you'd like to comment some requests!  
I have another few stories in the works if you guys would like to check them out! My new Druig story is in the beginnings but very good if you'd like to read it!

Last Q&A: did you enjoy the book?

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