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The Amazon

"So how badly did you guys fall out?" Sprite walked to my right as we started walking from the town we flew to.

"I wouldn't say it was the worst but definitely in that range." I forced a smile showing how this topic made me uncomfortable. She looked at me and nodded her head.

"You know, I always thought you guys were like end game! You guys were like soulmates, can't believe you guys actually broke up! I mean druig really loved you and you guys—" kings started to talk as we all stopped walking and looked back to him. The stares of all of us with a face of disbelief told him to shut up, he looked at us and smiled awkwardly.

"What too soon?" He forced a smile and we continued to walk through the trees.

"I think I'll let you guys go ahead and talk to him and I'll sit out this time." I spoke as we started to see the village far up ahead.

"What? He won't agree unless you're there cora, it was part of the deal that you talk to him." Sprite spoke up.

"No sprite! I said I'd lead you here and I did. My part of the deal is done, I'm not going to make him choose a side or what to do. I don't even know if neither of the sides are good." I let out a breath and stopped talking.

"What do you mean you don't even know what side to pick cora?" Sersi looked back at me. I sighed and looked down.

"Sersi I know you love this world but a celestial is bigger than all of us, who are we to even try and put it to sleep. What if Arissem finds out? Have you guys even thought about what would happen to us? What he would do to us?" I looked around and no one said anything. I nodded my head in disappointment.

"Of course you haven't. Yet again you want me and druig to risk our lives to save this planet and take the consequences too? How selfish can you guys be!" I continued to walk into the familiar town. Everyone followed behind me quietly. We walk past a few people and I force a smile to greet them. I look around the village and so much has changed, new buildings. More light. Even more equipment.

"Hey we're looking for druig. Where is he?" Sprite asked a man in blue as he turned around to face her.

"Yes, how do you know druig?" He asked.

"He's friends from college, and that's his ex girlfriend!" Sprite pointed to me (I close my eyes and rub my hands over my face in embarrassment and annoyance. His eyes turned the familiar gold I used to see everyday. We turn to the main building hall. The doors slowly opened.

He walked down the steps as we walked to him as well.

"I've missed all of you. Cora, very surprising to see you here. Please, make yourselves at home." He so ly smiled. I just looked at his eyes, those bright blue eyes I used to wake up to every morning. My heart starts pounding out of my chest and I look down so I don't make eye contact. Everyone starts walking into the main hall, leaving druig still standing in place and me looking at the muddy floor wishing I didn't bring my vans.

"Cora, your cheek. Who did this to you?" He spoke. It was rough, not a question, more of a statement. I look at him and he had a dull look. He spoke as if I had to tell him.

"Nothing happened I'm fine." I looked down. A er silence made it awkward I spoke up again.

"I wasn't going to come, you know since you told me to never come here ever again remember?" I tilted my head and crossed my arms. He watched me gain confidence and smirked.

"Where's your little boyfriend of yours? ... Was he the one who did that?" He lost his smile. The doors closed leaving just us outside of the main hall. I rolled my eyes.

"I knew you were going to ask that. Wanna know something so funny?" It's called making friends druig, real HUMAN friends. He did not hurt me okay? He's a real person! Not someone I had to come back and you prayed on my downfall, you hoped I would find out they didn't care about me and you wanted to make sure when I found out that I would be alone okay so yeah I found out the didn't care. I found out no one kept their bracelet and I also found out your little secret about knowing me the apology party!" I yelled at him. His face dropped.

"I didn't mean it cora, I was just so mad you wanted to continue to reach out to them when they never cared! I was the only one who cared!" He raised his voice and walked closer to me closing the gap.

"No cause if you really cared you wouldn't have pushed me away and made me go through all that alone, then come back randomly years later and not give me a chance to explain!" I looked a step back and dropped my hands to my sides.

"Explain what! I saw the way he looked at you cora!" He yelled and I laughed.

"He's fuxken blind druig! There was no look because he can't fuxken see! I take care of him because he helps the world and when he's bleeding out on my floor I help him with his pain!" I shouted louder than I have ever yelled at him. I catch my breath and look at druig just standing there.

"I didn't know—" he spoke looking down.

"Of course you didn't know druig you le before I could even get a word out! I tried to run a er you but I was so heart broken you le me alone again! I nearly got hit by a bus trying to run for you!" I pushed his chest making him stumble backwards.

"Cora, I just—" I cut him o.

"You know it was his idea for me to come! He told me to help come find you because there are more pressing issues at the moment. So I wouldn't be here if it wasn't important. Now I suggest we go inside and forget this ever happened." As I walk past him going for the entrance of the hall I push him with my shoulder. He reached for my arm grabbing me before I could open the door.

"Cora. Wait." He pulled me in and I looked at him.

"What druig." I said harshly and looked at his hand grabbing me.

"I was jealous. I thought you found someone better okay? I know I fucked up the first time but I only wanted to keep you here so you didn't find out. I wanted to protect you... because when you love something, you protect it." He l ed my head so we shared eye contact as he spoke his last sentence.

"If you really did love me you wouldn't have said those things to me." I moved my arm out of his grasp and walked into the hall. All eyes were on us with wide eyes and open mouths. I rolled my eyes and sat by myself to the back of the room. Druig came in as me and shut the door. He headed to the front of the hall as they all explained what they told me. I chose to not listen again, knowing the rate of us. Every once in a while druig would stare at me as he was being told what happened and I would look away. I shi in my now uncomfortable and play with my necklace.

Yes, the necklace I have never taken o in nearly 4,000 years. The ring that was hoped through the chain. I never took it even when I was drowning in pain. The pain he caused. But Matt was right about one thing. That druig loved me, and every single person on this planet has let their anger loose at least one point in there life.

Once they finished catching druig up on what sersi found out, the room went silent for a few minutes until druig decided to speak up finally. All of our attention went to him as he spoke.

"You have told me a lot of bad news in one go." He looked at sersi then to me as sersi replied.

"Will you help us?" She asked. He held eye contact with me and instead of even trying to force a smile I looked back down.

"I am glad—" our attention swi l turned to sersi who's phone went o loudly, playing her ringtone she fumbled to pull her phone out and silence it. We all just awkwardly looked at her.

"What's whet's your service? I'm not getting any bars." Kingo leaned over and asked. I rolled my eyes.

"Do you all remember this forest? Beautiful. It was the last place we all lived together. The last place cora and I were together. Before you all had to ruin it as well." He stared coldly at the others. I kept my stare down.

"Every decision I ever made was for cora, so whatever she chooses I will follow her lead." Everyone looked at me and the room suddenly felt uncomfortable. I look at druig and shake my head no.

"Don't look at me like that I haven't even chosen what I want to do." I spoke.

"Cora and I have protected these people for many many generations from the outside world and from themselves. Your kind my friend will be responsible for your own extinction one day. Don't you think?" He walked to kings valet karun.

"I think we must learn from our mistakes and do better sir. You must not give up hope." As he finished talking druigs eyes turned gold as he threw his own camera against the wall. I sighed and looked away.

"Oh no you didn't. Okay new rule, no more possessing peoples valets." Kingo stood up and got into druigs face.

"Oh where is your sense of humor kingo?" Druig taunted Kingo.

"I'm sorry sir." His valet apologized. I looked at him and gave a slight smile showing it's okay.

"Don't apologize it's not your fault. You're not a god. You know that right?" Kingo squinted his eyes at druig making him question his own stance.

"How ironic. Kingo, the movie star." Druig continued.

"I've directed some things too." Kingo pointed out trying to show more dominance. This did not work. At all.

"Oh yeah like what?" Druig questioned.

"Some internet content." He whispered. I scratched my eye brows confused as to where this conversation is going to take us.

"How many views?" Druig asked. I turned to see ikaris move from leaning against the wall.

"Let's go. He's wasting out time." ikaris started to walk to me before Druig cut him o.

"ikaris, I missed you. Are you going to charm me or threaten me?" His voice held a dark tone. I won't lie, I missed hearing him.

"I mean there's a third option, if you prefer that." ikaris got into druig face. I rolled my eyes and looked at sersi who was staring at ikaris already.

"It must be heart breaking to find out you're not mother's favorite." Druig said and I slapped my head to him.

"And I'm sure she'd be real proud of what you've been up to." ikaris said and I let out a huge sigh in disbelief. I stand up and start to walk away.

"Cora where are you going?" ikaris spoke, everyone looked at me as I walked out. I turned around as my hair whipped around with me.

"I'm not going to sit here and listen to you guys argue and bring up Ajak as if she didn't just die! She meant everything to me and I'm not going to listen to you guys use her as an argument." I looked at druig who knew I was upset at him for starting it.

"I'm sorry cora." He looked at me as sersi spoke up.

"This is serious." Sersi walked to them as druig backed away.

"I'll tell you what's serious. I've just been told I've been sent on a suicide mission for the past thousand years and that my entire existence is a lie." I walked out of the hall before druig can finish. As I stepped outside I finally felt like I could breathe.

I turn around to see the path I took nearly every day. I start the walk to the river.

"Cora wait!" I didn't have to turn around at the voice. I continued walking and my arms wrapped around myself holding me.

"Cora please." Druig caught up to me as I continued walking to the river.

"Please talk to me my Cora..." I stopped and look at him.

"About what druig?" Looking into his eyes made me less confident. I lost the anger I held in. Matt's words rang in my head as I looked into his deep blue eyes.

I reminded myself what I nearly did when I let my anger get ahold of me. It doesn't excuse what I did or what druig did but I didn't know how I felt.

"About how sorry I am. I spent my years alone growing the generations here thinking about that day and how I wish I could have stopped you from leaving. I had to remind myself every day it was my fault you were out there alone. I regret saying anything to you and I know I should have gone with you. I should have been honest but I needed to protect what was mine." He looked at me and held my hand.

"I get it okay, you were trying to protect me but this doesn't make things magically better druig. You still hurt me." I let go of his hand and walked away from the river.

"I'm going to get you back cora." He called out as I walked away. I stopped and just stood there.

"Why druig?" I slowly turned and looked at him smile.

"Because cora. When you love something you protect it. No matter what has happened, no matter what will happen. You will always be my only light. Whether you like it or not cora." He walked to me slowly and closed the gap.

"Something happened. A er you le. When I got this." I touched my cheek, the purple tint lingered on my cheek still as there was a small healing scar.

"What happened cora." He held my cheek. I let my head rest on his familiar touch.

"I was so angry. I let the anger get to me and I could have killed 3 guys. I broke their legs and I didn't even bat an eye." I looked at him, his face started to show worry as my eyes started to warm up.

"He pulled me in for a hug and I let a single tear drop before I pushed him o.

"No druig it's not okay. I hurt someone because I was mad. I deserved you for doing the exact same thing to me. The way you let my anger out on me, but I could have killed them and I didn't care. I don't want to be that person druig and you bring out the worst in me every time." I sat on the grass that surrounded the steady river.

Druig slowly sat next to me. He slowly and carefully took my hand.

"Cora, I've had centuries to think about what I've done. I don't want to tell you empty promises but I swear, I've done nothing but regret those days of the way you regret hurting a human. I have loved you for many generations, the few hundred years you were gone. I had time to realize my mistakes and make sure they will never happen again. I can promise you that cora. Because I didn't carry this little thing around for years just to give up." He l ed my necklace and I let out a smile.

"I want to prove to you I can and have changed for you. Because without you there is no light for me." He kissed my forehead. I just stared in front as the sun set.

"I really missed you druig. When I found out you planned the party for me I felt like everything I knew fell apart. I had no one. I had to build myself up from nothing." I leaned on his shoulder.

"I'm so sorry cora. I should have been there to catch you when you fell." His le hand held him up as he sat on the grass and leaned back watching the stars start to shine. His right had rose to hold my hand in the comforting manner.

"I don't want this to happen again. You can't just apologize to me and us go back to normal." I held my necklace in my tight palm. Of course I still loved him, of course I still wanna be with him.

"I know. You don't think I've spent every waking hour thinking of this moment? I've made a plan for every single scenario that ran through my head, on the slight chance we would run into each other again. Granted I never thought about this reason to meet." I let a small laugh out and looked back at him.

"So what's your plan for this one?" I asked.

"Start over. Win you back the right way, protect you. Love you. As well to give you'shies to hold on to. Use it! I can call you mine again." I looked at his hand as he let go of me to reach into his pocket. He pulled out my hair clip.

"I've carried it around every single day. Even when I came back from seeing you. I couldn't let go." He pushed my by away hairs and clipped them down. His hand lingered on my cheek and slowly went back down to his side.

"Thank you, I should—" my voice got cut o by a scream. We both turn to look back to the village. Before either of us can process what it was I got up and sprinted to the chaos.

"ikaris!" I hears sersi yell, I ran and saw her looking to the sky. I followed her sight and saw a deviant for the first time in thousands of years. Only this time it's carrying ikaris away.

"Clear the camp!" Sersi yell brought her back to focus. She started to run away as a deviant was running to her. I ran and got to her side just quick enough to push my hands up forcing the deviant to fly back and saw the flash.

"Sersi get behind me!" I tried to help her up as kingo ran to us too. He shot o the deviant as I made sure sersi was okay.

"It's an ambush!" I turned to see kingo fight o two deviants. That's 2. So far.

"Sprite, sersi, I pushed." I stood in front of them and my powers gained more energy I pushed them back. I haven't used my powers that successfully in a while.

I raise both of my hands up and push as kingo released his energy. The deviant flew far back into a house. The roof of house collapsed on top of it and I turned to look at kingo. We both shared a small smile and nodded. I won't lie, I missed this us.

"Very nice sir and very very nice miss cora!" We turn to see Karun hiding near a tree with his camera on pointed to us.

"Are you mental? Hide!" Kingo yelled. I looked back to the deviant as the fallen wood started to move.

"We need action sequences." He pointed the camera to the building on fire but the deviant still breaking free.

"Sprite get karun out of here!" I yelled and looked back. I turned to my right and nodded to kingo.

He started to form his energy as I started to push the second one away giving kingo time. Once his energy was enough he let go and blasted them both back.

I turned to see the deviant jump on the house. The wall broke exposing the terrified family inside. My right hand flew to push the tail back from the terrified family. It tried again quickly as I raised my le. It looked at me and screamed.

"Sersi get the people to safety!" I yelled as she nodded.

The deviants call tried to hit them again and I swiped my right hand once more. The deviant hissed and forced for come on.

"Come on!" I yelled at it as I used the force of their weight against them and flipped them over by pushing them above me. The impact of their fall slowed them down. It got up and started to jump on the buildings heading for the people. I started to run as fast I could, the cold air hitting my face as I ran to catch up with sersi who guided the people inside. She started to create a metal barricade for them.

"Sersi watch out!" I brought my hands up to push her down but was too slow to push the monster away as the deviant whipped me with its tail.

I felt the cold sting as my body flew into the nearest building. The wood broke under my fall leaving me to turn on my right side in pain. I rolled over and saw everyone fighting.

"Cora! Are you okay?" Sprite ran to my side and helped me up. I leaned on her and nodded.

"Yeah I'm fine! Where is gil and Thena?" I asked and saw the deviant run to the trees.

Sprite pointed in the same direction as the trees.

I let go of her and ran, following it and trying to catch up to them. I ran in it's direction and went deeper in the forest.

"Hey!" I screamed which caught the deviant o guard. It turned around quickly and looked at me.

Within that same second the deviant charges to me and this time I was ready. I held my hands up and let it get close. As it was inches away I held it back in place. I pushed it back making it hit a tree hard. I don't want to lose control.

I pushed as the deviant crash into the floor, going deeper and deeper as his body sunk into the ground. I push my entire body and I eventually stop moving. I let go and take a huge breath of air as my heart pumps loudly. I felt my pulse in my veins.

I look around to find the deviant o of ikaris and see them with ikaris. "Get up come on get up." I pull him up and he walks.

"I've fought that one before." I said him up and he grunts.

"Oh no Thena terrible timing." I turn to see what ikaris was talking about and as I turned I saw a flash of gold swing to me but my body got knocked to the ground. ikaris pushed me out of the way and started to block thenas attacks.

I grab onto the tree nearby and help myself get up. I'm definitely out of shape.

"Thena!" ikaris yelled, bringing my attention out of my self pity and back to the fight. I brush myself o and block thenas sword that nearly sliced ikaris. She tried to swing again and I blocked it by pushing it back. ikaris gained the upper hand as gil brought her back.

I turn to where the deviant laid on the ground. ikaris and I share a look and both go. We turn to face the opposite direction as our backs touched. We circle and try to follow the sound and movement.

"Gil is Thena okay?" I yelled asking.

"She will be okay." He answered.

"Okay once you finish a little help would be nice!" ikaris shouted and I rolled my eyes.

Gil joined us as we saw the deviants head back to the camp.

"They are going back." I said and looked back.

"Go they need you!" Gil nodded to me and I smiled.

ikaris picked me up and flew us to the main camp. He dropped me from a few feet in the air as he flew back up to fight the one with wings. I dropped down really fast on the floor. I landed right in front of druig who fell to the floor in front of the main hall. The deviant was about to back up as I held him back.

I heard druig gasp for air and catching his breath as I gained control. I l ed the deviant in the air and with both of my hands I slowly separated my hands feeling the deviants bones shatter and body rip in two. I let out a small yell as it was so strong but once it finally died I let it go and dropped to my knees.

It's tail came at me once I fell and my le hand swiped it away pushing it back to the ground. Druig got up and ran to me, he slid on the floor right where I laid on my knees covered in dirt and he held my head checking for any damage.

My le hand reaches to touch his hand that held my cheek and he whipped dirt o with a swipe of his thumb. He sent me a small smile and I returned it. His touch instantly maid me melt, his warm embrace kept me under control. Made me feel safe again in my own skin. Something I haven't felt in thousands of years.

Our relationship was caught by ikaris smashing into a house as a deviant attacked him.

"It'll be right back!" I tried to get up but druig held me. I looked back at him and he looked at me in my eyes.

"Be careful cora." I nodded and le to help ikaris.

The deviant was on top of him but sersi got to him first. The deviant charged for her but I pushed it into a tree with my le hand. My right hand picked up a large rock and I brought my hand to the deviant crushing it in between the rock and the tree. It stayed still so I went to help karis up.

"Hey are you okay?" I held is right arm helping him up and sprite came to us helping him stand as well on the opposite side. We see the deviant got back up and went for sersi, the next thing happened we all couldn't believe. It pushed sersi in the nearby thorn and dove in before I could do anything.

Water shot up as ice fell down. We all walked over to the pond and saw the deviant, but not alive.

ikaris ran for sersi and druig ran to me.

"Oh no gil." I remembered. I sprinted to where we le. gil ignoring the calls of my name and passed through the trees.

I saw from afar gil being held in the air which made me try and run fast, as fast as I could. But I was too late.

As I got to them gil was on the floor so I run to his side holding him back.

My eyes got cloudy seeing the puncture wounds on him. Blood slowly seeping through the cloth of his shirt.

I look up and see the deviant... it's muscles grew as it's bones shi ed. Hearing the cracking and mushy sound of its body. I pulled gil back not knowing what I was about to face. I kned in front of him protecting him.

"Ajaks..." my heart started to pound out of my chest as Thena came to our side to check on gil.

I stood in front of them.

"Her memories... understand now." The deviant stood on two legs like a human. I just froze there. In fear, as it spoke about my mother who was murdered. Her memories.

"Get her name out of your mouth!" I yelled at it as my bottom lip trembled. It forced me and tilted it's head. My hands rose from my sides getting ready.

"So many planets used so much life destroyed every time a celestial was born. Arissem used us and le us to die with each emergence." I dropped my hands as it looked at me.

Pain

Sorrow

No no no no...

"We just wanted to survive." I connected to him...

It wasn't hurting me this time. I slowly felt my self walk to him. I didn't notice my legs move until I felt myself get closer to him. The connection. It wasn't painful, it was close. I felt him speak. I felt his body.

"And then he sent you. I will kill you! all for what you have done to my kind." He continued as I got closer. I tilted my head feeling him.

Pain

Anger

Betrayal

Pain

Anger

Over and over and it didn't hurt me. He stared down at me as I got close.

"We didn't know." I spoke, without fear.

"You are murderers." He grew more angry.

"We didn't know!" I screamed at him. All four of his eyes grew wide shocked at my anger.

"You guys have killed all my family! You all will pay!" He started to close the gap but my right hand flew in the air. It didn't hold him back, instead it touched him.

My sight went black as I felt my entire body go limp.

Pain

Murder

Betrayal

Love

Care

Pain

My body let out a scream.

Then I saw it, I saw them. Their memories I saw them.

All the deviants we have killed, all their pain, their betrayal, their loyalty to Arissem only to be killed.

My blood turned cold at the sight of them.

Her to be exact.

Ajak smiling. Ajak falling, her feeling cold, and scared. In the mountains, feeling regret, betrayed, and in pain.

The deviant drained her of her powers and le her for dead.

Gilmesh fighting. Gilmesh getting hurt, him being carried in the air and terrified. Wait for his rest but for Thena. Feeling worried, scared, and in pain.

My body dropped and my sight came back as ikaris shot his lasers at the deviant pulling him away from my touch.

I lost all feeling in my legs and I fell to the floor. Druig came to my side and I ed me o the floor. My red stained eyes look into his blurry blue ones.

"I connected. I saw them. I saw Ajaks." I cried. My arms slowly started to gain feeling and I wrapped myself in druigs arms. Sobbing the memory burned and carved into my brain, watching her fall into the cold, being murdered by them.

And being too late to save gilmesh but still seeing his murder play on repeat in my head.

Druig held me and tried to calm me down. As tears streamed down my face I look at Thena holding Gilmesh in his bare body and I close my eyes only to see it on repeat again and again.

I can't escape it.

My hands hold my eyes closed trying to physically stop the memories of all the deviants.

"Druig! It won't stop please! Help me!" I opened my eyes to see druig and he closed his eyes and shook his head.

"Druig put her to sleep!" ikaris shouted.

I looked up at him with a pleading look.

"Please." I whispered and I grabbed his head and smashed his lips onto mine.

The touch of his whiskers the last thing I felt before it all went cold.

A/N PLEASE READ: next chapter want to give cora a day or two resting cause you know trauma... should I do drugs POV or just 3rd person?

Also I'm so sorry it's taken 3 days for an update! I've been going through a lot of stu rn but I'm feeling better now and I think this is a good way to get my mind off of things so don't worry, hopefully I can go back to updating every day ☺

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