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"My god I feel like a cup cake." I looked at myself in the mirror of a small cottage in the country.

I made it to a village where people welcomed me with open arms. I was looking for sprite and kingo last I heard they were near here.

The village here has horses and carriages that took them places. I learned so much of the advancements.

"You look beautiful cora." I turned to see the sweet beautiful woman letting me stay with her.

"Thank you miss pierce." I looked back at the mirror and we left the cottage.

"Just be lucky you weren't here in the 1690s." She laughed and took my arm.

"I told you miss pierce I'm not a witch." I giggled as we linked our arms and went to the shops.

"Oh please call me Katherine." She smiled at me. I nodded at her and I walked around a flower shop. My hands brush over the daisies.

My heart skips a beat but not in the good way. I bring my hand too the ring druiig gave to me which I looped through the chain I never took off. I refuse to fully forget him because most of my life he made me happy, he was my life for most of it. The only light in my life.

I turn my body away from the daisies and walk away.

"Hello miss cora care for a beverage?" A young answered. I quickly turn and see sprite. I run picking my dress up and hug her.

"Sprite! I knew I'd find you here! Where's kingo?" I asked looking behind her.

"He's back at our cottage! How did you find us?" Sprite asked and we walked back to the main shops.

"Well I've been traveling pretty far, miss Katherine has helped me with a place to stay but soon my 5 years are going to be up here." I take sprites hand.

"Well you're welcome to come with us! We missed you and we are heading to see sersi and ikaris soon" she smiled and went to find Katherine.

"Hello Katherine this is sprite, my little niece I told you I was looking for. I'll be staying with her for a few days but I wanted to thank you for being so welcoming." I hugged her goodbye.

"Safe travels cora." She hugged me and sprite took me to her cottage.

We entered and heard banging.

"Kingo! Look who I ran into!" Sprite had shouted and instantly took off her purple dress showing pants and a long sleeve underneath. She sat on the couch and I followed.

"Where is druiig?" She asked.

"Well he's still in the Amazon, I just really wanted to see everyone and take a break. He's doing good." I forced a smile.

"Oh well that's good. Have you seen anyone else?" She asked.

"Well gil and Thena came by, gil asked druiig to put her to sleep for a bit while he took a break. Other than them you are my first." I smiled and hugged her from the side. Kingo stumbled into the room struggling with his vest knocking over a lamp.

"Woah cora... you look like a cupcake." he laughed and I patted my purple dress down.

"And you look like you're struggling." I laughed and helped him with his vest.

"What brings you over?" He asked.

"Wanted to see the world." I smiled. I turned to sprite and she smiled back at me.

"Oh well we are heading to see sersi and ikaris next. Come with us I'm sure druiig will be fine alone for a few more years." He said and I looked down.

"Yeah! Cora can we travel all together please?" She begged and I nodded.

"Of course I miss everyone so much." I said and kingo brought food out of the fridge.

"Woah this is so cool!" I looked at the fridge. It was much nicer than the cooler miss Katherine had. I open the door and close it, open and close it.

"I know!" Me and kingo talked the rest of the night about the advancements and our future plans.

I look down at their hands and see the missing bracelet.

"Where are your guys bracelets?" I asked. They looked at each other and back at me.

Guilt

"Oh cora uh we lost them when we visited the coast. We are sorry..." sprite said. I look back at mine. I never took off. I force the smile.

"It's okay! I get it, I'm getting pretty tired though. Where should I sleep?" I got up.

As the next few years past it finally passed we traveled together to find sersi and ikaris.

"Did you pack your snacks sprite? Kingo did you make sure you went to the bathroom before we left?" I asked and got my sunglasses out of my bag.

"Yeah yeah yeah." Kingo and sprite raced to our ride.

"Okay guys ready?" And just like that we were off to travel across the world. This time I wasn't alone and I liked that.

"I'm hungry." sprite called out. I rolled my eyes.

"Are we stopping soon? I kinda need to use the bathroom." I laughed at kingo who looked like he was struggling to hold in his pee.

Traveling with the two made me realize druiig was wrong. They haven't asked me to use my powers, if anything we grew to love each other more.

"Hey cora want a blueberry?" Kingo tossed one in the air catching it in his mouth. I shook my head

"No it's okay thank you though." I smiled and looked back at the road.

"I thought you loved these." He laughed and tossed one to sprite who didn't catch it. I looked back at him.

"What do you mean my favorite? Kingo I love strawberries not blueberries." I play it off with a laugh.

"Are you sure? Blueberries are much better." He laughed.

Maybe, maybe, I spoke too soon.

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"Ikaris let me." Oh this is awkward...

Pain

Regret

Betrayal

"We are sorry sersi... we can go out tonight if you would like? I'm sure there is a place here that has amazing food and drinks." I patted Sersis back. We were in her house and it felt so empty.

Kingo walked into the room while sprite and I comforted sersi.

"Oh lady problems?" He said and his eyes went wide at the picture of us.

"I'll come back later don't wait up!" He left.

"I'm sure ikaris has a valid reason maybe something happened?" Sprite said. I looked at her.

"We aren't making excuses for asshole guys, instead let's show him how replaceable he is. Don't give a man that power over you sersi." I said and she laughed.

"Okay let's go!" She said. We got ready in her house and decided on a place to go, a bar that was within walking distance.

"Can I see an ID?" The big man asked. Me and sersi looked at each other confused.

"An ID?" She asked. I looked at sprite who was a grown woman next to us.. I rolled my eyes.

"Don't worry man they are with us." A young man walked to the guy and nodded his head. The man moved from blocking the entrance and let us in, the three men each guided us through the bar up the stairs to VIP

"So now tell us how can three beautiful women come to a bar and forget their IDs?" The older one next to sersi asked. She looked at me and her eyes grew.

"Oh we just forget them, at home?" I said more guessing.

"What's your name?" The tall blond asked me. I looked at him and he's awfully close.

"Cora... and you are?" I gave him my hand to shake and he took it and kissed it slowly.

"Thomas. It's a pleasure." They all took off their coats and talked amongst themselves.

"Let's go get drink..." I pulled sprite and sersi to the bar.

"I hope those men know their coats are nearly as long as them." We laughed at them and started to drink.

"Let go of the pain sersi. Trust me, druiig and I split up because he had this weird obsession with guys barely cared about me." We started to talk a bit and a few drinks. I laughed and asked for another.

"What? I thought you guys were perfect for each other? We care about you cora! We love you!" Sersi said and hugged me sloppily.

"Yeah I thought we were perfect too, I just think we had different wants. I wanted to see you guys and he well he didn't." I laughed and chugged another round.

"Well he's a good guy cora! I'm sure he still cares, for goodness sake he planned that entire party remember? The one on the Domo!" She laughed and my face dropped.

"What?" I asked and she looked at me.

"Yeah that party where we said sorry and all! He did that. Well he told us." Sersi laughed and continued to drink. I felt my heart go cold.

"What do you mean he told you guys?" I asked and sprite came up to us laughing.

"Yeah he was all like, oh makkari go run for stu! Oh sersi go get a bracket with colors! Gil bake blueberry stu!" She laughed and mocked his voice. I just stood there.

"He did that for me?" I asked

"Yeah like you actually would care about some lame party right?!" Sprite laughed with sersi.

"Cora you alright?" Sersi stopped laughing.

"So you're telling me, you guys really took advantage of me, drained me for years. And still don't care about me?" I asked and their faces started to water. Sersi and sprite stopped laughing and their faces dropped.

"We just didn't think you would care cora, we thought you liked helping us? We do love you though cora." Sersi said and put her hand on my shoulder.

"No. Druiig was right. I should have know. Did you know we got married. None of you guys showed up. For years I waited for someone to come look for us the way I am just to say hi or ask how we are. I thought we were family. I let druiig for you all." I looked to the floor.

How stupid am I.

I look at them and walk out.

"Wait cora please wait." Sersi and sprite ran out of the bar and went to follow me but I made a quick turn and hid in an alley.

As I watched them walk away I took a deep breath. I slid down the wall and covered my eyes.

"Have any change?" An old man came through the dark alley. I rolled my eyes and reached in my pocket, I pulled all the change I had and gave it to him. I started to walk, walk to the town over and find someone to slap me or pinch me and tell me this is all just a bad dream.

"One ticket out of here please." I handed the rest of my cash to a lady in the box office. I wondered into a train station and bought the first ticket out of here. Not turning back. All the cold air hitting my face.

"Don't come back. I remember druiig say, his voice plays over and over again. A single tear finally escapes.

A/n

2 mini chapters in one because this next one is kinda long:)

Hope you guys are enjoying this <3