

A/N: not me blushing in my online physics class while writing this...

"Druig, for the love of the Celestials, stay still and stop fidgeting!"

"But that hurts!"

"Do you want it to get infected or not?"

"No..."

"Then stay still!" I hissed and continued to apply the paste I made this morning. "I'm so glad I took those lessons from Ajak and that I practically created these herbs... That should help with the redness. Does it still hurt?"

"Not as much as this morning," Druig shrugged.

"That's because you had to be a smartass and tighten the bandage way too tight. You have to let it breathe in order to heal." I pointed out and heard the door open. "If it's Ikaris again, I swear to..."

"More like your sister, Mom and Dad." I heard the unmistakable voice of Gilgamesh and was tackled to the floor by my favorite speedster. "So this is where the two of you hid for ten years?"

"How'd you find us? Ikaris didn't snitch right?" I asked and hugged Makkari back. "I missed you also, my sweet Makkari."

"Ikaris was here? All we saw was him arriving at the Domo and locked himself in his room. He hasn't come out since. It's been three days." Thena said and noticed the bandage on Druig's torso. "How many?"

"Three. Vena and I took care of it. I didn't even notice that I got hit until she pointed it out." Druig smiled and hugged Makkari. "Yes, I missed you also."

"With the bloodied axe I presume?" Gilgamesh smirked pointing at the axe next to us and we both nodded.

"How'd you find us?"

"Ares contacted us and Makkari dragged us here," Thena shrugged just as Druig groaned. "Ares is a war god, I'm a war goddess. To me, you're Ares."

"Ares also is known to have no morals, Thena." He pointed out.

"Vena gets hurt, your morals go out the door. Same thing," Gilgamesh shrugged.

"And me?" I smirked.

"To me, you're Persephone and Druig is Hades for obvious reasons." Makkari smirked and Druig rolled his eyes sitting up with Gilgamesh's help.

"I contacted you because we actually missed you, not to talk about what god I am." Druig pointed out and we all laughed.

"Well, I was going to go make dinner because Druig is bedridden for at least a few more days. You three are more than welcome to help out." I erod.

"I think I'll stay here and make sure Adonis actually stays still. We both know he's jittery when he wants to." Thena teased.

"I am not!"

"Yes, you are, Makkari and I signed in unison.

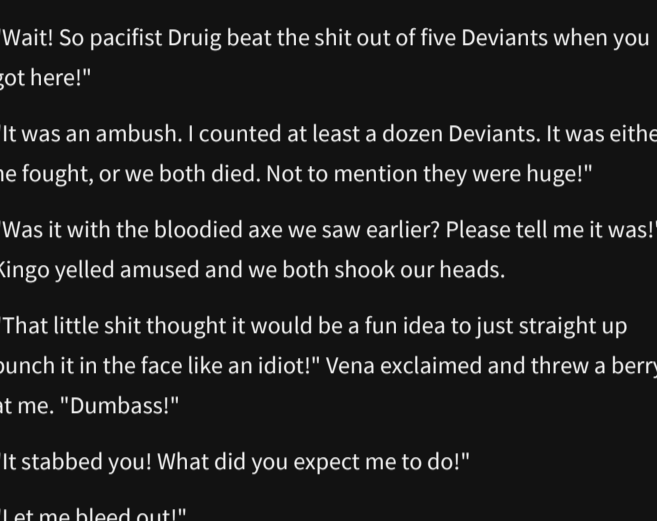
Yes, I am..."

-Druig's POV-

"So? You have it?"

"I do... Remind me to thank Phastos and Kingo later." I said standing up with ease and pulled out a crystal box handing it to Thena. "Ten years I've been planning this, Thena. I think it's long overdue."

"It truly is a beautiful ring, I'll give you that. But why a ring? Everybody just asks and that's it."



"I dunno, I guess I just wanted to give her something that shows how much she means to me. Phastos said he can make the small band when the ceremony comes." I shrugged. "Is everyone here?"

"Hiding in the Domo until you decide to do it. Sersi has been jumping walls and Ajak hasn't stopped crying once I told her what was going to happen." Thena smiled and I nodded clenching my shaking hands. "Don't be nervous, Ares. You and Vena were made for each other. We all knew it the night we found you both sleeping on a pyramid in Egypt."

"You think I can make her happy?"

"I know you will. Should I tell the others to come down?"

"Yeah, I think it's time."

"I can't believe I'm saying this... but I actually missed you, Adonis." "Somewhat mutual, Kingo." I smirked and hugged him before turning to Ajak who had tears in her eyes. "Ajak, everything okay?"

"Our Adonis and Aphrodite are going to get married. I have been waiting for this since Greece." She sobbed and pulled me into a tight hug. "I'm so sorry I tried to take her memories. I was blinded by Arishem's judgement."

"I'm not the one you should be apologizing to, Ajak." I said and pointed at the door where Vena stood holding a basket and looked around terrified. "Don't worry, my starlight. They won't do anything."

"You snitched! We had a deal!" She exclaimed and hit Ikaris repeatedly in the arm. "You bastard!"

"He didn't snitch, Vena. Druig invited us." Sersi chuckled and hugged her tight. "You're glowing again."

"Can you please stop hitting me!?" Ikaris exclaimed pushing Vena's hand away. "I know we're working on getting along, but this is ridiculous!"

"You two are what now?" Phastos asked. Vena stopped hitting Ikaris and both of them turned to us with a sheepish smile. "Oh, I don't like that. Nope, I hate it."

"So that means that we won't see Ikaris get his ass handed to him by Vena?" Sprite whined and Vena laughed as Ikaris put an arm around her shoulder.

"Believe me, Sprite. I think I would still beat him up regardless."

"Can you do it now?" Kingo called out and we all laughed. "I wanna see Ikaris fear for his life!"

"Maybe later, Kingo."

"Wait! So pacifist Druig beat the shit out of five Deviants when you got here!"

"It was an ambush. I counted at least a dozen Deviants. It was either he fought, or we both died. Not to mention they were huge!"

"Was it with the bloodied axe we saw earlier? Please tell me it was!" Kingo yelled amused and we both shook our heads.

"That little shit thought it would be a fun idea to just straight up punch it in the face like an idiot." Vena exclaimed and threw a berry at me. "Dumbass!"

"It stabbed you! What did you expect me to do!"

"Let me bleed out!"

"Not a chance. Plus, we handled ourselves pretty well." I shrugged and she nodded in defeat. I glanced around the table to see the rest looking at me with expectant eyes. "What!?"

"Please?" Makkari pouted and I glared at her.

"Don't push it. Let me build up the courage."

"Coward..." Ikaris whispered glancing at Vena who was in deep conversation with Thena and Phastos as he showed them his new invention.

"I swear, the day you ask Sersi to marry you, I'm going to be in a corner laughing my ass off."

"You frustrate me. It took you over a thousand years to ask her to be yours, another thousand years to say those words and ten years to plan a proposal. It better not take you another thousand years to get married or else I'm losing it." He said and glanced at the ring. "Like, just get it over with. She's madly in love with you and it shows. It's quite admirable how she managed to stay with you for so long, because I swear... Sometimes I think you don't have any emotions."

"Same goes to Sersi... And it's called being calculating, Ikaris. You should try it sometime."

"When it comes to stu like this, I think it's best to just let it flow how it's supposed to. Don't overthink it."

"Ikaris."

"Druig... I've seen you calculate every single move in your relationship while Vena is the spontaneous one that has constantly forced you out of your comfort zone more times that I could care to count. I think it's time you do this spontaneous act. Besides, that's why you invited us here." Ajak butted and I sighed pulling out the ring showing it to her. "It's beautiful, Phastos, Kingo and you did a good job."

"But how should I do it?"

"You know your relationship better than anyone. You already know how to do it." She smiled and handed back the ring. "I'd do it now because I don't know how much longer Thena and Phastos can keep her distracted."

"Please, it's Vena. A bug could fly past her and she'll be distracted." Ikaris smirked and kicked me to my seat. "I think Adonis has something he wants to say."

"Well go on then! Who's stopping you?" Sprite encouraged with a huge smile on her face and Makkari jumped around on her seat and grabbed Sersi's hand excitedly.

I gave Thena a subtle nod and she smiled turning Vena around to face me while Phastos gave me a thumbs up.

"Yes, Druig?" Vena asked and I took a deep breath holding her hands gently.

"My darling Vena, my starlight. Almost five thousand years ago, we came to this planet having absolutely no idea what was going to happen, and yet here we are. These millenniums have been everything but easy, but having you by my side has made it tolerable. Eternity seems like a long time, but I won't mind because I know that you'll always be there to keep me sane. I love you, my starlight, and I never wish to be parted from you... So will you give me the honor of allowing me to spend our eternity by your side?"

I leant down to pull out the ring but Vena grabbed my face gently and kissed me.

"A million times yes, my charming Druig. In this life and the next, I'll always say yes." She choked out just as I placed the ring on her finger.

I fought the tears in my eyes as I pulled her close and kissed her passionately.

"You and me forever?" I whispered so only she could hear and placed my forehead on hers.

"Forever." She smiled just as the rest of the Eternals started cheering and crying.

We turned to see Ajak and Sersi hugging each other crying. Thena tearing up and calming down a screaming Sprite and a jittery Makkari, Gilgamesh and Ikaris smiling and cheering, and Phastos and Kingo losing their minds.

"Both of you, look at your hands." Phastos said and wiped his tears. "Dammit, Druig! I didn't want to cry!"

Vena and I looked down at our intertwined hands and noticed a new ring was placed on our ring finger.



"I declare you both married now. There's no need for formalities here." He smirked and Ajak shook her head wiping her tears.

"I shouldn't do this, but I really don't care right now... By the power given to me by the Celestials above, I declare you both husband and wife." She choked out and fell into another fit of sobs in Sersi's arms. "Two of my children are married, I can't believe this!"

Vena laughed and turned my head to face her.

"Hello there, husband of mine."

"Hello there, wife of mine." I smiled and kissed her again. "I love you, my beautiful Aphrodite."

"And I love you, my sweet Adonis."

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