тніятеєп A/N: I've been planning this chapter for the longest time. It's literally been sitting on my notes since I started this story. đ And I promise that everything will be explained soon. "Vena, this outfit is a downgrade for you. You're usually so stylish and fabulous." "I'm sorry, Kingo. Do you want me to wear a ball gown and six inch heels? Do my hair and makeup as well?" I sco ed pulling my hair into a tight ponytail. "The Amazons are humid, and full of mud. You're going to regret bringing your red sole shoes." I looked around the trees to see the familiar markings Druig and I made when we first came here a er the split and smiled turning to face them. "Ladies and gentlemen... and Ikaris. Welcome to the village. Please, no flash photography and keep your thoughts, comments, arms and legs to yourself at all times. Ikaris, I'm looking at you. Keep in mind that they just went through an earthquake a few days ago and are just getting back into the swing of things. Enjoy the ride." a "It looks better than what Druig describes." Thena whispered with a smile. "He did a good job. I'm impressed." "They're not-" "Not at all, Kingo. They chose to stay. And please let me be the one to break the news, he's stressed out." I interrupted and Kingo nodded patting my back before walking away with Karun. " Estamos buscando a Druig. ¿Dónde está?" "Sprite, let me." I smiled and she nodded stepping away. "Angelito, ¿estas bien?" (Angelito, how are you?) a "¡Afrodita llegaste!" (Aphrodite, you're back!) "¿Has visto a Adonis? Él me había comentado que estaba por la escuela, pero no lo encuentro." (Have you seen Adonis? He told me he was by the school but I can't find him.) "¿Cómo ellos conocen a Adonis?" "Somos amigos... de la universidad. Sprite answered and I saw the familiar golden irises making me sigh and pinch my nose. "Hello, Sprite." Angelito answered with a smirk and the school doors opened to reveal Druig. "Is this... Is this a cult?" Kingo asked and I jabbed his ribs with my elbow. "Right, not a cult. Sorry." a "I missed all of you, but not as much as I've missed my darling wife." Druig opened his arms and I smiled running up to him and hugged him. "My beautiful Aphrodite, I missed you so." đ "So did I, my sweet Adonis. The school looks amazing." I smiled. Druig chuckled kissing me and twirled a strand of my hair. "Once I said that you were coming, everyone worked overtime and we finished it this morning. Do you like it?" "It's beautiful. You all did a good job." I said and turned to the rest of the Eternals. "Please, make yourselves at home! Nuestra casa es su casa, a excepción de Ikaris." (Our home is your home, except for a⁴ "Yes... I think we have loads to talk about." "You've given me a lot of bad news in one go, my lady. Barely let my wife get a word in." "Will you help us?" "I am glad that-" Druig was cut o by Sersi's phone and I stifled a laugh hiding my face on his shoulder. Druig let out a chuckle and leant down to whisper to me. "Lizzo, really?" đ "She's a bad bitch, don't judge." "Hey, what's your service? I am not getting any bars." Kingo asked. "There's wi-fi here, love. Password's the place and year Druig and I got together." I said and wrote the password on the board. "You're welcome." a "Do you all remember this forest? Beautiful! It's the last place we all lived together. It's also the place Vena and I got married. As a matter of fact, I proposed and got married in this very same spot... I've protected these people for 20 generations now. From the outside world and from themselves. With the help from Vena who is the only one with common sense in this place! No o ense, Mum and Dad." Druig said pacing around and stopped in front of Karun. "Your kind, my friend. You will be responsible for your own extinction one day. Don't you think?" a "I think we must learn from our mistakes and do better, Sir. You must not give up hope." Karun answered and broke his camera thanks to Druig's hold. "Druig, enough!" I scolded and he smiled as his eyes changed back to "Just a little fun, my darling. All in good fun." He shrugged and turned back to Karun. "I'm sorry, Karun. And I haven't lost hope. My beautiful wife is still here, isn't she? Therefore I have not lost hope." "New rule, no more possessing people's minds and you listen to your wife." Kingo stated standing up. "Where's your sense of humor, Kingo? Weren't you supposed to be the comedian in the family?" Druig taunted. "I'm sorry, sir." "You have nothing to apologize, it's okay." Kingo said to Karun and turned back to Druig. "You are not a god. You do know that right?" "How Ironic! Kingo the movie star." "I've directed some things too." a "Like what?" "Internet content." "How many views?" a "I don't do it for the views." "Let's go. He's wasting our time." Ikaris sco ed walking away but Druig stepped in front of him. "Ikaris! I missed you. Killed any wives lately? I see my wife is still intact and without a bruise, so I guess either she threatened you or Mum and Dad did. Personally, I prefer that she does the threatening, it's rather entertaining seeing you trying to break free from her hold." Druig smirked and Ikaris pushed him back. "What? Gonna charm me? Threaten me?" đ "There's a third option if you prefer that." Ikaris shrugged and pointed at me. "Maybe a fourth too." ď "Look at me, I'm shaking in my spot. Big bad Ikaris, I have a feeling you're going to get those wings chopped o really soon. It must sting not being mother's favorite, huh? And you lay a hand on Vena one more time, I'm sure everyone here will kill you before I get my slice. Mostly Thena and Gilgamesh." Druig teased and I stopped Ikaris' movements once I saw him raise his fist. "Thank you, darling." a "Druig, this is serious!" Sersi exclaimed. "I'll tell you what's serious. I've just been told I have been sent on a suicide mission for past 7000 years and that my entire existence is a lie. So, excuse me for not giving a shit about your plan right now." He spat and walked away slamming the door. a Everyone turned to me and I sighed standing up. "Could've just let me handle it, but no! You all had to go and ambush him like the savages you are!" "Go talk to him." Ikaris ordered and I shook my head. "Vena, I've been playing nice this entire-" å "You don't ever shut up, do you? I can't go a er him because he needs time to cool down, Ikaris! I told you that I needed to be the one to talk to him, but you ambushed him in front of everybody in this village. How do you think that feels, huh?" I spat and stared him down. "Nobody knows Druig like I do. Give him five minutes to cool down and then I'll go talk to him **alone**. I need to cool down myself a er seeing your face again and dealing with the same old bullshit again." "Vena-" "Can it, Sersi. You ambushed him too. This falls on all of you." "I'm not talking about it." "Druig-" "7000 years, Vena. 7000 years we've been living this lie. Our memories wiped time and time again and for what? So we can continue being used as pawns? That's just complete and utter bullshit." Druig said and continued to pace around the living room. "Our entire lives have been a lie." "Yeah, but if we don't do this, we'll be living that same lie over and over again. When does the cycle end, Druig? I actually want to remember this life and everything about it. I especially want to remember the man I married and the love we share for each other." I sighed stepping in front of him and wrapped my arms around his neck. "You're asking me to do something that's never been done before. If this goes wrong-" "It's a risk I'm more than willing to take. Dru... I don't know who I was in a past life. I don't even know if we were always together or not. But I don't want to forget this planet that's been nothing but kind to us. The life I've lived, the people I met, they're worth saving, Adonis. They're worth it, Druig. You've protected these people for  $20\,$ generations and you're willing to let them die just because you hold a grudge? That's not the man I married." "Who was the man you married then?" He asked placing his forehead on mine. đ "The man I married fought tooth and nail for this planet and it's habitants. And when his back was against the wall, he would bite back and fight even harder." "I'm not a fighter, Vena." "You're not exactly a pacifist either, Druig. You're a thinker and you tend to over analyze every little detail in your life and you never listen to your instincts. For once, I'm asking you to not think about this and do what feels right to you." I begged and Druig sighed resting his head on the crook of my neck. "I'm doing this because I think it's the right thing to do. And I want my husband next to me when I do. Because let's be honest here, I'm fucking terrified right now." "You seriously think I can take on the mind of a Celestial?" He asked. "I think that you are the most powerful Eternal here and the one with most drive because you have a lot to lose." "What if it doesn't work?" "But what if it does?" a "But what if it doesn't?" He retorted back. "If it doesn't work, we get our minds wiped and forget everything. Our marriage, our story, everything." "But if it works we'll be taking a long vacation in Fiji to celebrate." I smirked and pulled away slightly. "You want to do it, you're just being stubborn." "I hate it when you know me so well." He laughed and we both heard a roar we've become far too familiar with. "Was that-" "Dammit!" "Kingo, I'd duck if I were you." "Well it's about time you got here!" Kingo yelled back and stepped out of the way once I climbed on top of the Deviant. "You haven't missed a step, Vena." "I miss a step, we all die." I spat out trying to steer away the Deviant. "Make sure Karun gets this!" "Already recording, Miss Vena!" Karun called out and I smiled with glowing eyes and the Deviant exploded. "That was so cool!" a "Did you get my good side? Because I am definitely not doing that again." I said wiping the blood o my forehead and formed a wall of air behind me. "Los necesito detrás de mi. ¡Ahora carajos!" (I need all of you behind me. Now!) Some of the villagers scurried behind the wall while others grabbed their shotguns with glowing eyes. "Dammit Druig! I'm trying to do my job here!" I yelled out and a Deviant had me in a chokehold by his tail and swung me back to a house. "I'll be feeling that one tomorrow." "Vena! Are you okay?" Sersi asked transforming the broken wood into butterflies and helped me stand up. "You're bleeding." "No shit, Sersi! Are my organs spilling out by any chance? Because I swear I lost a lung last time I was here." I gave her a deadpan expression and rolled my eyes. "Get the townspeople to the school and seal it. Convert it to diamond, titanium, I don't bloody care. Just make sure they don't get hurt, okay?" "And you?" "I'll steer the Deviant away the only way I know how to do it." "By getting yourself killed!?" "Probably." "Vena, get out of there!" "Nice of you to join the fight, my darling husband! Had a nice nap!? Are you well rested, your Highness? Or do you need a few more minutes?" a "Not the time!" Druig groaned grabbing a shotgun and shot the Deviant. đ "God, I'm so in love with you right now." I mumbled to myself and Druig smirked. "Shut up." <del>d'</del> "Like old times?" He asked handing me an axe and I nodded. Deviants circled us and we stood back to back holding our weapons. a "Adonis, let them go! They're going to get themselves killed!" I scolded and Druig groaned. "Druig, I swear to Arishem I will feed you to the Deviants myself!" Druig sighed before waving his hand and the townspeople stopped shooting. a " Adonis, Afrodita-" "¡Vayan al río!" (Get to the river!) "¿Qué carajos hacen ahí parados comiendo mierda? ¡Corran! yelled and they finally ran away. "I see you still choose the more simple approach." (What the fuck are you all doing standing there eating shit? Run!) I slid under one of them slashing its legs and boiled its blood causing it to explode while Druig managed to shoot one through the heart and Sersi dropped a tree on it. I chopped o its head and kicked it towards Kingo's face who screamed and ran away from it hiding behind Karun. Druig and I doubled over in laughter and high-fived each other. a "Vena, I hate it when you do that!" He screeched. ď "Oh, that was amazing." I said through laughs and Ikaris landed in front of me strangling a Deviant. "Hey, show o! Need some help?" "No shit!" Ikaris spat shooting lasers down its throat. I jumped on the Deviant's back and placed both of my hands on its temples ripping o its head with one fluid motion throwing it next to Sprite. I stood up shakily and glanced at Druig who was already looking at me with a knowing gleam in his eyes. "I've been waiting a long time for this..." "Believe me, so have I." "Hey, hey, look at me." Druig said shaking me with glowing eyes. "You're okay, we're okay." a "Should've done this five centuries ago." "Druig!" "Vena, snap out of it!" Druig begged but I heard his voice getting farther and farther away. "Listen to my voice, Vena. Sprite, I need your help here!" a A Celestial emerging, volcanoes erupting. Ikaris has betrayed you. He will break his promise. It's almost time. "Vena!" Sprite slapped me across the face and I looked at her in shock. "Yeah, hi. Welcome back. You weren't responding. Just mumbling nonsense." ď "Vena, what happened?" Druig desperately asked and rubbed my temples. "I couldn't enter your mind, that's never happened before. Your mind wasn't here." "I... I don't know." I mumbled and looked around. "Where's mom and a "I don't know." "Dad? Momma?" "I'll remember... I'll remember." I heard Thena sob and I tensed rushing towards her. "Vena, I'm sorry... I-" "It's a prank. He once did this to me and Karri years ago. Remember?" I forced a smile and tried to ignore the thorny vines growing around us. "He just has dirt on his face from fighting. We all do." "Sweetheart, it's not a prank." Thena whispered holding my hand and my smile faltered slightly once the ground started shaking. "Then I'm obviously dreaming." "Vena... it's us. Could you maybe lower the vines?" I heard Kingo's voice and I made the thorns grow bigger. "Okay, ow!" "Aphrodite, it's Adonis. Please let me through." Druig begged and I shook my head growing a dome of vines around us. "Sersi, hand me the machete. Ikaris, you shoot a laser, this machete is going into your a "Vena, I'm sorry. I got triggered. I-" "Mom?" I finally looked up at her and she nodded opening her arms and I fell into them in a fit of sobs. "It's not your fault, momma." "Dad? Dad!?" I heard Druig's voice but I made no e ort to move from Thena's arms. "Dad, please..." ď "Ares, come here." Thena li ed one of her arms and Druig hugged both of us with tears in his eyes. "I'm so sorry." "We didn't get to say goodbye." Druig sobbed and held my hand. ď "Guys-" "Let them have their moment, Ikaris." Kingo interrupted and lowered Karun's camera. "Nobody needs to see this." "I always thought I'd be the one to die, but not Dad." I chuckled slightly and looked at Gilgamesh's gray body. "Im dreaming, I have to "It's not a dream, Vena. I'm sorry." Ikaris whispered and I pursed my lips as the ground shook again. "Vena, that's enough." "Let them mourn, Ikaris." Sersi whispered pushing them away. "We'll let you three have a moment." "I'll remember." Thena choked out and Druig finally broke down sobbing. "We'll all remember, Momma. We all will." "Vena, whenever you're ready." I let go of Druig's hand and walked up to Gilgamesh's body holding a flame in my hands. "We'll take care of Momma, Dad. You rest easy, your children have it handled. We'll make you proud, I promise." I whispered kissing his forehead and set his body aflame. ď "I'll do it." Druig whispered to me once I walked back to him and wiped my tears. "For Dad." "For Dad." đ **MEMES:** Vena arriving home 1111 CHANEL Druig Druig ena This is my husband, Crap Bag. Sers karis Deviant. Kingo Sprite The camera

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