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Greece a 3000 BC A/N: these Greece chapters have my heart. å "Why is it that you're always hanging upside down on trees, beautiful Vena?" "It's fun! But I can never seem to get down." "That's because you first have to sit up and then get down." Druig pointed out and I shrugged laughing at him. "Do I somehow amuse

you?" "You're upside down." I said between giggles and he rolled his eyes smiling.

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"More like I'm right side up and you're the one who's upside down." "I like my version better." I smirked sitting up and jumped down from the branch. "It's nice to see you out of the Domo. You haven't been

out much since we got here." "I've been too busy thinking." He shrugged handing me my bag. "On the other, you haven't been inside the Domo since we arrived, except the time that Ikaris dragged you for a meeting."

"I like this place, Druig. It's dierent than Egypt. It's calmer and the humans are much more keen on learning instead of killing each other like savages. Plus, the scenery is extremely beautiful." I said and gestured to the buildings. "They made those with their bare hands! Hand carved and everything! Can you believe that?"

"It's a lot more calmer than Egypt... Maybe these humans won't turn into such savages." Druig mused and I slapped his shoulder. "Hey!" "They're not savages! They're just... confused. But I haven't lost faith in them yet, and neither should you."

"As long as you haven't lost faith in them, I won't either." He smiled and I couldn't help but smile back. "Have you found any new places to show me, beautiful Vena?" "Well, there's-"

"Awww, little Druig and little Vena out for a stroll. That's cute." I heard Ikaris' voice and I groaned. "Awww, it's the man who flew too close to the sun... and died what is considered to be a very anticlimactic death. Remind me to thank

Sprite for that later on." I smirked. "There's this thing called minding your own business, ever heard of it? Or has stalking Sersi all the time made you more stupid than before?"

"Like Druig hasn't been stalking you?" He teased and Druig tensed up

"At least he has courage to actually talk to me and be my friend, Ikaris. How long have you been pining on Sersi? Two thousand years? Ouch." I teased back and watched as Ikaris' eyes glowed. "Ooh, gonna hurt me again? This should be fun." "Remember your place and what Ajak told you, Ikaris." Druig spoke from behind me and I smirked watching him fly away. I turned to

Druig who was extremely flustered and looking at the ground. "Vena, "Come on, I wanna show you what I found."

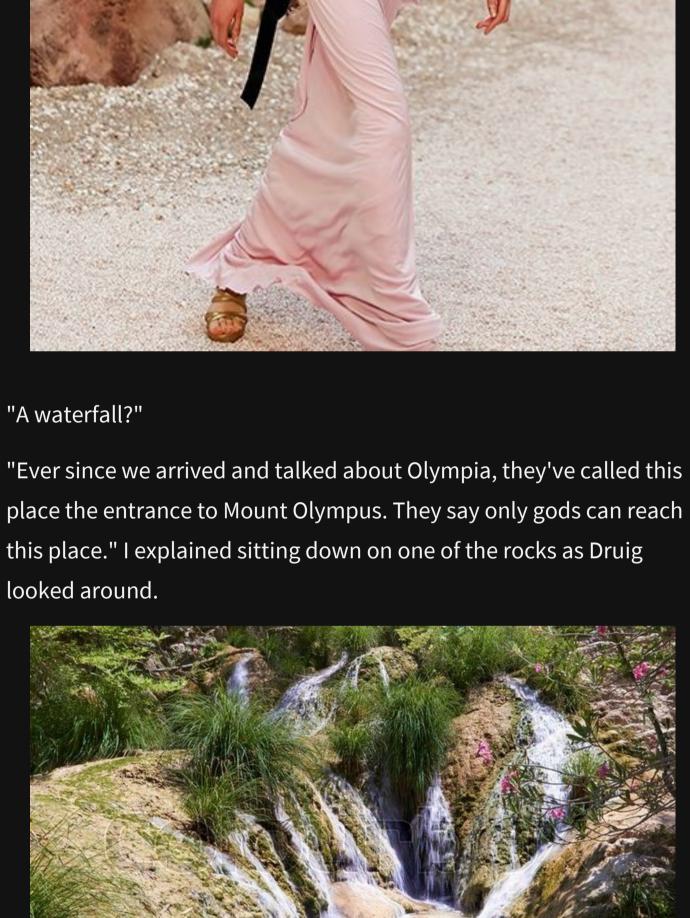
"Are we there yet?" "Stop whining, we've only been hiking for a while. We took breaks per your request." "These sandals were not made for walking these distances, beautiful Vena." Druig groaned and I rolled my eyes.

"And I'm wearing something that limits my movements. Suck it up,

we're here."

stepping away slightly.

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"I can see why. The climb here was excruciating."

"Going for a swim... Why? You're welcome to join."

"You don't have any more clothing, Vena."

beautiful, isn't it?"

mud, Druig."

at him. "Appreciate it, Vena."

time, but special nonetheless."

"But worth it." I pointed out and held a ball of water smiling. "It's

and I rolled my eyes taking o my shoes. "What are you doing?"

"It'll dry by the time we get back to the village for the feast, don't

worry." I sco ed and dove to the water. "Don't be such a stick in the

"I'm not a stick in the mud." Druig sco ed and I threw a ball of water

"I can think of something much more beautiful." Druig smirked at me

"I told you in Egypt that you have to have fun, I still stand by that." I shrugged floating on the water and he sco ed. "Just join me for five minutes, if you don't like it, you may go and I'll be back later tonight." "And leave you alone in here? No way." He said taking o his shoes

and looked down. I rolled my eyes and made steps of water helping

him down. "Thanks." a "Big baby." I teased. "See? Nothing to worry about and I'll dry us o before we leave, no problem."

"You truly are something else, beautiful Vena." Druig smiled

swimming towards me and brushed the hair out of my face.

"Definitely something else." a⁵ "Is that good or bad?" "Definitely a good thing." He said still smiling and I smiled back. "You're something else too, Druig. A stick in the mud most of the

"Where have you two been!? It's Druig's turn to tell them a story."

"Calm down, Makkari. I was showing him something! 'signed back

" You like him. You don't show us the places you find, except him the

and she smirked. " Now, don't be getting ideas!"

wanted to show him. Is that so bad?"

about to start. I wonder what this one's about."

and I elbowed her lightly. "It's so obvious."

laughter. "Shut up, Makkari."

" Or who.'Makkari teased nudging my shoulder again.

"Shut up." I hissed turning my attention to Druig's story.

teased and I rolled my eyes. "She's not wrong." Thena said from behind me and I jumped. "You're always showing him these places that none of us have ever seen, and probably never see. Where did you take him now?" "Somewhere..." I trailed o and they both nudged me with their

shoulders. "Okay, fine! I found this waterfall the other day and I

"It's adorable." Gilgamesh butted in and I groaned. "Druig's story is

"This is the story of a beautiful woman named... Aphrodite. She emerged from the sea foam and trust me, she was the most beautiful woman you've ever laid eyes on. Her beauty could be one to start and end wars. But obviously she's not just known for her beauty. She is a fierce warrior alongside her mentor... Athena-"

"Still think he's talking about someone else?" Thena whispered to me

"If you're done, I'd like to continue hearing the story, thank you." I

grumbled hiding my face on Makkari's shoulder who was stifling a

"-and that is why she is known as the goddess of love, beauty, and

victory. Because without her, we wouldn't be able to protect all of

you." Druig finished just as Sprite casted an illusion of myself and I

rolled my eyes smiling. "And not to mention that she hates Icarus for

not listening orders and getting himself killed." a⁴ "A match made in Olympia, huh?" Kingo joined in and I jabbed his ribcage. "Oh, come on! It's so obvious!" "I won't hesitate to drive a string of fire up your ass if you don't shut up, Kingo." I smirked and he tensed. đ "How long do you think it'll take before they make statues of you as

Aphrodite?" Gilgamesh asked and I sco ed. "Or him as 'Adonis', the

"How about never?" I rolled my eyes and grabbed Makkari's hand.

"I give it a few days. Makkari smirked." Two if Druig compels them to.

mortal who doesn't deserve her love?"

"They will one day, Vena!" Kingo called out.

Five if they work on free will."

"They're dancing, come on."

Eternals

"And that day is not today!"

MEMES:

- Have you ever fallen in love?

- Five times a day.

Druig

Makkari Go tell him he's cute. What's the worst that could happen?

Vena

He could hear me.

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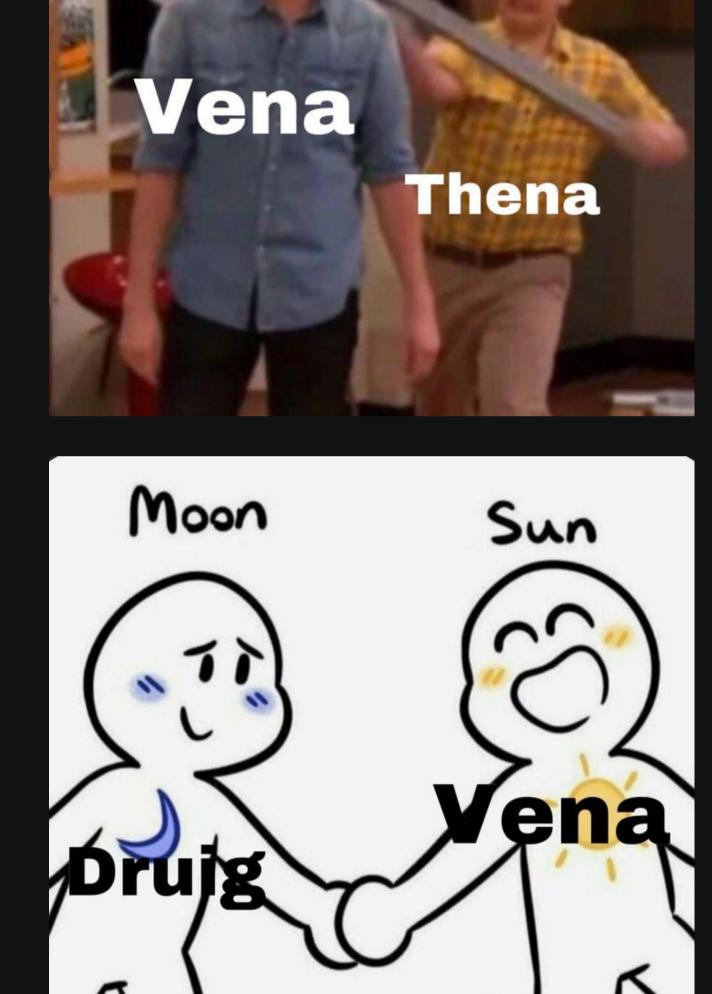
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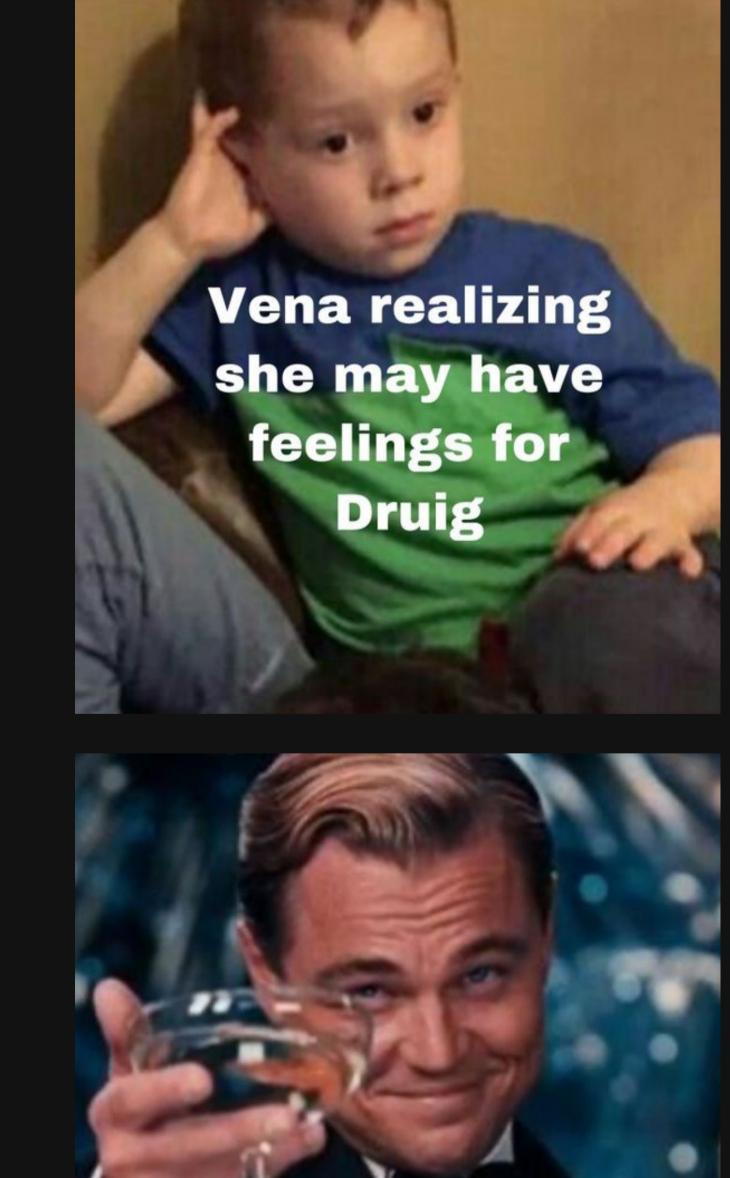
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The Eternals

watching Druig talk

about Vena