



## Two Weeks Later

The Eternals gather in Ajak's home, having one last meal together before they split up. Kingo, Sersi, and Sprite were already in London. Now that Sprite was human, Sersi decided that it would be best for her to go to school and meet people her age.

With her own plate of food, she sits in between Druig and Makkari on the couch. Druig sneaks his hand over to her plate and steals a slice of pizza. Ada whips her head around with a puzzled look on her face. Druig smiles, taking a bite out of her pizza.

"Hey! That was mine!" She smacks his arm.

"Not anymore," he teases.

"You have your own food!" She complains. Much to her dismay, she can't help but smile at him.

The TV before them was streaming a news channel that was talking about the Emergence and the new marble fingertips that seemed to appear out of nowhere. If only they knew what really happened. The people of Earth would freak out.

Upon seeing footage of Tiamut's statue, Ben looks to his husband in awe, "You guys did that?"

"I love you so much," Phastos replies with a mouth full of food.

Meanwhile, in the kitchen, Thena places her own hand into the toaster, trying to figure out how it worked. Jack enters.

"Are you okay?" he asks her.

Pulling her hand out of the toaster, Thena answers, "I get confused sometimes."

"Yeah, me too." Jack jumps up, trying to reach an orange from the bowl of fruit stored on a shelf, just barely out of his reach. "So, dad said you're the goddess Athena."

"Thena! Drop the A!" she corrects.

"Oh..." he continues on without missing a beat, "What's your superpower?"

A sword extends from Thena's fingertips and pierces the orange Jack was trying to reach.

"Um, can you just...give me one second," Phastos stands up quickly and places his plate on Makkari's lap before dashing frantically into the kitchen. From the couch, Ada watches as Thena lowers her sword, ordering Jack the orange.

"Okay, alright. See that- that thing is... Okay. Almost gave you a shave and a hair cut, didn't she? Stand behind me actually. Um, you remember earmuffs?" Phastos laughs nervously, struggling to form normal sentences. He quickly moves Jack away from Thena's sword. "You know that your babysitting privileges are completely revoked, right? Like, it's done," he mumbles to Thena, who shrugs at the comment. Then, he turns back to Jack, "Violence is never the answer. Right, T? You gotta always use your brain."

"Like you did fighting on the beach?" she mentions.

"Your dad spoke calmly and firmly with the bad guy and he had no choice but to listen to me. So, no violence."

"The kid is ten, not stupid," Makkari signs, walking into the kitchen.

"When are you guys be leaving? When is that happening? That's happening soon, right?" Phastos asks, afraid that if they spend any more time here, his son would get hurt.

Druig and Ada walk into the kitchen together.

"Stay away from him," Phastos adds, not trusting Druig one bit.

"What about me?" Ada asks curiously.

"Ehh..." Ada's jaw drops at his response. She thought she was a very trustworthy person. But she didn't exactly have the cleanest record when it came to not hurting people, especially a girl fighting Ikaris. "Whatever."

The five Eternals walk out to the field with Jack tagging along, excited to see the Domo his dad always talked about.

"Wow, dad, the Domo's so cool!" Jack beams.

"Your dad fixed that with his bare hands," he mentions. Ada rolls her eyes. She was the one that prevented it from disintegrating into a million pieces. So if anything, she saved him from having to spend even more time repairing it. It was basically a team effort in Ada's eyes.

"Can we go to space, too, one day?"

"Let's wait till you get your learner's permit, okay?"

Druig walks up to Phastos and stops at his side, "Hey, Phastos. Take care. This world is lucky to have you."

"Thank you," Phastos holds his hand out. "I know you're not a hugger, so..." Druig shakes his hand, appreciating the gesture, but then surprises everyone when he pulls Phastos into a big friendly hug. Makkari and Ada smile at them.

"You think when we find the other Eternals out there, that they'll accept the truth the way we did?" Druig signs to Makkari.

"The truth will set them free," she signs.

"Let's hope so, because I'm not ready to have to fight anymore people. That was the most work I've ever had to do in centuries. I feel like I deserve a long nap or something," Ada comments. Druig chuckles as he places a hand on her waist, pulling her closer.

"Don't we all," he agrees.

Phastos and his son watch as the Domo flies off into the atmosphere.

"Um-"

"Hang on, hang on," he cuts Thena off. "Behold! The royal Prince of Titan, brother of Thanos, the Knave of Hearts, defeater of Black Robert."

"Thanos' brother?" Makkari questions. None of them were aware Thanos even had a brother.

"Roger!" The voice comes from further down the hallway.

"Oh...Defeater of Black Roger, The Great Adventurer, Starfox of Mystery Planet!" The creature introduces. A man steps out of the darkness, presenting himself to the Eternals.

"What a pleasure to make your acquaintance, my fellow Eternals," he tells them, then turns to face his friend. "You know you really don't have to do the whole thing every time." The two bicker back and forth.

"Who are you?" Now it's Thena's turn to cut them off.

"I'm Eros. This is Pip. And you are as beautiful as legends say, Thena," he says, introducing himself and his friend.

"What do you want, lads?" Druig interrogates.

"Pip and I are here to help, aren't we?"

Ada rolls her eyes as the creature belches rudely. She's about to tell them to get lost, when suddenly Eros pulls out a sphere that looked like the one Ajak had. She freezes for a moment. How does he have one of those? Is he an Eternal too?

"Your friends are in big trouble. And we know where to find them."

To be Continued...

I'm With You - Druig

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