



A History Pt. 3

A/N: Make sure to read the Author's note at the bottom for an important question. It will guide the plot a lot in the coming part

♥ Enjoy a bit of Iris,

Location: Neath
100 years before the Emergence

Thousands of people ran to the gates of the palace, a stampede of deviants following behind them. On the top of the le watchtower, Esther stood with Morrigan and Ajak. Two Sisters of Draoid, Gaia and Eir, held the doors opens.

"You ready for this?" Makkari signed to Iris.

She grinned and signed back, "Born ready." She threw her hand out and a silver sta appeared in her hand.

Artemis li ed her bow up and pulled an arrow back. She aimed at one of the beasts. It had six legs, three tails, and pinchers. Two bolts of gold shot at it and Artemis looked back. Kingo's hands raised and pointed at the deviant.

"That was mine!" Artemis hu ed.

"Too slow!" Kingo shouted back.

Artemis turned back around, the deviant getting back up from the blasts. She pulled the bow back and didn't hesitate. The arrow released from her grip, Makkari ran at the beast. In a second the arrow was lodged in the center of it's right eye. Makkari slammed her body against it and it tipped over. "Such show o.s." Kingo stood next to Iris, "We should form a team. I could shoot it and then you could hit it really hard with the sta."

"So like Artemis and Makkari, just not as fast?" Iris asked.

Kingo's smile faded and eyes became dull, "Well when you say it like that, doesn't sound as cool—you know what we'll work on branding." He patted her shoulder.

"On your le!" Artemis shouted. Iris spun around and hit the shoulder of a giant beast. She pulled her sta back and jumped o the ground. Kingo shot two blasts and backed up to gather energy. Iris li ed her hands, palms facing upwards. The magic wrapped around the deviants legs locking it in place. Kingo reeled back as he formed his energy blast. Iris's hands clenched as the beast struggled against her hold. He threw his arms out and the golden energy hit the beast, it exploded. Iris dropped to the ground.

"See!" Kingo clapped his hands together. "Best team ever." Iris turned to him and he let out a high pitch scream. Iris's eyes narrowed and head tilted to the side. He placed a hand on his chest, "I'm sorry it's just." He pointed at his eyes. "I forget your eyes go glow-y when you use your magic." He took in a deep breath. "Reminds me of Druig." He shutters.

She rolls her eyes, "It's not that bad."

"We can agree to disagree." Kingo shrugged.

Across the battle field, Thena morphed her sword into an axe and slid across the ground swinging the axe at a deviants side. The beast cried out. She shielded herself from its tail. A crow flew down from the sky and grew into Morrigan. She flew down on the beast and with her black sword stabbed the beast through the neck. She jumped o of the beast and landed next to Thena. The blonde woman's eyebrow raised. Morrigan's violet eyes watched her carefully. "I like your skill with weapons." She said.

Thena's lips quirked up, "I like your sword." Ikaris flew passed them and li ed an arm out punching one of the running beasts. As the deviants grew closer Makkari helped the stragglers get closer to the gates. Morrigan flew o the ground and joined Ikaris in the air fight. Sersei ran out of the gates, "This way!" She shouted. "There's more coming!" She looked at Gaia and Eir. "There's too many of them." Sersei looked up to the sky where Morrigan and Ikaris fought two deviants. Makkari ran up to Sersei. "Tell the others, we see more coming on the southern boarder." She signed.

Makkari ran out into the field, she went to Gilgamesh, then to a group of sisters, Thena, Artemis, and finally to Kingo and Iris. "There are more coming." She signed.

"Is everyone behind the walls?" Iris asked.

"Yes." Makkari signed. The tall trees of the southern forest shook and the ground rumbled. Ten if not more deviants ran toward the field, snarling and ready for a fight.

She couldn't explain the feeling she had, but she knew she could end this. She could protect everyone. Iris looked at Makkari. "Tell everyone to stand back." She signed. Makkari's eyes widened and darted over to Kingo and back to Iris.

"Trust me." Iris said and signed. Makkari nodded. Iris ran toward the deviants. She pressed her hands together, fingers twitching and tingling. She stopped where there was no one else.

Anu ran up to her, "What are you doing?" She screamed. "You can't seriously think you can take all these beasts on?"

Iris turned toward her, "Anu get out of here!" Her feet rose o the ground her powers flowed around her, spiraling, bright and tornado like.

"You aren't strong enough!" Anu shouted against the winds. Iris couldn't hear her, her eyes glowing. She thought about the people of Neath. She thought about her sisters in the field. There were a million things she needed to protect and at the heart of it all was Druig. He was somewhere beyond the walls.

Instincts took over and as the energy escaped her she let out a scream. Her arms shot out as the power exploded from her, her power grew the size of the field. It looked like the galaxy, had come down to Neath. The bright glowing energy was like a giant star. The beasts cried out as her energy came over them. Iris was shaking, trembling as her power le her. She didn't know how to stop it.

And then just like it started, it stopped. The energy returned to her, her body fell to the ground. Iris's head was pounding, she shivered, and her body was numb. In the moments to follow, there was such a silence, a kind Iris had never heard before. She looked up to the southern forest. The deviants were not just stopped, they were gone, no trace of them.

She felt somebody beside her. She glanced up to Anu. The woman knelt down next to Iris, eyes wide. Iris suddenly let out a hard cough and covered her mouth. When she pulled back there was crimson on her hand, blood. Iris looked up to Anu who was looking at Iris's hand.

"Blood." Anu said and her eyes grew watery.

"Do you think you can heal it?" Iris asked, her voice raspy and barely above a whisper. Anu let out a breathless laugh and stood.

She stared down at Iris, "You stupid girl." She disappeared. Was it just her imagination? Had Anu been there before.

"Iris!" Artemis yelled.

Ikaris and Morrigan landed in front of Iris. Morrigan knelt down in front of Iris and placed a hand on her shoulder. "Are you okay, sister?" She asked. "We need Anu."

Artemis glanced around the group of people, "She was just here." She said. She placed her hand on Iris's back. "That was insane."

Makkari was the next to arrive. She gave Iris a once over and noticed the blood on her hand and lips. In a bolt of gold she disappeared and reappeared with Ajak. The woman examined Iris carefully.

"How did you do it?" Brigid asked.

"I don't know." Iris said. "I just knew I could." She looked at Morrigan. Everyone looked at Iris with shock and disbelief.

Ajak looked at Morrigan. "I can heal her." She said. "She will be okay." Morrigan took in a breath and nodded.

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"Make way!" Kingo's arm was wrapped around Iris. "This is my partner, everyone, mypartner." He pointed at Iris. Esther agreed that a er such victory it wasn't a terrible idea to have celebration.

Artemis stepped up to walk along side them, "You do realize she did that last bit all on her own?" She asked.

"I cleared the path." Kingo said.

Makkari punched his arm, "No, that was me." She signed.

Kingo put a hand to his chest, "I look I'm sorry you two are jealous of our power." He said and signed. "Not everyone can be as great."

Iris looked around the party. She felt her gut twist and heartbeat speed up. She wanted desperately to see Druig and yet he was no where to be found.

"Back me up on this partner." Kingo nudged Iris. She glanced at him and then at Makkari and Artemis.

Her mouth bobbed and then she nodded, "I, um, back you..." She patted his shoulder. "I'll be back in a moment." She walked through the crowd as gently as she could. He hadn't been there when the gates opened. He wasn't there when she arrived back at the Palace.

"He's up there." Ajak stepped in front of Iris. She pointed up at the le watch tower. Her brown eyes met Iris's. "Are you feeling better?" She asked.

"Much better. Thanks to you of course." Iris grinned.

"You saved everyone from a gruesome battle." Ajak smiled. "It's me who should be thanking you."

"I only used my light abilities." Iris shrugged.

Ajak's eyes hardened and eyebrows knitted together. "Iris you did more than that. It was like... like you were rewriting reality." She said. "It was the most cosmically powerful magic I've seen from someone other than a —," She stopped short and looked up to the tower. "You should go to him. I'm sure he wants to speak to you."

Ajak stepped into the crowd before Iris could stop her. Iris would ask Esther what she saw. It must have been a misunderstanding. Her abilities were light based. She couldn't just rewrite reality, that would be impossible. She pushed her running thoughts to the side and moved to the watch tower.

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The winds of Neath were harsh on top of the watch tower. The turrets were tall and the only thing that lit the world were the two moons and stars. Iris stepped forward, he stood facing the field. His hands clasped in front of his body. She moved to stand next to him.

"Druig?" She called so ly. He didn't react and she was worried his name had gotten carried away by the wind.

"You could've died today." He said and turned to look at her. There were tears threatening to fall and his lips quivered. "I could've lost you."

She wanted to say that was okay. That she didn't die so it was okay but, the look on his face, the deep sadness in his eyes destroyed her. "I'm sorry," was the only thing she could say.

"The worst part was, there was nothing I could do." He said and turned to look at the forest. "I was ready to take over the mind of every person in Neath. I would let everyone die just so you could live."

"Please —"

He turned and grabbed her hands. "I want to do it." He said, his thumbs brushing against her skin. "I want to create a soul bond."

"But a er the deviants are gone, you'll have to go back to Olympia." Her eyes were wide. He couldn't say things like that. He couldn't make her think of a future with him. She loved him with every fiber of her being but, one day that would all end.

"I don't have to." He shook his head. "This could be my last mission. I could stay with you." He brought a hand to her cheek.

"What about your family? What about Arishem? You are loyal to him." She whispered.

He pressed his forehead against her's. He took in a breath and licked his lips. He brought his other hand up to her face. "Iris, my loyalty is only to you."

She leaned forward and kissed him. She hadn't realized how scared she was. Scared that he would leave, scared that she would've died and they wouldn't get to kiss one last time. She pressed her lips against his and they moved together seamlessly. Tears fell from her eyes, but his thumbs brushed them away.

A soul bond, they would never be apart. They would never always find each other. They would be each others for eternity.

She pulled back and looked into his blue eyes. "I love you, Druig." She said. "I will love you, forever."

Druig's lips curled up and his cheeks dimpled, "I love you. My sweet, Iris." He brushed his nose against her's. And for the moment they were happy.

A/N

I hope this chapter made you smile. I wanted to give some happiness a er the last couple of chapters.

This will probably be the only chapter for the day but, I'm already working on tomorrow's one ☺

Here's my important plot question. So eventually Freya comes across other MCU plots (Avengers, Thor the Dark World, Ragnarok, Infinity War etc...) Would you want to see glimpses of her time in those plots?

Those chapters would not have Druig in them as much. Essentially the question is do we want a chapter for each movie or do we want less phase 1-3 MCU more Eternals, Iris, The village?

Let me know what y'all are wanting.

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