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None of us would have ever thought about the dangers of the human evolution and development. The anger grew amongst the humans as we were all so focused on their survival against the deviants, we didn't even think we would have to focus on the survival amongst each other.

"My sweet cora come back to bed." I heard his raspy voice come from the bed we built and shared. It's been 100 years since we settled down here. I'm at the window that was carved into the wall, watching the stars peek through the trees above.

"Coming." I walk back to the bed in the barely lit room and lay next to him in his left side. His arm wraps around me and he pulls me in closer.

"Go to bed cora. Let your mind rest." I felt druig hold my lower back.

I let him fall back asleep and get back out. I slowly open the door and walk through the small village we created together. The cold air feels really nice and I walk to the river. I'm not not tired for some reason.

I sit at the edge and look up. I kind of miss everyone. It hasn't even been long only around 100 years, but I catch myself wondering if they are doing okay. I turn back and look at the village.

I don't regret a thing being here but I miss Ajak. I miss her brushing my hair and helping me. I also miss Thena helping me fight better, and sprites arguments with kingo. Also gils baking. I miss talking to different villages with sersi and I miss hearing about all the great advancements with phastos. I miss seeing what makkari has discovered. As much as ikaris and I butted heads towards the end, it didn't change the fact we were basically family for 7,000 years and not even a century later I haven't spoken to anyone.

I head back to room and climb into bed again.

"My love why can't you sleep?" Druig sat up when I accidentally woke him up by making too much noise.

"I was thinking about Ajak and Thena and sersi and Gil and well everyone." I said as I dig in his chest getting warm.

"I'm sure they are fine." He said.

"Yeah I wonder where they are right now. Like maybe discovering knew places around the world." I smile at the thought of everyone living their life.

"Sure cora." Druig said.

"It's only been 100 years maybe kingo finally found someone to match his ego." I laugh thinking about everyone. Druig chuckles and just nods.

"How about we get some sleep and talk more in the morning." Druig rubs his thumb on my back until I fall asleep.

"Cora Cora Cora!" I wake up quickly and look around the room to see the bed full of 3 little boys jumping up and down but the one farthest to the side jumps too high and misses the bed about to fall. My hand shoots up and catches him in the air.

"Oh my goodness don't do that, you could have been hurt hunny." I smile and the boy who is uncontrollably giggling being in the air. I look at the other two boys who had evil smiles on and jumped. My left hand went to catch them too and the entire room was full of the children giggling. I sit up on the bed still holding them in the air and I spin my index finger as they start to slowly spin. The giggles grew louder and the door opened. I slowly put the boys down on the ground safely and watch as they stumbled around coming to my legs and hugging me. I look at the door and see druig in the vest I made him. He was covered in dirt which was understandable, today they men where building more houses on the south side of the village for the next generation to have. I smiled at him and he leaned against the door.

"Cora Cora Cora can you come to the river later!" The middle little one asked. The one on the right side continued after him

"Please please please." They pouted their lips and puffed their cheeks out and I bent over to look at them.

"Hmmm sure! Make sure to go help your mother out first okay?" They jumped up and down and dashed out of there.

"You can stop staring now." I smile at the handsome blue eyed man leaning against the wall, he rolls his eyes and comes to pick me up and sit me on a chair.

"The kids love you. Not as much as I do but a close 2nd." Druig put a plate in front of me of food and a side of fresh fruit from the garden. I smile at him as he sat in front of me and took a strawberry.

"I love you too druig. How are the houses coming along?" I asked and wiped a bit of dirt from his face with my thumb.

"Good, the new young ones are helping with the light work like the gardens and the men made 3 new houses today." I rolled my eyes and ate a strawberry.

"And the women can't help? You know we can really be a help if you allowed them too... seems like someone is scared they might be stronger than the men." I laugh and continue to eat.

"Cora we talked about this. The women are already at the top, they need to be healthy, safe, and caring for the infants. I don't want to risk something happening with the building and risk some child having no one. The men are busy helping me set traps for the wild animals, build boats for the river, houses and hunting" I looked at him. A bit sexist but understandable. I nodded my head.

"Well speaking of family and all, maybe one of these days we can visit everyone. You know take a trip to everyone and just check up on them you know?" I smiled and finished eating everything.

"Why?" Druig asked and took my plate.

"Well druig we haven't seen anyone in over a century maybe once we get everything on track and finish building and everything settles we can take a week off." I smiled to him.

"Sure cora we will talk more about it when the time comes." He kissed his cheek and headed out to continue building. I head to the room to get ready. I push my hair back with the hair clip druig gave me and the rest of my hair is braided. I change into something simple and head out to where they were building.

"Need some heavy lifting?" I ask one of the guys and he points to a few large pieces of wood fit for a roof. I nodded and lifted them up with my hands and slowly held it on top of the walls so the men can safely attach it.

This went on for the next 500 years. Building, creating, farming, and repopulating.

The hardest part about all of this is having to watch each generation grow sick or grow old and die. We were stuck having to watch as people got sick, and we couldn't do anything about it.

"Cora did you visit anyone in the med building?" Druig came in and watched as I took a nap he woke me up.

"Of course you did, you're sleeping in the middle of the day." He came to my side and pushed the hair out of my face. I continued to lay down feeling tired.

"Cora you know I love you but you can't take the pain out of everyone who's dying. That's too much for you." He sat on the edge and I turn my body.

"You can't expect me to just sit here and let people die in front of us every few years." I grew a connection with every single person here and too watch them slowly die hurt more than taking their pain and discomfort.

"It's draining you." He said and got up.

"I'm okay druig I promise. I'm getting better at it." I hold up my pinky and we link fingers kissing the thumb of our linked hands.

"Okay get rest. I'll prepare something for you when you wake." He shut the door and I fell back asleep.

"My love wake up." I felt druigs hand on my back pushing me to wake up.

"It's time for dinner." He left the room closing the door. I sat up and got ready.

I used my hair clip, changed into fresh clothes and opened the door of our bedroom to see the main room. I bring my hand to my mouth in shock and see candles, daisies, and fruit on the table. Druig comes into the room with two plates full of food and pulls the chair out for me. He looks me up and down and smiled.

"Oh my this is beautiful.." I said as he grabbed my hand. His hands fell to my waist and he pulled me closer.

"Not as beautiful as you." He leaned in and I grabbed his face with my hands and slowly kissed him. We pull apart and he brings me to the table. We sit down and he serves me water and combined a few lemons and strawberries into the water. He stirs it for me and hand it over.

"Thank you." He smiles and we start to eat and talk about things and laugh the entire time. We talked about our games we used to play together and the time leading up to now, after being together for 1,000 years we had a lot to remember.

"I loved the dinner, thank you. Who knew you weren't just pretty eyes and muscles." I pick up our plates and cups and bring them to the sink and start washing the dishes. He comes around and holds my waist and leaned his head on my shoulder. He kisses my cheek and I smile at him.

"Cora... there is something I've been wanting to talk to you about." He grabs my hands and leads me to the door. He smiles and kisses my cheek.

"Is everything okay?" I asked. You don't say we need to talk and not expect me to internally die?

He held my hand leading me outside. The cold winter air had pushed my hair back making me shiver. As we got to the middle of the village everyone was in their homes.

"Here my love." Druig handed me his robe and I put it on thanking him.

"Cora you are the only reason I left, seeing you everyday taking care of the children, healing the pain in them. You cared so much for this world which made me fall in love with you. You're the reason I started to care about this world. The village that we saved was because of you. I didn't save them cora, you did." Druig talked to me as we walked to the river.

"Cora you're the only light of my life, my only light. These past 500 years have been only amazing because I've had you by my side." When we got to the river we continued to walk the steam. He held my hand and I couldn't stop smiling.

"You put yourself over everyone and you make sure everyone is happy and I think it's your turn to be happy." He looked at me as we got to the end of the lake where we first spent the night together. That night was the night we departed from our family.

The end of the river had candles and blankets on the sand as well as flower petals starting a trail.

Oh

My

"I want to be the one, the only one, to make you happy for the rest of our eternal life's. Until we go back to Olympia." We walk through the petals and he lets go of my hand when we reach the candle lit area..

"I want to spend our eternal life's together. Cora will you be my forever eternal love?" He got down and took a small box from his pocket. I didn't even let him open it I tackled him to the floor.

"Yes yes just kiss me." I kissed him and he dropped the box on the floor pulling me on top of him. He grabbed my waist and lifted me up.

We broke apart for air and we both sat up. He picked the box up and opened it to show the most gorgeous gold band with a beautiful white diamond.

"Druig where did you get this? Did you open a fucken store while I was asleep? Is there a shopping center I don't know about?" I asked and allow him to put it on while I held my tears and laughed off the nervousness.

"I made the band out of metal a few hundred ago. I had sersi help me with the gold and diamond." He told me and pushed the hair off my face. I looked at him and smiled.

"Hundred years? Druig how long have you had this?" I ask and look back at it.

"A few hundred years. I've always known it was you Cora." I stood up and he followed me up. I kiss him and we rest out foreheads together.

"I love you Druig." I said and looked down at my hand.

"I love you Cora." He said

3 years later the couple planned the wedding

"How are we going to tell everyone? We need everyone to come." I said and sat around so papers of the basics for our wedding

Our wedding

It sounds so sweet to the touch.

"Oh yeah let me just send my bird to drop it off." Druig chuckled and jumped on the bed. I pushed him off making him fall on the hard floor. He coughed in pain and I giggled.

"I'm serious! I want everyone to be there." I look back at the papers. The whole village was going but I had one table left for my family.

"Okay okay Cora. I'll send one of the men across the world and hand deliver them." He laughed again and this time since he was standing I force pushed his body to fall once again with the flick of my hand and laughed.

"Yeah not funny now are we?" I said and he stood up again.

"Okay okay I'm done!" He sat next to me holding his arm. I rolled my eyes and pulled the pain. He shook it off and looked at me designs.

"Wow Cora this is beautiful." He picked up the paper of my dress I was going to hand sew. I quickly snatched the paper out of his hand.

"Can you please try and send one of the men to go to the nearest city and try to find a radio? Or something to communicate to the world?" I asked. He rolled his eyes and nodded he left to go work on it and gave me the peace and quiet I needed.

The next week

"I'm sorry Cora we couldn't connect to anyone." One of the men came in after 5 hours of trying. I nodded my head.

"It's fine. Can you call Druig in here please?" He agreeded and left, the man I was about to marry soon arrived and his hair was a mess.

"I'm sorry my love. No one answered. Not surprising, it's been nearly 503 years." Druig said and sat near me.

"It's okay. I get it. I just wish I would have had Ajak help me with me hair or Thena and sersi to help with my dress or even sprite to walk down throwing petals." I said and he let me rest my head on him.

"What else would you have liked?" He asked and I smiled imagining.

"Well Gil would have walked me down, kingo would be by your side, phastos could have married us. Ikaris would just be invited..." we both laugh.

"I'm sorry." He said and I let out a tear. I love the village here but they aren't the people who I called family for 7,000 years...

"It's okay it's not your fault." I wipe my tear and sit up.

"Now go I have to start making my dress. I push Druig out after kissing his cheek. He smiled and shut the door.

Less than 5 minutes later I get a knock and open the door to see 3 women smiling.

"Hey is everything okay?" I ask and they nodded.

"Yes, yes. We want to help you." They all smiled and showed their thread and needles and brush and hair ties. I smile at them and let them in, my eyes wonder around outside to see Druig with those bright golden eyes of his.

"I love you." I mouth to him. He just smiled and blew me a kiss from afar and continued working.

"Come come sit!" One of the lady's started to do my hair and the other helped me cut fabric.

"Thank you thank you." I shut the door after the longest day of cutting, sewing, and hair pulling. I jump on the bed and get ready to sleep after hiding my dress in the closet.

"Is it safe to come in now?" The door opened and I turn to see druig covering his eyes. I raise my hand up pushing his hand away and flick my hand back pulling his body over the the bed.

"Woah woah cora, can we at least wait until I'm undressed?" He smirked and got into bed with me kissing my neck

"I love you but I'm so tired. On the bright side everything is ready for tomorrow." I smile at him.

"I can't wait." He kissed my cheek and he left to go shower.

I couldn't stop thinking about Ajak and everyone. Everyone was there for sersi and ikaris.

"Goodnight my love." We both fall asleep waiting for the morning to come officially.

"Cora is time, you need to start getting ready." I woke up to one of the lady's from the day before waking me up. I see I'm in an empty bed and the sun is out.

"Druig is outside helping out the tables out and flowers on the table he said to give you this." The lady handed me a letter and went out.

To my cora,

In a few hours you will be eternally mine. Enjoy this breakfast love.

-druig

I turn to see the lady brought in a plate of food and water with Lemon and strawberries. I start to eat and get ready for the day.

The rest of the women came in and helped me with my hair, putting my hair back with my favorite and well only hair clip. Adding a tint of pink to my cheeks and lips. Lastly the dress.

"You look beautiful cora." I turn around and the little girls that were in the room were giggling. I hug each woman and thank them.

"Are you ready? We should be heading down to the river already!" The older woman started walking us all out down the path, an older man waited for me and held out his hand.

"Are you ready cora?" He asked as the girls went to take their seat.

This is really happening...

"Let's go."

We started to walk down and everyone turned to me. Druig looked and his face lit up, his eyes burned into mine and he started to nervously fiddle his hands.

Once the older guy left me in front of druig he held my hand

"You look gorgeous cora."

He took my hand and everyone watched as we went through the ceremony.

"I do."

"I do."

"You are forever eternally together."

Druig waisted no time pulling me in for a kiss, his lips tasted mine and he looked away smiling.

"You taste like strawberry." He kissed me again and everyone cheered.

We all went back and ate, I looked at the extra table in the far right side and looked back to druig.

"I love you.." I forced the smile.

"I love you too cora." He kissed my forehead and we celebrated all night.

A/N

Okay so I used that pic cause it gives you guys like the ability to choose whatever dress you guys like or whatever style! I liked it cause it's in the forest and near the river.

If you guys like my story PLEASE VOTE so I know it's okay and to continue! Or comment idk I don't know if you guys even like it 😭

Oh and the adding of the years took me forever! It was like adding the tears from when they were already together and then the building years and then the leaving and then the actually years together it took me a while I just rounded up tbh so yeah 1,000 years he finally makes it official, don't get too happy y'all are doomed 😌

Jk jk it's a druig fanfic you guys are soulmates ♡

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