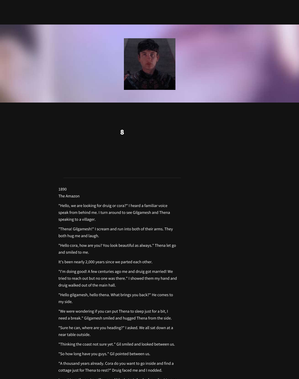

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The Amazon

"Hello, we are looking for druig or cora?" I heard a familiar voice speak from behind me. I turn around to see Gilgamesh and Thena speaking to a villager.

"Thena! Gilgamesh!" I scream and run into both of their arms. They both hug me and laugh.

"Hello cora, how are you? You look beautiful as always." Thena let go and smiled to me.

It's been nearly 2,000 years since we parted each other.

"I'm doing good! A few centuries ago me and druig got married! We tried to reach out but no one was there." I showed them my hand and druig walked out of the main hall.

"Hello gilgamesh, hello thena. What brings you back?" He comes to my side.

"We were wondering if you can put Thena to sleep just for a bit, I need a break." Gilgamesh smiled and hugged Thena from the side.

"Sure he can, where are you heading?" I asked. We all sat down at a near table outside.

"Thinking the coast not sure yet." Gil smiled and looked between us.

"So how long have you guys." Gil pointed between us.

"A thousand years already. Cora do you want to go inside and find a cottage just for Thena to rest?" Druig faced me and I nodded.

I went to gather extra pillows and blankets. I checked my chart to see which is empty and I head outside.

"Not having you guys there nearly killed her." I stoped around the corner and heard druig say with a harsh tone.

"We didn't know." I heard Thena speak.

"Exactly, you guys know where we have been for over 2 thousand years and not one person has come to see her. The only reason you are is for yourselfs." I walk to them upset and druig for nearly yelling at them.

"Here you go Thena. Let's go, your going to be right next to us. It's really pretty!" I smiled and everyone followed me. It was a silent walk.

"Okay Thena lay down." Druig said as Thena rested, his eyes turned the bright gold color he had and Thena was asleep. I brought the blanket over her and we walked out.

"Okay I'll be back soon! It was nice catching up cora I'm sorry we didn't do things sooner." Gil looked kinda sad.

I turned to look at druig still looking upset.

"It's okay gil go have fun! We will take care of Thena." Gil le and I turned to druig,

"What is the matter with you?" I nearly yelled at him. I walked back into our shared room and he followed behind.

"What cora?" He followed me into our room.

"Why would you tell them that! I didn't want them to know." I turn to look at him upset.

"Didn't want them to know what? That you cried for days knowing they couldn't come to our wedding? Or or that they didn't care enough to check on you for 10 centuries? Or better yet that you now know how much they don't care about you." Druig said. I haven't heard this harsh tone. That harsh tone directed at me.

"What is your problem! Yeah I cried okay, they are the only family I have so sorry for wanting them there but they were all probably busy! Just because they couldn't answer doesn't mean they don't care." My voice got shaken up. I rolled my eyes as he just stood there.

"Cora. They never checked on you. The only reason gilgamesh and Thena came down here was for their benefit don't be stupid." He said and walked out the door.

I dropped to my knees and cried. In the past few centuries me and druig have never argued. We always agreed on everything. No topic was ever a match for the love we had for each other. But when it came to the other eternals...

"Can I come in?" I heard druig knock on the door. I had been laying down on the bed for hours. I didn't move at the sound of his voice.

"I'm sorry cora I shouldn't have said anything, cora you're not stupid I just get so upset at the way they used to treat you." I felt the bed move and I still didn't say a sound.

"Gilgamesh sent a letter, he will be back next week. Turns out he missed Thena and wants to come back sooner." I heard the door close and foot sets heading the the main room of the house. I let another tear out. I turn around and see a pillow is missing and the extra blanket I had folded.

I hate him so much. I try to sleep for another hour but tossing and turning I can't, I miss that warmth. I look at the door and stand up. I slowly peek the door open to see if he's asleep.

I see him tossing on the floor. Moving the blanket to cover his longer body.

I felt so bad, I know he loves me but he had no right to fight my battles. He doesn't know they really do love me and they really do care for me.

I turn back to my bed. I roll my eyes knowing what I have to do. I pick up my pillow and the bigger softer blanket and wrap my body in it. I waddle to the door opening it wider. I see druigs figure look at the direction of the noises

"Have room for one more?" I asked. He looked at me and smiled. He lifted the small blanket for me to get under and I returned the smile laying down next to him. I covered us both with my warmer blanket and felt his cold body.

"I wanted to give you space." Druig said as he held me.

"I'm sorry I got so mad. But you have to stop trying to help me. I didn't ask for you to stand up for me." I said and cuddled him on the hard floor.

"I'm sorry cora. I'm sorry that I'll never be able to do that. You're my eternal light and as long as I'm alive I will always help you with your battles even if I know you're powerful enough to solve them yourself. I love you too much." Druig held my back and I smiled.

"I just don't want them to know I was sad okay. They care about me and I don't want to mess things up with everyone. I haven't seen them for 10 centuries and the second they visit I don't want it to be the time you get mad at them." I said.

"Okay cora." He sighed and with his last word we feel asleep.

For the next 5 days we were okay, we slept together on the bed after waking up with sore backs. We even went back to our normal routine.

"Hey druig tomorrow morning gil is coming back for Thena. I was thinking maybe we can also take a break. We can visit the others and travel to see everything! I even made a list of places I want to try and visit. You can choose some too and we can both-" druig cut me off

"Cora why do you want to see the world so badly?" He sat in front of me as we got ready for bed.

"Well it's been a long time what if the world has changed and people changed." I smiled but he looked distracted.

"Cora we had to save the humans from each other. Do you really think through the years they grew to live happily ever after in peace?" He asked me as he put away the clothes he washed.

"Well we won't know until we find out right? Why don't you want to go?" I asked him and layed down.

"I don't want you to get your hopes up Cora. You think too highly of these humans." He finished putting away his last shirt.

"Oh okay." I just smiled at him and wait for him to come into bed. I didn't feel like starting to argue again so late in the day but I knew I'd bring it up later.

"Goodnight my love." He pulled me closer and kissed my forehead falling asleep. I let me eyes close and wait for the morning to arrive.

I was the first to awake and got out of bed. I decided to make druig breakfast and clean. As I was washing the dishes I used for his breakfast the door swung open. I turn to see druig scratching his head messing his hair up even more. He's so handsome, his bright blue eyes looked into mine.

"Hello love." He walked over and kissed my cheek and he sat down.

"I made breakfast. Just finished dishes and I already filtered the water from the river, it's on the counter next to more bread if you want more." I smiled and went back to finish cleaning. He sat down and started to eat.

"Gil's here!" I saw through the hand made window. I run out the door and hug him.

"Hey cora! Like my tan?" I laughed at gil showing me his reddish nose.

"Sounds like you had fun! Tell me everything! Druig will wake Thena come inside I have extra breakfast ready." I guided gil into our home and pulled out more food. Druig left to wake Thena and gil and I started to talk.

"So tell me about the world please." I rest my head on my hands and stare at him waiting for him to paint the picture of the world.

"Cora the beaches are beautiful, I met with sprite and kingo. They are staying together and last I heard sersi and ikaris are together somewhere north. The food, the food cora was amazing. I learned some new recipes I can't wait for Thena to try." As gil ate and told me about his trip I couldn't help but feel envious of him. He saw the beaches, new cities, the humans and even met with sprite and kingo.

"I told them about you and druig! They said they were happy for you and sorry they couldn't come." I nodded my head showing it's fine. I look out the window where I once was and saw Thena walking back to us with druig.

As they entered I made room on the table for Thena to eat. She sat down as I laid the last plate of food down.

"Good morning Thena." Gil said holding her hand smiling. She smiled back and I nodded to druig to walk back out.

"We will give you guys some time to catch up." I smiled and closed the door. I walk to druig who's outside and hugged him from behind. I try to look up at him and he held me back.

"Gil said sprite and kingo said hello." I said to him. I let go and we walked to the nursery building.

"Gil also said he saw the beaches and he even got a tan." I smiled as I picked up the newest addition to the family. I picked the baby boy up and cradled him in my arms. Druig rested against the entrance and watched me sway back and forth.

"That's nice cora." Druig said.

Happy

I felt the emotions of the baby boy in my arms looking directly at me.

"Hello little one. I'm glad you're happy." I kissed his forehead and continued to rock him in my arms.

"It's been a while since you have felt someone." He walked to me resting his hand on my lower back.

"I know I try not to pick up too much but since someone is controlling majority of their lives it's hard to feel anything at all. It's when they are at their weakest I pull." I smile at the baby as he grabs my index finger with his whole hand.

"Let's get going I'm sure they are waiting for us now." Druig carefully picked up the infant from my arms and carried him softly. He slowly leaned back into the small bed and securely laid him down. The baby boy giggled and we started walking back.

"Do you think the beach is anything like the river here?" I asked.

"I don't know cora." He said in a plain tone.

"Hey guys off already?" I asked and saw them with their bags ready. They nodded and hugged me.

"Yeah we really should get going before it gets dark out. We want to make it to the town over and fly back." We said our goodbyes and watched them carefully leave. We ate our last meal and went to bed.

I woke in the morning before druig and went to make breakfast and once I finished I went out to check on the village. I started to help the women clean clothes in the river and after help the men set more traps in the forest. It's been a few hours since I woke up, I head back to the house to see if druig is still asleep.

"Oh there you are cora, I was wondering where my light wondered off to." He kissed me and held my waist.

"Good morning to you too." I giggled and walked away to clean my hands.

"I wonder if gil and Thena are back home safely." I asked and turned around to catch druig leaning on the door frame rolling his eyes.

"This again?" He muttered.

"What?" I asked.

"Cora they left okay? It was a great day yesterday but it's over now. Can we go back to pretending it's just us." He came to hold my hand but I backed away.

"Druig i haven't seen them in a thousand years and you want me to pretend they don't exist?" I asked. I looked at him and he looked shocked.

"No cora it's just you get too happy when you think of them and them visiting was just because they needed something not because they cared." He said and walked to get a shirt off of the bed.

"Oh my, I thought you were over this druig. Why do you keep pushing and pushing that they don't care about me they do!" I said.

"Cora you woke up this morning and thought about their safety. I bet you right they they are back to their schedule and not thinking about you." He said coldly.

"So what you think no one cares about me? Just because they didn't reach out for a few years-" Druig cut me off.

"It's been 10 centuries cora. 1,000 years. Don't act surprised, they didn't even care about you when we all were together for 7,000 years!" He yelled. I stepped back.

"Are we seriously arguing about this again? Why would you say that to me. They care! It's not their fault they probably got busy or are helping people! The world has changed they-" once again I was cut off.

"Cora we built this village from the ground up. From nothing. And we still were able to reach out through radio signals. There is no excuse." He said with a harsh tone.

"Well-" I started again but was cut off.

"Drop it cora they haven't changed they are still the selfish people from the domo who took advantage of your powers and drained you. They didn't care and they never did." He said and I let out a shakey tear.

"Of course they did! I was drained but they threw me that party to apologize! They had all my favorite things and even got me my own bracelet so you're wrong druig they did care!" I yelled back.

"Oh please... if only you knew.. did you even notice no one had their bracelet? Gilgamesh and Thena didn't have theirs on. The one they all gave you meant nothing to them." he whispered the last part under his breath leaving the bed room. I storm out and follow him.

"What? Got nothing to say anymore druig? Not nothing left to crush my spirit? Say it!" I yelled at him.

"Nothing cora!" He yelled and the ground lightly shook from my building anger.

"So you're going to stand their and lie to me now is that what we are doing? For years I've asked to go visit them or even the world but I've listen and listened and listened to you talk shit about everyone and everything I'm tired of it and now you are keeping things from me?!" I yell and more tears formed in my eyes.

"No cora I'm just try-" I cut him off this time.

"No! You don't get to try and do anything. You have done enough. I want to go see the world and check on the family that cares about me. You have a choice come with me or stay here." I walk back into the room packing a bag of my clothes.

"What you think I want to go see your heart get crushed by the truth?" Druig came in after me.

"Why won't you let me be happy! Seeing them and having them in my life makes me happy!" I yell and shut my bag closed.

"Because they never cared." He said calmly.

"People change druig. Even even if they used me in the beginning they made it up to me a long time ago. I'm leaving right now choose." I stand next to the door. He looks down.

"I'm not going to watch you hurt yourself cora. Once you leave don't bother coming back." He just stood there...

Pain

I felt it. I felt it.

I took off the hair clip druig gave to me hundreds of years ago and threw it on the floor.

I ran out not looking at anyone and continued, I ran and I ran. My eyesight continued to grow blurry and I ran.

The next town over then a flight out. Not looking back.

A/N

Sorry for this chapter but it had to happen :(

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