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Prologue

Urania late 19th Century

Urania is a planet situated in another dimension where no man is allowed. That rule was only

made after the great war broke down between men and women of Urania. Men wanted to be the rulers they wanted all the power and they wanted to be paramount.

They wanted to enslave the female Uranians and take over Urania but King Mario Swarovski and his royal army decided to end all of it. They went to war with their fellow Uranians and conquered the war but none of them returned alive.

The powerful Queen Eva Swarovski whom was also pregnant with the most powerful and strong non mundane princess took it upon herself to punish the Uranian men who went to war and fought against her late King.

Their leader however managed to escape and hide out somewhere in Urania but he was never found.

When the Queen gave birth to her princess Juna

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Juna she sent her away so she could be protected which meant Urania would be safe too.

However years later the leader Dmitri Vladimir returned to the Uranian palace and started a war. The Queen then discovered that the only person who could defeat him was the princess and her solely.

The princess must return to Urania and protect her people as she is The Protectress.

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CHAPTER ONE

Planet Earth early 20th Century

"Erica! Erica!" A familiar female voice startles me from my thoughts. These days my mind has been drifting off more than I can think. I can barely do anything without drifting off to a world of the unknown.

I keep on having bizarre dreams too dreams I cannot fathom - someone commanding me to return "home" and that my people are in some sort of trouble. Bizarre I know.

I halt on my tracks then spin on my heels to see who it is. "Erica hi." Madison greets. I force a smile then fold my arms.

Madison was my childhood best friend. We grew up together but as we grew we met different people who introduced us to different traditions that changed us completely. We then realized that our friendship wasn't worthy of being especially after she stabbed me in the back and the front too if that's possible.

"I've been trying to reach out to you but I couldn't." She says and I snort. "You wouldn't be able to reach out to me even if you wanted to Madi." I respond.

"Look I know I messed up and I also hurt you but..."

"Madison if whatever you're going to say is crap then don't even bother I'm late for my lunch date." I say then spin on my heels in attempt to walk off.

She grips my arm and I halt again but this time I don't dare turn to face her. "Why can't you stop being a bitch and listen to me?" She queries.

"I'd rather become a bad ass bitch than to listen to you defending yourself all day everyday. You never admit to your faults and I'm tired of being used by you. Now stay away from me or I'm going to shove a stick down your anus." I say and she gasps.

"Now shut your face and let go of my arm." I order and she moves instantly.

I click my tongue then hurry to the cafeteria where I'm supposed to be meeting with Carl and the rest of my study group. Its a well planned cafeteria with a room for students to study.

I order myself a cafe mocha and lime cheese cake to go with. Cafe Mocha is a latte with chocolate flavouring and a cloud of whipped cream and its also spiked with orange which is very delicious.

Together with my order I make my way to the study where my friends are gathered and already talking school work. We were given this cumbersome assignment that caused us to meet here and work together so here we are.

"I'm so sorry I'm late. I bumped into a useless time waster plus I couldn't do without a cup of coffee." I say taking my seat next to Carl.

"Well finally. I was starting to get bored." Carl whispers and I couldn't help but to chortle.

"Behave." I whisper back.

"So we came up with a few ideas. We're currently listing the advantages and disadvantages so we could see which is better and which one is not." Glen says.

"And I have a few ideas myself. Would you like to hear them?" I ask and they all nod.

I take one last sip from my mocha before indulging.

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basics. When they finally left Carl and I decided to remain behind so we could catch up.

We've been so busy with school work we barely had time to even catch up but now that we do why not use it wisely.

"You look fatigued." He says and I chuckle. "Tell me about it I haven't been sleeping well. I've been having weird dreams dreams that I myself can't explain." I elaborate.

"Balderdash! Have you tried using facial masks? Your face is turning into a pumpkin but you're still gorgeous." He says and I blush.

I reach for my new cup of cafe mocha and almost gulp it down my throat. "I'm going to wee." I say getting up together with my handbag.

Once I'm in the surprisingly empty bathroom I wee then head to the basins. I run my fingers through my bouncy and curly hair looking good.

I look down and focus on washing my hands. I close the tap and look up.

What?

I turn to look behind me and there's no one. I quickly wipe my hand and hurry to leave the bathroom but the door is locked.

I try to push it open only to realize that I can't open it it has to be pushed from the other side.

I bang on the door and shout for help but I get no response whatsoever. "No one is going to hear you." A male voice says from behind me.

I turn to look who it is and I see no one. "I won't hurt you don't panic." That voice again coming from behind me again. I turn to look and to say I'm astounded is an understatement.

I scream and run to the toilet where I lock myself in. That however does not help because I can see his feet. "Juna please hear me out." He says.

"I'm losing my mind." I whimper. I can't fathom how I can see a whole man with wings and horns too.

He softly knocks on the door and I keep still until he stops knocking and I can no longer see his feet.

I unlock the door and slowly open it ajar just so I can peek through. He's no where in sight so I dash out of the toilet rush out of the bathroom.

Carl is still sitting on the same spot busy on his cellphone. I rush to him and practically curl up on top of him.

"What's wrong?" He asks.

"I'm losing my mind." I say.

"What do you mean?" He asks.

"I'm losing my mind. First it was the dreams and now I'm seeing people with wings who pop up anywhere at anytime." I say and he chuckles.

"Winged men who pop up anywhere at anytime?" He asks then chortles. "That's absurd." He says.

"Its not!" I shout softly.

He sighs. "Okay fine maybe you're hallucinating and you need to rest. You did say that you haven't been sleeping well because of your zany dreams. How about we get you home so you can take a long rest?" He asks and I nod.

We get up and make our way out of the cafeteria to my house with him holding my hand every step of the way.

Lisa my sister is not home which is a pretty good thing because I don't want her fussing over my health. "Please call me when you waken?" I nod. He walks out and I close the door then make my way to the couch where I

placed a comfortable blanket and a comfy pillow.

I cover myself with a blanket and find a comfortable sleeping position I need the rest.

CHAPTER TWO

The seer walked in holding a beautiful new born female baby in her arms. The baby was wrapped in a white soft blanket after being cleaned up.

The queen was drained. She was fatigued and drenched in her sweats. She coughed bitterly and seemed paler than usual. Her lips were dried out and her eyelids were heavy.

The seer handed the baby to the queen. She watched as Queen Eva bonded with her new born baby the princess for a while before asking the maiden to take her.

They had something dire to talk about. "What would you like to name the princess my queen?" The maiden asked.

"Juna." She said forcing a smile. Every inch of her body was aching and she tried to look strong in the presence of everyone especially her daughter.

"That's a beautiful name." The maiden said as she took the baby from the queen. She bowed then headed out leaving Queen Eva with the seer.

"Your majesty..." The seer bowed and made her way to the queen. "Mila do you have any idea what's wrong with me?" The queen asked referring to the seer.

"My queen you just gave birth to a very powerful offspring - half goddess half guardian. She also has the royal blood running through her veins which makes her more powerful." The seer elaborated.

"That means she's the most powerful princess in not just Urania and Asgard but in the entire

universe and probably other universes." She added on.

"Am I going to die?" Queen Eva queried fearing for her beautiful life.

She feared that her princess will be without a mother and the suddenly queendom will be without a queen and a leader. She feared that men might return and fight off the next queen and eventually succeed then women will be enslaved.

"Not at all your highness." Said the seer. Queen Eva nodded as she let out a sigh of relief her worries drifting away.

"However

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"However you are weak and your healing will take quite some time. The princess was feeding off of your blood which makes her part goddess. She has your blood running in her

veins. Not only your blood but the royal blood and your gifts as a goddess." The seer elaborated.

The queen nodded and let her eyelids shut as she wandered off to the world of the unknown.

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I open my eyes and sit up straight. I rub the sleep off my eyes before yawning and stretching my arms.

I feel worse than before. I have a banging migraine and my body is fatigued. I took a nap that was supposed to make me feel better but I'm rather flabbergasted and drained.

I've been having strange dreams lately and the one I just woke up from is one of the dreams. There's always a weird looking old looking brunette with a burn mark on one side of her face and dressed in a red cloak.

Then there's a beautiful lady with flawless brown skin and golden brown hair with beautiful ocean blue eyes just like Lisa and I. She's

always addressed as 'Your Majesty' or 'Your Highness' so I assume she's a queen of some sort.

She's always dressed in gold garments and a gold tiara with thousands of diamonds. I bet she really is a queen.

The rooms in which they are always seated are huge and have golden walls and floors. I swear the roof reaches the sky. Eitherway I doubt there's a place like that on Earth cause I've done my research.

"Hey you you're finally up?" Lisa queries as she walks into the room. "How do you feel?" She asks again. I chuckle softly. I bet her anticipation is that I feel quite rejuvenated which is the opposite of what and how I'm feeling.

"I think I need more sleep Liz. I had a weird dream again and I'm also starting to see things." I tell her. She takes a seat on the glass table right in front of me and hands me the cup she's holding.

Smells like chocolate and there's smoke coming out. "Wanna talk about it?" She queries and I nod.

Lisa is a good listener and gives off great advices. She may never have experienced what I'm experiencing but she just gives off her thoughts and she's honest but also careful with her words.

"I dreamt of that beautiful queen again. And the older red riding hood." I say and she chuckles. I can't help but join in.

"This time the queen was giving birth to a beautiful little princess. She looked so tired and drained but the red riding hood said its only because the princess is part guardian and part goddess. She said the princess was feeding off of her and she's the most powerful in the universe." I narrate.

I take a sip of my hot chocolate as I await her response. I can't begin to say how grateful I am to have Lisa.

"I think it's about time we see a psychologist. I just think we need to hear an expert's point of view in this matter but only if you are fine with that." She says and I nod.

"I'm sorry there's nothing I can do to help." She apologizes and I happen to shed a tear. She seats next to me and envelopes me with her arms.

"I wonder how our life would've turned out if mother and father were here." I manage to say in between my sobs.

"They would've most probably love us like nobody's business." She says and I nod. I've always imagined her to be sweet and loving.

"I bet mother was beautiful with strawberry blond hair like yours." I say and she turns scarlet.

I wonder why I have golden brown hair...

"I bet she was also as fierce as you are." I tell her and she chuckles in embarrassment.

Lisa is a total diva. I was scared of her growing up but she says she's only trying to be strong for the both of us since we have each other.

She says she wanted me to grow into an independent young woman who would be able to fight for herself and what belongs to her.

"I love you Erica." She says.

"I love you too Liz."

CHAPTER THREE

I've been staring at the clock for the past hour. I've been struggling to sleep and I know I won't until I have heard from Carl whom is not taking my calls.

I'm frustrated because he said to call him when I awaken but he's not answering my calls. I

even called him with Lisa's cellphone but he's still not answering.

"Don't you think he's asleep?" A familiar husky voice queries from the window. Not this again. I turn to look and come to sight with the same man I saw at the café.

I start to scream in fear but my screams are muffled. He has his hand over my mouth and he's kneeling right next to me. "If I let go of you you won't scream?" He queries and I don't respond.

I'm trying to bite his hand off of me so Lisa could come and see him but I can't. "Then I'm not removing my hand." He says and I nod vigorously. Its not like I have a choice now do I?

I kneel on top of my bed to face him. I'm appalled. Is this another dream or another hallucination? "No its not. I'm real." He says his terrifying voice sending shivers down my spine.

I extend my hand so I can touch his one wing. He grips my wrist and pushes me back down. "You're quite strong." I say involuntarily.

"I'm a protector I'm supposed to be strong." He says. "What do you mean you're a protector?" I query curiosity on the verge of killing me as I'm talking to a winged man who appeared out of nowhere and is standing right next to me in my bedroom.

"It means that I protect." He says still standing next to me with nothing else moving but his chest and his lips.

God they're so perfect. "Thank you." He says. Why is he responding to my thoughts? "Wait you read minds?" I query quite offended. He nods.

"Please stop reading my mind." I beseech and he nods. "Very well but I can't read your mind. Its blocked." He says and I roll my eyes.

"Then how is it that you are responding to my thoughts?" I query. "You are thinking out loud." He says and I sigh.

I look over to my cellphone and the screen is blank. "Your boyfriend Carl is asleep." He says suddenly and I quickly turn to look at him. "He's not my boyfriend." I say offended also at his assumption.

"Does he know that?" He queries and I glare daggers at him.

"Who are you and what are you doing in my bedroom?" I query and earn a chuckle from him. "You were supposed to ask that a few minutes ago." He says.

"Well I'm asking you now." I sit on my buttcheeks and fold my arms across my chest
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I'm asking you now." I sit on my buttcheeks and fold my arms across my chest awaiting his response.

"My name is Colossus from Urania and I'm a protector." He says still standing still with his golden stick in his grip.

"You're colossus alright." I tease. He is indeed freakishly huge and tall. He's dressed in a gold suit of armor and has golden eyes.

"You look like Adris Elba. Know him?" I query then chuckle. He shakes his head. "I've been sent to fetch you so come along and let's go." He says.

Wait... Is he trying to kidnap me?

"I know you're hot and stuff but you're also a creep. I'm not coming with you." I say getting off my bed.

"I'm not asking you Queen Eva's instructions were clear and must be obeyed so come along and let's go." He says.

"Who's queen Eva?"

"The queen of Urania." He says. "Well mister Colossus this is not Urania and you're not my father." I agitate.

He glides to my side of the bed and instantly lifts me up with one arm and places me over his shoulder like a sack of potatoes. "Let go of me you asshole!" I say throwing fists at his back and kicks on his chest.

"Let go of me!" I yell louder. The door suddenly opens and I gravitate to the floor. "Rica are you okay?" She queries.

I slowly raise my head then shake it. "My body is aching." I say in between my pants.

"What were you doing jumping off your bed like that?" She queries. What?

"I didn't jump off my bed." I say trying to get up. She scrutinizes me and I can't help but blurt the truth out.

"This Colossus guy who also happens to be hot and colossus wanted to take me to 'Urania' because a 'queen' Eva asked him to." I tell her.

She looks perplexed not that I blame her. "So where is this Colossus?" She queries and I look around the room. That coward disappeared.

"Great you scared him off." I throw my hands up and surrender. I lie on my bed then grab my cellphone.

"Erica I think you really need to see a psychologist." She says and I chuckle bitterly. Now she thinks I'm crazy?

"Liz I'm not crazy." I say.

"I know you're not but you're not thinking straight and your hallucinations are really bad. I have to help you I'm your sister." She says. I roll my eyes.

"You can help quite a lot by leaving my room." I say and she shakes her head and takes a seat next to me.

"Erica..." She calls out.

"Lisa get the fuck out of my room." I tell her.

"I'll get out but only if you agree to seeing a psychologist." She says and I sigh out loud.

"I'm not crazy."

"I know you're not but..." I cut her.

"I said I'm not crazy!" I shout then throw fists down on my bed.

I suddenly feel the Earth shaking followed by lights turning on and off followed by the pictures on the walls falling.

Lisa holds on to me as I look around. The walls are shaking and so is the ground. "Erica!" She

calls out but I'm spaced out from this sudden Earthquake.

CHAPTER FOUR

I sit up straight and scan my room. I had quite the dream didn't I? The door bursts open and Lisa walks in.

"Good you're up." She says as she perches on the corner of my bed. "I had quite the dream." She says rubbing her eyes.

"What did you dream about?" I query and she chuckles. "Earthquake. I was arguing with you and the next thing there's an earthquake." She says and I chuckle. I immediately realize that... "I dreamt of that too. I was telling you about Colossus and we argued." I say.

Our eyes pop open as we look at each other. We both sprint over to my window and view the city from it. We then look at each other and burst into laughter.

"I can't believe we had the same dream." She says and I nod. "I'll see you in a bit." She says

then walks out. I throw myself on top of my bed and reach for my cellphone which has quite the number of texts from Carl and Madison.

I cluck as I delete Madi's texts not even bothering myself to view and read them. I then view Carl's text which are all apology texts.

I put my cellphone on the nightstand then head to take a shower. I finish up as soon as I can then wrap myself up with a towel as well as my hair.

I rush out of the shower then rush to my room. I instantly drop the towel after closing the door only to be frightened after.

I quickly pick up the towel and wrap it around me and remain frozen on the spot as well as Colossus. He's still staring at me even with the towel wrapped around me.

Uncomfortable doesn't even begin to describe how I feel.

I can't bring myself to speak let alone to move. Who the hell appears and disappears in other people's rooms like that let alone a young female adult's room.

His eyes sparkle as he scrutinizes my drenched body and I feel a cold sweat rolling down the side of my visage from my forehead. He suddenly clears his throat making me tremble in fear.

"Princess Juna." He says then bows. "I apologize for the invasion of your privacy and whichever punishment you think will best suit me I will gladly take." He says still bowing.

What?

"I'm not princess Juna. Colossus get up and leave. I'm not Juna." I say trying to get him up. Why is he so huge?

He eventually gets himself up and I let go of him and hold on to my towel fearing it might fall off of me again. "Your majesty the queen is

awaiting your arrival." He says and I shake my head.

"No are you crazy? I just told you that I'm not a princess and I'm not Juna." I agitate.

His wings flicker before he nods. "Very well. I shall return sooner than you think I hope you will be ready to leave for Urania." He says then disappears into the air.

I rush to my vanity in search for my anxiety pills then swallow two of them. What is wrong with me?

I eventually get a grip then wrap up for my breakfast date with Carl which he initiated as an apology date in one of his texts.

I grab my bag and head out. "Who were you yelling at?" Lisa asks and I force a smile

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"I uhm... Carl! Yes. I was yelling at Carl because he wasn't taking my calls last night and he invited me for breakfast." I say looking down at my toes.

"Okay enjoy weirdo." She says giving off a confused expression and I take that as my cue to leave. She has a day off and I bet she'll invite her boyfriend over.

Once I arrive at Carl's place I exhale before softly knocking on the door which instantly

opens revealing a nervous looking Carl. "Erica hey." He greets then scratches his hair as he scans my body.

"Wow you look so..." He clears his throat. "Are you going to invite me in?" I query and he nods before moving out of the way allowing me to enter. I'm invited by the delicious aroma which I follow to the kitchen.

"I've already set up." He says and I nod then take a seat. He seats next to me. I place my bag on the chair next to me and instantly grab the eating utensils it is breakfast after all.

"I uhm... I'm sorry for not taking your calls I was asleep and I was tired." He explains and I chuckle. "Now that I've tasted this I'm no longer angry." I say and I hear him sigh.

"So how did you sleep?" He queries and I frown before I could respond. I hate talking while eating he should know that. We've been friends since forever and he knows he cooks the best food.

"I had quite the dream and my hallucinations are getting worse. I keep on seeing that winged man and he keeps on calling me Juna..." I say then chuckle. He joins in awkwardly.

"Really?" I nod.

"He says his name is Colossus and that I should come with him to "Urania." He said he's a protector and he was sent by a queen imagine!" I narrate the chortle.

This is quite awkward and embarrassing but I don't mind because I tell him anything and everything. "Have you considered seeing a psychologist? Maybe your anxiety is getting to you." He says.

My face goes blank and I drop my eating utensils. "I'm not crazy." I say.

"I know you're not but uhm..." I cut him.

"I know what I saw!" I shout and he chuckles nervously.

"Erica its okay. Let's just eat in peace like how you always prefer it." He says and I shake my head. I think I've lost my appetite.

I get off the chair and grab my bag. "Hey where are you going?" He queries and I start walking.

"Erica please don't go." He beseeches. He pulls me by my arm and I hit his chest. He cups my cheeks then pulls me in for a kiss which I'm quite taken aback by and part of me isn't enjoying it.

I break it. "Why did you just..." He cuts me by another kiss. I try to break it but he doesn't want to. I feel my anger elevating and I end up pushing him.

I watch as he flies across the room until he falls down and hits the wall.

Oh my god!

CHAPTER FIVE

"Where the hell were you?" Lisa asks anger clearly expressed in her voice. I can't help but to burst into tears. She makes her way to me and pulls me into her embrace.

"Erica why are you crying?" She queries and I shake my head. "I hurt him." I cry. She softly caresses my back and leads me to my room.

"I hurt him so bad." I cry. I can't even see her reaction cause the tears are blinding my vision. "Okay get some rest and we'll talk in the morning okay?" She says and I nod. She pecks my forehead then walks out of the room.

I wipe my tears then take my sandals off. I take my dress off and put on my nightdress. I then get under the sheets and snuggle on the pillow. "Its not your fault." I hear Colossus's voice from behind me.

"Its my fault Colossus I pushed him so hard. How did I even do that?" I query as I turn to face him.

"Princess Juna you're quite powerful but even so you're not at fault. He'll be fine." He assures me.

I sit up straight then looks at him. "May I?" He queries and I nod. I watch as he extends his hand and cups my cheek. He wipes my tears with his thumb and does the same with my other cheek.

He feels so warm I don't want him to let go. I hold his wrist and rub my cheek against his palm. "You're so warm." I tell him. He doesn't respond.

"Don't you want to sit?" I query and he shakes his head. "Colossus please sit. It'll be rude of me to make you stand." I say. I hear him exhale before he nods. I move to the other side of the bed clearing up some space for him. I watch as his wings rise higher before he huffs and lies down next to me.

I involuntarily wrap myself up onto his warm arm and snuggle closer. "Who is Princess Juna?" I query. "You are." He says and I chuckle.

"Colossus I'm Erica." I tell him and he stiffens. "No you are princess Juna the daughter of queen Eva and king Mario." He says. I raise my head to look for his expression. His face is blank.

"You are part goddess and part guardian. You are very paramount and powerful. That's how you managed to shake the earth and push your boyfriend so hard he flew across the room." He says and I feel my anger elevating.

"He's not my boyfriend." I agitate. "Does he know that?" He queries and I sigh. "That kiss wasn't supposed to happen. I was just so angry I wanted him to stop so I pushed him." I say.

"You do not have to explain yourself to me your majesty." He says and I chuckle. "I want to
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care to listen?" I query and he nods.

"Carl and I are childhood friends and we've only been friends. I don't know what got over him." I say then sigh.

I hope he gets well soon I feel guilty already.

"So why am I suddenly powerful?" I query.

"That's because your powers are activated. They were activated after your twenty first birthday and they become more active when you are angry." He says

"So what powers do I possess?" I query unbelievably excited. "The seer and other guardians will tell you that. They will also teach you about your powers and guide you on when to use them." He says and I smile.

If it were a random stalker I definitely wouldn't have believed him but I somewhat believe Colossus. Nonetheless the appearing and disappearing into my room at any given time of his choice I just think he's a good person.

"Colossus if I'm Princess Juna then why am I here? How do I have an older sister whom I share both parents with?" I query and he sighs.

"Queen Eva said to tell you she will explain everything to you. We may leave whenever you are ready." He says and I sigh.

Why is he so uptight?

"I believe you have been having dreams regarding the queen. Urania needs you and so does the queen." He says.

I swallow hard at the thought of I Erica Rae an entire princess.

I close my eyes then snuggle closer. I'm probably dreaming and cuddling a pillow.

The following morning wake up quite saddened of yesterday's event. Just as I suspected I was probably dreaming cause I woke up alone in my bed and cuddling a pillow.

There was however no imprint of a colossus man in my bed let alone a feather from his gigantic wings.

I need stronger anxiety pills.

"Carl..." I call out as I rush inside his ward. When the nurse told me he was awake I couldn't believe it but he really is awake.

He's sitting there with a comic in his hands and reading away. He turns to look at me and smiles as if nothing happened but the bandage on his head sells him off.

"Don't do that..." I say wiping my tears. "What?" He queries and I shake my head as I take a seat on the chair next to his bed.

"Don't smile like I'm the best person in the world. I'm the reason you're here." I cry. I'm crying uncontrollably seeing him here. Its even worse because I'm at fault.

"Well you are the best person in the world." He says and I shake my head vigorously. "No Carl..."

I feel his hand on mine before I look at him still smiling at me. "I shouldn't have kissed you especially without asking for your permission. I actually shouldn't have kissed you I mean we're friends..." He says then chuckles bitterly.

I can tell he's quite disappointed. "And you're the best friend I've ever had. Therefore you deserve a kiss." I blurt out without even thinking.

"No I don't." He says. I get up and sit next to him on the bed. "Erica..." He calls out and I giggle. "Just shut up and let me kiss you." I say before attacking him with one.

A better one that is not forced. Once I break it he chuckles in disbelief. I also don't believe it. I get off of the bed then sit on the chair.

"I got us food... I woke up early because I was stressed and Lisa and I made your favourite." I say placing the basket of food on my laps.

"I don't know what I'd do without you." He says and I blush then look down. I didn't know he had that affection on me.

CHAPTER SIX

"Colossus!" I call out his name once I get into my bedroom. "Colossus!" I shout once again.

I feel his presence behind me and I turn. "Why do you always appear behind me?" I query. He doesn't respond.

He's yet again in his usual suit of armor and his golden stick. He's standing still and looking at me with his gorgeous golden eyes. His wings are held high in the air.

"Why are you so uptight?" I query with my hands on my waist and my head slightly tilted in confusion.

"I am a protector. I cannot lose concentration. I must protect my people." He says and I shake my head. He's quite amusing.

I sit on my bed then take off my sneakers. "I think I want to go to Urania." I say and he nods. "Very well." He says.

"I realized that I'm quite dangerous to not only Carl but everyone else too." I say.

After we had our breakfast together he started shaking and spasming. The beeping sound escalated and I was kicked out of his ward. As much as I love him I can't afford to hurt him any further and I can't begin to hurt Lisa.

"What will happen to Lisa if I leave?" I query.

"You will be erased out of her mind and everyone else's." He says and my eyes pop out.

Lisa is all I have and I'm all she has. We have each other and no one else. I also can't leave Carl like that I can't. "What do you mean?"

"Once you return to Urania you'll be crowned the princess of Urania and you won't return to this planet." He says.

I can't I can't do this.

"You know what go tell your queen to deactivate my powers and forget about me. I'm perfectly happy with my sister. You her and that old red riding hood can go where the sun doesn't shine." I tell him.

"Your majesty Urania is in need of your help and so does your mother." He says and I shake my head before getting up.

"I don't give a flying cucumber about her or Urania. She didn't need me all these years why now?" I query feeling ire brewing inside of me.

"Your majesty the queen will answer all your questions when we get to Urania." He says and I cluck.

"On second thought I don't want to go to Urania. Stop ruining my life and leave me alone. Go Colossus Go!" I shout. He nods before he disappears.

I take my jeans and top off then get under the covers and cry myself to sleep. All along I had a mother while she lived happily ever after without me and now she needs me and I must jump? Where was she when I needed her?

Her majesty carefully held the little princess who was wrapped in a fur blanket in her arms and placed a long peck on her forehead.

She watched as she giggled the time away whilst she was bonding with her. Her love for the princess was undeniable. She loved her like she would never love again.

Even in her sickness she managed to make time for her princess. However she wished his royal highness was present so he could spent time with her.

She just wanted to have her entire family by her side and it hurt more when she discovered that... "My queen the princess must be protected. Should Dmitri manage to get his claws on the princess he will manipulate her into loathing you then use her powers against you." The seer elaborated.

"So how do we protect her?" The queen queried drained by the sudden news.

"We must send her off to another planet. A planet where she will blend in with the mundanes and lead a perfect life until her time to return has come." Said the seer.

The queen shed a tear a tear that dropped on princess Juna's arm and a mark formed. It was the royal seal a rare beautiful flower and the sun.

The princess instantly cried and the seer nodded. "It must be done your highness." She said.

I wake up and immediately sit up straight. What a weird dream. I look around and come to sight with the time. Its past midnight. I sigh before throwing myself back and closing my eyes.

Why these dreams? Am I that baby?

I extend my hand to scratch my arm. Its suddenly itching. When I touch it I feel something I've never felt before. There's something on my arm.

I roll off the bed and turn the light on. I hurry to my body length mirror and check what's on my arm. What is this?

My mouth drops open at the sight of a weird looking flower and what I assume is the sun. It looks exactly like the one in my dream

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except its on top of a huge scarlet spot. Its also very itchy that's why baby Juna cried in the dream.

I rub my palm against it furiously but also carefully until the itching subsidized. What?

"C... Co... Colossus! Colossus please come back!" I shout then look around the room.

"Colossus!" I call out as I scan the room but he doesn't appear.

"Colossus please come back. I need your help!" I shout still looking around.

I can't feel his presence. I chased him away that's why all of this is happening to me.

"Colossus please." I beseech.

A tear escapes my eye as I gently press my back against the wall. I shouldn't have chased him away. Now that I need him he won't come by.

"I'm sorry please return to me. I know I shouldn't have chased you away. Please help me please Colossus." I beg.

Nothing. Zilch.

There's no sign of Colossus anywhere. I'm all alone now stuck with dreams no one but the Uranian Royal family can explain Uranian's I don't know where I'll begin to search for.

I get up then climb on my bed and cover myself with the covers...

I woke up the following morning startled. I quickly touch my arm in search of the completely bizarre and foreign mark on my arm.

I can feel it. I jog to the mirror and look at it. Its still there and for some weird reason I like it. I gently run my fingers over it when I suddenly remember where I've seen it before.

I head to my wardrobe then open it. I kneel down then search for a white box a big white box written... URANIA!

When I find it I lift it up and walk with it to my bed. I throw it there then sit next to it. I open it and come to sight with a set of towels and a fur blanket. There's this symbol on one edge of each of these towels and a slightly visible one on the fur blanket.

Its also quite small as if its an imprint from someone or something. Its Juna's imprint.

Juna was covered in this fur blanket in my dream and when the tear drop landed on Juna's arm this mark appeared before she started to cry.

Oh my goodness I am Juna!

"Colossus!" I call out. I then remember that I chased Colossus away and since he didn't return past midnight I know he won't return now and he'll never return.

I start to cry at the instant realization of things. Its too late I'm too late. There's nothing I can do now its too late for everything.

At least I'll be with Lisa and Carl... Whom I hurt unintentionally and I regret ever hurting him.

I take the coat and fold it neatly followed by the towels. At the corner of the box there's a little toy. Its shaped in the form of the symbol a purple and yellow flower inside or on top of the sun.

I shake it and it lights up. I chuckle lightly then wipe my tears before putting it back in.

"What are you doing?" I look up to see Lisa standing on the other side of my bed.

"I uhm... I was just... I just needed something to calm me down." I say.

She looks at me questionably before taking my arm into her hold. "What's this?" She queries. I look at the mark then back at her.

I don't know what that is. How do I tell her that its a mark a royal seal from Urania which is also my home.

"I don't know Liz." I say snatching my arm from her hold. I close the box then make my way to the wardrobe to put it back.

"Erica what's going on? I can tell you were crying." She says with her arms folded. I get up from the floor and turn to her.

"Please get out of my room. I need to get ready." I say.

CHAPTER SEVEN

Carl's condition is quite serious. The X-ray scans showed serious bone fractures and its all my fault. Colossus doesn't show up anymore and the dreams are getting worse.

I'm Juna I'm the princess. Queen Eva is my mother and Urania is my home. I don't understand how they did all of this - making Lisa believe she's my sister - but I couldn't have asked for a better sister and carer.

"Your majesty..." I turn to the window and find Colossus standing there. I've never been so happy to see someone. I don't know why but I run to him and hug the living daylights out of him.

"Where were you Colossus?" I ask. I hear him sigh deeply before breaking the hug and stepping further back.

"I'm sorry I was just... Why didn't you come when I called for you?" I ask.

"I was busy your highness. The queen was in need of my help." He says. Oh.

And here I was thinking he didn't return cause I chased him away. "Colossus I... I want to come

to Urania but I can't leave Lisa here. She has to come with." I tell him.

"Its no use your highness. In a matter of a few days you'll have long forgotten about her and your boyfriend." He says.

"He's not my boyfriend!" I shout shaking the ground too. I'm shook. Didn't the queen deactivate my powers?

"Your mark its back." He says still standing still. I look at my mark and then back at him. "What do you mean?" I query.

"You had that mark a few days after you were born. It was to time you. It dictates how many years you would stay in this planet. It disappeared when you were brought here and now that its back it means you have to return to Urania." He says.

"How do you know?" I query.

"I'm your protector I swore on my life to protect you and I've been guarding you. I'm not only an angel I'm your angel." He says. My mouth drops open.

"So that means you've been watching over me?" I query and he nods.

"Your majesty you have to return to Urania or there will be serious consequences." He says.

"What about Lisa I can't leave without her. I can't leave her here. Please talk to the queen and beseech her on my behalf I can't leave her here." I agitate. He nods.

"I will try my best. However your sister will think you are mentally challenged." He says.

"Well I'll talk to her but... You'll have to be there." I say.

"Your majesty I don't mean to be disrespectful but..." I cut him. "Please Colossus... She'll be

much safer with me at Urania. Its either she comes with or I stay here with her." I say.

He nods. "Heimdall!" He shouts before disappearing. Who's Heimdall now? Is that a person or a thing?

I have a feeling Urania is going to be quite cumbersome for me.

I put on my sneakers and coat before heading out. "Hey..." I greet Lisa quite guilty for chasing her out of my room earlier on.

"Are you going to tell me what's bothering you or not?" She asks and I shake my head. "I rather not well at least not now." I say. She nods then continues making her pancakes.

She dishes up for me then takes the rest with her to her bedroom. I guess her boyfriend is here.

I hate that guy. I just have a bad feeling about him. I know Lisa likes bad boys I mean who

doesn't? But he's too much. He's a freak who thinks he's a cool goth and has way too many tattoos. He's also too loud for a goth altogether with his cheap motorcycle.

I cube the already fried bacon and sprinkle it all over my pancakes and plate before pouring the syrup on top.

I eat away before heading out to school. I have a car but I rather walk. I need the walk. I feel strained and suffocated. I feel like I can't breathe and I'm all over the place. I can't seem to think clearly nor freely.

I'm under a whole lot of pressure

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pressure I didn't sign up for. I don't deserve this everything that's happening to me. Carl is at hospital Lisa will be all alone and my entire life has been a lie.

I'm a princess for goodness sake! I'm part goddess and part guardian in a human body. I grew up thinking my mother died giving birth to

me whilst my real mother was ruling an entire queendom on her own living a lavish life.

Once I get to school I head straight to my locker. I'm almost late because of the walk. I bump into Madison in the corridor. "Erica..." She calls out. I sigh out loud.

"What is it?" I query.

"Can I talk to you for a second?" She queries and I shake my head. "I'm almost late for class." I say then walk off.

She grips my hand and let's go of it immediately blowing on her hand before putting it in between her thighs. "You're so hot..." She says. What?

"How are you so hot?" She queries still in "pain".

"What do you mean I'm hot?" I query. "I mean you're like really hot like a stove plate on 200°." She says.

I feel hot. I unzip my coat and start fanning myself with my hand. "Erica are you okay?" She queries and I nod. "Yeah I just need a glass of water." I say.

"Are you sure? Cause that's not normal. You're too hot for a human being." She says.

Well I'm not human.

"I'm just not feeling too well I'll get a glass of water." I say then start walking off to the nearest tap.

I grab a glass then pour myself water. I gulp it all down then pour another glass. The siren wails as I'm downing my fourth glass of water still feeling hot.

By the time I get to class I'm drenched in sweat my sweat. I take a seat at the back and take out my Mac book.

Professor Austin makes his way in and everyone gets seated. He goes on and on whilst I try my damndest to listen but my mind drifts off.

I start hearing a whole lot of voices talking at once and baby cries. My mark starts to itch again while I feel like blood is oozing through my flesh.

"Miss Rae are you alright?" Professor Austin asks dragging me off my thoughts. I look up to see the entire class staring at me. I force a smile then nod vigorously. "I uhm... I'm fine Professor." I say.

He nods before he goes on. A blood drop lands on my hand as I look down. I can feel it running down my nose. I touch my nostril and come to sight with a terrifying amount of blood on my finger tip.

I look up and my vision blurs out. I shut my eyes then open them again. I feel dizzy. I feel dehydrated. I don't feel so good.

"Your majesty you have to return to Urania or there will be serious consequences." Colossus' words replay in my head for a couple of times before I eventually gather enough strength.

I shut my Mac book and carry it into my hands as I get up and try my damndest to rush to the bathroom. I stumble upon desks and bags before making my way to the door. "Miss Rae!" I hear professor Austin's voice calling after me.

I look behind me only to see trails of blood on the floor. I shake my head then rush to the bathroom. Once I make it I put my Mac book aside then start washing my face. I grab a face towel and wipe my face.

I search for my cellphone and call Lisa. "Hey aren't you at school?" She queries after answering.

"Lisa I don't feel so good." I say. I'm suddenly out of breath and I feel as if I'm going to die.

"I'm bleeding and I feel dizzy..." I elaborate.
"Rica where are you?" She queries.

"I... I'm at the girls' restroom..." I say my words slurring off.

I drop my cellphone before dropping to the cream white tiled floor. My body comes to contact with the cold floors followed by my head banging hard against the floor.

My vision becomes hazy before my eyes shut and my entire body is aching. Lights out!

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CHAPTER EIGHT

I slowly open my eyes and my sight is slightly blurry. I shut them again and fully open them. I look around and I'm in my room.

"Erica take it easy." I hear a familiar voice.

"Colossus?" I query. I feel Lisa's soft hands on my one arm and the warmth of Colossus' hands

on my other hand. They both help me sit up straight and succeed.

"Colossus?" I query looking at him. "I'm not Colossus miss. I'm Doctor Anderson." He says. I shake my head and look over to Lisa. I think I hit my head quite hard.

"Doctor she hasn't been well these past few days. She has an imaginary friend called Colossus. Is that normal?" She queries and the Doctor nods.

"Its very common to have imaginary friend as well as hallucinations. She also had a concussion by hitting her head hard. If you don't mind may I please have a word with my patient?" He queries and Lisa nods hesitantly.

She pecks my forehead before heading out. We remain quiet for a few seconds before the door opens again. "Is everything alright?" Lisa asks and I nod. "Lisa just go." I say. She nods before closing the door.

"Your majesty..." He says. Damn I knew it! He looks great in that outfit you'd swear he's a real doctor. "Colossus where are your wings?" I query.

"You must return to Urania. Your time on Earth is up and your people are waiting for you. This is just the beginning more is still to come." He says.

"Did you talk to the queen?" I query and he nods.

"She agreed for Lisa to come." He says and I squeal in excitement. "Thank you Colossus." I say and he nods.

"Now don't you have powers to heal me or something?" I query. He shakes his head.

"It is only you and the great seer who can heal." He says and I purse my lips quite disappointed.

"We must leave as soon as possible your majesty..." He says and I nod. "I have to talk to

Lisa first and you must be present." I say. He goes blank.

"She'll think I'm crazy if you're not present and not as a doctor but as my angel." I tell him. He nods. "You should probably close your eyes." He says.

I smirk then close them slightly. I wonder what he's doing. Suddenly I feel strong breeze all over the room followed by brightness. I now shut my eyes and wait. "You can open them." He says.

I hesitantly open them and here's my Colossus. Well not my Colossus but the Colossus I know I mean my angel. I mean my protector you know what I mean.

The door bursts open again and Lisa enters. Her mouth drops open before she picks up my shoe and throws it at Colossus. "Lisa don't!" I shout. She looks at me giving off a puzzled look.

"This is Colossus." I introduce him.

"This is the Doctor." She says and I nod.

"Why does he have wings?" She queries. "He's an angel my protector." I tell her.

"He's so colossus." She says in disbelief and I chuckle. "Wait are we both going crazy? Angels don't exist! Well they do but we can't see them." She says. She's shocked.

"Lisa calm down. Colossus is harmless. If anything he protects." I tell her. She slowly makes her way to him and halts in front of him.

She extends her hand and tries to touch his wings. He huffs startling Lisa. I chortle at her expression and attempt. I guess he doesn't want anyone touching his wings.

She pokes his freakishly huge arm then turns to me. "He's real?" She queries and I nod then giggle. "And here I was thinking you were crazy." She says.

"I don't blame you Liz. I also thought I was crazy." I tell her. She makes her way towards me and perches on the edge of my bed. "Does he talk and move or does he just stand there like a freaken colossus?" She whispers and I chuckle.

"He moves and talks Liz. He's just too focused on his purpose. He's too uptight." I say.

"So long how have you known about him?" She queries. "A few days not less than five." I tell her.

She looks back at him and he still has his golden eyes piercing through my flesh with his golden stick in his hold.

"Liz

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not less than five." I tell her.

She looks back at him and he still has his golden eyes piercing through my flesh with his golden stick in his hold.

"Liz remember that dream we had about the earthquake?"

"Yes."

"That was me. I was angry so I happened to shake up the entire planet... And Carl is in hospital because of me. He forced to kiss me and I pushed him only to send him flying across the room." I narrate.

Her eyes pop open before she squeals. "So you're like a mutant of some sort?" She queries and I shake my head. I wish I was a mutant.

"I'm not a mutant Lisa neither am I human. I'm part goddess and part guardian I have crazy superpowers and my name is not even Erica. Remember the dreams I've been having?" I query and she nods in shock.

"Queen Eva is my mother. I'm princess Juna and I'm from Urania. The mark on my arm that's the Uranian Royal seal." I tell her.

Now she's the one sitting like a freaken statue. "Lisa I have to go." I tell her.

"Where to?" She asks. "I have to go back home. I have to go to Urania." I say. I feel tears streaming down my cheeks before she could shake her head repeatedly. "No no no! You can't leave me here you're all I have." She agitates.

"I know that's why you're coming with me." I say. She shoots me her puzzled look again. "What about my life? My boyfriend my work our parents what about all of this?" She queries.

I shake my head and wipe my tears. "Lisa I can no longer adapt to this planet. I have to go back home. If you don't come with then I'll stay but not for long because I'll die." I tell her.

"No I can't lose you too but how will I adapt to Urania?" She queries. I actually don't know I didn't think of that.

I turn to look at Colossus. He exhales. "You will adapt for as long as you live." He says still standing still.

I look over at Lisa and watch as her floodgates open. She moves closer and pulls me in for a hug. "I love you Rica." She says. I wrap my arms around her. "I love you too."

Colossus is still standing there like a freaken statue. I bet he's more active in Urania. This guy never smiles he's a man of few words and he's just creepy.

Lisa breaks the hug and forces a weak smile. She wipes my tears then hers. "What will happen to the people who know us?" She queries.

"They'll forget about us immediately when we leave for Urania." I tell her. "I'll come with." She

says. I chuckle in disbelief then pull her in for another hug forgetting the pain I'm going through.

"Thank you Liz." I say and she nods then breaks the hug.

"Colossus we leave tonight." I tell him. He nods he before disappearing.

"I'm glad I don't have to go through the breakup." She murmurs. "You wanted to break up with him?" I query and she nods. "That guy is a fucking loser. I regret wasting my time." She says.

She'll probably date an angel when we get to Urania. I hope it's as beautiful as I imagine it to be.

"Since we are leaving tonight I was thinking we should visit our parents' graves." She says and I nod. We should also get them fresh flowers.

"And we'll spend the rest of the day eating our favourites and binging on Netflix it might be for the last time." She says and I nod vigorously. I like the sound of that.

She pecks my cheek before getting up. I take her hand into my hold and she halts. "Thank you Liz. You're literally sacrificing your entire life for me." I say she smiles.

"You'll always be my sister your majesty..." She says then bows her head. She's probably teasing me.

She makes her way to the door before coming to another halt. "Do we need to pack our clothes?" She queries and I giggle then shake my head.

She sighs out loud then makes her way out. I carefully lie back down then close my eyes.

If anything I couldn't have asked for a better sister.

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CHAPTER NINE

"Are you ready?" I query and Lisa nods. Her excitement is vividly expressed on her face. Colossus' hold on my hand tightens before he nods. Lisa and I look at each other then close our eyes.

"Heimdall!" He calls out.

I feel a strong force pushing me before opening my eyes to see. Its as if we're traveling in space. There's a whole lot of stars around us. Lisa squeals after opening her eyes.

She let's go of my hand and extends her hand to touch the stars. She giggles then looks at me. I'm glad she's happy but she's behaving like a spoilt teenager. Its actually amusing because she used to be fierce and almost terrifying.

"Close your eyes." Colossus says. Lisa takes my hand into hers then we both close our eyes. Me being me I decide to open them. We're standing inside a big golden sphere. "Wow..." I say.

Lisa opens her eyes and looks around. I actually think I'm going to puke. The sphere is literally spinning. "I told you to close your eyes." Colossus says. I chuckle in guilt.

The spinning subsides and we soon come to a standstill. The sphere splits and Colossus makes his way out. Lisa and I look at each other before following him out.

Its beautiful... "Your majesty..." Says an older looking man who's also dressed in a suit of armor. He bows. I smile then nod. He then stands up straight. "Your majesty this is Heimdall. He's the gate keeper." Colossus introduces.

"Nice to meet you." I say and he nods. "We should get going." Colossus says then walks off. We follow him out.

"Wow your majesty." Lisa teases. I elbow her then we laugh it off.

"This is the rainbow bridge it leads straight to the palace." He says.

Wow...

The bridge looks like its made of glass. Its as if there's rainbow stuck inside of it. Its so beautiful and so darn long. "Colossus when will we get to the palace this bridge is long." I tell him. He doesn't respond.

I tend to forget that he's ignorant. Hand in hand Lisa and I follow Colossus to the end of the bridge. We're met by a gigantic iron gate which I assume is the entrance to the palace.

Colossus hits his stick to the ground twice before the gate opens up. "That is so cool..."

Lisa says. I chuckle in disbelief then follow Colossus inside.

Everyone bows as I pass them. Colossus introduces me to everyone until we get to the palace. He pushes the two doors open before we make our way in.

We're met by a very long red carpet with reflective gold floors and tall gold walls. On the other side are huge overview glass windows.

It's exactly like in my dream very beautiful and shiny too. We walk on the very long red carpet until we halt by two large doors. "This is the throne room. Her majesty is in this room as well as the seer are you ready?" He queries and I shake my head.

He chuckles then pushes the doors open. I tighten my hold on Lisa's hand and close my eyes. "You'll do great." She whispers.

How? I can feel my insides turning and churning. I usually vomit when I'm nervous and

right now I'm going to vomit. I feel like I'm going to give a speech in front of the whole world.

"Let's go." She says and I nod hesitantly. We make our way inside still walking on top of the red carpet.

On the far end of the room I can see the queen sitting on a huge chair in between two smaller chairs with red riding hood standing next to her and maidens on the corners of the room.

I sigh loudly before looking at Lisa who just smiles at me. "I had my time with my mother. Now have yours." She says. I nod.

"Thanks Liz." I say. She smiles. We walk further until we halt in front of the queen except we have to climb the stairs in front of us to reach where she is.

"Your majesty the princess." Colossus says now standing on the other side of the Queen's chair. He helps her get up then she slowly makes her way down the stairs.

She halts in front of me then bows. I bow too cause I don't know what to do. She then pulls me in for a hug and sobs. I can't help but wrap my arms around her and cry my lungs out too.

I finally get to have a mother. "You're so grown..." She cries. "I'm sorry I wasn't in your life. I'm sorry for not being there for you. I'm sorry..." She apologizes still crying.

She breaks the hug then cups my cheeks. "Juna..." She says. She wipes my tears with her thumbs and pecks my forehead.

"I'm so happy to finally meet you." I say. She smiles then pulls me in for another hug. "I'm happy to have you again." She says then breaks the hug. She looks into my eyes and I can't help but chuckle in disbelief.

We look alike way too alike.

She turns to Lisa and takes her hands into her hold. "Thank you for taking care of my daughter. You too are now my daughter and

you are welcome to stay here." She says. Lisa nods. She pulls her in for a short hug then turns to Colossus.

"Thank you for bringing my daughter back to me

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"Thank you for bringing my daughter back to me safe and sound." She says. Colossus nods then keeps still.

"Elaina please accompany the girls to their bedrooms they must be tired." The queen says. "I'll see the both of you in the morning." The queen says with a pained smile.

We both nod before following Elaina out. We walk for a good second before stopping by another large door. She pushes the doors open and they lead to a big room.

There's a big bed on one side of the room followed by a sitting area on the other side. There's a fire place and also a bookshelf.

There's one big overview window and a comfortable looking window bed seat. "Miss this is your room." Elaina says talking to Lisa.

We head inside and there's a door which leads to the bathroom and another door which leads to a walk in closet. On the other side there's another door. Its a connecting door leading to my bedroom.

I said Lisa's bedroom is big? Mine is huge and its right next to the Queen's room. Elaina told us all the necessities before leaving leaving Liz and I together.

We both change into the surprisingly fitting sleepwear then throw ourselves on top of my bed. We're sleeping in my room tonight a sleepover of some sort.

"This bed is comfy." I say and she chuckles. "How did it feel to meet your mother?" She queries. I sit up straight then look at her.

"It feels so good like a dream come true. I feel like a ten year old who ate a lot of candy. I know I'll sleep well tonight especially with you by my side." I say.

She also sits up straight then pulls me in for a hug. We then both lie down. "She seems like a nice person beautiful too. She looks just like you." She says and I chuckle.

"She said I'm her daughter Rica!" She squeals then suddenly frowns. "I mean Juna." She says and I chortle.

I also have to get used to the name. "I bet we have a long day ahead of us we should go to sleep." I say and she nods.

"But did you see how charming Heimdall is?" She says. I chuckle.

"Lisa I bet he's thrice your age." I say. She rolls her eyes. "How about Colossus?" I query and she shrugs.

"I like him but he's too uptight. I don't know." She says. I guess its true.

"So princess Juna how does it feel to be back home?" She queries. I can't help but to smile.

"I don't know. Well so far I'm happy."

She nods then closes her eyes. "Goodnight."

"Night."

Did I mention that I'm completely healed? How cool is this place?

CHAPTER TEN

I was woken up by whom I remember as Elaina. I remember her from her short skinny self and darkened eyes unless she has an identical twin sister who knows in this planet.

Lisa was already up. Elaina said she was familiarizing herself with the palace of which she wouldn't possibly achieve for it is one gigantic place with a thousand rooms.

I swear I would've lost my way to the dining room if it weren't for Elaine. I don't know what I would possibly do without her. She helped me fit into a beautiful white dress that hugs my body comfortably and kisses the floor.

You'd swear it was designed sewn and made on me.

She also helped with picking the golden sandals that I'm currently wearing. It matches the dress's golden belt that is tightened on my small waist.

She helped curl up my amazing golden brown hair and style it too. "You're so beautiful your majesty." She complimented.

"Thank you Elaine but please do call me Juna." I told her and she cringed at my statement. "That would be of great disrespect." She said making me chuckle softly.

"Princess Juna then." I said. She smiled politely then resumed her mission on my face which I often do not allow anyone under any circumstance to touch my face.

"So how is the queen like?" I queried trying to know what I was getting myself into.

Her smile widened. "Her majesty is a wonderful woman very kind and thoughtful. She's a great queen and treats all of us with respect even though we're of lower caste and we're middle class. She's as wonderful and benevolent as you are." She said and I nodded.

She spoke so highly of her with a smile for days. I guess she really is kind I could tell by the warm and heartfelt hug she enveloped me in last night.

"I'm done princess Juna." She announced. She gave me a moment to myself as I stared at my reflection in the mirror. A pleasant sight in deed I don't look like Erica. I guess I left her on planet Earth.

I watch as she pushes the doors open then enters and suddenly comes to a halt. "Your highness her royal majesty princess Juna." She says then bows. I watch as Queen Eva gets up from her gigantic gold and white chair then slowly makes her way towards us.

"You are excused." She says. I watch as Elaine walks to the table setting up. I also catch a glimpse of Lisa taking a handful of grapes and stuffing them in her face. She's always been a pig when it comes to food.

I'm suddenly engulfed in a hug Queen Eva's arms tightening around my anatomy. I can't help but wrap mine around hers as well. I've been longing to have someone to call a mother and to finally find one is a dream come true. I found a kind one at that whose love is visibly expressed through the warmth of her touch.

She breaks then hug and cups my cheeks. "You look even more beautiful than I had imagined." She says her voice sounding heavenly.

She's dressed in a white dress resembling mine with a gold tiara engulfed on her silky smooth golden hair.

"Your maje..." She cuts me and lightly shakes her head. "Mother call me mother." She says with a pained smile plastered on her face.

"Mother... I mean no disrespect but I'm ravenous." I announce. She chuckles at my grumbling tummy then nods repeatedly. We walk hand in hand to the large table filled with

different kinds of food not really different from the food from Earth.

No different at all whatsoever.

Lisa and I both sit next to her and the maidens start serving us. Just as we are about to eat Colossus walks in. He makes his way to the table and bows before taking a seat right next to me.

"Mother..." He says before grabbing a fruit from the bowls in the middle of the table. "Colossus please do try and eat. Just once in your life." Mother says and Colossus chuckles.

Mother? Wait what? He can't be my brother now can he?

"An apple will be fine." He says. Lisa and I lock contact and both our eyes pop open at the sudden knowledge of the sudden news.

"Girls you haven't touched your food." Mother says breaking the tension on the table. I force a smile as I start stuffing my face with food.

I do eat quite a lot but not as much as Lisa does. I catch a smile on mother's face and I try my best to return it. The food tastes quite good. Its no different from that of planet Earth but it sure does taste better.

"So

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how was your night?" Mother asks and Lisa squeals. She's suddenly loud and... Changed. She's not the Lisa I know but it must be the effects of this planet. "A-mazing! That was the most comfortable bed I've ever slept in and I haven't slept that good in years." She says and mother nods in a polite smile.

I'm however still stuck on the fact that Colossus is my brother... I don't like that idea. I mean having a brother sounds good and all but not Colossus. "Colossus please do show the girls around the queendom when you have time will

you?" Mother asks and Colossus nods with a contagious smile.

No he can't be my brother.

"Of course I will mother." He says then gets up. He's dressed in a rather comfortable looking outfit today one you wear when you're lazy and home alone.

He pecks mother's cheek then heads out of the room. Is he ignoring me? I mean us - Lisa and I? Cause it sure does feel like it.

"Lisa I'd like to have a walk with Juna. I hope you don't mind?" Mother asks. "I don't mind there's still quite a lot to see here." She says with a mischievous smile plastered on her face.

She better not be eyeing the guards. I know my sister when it comes to men she's too naive. How do you think she came about dating that so called gothic loser who's name I happened to forget.

Mother and I both get up then walk out of the dining area. I'm curious. There's a whole lot of questions I need to get off my chest but I think its too soon.

First and foremost how the hell is Colossus my brother?

Secondly where's the King - I mean father?

Thirdly did I make the right choice by abandoning Carl in that hospital?

Sigh.

We come to a halt in front of two doors. She pushes them open then we make our way in. Its quite dark. She turns the lights on then closes the doors. "I know you are irking to know where your father is." She says winning over my attention. I turn to her then nod.

She chuckles lightly then walks further. She stops in front of a big rectangle shaped object covered in a white cloth. She removes it and it

falls to the floor revealing a portrait of whom I assume is my father who also happens to be King Mario.

He's clad in what I assume is a traditional royal suit with a sash over his outfit and to top it all up a gold crown.

"Your father King Mario Swarovski IV died in a war a war that almost endangered the lives of women in this queendom." She announces. My heart drops to the pit of my stomach at these sudden and unexpected news.

Can my life get any worse?

"He was the most powerful guardian and King I've ever seen and heard about. He loved and cherished every single person good or bad. He fought for many lives and saved countless lives. He defeated many villains until one came about the one that ended his life.

He escaped. He ended your father's life then disappeared from the surface of the Earth for

he knew I would never spare him. No one was able to find him but he somehow managed to find you.

After your birth he had the nerve to return to this palace and try to capture you but he failed and therefore disappeared again. He wanted to take you into his care and turn you against us for you are the most powerful being in this universe and others.

He wanted to use you and your powers to destroy us so he could take over and rule hence we sent you away where you would be safe and cared for." She says still looking at the portrait.

She then turns to me and takes my hands into hers. "He loved you more than anything. Your father loved you before even meeting you and he promised to always will. He promised to protect and guide you." She says tears streaming down her cheeks opening a slight wound in my heart.

She let go of my hands and wipes her tears and turns to the portrait. She then turns back to me with something in her hold a bracelet. She puts it on my right hand then smiles at it.

"He wanted you to have it. Its a mood bracelet. Its been passed on from generation to generation and he wanted you to have it. He wanted you to resume the Swarovski tradition and be a great leader.

Each colour represents a certain emotion..."

CHAPTER ELEVEN

I watch as the bracelet starts to change colour from its black original colour to blue. Morose? I wonder why they didn't give it to Colossus...

"Red - ire

Orange - fatigue

Yellow - happiness

Green - placid

Blue - sadness it turns darker when depressed anguished or crying

Violet - affection

Black- original colour." She elaborated.

I guess I am sad. I was hoping I'd get to meet both my parents but either way at least I have one. Someone somewhere doesn't even have someone to care for them.

A knock on the door interrupts me. After learning the news and having a talk with mother I locked myself up in my bedroom. I didn't know where else to go and my room seemed to fit the situation perfectly. I could cry with no one to judge me.

I jump off the bed then head to open. Oh brother its my brother. "Colossus." I say.

"Mother said to take you and Lisa on a tour around the Queendom. Are you coming with?" He queries and I nod slightly.

"Let me put on my shoes then I'll follow you." I say knowing very well that I'll get lost in this huge palace. I put on my sandals then fix my hair.

"Put your tiara on." He says. Why is he still here? I reach for it before lightly placing it on top of my hair allowing the comb to get tangled up with my hair so it can stay put then head out together with Colossus.

Things have changed. I don't know how to feel about my "brother". We meet Lisa and two male angels by the door holding weapons.

"This place is so beautiful." Lisa squeals. She does a whole lot of squealing nowadays its starting to irritate me. Where's my Lisa?

"Let's get going then." I say. We head out with Lisa talking all the way and the angels following us. I guess they'll be guarding us. Where are Colossus' wings actually?

We start by touring the palace. It has incredibly green and beautiful grass with colourful flowers. There's a table and chairs in between I guess they sometimes eat outside.

There is also a huge fountain of what looks like a statue of mother and father holding a baby and the water is coming out of the baby's mouth. I guess I'm the baby. Or maybe its Colossus.

Not that I'm amazed but there's a horse stable... Pegasus' and normal horses. "I hope you both know how to ride horses." Says Colossus as he gets on a white horse's back.

"Can I take a Pegasus?" I ask and he shakes his head. "Angels don't ride Pegasus'." He says.

"What do you mean?" Lisa asks and we both look at Colossus questionably. He sighs. "You're an angel Juna." He says. What?

"That's so cool!" Lisa exclaims.

"Set up the horses for the princesses and help them get on them." He orders. The guards put their weapons down then disappear to the back of the stable.

They return a few minutes later with a black and a white horse. One guard helps Lisa climb on the back of the black horse whilst I'm helped to climb on the white horse's back. As if this is not freaky.

I hope they don't talk because I'll freaken faint. They head back and return with two more black horses and get on them together with their weapons.

I grab a hold of the belt and so does Lisa. I lightly kick it before it slowly starts to move. Oh god I think I'm scared of heights... How the hell am I going to fly.

"You're doing good." Says Colossus. "Where are we even going where we need horses?" I query quite shaken by the moving horse.

"We're going to the valley you're going to meet your people your majesty." He teases then chuckles.

"They're your people too." I say and he chuckles. "Let's get moving." He says then his horse starts running so does mine and everyone else's.

Holy fucken shit!

"Colossus
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I think I'm going to fall!" I shout and he chuckles before halting. I watch as his horse raises its front legs standing on its back legs before landing. It jogs my direction then mine also slows down.

"Maybe you should ride with me." He says and I nod vigorously. How is it that Lisa is enjoying this?

He jumps off of his horse then carries me bridal style off my horse. He places me on top of his with both my legs draping over the one side before he gets on it. "Better hold on tight." He says and I don't waste anymore time with grasping on him. He's so huge.

"What about my horse?" I ask. He looks at it then at me. "Name it..." He says. What? "Its yours so what would you like to call it?" He asks. That's so kind of him.

"How about Ursula?" I ask and he shrugs. "Its a beautiful name... Now tell Ursula to return to the royal stable." He says.

I shift uncomfortably then look at Ursula. "Uhm... Ursula please return to the royal stable. Don't stop along the way until you get to the stables." I order. It turns around then starts running.

I look at Colossus who has a ridiculous smirk on his face in disbelief. "How did that happen?" I ask. "You talk to animals." He says.

Can my life get anymore complicated. Now I'm curious. "What else can I do?" I query and he chuckles. "Mila will tell you that." He says referring to the old red riding hood.

"Okay you two we have a village awaiting their princess. Stop smooching and come along!" Lisa shouts from afar. Wow.

I look down when I feel my cheeks heating up. Oh no I'm not flushed am I? I catch a glimpse of my bracelet the beads turn purple.

No no no damn heart! He's my fucken brother. "Affection..." He says. I look at him then force a smile. "I think its broken..." I say. He chuckles then tells me to hold on tight as the horse starts running.

We finally reach the village. The villagers are kind and helping each other. The horses slow down as we pass by the villagers. "Wave..." He whispers at me. "Wave at your people." He orders.

I swallow hard then raise my head and start waving my hand like royalty. "Smile too." He says. I purse my lips. He looks at them for what feels like the longest time then clears his throat.

I watch as he waves his hand with a contagious and beautiful smile. I turn to see the people waving back at him some screaming and some shouting. I wave mine too with a genuine smile. They surprisingly wave back.

"See they love you." He says and I blush. My bracelet is still purple. This thing is broken plus it's old.

We greet the people whilst he also introduces some of them and the places.

This doesn't even look like a village. It looks better than a village and you'd agree with me if you could see what they are wearing and how.

We get ice cream along the way then continue with our tour. Lisa is now along side us with the guards behind us. "So are they normal human beings like Lisa?" I ask and he shakes his head.

"They are not normal because they're Uranians otherwise yes they are normal and they know

about us." He says and I nod then lick my ice cream.

This has been an incredibly long and enjoyable day. This ice cream is heavenly and just like I suspected Colossus isn't as uptight as he was back then.

"So brother how old are you?" I ask and he chuckles. "I'm quite old..." He says. "How old?" Lisa asks. "About thirty years older than you." He says and Lisa's mouth drops open.

"Then how are you still so young?" I ask. "We stop aging after we reach thirty. We then age after ten years." He says.

Lisa then slows down and keeps herself company with the friendly guards. Lisa loves men. She likes being around guys.

He stops then looks up at the orange and pinkish sky. "We're under attack." He says.

"Heimdall... Heimdall!" He calls out. "Heimdall can you hear me?" He asks.

"What's going on?" I ask. He turns us around then faces the two guards. "We're under attack. We need to get to the palace as soon as possible. Lisa how fast can you make your horse run?" He asks.

"Very fast." She replies. "Okay. Princess hold on tight." He says. I throw my ice cream down then wrap my arms around him and close my eyes.

I can tell we're running quite fast by the way the wind is hitting my face and in no time we're at the palace.

CHAPTER TWELVE

Lisa and I are seated on a comfortable couch whilst mother Colossus Mila and a man I don't know but also addressed as the "general" are standing further from us and having a dire debate.

They are surrounding a table with a big map and all of them are holding markers. "He shapeshifts he could be anywhere right now." Mother says.

"But how sure are we that it truly is Dmitri?" The general asks and everyone raises their heads. "We could have another villain on the loose without knowing. This is the perfect time to strike because the princess is back and he knows we'll assume it's Dmitri." He says.

Mila holds her stomach then suddenly looks up. That is quite a disturbing sight. "What... What do you see?" Mother asks referring to Mila.

She doesn't respond. She's still looking up. "What can you see dammit?" She asks in fury. Mila then looks down and holds on to the table.

"You might be right... There's no sign of Vladimir but other villains." Mila says. "Who are those villains?" Colossus asks and Mila looks at the queen before answering.

"The gorgons and a satyr." She announces.

Mother let's out a loud cry before Colossus pulls her into his hold. How is it that I can hear them from here?

"And they're possibly after the princess." She adds on.

"But why are the gorgons after the princess unless... Unless they're under someone's control?" The general asks.

I must say I agree with him. Something about this is quite fishy.

"And of all the women in Urania why is a satyr after the princess specifically? I see what you're getting to general." Says Colossus.

"We all know that Dmitri is after Juna." Mother says. "And she's the only person who can defeat Vladimir." Says Mila.

Mother huffs. "I'm not going to let my daughter fight that cruel man." Mother agitates. "We don't have a choice your majesty." Says the general.

She frees herself from Colossus' hold then points on the map. "We'll use this route it will lead us to his childhood home. He used to take me there all the time. That's where he's possibly hiding for now." She says.

Why would he take her to his childhood home?
What's going on here?

"Your majesty he'll be expecting us. That is too predictable." Says the general.

"I say we're going and that's final!" She shouts. "We'll be leaving tonight and we'll ambush him. Gather the army and make sure they are ready." She orders.

"But mother..." She cuts Colossus.

"My queendom my rules." She says.

I look to the side and Lisa is asleep. I get up from the couch then make my way to them quite a big room.

They're debating over ambushing Dmitri or not even now. I personally think its too predictable. That's what he wants. "I think we should lure him here instead." I say.

They all suddenly go quiet then look at me. Seems like I startled them. "He knows that you won't give me up like that. He also knows you'll leave me here and go look for him. He's playing mind games with you and he has you right where he wants you to be." I tell mother.

She swallows hard. "I think we should act normal pretend like we are not panicked. We should lure him here so we can capture him." I say.

"I hate to admit it but she's right." Says the general. "The man has the gorgons and a freaken satyr in his team!" Mother shouts.

Oh wow she's so melodramatic.

"The princess cannot be affected by the gorgons' stare plus she's too powerful to be defeated by a satyr." Says Mila and I nod vigorously.

"He'll know what we're up to. He won't fall for this." Says Colossus.

"Oh and you have a better idea brother?" I ask and he huffs.

I sigh then grab a marker and draw a huge circle around the palace. "The ball..."

As far as I know a satyr is a male nature spirit with ears and a tail resembling those of a horse as well as a permanent exaggerated erection." I say and mother gasps.

"What if he tries to rape you cause that's what they do?" She asks and I roll my eyes inwardly. Key word is TRIES.

"Satyrs were characterized by their ribaldry and were known as lovers of wine music dancing and women." I continue and they all nod their heads.

"In the ball
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there will be wine music dancing and a whole lot of women. That will automatically invite the satyrs and then we'll capture them." I say and mother shakes her head.

"But how?" General asks and I look at Mila. She shrugs. "I'll need training lots of training." I tell her. She bows.

"And the gorgons?" Colossus asks. "Leave all of that to me. Just have the guards on standby and do remind them not to look directly in their eyes or they'll turn to stone." I say.

Mother shakes her head before making her way out. "Your training shall begin tomorrow morning. Come to my consultation room after your first meal of the day." She says and I nod.

Finally!

I turn to look at Colossus and the look on his face is... Unreadable. Its just black. His arms are folded and his face is just straight. "She's mad at me isn't she?" I query and he shrugs.

Sigh.

"She just got you and she doesn't want to lose you." He says.

I look at Lisa and she's still sleeping peacefully. "I also don't want to lose her. I just got her back after so many years but this is my job." I say.

"What exactly is your job?" He asks.

To protect my people. To save their lives. To end this once and for all. "Please take Lisa to her room." I tell him. He glares at me before making his way to Lisa carrying her into his arms and walking out with her.

Why are they failing to understand? What is it that they don't understand? Or am I overstepping my boundaries?

Mila is a seer. She sees the future and if she says I'm the only person who is powerful enough to defeat Dmitri then I'll fight him whether they like it or not.

I place the marker on the table and watch as the enchanted map clears up. I sigh then walk out of the room making my way to my bedroom and change into my sleepwear.

Knowing I won't sleep because my mind will be running amok I pull out a novel from the book shelf then throw myself on top of the bed and read the time away.

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"My my you're more beautiful than I thought." An unfamiliar male voice says. I look up from my book and come to sight with an unfamiliar looking man.

I close the novel then curl up in between my gigantic pillows. "Who... Who are you?" I ask quite nervous.

"Sshh don't be scared." He says softly perching on the edge of my bed. "I'm the one your heart desires." He says and I shake my head then scream and attempt to jump off my bed. I'm held back and thrown on top of the bed.

He tightens his grip on my arms. "Won't you just calm down?" He asks. He runs his index finger on the side of my face then chuckles. "So beautiful..." He says. I swallow the huge chunk of saliva stuck on my throat.

"Wh... What do you want?" I ask. "I want you..." He says. "You see I'm going to take back this kingdom and rule it but I want to do so with you by my side. Someone as remarkable as you will be quite useful to me... Beautiful powerful kind hearted and brave. You'll make quite the queen wife and mother." He says.

I shake my head vigorously then start screaming. He laughs.

I open my eyes then sit up straight. I can feel cold sweat streaming down the side of my face and my breathing is very heavy.

My arms are itching. This dream felt so real. I can still feel his presence. Who is he and what does he want? I hope that was just a dream. I rub on my arm before looking at it.

There are red marks on both my arms. The marks are in the form of fingerprints and its exactly where his hands were gripping in my dream.

The novel I was reading is right next to me and I can feel that someone was here. There's an unfamiliar scent in this room that I'm picking up.

I'm probably just scared... The door barges open and mother followed by Colossus run in. Mother wraps her arms around me and

caresses my back while Colossus perches on the edge of my bed.

"Juna are you alright?" She asks and I nod hesitantly. I think I'm alright but I can't tell her that especially in the state she's in.

Colossus gets up and walks around the room sniffing the air. "He was here." He says. Mother grabs a hold of my arm and examines them. "Oh god... What did he do to you?" She asks. Tears stream down her cheeks.

"Mother I'm fine." I say and she shakes her head. "You're sleeping with me tonight. Colossus check on Lisa and make sure the palace is secured. No one enters and no one leaves." She says then gets up.

She helps me up then pulls me out of the room to hers.

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

Mother is resting next to me while Colossus is standing by the corner of the room like a

freaken statue looking at me with his intense gaze.

There are guards on standby all over the palace grounds and some at the village looking after the people.

Lisa is sound asleep not aware of what's going on. I look at my bracelet and the beads instantly change colour. They change from black to orange which means I'm fatigued.

"You should get some rest." Mother says. I turn to look at her then force a smile. "I'll do so." I tell her. She pats the space next to her and I lay down facing her. She pecks my forehead then closes her eyes.

I can't sleep. I know I won't. I'm tired of these dreams that I keep on having and I'd do anything to have Heimdall's powers right now.

Its six in the morning and no one is budging. We're all supposed to have breakfast by eight

ante meridiem but everyone is still asleep and not getting ready.

"Heimdall can you hear me?" Colossus suddenly asks breaking the ice that erupted in the room. He awaits his response. "I'm on my way." He says.

I sit up straight then look at him. "What's going on where are you going?" I query.

"You should go back to sleep." He says. I fold my arms across my chest then tilt my head. "Where are you going Colossus?" I ask. He sighs.

"There's an intruder. They caught him and he's now in the dungeons. I'm going to interrogate him." He says.

"Can I come with? Actually I'm coming with." I say getting off of the bed. I rush to the dressing room to change my clothes then head out. "Let's get going." He orders and I nod.

"No one is safe out there until we catch the master." He says taking my hand into his. I watch in disbelief as the beads on the bracelet turn violet sending unexplainable thrills and spills throughout my body.

I tremble lightly only to catch him looking at me. I'm flushed and embarrassed. "Let's go your majesty." He teases. We walk out of the room with our hands intertwined.

This bracelet is doing something to me. Its exaggerating my feelings and manipulating my emotions. "Princess..." Colossus calls out.

I look at him and he has a puzzled look on his face. "You really need to get some rest." He says and I just nod. We step inside the dungeons and to say I'm shocked would be an understatement.

Its incredibly empty and dirty I almost feel sorry for the villains or whomever it is that they capture. "Where is everyone that you've locked

up down here?" I ask. "They are... Dead." He says.

"They are all sentenced to death especially if they are monsters." He says. "And the people?" I ask.

"We've never had any problems with the people except for Vladimir." He says and I swallow hard at the thought of him being the one who's captured. That would make everyone's job easier right?

We halt at a cell that's in between others. There's someone inside. He's seated on top of the one uncomfortable looking wooden bench. "Reveal yourself." Colossus orders.

The man doesn't flinch. "I said to reveal yourself!" He shouts this time. The man still doesn't budge. "Is he still alive?" I ask and Colossus chuckles.

"I've been dealing with these people all my life. Pretending to be dead or playing hard to get is

one way to escape." He says reaching for his keys. What is he doing?

He opens the cell then steps in. I watch as he makes his way to the man then suddenly comes to a screeching halt. He looks at me then back at the man and back at me. I need to see this.

I step inside with the keys in my hold then close the cell which instantly locks. I make my way to them.

My eyes pop open at the realization that the man seated in front of me is no man at all. My mouth opens involuntarily with no words to come out. "Who goes there?" Colossus queries.

"I ask the questions here." He says slowly raising his head. My mouth drops open. Colossus instantly pushes me back and steps in front of me.

"Colossus!" I call out. He doesn't look at me.
"Colossus he's a Sphinx and you can't fight it no

matter how much you try. It can only kill itself if we answer all its riddles correctly or... Or it will devour us." I tell him.

A Sphinx is a creature with the head of human and the body of a lion and rarely a head of a lion and the body of man. This one here is the rarely found one.

It has the head of a lion and the body of man. "If you talk to the Sphinx it will give you three riddles. Get all the answers right and the Sphinx will reveal a bonus level." Says the Sphinx.

He gets up and walks to the corner of the room facing the dirty wall. It runs its paw over it for what feels like a good minute before turning to us.

"What is the creature that walks on four legs in the morning two legs at noon and three in the evening?" He queries.

I look at Colossus and he turns to me with a puzzled look. "Man." Colossus says and I smile

instantly. I honestly thought he didn't know the answer but in many legendary books this is the riddle the Sphinx always asks.

"A person crawls on all fours when a baby walks upright in the middle period of their life and uses a cane when they are elderly." I add on.

The Sphinx makes his way to me and I look at Colossus. He can't fight with the Sphinx no one can no matter how powerful they are.

He places his soft paw on my cheek and tilts his head

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searching for my eyes. "Never resting never still; moving silently from hill to hill; it does not walk run or trot; all is cool where it is not." He says.

"Its the sun?" I answer unsurely. "It does not go away but it moves and we don't notice it. Its always there and its not cool - but hot." I tell him.

He trails his claw off from the side of my face. "What can bring back the dead make you cry make you laugh make you young is born in an instant yet lasts a lifetime?" He asks.

Colossus' facial expressions changes and he softens up. The Sphinx still has his claw trailing all over my face making me slightly uncomfortable.

I get a pang of nostalgia as I see something weird. Its like nothing I've ever seen before.

Mother is resting next to father with her baby bump vividly shown. She has the biggest smile plastered on her face and so does father.

He extends his hand to caress the bump then her eyes pop out. She looks at mom who just bursts into laughter.

I feel tears streaming down my cheeks before I close my eyes taking in the pleasant feeling of seeing both my parents extremely happy.

Father pecks mother's lips then her baby bump before resting his head on top of it and caresses the side.

He loved me and he still does. I can feel his presence. He's here. He's guiding me.
"Father..." I call out and he appears. He looks so real like he's not dead at all.

"What is this place? Its so beautiful." I compliment the balmy and colourful looking garden. He takes my hand into his then pecks it. "You have to go." He says.

"What? I... I don't want to go I like it here." I say then snatch my hand from his hold.

"You have to go back Juna. Your people need you most especially Colossus Lisa and your mother. You have to go back and help your people." He says and I shake my head.

"But I want to stay here with you. Mom Lisa and Colossus can also join us." I agitate. He shakes his head.

He looks at his hand before stepping closer to me. He shows me the beautiful looking pendant that lies on his palm before putting it on me.

"Remember memories can build and bulldoze you. Focus and listen to your inner self. Your powers and abilities will never lead you astray." He says.

I hold the purple stone that is linked onto the chain around my neck before looking back at father. "I'll always be with you. I love you my little princess." He says.

I feel my world shattering before opening my eyes. I look at Colossus then at my glowing bracelet. The beads turn from blue to yellow.

I know just what to do.

"Memories. The answer to the riddle is memories." I say looking at the Sphinx who immediately steps away from me.

"Unbelievable." He says looking at my neck. I look at the glowing stone coming from the pendant father gave me then take it into my hold.

"We've answered all your questions so you must answer ours." I say. His eyes pop out in disbelief.

"I... I can only answer in the form of a riddle." He says. I look at Colossus then back at the Sphinx. "Who sent you?" Colossus asks.

"He who cannot be seen but is visible. Always old yet sometimes new. He is alive but without breath. He is all things devour and beats high mountains down. You may hear him before you see him but trust that he's there." He says.

He bows down before me then slits his throat with his claw. We watch as sand comes out of

his neck before he collapses down and turns into sand which then disappears into the air.

I smile in disbelief then run to Colossus who envelopes me with his huge arms and plants a peck on my forehead sending chills all over my body. "Mother is going to kill me for putting your life at risk like that." He says and I shake my head.

"She doesn't have to know." I tell him before breaking the hug.

I wonder why Mila didn't see the Sphinx unless we have another villain on the loose. Who could he be?

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The minute Colossus let's go of my hand I feel my world crashing down in front of my eyes. I watch as he pushes the doors to mother's room before we head inside.

Mother is sitting on the bed with her arms crossed against her chest. I don't even need to spell it out and it doesn't even take a genius to

know that she's fuming in anger. I can't read Lisa who is seated right next to her's expression.

Mother gets up and makes her way to me. She pulls me into a hug no scratch that - she squeezes the living daylights out of me.

Sweet mother of pearls!

"Colossus why was your sister out of the room? Why was she inside the dungeons with you? Why was she talking to the intruder?" She asks and I turn to look at Colossus.

He's not scared like I am. Its as if he fears nothing what is he made of?

"Mother she's back and safe. I actually needed her otherwise I would be dead." He says. Mother looks at me and scrutinizes me then cups me cheek.

"What do you mean?" She asks then looks at Colossus. "The intruder was a Sphinx mother."

He announces. Lisa gasps then covers her mouth.

Can someone bring back my Lisa that's not the Lisa I ordered.

"A Sphinx? Mila didn't mention seeing a Sphinx or even warning us about it." Mother says.

"Well we answered all his questions and he allowed us to ask him a question. He answered in the form of a riddle and he kept on using the word 'he'." Colossus says.

"Dmitri?" She asks and I shrug. "Mila didn't see the Sphinx because its not working for Dmitri but someone else." I say. I'm also not sure of what I'm saying my head is too occupied.

"Mom I need training. Father said I should listen to my inner self and that my powers and abilities will never lead me astray. I'm listening to my inner self and I need to start training." I tell her.

"Juna your father is not alive." She says and I shake my head. "He gave me this." I say taking the purple rock into my hold showing it to her and it starts glowing.

"Where did you get that?" She asks. "Father gave it to me." I tell her. She smiles in disbelief.

She chuckles then turns her back against me and slowly walks off. She sits on her bed and looks out the window. What's up with this stone and me seeing dad?

"Your father gave me a pendant like that one after we got married. He said I shouldn't take it off for as long as we're still together." She says.

Eager to hear more about it I head to sit next to her. "He said its for protection and it will bind us together but whenever I looked at it I was saddened that he was no longer there so I took it off." She elaborates further.

"That rock is called an Amethyst a purple precious stone. It was a symbol of our love for

we found it together we held it together and it binded us." She says.

"Just like your mood bracelet it'll gleam whenever you're beloved is around you. It shines even brighter when you touch." She adds on.

I wonder why dad gave me this

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especially at a time like this. I don't have time for love I need to focus on everything that's happening around me.

"I don't want to lose you like your father any of you. Your father gave you this pendant to avoid you getting heartbreaks. He loves you I love you we all love you but there's someone else who loves you more than anything.

With that being said please don't let love fool you my dear. I've made a lot of mistakes and I won't let you do the same.

I want us to overcome all of this therefore I've contacted the council and they'll be assisting you in your training together with Mila and Colossus." Mother says and my face reddens.

He'll be there to watch me fail a simple task let alone protecting Urania. I open my mouth to complain but mom beats me to it. "He is your protector Juna. He'll be there to protect you. We can't trust anyone." She says.

I nod then get up. "I need my sister." I say to Lisa. She jumps off of the bed and I pull her to the door connecting mother and I's rooms.

Once in my room I throw myself on top of the bed followed by Lisa. "I miss you Liz." I say and she huffs.

"I miss you too. I barely spend any time with you with all that's going on. Don't you miss Earth at times?" She asks and I shrug. "Earth?" I query and she nods vigorously.

"Don't you miss the simple life we lived? Just the two of us in our apartment and bickering at times?" She asks and I furrow my brows.

"Don't you miss school Carl your friends?" She asks and I shake my head. "Who's Carl?" I ask and she gasps. Did I say something wrong?

"You're already forgetting?" She asks and I shrug. Am I supposed to know Carl? "Let's talk about something else or rather someone else

Colossus...

I noticed you get flushed around him. Are you crushing on your protector slash brother?" She asks and I feel my cheeks heating up. I shake my head repeatedly whilst trying to figure out what to do with myself.

"Nooo. Colossus is my brother and I'm his sister and..." I blush at the thought of him. I'm too flushed to even deny it. She takes my hand into hers then stares at the bracelet that is changing from blue to violet.

"What the fuck?" She chuckles.

"You're in love with your freaken brother and your protector. What's wrong with you?" She asks and I shrug.

"I don't know Liz and honestly I don't want this. Imagine how everyone will see me after finding that out.

I just want to get this over and done with this.

Lisa when we came to Urania I thought everything would be well and we'd live happily. I didn't want all of this being royalty falling for my brother and all these villains.

I just wanted to be with my parents. I wanted to experience my both parents' love only to find I no longer have a father.

I have crazy superpowers and I'm expected to protect everyone. How am I supposed to do

that?" I ask a tear escaping from my one eye followed by the next.

"Don't blame yourself for all that's happening. Keep in mind that not everything goes as planned. Not everything will go your way." She says caressing my back.

More tears stream down my cheeks. "Don't forget that you're the most..." I cut her. "Don't say it!"

I can't help but to let more tears out. I then feel warm breeze surrounding me then I open my eyes. My mouth drops open as I come to sight with an orb around me.

"You're also a shield?" Lisa asks in disbelief.

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The connecting door barges open and Colossus enters followed by mother. "Lisa are you okay?" Mother asks trying to get Liz up. She nods but flinches when she gets up. She let's out a loud cry as Colossus helps her stand on her feet.

She looks at me and I burst more tears. "I hurt you." I cry. She shakes her head before walking out together with mom. I close my eyes then let out more tears.

I grab on the duvet then curl up on the bed. I hurt Lisa. I didn't mean to but I still did. She had tears in her eyes I made her cry. The door opens again and Colossus walks in.

The orb is gone.

He leans against the wall with his arms folded across his chest. "She's okay. She just hit her back hard and sprained her ankle." He says and I keep still. That's supposed to make me feel better about myself?

I close my eyes then let out more tears. I can sense him coming closer and I can feel that warm breeze again. I open my eyes to see him standing just outside the orb. "I don't want to hurt you or anyone else again." I say.

He presses his hand over the orb. "You couldn't hurt me even if you wanted to Princess." He says after chuckling. He has a really beautiful smile. "Let me pass through then maybe you can create the orb around the both of us." He says.

"I promise you I'm that strong now make this bubble thing disappear." He teases and I chuckle. "I... I don't know how to. I can't control it." I say and I hear him sigh from the other side of the orb.

"Try thinking of something that makes you happy. This orb probably means you're a shield and its there to protect you from harm or others from you.

Think of your happy moments or something that makes you smile then maybe it will go away." He says and I nod. He smiles and I smile back at him. He has got to have one of the most beautiful smiles. Beautiful and equal pearl white teeth with luscious lips surrounding them.

Sweet mother of pearls he's hot.

"There you go." He says with a much wider smile. I can't help but to blush at his million dollar smile causing the orb to disappear again.

He slowly makes his way to me then kicks off his shoes. He gets on the bed then sits right next to me. "You're so beautiful." He says tilting my head so I can face him.

I'm flushed I bet my face sold me off by changing colour. I feel his hand on top of mine. "You're not at fault Princess. These things take time." He says.

"But why do I feel at fault? I'm a failure." I say and he shakes his head.

"Get up and go look in the mirror. Look at your reflection and tell me what you see." He says. I hesitate before getting off the bed then head to stand in front of my body length mirror.

"If you see a failure then you are a failure and you'll be one for as long as you see yourself as one." He says and my heart drops. Was that supposed to make me feel better?

"Look at your reflection. Analyze it and look deep within it. Its not only about the exterior but the interior too. You're much more than how you look on the outside everything matters.

You're the most powerful being in the world but you're still Uranian. You're allowed to have feelings and to express them. Not everyone will like you and sometimes things will go awry.

But its really up to you. Its either you drag about it or you get up and do something about it. Sometimes it doesn't even take much but to say sorry and be sincere about it.

Sometimes you'll have to give your all and fight for what's right. Sometimes you should just leave it be and let fate take its course but that's all really up to you." He says and I swallow hard.

He places his hands on my shoulder then looks into the mirror. "From the outside I see a beautiful princess who's crying over spilt milk but looking deeper into not only the reflection but your eyes as well I can see that you're strong and you're a fighter. You're kind sensitive and free spirited.

You're more than just a princess and a girl with shocking powers but its all up to you Juna. Everything is up to you." He adds on.

I turn to look at him but I can't bring myself to face him. I feel like a dimwit.

He lifts my face up then wipes my tears. He takes both my hands into his then searches for my eyes. My pendant stone starts to gleam.

I look at it then back to Colossus who's looking at me in shock can this day get any worse? His eyes are popped open and his lips parted ajar as if wanting you say something.

I try to free my hands from his but he holds on tighter. "Let go of me!" I protest and he chuckles. "Why? Because you're in love with your brother?" He asks humiliating me further.

"Let go of me!" I shout once again and he laughs as if enjoying all of this. Its as if he's sucking off on my anger. What is wrong with him. "I don't blame you I am hot." He says and I stop. Just who the hell does he think he is?

"You're hot? Granted the opportunity to choose who I want to fall in love with I'd pick Edris Alba." I say and he snorts.

"You think you're all that don't you? Well you're not. You're not even close to being hot. You think I enjoy this falling for my freaken brother who doesn't even sleep but is always standing by the corner of the room and staring at me intensely like a freaken statue?

You think I enjoy putting up with all of this all day every day? You think I enjoy talking to you about all of this? Well I don't. I didn't want to fall

for my brother and I didn't want you to find out. Just let go of me and leave my room!" I yell.

He's amused isn't he? He has a smirk plastered on his face with his hands still intertwined with mine. "Colossus

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let..." He cuts me.

"Just shut up would you?" He says swinging his head back. "Relax I won't tell mom or anyone else about your little crush now won't you be a good girl and start working on your powers?" He asks.

I can feel anger brewing inside of me. Why is he teasing me? He thinks this is a joke? I'll show him a joke. "I think you should focus on that because I'm not only your brother but your protector too." He say rolling his eyes.

Well that's about it.

The ground starts to shake followed by an excruciating pain on my back which happens not to matter at this point because I'm upset!

I slowly ascend from the floor which I don't pay much attention to because I want to deal with the mission before me now and fast.

I take a look at Colossus who still has a smirk on his face. I extend my hand towards the fire on the fireplace then absorb it and lash it all out on Colossus.

"You're going to try to burn your own crush slash brother slash protector?" He asks moving his wings that were shielding him from the fire to the back.

I look around the room for a heavy object and my eyes land on the mirror. I look at it then close my eyes picturing it. It suddenly moves and in a dash it smashes onto Colossus and breaks.

"Jesus woman are you crazy?" He asks and I feel my anger elevating. That was just the last straw to make me angry.

I make my way to him then wrap my arms around his neck and press him against the wall. He manages to remove my arms around his neck then holds them together.

He flips us over and bangs me against the wall. "Juna!" He shouts. My eyes land on my coffee table of which moves and smashes and breaks against Colossus' back.

That's not enough. "Juna stop what you're doing!" He yells. I flip us over and bang him against the wall. "Don't tell me what to do!" I say with gritted teeth tightening my hold against his neck.

He tries to free himself from my hold but he fails. His hands land on my waist before we dash off into the air.

He bangs me against the roof which angers me more. A port appears and I feel the urge to push him over it of which I do but with him still holding my waist we both fall into it.

We're now in Lisa's room. "Juna Colossus what are you doing?" She asks of which I'm not paying attention to.

I knee him where the sun doesn't shine then kick him off of me. I send him flying across the room then he hits the wall before gravitating on the floor.

I fly across the room and land right next to him. I crouch on top of him then strangle him all over again. "Juna what are you doing?" Mother asks.

Can't they just keep quiet?!

Colossus takes my hands off of his neck then presses them together and flips us over so that he's on top. "Juna stop this okay?" He yells and I shake my head.

"Get off of me!" I yell with tears stinging my eyes. I feel so defeated.

"I'm sorry okay? I'm really sorry. I was just teasing you I didn't mean to hurt you I'm sorry!" He shouts.

Tears escape my eyes. "I'm sorry Princess I'm really sorry." He says calmer this time.

I look to the side to avoid contact only to find that everyone is no longer moving. I froze time didn't I?

I look back at Colossus then throw my head back as I burst into more tears. What have I done? "I'm sorry..." I apologize.

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I watch as she tries to grasp onto me but she fails and falls into my arms. I was fast enough to catch her from falling down. "Do I have permission to touch you?" I ask and she nods vigorously.

Her eyes are shut and her tears are streaming out. I lift her up and carry her into my arms then rush to Lisa's bed and carefully place her on top of it.

She screams out loud and sits up straight. "My back hurts." She whimpers. It must be her beautiful black butterfly like wings I did bang her hard against the walls roof and even the floor.

"Can you try to lift your wings up?" I ask and she nods. She shuts her eyes and grits her teeth. She grabs on the duvet and let's out an exasperated sigh. "I can't..." She says then breaks into tears.

I help her to lie down on her stomach because she said the wings feel heavy. I caress her cheeks whilst she softly cries. I feel as though there's a void in my heart. I've never felt so useless.

"Colossus..." She calls out softly. Her temperature has increased and she suddenly feels a whole lot warm.

She places her hand on top of mine. "I feel so cold..." She says. "And you're so warm." She adds on. How does she feel so cold when she's so warm?

Her eyes flicker before she shuts them. I lightly slap her cheeks and beseech her to stay with me and keep her eyes open but she doesn't.

A strong force pushes me away from her and I hit my back hard. The orb is back again and it seems like it only appears around her. I watch as her wings unsurface and then Lisa and mother both start to move.

I get up from the floor and make my way to the orb. I place my hand over the orb then look at her. How the hell am I supposed to protect her when she shuts me out even in her sleep?

"What's going on?" Mother asks placing her hand on my shoulder. I rest my head on the orb then sigh out loud.

"Why were you two fighting? Why is she inside the orb looking lifeless?" She asks and I turn to her.

"Juna and I had some sort of an argument which made her quite angry and she ended up trying to kill me." I tell her. "What argument Colossus?" She asks and my eyes wander off.

I'm not going to tell her that my sister is in love with me and I teased her for that that's not happening.

"What argument could my daughter possibly have with my son that made her so angry she ended up wanting to kill you? Why would she fight with her protector?" She asks clearly angry.

"Mother I think its best we talk about it later. Do you know anything about this? How do we

wake her up? How can we get through this orb?" I ask and she sighs.

"Go and get cleaned up. I'll get Mila and figure out how to fix this." She says then head to Lisa while I head out of the room.

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I'm seated next to Lisa on her window bed watching Mila and mother talking up a storm. "What do you think they're talking about?" She asks and I shrug.

"They must be trying to crack the orb." I tell her and she nods. "Then why is it so hard?" She asks again.

"Don't forget that she's powerful." I say. She nods then sighs and snuggles up. She's better than earlier on she can walk but she limps and her back still hurts.

I'm more worried about Juna. I was supposed to protect her but I'm the one who harmed her. I don't know what to do anymore.

Mother turns to look at me with tears in her eyes. "Colossus I need to know what's wrong with her. I can't connect with her. This orb is blocking everything all the connections I had with her are blocked." She says a tear rolling down her cheek.

"Why is there an orb around her? What is she protecting herself from?" Mila asks. I sit up straight and sigh out loud. I look at Lisa and she nods.

"Uhm... After hurting Lisa she feared that she could hurt anyone so that orb appeared and she said she can't control it. I tried to help talk some sense into her but we ended up arguing about it. I kind of teased her about it only to make her angry and we ended up fighting.

She opened a port and kicked me inside it but I kind of pulled her and we both fell into it. I

apologized to her and she froze time." I narrate. I bet that doesn't even make sense because for the very first time my head is all over the place and for the very first time I'm nervous.

I'm not a man to be very emotional. I do have feelings but its not something I take to head. Its rather something I shake off because my aim is to protect and being weak is not on my motto.

Showing off my emotions would be showing off my weakness. I always keep a straight face and usually focus on protecting Urania I actually haven't done any of that since Juna's arrival.

I don't know whether that's a good thing or a bad thing.

"Can you try to read her mind?" Mila asks and I shake my head. "Its blocked." I tell her.

Mother makes her way to me and takes my hands into her hold. "Please... Please Colossus. Please try. I'm out of options now." She beseeches.

I sigh then get up from the bed and head to the orb. I gently press my hand over it and focus on her. "I can't read her mind." I say then press my forehead over the orb.

"Try harder Colossus!" Mother shouts. I close my eyes and try to focus on reading her mind but its blank. Its blocked. I can't read it. "Wait is her pendant glowing?" Lisa asks. I open my eyes and look at it it is glowing.

"Maybe she's reacting to your attempt on reading her mind." Mila says.

"Don't stop
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it is glowing.

"Maybe she's reacting to your attempt on reading her mind." Mila says.

"Don't stop Colossus." Mother says weakly. I nod then continue trying to read her mind. I

think I can see something. "I'm getting something." I say.

She's thinking of father. She's thinking of the time he gave her the pendant. She only trusts her father and she's thinking of that because it's the only memory she has of him.

I open my eyes and look at her the beads on her bracelet change from black to purple whereas her pendant gleams brighter than it was a moment ago. "Juna please wake up." I whisper.

I shut my eyes. "Wake up dammit!" I shout banging on the orb which instantly disappears. I step back and look at Juna in disbelief. She's waking up. I watch as her eyes flutter open and she sits up straight.

Her eyes wander around the room as if she doesn't recognize any of us before her eyes land on me. Her cheeks turn rosy before she looks down at her pendant.

She gets up and stands on both her feet. She slowly starts to walk and walks past me. I turn to see her in a tight group hug with mother and Lisa.

The hug breaks after what feels like a lifetime and they all hold hands. Still reading her mind she's thinking of our fight. "Don't ever do that to us again." Mother says and she nods vigorously.

"I'm sorry mother. I'm sorry for hurting you Lisa." She apologizes then turns to me. "I'm sorry for fighting with you Colossus. You were right and I should've listened to you. I promise it will never happen again." She says then looks away immediately.

I nod.

I leave them be and head over to Mila. "Why was she unconscious?" I ask and she sighs. "Her anger drains her powers from her. If she uses her powers in anger she'll be left weak and she'll fall unconscious.

She needs to start training as soon as possible. She needs to learn to use her powers because if she doesn't she'll kill all of us." She says and I nod.

"I know what went on between the two of you Colossus.

She can't afford to be distracted. We are about to embark on a war one that no one but the two of you will be able to end.

You should talk to her. Talk some sense into her and this time no arguing and no fighting." She says looking through her book of spells.

"Get out of my head Colossus." Juna says through telepathy. "I can't. We need to talk." I respond back through telepathy.

"I apologized and being around you will be hard so I think its best we keep our distance." She replies. I snort. She's crazy if she thinks I'm going to stay away from her.

"Well that won't be possible because I'm your protector." I respond.

"Are you listening to me?" The seer asks bringing me back to life. I shake my head. "I'm sorry I was trying to get something from her thoughts.

By the way how is it possible that I can now read her thoughts?" I ask.

"We have bigger problems than that Colossus training starts tomorrow at five ante meridiem." She says then shuts her spell book and walks to the ladies before heading out.

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"Telepathy mind control - direct communication of thoughts

Super Senses - stronger senses and better balance

Telekinesis - psychic ability to influence a physical system without physical interaction basically using mind control

Teleportation - opening a port to travel to a place of your liking or your thoughts rather

Power Absorption - no clarification needed

Object Manipulation - similar to telekinesis but the difference here is the artistry.

Element Manipulation - control and manipulation over wind earth fire and water

Pyrokinesis - similar to element manipulation but you can only manipulate fire and unlike the rest of the elements you can bring fire to life you can create fire to your satisfaction

Impenetrable Armour a shield - using an orb or a suit of diamond armour to protect yourself

Indestructibility - You are indestructible and you heal faster than a werewolf

Weather Modification - control over the weather

Time Bending - you can freeze time

Omnipresence - property of being present anywhere or everywhere at the same time

Illusion - creating false images in ones mind as well as a false idea

Empathy - capacity to understand or feel what another person is experiencing

Immortality - being exempt from death; unending existence and no aging

Natural Physical Mutation - An Angel

Divinity - A Diety half goddess and half guardian

Those are all the powers you have and need to take control of." Those are apparently all the powers I possess.

Those are all the powers that make me powerful.

I've been training for weeks now and I'm getting the hang of things. Training with Colossus around is hard but I'm getting used to it.

Its much harder when he gets into my mind and starts talking crap but I've been trying my damdest to ignore him.

There was a time where I was only training with mom because I possess some of her powers and she is a deity just like I am. "Harder Juna. Try harder!" Mila shouts.

I shut my eyes and grit my teeth while my hands form into fists. I didn't even realize that I was holding my breath until I had to breathe.

She halts in front of me with her stick. "When I say harder I do not mean physically. I've been telling you for the past few weeks but you never

listen. Its all in your head Juna. Use your head and think of what you want.

Be certain of what you want and believe it is what you want. Its really not that hard now let's try again." She says and I nod.

I close my eyes then exhale and set my mind on the test required of me. A suit of armour. I've trying to morph into an impenetrable armour but I couldn't do it.

How can I possibly master creating illusions when I fail to do something as simple as morphing to a freaken diamond suit?

"Focus Juna. FOCUS!" Mila shouts and I nod vigorously.

I feel slight tingles all over my body followed by a chortle from Mila. "Now was that so hard?" She asks still laughing. I open my eyes then look at myself.

I did it? I actually did it!

I scan my entire body and it looks like I'm covered in dimes. No fucken way!

I chuckle in disbelief whilst I continue to check myself out. "You look so beautiful." I hear Colossus' voice in my head and just like all the days that have passed I ignore him.

Wait? How can he even still invade my mind?

Mila hits me with her stick and I feel absolutely no pain whatsoever. Mind you her stick is made of gold...

"Pain?" She asks and I shake my head. "I can feel something hitting me but there's no pain whatsoever." I tell her.

"Great now try transforming back." Mila says and I nod.

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I grab my bottle of water and down its content before throwing it back down and following suit. To say I'm fatigued would be an understatement. My entire body is aching and I know I won't make it back to the palace.

Training is rather harder than I had anticipated. I thought things would've been easier but I guess that was me trying to calm myself.

Training with other guardians and goddesses from the council was hell but training with Mila is even worse. That old red riding hood is hot headed and bossy. She shouts all day everyday and doesn't stop at nothing to get what she wants.

I know training with Colossus tomorrow will be ten times worse because I've been trying my best to ignore him. Ever since he learnt to read my mind he's been mindlinking me quite a lot and I've been trying my damdest to ignore him.

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I'd block him but its this stupid bond from this stupid crush that gives him so much power over me stupid feelings! Who the hell falls for her brother?

Its yet the following morning and I'm not looking forward to training with Colossus. I finally make it to the field to find him awaiting me with his arms folded across his chest. "Took you long enough!" He shouts. I roll my eyes then walk further until I feel I'm close enough.

"You're late." He says and I role my eyes. "Are we doing this or what?" I ask and he just looks at me as if expecting something. Oh well I turn my back on him and start to walk back only to be tackled.

"What the heck is wrong with you?" I ask slightly angered.

"Rule number one never turn your back on your enemy." He says hovering over me he's my enemy alright.

He jumps off of me and stands on both his feet then extends his hand for me to take. I don't trust this guy. I help myself up. "Good at least you know one rule." He says and I roll my eyes.

He pushes me with one hand and I fall back down on my buttocks. What the hell is wrong with him? "You're so weak get up and fight." He says sternly.

I quickly get up but he pushes me back down again. I'm on the verge of bursting now. "You're angry? What a shame. You do know that your anger drains you off your powers right?" He asks.

I get up. "Can I at least take off this top?" I ask referring to my tracksuit top. He nods. I smirk then unzip the zipper and take it off. I throw it to the side of the field then fasten my shoe laces properly.

His eyes pop open as I get up. Why is he staring at my breasts? While he's disturbed I kick him hard and send him flying across the

field but he lands on his feet. He then starts running as fast as he can towards me and I join in to meet him halfway.

As I predicted the first thing he does when we reach each other is to punch me but I halt and duck then duck again as he tries to throw a second punch.

I kick him again but he catches my leg and tries to twist it but I spin in the air and he releases it I then kick him on his abs before we both fall to the ground. I'm good.

I quickly get up whilst he also gets up. He stares at me and shakes his head and before I know it I'm tackled once again. "Rule two never lose focus." He says getting up and I roll my eyes.

He turns his back against me and walks away. I get up from the ground and run as fast as I can to him. I hop onto his back and hit my head hard against his and we fall to the ground. "Rule

one never turn your back against your enemy." I whisper in his ear.

He chuckles before pushing me off of him and jolts up from the ground. "You're good." He says. I get up from the ground as well.

"How fast can you run?" He asks running to the other end of the field.

Once he stops I start running as fast as I can and I'm shocked to see him sprinting his way back to me. He finally reaches me and surprisingly manages to grab a hold of my hand.

He pulls me back then sends me flying across the field. I hit my back hard as well as my head. I don't think I'll be able to move after this.

He jogs his way to me and crouches next to me. "Get up." He orders. I groan before sitting up straight. He pulls me up and starts jogging.

Frustrated I run as fast as I can then hop on his back. We fall to the ground but he flips us over. He hovers over me then chortles. "Rule four remain stealth when attacking your enemy." He says.

"You skipped rule three." I say and he chuckles. "You already know rule three trust no one in the battlefield." He says and I pursue my lips.

I throw a fist on his chest and he laughs. I tend to forget he doesn't feel any physical pain.

"Get off of me." I say now slightly irritated. Why the hell is he so strong?

He however doesn't get up. Instead he slowly leans in and caresses the side of my face then tucks my hair behind my ear.

I watch as he swallows hard. His eyes change colour whilst he leans in closer. I feel his warm breath fanning my skin followed by his lips on my earlobe "Rule two never lose focus." He whispers then twists my arm.

I let out a loud scream of agony followed by tears.

CHAPTER EIGHTEEN

"Blindfold really?" I ask and earn a chuckle from him.

We've been training for two weeks now all day everyday but I still haven't gotten the strength to talk to him. I only speak to him on the battlefield otherwise I still can't face him.

He covers my eyes with the fold then fastens it on the back of my head. "Now we'll be communicating through telepathy. You'll have to use your super senses to bring me down of which you'll fail anyway but remember the five rules..."

First rule - Never turn your back on your enemy

Second rule - Never Lose Focus

Third rule - Trust no one in the battlefield

Fourth rule - Remain stealth when attacking your enemy

Fifth rule - Believe in yourself

Are you ready?" He asks and I nod. It suddenly goes quiet. I slowly spin trying to feel his presence only to be tripped. I fall to the ground and quickly remove the blindfold. "Did you just trip me?" I ask in disbelief.

I earn a chuckle from him. He crouches next to me and puts on the blindfold only tighter this time. "Remember the rules and you'll do great... Oh and good luck trying to beat me." He says.

I don't need his fake luck. I beat him once I can do it again. I slowly get up from the ground and focus on my surroundings. If he's near I'll feel cold breeze.

His mind is blank I don't know how but he's not thinking of anything. I don't know how I'm going to do this.

Focus Juna!

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I pick up my top from the grass then put it on followed by my water bottle. I down its content. "You did great." Colossus says now next to me.

"Thanks." I say forcing a smile. I can't bring myself to talk to him. I can do that during training but off the field its another story.

"Are you tagging along?" He asks and I shake my head. "I think I'll stay here and admire the garden." I say. He looks taken aback by my response.

"Admire the garden?" He asks and I nod. "Does this have anything to do with our fight?" He asks and I shake my head repeatedly.

"You've been ignoring me for weeks. You don't talk to me unless we're training. Juna I've apologized countless times now and..." I cut him.

"You've apologized Colossus but you've apologized for the wrong things. You

apologized for teasing me but I don't care about that it happens all the time.

However you didn't apologize for bruising my ego for humiliating me and for making me feel bad about myself. I didn't ask for any of this Colossus.

I just simply wanted to have parents and receive their love. All of this is too much for me to handle. Instead I should be the one apologizing. I'm so sorry for falling in love with you brother.

If I could I'd stop all of this madness from happening. I'm so sorry for ignoring you I wasn't trying to make you feel bad I just needed time to pick myself up after that downfall.

In fact you did nothing wrong. If you think you only teased me then that means you'll continue teasing me I bet that's what brothers do all the time. Nonetheless if you see nothing wrong with what you've done then you'll never stop." I say.

He looks at me blankly. He's still not going to say anything?

I wipe my tears then shake my head. "I thought you wanted to know why I haven't been talking to you

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if you see nothing wrong with what you've done then you'll never stop." I say. He looks at me blankly. He's still not going to say anything?

I wipe my tears then shake my head. "I thought you wanted to know why I haven't been talking to you well now you have it." I say before storming off.

I thought remaining silent and not saying anything would help but now that I've said it all I feel much better.

I clear the bushes in front of me as I continue to walk off to wherever it is that my feet are leading me.

Urania is entirely different and different is unique and beautiful. Everything about it is exotic and just mind blowing.

I suddenly hit my head hard on what looks like a tree branch and my vision blurs out.

"Colossus." I call out softly. I bang against what feels like a tree trunk before gravitating to the ground.

My vision instantly clears. I get up from the ground and look around. My head feels heavy and its in pain.

"Beautiful as always." I hear a familiar manly voice followed by cold breeze hitting my skin.

I turn to see him standing on the far tall tree. "What do you want?" I ask and his eyes pop open. "Straight forward I like that." He says walking closer.

He halts in front of me and places his index and middle fingers under my chin. "I want you." He

whispers. "You want me because of my powers?" I ask and he nods repeatedly.

"You are the most powerful being in most of the universes. You hold all the power. You and I are much stronger together." He says and I chuckle.

"With both our powers combined we'll be powerful enough to conquer this and many other worlds." He adds on.

"So you want to use my powers for evil?" I ask and he shakes his head repeatedly. "No no no my dear Juna. We'll use both our powers for the greater good. Imagine countless worlds having a queen like you. You'll make a remarkable queen and everyone will worship the ground you walk on.

Imagine all the power we'll both have unless you want us to go the hard way." He says.

I roll my eyes. I'm not scared of him and I won't let him get into my head. "You want to use me

then you threaten me just who in this world do you think you are?" I ask them earn a chuckle from him.

"You think I'm using you? Then what about everybody else?" He asks. I give him a puzzled look.

"They are the ones using you. They want to use your powers against you. All those you trust want to end you because you are a danger to them. You have all the powers to end their lives in a snap of a finger so they want to destroy you.

You are nothing but a pawn in their little chess board. They are using you to protect themselves so that once you're destroyed they'll reign." He says rounding me.

"But I on the other hand... I want to help you and in return you'll help me. Let me in Juna and we'll bring all of them down. Let me in." He says.

His words suddenly slur off. My eyes shoot open and I quickly sit up straight. Next to me a worried looking Colossus is crouching. I get off the floor only to stumble on my feet.

Colossus catches me in his arms. "Hey are you okay?" He asks and I nod. "I'm okay just had a weird dream which felt so real." I tell him. He nods. I free myself from his hold and we remain silent for a few seconds.

"I'm sorry princess. I really had no idea how much I hurt you until you told me." He says and I just shrug. "It doesn't matter." I say and he shakes his head.

"Yes it does. What can I do to fix it? I'll do anything." He says. There's really nothing he can do. I don't think I'll ever get past this.

"Well maybe carrying me back to the palace might help. I honestly don't know my way around this place and I doubt I'll be able to walk." I say and earn a chuckle from him.

He walks closer and scoops me in his arms. My pendant instantly glows followed by my bracelet beads changing to purple. I look at him to check for his expression. "Seems like I'll have to get used to that." He says forcing a smile.

As awkward as this is I doubt I'll managed to get used to it. "Hold on tight." He says and I just nod.

He flaps his wings very hard before we ascend from the ground. This feels great unfortunately this so where it will end.

We're soon in the palace and everyone is gathered in my room. Lisa lies next to me and pulls me in for a hug. "I think I should guard her full time." I hear Colossus say.

No he can't! "I agree with him. I don't trust Vladimir. If he can visit her in her dreams then anything is possible." Mila says.

"Can I say something?" I ask. "If its regarding me guarding you then no. As your older brother

and your protector I think its only fair." Colossus says.

Well having read my mind while I was unconscious he managed to get into my thoughts and saw what I was dreaming he wasted no time in summoning everyone into my room and sharing my dream with them.

I'm glad I'll be protected even if I can protect myself but Colossus guarding me all the time will be quit uncomfortable. "I know but its for the greater good." He says through telepathy.

Sigh!

"Okay then will Lisa be protected?" I ask looking at her. "I mean she has no powers whatsoever I think its only fair." I add on. Mother nods. "General I need you and two of your best men to be on Lisa or women even. As long as she's comfortable and protected." She says.

I smile then look at Lisa. "I love you." I tell her. "I love you too." She says.

CHAPTER NINETEEN

I'm feeling incredibly cold tonight and it seems like I'm the only one feeling cold. I pull on to my blanket and curl up on the bed. I'm trembling so bad I bet the bed itself is also trembling.

I turn to see Colossus looking at me intensely. His eyes are full of worry and helplessness. Pity is one thing I don't like especially when its from him.

I feel like setting myself on fire or this bed even that would high key help me but then I'd set the entire room on fire seeing is to I wouldn't be able to distinguish the flames.

"You know I can help you." He says through telepathy. "I'm fine Colossus." I say turning to face the other side.

"I can't watch you suffer when there's something I can do." He says. I rather he stays away from me. "I can't afford any more

humiliation Colossus." I manage to say through all the trembling.

"You're humiliating yourself if you think me helping you will humiliate you. I don't care about everything else princess but I care about you your feelings and your well being. Just let me help you and we'll deal with everything else after." He says.

After a few seconds of cogitating on the matter I finally agree. "Fine." I say then turn to face him. I watch as he kicks his shoes off then takes his shirt off. "Wh... What are you do... Doing?" I ask and he chuckles.

My eyes pop open as I come to sight with his well sculptured torso. "Just so you know I'm much warmer at night." He says bringing me back to life.

Colossus is a freakishly huge man with all the right things in the right places. He can't be my brother.

He gets under the sheets and pulls me closer to him. I straddle his laps and rest my head on his chest whilst he envelopes me with his freakishly huge arms. Sometimes I wonder how I manage to send him flying across the sky with just a single kick.

He wasn't joking he does feel much warmer at night. After a few minutes of silence and extreme heat I've stopped trembling and I'm feeling warm.

I look up to see him staring at me. Does he do that all the time? Its quite creepy. "Feeling warm?" He asks and I nod. "Yes thanks." I say and it suddenly goes quiet again.

He pulls on the duvet to cover me then rests his head back and shuts his eyes. "You can sleep Colossus." I say and he chuckles lightly.

"I've already slept." He says. He slept earlier on for two hours and that's all he needs to keep him going for seventy two hours. Shocking isn't it.

"You should get some rest you had a long day." He says and I nod. I know I said I'm warm enough but I don't want him to let me go. I like being this close to him despite our arguments.

He chuckles softly then rests his head on top of mine. He read my thoughts didn't he? "I'm sorry." I apologize. "Its okay. I admire your honesty." He says. "And we can stay like this for as long as you want." He adds on.

I nod hesitantly before closing my eyes. He's so freaken warm. "Don't I make you feel uncomfortable?" I ask. I feel him tense up before raising my head to look at him.

"You don't make me uncomfortable princess. If anything I feel way better when I'm around you." He says and I just nod. I hope he's being honest with me. "I'd hate to make you uncomfortable. I can get really wild." I say earning a laugh from him a contagious one at that.

"Of course you can." He says thinking of our fight. "You really are powerful you know that?" He asks and I nod hesitantly.

"You're almost like mother yet way better and cooler. More beautiful kinder sweeter stronger braver smarter.

You're balmy free spirited benevolent brittle
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fun to be around and most importantly you're true to yourself. You should really believe in yourself more because I do Lisa does and so does everyone else.

Stay true to yourself and never change." He says. I can't help but to smile or blush rather.

"I should probably sleep." I say and he nods. I rest my head back on his chest then close my eyes.

A few more minutes and I'm sleepy. I can feel the slumber approaching and ready to take

over. I feel Colossus' breath fanning me followed by his fingers running through my hair.

That feels rather good. Feels like he's massaging my sculp and its adding to my sleep. My pendant suddenly gleams brighter than it normally does. I try to sit up straight but Colossus holds me back.

I turn to look at him and he has a blank expression yet his eyes are telling a different story. He's hiding something and I can't find out cause his mind is clear. I hate being in the dark.

"Sleep." He says his voice huskier than usual and rather commanding. I don't even bother to ask questions as I adhere to his command and rest my head back on his chest.

Did I mention he's huge?

"I know I'm huge now get some rest." He says startling me from my thoughts. Stupid bond of some sort!

I don't appreciate someone invading my thoughts at least if it was Lisa but its rather someone else. I'm glad mother can't do that because I bet she would've banished me from Urania.

I bet dating your family member is a crime but who knows? I definitely wouldn't want to take that chance because I for one think its absurd that I'm in love with my huge hot and sexy brother.

I hear him chuckle. I'm honestly tired of this bond.

Sigh.

But she couldn't possibly banish me I'm her daughter. Her one and only daughter at that. I'm the princess of the Queendom of Urania the next in line for the throne (definitely not ready for that) plus I'm their protectress.

They couldn't possibly banish me they need me more than they could imagine... Do they?

"Juna just sleep." He says. Well tough cause I can't seem to control my thoughts.

"You are nothing but a pawn in their little chess board. They are using you to protect themselves so that once you're destroyed they'll reign." Dmitri's words replay in my head.

What is it that this Vladimir guy wants from me? What did he mean by those words? Why is he even... "JUNA JUST GO TO SLEEP!" Colossus yells.

For once he actually scared me to death. I literally felt my skin falling off my brain imploding and my heart skipping eight beats at once.

Reading his expression I think he realizes that he freaked me out. He throws his head back and shuts his eyes. "I'm sorry..." I whimper. "No I'm sorry. I just couldn't ignore your thoughts they were pretty loud." He says with his eyes still shut.

"Vladimir is the bad guy here princess. He doesn't care about anything or anyone but himself. He said all those things to manipulate you then he'll use you..." He says then looks at me. "Don't let him get to you Juna. Don't let him in. He'll turn you against us use you then deceive you.

He won't share his reign with you he'll dictate you. You'll end up being his sex slave or whatever like other women. Dmitri is dangerous be careful of him." He warns.

I swallow hard at the thought of almost believing him.

I rest my head back on his chest that feel his hand caressing my arm. I close my eyes then await slumber to come and take me.

Its the following morning and I feel great rejuvenated and ready to take on any challenge given to me. "Slept well?" Colossus asks and I nod with a polite smile.

His chest is quite comfy. I just can't believe he stayed up watching me the entire time. I don't wish to be like him or Heimdall right now.

He gets off the bed and heads to the window seat where his shirt and shoes are.

Colossus is a good person and I must say I'm lucky to have him in my life. I involuntarily make my way to him and attack him with a bear hug he's still warm. "And what's this for?" He asks quite shocked.

I giggle. "This is for being in my life. Thank you for everything." I tell him. I then feel his arms around my body of which tighten with each passing second. "It's a pleasure princess." He says. I then break the hug.

In attempt to walk back to my bed I trip. Colossus being the hero that he is tries to catch me but follows suit. "Well isn't this embarrassing?" He asks and I just burst into laughter.

Regardless of how heavy he actually is on top of me I still find this situation funny.

The door suddenly opens and in walks Elaine. She halts on her tracks and pops her eyes open when she comes to sight with the situation. She utters an "oh" which is reason enough to have me panic.

CHAPTER TWENTY

The tension in the room is so thick you could cut it with a pair of scissors. Colossus is standing by the corner of the room on full guard mode with his intense stare while Elaine does my hair.

I can feel her staring at Colossus and I not that I blame her. What she saw earlier on was quite disturbing but she still didn't allow neither of us to explain ourselves.

She says she's from a lower caste and she only answers to the higher caste not question them.

This has just been awkward. Colossus only left to freshen up and supposedly take a shower when I was bathing cause he smells so good right now. But from thereon he's just been staring at me intensely without saying a single word.

"All done princess Juna." She says bursting my bubble of thoughts. I check myself out then nod in approval. She should really open a salon or something she's good with hair.

We then head out to the dining room with Colossus following behind us. Everyone is already there and Lisa as usual has started eating. I take a seat and Elaine dishes up for me while Colossus settles next to me and grabs an apple.

He doesn't sleep he doesn't eat what the hell does he do?

Everyone on the dining table is quiet but mom. She's busy trying to make conversation while I just can't seem to get earlier on's incident out of

my head. Colossus however keeps on stealing glances at me and I can't help but to return them.

He only does that because he can read my thoughts. Well I honestly can't stop myself he'll just have to deal with it. "Juna your food is untouched." Mother says. Taking a look at my plate I barely ate at all.

"Eitherway I want all of us to have a picnic by the enchanted lake." She adds on. "Is that safe?" Lisa asks and mother nods with a polite smile. "It is very much protected dear no one can harm any of us." She says.

I can tell their relationship is better than I thought that's good. "And Juna

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the royal seamstress would like see you. Have you decided on what dress to wear to the ball?" Mother asks and I just shrug.

I haven't really paid much attention to the ball. I was too busy training to even think about the

ball. All I know is that the dress as to be white and gold and for some reason its tradition.

Every princess of Urania wore a gold and white dress on their balls all of them and they had the honour to dance with their fathers - the previous Kings. Unfortunately I don't have a father so I guess there's no dance for me.

"Uhm... What are you going to wear?" I ask looking at Lisa. She doesn't really have much interest in clothes but she always has the best outfits.

"Uhm... I'll see when we get to the seamstress." She says and I nod. "How's practise going?" Mother asks. "Its going pretty well she's good." Colossus answers.

I look at him with a death stare and he just shrugs. "I can speak for myself." I tell him through telepathy. "I know you can." He replies.

"Then why did you respond for me if you know that?" I shoot back. "Because I can." He replies. I bang on the table causing it to shake.

"Juna!" Mother shouts softly. I look at her then back at Colossus and grit my teeth. "What's going on with you two?" She asks. I wipe the corners of my lips with the soviette on my laps then throw it on the table. I've officially lost my appetite.

"None of you are going to answer me?" She asks and we all remain quiet. "When is this going to end?" She asks again and we still remain silent.

Well I'm not going to tell her that I spent the night in Colossus' arms which I had no problem with. What I do have a problem with is that Elaine saw us in a very shocking position for siblings and she's probably going to tell mother.

"We should probably get going." Colossus says getting up. He wipes his hands then helps me up. Lisa gets up on her own and follows us out.

We're quiet the entire way until we get to the stables.

"We'll be taking the royal coach." He says and I just nod. We watch as they ready the white and gold coach with two white horses in front.

Colossus helps us get inside and he follows then we're driven to the village where the royal seamstress is based. We're quiet the entire drive. Lisa tries to make conversation but she finally gives up. This feels like the longest drive ever.

I feel like unleashing my wings and flying away but then I can't let my anger get the better of me. I don't want to hurt Lisa all over again.

When we finally arrive we're helped out of the coach and Colossus leads us inside. It's a beautiful boutique like room. There are a whole lot of beautiful dresses all over it.

A man approaches us as we're looking around. "Colossus..." He says shaking his hand. "I'm

glad you could finally make it." Colossus says and the man nods.

"This is Lisa." He says taking Lisa's hand into his. Their fingers intertwine followed by disturbing smiles on their faces. My heart drops to the pit of my stomach at the realization that there's something going on between the two of them.

"And that is my little sister princess Juna." He finally introduces. "Astounding..." He says taking my hand into his then pecks it before caressing it. "The most beautiful girl I've ever seen." He says sounding breathless which makes me giggle.

"Your majesty I'm the royal seamstress..." Colossus cuts him.

"Josh may we please get started?" He asks and the seamstress whom I assume is Josh nods vigorously before letting go of my hand.

"Right please do follow me." He says walking off and leads us to a cosy looking sitting area where we all get seated with Colossus seated next to Lisa and they're still holding hands.

The seamstress Josh grabs a book that was placed in the middle of the table then pages through it and hands me the book. "A gown made with perfection for perfection." He says as I come to sight with what looks like the most beautiful gown I've ever seen.

It is indeed white and gold just like how mother said it should be. This doesn't even look like a drawing I wonder how it will look like live. "Do you like it?" He asks and I nod vigorously. No kidding I LOVE IT!

"Glad to know that seeing is to I've already started with it all I need right now are your measurements." He says getting up. "Please follow me." He says already on his way.

Why I sure will follow you. I rather do that than to stare at Colossus and Lisa looking all cosy and smitten.

"Colossus stop it!" I hear Lisa says followed by a giggle. That's it!

CHAPTER TWENTY ONE

We're through with my measurements and I'm in the same room with Lisa and her alone while Josh is taking Colossus' measurements.

I can't stand her right now I can't stand any of them. I just want to be alone in my own space with no one to disturb me.

Well now isn't this cosy? Its so quiet not the good kind of quiet but if it makes her uncomfortable then I like it. Of course she won't talk to me cause I threw a glass at her but she ducked and it hit the wall.

I wasn't aiming it at her but Colossus. I thought I got the hang of my powers but I guess I didn't.

When Colossus walks back in Lisa heads out.
No scratch that she rushes out.

Colossus is looking at me with his intense gaze.
He doesn't scare the shit out of me.

A few minutes pass by and I can feel the
tension growing thicker and thicker with each
passing second. Not wanting anything to do
with him I get up and make my way out.

"Juna!" Colossus calls out after me. Its funny
how I don't pay attention to the excruciating
pain when my wings resurface when I'm angry.
Not technically funny but you know what I
mean.

I flap them a few times before flying off. Urania
is very beautiful colourful and mood elevating. I
decide to land next to what looks like a pond
and settle on the big rock next to it.

I run my fingers through the dirty looking water
repeatedly while thinking of Colossus and Lisa.

"Do you think he loves you?" An unfamiliar husky voice asks coming from behind me. I quickly turn to see who it is and I'm astounded to come to sight with what or rather whom might seem to be the most angelic angel I've ever met.

"I beg your pardon?" I query as I'm suddenly dragged back to reality by his disturbing question.

He chuckles then slowly makes his way to me. He halts in front of me then bows. "Its nice to finally meet her royal high." He says then stands up straight.

"And who are you?" I ask making him chuckle. "Pardon me where are my manners? I'm Sebastian and you my princess are the most beautiful girl I've ever seen." He says taking my hand into his then pecks it.

He's a flirt isn't he?

"Okay Sebastian back to your question. What did you mean?" I ask. He crouches next to me.

"You looked in distress and full of ire. Not that I'm an expert in such situations but I guessed you might have been hurt by a man." He says and I raise my brow.

There is no freaken way he must be stalking me. I'm not going to sit around and listen to him lying you my face just like everybody else does.

I get up and walk past him and I feel a tight grip on my arm. I halt then turn to look at him. "Let go of my arm." I tell him but he doesn't.

"I'm sorry your majesty but I simply cannot. I'd like to have a cordial conversation with you take you out of your misery and show you the light. No lady should go through the pain of being rejected and used." He says and my eyes pop open.

How does he know all of this? "Please trust me your Majesty." He says. I wrestle my arm out of

his hold and he frees it. "Why should I trust you? A stranger that seems to know quite a lot about me than he should." I query and earn a chuckle from him.

"I'm no stranger your highness but I'm who your heart desires. You should trust me for I know a lot about you more than I should and I can use that to my advantage. I mean no harm I just want us to get to know each other." He says.

"Well I have somewhere to go to I can't sit here and chitchat." I say referring to the picnic mother planned for us by the enchanted lake.

"Very well I shall not keep you from leaving but I'd like to see you again.

When dawn breaks and flowers bloom

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I shall not keep you from leaving but I'd like to see you again.

When dawn breaks and flowers bloom we shall meet and confide in each other. Tomorrow

morning I will be awaiting your arrival in this very same spot and we'll pour our hearts out to each other." He says making me giggle at his silliness.

"Now would you look at that a smile. That's all my heart desires to put a smile on your beautiful face." He says and I shake my head.

'Princess I know you're here. Show yourself.' I can hear Colossus' thoughts which means he's close by. I didn't think he'd actually run after me but he is my protector after all and that's all he'll ever be.

"I have to go." I say then rush to get away from him. I don't want to cause any troubles because Colossus can be overprotective at times.

Running into the wide open field I come to sight with Colossus. I clear my throat then make my way to him. As if sensing I'm near he turns his back away from me and to say he's livid would be an understatement.

"Where have you been?" He asks and I just shrug. "Around..." I reply flatly. And by that I mean flatter than a piece of paper.

"Do you know how worried I was? Why did you rush off like that?" He asks. Its not like he cares he's just scared of mother. He promised to protect me all the time.

"I don't answer to you." I answer him. He let's out a bitter chuckle as he folds him arms across his chest. "Well technically you do princess. I am your protector!" He agitates.

"And my brother. You said to protect me and I don't fucken care how you do it but I'm going to do whatever the hell it is that I want whenever the time and I'll go wherever I want to with whomever!" I shout followed by the ground shaking.

"CALM DOWN!" He shouts back. "What in Urania is wrong with you?" He asks and I shrug. "I don't know maybe you are what's wrong. You

know very well that I love you yet you date my sister and don't even hide it!" I shout back.

"So what my life is supposed to be on hold because of your silly little crush?" He shoots back and I feel my heart tearing asunder as a tear suddenly rolls down my cheek.

I shake my head. "No it doesn't have to be on hold because of my silly little crush after all that's all it'll ever be - a silly little crush..." I say much calmer this time.

"Juna..." I cut him. "I'm sorry. If I could I would prevent myself from loving you when really I can't so I'll just suck it up and focus on more important things. I'm sure you already know that Lisa is a very wonderful person so I don't want to have to remind you." I say then walk off.

I think I'll pass on the whole picnic thingy.

"Juna!" He calls out. I halt then turn back. "Tell mom I'm sorry for skipping the picnic but I'll make it up to her." I say then continue walking off.

I need to clear my head and I think I know just how. One huge flap of my wings and I ascend to the sky in one go. If anyone would've told me I would one day have crazy powers have a crush on my brother and live a terrible life I wouldn't have believed them.

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I grab a novella from my bookshelf then settle on my bed and lie on my back. I took a long flight earlier on trying to clear my head by admiring the beautiful Urania which did help quite a little but did not really help (if you know what I mean)

A knock on the door disturbs my reading. I hope its not Colossus because I'm not in the mood to see him. I doubt I have the strength to look at him and I actually doubt I want to be in the same space as with him right now.

I mean he's not wrong at all by speaking his mind and following his heart but he's quite

insensitive. But what else would you expect from a man who thinks showing your emotions is a sign of weakness?

I turn the key then open the door to come to sight with mom. She has her hair neatly tied and she's in her nightwear. She flashes a smile.

"Wanted to spend time with my little princess and have some pudding." She says raising the gigantic bowl on her hands with two spoons sticking out from the top.

I return the smile to her before I make way for her to enter.

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CHAPTER TWENTY TWO

"One... Two.. Three... One... Two... Three... Eyes up your highness." Says Clive. He's supposedly teaching me the Uranian Traditional dance and to say I'm failing would be an understatement.

"Keep your head held high and follow my lead just glide... Two... Three... Glide... Two... Three." He says then spins me around then snakes his arm around my back and catches me.

"I'm sorry I can't do it..." I say then earn a chortle from him. "That's nonsense your Majesty. You're a princess and you can do anything you want. Now you just relax and follow my lead." He says and I just sigh.

"The father - daughter dance is an important tradition Juna." Mother says getting up from her seat. She's been observing for the past two hours and its quite shocking how Clive hasn't given up yet.

"But I don't have a..." I'm cut short by Colossus suddenly walking in to the room. "Thank you Clive but I'll take it from here." He says making his way to me. Oh darn it.

"I'm going to be dancing with Colossus?" I ask and mother nods. That's why he thinks he's my

father he's been given the gesture to think he's my father.

"So who'll be dancing with Lisa?" I ask and mother furrows her brows while Colossus just groans. "Whatever do you mean dear?" Mother asks and as I'm about to respond Colossus beats me to it.

"She means since she'll be dancing with me who will Lisa be dancing with?" Colossus says then looks at me.

"Oh... If you say so." Mother says.

His hand lands on my waist then he firmly pulls me to him. I gasp as I suddenly hit his hard chest. I slowly raise my head and look at him straight in his eyes.

They've darkened and he looks intimidating. He groans loud enough for me to hear.

Oh god!

He takes my one hand and places it on his shoulder and then takes the other hand and intertwines our fingers. He then slowly raises both our hands then slowly starts to move.

My breathing starts to escalate as I get lost in his eyes which are slowly turning to a shade of gold. I swallow the huge lump that's stuck on my throat and try to resist his stare.

Not knowing what else to do I just follow his lead. Right now I don't even know whether I'm doing it right or not but I'm just so lost in his eyes. Its like a magnetic pull and I just don't want to get away from him right now.

I'm suddenly twirling with my one hand still in his hold then he pulls me close to him and I come in contact with his rock hard chest again.

I close my eyes then wrap my hands around him. 'I'm sorry.' I tell him before unwrapping my arms around him. I wipe my uninvited tears before rushing out of the room.

"Juna!" I hear mother calling after me followed by Colossus. I halt then turn back. Mother makes her way to me together with Colossus and takes my hands into her hold.

"Juna what's wrong?" Mother asks and I shake my head before opening my floodgates. "Have you ever loved someone so much only to find out he doesn't love you that way?" I ask and watch as Colossus tries to keep it together.

"Oh my baby..." Mother says then cups my cheeks. I can see she's pained by my light sobs but just like Colossus she's also trying to keep it together. "I have so many times..."

I was young and clueless and I just wanted to be loved. I wanted to know what love is and he just kept on hurting me. But I did learn that he doesn't deserve me. If he can't value me and love me back then he's not the one.

He doesn't deserve you baby and don't give him the benefit of the doubt. Prove him wrong.

Prove to him that you don't need him you can make it without him.

If he can't see the your inner and outer beauty then he's not the one. Juna you're young and still have a long way to go." She says then takes my pendant into her hold.

"If you find the one you'll know. It'll glow brighter than the word itself and you'll feel your heart melting like ice next to fire. As for whomever that person is then he doesn't deserve you.

And I know how much you love him I can feel it in my blood but baby he's not the one okay?" She says and I nod vigorously. I earn a weak smile from her before she wipes my tears.

"You're beautiful you're strong and you have way more important things to focus on... Like the ball. Don't let this get to you don't let love distract you. We have a whole lot of enemies on the loose and this is our one chance to end them so we can lead happy lives. Let's focus on

more paramount things okay?" She says and I nod.

She's right

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she's very right but... "There's somewhere I need to be right now. I believe I'll be way better if I go now." I say and earn a giggle from her. She smiles then nods. "If it'll help you and make you happy then go!" She says then pulls me in for a hug.

Once she breaks it I waste no more time to rush out and make my way to the royal stable. 'I'm coming with you.' Colossus says and I chuckle softly. He's crazy.

'No you're not and I can protect myself. If you can't love me back then its okay but can you please just allow me to do what I think is best for me?' I ask. 'If its foolish then I can't what if he tries to harm you?' He asks and I shake my head.

'I'm the most powerful being in the universe remember?' I ask. I can feel his anger for some reason I can tell he's angry but I just can't let him stop me from doing this.

'Maybe he's not that bad. If I can't have you then clearly I have to have someone and really talking to Sebastian might just be what I need.' I respond. 'Try teaching Lisa how to dance because she sucks at that.' I add on and I feel him chuckle.

'Whatever princess.' Finally! One of the guards help me get on Ursula and I order her to race to the village and I'll see how I find my way to the pond.

During our practice Colossus tried to teach me how to ride a horse and for some reason I wasn't cooperating but for my heart I'll jump over the moon on a cow's back.

When we arrive at the valley we head over to the bushes and to say I get lost is a straight up

understatement. Everything just looks the same and I don't even know where I am.

"And the princess finally makes it..." I hear a familiar husky voice coming from behind us and we quickly turn to see. Why do these men like appearing behind me?

I blush when I see him carrying a rose like flower except it has no thorns. He's leaning against a tree and smelling the flower. "You look... Ravishing." He says slowly making his way to me.

"Good morning Sebastian." I greet and he chuckles then looks down. "Pardon my manners your Majesty. A very good morning to you." He says.

"I don't know a lot about women especially women of higher caste than I am but I do know that every women deserves a beautiful flower every single day as a reminder of how important and beautiful they are." He says handing me the flower.

"Oh why thank you." I say as I take the flower. Not taking it would be rude don't you think. "Are you ready to pour out your heart to me? I promise you everything will stay between us." He says and I chuckle before nodding.

"You still haven't given me a reason to trust you." I tell him and he takes my hand into his hold. "You being here tells me that you already trust me princess." He says and my breath instantly increases.

Only Colossus calls me that so far...

"Do you still need a reason?" He asks and I shake my head. "Splendid..." He says before grinning.

He extends his hand and I feel it on my skin. Unlike Colossus he's cold but I like it. He caresses my cheek using his thumb and my pendant instantly glows... It glows in the most shocking way possible.

Its not purple its blue. I feel the coldness of his ice wet thumb spreading throughout my entire body and I'm suddenly unable to move.

I fall to the ground as my body starts to tremble and I feel colder than ice. "Wh... What d... Did you d... Do to me?" I ask and earn a chuckle from him. He crouches and caresses my ice cold cheek.

"Are you going to let me in or should we do it the hard way?" He asks softly.

'How about Ursula?' I asked and he shrugged. 'Its a beautiful name... Now tell Ursula to return to the royal stable.' He said.

'Uhm... Ursula please return to the royal stable. Don't stop along the way until you get to the stables.' I ordered. It turned around then started running.

I looked at Colossus who had a ridiculous smirk on his face in disbelief. 'How did that happen?' I asked. 'You talk to animals.' He said.

I look at Ursula and whisper "Ursula run back to the palace and don't stop on your way back." I order her.

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CHAPTER TWENTY THREE

COLOSSUS

"You know what let's just stop." I say letting go of her hands. "Colossus don't give up so easily... That's not the Colossus I know and raised." Mother says and I just sigh out loud.

"She's just not doing it right." I agitate. "I'm sorry." Lisa says fiddling with her fingers. I just throw my hands up as a sign of defeat then head to sit next to mother.

Juna was way better at this. She wasn't kidding when she said Lisa doesn't know how to dance. "I think Clive should teach her how to dance its

his job after all." I say reaching for the glass of water placed in the middle of the table.

Mother giggles then shakes her head. "Calm down now won't you? You know what happens when you get too angry." She says then suddenly releases the loudest gasp I've ever heard.

She grabs a hold of her pendant which is glowing but its not violet its blue. I watch as she tries to get up but she spasms and falls to the floor.

Panicked I crouch next to her and slightly slap her cheeks. "Mother... Mother what's wrong?" I ask.

"I... I can't m...move." She says. "I'm so co... Cold." She says as she starts trembling. I take off my shirt and help her sit up then wrap myself all over her. She does feel cold colder than ice.

"What's wrong with her?" Lisa asks and I don't respond to her. I have a lot on my mind and just like her I'm trying to figure out what's wrong.

The sudden coldness and paralysis those are all rare especially to a whole guardian and queen. Her pendant also doesn't turn blue its always violet.

I hope this works. "Ff... Find Ju... Juna. I think she... She's in trouble." Mother says before she shuts her eyes. I slap her cheek and beseech her to keep her eyes open but she doesn't she instead gasps out loud as if her soul is being sucked out.

"Mother mother stay with me!" I command her. "He... He f... Found her." She says. "He... He's torturing her." She adds on before grasping onto me.

"She... She's not str... Strong enough." She says. "You have to he... Help her." She adds on.

What does she mean she's not strong enough? She's the most powerful being ever. "G... Gg... Go." She says.

I carefully lift her up and place her on the rug in front of the fireplace. Lisa hands me a blanket and I cover mother with it. She grasps onto it and moves closer to the fire.

"Go Colossus I'll stay with her." Lisa says and I nod. I cup her cheeks then peck her forehead before heading out. No scratch that I run out.

Outside I'm met by one of the guards at the door. "Your majesty..." He says bowing his head. "What's going on?" I ask trying to look past the rest of the guards surrounding what looks like Ursula.

"The Princess's horse returned all alone and it was quite panicky your highness." He says. I walk past him to check on Ursula there might be clues on where Juna may be.

I run my hand over her skin it feels wet and ice cold. She is indeed panicky. I've never had to read an animal's mind before so this is my first time and its not as easy as reading a human mind.

I close my eyes and grit my teeth whilst my one hand forms into a fist as I try my damdest to read her mind.

YES!

I can see her. I can see some fellow caressing her cheek with his thumb before her pendant turns blue. I can feel her fear as the coldness spreads throughout her body before she stiffens and falls to the ground.

Its him its Vladimir. How did he get to her? How did Mila not see this coming?

I turn away from Ursula as I try to figure out a way to find her. I can't read her mind because she's too far and I can't get her scent its covered by his and everything else.

I hate this I hate not being able to do a single thing to find her. I feel so useless and utterly empty its ridiculous. Its like she's my other half of some sort. I feel as though I don't function well knowing she's not well or not here at all.

She weakened me. I was never this weak but since she returned to Urania I feel a whole lot of different things I didn't even know existed.

"Get the general and tell him to meet me at Mila's basement with two of his strong angels." I order the guards. "Also head to the princess's room and get me one of her worn dresses." I add on. They bow their heads before splitting ways.

I take Ursula back to the stables then meet with one of the guards who fetched Juna's dress before heading to Mila's basement.

I kick the door open in anger then make my way in followed by the general. "Where's Juna?" I

ask. She slowly turns to us before taking her hood off.

"I don't know

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your majesty." She says calmly which triggers my level of irritation to rise.

"How did Vladimir find her?" I ask again and she just gives me a blank stare. I NEED ANSWERS!

"Why didn't you see him coming?" I ask quite frustrated that I even manage to shake the ground.

"Colossus you have to calm down. Your anger will only make things worse. We don't know what he's doing to her and we don't know what he's planning." She says.

Yeah right. Sometimes I feel like her powers are useless. For someone who can see the future and knows everything she's not helping.

"No one knows Vladimir as well as your mother but what we do know is that he's a shape shifter and an iceman. He should've taken her somewhere cold somewhere with ice cold water or snow even.

Vladimir can also manipulate so he might just turn her against you us and everybody else but himself." She says.

The general hands me Juna's dress of which I hand to Mila. She rubs it all over her face taking in her scent. "They're not too far but I can't crack the exact location." She says.

She heads to her desk and returns with a sharp blade. She heads to the table in the middle of the room where the enchanted map is wide open. She places the dress on top of the enchanted map then takes my hand into hers.

She slightly cuts my hand and squeezes it. Blood oozes out and drips onto the dress. She takes the dress into her hold and rubs her face with it all over again.

She finally places it down and then instantly looks up her eyes turned white and her mouth is wide open. Its as if she's in pain a lot of pain.

She picks up a marker from the table and opens it then draws all over the enchanted map. She's gasping throughout just like mother did.

Once she finally stops she rolls up the map then hands it to me together with the dress. "Be safe she's in a lot of pain and do not underestimate Vladimir he's very strong." She says.

"Once you're close don't read her mind and don't do anything stupid. If he learns that you're onto him he'll hurt her even more and he'll make sure you feel her pain." She says.

"And how will he do that?" I asks.

"Empathy and telepathy. You're each other's half and you will be able to feel all her pain psychologically and physically." She says.

"What do you mean we're each other's half?" I ask. "Colossus listen to me. Vladimir can be quite manipulative so don't listen to a thing he says capeesh?" She asks and I nod.

"Don't think about it. Just go save the princess and end him. If you let him go he'll strike again harder than before." She says.

I nod then look at the general. "Right let's go." I say and he bows his head before leading the way out.

I did say that I feel as though Juna is my other half but now that Mila has said it I want to know more. Maybe its because she's my sister that's why.

"Alright I need you all to remember this:

- 1) Never turn your back on your enemy

- 2) Never lose focus
- 3) Trust no one in the battlefield
- 4) Remain stealth when attacking your enemy
- 5) Believe in yourself

This man is a shape shifter he can shift into anyone and anything so rule two and three are VERY important right now." I tell them and they all nod.

I take Juna's dress then pass it to them. "That's her scent. Its currently masked by Dmitri's scent but once we get closer you'll be able to identify her scent. Alright let's get going." Says the general.

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CHAPTER TWENTY FOUR

"Beautiful..." He says running his fingers over the side of my face. I can't feel anything and I can't move. The only thing I can feel is the cold that's lingering throughout my body and the pain he causes me.

I don't know how he does it but I feel like he's absorbing my powers and sucking my soul out. "I'll end all of this if you just agree to let me in." He says and I shake my head no.

He chuckles. "Is that how you want to play darling? Then bring it on." He says then cups my cheeks and blows at me. He's blowing yet it feels like he's sucking the life out of me.

My eyes involuntary roll to the back of my head as I struggle to breathe. This is one helluva pain I cannot tolerate. I kick my legs as I try my damndest to tolerate the pain but I can't.

He has shifted back to his normal being Dmitri and he looks even more intimidating than he did in my dreams.

Once he stops I throw my head back and cough as I try to gather control of my breathing.

"Still not letting me in?" He asks and I shake my head. "I... I'll let you in." I tell him. He furrows

his brows before crouching next to me.
"Splendid." He says.

I can't do this. I can't tolerate the pain and I can't use my powers. I'm not the protectress otherwise I would've defeated him by now. As the most powerful being in the universe he's nothing compared to me so I would've defeated him by now.

Once again he caresses my cheek and I just close my eyes and let my tears stream out. I feel his lips on my forehead before bursting into tears. How did I get here?

"Sshh don't cry my little angel. This is going to be easy and you'll be rewarded obviously." He whispers before breaking into laughter.

Maybe he was right maybe they are using me and my powers for their own selfish reasons. Maybe they really don't love me. Maybe not defeating Dmitri is a good thing.

"Yes yes my angel YES!" He says. "They don't love you they're using you. They're heartless and selfish." He says and I nod.

"But I on the other hand care about you. I will give you everything you need and together we'll conquer more kingdoms and rule side by side." He adds on. I nod.

"If they loved you they wouldn't have let you leave on your own. Your 'so called protector' would've saved you by now and your Lisa wouldn't have stabbed you in the back like she did.

Now that I'm looking at it everyone but I betrayed you even your father. They stabbed you in the back then came and stabbed you in the front while you were still licking your wounds. But they weren't having any of that they went and rubbed salt on your wounds." He says.

I'm starting to believe him everything is just starting to make sense. 'Juna don't listen to

him.' I hear Colossus' voice in my head. 'Don't say anything just act normal.' He adds on.

Dmitri makes his way behind me and unties me.

'Don't believe anything he says remember I told you Dmitri is manipulative? He feeds off giving you false ideas so don't take whatever he says into consideration.' He says.

'And what about you?' I ask. 'What do you mean what about me? I'm trying to help you here.' He says. 'No you're not. You're using me aren't you?' I ask him.

'Juna listen to me I'm not the enemy here!' He says. Dmitri finally helps me up. "He's coming." I announce. "Who is coming?" He asks.

"Juna what are you doing?' Colossus asks. How the hell do I stop this telepathy thing?

"Colossus. He's not alone." I tell him. He chuckles then takes my hands into his. "I'm

pretty sure we'll make a good team. Let's take them down shall we?" He asks and I nod.

Colossus' mind is clear

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its blank but I can feel his presence which means he's here. "He just got here." I announce.

He has the most ridiculous grin on his face. "I can't wait to see you destroy your own protector." He says. "What do you mean you said we'll take them down not me alone?" I ask and he chuckles.

"I know what I said but... There's nothing more fascinating than the protector and the protectress fighting to end one another." He says.

"Dmi... " He cuts me. "For the most powerful being you're acting like a mundane." He says.

"And for a coldblooded killer you're as soft as a mushmello." I hear Colossus' voice coming

from behind me. What's with these men and being behind me?

"Oh and here comes the knight and shining armor." Dmitri says referring to Colossus.

"Princess step away from him." Colossus says. I look at him then at Dmitri. "Remember what I told you about them using you? If you don't destroy them then you'll live to see that day where they end your life." Dmitri says.

"If anything Vladimir wants to control you Princess. He wants to use your powers against you. You intimidate him Juna that's why he used what he thinks is your weakness love." Colossus says.

"I didn't use it against you I was helping you. He doesn't love you for goodness sake he's your brother but I on the other hand am willing to give you everything you want." Dmitri says.

"Or you want to turn her into a slave like you did with mom and all the other women of Urania?"

Colossus asks. I furrow my brows at his query then turn to look at Dmitri.

His face ashens before he jumps onto me and wraps his arm around my neck. "What kind of sick game are you playing?" Dmitri whispers in my ear.

"Vladimir let her go." Colossus says.

"You want me to let her go? Fine!" Dmitri says and before I know it I'm thrown against the wall like a sack of potato.

My head spins for what feels like the longest time before I hear a loud growl from Colossus.

He appears in front of me and helps me up only to be thrown against the nearest wall. Dmitri stands in front of me looking very upset.

He gives me a death glare sending shivers down my spine.

I'm suddenly struck by that atrocious coldness which instantly spreads throughout my body again and I lose total control of my body. I fall to the ground. "You thought you could defeat me? You thought you could end me?" He asks more like yells and I can feel his anger.

"Well think again." He says much calmer this time. I feel myself heating up I feel like I'm going to burp up fire and its actually burning me from the inside.

"C... Co... Colossus." I call out weakly. "Oh dear your Colossus can't hear you." He says. He crouches next to me and once again runs his fingers over my cheek and caresses it.

"We could've made a great team but you went and ruined all of that. You leave me with no choice but to take your powers then kill you." He says. His voice has suddenly changed for the worst its terrifying.

I feel my throat heating up as well as my eyes. I feel like I'm on fire and that's because I really

am. I watch as Dmitri's eyes pop open as he tries to get up but stumbles on his feet and falls to the ground.

I feel myself ascending from the ground and before I know it I'm spitting out fire at him and once I stop I fall to the ground.

My entire body aches and I feel cold once again. My vision blurs out and my head is spinning. I feel my head being lifted up before I hear Colossus' voice. "Juna my Juna."

CHAPTER TWENTY FIVE

I slowly open my eyes and the first person I see is Colossus. He's perched up on the edge of my bed right next to me looking all sorts of worried.

I try to sit up straight but he beats me to it. I don't know when he got up from the bed but manages to help me sit up straight.

I feel cold. I rub my hands over my arms to create heat but its not helping at all. I feel cold from head to toe. My eyes feel cold my hair feels cold even my nails feel cold.

"Feeling cold?" He asks and I nod hesitantly. "I'll just sit in front of the fireplace then I'll be warm in no time." I say then attempt to get out of bed. He gently pushes me back down.

"I'll warm you up and I promise it'll be fast." He says then jumps back up and takes his shirt off and gets under the covers. He pulls me on top of his lap and I instantly curl up on top and wrap myself around him.

No kidding he does feel warm.

"Th... Thanks." I say then silence erupts. I had forgotten about what happened earlier on but I am trying as much as I can to remember.

Why did I trust him so easily? I'm such a fool.

"He manipulated you princess so don't blame yourself." Colossus says.

"I have to get used to this mind reading thing between us." I say and we both chuckle. "Well

guess what? There's also this empathy thing between us so I can feel what you're feeling and right now I know what you're feeling.

Remorse hatred sadness agony and doubt." He says. He takes my hand into his hold and runs his fingers over my bracelet. The black beads instantly turn to various shades of colours.

That has never happened before.

"You didn't let him in and you defeated him. You saved yourself Princess and you saved Urania and its people. You saved everyone and everything so stop blaming yourself." He says. Then why do I feel so bad and empty?

"You're strong brave smart and beautiful..." He says. "Everyone makes mistakes and learns from them. Not everything will go your way but in the end light over powers the darkness just like how you managed to save yourself from Vladimir." He says.

"I... I couldn't have done it without you." I say then look up to see his face. "I was drained and weak and on the verge of letting him in but immediately when I heard your thoughts I strengthened up and felt all my powers resurfacing at once and I managed to breath out that much fire.

I couldn't have done it without you Colossus." I tell him. I feel him soften up. He places his hand on my cheek then caresses it with him thumb. His eyes change to a gold shade which instantly melts my heart followed by my pendant gleaming.

I place my hand on his shoulder and close my eyes as I feel heat rushing in my veins and spreading throughout my body. That feels so good. This feels so good.

I feel his forehead against mine followed by his warm breath fanning my face. I slowly open my eyes to find his gold eyes looking into my eyes. I break the contact and stare at his lips.

They're right near mine I could just kiss the hell out of him. I'd like to but I'm scared and this is wrong.

I close my eyes again and let the tears I've been holding in stream out. This hurts it sucks. I now feel even worse because I just realized how much damage my 'silly little crush' caused.

I'm trying by all means to get over this thing that I'm feeling for Colossus but it just pushed me into the wrong hands. I want to love and to feel loved and appreciated so bad that I ended up in the arms of our archenemy.

Maybe I'm not meant to love and to be loved by none other than my family. That's the only love I'll ever get and feel.

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the protectress and I'm a princess. Maybe I'm not cut out to fall in love and to love back.

Maybe I'm just supposed to look after my people and to protect them.

None of this is for me.

I feel his thumb caressing my lower lip and boy does that feel good. 'My Juna.' I hear his voice in my head. Well that's it I'm losing my mind.

I feel his lips against mine before he captures them with his. I can feel my pendant gleaming brighter. "My Juna." He murmurs against my lips before capturing them again.

He's suddenly so strong and abrasive but I... I love it. His hand rests on my back and he helps me straddle his laps without breaking the kiss. I wrap my arms around him and instantly break the kiss.

"Colossus this is so wrong..." I tell him. "Then why does it feel so good?" He asks before smashing his lips against mine all over again. He rolls us over and hovers over me.

As much as I want this to go further because it does in deed feel good and it feels right but he's

my brother and he's dating Lisa. He groans out loud in my ear. "Stop thinking about it." He whispers.

I nod vigorously then wrap myself all over him. This is me kissing my brother like there's no tomorrow and actually enjoying it but I can't help but to feel bad. Something's not right this is not right. None of this is right!

"Elaine is coming up I can hear her thoughts." He says after breaking the kiss then gets off of me.

He gets off the bed and disappears to the bathroom. I hear a loud growl followed by a bang on the wall before he walks out. He's trying to keep it together but he can't. I... I can feel his anger and for some reason its exciting me.

He picks up his shirt and puts it on then settles on the edge of my bed with his head buried in his hands.

The door slides open before Elaine makes her way in. She's holding a huge bowl with steam coming out from the top. "Princess Juna prince Colossus." She bows her head before making her way to me.

She places the bowl on my nightstand. "Thanks Elaine I'll be fine." I tell her. She nods then looks over at Colossus. "I'll make sure she eats Elaine." He says. She bows then makes her way out and shuts the door.

I crawl out of the blankets and make my way to Colossus. I settle next to him then rest my head on his shoulder. "You're right this is wrong." He says. I swear my heart drops to the sound of those words coming from him but he's right and I'm glad he sees that.

"I know and I'm sorry for dragging you into this." I tell him. He looks at me. "But I swear I felt something I've never felt before. I couldn't stop myself I just wanted more and more of you." He says.

"Same goes for me. There was like this magnetic pull I could free myself from it but I was yearning for more." I tell him. He cups my cheeks once again. "Mila said something about you being my other half I... I don't get it." He says.

"What do you mean? We're siblings so I think I get it." I say and he shakes his head. "She didn't want to dig into more details but she knows something we don't. She's keeping a secret a huge one and one that will help us understand what's really going on." He says.

"You think so?" I ask and he nods. "Then we should talk to her. I'll try conversing with her about it then we'll try to read her mind and see if she cracks. If that doesn't work I'll check out the library and see what I come across." I tell him. He nods.

"You're smart." He says and I blush.

"We need answers." I tell him. "Right let's get you fed and you should probably get some

sleep so we can go check on mother..." He says. I swallow hard at the mention of mother.

It doesn't sound right and while he's still in a good mood I might as well ask. "Are you really my brother?"

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"I am your brother princess." He says. I don't understand. "Then wh... Why is all of this happening?" He sighs out loud before looking away. "You should eat up." He says. I shake my head no. "Colossus is there something you're not telling me?" I ask and he shakes his head. He gets up from the bed and makes his way to the nightstand.

He's avoiding my gaze.

He settles next to me and hands me the bowl without looking at me. Oh my gosh he's hiding something.

"I... Am not... Hiding anything." He says with gritted teeth. He looks at me and once again his eyes have turned into a gold shade of colour.

He looks scary maybe Dmitri has possessed him already.

That's if he's dead.

I place the bowl on the night stand then slowly get off the bed. I take a few steps back whilst he makes his way to me until I feel my back against the cold wall.

If I didn't know any better I'd say he's a lion and I'm the steak. Fire water wind the earth...
"Colossus I'm going to burn you so don't step any closer." I threaten.

He's not listening to me is he?

He takes both my heads and presses them altogether against the wall and above my head. He pulls me in for a kiss a hungry one at that. He's so dominant. "I... I need to get a hold of myself." He whispers after breaking the kiss. "What's wrong?" He looks away before freeing my hands.

"Put your robe on and let down your hair." He says then walks off. He puts his shirt on.

"Colossus..." I call out but he doesn't look at me. "Just do as I said." He says. I rush to put on my robe then untie my ponytail and let my hair down.

I watch as he takes the bowl of soup into his hand then settles on the bed. I sit next to him and he starts feeding me. 'Don't say anything.' He says and I just nod. The door suddenly bursts open and in comes Mila along with Lisa.

She rushes settles next to me and pulls me in for a hug. "Are you okay?" She asks and I nod. "I was so worried I thought something bad happened to you." She says and I force a smile.

"I'll be fine I'm just a little cold." I tell her. She nods then her eyes trail over to Colossus. "I guess I'll leave you two to it then." She says then gets up and heads out. Mila shuts the door once Lisa is out then makes her way to us.

"What is going on with you two?" She asks.
'Keep a straight face.' He says then continues to feed me. "Whatever do you mean?" He asks and Mila chuckles. "I'm the seer your highness and that means I see things. The past the present and the future. I've seen things and I know things so lying to me is not an option." She says.

"Well if you see and know things then you should know what's going on." He says. "Okay I'll tell you what's going on." She says then steps closer and takes her hood off.

"You two are on the verge of destroying Urania and I will not stand by and let that happen." She says. What does she mean?

"Have you two not learnt anything? Love is your weakness falling in love is not an option look where that landed all of us. The queen is on her death bed whilst you two are... Fornicating." She says.

"What's wrong with mother?" I ask and she sighs. "You two should get some rest and... Behave while you're at it." She says before making her way out. I turn to look at Colossus.

"What's wrong with mother?" I ask. "She's okay she's just spasming from Vladimir's ice curse." He says. What curse is he talking about?

"You see when Vladimir froze you he also froze mother." He says. "But I'm unfrozen why isn't mother also unfrozen?" I ask and he sighs.

"Mother is the goddess of beauty and water whereas you are the goddess of beauty water and the goddess of fire.

That is in carhoots to how you can control the weather

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water and the goddess of fire.

That is in carhoots to how you can control the weather elements and how you are so beautiful..." He says. I get lost into his eyes

whenever he says I'm beautiful and I love it I love the feeling.

He clears his throat. "You have fire within you." He adds on. "Even so you couldn't have melted Vladimir's ice on your own but you did all the work." He says. "What do you mean?" I ask.

"I mean I now understand why Mila said we're each other's halves. We need each other to do certain things." He says.

"Is that why you're my protector?" I ask and he nods. "Partly. I offered to be your protector and so we were bound by blood." He says.

"So they just allowed you to be my protector?" I ask and he nods. "I was bound to be your protector whether I offered or not. Its just like how you're my protectress." He says.

I'm sorry say what now?

"Let's get some rest." He says and I nod. He scoops me up in his arms then carries me to

the window bed seat. "Urania has two beautiful moons that's the reason its not so dark at night." He says.

Looking out the window I can see the two full moons. They're indeed beautiful. "Do you love Lisa?" I ask before looking at him. "Yes I love her." He says and I nod.

What was I expecting from that? A no? "I thought love was our weakness." He sighs. "It is. I feel weak around her and much stronger around you. I probably don't show any sighs of weakness because I hate showing emotions." He says and I just nod.

"And I get very mad around you two. I should probably keep my distance until I get over this 'silly crush' of mine." I say then chuckle.

His facial expression changes. "I'm sorry about that." He apologizes. "We should probably sleep." I say trying to change the topic. "You can go ahead and sleep I'm not really tired." He says and I nod.

- "How are you feeling?" I ask and she forces a smile. "I'm feeling much better now that you're here." She says. I look at Colossus then smile. "I'll get you out of this situation okay?" She nods at my statement.

She's not feeling any better I can feel her pain. She's emaciated. Her lips are dry her eyes are barely open. Her voice is so soft and she's in pain.

This is all my fault. I shouldn't have run after Sebastian. I shouldn't have trusted a stranger that much and look where we all are now. "Mila how can I help her?" I ask.

"You need to melt Vladimir's ice by taking him on. I'm working on a spell to combine your fire with Colossus' fire. That's the only way to end this." She says.

"B... But I burnt him." I say. "You burnt him yes but he's not dead and so is his ice curse. Even inside you its still there not fully melted." She says.

"So he's still alive?" She nods.

"He's still alive lurking in the forest and plotting against you. Until the two of you manage to melt his ice your mother will remain like this." She says.

I feel a tear rolling down my cheek. That means I've already failed.

"This is your only chance to end him. Your fire burnt him so badly but it didn't melt the ice. If you take that power from him then ending him will be easier.

But this time make sure you end him. You wouldn't want to make the same mistake twice now would you?" She asks and I shake my head.

I take mother's hand into her hold then peck it. "I promise you you're going to be fine sooner than you thought and all of this madness will end." She flashes a weak smile.

I'm not about to lose her she's the only person who makes sense in my life and I'm not ready to lose my mother. I'm just not...

CHAPTER TWENTY SEVEN

I've been stuck in the library for hours now reading about the Gorgons and the Satyr so I can find more information on them. I think they're onto something altogether with Dmitri.

Since he's alive he'll surely strike back and he'll need a team cause last time he was alone and he almost died.

'But why are the gorgons after the princess unless... Unless they're under someone's control?'

'And of all the women in Urania why is a satyr after the princess specifically?'

'We all know that Dmitri is after Juna.'

'I think we should lure him here instead.'

'I think we should act normal pretend like we are not panicked. We should lure him here so we can capture him.'

'The man has the gorgons and a freaken satyr in his team!'

'The princess cannot be affected by the gorgons' stare plus she's too powerful to be defeated by a satyr.'

'In the ball there will be wine music dancing and a whole lot of women. That will automatically invite the satyrs and then we'll capture them.'

Remembering Mila's vision it all makes sense in my head or at least I think so. The ball has to go on. They'll think we're not alert and will want to strike. They'll think we're not prepared and so why not trash the ball?

And then again what the Sphinx said before dying... 'Who sent you?'

'He who cannot be seen but is visible. Always old yet sometimes new. He is alive but without breath. He is all things devour and beats high mountains down. You may hear him before you see him but trust that he's there.'

Vladimir is a shape shifter... We can't see him cause he can shift to anyone he sets his mind into and he'll be there we just won't know it. He's old but shifting to someone young will make him young too.

He's alive but with his ice curse it makes him dead breathless and immortal. He wants to take over the world and possibly end everyone's lives just so he could feel superior.

He appears in my dreams at times that's the only place I can hear and see him but with Colossus' instincts he knows his scent and whether I like it or not my dreams are not dreams at all. He's really there.

Colossus makes his way in with a cup in his hand and settles next to me. "I brought you some coffee. Elaine told me you were in here." He says handing me the coffee.

"Thanks." I say without looking at him. To be honest I'm ignoring him. I can't control myself around him and he's just making me weak.

Yes I do feel weak and helpless around him hence I asked to be left alone in the library with no disturbance. I don't know what he's doing here but he brought coffee.

"I'm not here to disturb you I just came to check on you. I didn't see you the entire day and mother was asking to see you." He says. I shut the book at the mention of mother.

"Oh snap! I was too busy to even check on her." I say palming my face. "Its fine I told her you were fatigued and just resting." He says and I nod.

"What are you reading about?" He asks and I hand him the book. "The ice curse Satyr and Gorgons." I say. He chuckles. "This is what is driving you crazy?" He asks and I just shrug.

"Look calm down. We'll come up with a plan to stop Dmitri." He says. "Plus your thoughts were pretty loud and I could hear them from outside the palace." He says.

"Then you'll know that I already have a plan. The ball must go on." I say. His eyes widen. "Are you crazy? Every Uranian will be there what if they get hurt?" He asks.

I take a sip from the cup. "As their protectress
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what if they get hurt?" He asks.

I take a sip from the cup. "As their protectress I'll protect them." I tell him. He gets up. "Well as your protector I have to protect you. If you get hurt then everyone will get hurt. I can't defeat Vladimir on my own." He says.

"Colossus I know what I'm doing." I say. "Why are you upset anyway?" I ask. He chuckles bitterly. "Are you kidding me? Mother is already on the verge of losing her mind and you want to go ahead and kill yourself too?" He asks.

"Well if it will protect everyone then so be it. I'm ready to die plus you'll get to be King and Lisa Queen and you'll live happily ever after." I tease him then laugh. He scrunches his nose.

"You think this is a joke?" He asks and I nod. It's not a joke but it might as well be. "Colossus whether I die or not it really makes no difference. I've made peace with the fact that I won't have a normal life.

"I'll be Queen with no King love makes me weak and dying while protecting my people will make me happy." I say.

"Well you cannot die before giving birth to the next heiress." Mila says walking in. Old red riding hood is going to be a problem why does she always appear out of nowhere?

"What do you mean?" I ask. "The protectress must give birth to the next princess queen and possibly protectress because she'll be more powerful." She says.

'What is she talking about?' I ask looking at Colossus who just shrugs. "Your mother is a goddess and your father was a gurdian. Their offspring was you the first protectress of Urania. Half goddess and half guardian.

You must give birth to the second protectress she'll half goddess half guardian but more powerful." She says.

"But I thought I wasn't supposed to fall in love." I say. She shakes her head. "You can fall in love but you mustn't let anything disturb you seeing is to love is your weakness.

If love happens to weaken you that will be our doom." She says.

"Did you see something perhaps?" Colossus asks and she nods. "Yes your highness I had a vision. The princess will fall in love she will be a great queen and she will give birth to the next offspring but..." She pauses.

"But what?" I ask. "I also had another vision." She says. "What did you see?" Colossus asks. "Nothing..." She says.

"What do you mean you saw nothing?" I ask. This is strange. How is it a vision if you don't see anything?

"You died." She announces. I feel prickles in my eyes. She has on a blank expression and so does Colossus. "What do you mean I died?" I ask.

"I mean my visions are not always clear but I have a feeling this war will not end well." She says.

"So what about your first vision? Is it going to happen?" I ask and she nods. "Yes your

highness. You will give birth to the next offspring but you will also die.

I think just like Queen Eva the baby will suck all your powers and leave you weak or possibly kill you." She says.

I'm going to die? I didn't mean it when I said I was ready to die for my people. Okay I meant it but not so soon. "Is my mother going to live?" I ask. "I'm still searching for the right spell your highness." She says.

Colossus sits next to me and takes my hands into his. "I won't let anything happen to you princess." He says. I shake my head then snatch my hands from his hold. I'll do this on my own. If I die then so be it.

"The ball must go on." I say then jolt up from my seat. "No!" Colossus says also getting up.

"Colossus I agree with the princess. The ball must go on." Mila says backing me up.

I nod then make my way out. I find Elaine waiting at the door. "Do you have a notepad with you?" I ask and she nods then takes it out from her pocket.

"First thing tomorrow morning I want you to fetch my dress from the seamstress and also arrange for the decor to be set up. We only have a week till the ball." I tell her.

She writes everything down then asks to be excused. I then head to mother's room. She's asleep with Lisa sleeping on the chair next to the bed.

I settle next to her then run my fingers through her golden brown hair. "I will fix everything mother and you will live a long and healthy life.

You might have a granddaughter and she'll be the next protectress and Queen." I say. "I'll make sure you are healed before I die I promise." I say then take my hand into hers.

"You're going to die?" I hear Lisa's crispy voice. I turn to see her looking at me with watery eyes. "Its for the best." I say and she shakes her head. "You're going to leave me too?" She asks. I shake my head.

"You have mother and Colossus they'll be your new family. Plus you might become an aunt sooner than you thought." I say forcing a smile.

She bursts into tears then pulls me in for a hug. "Please don't leave me..." She cries.

CHAPTER TWENTY EIGHT

I wipe my tears and throw the tissue in the bin then lay down on the bed. Lisa's cries and sobs keep on replaying in my head.

How she beseeched me not to go to war because I'll die and leave her all alone with no one. How I'll leave her where she doesn't belong with everyone looking down on her.

How she tried to wake mother up so she could speak some sense into my head and convince me not to go ahead with this.

She reminded me how powerful Dmitri is and that I shouldn't underestimate him. He managed to weaken me regardless of the powers I had she asked what makes me think he won't do the same this time.

She begged me to return to Earth with her. She knows very well that I have nothing and no one there. My memories are gone and I'm not mundane. I won't be able to fit in that world. I belong here and not there.

I feel the warmth of Colossus' hand on my back and I know he's here. I was so stuck in my thoughts I couldn't feel his presence. "Princess..." He calls out. I jolt up straight and throw myself at him.

Its a matter of feeling disconnected from my body feeling saddened and all alone. I need a strong shoulder to cry on one that doesn't judge and whom I can easily share my emotions without even saying a word. That's the shoulder I need.

I rest my head on his chest while he caresses my back and I can't help but to cry out loud. 'Its going to be okay princess I'll make sure of it.' He says. I don't have anything to say and I don't have the strength to argue so I just nod vigorously.

Its much easier when you meet someone who understands you without even trying. Having to explain yourself all over and over again is one of the hardest things one has to do.

He takes my hand and watches as my bracelet changes colour. He wipes my tears and runs his fingers through my hair. I'm perfectly content with this silence. There is nothing more I want than this.

I don't want to fight with anyone especially knowing that I'll be no more sooner than I thought. I want to have the best time of my life while I'm at it because life is too short and we have to value it.

My eyes shut involuntarily as slumber washes over me and I fall asleep into his arms his warm arms.

I wake up the following morning alone in my bed. I sit up straight and look around the room. Colossus is standing by the window and looking outside of it with only his pants on and his hands in his pockets.

His hair looks silkier than normally which means its wet. He must be straight out of the shower. 'Good morning.' I greet him. He doesn't respond. Instead he turns around and looks at me with a blank emotionless face.

'How did you sleep?' He asks. 'I slept well I guess.' I respond. He nods then makes his way to me. He perches up next to me then takes my hand into his hold.

"I'll fix all of this I promise. I know there's a lot of confusion between us but that doesn't mean I don't want you to live and be in my life. Whether I love you or not it doesn't matter.

None of this matters but you matter. You play an important role in everyone's life therefore you can't and you won't die." He says.

I wasn't hoping to have this conversation with anyone in the morning but since we're at it I might as well. "Its fate we can't change fate." I say. "We don't know about that. If anything is fate its Vladimir's death nonetheless I don't want us to talk about this ever again." He says then gets up without awaiting me to speak my mind.

He puts on his shirt and shoes then heads out of the room. I'm shocked when I see Elaine walking out of the bathroom. She was here this entire time? That means she might have heard everything.

She bows her head. "Good morning your highness your bath is ready." She says and I nod. "Its fine you can go

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I want to be alone." I say. She nods then heads out.

I get off the bed then make my way to the bathroom. I denude myself then step inside the tub and rest my head back. If I'm going to die then I want to do it my way. I refuse to be murdered so its better if I do it myself.

'Juna what are you doing?' I hear Colossus' voice in my head and I decide to ignore it. 'Juna!' I hear him again.

'If I'm going to die then I want to do it my way.' I respond. 'No are you crazy?' He asks.

'Well maybe I am.' I respond. I hold my breath and close my eyes then slowly slide into the water until it covers me completely.

'Juna.' He sounds heartbroken. He is heartbroken but its better now that sorry. I try my damdest to stay still and underwater as I can't hold my breath any longer.

I then let go.

I'm suddenly carried out of the water and placed on a cold surface. "J... Juna." Colossus says lights slapping my cheeks. "Stay with me princess." He says. Before I could say anything my chest is suppressed and I'm coughing out water.

"H... How did you g... Get here s... So fast?" I ask after coughing. I'm starting to tremble.

I can't make sense of anything else because my eyes involuntarily shut and all I see is darkness.

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As soon as I awaken I feel Colossus' presence in the room. I shut my eyes then pretend to be asleep. I feel the space next to me being occupied followed by his arms around me.

'We need you Juna we all need you and you know it. Why did you do that?' He asks. "Its because I'm tired Colossus I don't want to be

the protectress or a princess. I don't want to live my entire life fighting endless wars I can't." I say.

Maybe going back to Earth is not such a bad idea. We'll make new memories when we get there.

"I've been watching you since you were born and I don't know who you are anymore. You're no longer fierce and daring. You're no longer a straight talker. You're not bold anymore." He says.

"Maybe that's because I was filled with anger because I didn't know my parents have you ever thought of that?" I ask.

"That was selfish of you Juna. We can't lose both you and mom this Queendom is going to fall apart. Urania is going to fall apart." He says.

I place my hands on top of his then sigh out loud. Lisa is going to be so heartbroken when she hears about this suicide attempt.

"Pl... Please don't tell anyone about this." I say looking down at our hands. He takes my hand in his then squeezes it. "Don't worry princess I won't." He says.

"We might as well try to forget about this..." He adds on and I nod.

"But... How did you get to me so fast? I swear you were a couple of Kilometers away from the palace."

CHAPTER TWENTY NINE

I'm back at the library. I need to find more information about everything because nothing makes sense right now nothing at all.

I don't even know myself even Colossus doesn't know himself. Mila went through our powers with the both of us but she left out our attraction and pull.

She left out this heat inside me and she left out Colossus' incredibly fast speed. From someone

who was busy outside the palace he got to my room pretty fast.

I need to know more about the great seer my mother and my father. I still need to find out more information about the ice curse and fix everything before I possibly die.

If Mila's visions are true I wonder who'll be the father of my baby. Sigh...

"Are you finding anything?" Colossus asks and I shake my head. "Nothing useful how about you?" I ask and he shakes his head. I throw the book down in fury then groan out loud.

I'm so frustrated. Its been hours and hours of looking but we're not winning. Its as if the information doesn't want to be found. I know its here but I just don't know where.

"Don't give up princess." He says and I nod. As much as I want to give up I want to leave a mark when I die. I want to be remembered for

being brave and smart. For saving everyone's lives and ending Dmitri's life.

I get up from the couch with my stack of books and head to put them back in the shelves. This is a huge library I wonder if these are all the books of Urania. I place the last book then turn around.

I swear I just stepped on a huge hump from under the carpet. "Are you alright?" Colossus asks. "Yes I'm fine!" I shout loud enough for him to hear.

I step harder onto the hump and earn a squeaking noise. Okay that's it. They say curiosity killed a cat and I don't want to die of curiosity or anything else.

I step off the carpet then pull it to the side and come to sight with uneven flooring. It looks like a door to some underground passage or something.

I go on all fours and run my hands all over the uneven flooring searching for a way to open it. It could be a door that leads to something helpful. It could be an answer to all my questions and more importantly the solution to all my problems.

"Juna I think I found..." I look up when I hear Colossus' voice. He looks at me then at the floor. "What are you doing?" He asks. My eyes widen. I don't know what I'm doing.

"I think this is a door to somewhere." I announce. "Oh yeah?" He asks and I nod. "I just don't know how to open it. It should be a secret tunnel or passage or a room even." I say. He nods.

"You might be right..." He says. "Well I found something on the ice curse. It says the fire of the protector and the protectress will only melt a quarter of the ice whereas the fire of the legendary Phoenix and Dragon will not only destroy the ice curse but the ice King too." He says.

That is some useful information right there. "So
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where do we find the legendary Phoenix and Dragon?" I ask. "Well there's a ripped out page here I think it had the directions because it says so on the previous page." He says.

"Do you think its possible that its hidden on the other side of this door?" I ask. He furrows his brows then shuts the book. "We need to open that door." He says.

I smile then nod. "I'm going to lock the door try looking for clues." He says before jogging off. I start looking around me for clues.

I start pulling out books from the shelves and throwing them to the floor hoping there might be a way to open the door. Once Colossus gets back he helps me.

After pulling out one more book he halts then looks at me. He flashes a smile then looks back. "I think I found something." He says.

"What is it?" I ask. I make my way to him and look at where he's looking.

"There were books covering this..." He says. "And I think this is the where the key goes." He adds on.

We look at each other. "What do you think the key is?" I ask. He looks at my pendant. "May I?" He asks and I nod.

He takes my pendant off then places it inside the glass. There's suddenly a loud thud coming from behind us. We turn to find a concrete staircase.

"Shall we?" He asks and I nod. He takes my hand into his then leads me inside. Its so dark and dusty I can't even see where we're going. "Colossus..." I whisper his name. "Yes princess..." He responds.

"I... I can't see." I say. He stops then turns to me. The only thing I see are his golden eyes

and his teeth. Why is it so dark? "Don't worry..." He says.

"I'll be your light..." He whispers and I look into his eyes. My breathing starts to increase and my heart melts. He suddenly grips my waist and pulls me to him. I gasp out loud before hitting against his chest.

That strange pull again. It's never a good thing when his eyes change colour because I can't resist his stare.

"W... We should g... Get going." I say softly. He groans in my ear sending chills down my spine. "C... Colossus." I call out.

He bangs me against the wall then pins both my arms above my head. "We'll go when I say so." He whispers in my ear before nuzzling my neck.

I grasp onto him as my eyes roll to the back of my head. He lightly bites my neck before

pecking the same spot. "My Juna..." He whispers in my ear.

He frees me from his hold then takes my hand into his. What just happened?

After walking in silence for what feels like the longest time he comes to a halt in front of a gigantic wooden door. He reaches for the knob on the door twists it then opens the door.

I'm welcomed by a smell of old books and papers. It looks messy and dusty. We lock eyes before making our way inside. It looks like a secret room.

It looks like a hide out a place where one would go when overwhelmed by everything else. An escape plan from the real world.

My eyes land on a book. A brown book with gold edges. It looks like a huge book. I make my way to it then pull it out. Its so dusty.

I blow the dust off it then read the title out loud... "The Prophecy." I sit down on the dusty couch then battle whether to read it or not.

Colossus settles next to me. I open the book and the first thing I come across is a picture of mom holding me smiling. I take the picture into my hold and check the back for any useful information.

"Juna Swarovski." It reads. I put the photo back then turn the page. "The Prophecy - written by the great seer Mila." Colossus reads.

I turn the page again.

"It was written in the stars that in the 19th century the first protector and protectress are going to be born.

The prince of Asgard and the princess of Urania

They are the ones to save and protect their people." The first piece reads.

We lock eyes once again and I smile in disbelief. "The prince of Asgard?" I ask.

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"Why does this book say the Protector is the prince of Asgard?" I ask. Colossus runs his fingers through his hair. "This is one ridiculous book I mean you're the first protector so how are you the prince of Asgard?" I ask.

"I'm not your brother." He announces.

"Colossus that's not funny. I know you like teasing me but that's not funny at all." I say. He has on a blank look on his face which means... He's not joking.

"Juna..." He calls out. "You lied to me..." I say in disbelief. "Look its not what you think." He says.

"You lied to me all of you." I say softly. "We were protecting you." He says. "From what?" I ask and he doesn't respond.

I shut the book then get up from the couch.

"Princess..." He says grabbing my hand. "You

said you are my brother!" I yell pushing him away from me.

"I know but I had to." He says. "You had to lie to me? For what good reason Colossus?" I ask. He gets up from the couch. "I'm your protector I had to protect you from everyone and everything. We can't be together its too dangerous." He says.

"Dangerous for who? For me?" I ask and he shakes his head. "Its dangerous for everyone. It would create an imbalance in the universe." He says.

"Says who? The Prophecy?" I ask and he doesn't respond. I place the book where I found it then make my way out. I can't even see where I'm going but I'm too angry to even ask for help nor to even use fire as my light.

Once I make it out of the secret passage I rush to the door unlock it then make my way to mother's bed chamber and settle next to her.

Mila is in her room. I greet her then peck mother's forehead.

"Colossus and I found a way to melt a quarter of the ice curse." I announce to Mila. She remains quiet for a while before speaking her mind. "Is that all you found?" She asks.

I turn to her. "What do you mean?" I ask. "I mean is there something you'd like to tell me?" She asks. I chuckle bitterly then raise my brow. "Is there something YOU would like to tell me?" I ask and her eyes widen.

"Your majesty..." I cut her. "Are you succeeding with the spell?" I ask. "No I didn't." She responds. "And why not Mila? My mother is going to die are you well aware of that?" I ask and she nods.

"I will try my best to find a spell to melt the ice completely." She says. I sigh out loud then look at mother. "I need to be alone with her." I say. I feel her presence leaving the room followed by the doors closing.

I rest my head on her belly then cry my lungs out. "I know you can hear me mother and just know that I'm not happy. You lied to me and hid such information from me.

I keep on blaming myself and beating myself up for falling for my brother not knowing that I'm making a fool of myself.

The pendant glowed mother. It gleamed brighter than anything in this world. He's the one and we all know it. I love him and I know he loves me too but then it all doesn't matter.

I'm leaving you and everyone else soon but I'll make sure that you're alive and well. I'll make sure that you're strong and you always think of me as not only your daughter and the protectress but also as a good person.

I don't want to be a failure. I don't want to disappoint you and father. Everyone has put their trust and hope in me and I don't want to fail them..."

I quickly raise my head then wipe my tears. "I promise you mother I'll fix everything." I tell her.

I get up peck her forehead then make my way out. I can't wait for everything to be over. I want all of this to be over.

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Looking at the mirror I just noticed that I forgot to take my pendant. But what if I locked Colossus in there?

Just then the door swings open and Colossus makes his way in. He walks my direction and halts next to me. He fiddles in his pocket and takes my pendant out then puts it on me.

I close my eyes as soon as I feel his hands on my skin. "You left it in the library." He says

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"You look better with your hair down." He says. As pleasant as that sounds I don't want to give in. "Are you trying to say I look horrible in a ponytail?" I ask. He chuckles while shaking his head.

"Not at all." He says. I must admit he has one beautiful smile. 'Thank you.' He says. I grit my teeth then bang on my vanity top. "Get out of my head Colossus." He chuckles once again.

"I can't control it neither can you princess." He says. Right...

I get up from the vanity then head to the shelves and pick a novel to read myself to sleep before settling on the window bed seat.

Romance.

Colossus perches up on the end of the bed and places my feet on his laps and starts massaging them. As beautiful as this may seem its not. Its hurting.

I shut the novel then throw it across the room and it instantly sets on fire. He stops massaging my feet and holds them tightly together. "Juna I'm sorry." He apologizes.

"No I'm sorry your majesty." I say. His eyes widen and he tries to speak but I beat him to it. "I'm sorry Colossus. I ruined everything. We wouldn't be here if it weren't for me." I tell him.

"I shouldn't have lied to you." He says and I shake my head. "It doesn't matter Colossus. What matters is that we should do our jobs. We were created for a reason and being weak is not the solution." I say and he nods.

"Do you forgive me?" He asks. "It really doesn't matter Colossus. I just want to focus on the ball and defeating Dmitri.

I'll still have time to fix everything else after that unless I die without giving birth to the next protector or protectress." I say.

"Mila's visions are not always true." He says. "Agreed but we have to be ready for the worst." I say.

I can't wait for this to blow over. I can't wait to defeat Dmitri. I know I will. Even if I die at least he'll die with me.

"Come here..." He says. I crawl my way to him and curl up on top of him. "How's Lisa?" I ask and hear him sigh out loud. "She's not taking all of this so well. She's depressed." He says.

I instantly feel bad because I've been too busy to even check up on her. Here am I sitting comfortably with her boyfriend whilst she cries herself to sleep.

She'll be more hurt when she finds out about my love for Colossus. Even though she knew I felt something for Colossus she still went ahead with all of this but then it seems like I'm a very forgiving person.

"Don't worry I put her to sleep." He says. I don't even want to know how he did that because Lisa is a very stubborn person and calming her down is a mission and a half.

"You should probably go." I say. He looks taken aback. I try to get off of him but he grips my waist. "Is that what you truly want?" He asks.

I look down then swallow the lump stuck on my throat. "It doesn't matter." I whimper.

"Yes it does." He says.

"No it doesn't." I say much louder this time.

"Yes it does!" He shouts. "You really have changed. I don't know who you are anymore." He adds on.

He's really going to blame this on me? One minute we're okay and the next we're back to fighting?

"Maybe I have changed but why does it matter to you?" I ask. "Because I... I..." I chuckle. He can't even say it.

I can feel his love for me but he just can't admit it. If he doesn't want to admit it then there's nothing I can do about it.

"Have a goodnight Colossus." I say getting off of him.

I can't wait to end all of this ridiculousness. I need to finish reading that Prophecy book.

CHAPTER THIRTY ONE

I wipe my tears then cover myself with the duvet. I've been crying all night and I really

don't want to get out of bed. I want to sleep I'm tired of crying.

I thought crying would help drift me off to sleep but its not helping one bit. Why am I even crying? I kick the duvet off of me then sit up straight and bury my head in my hands.

What happened to me? This is not me. I'm not supposed to be crying over nothing I'm supposed to be brave and strong. I'm supposed to be helping people not crying my eyes out.

I get off the bed then head to settle on the window bed seat. I've been in bed all morning I even skipped lunch. I just said I'm not feeling well and ordered to be left alone.

I catch a group of guards talking before Colossus shows up and stands in the middle of them and starts talking. I'm not so good with this telepathy thing but he sure is good at it.

He looks at me for what feels like the longest time before one guard calls him and he breaks out contact.

I get up from the bed then head to the bathroom to bathe and relax. After that I make my bed then head to the kitchen.

The chefs are busy with dinner whilst I'm about to make my first meal of the day. "Your majesty what are you doing?" One of the chefs asks.

"I'm making myself a snack." I say. They gasp. What? Is it a crime?

"Your majesty what would you like to have I'll prepare it for you." He says and I shake my head. "I'll make it myself." I say forcing a smile.

"Won't you let them do their job?" I hear Colossus' voice and instantly stop. I sigh then turn to face him. "I just want to make myself a fruit salad in peace is that too much to ask for?" I ask and he shrugs.

"Maybe maybe not. Who knows princess." He says making his way to me. "Well brother I know. I know that I want to eat what I made." I agitate.

"Oh my dear sister just let them do their job." He says then turns to them. "You may continue. Please make the both of us fruit salads and send them to my room." He orders then turns to me.

"Shall we?" He asks. I roll my eyes then follow him out. I've never been to his room I wonder what it looks like. "Don't worry you'll like it." He says. Again I roll my eyes then fold my arms. I don't feel like talking to him not after last night's awkward talk.

We halt in front of the door leading to his room. He pushes it open then makes his way in and I just follow. I halt in the middle of the room then look around not bad.

"Is your name even Colossus?" I ask. He chuckles. I feel his presence behind me and

attempt to turn but he holds me still. "Yes my name is Colossus." He whispers in my ear.

"Don't mind me asking this place has too many secrets." I say. I shake his hands off of me then turn to face him. "Why am I here?" I ask and he shrugs. "Maybe because this is your home." He teases.

"Why am I in your room Colossus?" I ask. "Oh about that... I wanted to check on you and talk about last night." He says. "I don't want to talk about last night." I mumble loud enough for him to hear.

"Well we have to talk about it." He says. "Well **Sponsored**

about that... I wanted to check on you and talk about last night." He says. "I don't want to talk about last night." I mumble loud enough for him to hear.

"Well we have to talk about it." He says. "Well let's not do it now. How about we do it after melting mother's ice curse? How about we talk

about it after the ball? How about we talk about it before I die? How about we..." He attacks me with a kiss.

I break it then push him away and slap him at that. "How dare you?" I ask him. Yes I'm furious. He's not going to use me like I'm some toy of his.

"How dare I?" He asks he's taken aback by my slap. "Yes how dare you? Have you no shame? You're dating my sister and now you're kissing me?" I ask and he chuckles.

"She's not your sister." He says and I nod. "Like how you're not my brother?" I ask. His whole facial expression changes. "It doesn't change anything." He says.

"It changes everything sire. It makes me the bad guy. I fell for you the first minute I saw you and after learning you're my brother I felt bad about it. I always beat myself up about it and made a fool of myself.

You teased me about it then went for the one person who's close to me and has always been there for me.

You kept this secret from me you lied to me. You all lied to me and you must certainly lost my trust respect all of you." I confess.

"Oh and sire this just proved to me how much of a jerk you are. Maybe you were right maybe we're not supposed to be together it will create an imbalance in the universe and I really don't see myself with someone so unfaithful.

I love Lisa more than you can imagine. If you dare hurt her I will end you even when I'm dead. I will kill you Colossus try me." I say before making my way to the door.

"If you have one feeling of affection for me don't walk out that door." He says. I sigh out loud then rest my head on the door. "What does it matter?" I ask.

"It matters because I love you Juna. Its not easy for me to admit but I love you whole heartedly. I only dated Lisa because I thought she could fill this void and hopefully replace you but really she can't and she won't.

What you just said to me broke my heart. I know you can feel my both pain and love its genuine." He says.

A tear escapes my eye and I quickly wipe it. "We're not good for each other. We're not supposed to be with each other and this will break Lisa's heart." I tell him.

He remains quiet for a while. A knock on the door brings me back to life from my thoughts. I wipe my uninvited tears before opening the door. The chef makes his way in with our fruit salads and different variations of drinks then excuses himself.

"Can we focus on one thing? I don't want to create any more mess. Love is our weakness and so we must forget about this. I bet Lisa

loves you to the moon and back and... You'll learn to love her." I say.

He still doesn't respond. I settle on the bed then grab a bowl and start eating. I down everything with water before saying my goodbye. He still hasn't said a thing to me and I'm starting to worry.

Its as if he blocked me out of his head because I can't hear his thoughts nor feel what he's feeling.

I swallow the lump stuck on my throat before another one forms and my throat heats up. I rush back and get a glass of water and gulp them down. My throat is on fire.

"What... What's happening to me?" I ask. He still doesn't respond. I try clearing my throat but I seem to worsen it.

My entire body heats up before I start spasming then gravitate to the ground. He's not helping me why isn't he helping me?

"Co... Colossus help." I beseech. Her turns to me with a smirk on his face. He crouches next to me then leans in and pecks my lips. My pendant start glowing in blue before my entire body freezes.

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My eyes shoot open and I quickly sit up straight. The door barges open before Colossus makes his way in. "Its okay princess I'm here." He says making his way to me.

I jump off the bed then run to the corner of the room. "G... Get away from me." I say panting. Nervous doesn't even begin to describe how I feel.

"Its me princess I'm not going to hurt you." He says making his way to me. I shake my head then morph to an imperial suit. He halts up straight. A smile slowly creeps up on his face before his eyes turn gold.

Its him it really is him. I get up from the floor then jump onto him and grasp on him. "Its okay princess." He whispers.

CHAPTER THIRTY TWO

COLOSSUS

She looks amazing. She looks like she's from a movie and I can't help but to fall in love. I know we're not supposed to be together but why not test out the waters?

Nonetheless Vladimir was here his scent and presence are all over the room and all over Juna. I creep into her mind so I can see her dream. I want to know what he truly wanted.

Couldn't he wait just a little bit longer? Couldn't he wait for the ball? Maybe he came to check if we're cautious so he could attack during the ball.

"I'm sorry princess." I apologize to her. After our conversation I bet she was thinking too much about it she ended up dreaming of Vladimir who shifted into me except it wasn't a dream at all.

She morphs back to her normal form and she's still clinging on to me. I carry her bridal style then gently place her on the bed.

I perch up next to her then caress her forehead removing any strands of her golden brown hair. I peck the side of her cheek before attempting to get up. I want to clear the coast.

She grabs my arm. "Please don't go." She says. "I'm not going anywhere princess. I just want to..." She cuts me.

"Please Colossus please don't go." She beseeches. "Please don't leave me I'm cold." She adds on. I nod then get under the covers with her. I wrap my arms around her then hush her to sleep.

Her light snores alert me that she's now asleep after so long. She obviously found it hard to fall asleep because she's scared of Vladimir even in her dreams.

I can feel her fear and that's not a good thing because Vladimir feeds off of one's fear. How is she going to face him if she fears him?

She's wrapped around me like a bubble gum in one's hair. I secretly like it. I however can't get over her conversation with Vladimir. He told her he loves her but as me which means I told her I love her even if I didn't but someone did it for me.

I hope she's not angry at me after our last conversation. I failed to tell her something as simple as 'I love you'? I mean even the evil Dmitri Vladimir beat me to it.

I wonder why he shifted to me unless he knows about how Juna feels for me and how I possibly feel for her. He must know everything.

He wanted to convince Juna to join him because he thought she'd listen to me but he failed. She wouldn't listen to me after last night. I bet she'd be angry at me if she didn't have that dream.

Oh my goodness what have I done?

I feel her staring at me. Indeed she is she's awake. "Your thoughts are running amok. They're so loud they woke me up." She says with a smile.

"I'm sorry princess you should go back to sleep." I tell her. She nods then snuggles up. "I'm not mad at you Colossus so don't worry about it." She says and my eyes widen at the unexpected news.

"Why aren't you mad at me?" I ask.

"Because it would be selfish of me to be mad at you for trying to protect me. Maybe we really shouldn't be together." She says.

For some reason my hearts swells up after hearing her say that. What if I want her to be selfish with me? "Its dangerous for us to be together and I learnt that from a miserly dream." She says.

I can't hold it in anymore I think I'm gonna say it. "I can't risk losing you too." She adds on.

"Well

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I don't want to lose you." I say. She raises her head and looks at me.

"The pro..." I cut her. "Don't tell me about that useless prophecy." I say. Her eyes widen. "But Colo..." I grab a hold of her arms then pull her up. She gasps at my sudden strength.

I don't know why but I tend to lose it when I'm around her. I can't control myself all I want is her and her alone. She becomes more attractive charismatic and irresistible.

That's why I start feeling my blood rush followed by my eyes flashing gold. I know that because I've seen them in her eyes. I've seen my reflection in her eyes and I can see it even now.

I snake my hands around her waist then pull her closer. "We're going to kill all of them -

Vladimir and his friends. No one but them is going to die am I clear?" I ask and she nods vigorously.

"And we won't talk about this ever again. Understood?" I ask and she nods vigorously. I extend my hand and gently caress her lips with my thumb before capturing them with mine.

She let's out a moan. "Co... Colossus." She calls out but I cut her. "My Juna." I say before attacking her with another kiss. A hungry kiss this time.

I hover over her and grab a hold of her thigh. Her hands are exploring every inch of my body but one. I break the kiss then stuff my face on her neck sucking the living daylights out of it.

I spank her thigh and she screams out loud. That was for fun. I stop and look at her. Pure lust and passion in her eyes. I take both her hands and pin them above her head.

Just as I'm about to kiss her my eyes land on fingerprints on her arm. They're red and look fresh its Vladimir.

I get off of her then take her arm into my hold and check it out. She snatches it from me then sits up straight. "He hurt you." I say. "It doesn't hurt." She says.

"Where else did he hurt you?" I ask and she shrugs. She cringes as I'm about to touch her. "I'm fine Colossus." She says. I don't believe her.

I pull her by her legs closer to me then cage them with my arms then start inspecting her. "Colossus let go of me." She agitates.

"I don't want to." I say sternly. She wants to argue and agitate I'm not up for that. He could've harmed her. He could've molested her he could've done something dire to her.

"Colossus!" She shouts my name and with this anger building up inside me as I'm thinking of

what he could've possibly done to her I can't help but to let out a loud roar.

She cringes then covers her face with a pillow. She's trembling as if I've scared her. Did I just roar? I've never done that before. Have I always been able to do that?

She slowly removes the pillow from her face then sits up straight. "D... Did you just roar?" She asks and I nod in disbelief. That came out so loud and powerful. Was it because I was angry?

"I'm sorry I didn't mean to scare you its just that I feel so overprotective of you. I've been protecting you all your life and I can't get used to the fact that you can protect yourself. I worry about you." I confess.

"Its okay I guess." She says. "I have never heard you roar before even when you're angry." She says.

I also don't know where that came from I guess I don't want to see my Juna hurt. I'll kill anyone who even dares to step any closer to her let alone touch her.

"I'm not ready to lose you Juna." I tell her. She suddenly saddens up. I'm not ready to lose her. I just got her and now I have to lose her all over again? I can't.

"Well I'm still here. I'm not gone yet." She says. I smile at that. I think its time here goes nothing. "I love you Juna."

CHAPTER THIRTY THREE

"I love you Juna." He says. We lock eyes for what feels like hours before he breaks our contact. He said he loves me? He said that?

Once again he takes my arm into his hold. "I swear I'm going to kill him if he hurt you." He mumbles. I take his hand into my hold. "He didn't hurt me Colossus." I tell him and he shakes his head.

"I don't trust him what if he molested you?" He asks and I shake my head. "He didn't." I say softly. "Really? So you don't feel like you were... Penetrated?" He asks and I nod.

"Are you sure? Maybe you can't feel it. You should..." I sigh then cut him. "Colossus I'm a virgin." I tell him. He stops then looks at me. His eyes widen.

He presses his lips together then keeps his stare fixed on me. Is it a crime to be a virgin on this planet?

Now he's just making me feel uncomfortable. I get off the bed then make my way to the window bed seat and rest there. Why is he so quiet?

I look out the window and admire the beautiful sky. The stars gleaming so ever brightly covered by a blue blanket. The moons looking as beautiful as ever.

I'm brought you by Colossus clearing his throat. He's now standing near me. I hold on to his shoulders as he scoops me in his arms then carries me back to the bed.

I'm even afraid to talk. "I'm sorry..." He apologizes and I nod. I don't know why he's even apologizing.

"Sometimes I just can't control myself. I just lose my mind and want you all to myself. Sometimes I'm just too overprotective of you and I get so angry when you get hurt." He says.

He has on one of the cutest faces ever. "Its okay I understand. I sometimes feel the same way." I confess. "I know." He says. Of course he knows we share feelings and thoughts. He's meant to know.

"Uhm... Is it a crime to be a virgin?" I blurt out and earn a chuckle from him. Stupid!

He shakes his head. "Sorry princess I was just... Appalled." He says and I nod.

He pulls me in for a tight hug of which he doesn't break. I doze off in his arms his warm and safe arms.

The following morning I wake up alone in bed. He likes leaving me alone in the mornings. I get up from the bed then fix it while Elaine runs me a warm bath.

She picks my outfit before I excuse her. After finishing up with everything Mila asks to see me in mother's room so I head there.

Everyone is there - Lisa Colossus and Mila. They are all sitting around mother. I greet then sit on mother's bed. I peck her forehead then caress it.

I don't know if my head is playing tricks on me or what but she feels colder. "Did you find a spell?" I ask and she nods.

"Yes your majesty. I found a spell that's going to melt a quarter of the ice and she'll be awake

right before the rest of the Swarovski family arrives for your ball." She says.

"So when are we doing it?" I ask. "Whenever you're ready I suggest soon. The more we leave her is the colder she gets and melting the ice will be much harder or it might not be melted at all." She elaborates.

I feel prickles in my eyes. 'She'll be fine.' Says Colossus. I blink repeatedly to stop myself from crying and possibly breaking down.

"Can we do it now?" I ask and she nods then looks at Colossus. He nods then turns to Lisa. "Please excuse us." He says and she nods. He wraps his arm around her waist then pecks her forehead before she gets up and walks out.

I swear my heart literally dropped after seeing that. The other reason it dropped was because of the look Lisa gave me before she walked out.

Maybe she was trying to look strong and she forced a weak smile but my head tells me she

knows. She knows everything she freaken knows.

She shuts the door after walking out. I know she's heartbroken but I don't exactly know why. I can feel her pain. If its not about me dying after all of this then its about Colossus and I and his constant visits to my room.

He said he loves me but he once told me he loves Lisa. I don't know how to feel about all of this. Its all just too overwhelming. We have to wake mother up so then I can focus on finding ways to end Dmitri.

Maybe reading the prophecy book might be useful. I might find ways to vanquish Vladimir for good nonetheless... "Princess Juna..." I hear Mila's voice and instantly turn to her.

"Is everything okay?" She asks then looks at Colossus. I force a smile but fail to utter a single word. How do I explain this? That I read her book and that I've fallen in love with Colossus.

How do I tell everyone that he's not my brother?
How can we go against our people by giving the
both of us a chance at our love only to ruin the
world. What if this imbalance is real and it'll
destroy Urania?

"Your highness my apologies for being out of
place but I've warned you about this countless
times." Mila says talking to Colossus.

"I know but this is not the time Mila." He says.
What are they talking about? "You need to stop
lying to her. She feels left out as it is and
imagine how she'll feel after she finds out you
two are... Fornicating." She says and my eyes
widen.

"What? We're not fornicating!" I agitate. "Then
what are you doing?" She asks. I gulp then look
at Colossus and back at Mila. "Mila we're not
fornicating nor committing adultery. Neither of
us is married and..."

"And you're siblings." She chimes in. I chuckle
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"Mila thats not true and we all know it." I blurt it out. Her eyes widen and she turns to Colossus.

"Whatever do you mean your highness?" She asks pretending to be confused. "Oh spare me the acting Mila. You might be an elder but that gives you no right to lie to me about myself.

Taking me away wasn't enough you now decided to lie to me and keep secrets about me

from me? Have you no shame?" I query on the verge of bursting. 'Calm down princess.' Colossus says.

I didn't even realize I was so angry. "What else are you hiding from me?" I ask her. She looks down and touches mother's neck to feel her pulse. "We need to hurry up." She says.

"What are you hiding from us Mila? Did you do all of this?" I ask and she furrows her brows. "I do not fathom your query your majesty." She says causing me to giggle out loud.

"Are you working with Dmitri?" I ask and earn a gasp from her. 'Juna calm down.' Colossus says. "Answer me!" I shout. She gets up from her chair and looks at me.

"With all due respect..." I chuckle. The disrespect that will come after those words is beyond anyone's powers even mine. "Mila please wake my mother up. Please don't punish her because of me. But if you're working with Dmitri please tell him to come and take me

away if its the last thing he does but he will not hurt any of my family members." I say.

"Juna stop it!" Colossus yells. He sighs out loud and takes my hand into his then pulls me to the bathroom.

His eyes change colour before he bangs me against the wall and cups my cheeks and pecks the bridge of my nose. "What's wrong with you?" He asks softly.

"Let go of me..." I say and he instantly pulls me in for a kiss which I'm fighting hard to resist but I can't. He breaks it then gently presses his forehead against mine and keeps his eyes closed.

"She knows Colossus. Did you see how she looked at me?" I ask. "Is this about Lisa or Vladimir?" He asks and I shrug. "A little bit of both." I say. "So why are you snapping at Mila?" He asks.

I sigh. "I should be snapping at you too." I mumble. "Why would you snap at me?" He asks. "You both lied to me. All of you lied to me and I disappointed the one person who didn't lie to me." I say the guilt of betraying Lisa getting the better of me.

"Are you sure about that?" He asks and I furrow my brows. "What are you talking about?" I ask. He opens his eyes then looks into mine. 'None of that matters now. Let's wake mother up then focus on the ball and finding a way to end Vladimir once and for all.' He says.

His voice has changed its more huskier and... Sexier. "And I mean it Juna or you'll have me to deal with." He says and I just nod lost in his eyes.

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CHAPTER THIRTY FOUR

He breaks the kiss then his eyes change back to his normal colour. He looks into my eyes then caresses my cheek with his thumb. "Let's

go." He says and I nod then follow him out my hand in his hand.

"Can we get started?" Colossus asks and Mila nods. She opens her spell book then pours something on it before taking Colossus and I's hands into hers.

She recites a spell out loud in an alien language and repeats it five times. I close my eyes when I feel my body heating up. I scream out loud when I feel my whole body burning up.

Mila continues reciting her spell while I scream out loud and when the heat suddenly stops I drop to the floor. I feel weaker than I've ever been weak.

Colossus lifts my head up and lightly slaps my cheek. "Are you okay?" He asks softly as if he's also weak. I smile at him then nod. He smiles weakly before also dropping to get floor.

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I wake up to see Colossus perched up next to me as well as Lisa. She still has on that look from earlier. Colossus helps me sit up straight. Lisa places a cold and damp cloth on my forehead.

"What happened?" I ask. "Well we kinda passed out after melting mother's ice but you're been out for some time." Colossus says. How come he didn't pass out as long as I did.

"I thought I lost you." Lisa says softly. I don't know what to do or how to feel. She knows doesn't she? "Please don't leave me." She beseeches. I gulp down then force a smile.

"I'll always be with you Lisa." I say. She forces a weak smile then takes my hand into hers. "How are you feeling?" She asks.

"I'm fine my head just feels heavy." I say. She nods then looks at Colossus. "Let me give you guys some space." She says then gets up and heads out.

Colossus wraps his arm around me then pecks my cheek. I shift uncomfortably. "What's wrong?" He asks. "Whats wrong? Lisa is going through depression and you're here with me instead of her." I say.

"Oh she knows." He says. My eyes widen at that. "What?" I ask. "She knows about us I told her everything." He says. That explains how sad she was.

I feel my blood boiling before turning to Colossus and wrapping my hands around his neck. "Ju... Juna what are you doing?" He asks.

I tighten my hands around his neck. He grabs a hold of my arms and pushes me down. I jolt up then push him hard and send him flying across the room.

He hits the wall then falls down. I get off the bed then make my way to him. "Why did you tell her?" I ask. He quickly gets up from the floor then takes me hands into his.

"I knew you wouldn't have agreed so I told her." He says. I free my hands from his hold then slap him. "Did you see how she looked at me? Did you see the look on her face?" I ask.

"Juna..." I slap him again. "Did you see the look on her face?" I ask again. "So you were fine with us doing everything behind her back? I had to tell her." He says.

I strangle him once again then throw him across the room. He once again hits the wall then falls to the floor. "You are the one who told me we couldn't be together yet here you are doing everything in your power to ensure we're together." I say.

"Juna just listen to me." He says getting up from the floor. "No you listen to me Colossus. You hurt Lisa and I don't want to be with you now go apologize to Lisa and tell her you made a mistake." I order.

He gets up from the floor. "I won't do that." He says. "Yes you will." I say. "No I won't. I don't

love her I love you." He says. I slap him once again. "No you love Lisa and you're going to tell her that now." I say.

He stretches his neck then looks at me his eyes now gold. He's looking at me like a snack like he wants to eat me up. He slowly makes his way to me and I step back.

My back suddenly hits the cold wall and Colossus halts in front of me. Not knowing what to do I slap him again and earn a very loud roar from him.

My body lightly trembles with fear. He takes my hands and presses them together against the wall above my head. "I said I love you

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I slap him again and earn a very loud roar from him.

My body lightly trembles with fear. He takes my hands and presses them together against the wall above my head. "I said I love you not Lisa." He whispers in my ear.

"And you love me now say it." He says. "Say that you love me." He says and I shake my head. He presses his body against mine then whispers "I don't want to use force on you Juna tell me you love me." He says and I shake my head.

I know he won't hit me he never hits me. Even when I fought with him he didn't hit me. I gasp when he suddenly grabs my ass and squeezes it. "Say it princess." He says and I shake my head.

I refuse to succumb to him. I refuse to allow him to think he can control me. He nibbles my earlobe then groans in my ear. "Say it princess." He says and I shake my head.

He grabs a hold of my thighs then lifts me up and carries me to my bed. He places me on the bed then hovers over me. "Tell me you love me." He says.

He presses my hands together above my head then caresses the back of my thigh before slapping it. "If you care about Lisa then say it or else I'm going to fuck you and you'll scream out loud enough for her and the entire queendom to hear. I won't ask you again princess." He says.

I gulp down. "I love you." I whisper. "I didn't hear that princess." He says then starts kissing my neck. "I love you Colossus." I say.

"Now was that difficult?" He asks and I shake my head. He leans in so that our faces are only a mere centimeter apart. "Plus she already knew. Now calm the fuck down." He says then pecks my lips.

He gets off of me then makes his way to the bathroom. I sit up straight then rake my hair with my fingers. I was actually scared of him.

I need to talk to Lisa.

I jump off the bed then fix myself before leaving the room. I head to mother's room and find Lisa sitting next to her mother is still sleeping.

"What are you doing here? Why aren't you resting?" She asks. I settle next to her. "I'm sorry..." I apologize. "What for?" She asks. "For all of this. For involving you in all of this and I didn't mean to do what I did with Colossus." I say.

She forces a weak smile then shakes her head. "I knew you had a thing for Colossus yet I still pursued something with him. I thought you were going to be fine with it because I thought you guys were siblings by the time.

I'm the one who's sorry." She says. I furrow my brows. "You knew?" I ask and she nods. "I could see by the way you guys looked at each other.

The time he took us out on a tour you guys were literally all over each other and the time

we went to the seamstress you were so mad to see us together." She says.

"When did you guys start dating?" I ask. "It was that time I got hurt. We didn't tell anyone about us." She says and I nod.

"Am I forgiven?" I ask and she shakes her head. "I'll forgive you if you forgive Colossus for telling me the truth. Plus I already caught you guys on several occasions so I made peace with it." She says.

"Then why are the sad?" I ask and she sighs. "All of this is overwhelming Juna and I'm not ready to lose you." She says.

I look down then caress my arm. "The ball is only a week away and I'm nervous. I hope you won't leave me." She says and I chuckle.

"Even if I die I'll always be with you spiritually." I say. She nods then pulls me in for a hug. "You know your dress was delivered earlier on." She says and I nod.

I'm no longer as excited as I was for the ball. I just wish Vladimir didn't exist. Colossus suddenly sits on the other side of the bed.

He looks at the both of us before looking at mom. He takes her hand into his then pecks it and caresses her forehead. "Mother..." He calls out.

I'm shocked to see mom open her eyes. She forces a smile. "How long have I been out?" She asks.

I smile in disbelief. Now that she's awake she'll help me defeat Vladimir. She knows more about him than anyone in this place.

I'm glad to have her back. She turns to us then her smile widens. "Girls..."

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CHAPTER THIRTY FIVE

"Looks like I missed a lot." Mother says. We all look at each other then back at her. "I'll go get you something to eat." Lisa says already getting up.

Mother cups both our cheeks. "How long have I been out?" She asks. "A few weeks and we have only a week before the ball." I tell her. She nods.

"How far are you with the preparations?" She asks. "My dress was delivered the decor will be up on Thursday. We're going for food and cake tasting on Tuesday. Invitations have been sent out and... Mom I know you just woke up but what do you know about Vladimir?" I ask.

"Why do you ask?" She asks and I look at Colossus. "Mother he did this to you and we're afraid he might crash the ball and put everyone's lives at risk." Colossus says.

She sighs out loud. "He's the god of ice he calls himself the ice King. He shape shifts into

anyone and anything his size but he can't have the person's powers if they have any.

He killed your father and other important people using his ice curse." She says. "Like the Queen and King of Asgard?" I ask and her eyes widen. She looks at Colossus then back at me. "What did you say?" She asks.

"The ice curse how does it work?" I ask trying to change the topic. "He spells your heart to freeze and the only thing to melt the ice is..." I chime in. "The legendary Phoenix and Dragon. So how do we vanquish him?" I ask.

"If I knew I would've vanquished him by now but I do know that his powers can be stripped off of him by being using power absorbtion." Mother says.

Since I have that power I can use it to strip his powers off from him. "And once stripped off where do they go?" She asks. "I don't know about that maybe you should ask Mila." She says and I roll my eyes at that.

"What's wrong?" She asks. "I don't like her..." I mumble. "Juna." She calls out sternly. "I don't trust her mother. She's keeping secrets from me all of you are." I say.

"What secrets are you talking about dear?" She asks. The door barges open and Lisa walks in with a bowl smells like pumpkin soup. She sits next to me then hands the bowl to mother.

"There's something I need to do I'll be back." I say getting up and rush for the door. Once out I run to the library. I'm getting used to my powers and learning to use them as time goes by. I can hear Mila's thoughts nearing I think she's spying on me.

I grab a random book then settle on one of the beanbags near the fireplace then open it in the middle and start reading. The door opens and she makes her way in.

I shut the book then look at her. "Oh your majesty..." She bows down. "Mila what are you doing here?" I ask keeping a straight face.

"There's a book I need." She says. "Really? I thought you knew everything." I say getting up from the beanbag. "Well

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keeping a straight face.

"There's a book I need." She says. "Really? I thought you knew everything." I say getting up from the beanbag. "Well my brain would be hurting if I knew everything." She says forcing a smile.

"Okay then I'll help you look." I throw the book I was reading on top of the beanbag then make my way to her. "Your majesty..." I chime in. "Look I insist. What is it about? What does it look like? How big is it?" I ask and she just sighs out loud.

"Is it about me? Dmitri Vladimir? The ice curse?" I ask and she shakes her head. "Then

what is it about?" I ask. "Your majesty you really should get back to your reading I didn't mean to disturb you." She says.

"Is it big heavy and brown? Does it talk about the future? Does it bear secrets? Does it have the power to make or destroy someone?" I ask. She halts on her tracks. "I will come back some other time." She says.

I place my hand on her shoulder her heart is beating fast but she's keeping a straight face she's nervous. "Mila how did your face get burnt?" I ask. "It is not important your highness. Please do forgive me for disturbing your reading session." She says.

"Its okay. I'll lock the door so that no one disturbs my... Reading session." I say. She nods hesitantly before making her way out. I follow her then lock the door after she leaves.

I then rush to the last row of the library remove the carpet from the hump and start removing books off the shelf until I'm met with the glass. I

take my pendant off then place it inside the glass before a familiar thud comes from behind me.

I'm met by a staircase leading to the escape room. I grab a candle holder from the wall then make my way down the staircase until I'm met by the huge brown gigantic door.

I push it open then make my way inside. I place the candle holder on top of a table then grab the prophecy book and place it near the candle holder.

I then start fidgeting around and looking for other useful information but find none. So I grab the prophecy book and the candle holder then rush out. Once outside I put the candle holder where I found it then place the book aside.

I take my pendant and put it back on and watch as the staircase unsurface. I put everything back in its place then grab the prophecy book and make my way out.

Once at the door I unlock it then open it to be met by Colossus who's folding his arms and is leaning against the threshold. I hide the book behind me.

"Colossus... What are you doing here?" I ask and earn a chuckle from him. "This is a library is it not? What I want to know is why is it locked?" He asks and I gulp down my saliva.

"Its because... I wanted to be alone. Mila had already disturbed my reading so I locked the door." I lie. "Then what are you hiding behind you?" He asks and I force a smile.

"Its a uhm... This is embarrassing. I was experiencing some irritation on my you know what so I came here to find something that might help me." I say. He chuckles.

"I know that's the prophecy book Juna. Why are you lying to me?" He asks. "What are you talking about?" I query. "We were together when we found it so I don't understand why you're lying to me.

Plus your thoughts were not in check so I could read them. I know why Mila was here she was looking for the prophecy book." He says.

"Why was she looking for it?" I ask. "Because it contains very important information about us and our parents and Vladimir. I don't know what she's trying to do but I also don't trust her." He says and my eyes widen.

"You... You don't?" I ask and he nods. He makes his way in and I take a few steps back. He locks the door then makes his way to me.

I suddenly hit the shelf and drop the prophecy book. "I think its safe we read it in here." He says crouching to pick it up.

"Oh okay." I say. "And we should put it back where we found it." He says and I just nod. He takes my hand in his then leads me to beanbags by the fireplace.

We both sit on them then he opens the book. "Wait why don't you trust Mila?" I ask and he shrugs. "I don't know she's just acting weird. She's keeping secrets from all of us and I don't understand why. She also doesn't seem to be a big fan of you." He says.

"Shall we?" He asks and I nod.

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CHAPTER THIRTY SIX

I watch as he turns the first page all his concentration in the book. I place my hand on top of his then he looks at me. His eyes change colour as he looks deep into mine.

Thats all I wanted to see.

I grab the book from his hold then place it on my laps. "So I've been thinking... I'll handle the Gorgons and decapitate them while you handle the Satyrs. And if they try to approach me too I'll

use my omnipresence power then I'll be in both places." I say.

"And what if they all get to the same room the throne room to be specific?" He asks. "Then we'll have to make sure they don't. I'll use a spell to make sure they don't enter the throne room and we'll lead them straight to the battle field." I say.

"And if we fail?" He asks. "I'll shield the people while we fight everyone else. Together we'll never fail all for one..." I say. "One for all." He pecks my cheek then we continue rampaging through the book until I land on the title:

"The Protector and The Protectress." It reads.

"Both possessing great and impossible strength they're even stronger together. They're each other's halves in every way possible.

However the protectress is the most powerful and the protector the brave and strong one.

The Protectress being the goddess of beauty water and the guardian of Urania she has incredible beauty accompanied by her special powers which allow her to also control the four elements of life.

The Protector being the god of fire and guardian of both Urania and Asgard has incredible strength and bravery is overprotective and can control fire.

However something that makes them more special is not only their love but their hidden powers.

Their love can be dangerous but will only be a threat to baneful characters nonetheless to unlock those special powers they'll have to be together.

Every protector will have a protectress and they'll help each other in every way possible. Separating them will cause more damage than good." I turn to the next page and find that its ripped.

I turn to look at Colossus no no no no no! The next page is also ripped and they both seemed to contain important information regarding our powers.

"I know who did this." I say. "Mila?" He asks and I nod. "There's something she doesn't want us to know and we have to find what it is because it might help us defeat Dmitri." I say clenching my fists.

"Why would she do that?" He asks. "I don't know! I don't know and I don't give a flying cucumber. I'm going to that motherfucker and she's going to tell me everything." I say.

"Do you want me to come with you?" He asks. "Well you are my other half." I say and earn a chuckle from him. "How are you planning on getting her to spit out the truth?" He asks.

I look at him straight in the eyes. "Pain." I say still looking into his eyes. I watch as he holds on to his neck gasping and struggling to breathe.

Once I break the contact he inhales deeply before exhaling and coughing.

"What was that?" He asks. "My new power." I tell him. I've been playing around with my powers and I discovered this one. I don't know what its called but I like it.

"That old hag is going to have to tell me everything or I'll burn her entire face." I say and he chuckles once again. "I'm the God of fire but I swear you use fire more than water." He says and I roll my eyes.

"Well I burn her then drown her." I say. He wraps his arm around me then whispers "That's my girl." He says. I jolt up from the couch. "Let's get going." I say.

He gets up then I lead the way out the passage. Once out I take my pendant and put it on then place the books back while Colossus neatly places the carpet back.

I have the prophecy book in my hand. He unlocks the door and we both rush to Mila's basement. We both find her busy on the enchanted map.

I close the door and lock it then stride towards her. "Your Majesties." She says slightly bowing. Her eyes widened when she comes to sight with the prophecy book.

Colossus leans against the wall with his arms folded and a smirk on his face. I bang the book on top of the enchanted map and she jumps from her seat.

"How are you doing?" She asks. "What do you want? Where did you get that?" She asks. I raise my brow and shake my head. She looks at me in awe as I fold my arms across my chest.

"You see that's why some children fail at school. Listen to me and understand my query. How are you doing Mila?" She asks. She gulps down her saliva then gets up from her seat.

"Sit down sweetheart we don't want you to have swollen feet now do we?" I ask and she hesitantly sits down. "Well since you don't want to answer that question answer this one then. Its simply are you working with Dmitri Vladimir?" I ask and she shakes her head.

"Mmhh okay. Next question why are you stalking me?" I ask and her eyes widen. "Why did you tear some pages from the prophecy book? What are you hiding from me?" I ask now shouting at the top of my voice.

'Calm down princess.' I roll my eyes.

"No? You're not going to answer that? Okay let me tell you a story." I say then open the prophecy book.

"Once upon a time was a powerful princess a powerful prince and a healer. The healer was hiding some information about them from them important information at that." I say.

"When they interrogated the healer she didn't budge. She wasn't willing to truthfully answer the questions and that made the princess mad.

She burnt her already burnt face then banished her to the underworld then the god of the underworld Hades finished her off." I say. "THE END!" I say then shut the book.

"You don't wanna see an angry princess Mila." I whisper loud enough for her to hear.

I make my way to the her side and halt next to her. "I'm asking you nicely what are hiding?" I ask and she shakes her head. "I'm not hiding anything." She says and I chuckle.

"Do you believe her?" I ask looking at Colossus and he just chuckles then shakes his head with a smile on his face. She's making me angry.

I tip her face up then look into her eyes "Pain." I say. She stiffens then grabs onto her neck as she struggles to breathe. She spasms then falls

to the floor her hands tightly wrapped around her neck.

"Are you ready to talk?" I ask relieving her off her pain. She coughs as she sits up straight. "What do you want from me?" She asks.

Oh cut me the crap!

"I want the truth!" I yell. "I don't know any more or any less than you do." She says. I look into her eyes again now hypnotizing her. "You're going to tell me the truth everything you hid from Colossus and I you'll tell us.

You'll also tell us everything you know about Dmitri and the prophecy book understood?" I ask. She's resisting. She shuts her eyes then looks away.

I cuss as I get up from next to her. She's not talking why isn't she saying anything? "What now?" Colossus asks.

"I don't trust her but I'm not letting her out of my sight. She might be having secret meetings with him and I don't want him to know we're onto him." I say. He nods then makes his way to her.

He throws her over his shoulder then halts in his tracks. 'You look sexy when you're mad.' He says then winks at me. He's amused by my anger? Jerk!

I start walking around the room looking for clues. How can she resist my powers? Why isn't she talking? What does he have against her?

I sit down then continue reading through the prophecy book. There's got to be a loophole out of this just one and I'm going to find it.

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I shut the book in disbelief then hug it to my chest. I can't believe what I've just read. I settle on the floor then curl up and cry out loud.

I thought I was ready for this but I can't. I'm not ready for any of this. I'm not ready to die I'm not

ready to be a princess and I'm not ready to be the protectress.

Its been confirmed that if I don't die after this then that means the war is not over. If I don't die now then I'll die anytime soon.

I can't do any of this.

"Juna..." I hear a familiar male voice calling my name. I open my eyes and look up and I jump when I see my father. "D-dad?" He flashes a pained smile.

He extends his hand for me to take then helps me up. He envelopes me in his arms then caresses my back. "All will be well my dear." He says.

"I'm going to die..." He breaks the hug then cups my cheeks. "You are the princess of Urania the future Queen. You are the protectress of Urania the most powerful being.

The rulers guardians and goddesses of Urania are with you. The oceans the earth the wind and the fire are with you.

You just have to open up and believe in yourself. You have to be strong for everyone and believe you can overcome this." He says.

He takes my hand into his then helps me sit down. "You see believing in yourself will help you more than you ever thought it would. The people of Urania believe in you and so do I." He says.

"B-but I can't. I don't know how to believe in myself. I don't have faith in myself and to know that I'm going to die sooner than I thought weakens me." I say and he shakes his head.

"That's not the problem Juna the problem is that you're supposed to find your strength. Find the source of your strength and claim it. Accept it then act on it.

I understand that this is not easy and it never will be but you can do it we can do it." He says.

"B-but..." He hushes me. "This is your story Juna. If you feel this is not how its supposed to go then change it. Rewrite the story then live on it." He says.

He pulls me in for you hug and pecks my forehead.

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I open my eyes and find myself seated on the floor with the prophecy book hugged to my chest. I jolt up from the floor then look around the room.

There's a warm aura surrounding the room it feels familiar. My eyes land on the time on the wall how long have I been out?

I rush out and head to check on Colossus and Mila. His eyes flash in gold as soon as they land on me and I can't help but to blush.

I then turn to face Mila and hand her the prophecy book. "I believe this belongs to you." I say and she hesitantly takes it.

"There's great evil lurking in Urania and if we don't fight it it'll end us all. The person you are protecting is going to turn you into a slave regardless of whatever your deal Mila.

You see those pages you tore contained huge secrets regarding our powers and paramount information regarding the Ice King." I say to Mila.

"You don't have to say anything about him but let me promise you this Mila

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I'm going to end Vladimir before he kills any other being of Urania." I say and her eyes widen.

"He killed my father Colossus' parents and loyal servants of both Queendom and Kingdom. I won't rest until I vanquish Vladimir to the

underworld and whomever he is working with MARK. MY. WORDS."

She nods vigorously. "You are excused." She gets up and rushes out. I turn to Colossus who looks taken aback. "And what was that?" He asks and I shrug. "I don't know but I meant every word I said." I say then heave out a sigh.

"You were crying..." He says cupping my cheek and I place my hand on top of his. "Vladimir has got to have something humongous on Mila." I say trying to change the subject.

"You were crying Juna I can still feel your pain. You're hurting." He says then places my hand on his chest.

"I'm dying Colossus okay? Its not easy to take that in and the only thing I could do about it was to cry." I say.

"Or you could change that." He says. "Its a prophecy. I'm dying and there's nothing we can do about it.

Nonetheless..." I free my hand from his hold. "I have a few strategies on how we can take them on and let's hope it works in our favour."

"Juna..." He calls out. "But what if Mila duped us I mean we're not sure if she's really Dmitri's accomplice." I say.

He wraps his arm around my waist then pulls me to him. "Calm down would you? I hate seeing you like this.

Please calm down and let me help you. We are a pair and we need each other. Together we can do this and no amount of ice will stop us we'll melt it." He says.

"Your death will break all of us. I can't speak for everyone else but it will most certainly break me." He says taking my hand into his once again.

Our fingers intertwine and he twirls me around before snaking his arm around my waist once

again. "You are my pillar of strength I don't know what I'd do if I were to lose you." He says.

"Please don't give up. Have hope believe in yourself. You probably don't remember this but you were one bad ass. You used to threaten people and say you'd shove sticks down their anus." He says and I chuckle at that.

"Really?" I ask and he nods. "Please do me one favour." He says and I furrow my brows this better be good.

"Please shove a stick down Vladimir's anus I want to see you in action." I laugh and he joins in with his contagious laughter.

"We don't need Mila nor anyone else it'll just be the two of us. We can make this work princess okay?" He asks.

I nod before wrapping my arms around him. "So do we work together?" He asks and I nod. "Let's do this."

Father I found my strength. Colossus is not my weakness he's my strength and this is my story so I'll write it my way. I'm changing the story and accepting everything.

I'm giving this a chance and believing in myself. I'll avenge your death and that's a promise I make to you.

CHAPTER THIRTY EIGHT

THE ROYAL BALL

I look at myself in the mirror and I get all sorts of feelings. I bet my bracelet would've turned into various colours if I was wearing it.

The dress looks fabulous. Its really not what I anticipated. "It looks even better when its on you." I hear Colossus' voice.

He snakes his arms around my waist. We're really doing this. "I'll protect you." He says and I nod. He pecks my naked shoulder then my neck before looking into the mirror.

He looks handsome I mean really handsome. He's wearing a traditional royal suit only in gold and white and has a sash across his torso.

He looks really good.

"Thank you." He whispers. I place both my hands on top of his. "Are you ready?" He asks. I turn to him then shake my head. He cups my cheeks then pecks my lips.

"Juna..." I chime in.

"You don't understand." I mumble. Last night I had this dream Colossus and I were both hurt. I healed him then passed out. "What if I really die?" I ask. "I'll follow you." He says then chuckles.

"This is a dire situation Colossus." He smiles. "I know. I'll see you in the throne room." He says then pecks my lips once again before walking off.

Once he finally leaves the room I turn back to the mirror. I close my eyes then take a deep breath. That dream freaked me out it felt more like a vision than a dream but it couldn't be only Mila can see the future.

It wasn't confirmed that I'll give birth to the next heir or heiress before dying so I might die any time. That has been confirmed.

If I don't die now then I'm going to spend the rest of my life worrying about dying or worrying about the next upcoming war.

The door barges open and mother Lisa and a much older woman who looks a lot like mother make their way in. "Juna its so nice to see you again you're so grown up." The older woman says.

She has white hair not even a strand of any coloured hair its all white and she has a beautiful petite body. She has a contagious smile her face doesn't have even a single trace of wrinkles.

She's flawless
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just like mother. "Oh where are my manners Juna this is your nana my mother and the queen mother." Mother introduces and I smile. She pulls me in for a hug then caresses my cheeks.

"I have no doubt that you'll make a powerful queen one day." She says and I blush looking away. "You look beautiful..." Lisa says sounding and looking appalled. She looks gorgeous herself in that princess gown. "Thank you you look beautiful as well all of you." I compliment.

"Finish up dear so we could go you'll find us in the throne room." Mother says and I just nod then watch as they walk away. "Wait!" I shout and they halt by the door.

They all turn to look at me and I instantly crumble down my heart melts to their loving faces. "Whatever happens tonight keep in mind that I love you all." I say and mother chuckles.

"The nerves must be getting to you." Lisa says and mother giggles softly. "I was also nervous on my coronation but you'll do just fine dear." Mother says before they walk out and close the doors.

They don't understand I feel like crying so bad.

I look into the mirror for what feels like the longest time before I hear trumpets playing and that's my cue.

I fix my make up as well as my curled up hair before lifting my dress up and heading out. The walk to the throne room feels longer than usual with my heart pounding hard against my chest.

I halt by the door then take in a deep breath. I pray that this goes well. I've been awaiting this day but now that it's here I'm breaking into shivers.

Everyone gets up as they spot me walking down the staircase. Some gasp and some coo while others whisper to themselves.

I see all the Swarovski family members are dressed in white whereas Colossus and I in white and gold. He looks really good. He looks at me and flashes a smile I can't help but to blush uncontrollably.

I look away from him as I take the last step of the staircase. I walk further on top of the carpet until I reach my destination. Everyone settles down and it goes completely silent.

I'm ordered to knee in front of an old looking man who looks much like a priest and I place my hand on top of his. My breathing increases by each passing second and both Colossus and mother can feel it.

"Do you solemnly swear to govern and protect the people of Urania with justice and mercy as long as you shall reign?" The man before me

asks and I swallow hard before hesitantly answering.

"I do solemnly swear!" He remains quiet for a short while.

"Then it is my honor and my joy to bless and crown you the princess of Urania! All hail the powerful princess of Urania!" He chants.

"Long live the princess of Urania!" Everyone else in the room chants before clapping.

I look up and the man frees my hand and grabs a hold of a tiara of which he places on my hair. He then takes a mace and taps it on both my shoulders before handing it to me. He helps me up and I turn to the people.

I raise the mace and everyone starts chanting again. "Talk to your people." The man says and I nod hesitantly.

He holds his hand up and forms a fists and the room goes quiet. "Her majesty would like to

address her people!" I swallow hard and close my eyes as I gather my breathing.

"People of Urania we have all witnessed the important part of this night but the most important part is that we now feast and dance all night to our satisfaction! I beseech you all to help me celebrate my return as the princess and the protectress of Urania!" They all chant all over again.

"The princess will now have her first dance with the prince of Urania!" The man shouts and Colossus arises.

He makes his way to me and kneels in front of me. He takes my hand into his then pecks it. "Shall we?" He asks and I can't help but to smile. "We shall." I say.

He gets up and leads me to the dance floor. He raises both our hands up then holds my waist. The orchestra begins and we start moving. "Relax now would you?" He asks with a smile and I just nod.

He looks into my eyes and they change to gold. Not now handsome! He chuckles and looks away.

I instantly feel cold breeze hit against my skin followed by shivers down my spine and I look at the door.

I look at Colossus then back at the people who are chanting and clapping for us. "They're here..." I say in disbelief.

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They both look around most of the people have joined them in the dance floor already dancing the evening away. They both spot Lisa dancing with a prince prince Arald of Seago.

They then lock eyes. Juna is nervous. If anything goes wrong she won't be able to forgive herself. "I'll freeze time then cast a barrier spell over everyone." She says to Colossus and he nods in agreement.

They move away from the dance floor then she freezes time and watches as everyone stops moving. She knows her bending time will not affect Vladimir whatsoever. "*Inteo*" She says casting a barrier spell over everyone.

They look at each other once again and hold hands. "All for one." He says forcing a smile. "One for all." She says softly. He cups her cheeks and pecks her lips before she morphs into an impenetrable armour and Colossus' wings surface.

Colossus reminds her of his rules in the battlefield and of all the rules he's worried about the last one. Juna couldn't believe in herself even if she wanted to.

Colossus summons the remaining guards to come to the throne room but then again Vladimir is nearing.

He tries to walk off but Juna grabs his arm and he comes to a halt. "Please don't leave me."

She whispers. He heaves out a sigh then turns to her.

"I'm not leaving you princess. I'll be here fighting alongside you." He says. The door opens up and guards come flooding in down the staircase. The general hands both Juna and Colossus silver blades. "Whatever you do don't look at the Gorgons in the eyes or you'll turn to stone forever." Colossus says and they all nod in agreement.

"We'll take the Gorgons you take the Satyrs and stall Vladimir okay?" Juna says and they all nod.

They wrap up their plan just in time. The room temperature drops and it becomes colder than usual which means he's closer than they think. Just then the doors barge open and Vladimir enters along with Satyrs and Gorgons.

"Get the princess!" He orders and they all rush inside the throne room. Both the protector and the protectress are not affected by the Gorgons'

stares and so looking into their eyes would not turn them into stone but everybody else.

Stheno Euryale and Medusa possess very few weaknesses and their only known way to kill a Gorgon is to cut their head off with a silver blade.

They manage to decapitate all three of their heads while the guards are failing as much to assassinate the Satyrs. All they have to do is stab them on their backs using their swords but it was proving to be a difficult task as already one guard was turned to stone and two were down and out.

Vladimir is no where to be seen while Juna is fighting off the Satyrs using all her might. Looking around she spots two Colossuses.

Vladimir is a shapeshifter of course. Why did that not cross her mind? 'Colossus... Vladimir shifted into you.' She says to Colossus.

Yet not wanting to get distracted she creates a powerball and throws it at the Satyrs. "Juna look out!" She's suddenly held back by a strong Satyr and she can't wrestle herself out of its hold.

It throws her over its shoulder and attempts to leave the room with her. She's shook when she sees her hand has morphed into a sharp crystal that she uses to stab the satyr right on its back repeatedly.

She didn't know she could do that.

The satyr falls to the ground and another one appears in front of her. It grabs her by her arms and bangs her against the wall and starts fiddling with its erection its not going to molest her now is it?

She let's out a light sob as she analyses the room more guards are down and the satyrs are too big and strong to be defeated that easily. She throws her head back and tears cascade down her cheeks.

The satyr's breath hits against her skin and sends shivers down her spine.

She failed her father she failed Urania. She doesn't feel like the most powerful being in the whole universe. 'The rulers guardians and goddesses of Urania are with you. The oceans the earth the wind and the fire are with you.'

'This is your story Juna. If you feel this is not how its supposed to go then change it. Rewrite the story then live on it.' Her fathers words replay in her head. He's right

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Juna. If you feel this is not how its supposed to go then change it. Rewrite the story then live on it.' Her fathers words replay in her head. He's right this is her story and this is not how she wants it to go.

She morphs her entire arm into a sharp crystal and it cuts off the Satyrs hand. It frees her then tries to run off but she runs after it then stabs it in the back.

Colossus let's out a loud roar as he manages to amputate the last of the Satyrs. More guards are down.

He now comes face to face with himself or rather Vladimir. "Just give me the princess and I'll let you go." He says to him.

"I've already told you this you talk too much." Colossus says before throwing fire at him. Vladimir as the ice prince throws ice at him.

Juna sees them and rushes to Colossus she can tell who is who because Colossus only possesses fire powers. She has always wanted to use her omnipresence power.

Vladimir is distracted by seeing multiple Junas around him and that not only angers him it makes him stronger. He groans out loud as he uses his remaining strength to curse Colossus.

He falls to the ground and it cracks open and splits. Vladimir falls inside. Seeing Colossus

lying lifelessly on the floor angers Juna. He's really cursed his skin is now pale and his finger tips are now blue.

She melts to the ground and curls up into a ball as she cries with her head in between her legs. "Juna..." She hears her fathers voice calling her name.

"Look around you these people need you." He says. She raises her head and looks around. She catches the weak smile on Queen Eva's face and Lisa who's blushing uncontrollably.

She sees worry in her nana's eyes and then turns to Colossus. He's spasming on the floor the ice spreading rapidly throughout his body.

Everyone else looks so happy whereas one guard has turned to stone and others are also laying lifelessly on the floor. Her father extends his hand to her and flashes a smile.

She takes his hand and he helps her up. "Never be afraid to ask for help and believe in yourself this is your story." He says before disappearing.

She glances around one more time then wipes her tears. Vladimir is struggling to get out of the hole he's stuck in. She knows what to do she knows how to vanquish Vladimir. She found the spell to vanquish him on the prophecy book but she'll need all the help she can get.

"Gods goddesses and guardians of Urania. I call upon you all to help me fight and vanquish the evil lurking all over Urania. I summon the fire the water the wind and the earth of Urania to rise at my command. RISE!" The grounds start to shake and she ascends from the floor.

The floor cracks further and the windows break. The clouds change colour they turn gloomy before massive angry storms strike.

Fire wind water and soil surrounds her like a tornado. She screams out loud before locking eyes with Colossus. She's crying her golden

eyes glistening in tears. She shuts her eyes before casts a spell incantation to vanquish Dmitri.

Colossus is suddenly blown away and his back and head come in contact with the hard wall. He groans in pain and places his hand over his wound its much worse that he thought.

He shut his eyes and before he knows it his head is suddenly lifted up by Juna she's crying and she looks weak. "Hey stay with me okay?" She says flashing a weak smile.

"Lisa get me a glass of water." She orders. He watches as she gulps the glass down before she starts searching for his wounds. "I'm going to heal you then... Then you're going to be fine okay?" She says.

She gently presses her hand on my wound and shuts her eyes. "*Asinta Mulaf Hinto Sho Bala.*" She says a spell incantation. He feels heat rushing through his veins before his vision

blurs out. She caresses his cheek before collapsing next to him.

He rests his head back then shuts his eyes.

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I open my eyes and the first person I see is Lisa then mom and nana. I was honestly hoping to see Colossus especially after... "Where's Colossus? Is he okay? I have to see him did I heal him?" I ask panicking.

"Juna..." Lisa says softly. "I need to see him is he okay?" I ask and look at mom. She has a pained expression they all do. "Don't scare me like that where's Colossus?" I ask and they don't respond.

Instead they look away. I sit up and let out a tear. I can't read his thoughts its as if they're blocked. "Where's my Colossus?" I whimper and mother's eyes widen.

"You should rest Juna you are hurt." Lisa says and I shake my head. "I want Colossus." I whisper then hug my knees to my chest and

bury my head between my legs. "I want my Colossus."

Nana orders mom and Lisa to leave the room and then she perches up next to me. She places her hand on my shoulder and I raise my head she has on a weak smile plastered on her face. "Your Colossus?" She asks and I look away.

Yes my Colossus. He's mine.

"I need to see him I thought I healed him." I say. She takes my hand into her hold. "Mila says things are not looking well but you can still see him." She says and I shake my head.

"How did he get hurt? I thought we had everything under control. Actually I was supposed to get hurt not him." I cry and she squeezes my hand.

"Young love is so fascinating." She says and my eyes widen. Young love?

"I know everything dear. I know you also know what's going on. You are well aware that Colossus is not your brother he's instead your other half the one your heart has been yearning for." She says.

"Why was this kept a secret from me?" I ask.

"Your mother saw it fit that you didn't know because she thought it would get in the way of your duties. But then again the more people try to separate you is the more you'll fight to be together." She says and I quickly wipe my tears.

"I need to see him." I whimper and she nods. She gets up from the bed then helps me up. My entire body is aching and my feet feel so heavy. I feel as though its going to give up on me.

She calls in Lisa and they both help me change out of the heavy dress into something more comfortable. I slide on my slippers then they help me walk to Colossus' room.

I can't help but to break into more tears as soon as I lay my eyes on him. Mother and Mila are sitting next to him with his hand intertwined with mother's hand.

"Its your fault this is all your fault!" I yell pointing at Mila. I'm even ignoring my own pain no pain is greater than losing your beloved.

"If anything happens to him I promise I will not spare you." I whimper. "Your..." Nana cuts her. "Leave her be won't you? She's hurting and she needs someone to blame this on." Nana says placidly and I turn to face her.

"Its her fault. She had the chance to help us but she didn't. She's a traitor working with our sworn enemy. Of course I'm blaming her!" I shout at the top of my voice.

"Juna my dear please do calm down." Mother says softly and I shake my head. I wrestle myself out of their hold and immediately fall to the ground. Why do I feel so weak? Why do I feel so empty? Why can't I stand on my own?

Lisa helps me up and walks me to the bed. "I think we should give her some space so she could take all of this in." Nana says and they all excuse themselves.

I snuggle up to him and rest my head on his chest. He usually feels warm but now he doesn't anymore. He feels so cold like Vladimir cursed him before I vanquished him.

I take his hand into mine and intertwine our fingers. "You're going to be fine

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right? I'm going to use the last of my strength to heal you then I can die instead." I say then nod vigorously.

Yes I'll do just that.

I push myself to sit up straight and grab the jar of water from his nightstand and drink the water from it I need all the energy and power I can get.

I run my fingers over his wound it looks much bigger than I remember it. I then rake his hair then wipe my tears. "I'll fix this then we'll be together yes?"

"I'll reduce the pain then heal you completely okay? If I'm going to die then I'm spending my last days with you okay?" I say nodding.

I place my hand on his wound then shut my eyes and concentrate on it. "*Asinta Mulaf Hinto Sho Bala.*" I say then shut my eyes harder as I start feeling lightheaded.

"*Asinta Mulaf Hinto Sho Bala!*" I say louder this time pressing harder on his wound. Come on this has to work. "**ASINTO MULAF HINTO SHO BALA!**" I shout louder this time.

The doors barge open and I throw myself on top of Colossus and wrap myself around him. They're going to try and pull me back or take me away from him I don't want to.

I can't access his mind and I can't feel what he's feeling. "Juna!"

"Please don't leave me." I whisper ignoring everyone else in the room.

"We have a long way to go please don't leave me." I whimper.

We still have to fly over the Queendom together hand in hand. We have to reveal the truth to everyone so they could know about us. You still have to return to Asgard and acclaim your Kingdom.

We still have to help mom by completely breaking her ice curse and melting the ice. We still have a lot to do he can't just give up on life like that. "Get up wake up Colossus snap out of it!" I shout lightly slapping his cheeks.

"Wake up!" I shout.

"Juna!" Mother calls out my name. I feel multiple hands all over me and I can't help but

to break into more tears. "Get away from us!" I feel warm breeze around me before an orb surrounds Colossus and I and everyone gets pushed back.

Ignoring my pain yet again I wipe my tears then rest on top of Colossus. He feels so cold its worrying me. Even his skin is pale. I can't hear his heart beat nor feel his pulse.

Maybe this is just a dream maybe none of this happened and I'm just dreaming. Yeah maybe I should sleep then when I awaken all of this would've blown over.

Yes that's probably a wise thing to do. I shut my eyes and await slumber to wash over me.

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"We did it we vanquished him and hopefully he won't bother us ever again." I say.

"Where did you vanquish him to?" He asks.
"The underworld." I say flatly then heave out a

sigh. What he did to my family is unforgettable. Vanquishing him was not enough.

Seeing Colossus lying lifelessly on his bed with all that ice freezing him to death makes me feel emotions I didn't even know existed emotions one cannot explain in anyway.

Seeing my mother so weak because of the ice curse breaks me. "What are you thinking about?" He asks and I shake my head. "Nothing."

"Juna!" Lisa's voice fills my ears and I turn to look at her. "Wow you zoned out?" She asks and I nod hesitantly.

"How are you feeling dear?" Nana asks and I shrug. "Fine I guess. I'll do anything to wake him up." I say. She cups my cheeks and pecks my forehead before getting up and walking out.

"We should get going." Lisa says and I nod. She helps me get up from the bed then we walk

out hand in hand. This is going to be a long day and I don't think I'll pull through.

We halt in front of the door leading to the garden and I melt down and fall on the floor. "Juna!" Lisa calls out before kneeling in front of me. I rest my head in between my knees and burst into tears.

Lisa caresses my back as I let out more tears. She can feel my pain and so can mom. "I was supposed to die." I cry. She raises my head and searches for my eyes. "Don't say that." She says and I shake my head.

"Its me I was supposed to die not him!" I shout and she shakes her head her tears streaming down her cheeks. I can't do this. "Juna please stop talking like that." She says.

That stupid prophecy thing said I was going to die. How could I trust Mila so much?

"Lisa what's going on?" I hear mother asking and I look up. We lock eyes and her expression

changes. She crouches next to me then wraps her arms around me.

"You need to pull it together Juna." She says and I shake my head. "I can't do this I can't do any of this." I whimper. "Juna the whole of Urania is awaiting their princess you have to at least show face." She says and I shake my head.

"Colossus is waiting for me. I have to take his pain away I need to heal him so he can wake up and then I'll show face." I say and she quickly wipes her tears. "Juna..."

"I'll trade my life for his then I'll do whatever to wake him up so he could at least say goodbye to me. I'll find another spell to wake him up and take his pain away. We'll go for a proper tour around Urania and we'll fly together. We'll -"

"Juna stop it! Just stop it okay?" Mother shouts. "Stop doing this to yourself you need to stop it okay?" She says. I shake my head. "Father said

-" she chimes in. "Your father is dead as well Juna. He's gone they're all gone!" She shouts.

I shake my head. "You're crazy you're all crazy." I say trying to get up from the floor. "Juna just listen to me!" She yells and I shake my head. Once I finally get up I run to his bedroom and he's not there.

"Colossus!" I call out as I look around the room. I knock on his bathroom door before opening it and entering. "Colossus!" I call out louder.

"Juna!" I hear Lisa calling out. "Leave me alone
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I run to his bedroom and he's not there.

"Colossus!" I call out as I look around the room. I knock on his bathroom door before opening it and entering. "Colossus!" I call out louder.

"Juna!" I hear Lisa calling out. "Leave me alone Liz!" She halts on her tracks. "Colossus!" I call out. "JUNA SWAROVSKI!" Mother yells out my name. "Stop it okay? Stop it." She whimpers.

I shake my head. "Where's Colossus? Where did you take him?" I ask and she shakes her head. "He's gone okay? He's gone and he's not coming back." She says softly.

"No he's not!" I yell. "That's enough!" She shouts before bursting into more tears. She grabs my hand and pulls me out of the room. "Where are you taking me?" I ask and she doesn't respond. She keeps on pulling me and Lisa is following behind us.

We stop and she opens a door leading to a room I've never been to. She pushes me inside and frees my hand. "There there he is!" She says pointing at him.

My eyes widen when I see him lying lifelessly. I cover my mouth as more tears cascade down my cheeks. I rush to him then lightly slap his cheeks. He feels so cold worse than before.

"He's not dead okay? There's got to be a loophole." I say then quickly wipe my tears.

"I know you love him and you want him to be alive but he's gone Juna. He's gone and he's never coming back." Lisa says softly.

I glare at him before nodding and excusing myself. I bump into nana at the hallway. "I've been looking for you." She says. She cups my cheeks then wipes my tears with her thumbs.

She looks like she's been crying her eyes are swollen and watery and her nose rosy. "Be strong okay?" She says and I nod vigorously. She looks behind me. "There you are! The people are waiting for you let's go." Nana says.

Lisa takes my hands and leads me to the garden together with mother and nana. Some people are in tears while some are just trying to pull off straight faces.

We settle down and mother walks to the podium. She starts with her speech talking about the men we lost during the battle.

There's also that guard that turned to stone because he looked at the gorgons in the eye. There's no way to turn him back to human so he's as good as dead.

His family is upset his mother crying uncontrollably. He's turned to stone so mother decided it'd be great to place him in the middle of Urania for everyone to see him and praise him for his bravery and strength.

But what about Colossus? What about my Colossus? "Juna..." Lisa whispers in my ear and I turn to her. "Yes?" She shakes her head. "You zoned out." She says. I clear my throat before getting up and limping out.

I find myself in the throne room and a pang of nostalgia hits me as I scan the room. From the moment I was crowned to the moment I danced with him.

I was worried but all the worry faded when he smiled at me and his eyes changed colour. I chuckle at the memory.

He said he won't leave me. He said he'll fight besides me. He said he'll protect me and that I should relax.

I shut my eyes and run my thumb over my lips as I remember the first time we shared a kiss. I didn't care whether he was my brother or not I just wanted him all of him.

And the time we fought what was wrong with me? He caged me and apologized in the most disturbing way possible.

And for a person who said I have a silly little crush on him he loved me as much as I loved him more if possible.

And how he called me his when he saved me from Vladimir 'My Juna'.

Oh and when we had our first dance. Its how he couldn't stand me dancing with Clive and so he decided to step in and dance with me.

How can I miss our first and only tour my bracelet changed to violet and I was so flushed. I had to say it was broken what would you say?

I throw my head back then shut my eyes. This is not how I was hoping my story would go not at all.

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CHAPTER FORTY ONE

FINALE

I sit up straight then rub the sleep off my eyes. I look around and I'm in my old bedroom in my old nightdress and my old slippers are on the floor next to my bed.

I jump out of bed then rush to the mirror. I-I look fine and normal again. My hair is curly and not straightened and I don't have a ridiculous hairstyle on.

I look at my arm to check for a mark of which I don't find. I heave out a sigh of relief before sliding my slippers on putting on a robe and walking out of my bedroom to the bathroom.

What a disturbing dream.

I brush my teeth then take a shower. before heading to my room to dress up. I grab my cellphone then head to the kitchen. I have so many missed calls and texts they're going to give me a migraine.

"Hi..." I greet after sitting on the high chair. "You look tired." I say. "I feel tired. I think I'm going crazy and I have this stupid headache." She says before getting up from the chair and heads to the stove to check on whatever she's preparing.

"Hey Liz I had this weird dream." I say and she quickly turns to me. "You did?" She asks and I nod.

"Oh my god me too. You had crazy super powers and Colossus got hurt and there was some freaky ice dude named Dmitri Vladimir and there was this woman with one side of her face burnt and she was always wearing a hood." She says so fast.

"Why did we have the same dream?" I ask and she shrugs. "Maybe we have crazy super powers what's that one called again empathy or telepathy." She says and I shake my head.

"Impossible." I say.

"Oh shit did you see how Queen Eva and the Queen mother resemble each other?" She asks and I nod vigorously. "And did you see -" my cellphone rings. Its... Its Carl.

I hesitantly answer the call. "H-hello?" I hear a whole lot of ruffling before it goes quiet. "Hey Erica are you okay?" He asks. "I'm not Er -" I shut my eyes and grit my teeth.

Why did that dream feel so real? Now I almost forgot my name. That was a long ass dream. "Erica I know you're blaming yourself for the incident that occurred but its my fault. I shouldn't have tried to kiss you and I shouldn't have called you crazy.

I want to apologize by taking you out for breakfast. After all I haven't seen you in what feels like months and I don't like this tension between us." He says.

"Month?" I ask. "Yes I was hoping to see you at school but you weren't coming. I came to check on your apartment but you weren't there both you and Lisa." He says.

"I'm sorry what?" I ask. "What do you mean what? Did you lose your memory perhaps? Don't tell me you have amnesia I mean I did but you too?" He asks.

I look at Lisa and she just shrugs. "I-I don't have amnesia I just don't understand." I say. "You know what I'll join you for breakfast." I say.

"Zoe's?" He asks and I agree. "In an hour?" He asks. "Of course." I say then hang up and look at Lisa. "I need answers." I say jumping off the chair then rush to freshen up before calling a cab and heading to Zoe's.

I spot Carl busy on his macbook and I rush to him. He looks good great actually. "Hi..." I greet before settling down next to him on the couch. "H-hey." He greets back then fixes his glasses as he analyzes me.

"You look... Amazing." He compliments he looks like he's in disbelief. "You don't look bad yourself." I say and he smiles and we just look at each other until he clears his throat and looks away.

"Shall we order?" He asks and I nod. He calls over a waitress and we both place our orders

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nothing fancy.

"So... Where were you?" He asks and I heave out a sigh. I know he's not going to believe me and he'll think I'm crazy so I'll have to think of a story other than saying I was stuck in a dream with my sister.

"I felt guilty after hurting you so I left town together with Liz. I couldn't bear the pain of hurting my best friend like that." I say looking down. I'm a terrible liar.

"Look its my -" I chime in. "You said you had amnesia?" I ask and he nods. "I was told about a concussion and I had a temporary amnesia." He says and I nod.

I don't understand what's happening in this freaken world. I look at my coffee and try to move it with my mind but I fail. "Why are you staring at your coffee like that?" He asks startling me.

"I'm sorry I just feel bad for doing that to you." I say. He places his hand on top of mine. "I've

been meaning to ask how in the world did you manage to push me so hard?" He asks.

I take my coffee and sip from it and I heave out a sigh of relief when I see the waitress approaching with our breakfast. She places everything on the table. "Enjoy!" She says with a smile before walking off.

"Uhm and I got you notes from school so you can catch up." He says and I thank him before we dig in. A ping on the door beseeches for my attention and I quickly look up.

In walks a tall muscular man with the most beautiful smile I've ever seen. He's clad in a classy suit which looks like it was made on him with his hair neatly combed and styled.

I choke on my food as he looks at me and his eyes flash in gold before turning back to deep sea blue and he looks away. "Are you okay?" Carl asks and I nod vigorously.

He looks behind him then looks back at me. "Are you sure?" He asks and I nod. "I think I'm starting on my periods I'll go check it out in the bathroom." I say already getting up and I rush to the bathroom.

Good its empty.

I stand in front of the sink then splash my face with water. Clearly I was dreaming it all makes sense. The dreams about Queen Eva and Mila and the baby. It was just a dream and that man is not real. Why would I dream of him in such a way?

I splash my face with water once again before wiping it dry. I needed that a wake up call. I left my handbag Carl will know I was lying.

I let out a groan of irritation before heading to the door. I halt in my tracks and feel prickles in my eyes as soon as I lay my eyes on him again. He's looking at me as if he was waiting for me.

"Th-this is the ladies' restroom." I say and he doesn't budge which freaks me out a bit. "C-can I pass?" I ask and he doesn't respond instead he steps forward resulting in me stepping back.

He shuts the door then makes his way to me I keep stepping back until my back comes in contact with the cold wall tiles. My breathing instantly ascends.

He cages me in his huge arms and searches for my eyes. I shut them and cross my fingers. "Wh-what do you want from me?" I ask. His warm and minty breath fans my face and I can feel him still staring at me.

"Staring is r-rude." I say.

I slightly open my one eye to check on him and he's still staring which terrifies me. He leans in and my breathing hitches. "Good morning young lady." He whispers in my ear and I instantly break down into shivers after hearing his voice.

"Hi..." I greet him back and earn a chuckle from him. "And that's how we do it we greet each other first." He whispers yet again and I squeeze my legs tightly together before swallowing hard.

"I-I'm sorry I was just shook to see you in the -"
He chimes in.

"Your boyfriend is waiting for you. Did you check for your period?" He asks and I shake my head in embarrassment. "He's not my... Boyfriend." I say softly. "How did you -" He chimes in yet again.

"Does he know that?" He asks and I swallow hard yet again as I take in his cologne. He removes his arms from the wall and turns his back on me.

I heave out a sigh before clearing my throat and making my way to the door. "Erica!" He calls out after me and I halt on my tracks. How does he know my name? "Your skirt fix it." He says and I look at myself.

There's nothing wrong with my skirt. I hear the sound of his clicking shoes before feeling his presence behind me. "Its too short..." He whispers before pulling it down.

I hold on to the wall. He clears his throat before making his way out. I lean against the wall before melting to the floor trying to digest whatever it is that just happened. I'm trying to fathom everything.

Its him its Colossus. My Colossus.

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