INGRID SONG

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FACECLAIM. Shin Ryujin.

HOMETOWN. Silver Lake, Los Angeles, California.

EYE COLOR. Brown.

HAIR COLOR. Dark Blonde.

HEIGHT. 5'4"

SEXUALITY. Bisexual.

STATUS. Single.

AGE. Nineteen.

YEAR. First.

MAJORS. Advanced Encryption and Awareness Training, Breath Control & Hand to Hand Combat.

SPOKEN English & Korean.

LANGUAGES.

ROOMMATES. Satomi Miyamoto & Rafael Delgado.

PETS. One white cat (Artemis, obvs). He doesn't live on campus.

BIOGRAPHY.

i. when your parents name you hwa-young, they already know you will never go by your korean name, so they call you ingrid even from infancy. it was a phase, as it turned out, their saturday night viewings of old american movies. it's a swedish name, and they give it to you after a swedish woman. it's your mother who falls in love with ingrid bergman in *casablanca*, while your father is more partial to *spellbound*. when you grow up, you inherit his love for hitchcock and you love your american name. but you love your korean one, too.

you grow up bilingual and since you live in los angeles, it's not uncommon. but you don't have much of an interest in learning other languages, you think two is plenty. your parents do attempt to teach you spanish and french, or that's what they expect you to learn at private school, but you fully tune out during the muzzy videos and doodle on the sheet you're supposed to be using to take notes.

something your parents instill in you that you actually *do* care about is the importance of self-defense. you start taking karate as a child and you love it, so it's not long before you start doing tae kwon do and jiu jitsu, and your parents seem strangely relieved. you'll keep training throughout middle school, and high school.

you're only seven when they tell you that you're moving. you have friends, though it won't take long for you to lose touch once you leave. you don't know it but your parents were offered a bonus they *couldn't* turn down, if only they agreed to relocate to dc, where reign tech's american headquarters are. you're outgoing but you're nervous, because sometimes making friends is easy but sometimes it isn't. *don't worry* your parents assure you, *there's other kids in the house next door*.

ii. so that's how you meet rei ren, in great falls, virginia, who you sort of hate at first out of spite, because *her* dad is the reason *your* parents moved you here. they try to get you excited about the big backyard and your new room and the outdoor patio space. when you're older, you'll throw legendary birthday parties and a few secret bashes while your parents are away on business, but nothing too crazy because you love your parents, so you respect them.

and you grow to love this house, so you don't want anything bad to happen to it. you grow to love your neighbors, too, even if their house is so big it's kind of comical and rei always seems embarrassed when you come over, even though you're used to it by now. you come over to use the pool a lot during the summers, like a *lot*, but you both know the friendship is real.

you know that rei's family runs a huge, fancy company, and that's why they have a huge, fancy house. and you've been thinking about working there one day yourself, because you love computers and you love taking them apart and figuring out how they work. you're not so good at putting them back together, yet, though eventually you'll be a pro and build your own gaming computer with all the customizations you want. you ask your parents if you can see where they work, job shadowing or whatever.

when they say yes, you're so excited you don't sleep very well the night before. you enter the building and stare in awe at everything. but it's a big building and even though you do try to literally shadow your parents the whole day,

they get pulled into a conversation with some colleagues and you wander off. you're fifteen, so maybe you should know better than to snoop, but you're also famously nosy and your parents *know* that.

the door is open, so you figure that means you can go in. your parents had to scan you in, which was cool! maybe once you get through the front entrance, everything inside is under your jurisdiction. you're not really thinking about that, though, when you turn on the lights and see all kinds of tech you've never even heard of. there's suspiciously average looking watches and even shoes which you discover have trick panels, though you don't know what all the buttons do and you're smart enough not to risk finding out. there computers with aggressively confusing coding with you try to turn them on. you find all of it extremely fascinating, but also sort of...scary, like this isn't the kind of stuff that's supposed to be here.

you leave and refind your parents and they don't ask much of where you were, maybe they hadn't even noticed. they're attentive parents but they have a lot of other things to focus on while they're at work. for the rest of the day, you're quiet but dutiful. when you get home, you immediately run to sam's room and tell him the news: your parents might be supervillains?

iii. of course, because he always believes you and because he always wants to help you, he agrees to conduct further research with you. but it's pretty hard, trying to find proof of your parents being evil. you don't know what to look for and googling isn't helping at all. you both think, after a few weeks, that you've gathered enough evidence to confront your parents. so you do.

and your parents come clean immediately, laughing. well, this was sooner than we wanted, but...the truth is, your mother and i used to be spies. we're retired now, but--

he tells you the whole story, how they met and fell in love and even worked together in the field. but there are more important things, like family, so they retired before sam was born. there are parts of that world, they said, that they didn't want to be a part of. but the tech side? that's where they can really make a difference. you and sam stare at each other before breaking into grins. this is *so* much cooler than them being bad guys!

but, well, that's not all. there's something you should know about what it means to be a blackthorne. after your father finishes telling you about your grandmother's family, you feel kind of queasy. you *like* fighting but you don't think you'd like taking it that far and you appreciate your parents for being so honest but you...don't know how to respond, or what to think, so you go to your room and you don't leave for dinner.

iv. when rei leaves for college and so does sam, you don't know what to do with all the sudden loneliness you've never noticed before. you turn to videogames, and you're *good* at them, too. it makes sense, to an extent, since your parents work in tech and you've always been interested in it, too. it's not like you haven't always played video games, because you already had an x-box *and* a playstation and a 3ds. but it wasn't, like, a passion. but it's amazing how quickly it sucks up your free time, you even start drawing less.

your parents are just happy you're happy so they let you buy all the proper decor (according to you) for your room. before video games, your big thing was sketching. mostly pretty girls and sometimes boys who'd fit in well with your favorite animes, but you also draw celebrities when the inspiration strikes and you always post them to your instagram and tag them, just hoping they'll see it and like it.

when she shares your sketch in her instagram story, you wake up to 20,000 new followers. and a lot of them are commenting on your art, mostly your other celebrities portraits, but some of them actually take the time to compliment your watercolors or photographs. the best thing about great falls is how beautiful it is and you're not

sure which you like more, taking photos or painting landscapes. you keep it up, which is easy because art comes naturally to you, and you gain a steady online following. they even start to follow you on twitter. so, by the time your love of gaming and playing online with people has kicked into hyperdrive, you already have something of a following. when you first start streaming, you get a few followers immediately just from twitter. you only have a couple hundred for the first month but you don't really care. your family has money, it's not about that, and you're not *purposely* attention seeking. it's more about connecting with people and doing what you love.

whether anyone watches or not, you keep to a consistent schedule. you talk to people in the chat. you make friends with bigger streamers and they start inviting you to play with them so you gain more followers that way, and by the time you're supposed to go off to college and become a spy, you have a couple thousand followers on twitch. you know what your priorities should be and you know your channel will suffer while you're at school, but you bring a few things to school so you can smile for the camera and still feel that the room behind you looks authentically like ingrid song.



the song great falls home.

CONNECTIONS.

PLATONIC / POSITIVE.

SAM SONG. Ingrid and her older brother have always been close, and it was definitely nice having

someone in her corner when they found out their parents were spies...and not only that, but part of some wild ass spy legacy family? That said, she couldn't be more excited that Blackthorne bit the dust, that place sucked! And now she and Sam get to

go to the same school.

REGINE REN. They were neighbors for most of Ingrid's life and she definitely considers Rei to be one

of her closest friends. She was the first person (well, and Rei's siblings) she knew who had parents sort of likes hers and she's SUPER DUPER excited that they're finally going

to school together!

TING ZHAO. Best friends! They're both pretty positive people though I wouldn't exactly call them

upbeat (okay yes maybe Ingrid is upbeat). That unconditional kind of platonic love.

SOREN AVERY. Gaming buddies from the pre-streaming days! Ingrid didn't actually start getting into

streaming until after they stopped playing together/talking as regularly. She's never met a gaming friend offline so she's thrilled and also thinks it's kind of hilarious they ended up at Gallagher. This is actually not platonic at all she wants to kiss him so bad like

PLATONIC / NEGATIVE.

GAMER RIVAL. Pretty self explanatory! I think the multiplayer games Ingrid currently plays are

Overwatch, Among Us & League so maybe she and your char regularly play each other

and they're super competitive together.

ROMANTIC

FLIRTATION. Ingrid isn't shy but for some reason she never knows what the *vibe* is with this person.

If they're another First Year, I'm thinking they met during orientation, and if not, maybe they helped Ingrid move in on the first day. They have a flirty dynamic but does it even

mean anything?? Stay tuned!