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(Aurora's pov |

Xavier was breathing heavily, my eyes glued on the rise and fall of his chest. I could almost see the pounded of his heart like this. Something stirred in my being, something like a burning passion to be claimed.

I want him to claim me.

Xavier must've noticed my stare, his canines jutting out as he growls. "I want you to lick up every last drop of my semen on my stomach."

His order had my insides twisting so deliciously that the tingling in my pussy roared back to life. I nodded, finding myself excited to taste him. My tongue slowly licks my bottom lip as if already tasting him.

I lift up one of my legs and brought it to the other side of him. I could feel his stare burning on the side of my face as I slowly descend my mouth to the creamy substance.

I froze a breath away from touching the substance when I feel his long fingers wrap around the length of my pink tresses to pull them away from my face.

"I want to have a good view," Was all. he growled out before guiding my lips down.

My tongue darts out and I take a taste of it. I find myself moaning at the salty yet yummy taste of him.

Xavier's beast growls, his stomach vibrating and muscles tightening as he does so.

Not able to resist, I began lapping at every bit of his cum, until his stomach was clean. I found myself hungry for more and trailed my tongue up until I reach his chest, then his nipple. He shuddered when my tongue trace the bud. My tongue goes back to where I could feel his heart.

I could hear his shallow breaths and the way his heart thud under my tongue. Xavier doesn't protest so I take that as permission to continue. My tongue soon slithers up to the crook of his neck, my lips suddenly stopping on the racing pulse.

“Don't

His voice suddenly has me freezing and he abruptly rolls away from me, taking his warmth with him.

Xavier sits at the edge of the bed, his head in his hands, and he groans,

Confused by his actions, I sat wordlessly behind him as I watch his rigid back. Until he broke the silence.

“I'll have Sarah pack a few stuff in a bag for you. This will be your last night here.”

There were thousands of things I would expect him to say, but this one was not one of them.

I could feel my very own blood freeze from how cold the words tumbled out of his mouth. Then dread curled at my stomach until I felt nauseated.

I wanted to throw up.

“Wh-at, wh-y ? Did I do some thing wrong ?” I stuttered out, feeling the exact same way I felt when I stumbled onto his territory.

Lost.

Completely and utterly lost.

He takes a good while to answer. His tone growing heavy as he fought to keep his real emotions at bay.” You didn’t. I just have no need of you.”

My heart drops and my eyes mist with tears.

He has no need of me ?

My lips tremble as I glared at his back. “Where will I go ?” I whispered brokenly.

Who would ever have thought I would desperately beg if I have to, to stay in the crimson pack ? Under the rule of Alpha Xavier ?

He must’ve heard the way my voice sounded because he froze for a good while before replying. “Wherever you wish. Just not here. I can’t have you here.” His tone cracks at the end.

My eyes fall to the sheets, my tears rolling down my cheeks. This felt like a rejection of some sort. Twisting its way into my gut and piercing my heart.

I hated this feeling

“Why ?” I whispered with a heavy heart.

Why did he make me want him so badly and have hope that someday, he'd accept me? Only to toss me away like I was a nobody? Like I was not his mate?

“Because you're not safe here. I'm not safe to be around Aurora. I'm a powerful Alpha, one everyone, every single pack will come to try and take down one day. You may not see it now, but I am doing this for your own benefit.” He grumbles, rising from the bed but doesn't turn around.

I wanted him to turn around and see what his words had caused. See how his words were breaking me.

But something told me that's exactly why he refused to turn around. He didn't want to see my broken face.

“I'll have you spend the night here alone because you need the rest after what we.....just did. You'll leave by the morning. Don't worry, I'll have a wolf escort you and show you the way out safely

“I don't want to go! I don't want to leave you!” I suddenly burst out, my fingers digging into the sheets as my heart pained.

Please don't send me away.

Please

I begged inwardly.

Xavier's form stiffens like a rock and after a few heavy moments of silence. He speaks. “You know.....”

“Don't you?” He whispered, head turning a side but still, his eyes never flick to stare at me.

I move my eyes off his back and stare at the wall behind him before swallowing. I know what he was referring to.

“Yes. I know what we are. I know about the bond.” I admit, turning my eyes back to his back to see his reaction. He doesn’t disappoint when I see the rise and fall of his shoulders.

“Then you know why I am doing this,” He whispers, head snapping front and completely avoiding mine.

“Rejection,” I whispered, my heart feeling like it was on fire as a quiet sob whips out of my mouth.

“No,” He snarls lowly taking a step away from the bed and turns around to leave. “For protection.” With that he storms away, leaving me staring at the door he just walked out of.

I didn’t even care that he walked out naked, or that I was equally naked. All I seem to care about, was knowing that by tomorrow, I wouldn’t feel his heat, or his touch, or the pleasurable tingles he gave me anymore. Because by tomorrow, I wouldn’t be here.

This was what I wanted when I first got here. To be free of the world of wolves. To not have to worry. To be completely free.

But what was good in being free if I were not happy?

Being in Xavier’s arms was the happiest I have ever been in my entire life. Bond or not, I didn’t want to let go of the feeling.

But soon. I’d have to but not by choice.

He was sending me away. He might as well have killed me instead. Because I do not think I could go on without him being near. Those few days being in his presence made me grow fond of the cold wolf.

I wanted to stay. I want to stay with him.

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Xavier's pov:

This is what I had feared. A weakness.

I had a fucking weakness.

And that weakness was Aurora.

(Aurora's pov)

The door creaks open about ten minutes later after Xavier stormed out. A blonde head girl enters, her soft smile brightening the tense room. Her face was familiar, she was perhaps the other girl who brought food for me the other day. In her hands was a tray filled with what I presume was food.

My belly grumbles, remembering I hadn't eaten anything as yet.

I move my swollen red eyes from her, gulping as I bring my knees to my chin. I got dressed as soon as he left the room. I didn't want his food, his pity. He can take the food and shove it where the sun doesn't shine.

In all honesty, I was now actually very angry with him.“

I listened to the sound of her footsteps as she nears, until she stops just at the edge of the bed.

“Hey, Alpha Xavier said you hadn’t

“I’m not hungry.” I cut sharply, twisting my body away from her.

“Oh,” She mumbles softly and for a second I feel guilty for the way I spoke to her. But if she was anything like Josie then I don’t think apologizing would be to my benefit.

“But probably you should...eat? Your stomach sounds like it needs the uh food.” The girl suggested after a pregnant awkward pause.

Just as her words slipped out, my stomach decides to agree with her. It grumbles loudly, crawling on the four walls around me until I grew embarrassed by its loudness.

Feeling flustered, I turned to the girl, my eyes falling on the tray she held in her grasp. Sighing, I nod. “One bite won’t hurt I guess.”

She beams, her glossy pink lips splitting into a dazzling smile. “Good! Because you’re so thin

Her eyes widen in horror. “Oh, I didn’t mean it like that. So sorry if I offend you. It’s just that it would be lovely to see you have a proper meal.”

She smiles sheepishly, placing the tray on the bed. “I made sure to give you a bunch of grapes. They’re so big this season and juicy too. Ah and you must try the butter biscuits, they’re to die for. Oh and the lemon tarts

“I’ll try them all.” I giggled, unable to stay cold in her presence any longer. She was a talkative girl.

She smiles sheepishly, removing the cover to reveal all the food she just worded out seconds ago. “Sorry I like to rumble about food. Sometimes I think my first word was food related and not shit like my mom told me,” She giggles, pushing the tray closer to me.

I smiled, enjoying the conversation more than I thought possible. “That wouldn’t have been as memorable as the word shit I suppose.” She hummed, flicking her eyes to the ceiling as if in thought.

“I think my mom probably was doing me a favor. Perhaps wanted me to sound cooler than the other kids.” She snorts.

“Nothing’s cooler than the word shit,” I laughed lightly. Grateful she was somehow causing a distraction.

The girl laughed, eyes dancing. ” My name is Sarah by the way. I’m a maid here, kind of. I’m usually a chef, in the making of course. I’m still learning. But hey, try out the lemon tarts first. I made them myself.” She pushes the tray closer, and surprisingly plops down on the edge of the bed.

Her brown gaze stared at me in excitement. “Well go on. I want to hear what you think about it.” She chirps. She can barely contain her excitement, nearly bouncing on the bed when I reached out for the lemon tart.

I brought the tart to my mouth and bit into it. The first thing I tasted was the tang of the lemon then a burst of.....salt.

I nearly spat it out but thought it would be too improper and would probably hurt her feelings. So I chewed it quickly, smiling, maybe grimacing at her while nodding. ” It’s good.”

Sarah looks at me for a few seconds before throwing herself on the bed. ” Everyone lies to me. How am I supposed to get better if they keep lying? It sucks, throw it out before you get a tummy ache. “She sighs heavily

I quickly swallowed because there was no napkin to spit it out but did put the rest of the tart back on the tray.

I wouldn’t touch it again with a ten foot pole.

“Seriously I did warn you that I was a chef in the making. I did not say I was thee chef.” She mumbles, looking at the ceiling.

I looked at her with raised brows. “Was that what you would’ve told them if I died by those awful tarts?” I joked.

“Honestly I did not think of that.” She laughs sitting up then suddenly scuttled to her feet. “Oh shit the alpha is going to kill me for being on his bed.” She stared at the spit she was on in horror.

But then after a few seconds brushes it off. “I’ll just say I fell. Anyway, I heard from Josie that your name is Aurora. Lovely name by the way.” She chirps out quickly, her brown eyes staring at me kindly.

I stiffen at the mention of Josie, but relaxed when she complimented me.” Thank you.”

“You really have a lovely name and I’m stuck with this common name. Like who names their child Sarah? I’ve scolded my mom many times about her dumb decision My dad on the other hand thinks it was a cool

name back in the day. I mean how back in the day are they talking about?
We're in the 20s and I'm just nineteen

“Oh, I'm rambling again. It's a curse, I can't sadly get over it.” She sighs after she notices my wide eyes.

” It's fine. It's... entertaining.” I mumble truthfully as I reach out for the butter biscuits and pray that she wasn't the one who made them. She notices my gaze and laughs.

“I promise I'm not the one who made the butter biscuits so you can breathe out a sigh of relief.” She snorts.

Actually sighing in relief, I took a bite into the biscuits and nearly moaned. It was so good.

“You really are pretty, I don't see what's the huge fuss about your features. You look normal to me and quite beautiful. Josie's just a jealous bitch and you should not pay her any attention. She's had a crush on Alpha Xavier for so long that I think somewhere in her brain, she thinks she'll have him. But I think seeing the way he treats you, all the unmated females are kinda jealous that you snagged the handsome Alpha's attention.”

“He's very cold you know, ever since his parents died. He doesn't let anyone get close to him. But since you've come, he has been quite possessive of you and extremely protective. I've never seen him act that way before. And neither have they. Which is why many believe you're his mate. But some think it's impossible since it's never happened before. You know an unknown creature mated to a wolf

“Ugh I'm rambling again. Sorry. I think it's a disease.” She apologizes for what felt like the hundredth time.

I open my mouth to speak but she beats me to it.

* By the way....what are you? If you don't mind me asking? I just have never seen a creature like you before. Well except for elves with the pointy ears but that's in books. But elves don't have colored hair like yours or eyes like yours. And it's quite rare to stumble on them. They also are a bit shorter too. So maybe you're not fully an elf. But a mixed breed with something else? I don't know any creature who has hair that's not a common black, brown, red, or blonde. Neither the eyes. The eyes are very rare.”

She notices my surprised gaze and winces. “Sorry. I talk too much sometimes. I need a cap on my tongue,” She snorts.

But before I could utter a word, she beats me to it, again.

“Some think you're created by a witch. But if that were true you'd probably do some evil shit by now. So that should've been crossed out. I think maybe you're the first of your species.” She smiles.

Then bends down a little and whispers. “And I think you'll be the first of your species to ever be mated to an Alpha. Which is freaking cool by the way.”

I opened my mouth, then closed it. Opened it again but to only stammer. “Xavier and I we're not- I do

Giggling Sarah straightens her spine. “Don't worry secret is safe with me. Even though majority already suspects. I'll try to distract them as much as I can until Alpha Xavier stops acting like a child and claim you as his

My eyes tore away from her and pin down on the sheets. “He doesn’t want me,” I whispered heavily. Gulping down the emotions that made a lump in my throat.

Sarah snorts.” Trust me, I know about wolves. If a male wolf doesn’t want his mate, he’d reject her on the spot. Xavier took you in not even knowing what kind of species you were. Because deep down, he didn’t care that you were not a wolf, he knew he wanted you. He knows he’ll claim you. He might not admit it to himself yet. But I’m certain when you go tomorrow he’ll run behind you and probably claim you.” She shrugs. “Did I also mention that I’m also a psychic in the making?”

I giggled through the tears, finding her words funny yet somehow hopeful.” Are you a psychic or a chef?” I joked.

She snorts. “Both.”

I laughed but soon sighed dejectedly. “You know about tomorrow.”

“I’m the one who was ordered to pack you a bag. He was very adamant about making sure you have warm clothes and blankets. But something tells me you won’t need that bag,” She smiles cheekily.

My brows drew together. “What makes you think that?”

She winks. “Psychic in the making remember?”

“Anyway, I’ll leave you to eat up. I’ll come back in an hour to collect the tray. It was nice talking to you Aurora and I do hope alpha Xavier changes his mind before it’s too late.” She smiles.

After saying goodbye, Sarah leaves the room and now it was just only me and the food.

I ate with my heart heavy as I remembered that tomorrow was quickly approaching.

Hours ticked by. Sarah came to take the tray hours ago and left after rambling about being the first among her siblings to ever surpass her father's height. She leaves soon after when Eli reaches.

He was supposedly there to guard the door. Not that I needed a guard. I wasn't going to escape. Not when I had the intentions of actually staying.

So after it was really dark out and the park house grew silent, I summoned the courage to walk to the door and opened it. Xavier had not shown his presence after he coldly told me he doesn't need me here.

But I was going to him.

If he didn't want to fight for us. I was going to for the both of us.

So I opened the door, surprised to see that the door has a heavy weight on it as I pulled it open. Eli falls to the floor with a huff. He must've fallen asleep sitting down in front of the door.

His eyes suddenly opened in alarm and he looks at me above him, blinks then suddenly seem to understand what was going on and rises to his feet like they were on fire.

"Aurora," He says sheepishly. "Was just taking a little nap." His hands go in his hair and he scratches his scalp.

"I can see that," I mumble, biting my lip to stop from laughing. He was the world's worst guard. Who falls asleep at their post?

Looking at me in humiliation, he clears his throat. "Uh did you need something? I can call for Josie or Sarah

I shook my head. “No, it’s fine. I actually want to know where Xavier was?”

If he was shocked by how I referred to his Alpha he didn’t show it.

“Uhm, He was in his sturdy last I checked.”

Drawing in some air, I looked at him.” Can I- can I go to him please?”

Eli’s gaze widens and his brows shoot up in shock. But then he seems to have read through me because his gaze softens and after a few silent moments, he answers.” Just don’t mention to him that I fell asleep.”

I smiled, taking that as his yes as he turns around and walks. But then stops and whirled around to stare at me with a raised brow.” Well?

Aren’t you coming?”

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(Aurora’s pov)

“Just up ahead.” Eli said lowly as he walked in front, his stance stiff and probably regretting agreeing to bring me here.

I nod even though he couldn’t see me and wrapped my arms around myself.

I feared of what he’d say to me but I had the determination to make him see that, perhaps we could make this work. Perhaps he doesn’t have to send me away to protect me.

Maybe we indeed needed each other and parting ways would not be to our benefit.

I needed to make him see.

That I was worth it.

But as Eli stopped a few feet away from what I presume was Xavier's study, my heart dropped and dread weighed heavy in my gut.

I was terrified. But knew if I were to show him that I was indeed worth it, I'd have to be stronger. Act stronger. Show him I was stronger.

So I pulled in a sharp breath through my nose and let it out through my parted mouth. I needed to relax if I were to speak to him.

Eli turns to me, slightly grimacing as his eyes turned foggy. He was mind linking someone. I had a feeling it was Xavier.

After his eyes had cleared, he coughs, looking anywhere but me." Are you sure about this Aurora? He's pretty frustrated and angry in there,"

I could detect concern in Eli's voice and it was enough for me to summon a reassuring smile.

I nod, silently coaxing myself that Xavier was my mate and he'd never hurt me intentionally." I'm sure," It was like I needed to reassure myself that I indeed wanted to do this. There was no backing away now. Just a few more steps and I'll be faced with him again

Just a few more.

I gulped, staring at the concerned eyes of Eli and smiled. He barely knew me but somehow he was looking at me with this emotion I don't see on a daily.

"I'll be fine," I added, sidestepping him and walking towards the door.

I will not take anything bad he has to say to heart. Deep down he wouldn't mean them. I reassured myself like a silent prayer as I pry the door open.

His eyes are cast down to the paper on his desk, pen in hand as he scribbled something hastily, as though in a hurry to get it out of the way.

I give one last fleeting glance to Eli, who only smiled, or should I say grimace before I closed the door. His eyes had told me enough, he was wishing me luck because I needed it.

With the clicking sound of the door shutting, I take note of Xavier's broad shoulders stiffening. He was clothed, thankfully. Perhaps had entered the room when I went to use the toilet after he left. I wasn't gifted with the unique senses and hearings of wolves, so of course, I'll not feel disappointed that I hadn't heard him.

“My mind will not change.” Came his gruff and unemotional reply.

I played with my fingers in front of me, staring at him with burning eyes of desperation. Why can't he see that I want to stay here with him?

I gulped the lump that was in my throat and took a step forward, my posture stiff as a rock. “I didn't come here to change your mind,” I lied which came out smoother than I anticipated.

I was getting good at this. A bit too good.

Xavier's head lifts and the amber in his eyes set fire in my belly. They were beautiful. Too beautiful to belong to a beast. But I wasn't so sure he was actually the beast everyone feared. He showed me a side of him, that I don't think he had yet to show to others.

A gentle side.

A caring side.

A side where he'll choose to protect instead of listening to his selfish heart's desire.

I didn't know much about mates but I was willing to find out with, him. I was willing to do whatever possible to be by his side and this time not for the selfish reason of just needing protection, but the need to actually be in his presence and take the warmth he was willing to give.

I wanted him.

Beast or not, I wanted him.

I don't fear him anymore.

Perhaps fear the unknown feeling he gives me, but not fear him in a way I want him away from me.

I really do want him.

” Then why have you come here then Aurora? Why have you left your room to find me? I cannot give you what you want,” He grumbles. I am quick to hear the pause in his breathing when the lies roll out of his lips.

I pinched my fingers, calculating the seconds that ticked by with the heavy pregnant pause. I do something that unnerved him, I took a step forward, then another, and then another until I was basically by his side.

I fixed my gaze on Xavier's neck, looking closely at his pulse. It was quick. Really quick.

Somehow that brought comfort in knowing I can do to him exactly what he does to me.

“You and I both know that isn’t true Xavier,” I whispered.

Xavier’s eyes close as he breathes in sharply and I’m quick to notice the shudder that he failed to hide.

“Don’t,” He grunts, opening his eyes only to reveal that of red crimson.

I don’t let his sudden emotions affect my composure. Instead, I step impossibly closer until my legs almost brushed his.

I could feel my heart pummel in my chest and I swore I could hear the sound of my own blood running through my veins as his gaze pierced me with a maddening heat.

“Aurora

“I know you’re the alpha Xavier, you’re the leader of the pack. But you’re also my mate. And I have the right to also choose if I want to stay with you or go. And I choose you. I want to stay.” I finally admitted in a breathy tone that nearly had my lungs collapsing by the lack of air.

Xavier’s sharp intake of breath reaches my ears and I found the sound delightful. Arousing even. To know that I can’t unsettle his emotions like he does to me was undeniably pleasurable in ways I do not understand.

Suddenly Xavier’s on his feet, his body pressing to mine his hands going on my waist, and his lips connecting with mine.

I gasp, shocked by his swift yet arousing actions. He grunts, brutally pushing his tongue into my mouth to meet my tongue where he dominated with heated flicks of desire.

I arch my back, his fingers pressing into my skin as he draws me to him. I can only seem to breathe heavily and moan like I was in some kind of heat.

I was though. I was very hot at the moment. It was like someone had set me on fire. And that someone was the alpha of the Crimson Moon pack.

Xavier soon grows impatient, the flicks of his tongue getting desperate as he sought for something. I hear the sound of papers being swiped aside, books thrown and I swore I heard something break. But Xavier doesn't pull away, neither of us do.

My hands reach in his hair, tugging at his soft strands as I am too desperate for something he alone can give me.

I gasped as I'm suddenly hoisted up and placed on the desk. "Aurora," Xavier growls on my lips, his fingers finding the waistband of the black leggings and panty and tugs them down my legs, his warmth going along with them until they are on the floor and he comes back between my legs.

My eyes dart between both of the crimson orbs, and my breathing grows more erratic. I wanted him. Whatever way possible. I wanted him. And by the look in his eyes, he wanted me too.

"Aurora," He whispered, deep gaze falling to my lips then my neck where he stared at a certain spot for longer than necessary.

"Xavier," I whispered breathlessly and gasped when his fingers latch around my neck.

He moans, then slams his lips on mine, curving his mouth slightly so he could dip his tongue deeper into my mouth. His tongue meets mine, and it's now fire where we touch.

His hands around my neck travel down between my breasts slowly, then over my belly until he reached that heat that begged for him.

He groans, his tongue whipping against mine as his fingers teased my throbbing core. I arch my back, impossibly aroused and in desperate need of him.

“Xavier,” I whispered in desperation as I fought to win a losing battle with my body.

“My woey.

This wasn't how I had imagined this talk to go. In fact, I was eighty percent probably leaning more on ninety percent sure he'd demand me out of his sturdy and away from him.

Not with my fingers touching him as desperately as he was touching me.

His mouth draw away from mine and the protest that slowly crept up my throat died out when his lips trailed kissing down my jawline to my neck. I stiffen when suddenly I could feel the sharpness of his canines on the soft tender skin of my flesh.

The pointy sharp teeth trail to the hollowness of my neck where my shoulder and neck met. I suddenly shivered, overcome with an impossible burning I couldn't understand.

Xavier's rough breath flutters against the skin sending shivers of pleasure in my body. I find my head slowly drawing aside, giving him better access to my neck. I clutched his hair tightly as an anchor, my heart beating in my chest.

But as quickly as the burning came it vanishes when Xavier moves his teeth, groaning as he kisses the showing cleavage of my breast, then goes

down to my belly. And even though there was cotton in his way, his lips still manages to burn through the material and reach my skin.

But then, his mouth latched to that certain area between my thighs that ached for him and all I could do was cry out as his tongue pressed into me.

My vision turns a little foggy as he works his tongue between my lips down there and seeks for that hole he then plunged his entire tongue into.

I cry out again, my hands going on his shoulders to somehow stop him because the pleasure was too powerful. But Xavier was a hungry beast and he showed me what hungry beasts do when they are desperate.

His hands curl around my thighs and he tugs me forward, bringing my pussy closer so his mouth can devour it. My whimpers turned to cries as I feel a painful tightening in my lower stomach.

It was so powerful that it felt like a knot that needed to be untied. And it was like Xavier knew this, because his tongue wickedly swirled in my pussy, tasting every corner as if untying that knot with his tongue.

He'd groan like a beast when I tremble, he'd hiss when I cry and he'd pant when I could no longer hold that knot together and it unraveled by his tongue's actions. —

I cried out his name loudly, my voice sounding like a screech of a banshee to my ears as I saw little specks of white in my vision fluttering like fireflies.

Xavier growls beastly as he drinks every last drop of my undoing and then comes up between my thighs, his eyes now amber as they connected with mine.

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I gulped, my chest rising and falling and took note of how his breathing was also rough.

“Xavier

I start in a breathless tone but he stops me with a shake of his head.

“I still can’t change my mind Aurora,” He grunts, his eyes now tearing away from mine.

I could feel my heart drop in the pit of my stomach at his words but put up a brave front. “And why not? It’s clear that you want me just as I want you

He steps away from me, his heat going along with him and leaving me cold. He bends to pick up my discarded panty and leggings and tosses them on my naked thigh.

“Get dressed. “He murmurs. I reach for the material and looked at him helplessly.

What would it take to change his mind?

“Why do you

“Because I’m protecting you from the burdens of my past! And my future. Aurora this bond. It’s a burden

“Not to me,” I whispered cutting him off. “It’s not a burden to me.”

Xavier shook his head. “You don’t understand

“Then make me Xavier. Make me understand,” I murmured staring into his eyes.

He clenches his eyes shut, turns away from me like he was in pain, walks to the wall, rests his forearm on the wall then his head falls on his arm.

He lets out a heavy breath as I move off his desk and get dressed.

“I’m not going to change my mind Aurora. This is for your own good. Your protection.” He mumbles.

Sliding up my leggings to my thigh, I stare at his back. “But I

Suddenly he whirls around, his gaze angry and frustrated. “Enough Aurora! I don’t want you here. My people won’t accept you here! “He sneered.

I flinched at his words, a lump quickly forming in my throat. He sees this and his gaze softens but he doesn’t apologize. Instead, he mumbles.

“You’ll leave tomorrow morning

Suddenly with a burst of fury and self pity I snapped.” Then reject me. If you’re tossing me out. Reject me.”

I didn’t want him to, but anger had seem to take over any logical part of my brain.

His eyes suddenly widen slightly in surprise and he croaks out after a long pause. “I can’t.”

He tears his gaze away from me and mumbles out in his demanding alpha tone. “Leave.”

I may not be a wolf but his powerful tone did work on me. After fixing my leggings back, I tum around to leave. When my hand is o n the latch, his voice flutters in my ear.

“This is for your own good.”

Clenching my teeth and my eyes in frustration I opened the door wordlessly and walked out. Eli is still there, leaning against a wall with his cheeks red and his eyes avoiding me.

I was too angry at Xavier to question him so I slam the door shut and walked ahead. Eli catches up to me, his bigger body nearly taking the entire space of the hallway.

“For what it’s worth Aurora. Xavier is wrong. Our pack will accept you.”

He had heard.

Must’ve heard everything.

“It doesn’t matter anyway. He doesn’t want me here.” I mumble making my way to the room he had once placed me in. I would not sleep in his bed. I will not suffer taking his scent knowing I’d not take the whiff of it any longer.

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:Xavier’s pov;

“You’ve really outdone yourself this time Xavier.” Eli murmurs, leaning against the wall, his legs crossed, his arms crossed.

He looked tired and noticeable unnerved.

“Spit out whatever you need to tell me,” I grumble knowing he had heard every single thing that happened in my study. Which meant that he knew Aurora was my mate. I should’ve made those walls soundproof.

I’ll have to look into that.

Eli face turns into one of shock as he places his hand on his chest, feigning a look of hurt. “You wound me Alpha. You make it sound as though I’ll accuse you of keeping such a huge secret from me. Although I’m disappointed in knowing you didn’t trust me enough to tell me about her, I think I know you too well to know how arrogant and sometimes too proud you can be. You’d never let anyone know your weakness.” He snorted.

I narrowed my eyes on him, my jaw ticking. He was right. I didn’t want anyone to know my weakness, which was one of the main reasons I kept the truth about Aurora away from them.

“Don’t anger me Eli You know how Reckon can be.” I warned.

“I will not hurt the fool for he’s actually right. But he failed to mention that you’re one of the biggest idiots alive. You’re a useless human who doesn’t deserve her. I should

I push Reckon at the back of my head, forceful and with much effort.

I ignored Eli and opened the door to my room. There’s no heartbeat and no sound of faint breathing. The room is empty.

I stiffen

“Where is she?” I turn to Eli with a snarl, anger rising and admittedly fear.

His gaze shifts to the other room and he nudges his head at the door.

“She went in there. She’s upset Xavier and she looks like she needs her space.”

I didn’t like my Gamma telling me that my mate needed space, especially space from me. But I knew he was right. She’s upset.

I caused this but in order to protect her from my burdens and my enemies, I have to let her go. I know I’ll probably grow weaker without her here but that’s something I’d willingly suffer if she’s at least safe and away from my troubles,

“You can leave now Eli. I’m here.” I mumble, after calming my raging anger.

He looks reluctant but nods. “I won’t tell Samuel or Chris if that’s what you feared. Like I’ve said millions of times before Xavier, you can trust me.”

I gave a single nod, detecting the truth in his words. He turns around to leave but I stop him. “Be outside before five in the morning. We’re going hunting for any evidence that it’s Raphael who’s the culprit.”

Eli turns around his eyes shifting from the door to my face before smirking. “Planning to avoid her until she leaves?”

When I don’t answer he laughs and walks away. When he’s out of sight, my gaze is drawn to the door.

I’m just going to take a quick peek to see if she’s alright.

Just a quick peek, nothing more.

But as I opened the door and stared at the lump on the bed, my heart raced. I didn't want to let her go.

While I was devouring her essence, I looked for that mark Rodrick said might be there. There wasn't any. So I had no more doubts she was actually my mate and not some witch's creation

She was my mate.

Mine.

Which meant protecting her was my top priority.

I listened to her soft shallow breaths, the sound of her heart, and the sighs she lets out. I relish in them. Making sure I keep them safely in my mind because I knew this would be the last night I'd hear them.

“Then reject me. If you're tossing me out. Reject me.”

My eyes move from her body on the bed as her words from earlier shattered the steel around my heart and made it hurt.

If only she knew that I can't simply bring myself to reject her.

Not because Reckon wouldn't allow it, no. Because every single part of my being wanted her. Needed her.

I don't know when exactly it happened, but somehow she snuck her way inside my heart. Maybe it was the bond or whatever, but I can't seem to bring myself to care.

There was this burning desire to claim her.

But protecting her was stronger than all other emotions.

I looked at her one last time, using my wolf vision to see her properly. My fingers itched to go over to her and swipe some of her tendrils off her face.

But instead, I opt to close the door, clench the handle tightly until the metal bent awkwardly and cut through my palm. My warm blood drop to the floor.

I welcome the pain. I'd welcome anything at this point, just to move my thoughts off of her.

I remove my hand from the handle and walked toward my room. I would try to sleep tonight. But knew I wouldn't be able to. Not with her in the other room and so far from me.

For a second, I wonder how I'd cope when she's away. How the hell would I cope now that my heart was already familiar with her ?

I grunt, opening the door, the wound on my palm already stitching to heal as I entered the room.

(Aurora's pov)

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There was something heavy in my gut when I woke up. The feeling of dread.

I sat up, my eyes falling on the heap of clothes that Lily had given to me. He must've brought them inside here or sent someone to drop them.

I move off the bed, my stomach twisting with anxiety as I make my way to the bathroom to relieve myself.

When I was done, I showered to move any stench of what happened last night. I didn't want to remember anything. If he wants to let me go then I would go. But not with those last memories.

After getting dressed, I waited patiently in the room. I wasn't going to go with anything he had given me. I will only go with Cassandra's bag. The very same bag I came here with.

Minutes went by until the door is slowly opened. Sarah's head peeks inside and her mouth forms an 'o'.

"I was not expecting you to be up already," She admits, fully entering with a huge bag in her grasp.

"Why waste time? Better to leave now than later." I said stiffly, calculating the steps she took until she is beside me.

She looks at me in pity and puts the bag on the bed. "I guess we'll be on our way then?" She asked, her tone airy and soft.

I furrowed my brows in confusion." What do you mean we?" I voiced out my thoughts.

"Alpha Xavier was very strict on seeing you safely out of the border. Beta Samuel we'll be the one to escort you out. I'm merely going with you until I know you're safe and on no man's territory." She says, her gaze saddening.

"I honestly thought my prediction would come true and he'd grow some balls. But I guess sometimes it takes longer on some men than others."

I was sure she'd very well get in trouble if someone catches her bad mouthing her Alpha in such a way. But she looks like she didn't care,

So forcing out a smile, I rose to my feet. "It's honestly fine. He doesn't want me here. I shouldn't have stumbled on his territory in the first place. It's actually a gift he's sending me away and not killing me like he has done to others. "I murmured softly.

Sarah grimaced, hoisting the strap of the bag over her shoulder. "You don't have to bring that along. I don't want it." I said, tearing my gaze away from her.

Getting away from here was all I ever wanted days ago, but now staying here was all I wanted.

Sarah must've sensed my mood because she gives me a look of pity." Please don't look at me this way," I mumble, unable to bear another look of pity.

"I'm sorry, I just thought...nevermind," She whispered with a shake of her head.

I started walking towards the door, my posture straight and composed yet internally I was crumbling with every step.

"Well let's get on with it," I whispered turning slightly to look over my shoulder at Sarah.

She still held the bag. She notices my gaze and winced. "If I don't give you this, Alpha Xavier will surely have my head."

Sighing, I nod. I didn't want to get her into trouble. I opened the door, my gaze falling to the floor quickly as I had not expected to see so many wolves in the halls.

As soon as the door opened, their gazes landed on me. I shifted on my feet unsteadily, looking anywhere but them.

I could feel Sarah's presence beside me and sighed in relief when her fingers clutch my hand and gives it a reassuring squeeze.

“Head up Aurora. You're not the enemy,” She whispered then tugged me forward.” You don't deserve the walk of shame, so head u p. chin up, posture straight.”

:Xavier's pov:

“Eli I thought I told you to be out before five!” I growled as I glared at my Gamma who struggled to keep his eyes open.

He yawns loudly, his arms lifting over his head as he cracks his tensed bones.” I swore I heard seven.” He shrugs after he finally manages to open his eyes.

The comer of my lips lift and my canines jut out in anger. “If you say you heard seven, then why the hell are you here at eight?” I growled

All my plans to avoid seeing Aurora would go down the drain if I don't leave now.

Eli winces. ” Uh, cause my alarm clock broke?” He said unsurely.

I had a hard time believing that Eli even owned a clock.

Sneering, I shifted into my wolf, Reckon's oddly quiet as he takes the lead and bounds over into the thick foliage.

I had one goal in mind. Keep myself distracted as best as I could, until she was safely away from the territory.

Lily's pov

I cracked the door open a little and tensed when my eyes fall on a white shirt stretched over a broad back.

“Oh, you're here,” I disgruntled, rolling my eyes as I fully open the door and glared at the back of Chris.

Such a nuisance.

Chris turns around, his eyes pinning me down with a hint of amusement. Great, the big oaf finds this situation amusing.

I arch a brow, popping my hip as I leaned against the doorframe.” Why am I staring at a sight so repulsive so early in the morning?”

Chris does the unimaginable, he grins. I'm nearly blinded by the pearly whites that peek out as he spreads his lips. “Good morningt o you too Lily.”

I grunt. “How is the morning good when I was nearly blinded by the sight of you?”

Chris was not ugly, far from it actually. But he always walked around with an air of confidence and I always presume there was a stick lodged up in his ass somewhere.

Clearly, that stick must've slipped out a little for him to manage a smile without being forced.

Chris ignores my jab and nudges his head inside my room. "Did you take your medicine?" His voice is filled with concern and something else, something raw.

I rolled my eyes, moving away from the doorframe to plant my hands on my hips. "Seriously you men are annoying. Yes, I took my medication happy? Do you want me to open my mouth so you can sniff it to investigate if I am lying or not?" I said dryly.

I expected a glare, not a flustered Chris whose gaze had dropped to my lips.

I furrow my brows, confused by his whole act. I mean it must be an act. Or did some witch replace Chris's soul? I've never seen him like this before.

It was quite.....intriguing.

"I-uh-I-" He stammered over his words, drowning me in more confusion.

What the hell happened to the buffoon?

He reaches up to scratch his chin. I find the action unsettling because my heart raced for an unknown reason.

Maybe it was the poison.

I cleared my throat, looking away from him. "Uh if you can excuse me, I would like to visit my friend Aurora," I stated.

“That girl was cast out this morning

My heart fell and I swore I got dizzy for a second upon hearing his words.

“What do you mean cast out?!” I snapped my widened eyes at Chris, who looked confused at my reaction.

“Alpha said he had no need of

My fingers whip in my hair as I tug at the roots harshly. “My brother is a fool! A damn fool!”

“Lily

“Has she left already?” I cut him off, my heart racing.

Chris looks reluctant to answer but nods. “Samuel’s the one who will escort her along with the maid named Sarah. They left ten minutes ago I think

I gritted my teeth until it hurt. Xavier was a very very stupid man.

Sometimes you just need to knock some sense into men with a huge bolder. Nothing smaller will do.

“Do you know their trail?” I asked urgently.

Chris again looks reluctant but answers cripplingly. “Yes.”

Good at least he can bring me there.

“What about my brother, where is he?” I asked stiffly. When I bring Aurora back, I’m going to rip him a new one.

“He’s out with Eli. They’re looking

I shook my head in disappointment. “Of course he is. What a coward. He can’t face his mistakes. Damn idiot. Now I have to clean up his mess.” I grumble, biting my thumb before looking at Chris.

I smiled, well as much as I can when faced with a situation like this. “Chris I need a favor. I need you to bring me to Aurora before she crosses the border

“I can’t do that Lily! Your brother

“Is an idiot. Who will thank me after I bring back his future. Now if you don’t bring me, I’ll just have to kick you where the sun doesn’t shine. Probably rip it out while I am at it. That way, there won’t be little idiot Chris’s around in the future.” I snapped cutting him off.

There’s something in his gaze that shifts when I finished my little speech. But he hides it quickly with a grin. Again I’m nearly blinded but keep my angry glare on

“Don’t let me go ape shit on you Chris. I may be small and my wolf may be extremely weak but don’t think for one second I can’t take you down. In fact, it will be easy. Like taking candy from a baby. But in your case, your balls will be detached from your

“Will you stop talking about destroying my balls if I bring you?” Chris grits out.

I flashed him a smile much to his irritation. “Now you’re talking Chris! Now let’s go!” I rushed, easily passing under his huge arm that had been leaning on the doorframe.

“You’re going to be the death of me,” Chris groans behind me softly but I heard. 1

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(Aurora's pov)

“Beta Samuel,” I bowed my head in respect for the powerful male wolf.

“We need to be on our way. Alpha Xavier was very strict on you being long gone before he gets back.” Beta Samuel says, his gaze flickering to the woods ahead. It was rather thick and scary.

I turn to stare at Sarah, my gaze falling down sadly. Did he seriously want me gone that bad?

Sarah must've noticed my gaze because she smiles in reassurance, clearly remembering that I didn't like the look of pity.

“It will be fine Aurora. I'm sure Alpha Xavier will come to his senses before you step foot out of the border.” She says softly, squeezing my clammy hand. My other hand held on to the small backpack Cas had given me.

The only thing of her I had left.

I wanted to know so badly of what happened to her. I wanted to know so badly if she were still alive and safe.

I clutched the bag tightly, using it as an anchor so I wouldn't break down and crumble before two wolves. It was embarrassing enough that everyone knew Xavier had cast me out.

Maybe this was for the better. Maybe just maybe, I can find my purpose to live a life of freedom just like I had wanted. Perhaps even find out what I truly am.

And maybe, meet Cas again.

*I highly doubt our Alpha would change his mind. I have known Xavier since he was a boy, he doesn't change his mind easily or often" Beta Samuel grunts, looking down on me like a man would do to the bottom of his shoe.

"Beta Samuel, with all due respect. I don't think your words are of much help or do we wish to hear them," Sarah grumbles beside me, annoyance clear in her voice.

I haven't known her for long, sadly, but she looks like a girl who was always chirpy. This was the first time I've ever seen her with a sculptured face of irritation.

It oddly didn't look like her at all.

Beta Samuel turned to stare at her, his features vexed and eyes glowing a piercing blue. "Know your rank Sarah," He snarls harshly causing Sarah to flinch back and her fingers to slip from my hand.

She bows her head apologizing quickly. "My apologies Beta Samuel. I will watch my words the next time."

Beta Samuel only grunts, eyes going back to his original color before turning to me. "Are you ready?" He asked, his brow lifting sarcastically

I turn to look at Sarah. Her eyes told me everything, she had hope her Alpha would come to his senses before it was too late.

But I didn't want to hold onto that hope knowing that it was just that, hope. Nothing more.

So I turn to beta Samuel and nodded.

“Sarah shall carry you on her back, with that dumb big bag. I do not want your kind, whatever you are near me. I will lead the way and do as my alpha has commanded of me to do. After you're out of our borders, you're no longer my problem.” He utters, looking like he wanted to be anywhere but here at the moment.

His words are harsh and I expect nothing less from him seeing as he hadn't liked me from the beginning. Especially with what happened with Adrian and all.

He takes a step back after I nod and then another until he starts peeling off his clothes. I tear my eyes away from him quickly, not wanting to see more than I bargained for.

Seconds later the sound of bones cracking filled the air and I wince. This must've surely hurt cause it does sound really painful.

When he's shifted fully he growls. I turn to him but he's staring at Sarah. With a nod, Sarah hands me the bag that indeed weighs more than I originally thought. It was really heavy.

“I'm going to shift Aurora and when I'm done, you come on my back, okay?” She says softly, smiling a little despite what happened moments ago with beta Samuel.

I nod, not seeing that I was in any position to protest. Seeing my agreement, she sighs and takes a couple of steps back before shifting into

her cream colored wolf. She was way smaller than beta Samuel and I can only hope she will be able to hold my weight

and the bag.

I turn to Beta Samuel, his wolf very intimidating. “Is it possible for me to walk? I don’t want to be too much

He growls, his sharp very big canines peeking out in warning. I gulp nodding before making my way to Sarah. She bends as best as she could so I’d be able to come on her. I

I carefully throw my leg over her, already apologizing for my weight before I am actually on her. When I am fully on her, I place the bag between my legs and held them both with one hand while the other gripped Sarah’s fur as gentle as I can.

Beta Samuel’s eyes grow foggy for a few seconds while staring at Sarah before he turns around and disappears into the thick trees. I

unconsciously grip Sarah’s fur tighter knowing she would soon leap into action too.

And I was right, she dashed to keep up with the Beta, her paws digging into the earth. For a small wolf, she was rather quick on her legs.

Before disappearing into the thickness of the trees and bushes, I turned around to stare at the packhouse I was leaving behind. I blinked away the moisture knowing I would never see him again.

Sarah whines, perhaps sensing my saddened mood. I turn to face the front, biting my lower lip before reassuring her. “I’m okay Sarah. I’ll be okay.” I whispered, bending down so I wouldn’t be sent flying by a lowered branch.

Adrian's pov

I winced while touching my neck. I can't believe he had done this to my beautiful neck. All because of her.

"More," I demanded of Josie, my voice scratchy, as I turn the mirror in a way so I'd see my neck only and not my face. It was still upsetting and quite unbelievable that this had happened to me.

"Yes my future Luna." Josie squeaks, applying more of the green healing balm on my discolored neck.

I gripped the handle of the mirror tightly, my teeth gritting the more I stared at the ugly purple and blue he left. It had been an entire day and it has not healed completely.

And all this was because of that ugly bitch.

"Add more!" I snarled, causing Josie to jump in startlement and end up throwing the balm on my lap. The green makes a mess on my beautiful flesh and I saw red. My hands quickly grasp her neck, tightening until her face turned the shade of red. "You dumb bitch," I growled as best as I could since it hurt to even speak.

Again it was all because of that ugly bitch.

"Sorry- I didn't-mean-" Josie choked out, her fingers reaching up to try to remove my fingers from her neck.

I snarl and push her away and rise to my feet. She falls to the floor by the force." You're lucky I'm not in the mood to kill anyone today." I spat glaring at her.

She squirms, her hands going to her throat as she stares at me in fear. I rolled my eyes. “Seriously. I barely touched you.” I grumble. So damn weak.

I look for a wipe on the table to wipe down the mess she caused on my thigh. When I am done I stared at her with an arched brow.” Well ?

Aren’t you going to finish rubbing the ointment on my neck ? Get up you ass and stop acting like a wimp.” I spat, fixing myself back on the chair and reached for the mirror.

Josie quickly scurries to her feet, clumsily racing back to me with wide eyes. “Sorry Adr-I mean future Luna.” She winces after catching her almost mistake.

She picks up the fallen balm and started applying it to my bruised skin. I glared at the discoloring, wishing it was on that stupid bitch instead. “I want to sink my claws into her pretty little neck and hear the satisfying sound of her bones breaking when I add pressure. I want that ugly bitch dead.” I snarled, my fingers coming up to touch my neck.

“You wouldn’t have to worry anymore about her. Heard last night that alpha Xavier casted her out. He says he has no need for her anymore.” Josie murmurs quietly, very concentrated on the task at hand.

I froze. Am I hearing correctly ? “Are you sure about this Josie ?” I asked tightly. I would hate to scar her face with my claws if she were lying.

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She nods, eyes fixated on my neck. “Yes, I am sure. It was the talk around last night. Some say she was his mate and he didn’t accept her-” She stops and freezes.

“I didn’t mean

“His mate? I’m his mate. No one else! Xavier was just infatuated with the girl for a little while. It’s clear that he came to his senses. But going as far as to call her his mate? Is our pack filled with idiots?” I gritted out.

How dare they think Xavier would be mated to a girl such as her?

I’m his mate, no one else.

“I suppose you’re right. I’ve never heard of a wolf much less an Alpha being mated to some other creature. I think he only had her here to see if he could figure out what she was. He must’ve figured out she was useless.” Josie whispered, going back to her task when she realized I wouldn’t snap her neck.

“Exactly. She’s nothing to him but just a useless ugly whore,” I smirked, pleased that he had casted her out and I no longer had competition. Though I wished he had let me sink my claws into her belly to perhaps damage her womb so she’d not make ugly creatures like her before she left.

Lily’s pov

“You’re gripping my fur too tightly Lily. Ease your grip.” Chris whined through the link.

I rolled my eyes bending down so I’d not get smacked by a huge hanging branch.

“If you would at least be a little more graceful I wouldn’t have to grip your fur tightly. I have lost count of the many times I was nearly thrown off

I screeched when Chris's huge wolf jumped over a huge fallen tree. I gripped his fur tightly, scared to topple and fall to my death.

“Did you not demand me to catch up to them as quickly as I can?” He grunts through the link, jumping over a bush.

Seriously he could've just passed around the damn thing.

“Yes, I do recall I did. But not to the extent of losing my life before I even get there!” I snapped and then squealed when a branch smacked me in the face. I was at least grateful that it wasn't a huge branch.

“And if I recall, you were seconds ago whining about me being a slowpoke,” Chris added which was not needed.

I glared down at him, annoyed that he was trying to make a useless point. Men. Stupid fools they are.

“You can be fast and careful at the same time or are you too much of an idiot to know that?” I snapped, tempted to smack his big wolf head.

His ears suddenly perk and he picks up speed.” They're not too far ahead. I'll reach them in a minute top.”He boasted.

I rolled my eyes. “As long as I reach there in one piece then good. But if I die before the poison kills me then I am haunting you for the rest of your life.” I waned, gripping his fur even more tightly knowing he was about to sprint like his life depended on it.

(Aurora's pov »

I don't know how long we were racing through the woods. But all I knew was the unsettling feeling in my gut the farther away I get. It was like my

body, my soul was bleeding with every distance that was placed between Xavier and I.

I gasped, my heart aching.

My hands tremble and I clutched at Sarah's fur tightly in fear I'd fall. The sound of their paws hitting the soil falls on deaf ears as my vision grows a little hazy.

What was going on?

Was I getting a heart attack?

I opened my mouth to speak but nothing comes out. I shake my head, now hearing a ringing in my ears.

I look at Beta Samuel ahead of us, silently hoping he'd turn around to see me. Not that I had hope he'd care anyway.

But by some miracle, he suddenly skids to a stop. Sarah's fast sprint turns into a jog before she stops beside the Beta.

I pull in some air, my slightly blurry vision looking around. Why did he stop all of a sudden? Was something wrong?

Beta Samuel turns around, his bones breaking as he turns into his human form. I tore my eyes away, trying to calm my breathing. If something wasn't wrong around here. Then something was definitely wrong with me.

"Chris is trailing behind us," He says in confusion. I pinched my eyes shut and then opened them to see if it would help but it didn't

My ears ring again and the sudden urge to go back to Xavier claims me. I grip Sarah's fur tightly until she whines. I open my mouth to apologize but nothing comes out. An image of Xavier emerges in my head and I pant. I want to go to him.

My mouth opens again but the only thing that comes out is a whisper.
"Xavier,"

"What the hell is wrong with her?" I could hear beta Samuel question as my skin starts to bum.

Xavier.

I want Xavier.

I want to go back to him.

But I swallow the plea, my hands knocking over the heavy bag and it falls to the ground with a heavy thud.

I clumsily move off Sarah, feeling the pull to go back to the packhouse.
Back to Xavier.

I staggered to my feet, my ears ringing as I turned around to head back the way we came from. But a hand grips my upper arm, firmly and almost bruisingly

"Where the hell do you think you're going?" Beta Samuel snarls angrily. But I can't seem to care what he says or bother to answer him. Instead, I try to tug my arm out of his hold.

"Xavier. I want Xavier." I whispered, my throat growing parched. Something felt off. Through my slightly blurred vision, I could see Lily

emerging out of the trees on top of the familiar wolf, Chris. Her worried gaze falls on me. “Oh thank God I found you before it was too late – Aurora what’s wrong!?” Lily rushed out, jumping off the big wolf and running towards me.

“Unhand her Samuel!” She growls. Samuel quickly retracts his hands.

Her amber eyes, similar to her brother’s burn through me. It made the fire worst. The craving worst. The urging to go back worse.

“Xavier, I want Xavier.” I pleaded, my ears ringing.

“What’s happening to her Samuel?” Lily asked in alarm.

“I don’t know Bones crack and Sarah is the one to respond. “The bond. It must be the bond not allowing her to leave.”

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(Aurora’s pov » “Bond?” Beta Samuel’s voice is thick with confusion.

But I can’t seem to focus much on their words, my gaze growing hazier by the second, the air whooshing out my lungs harsher by the second

I take a staggering step forward, intending to perhaps steady myself on the bark of a tree, but there was no bark but air. I topple to the ground, my knees hitting the dirt as I gasp.

This was painful.

“Aurora!” Lily screech. I could feel her fingers wrap around my upper arm, maybe trying to steady me before I ungracefully fall to the ground fully.

*Xavier-” I moaned in pain as I looked around aimlessly at the thick foliage around us.

All I could make out was green and brown

Green and brown.

My ears rang and I groan, my hands reaching up to cup them. “Stop. Please stop.” I whispered hoarsely.

Aurora.

Suddenly the ringing stops and I freeze. That voice. The voice I now crave to hear. His voice. Xavier’s voice.

But surely he wasn’t here.

Surely he’d not come to take me back?

“Aurora,” a soft touch to my arm nearly has me flinching, but I recognize Lily as she kneels before me and looks at me in worry.

Those eyes.

That color.

“I’ve heard of this happening to mated couples who haven’t been rejected yet and are forced to stay away from each other. The bond doesn’t allow them to part. It forces them to get back to the other’s side. Even if it means pain.”

This was Sarah's voice right ?

I couldn't tell, my mind a little slow to understand anyone else's voice other than his.

” But Aurora and Alpha Xavier's case is rather different. He casted her out but did not reject her. This makes the bond now more painful as it sorts for answers.” She continues.

Lily turns to look at Sarah over my shoulder. “Answers?” She asked in confusion.

“The bond seeks for answers that Xavier alone can give. Either he rejects her, or he accepts her. But she can't go out of the border. If she does, I fear that may very well be the end of her. And him.” Sarah whispers.

“What bond are you talking about!?” Beta Samuel snarls in frustration.

“Beta Samuel, I know you were always a bit slow but never did I ever imagine you to be a fool.” Lily sighed heavily before looking at me.

My gaze was still hazy but I could see the deep concern in her eyes.

“Aurora. Can you stand up?” Lily asked.

I blinked, staring at her blankly as her face merges into the face of her brother. My breathing grows and my heart thuds. “Xavier?” I whispered.

I'm coming to you.

There goes his voice again. The rough sweet sound that sent shivers down my spine.

“Aurora.”

“Aurora!” A firm shake to my shoulders and Lily’s loud screech seem to have done the job of bringing me out of my hallucinating state.

The face in front of me is no longer Xavier’s but that of his sister, Lily who looked rather frightened.

She looks over my shoulder again. “We should bring her back.” She rushes out.

“I agree, we should

Sarah starts but is cut off by a loud angry growl that came from the Beta. “The Alpha had commanded me to escort her out of the territory. Not bring her back. I will not disobey an order!”

Lily rises to her feet and glared at the Beta. “That alpha is my brother! And he needs her just as she needs him right now!”

“I will NOT disobey a command from my alpha!” Beta Samuel growled loudly, the sound of his beast unnerving me.

“Now move in my way, Lily. Or I’ll force you out

Another loud growl causes the birds in the trees to scurry away into the sky. I looked to my left to see that it was Chris who took a warning step forward, his eyes trained on Beta Samuel.

Xavier’s pov:

Reckon was rather oddly quiet the entire run to the end of the border where they injected Mary with the wolfsbane.

Have you gotten anything?’ I mind linked Eli as I sniffed the ground.

There must be something we missed yesterday. There must be.

‘Except for the smell of sex, then no. I have to say the wolves we placed here to guard this area were surely busy last night all into the wee hours of the morning.’ Eli mind links, chuckling.

If I could roll my eyes right now I would

‘This is no time to joke around Eli. This is a threat we must try to conquer before it gets worst.’ I growled.

I should’ve taken his brother Chris with me instead, at least he’d be more serious.

Eli was a clown most of the time.

‘I was serious! Did you not take the smell? It’s literally sprayed on the barks of the trees. Hard to miss actually. What I’m wondering is how the hell did it get on the barks of the trees? Must’ve been flexible wolves

‘Eli!’ I growled, turning to stare at his wolf that bowed down and whimpered.

Growling in frustration, I walked away from him, sniffing the ground before I reach my border. One more step and I’d be considered i

n Raphael’s territory.

There were no paw marks, no signs of feet. There were no signs of anything. It was as if one would think it was Mary who killed herself with wolfsbane.

But I knew better. My wolves weren't cowards and if it were indeed Mary, the syringe she used to push the wolfsbane into her bloodstream would have been on her or beside her.

This was a very confusing situation that I indeed needed to solve quickly. If I can't....who would die next? I look at the ground intensely, my gaze suddenly going cloudy. I blinked, my head lifting as my ears perked.

I shook my head, confused by the ringing in my ears.

I snarled.

Something wasn't right.

I could feel pain. I shook my head, backing away as I try to somehow move the haziness in my eyes. The ringing in my ears gets worst until I couldn't even hear the rustling of the leaves as the wind tickled them.

'Alpha?' Eli mind links in curiosity.

But his voice only made the pounding in my head get worst.

'Reckon! What the hell is happening to us?' I snarled.

'Exactly what happens to someone who makes a grave mistake. Did you really think I would allow you to let her go so easily?' He growled, pushing at the restraints I hold him in.

Shit. He was trying to take full control of me.

My nails dig into the earth as I shook my head, hoping that it would lessen the pain.

‘What did you do?!’ I roared, gasping as I whirl around, unsure of what I was looking for.

‘I didn’t do anything. This was all your actions. Your fault. The farther she gets away from us, the more painful the bond will grow. Were you really that dumb to think that the bond wouldn’t be against this absurd idea of yours?’ He growls, pushing more harshly at the restraints.

‘Alpha, is something wrong?’ Eli bounds over to my side.

‘You knew what would’ve happened when I casted her out. Didn’t you?’ I growled at Reckon. That sleazy dog. He would do anything to get his way. To get complete control of me.

‘You needed to be taught a lesson. She’s ours and I wouldn’t let her go easily! Go to her!’ He roared until my ears began to ring more.

Xavier!’ Eli said in a panicked voice.

But the more distance Aurora seems to place between us the more intense the pain gets. I growled, roaring when I felt my heart squeeze.

‘We need her. Go to her before it’s too late.’ Reckon hisses, clawing at the restraints. Every second of pain is another second closer to him taking over.

‘Xavier, what the hell is going on with you?’ Eli shifts into his human form, still on his knees and hands as he looks me over in panic.

I needed her.

Aurora.

Xavier.

Her voice. It lures me.

I growled, shaking my head before the urge to go to her is impossible to fight. I turn around only to bound in the direction I could feel her.

“Xavier! Shit!” Eli yells behind me, seconds later I hear the cracking of his bones before the sound of his paws hitting the earth behind me.

But I can’t seem to focus on anything other than Aurora. I snarl, digging my paws into the dirt as I take up speed. I needed to be beside her. I needed her.

Reckon continues to fight against the restraints.

I weave around the trees, jump over bushes, and cared less about the birds that scurried away when they heard me. I was growling, losing a battle with my wolf as he quickly pushes the barrier and takes over.

‘Reckon, give me back control.’ I roared, trapped inside my mind and I’m forced to look behind a barrier.

‘You were too slow. Too weak. I’m going to claim her!’ He snarls, racing through the woods.

I could already take the scent of Aurora. We were close. And that alone makes Reckon more untameable. He growls, his paws digging into the earth as he races forward, his mind set on claiming Aurora.

I could still hear Eli just behind me. Hear how he was trying to keep up. Feel his confusion and panic as he trailed behind me.

‘Reckon. You’ll scare her. We will scare her. You can’t

‘I can and I will! I’ve waited too long. Too long behind the shadows and waiting for you to man up and claim her. I will wait no longer to have what is mine. She’s ours and she’s ours to claim!’ He roars. There was nothing I would say to calm him down, the intoxicating smell of Aurora alone is driving him mad.

‘What about our enemies Reckon? We can’t have her take that burden. Think about

‘There will be no burden when she is by our side. And as for our enemies, I will kill them all before they so much as look at her or whisper her name!’ There is a promise in his tone, one that almost makes me think it was possible.

But with what was currently happening, I wasn’t so sure.

‘Reckon please think about it before

‘I had two days and a half to think about it. I want her. You want her. There is nothing else to think about but sinking our teeth in her pretty neck and branding her ours.’ He growls, refusing to see reason.

The smell of Aurora is now so strong that I know for certain she is but a few feet away. My heart races. Reckon growls, picking up speed.

He forces me to turn into my human form while still holding the reigns of my body.

‘Reckon wait!’ I growled as we emerge out of the trees and my eyes fall on Aurora.

She's flushed and her breathing is rather rough. Her beautiful eyes lift and fall on me and she gasped. "Xavier?" She breathes out, staggering to her feet.

Reckon growls, completely ignoring everyone around, his gaze only focused on her. The pulse on her neck. The sound of the blood rushing through her veins.

The urge to mark her.

"Reckon stop!" I barked, seeing the terrified gleam in her pretty eyes. But Reckon doesn't listen to me, his intention clear.

He was going to claim her.

"Xavier wait!" Lily yells as Reckon grabs a hold of Aurora behind her neck, his head dipping to her neck as he breathes in her intoxicating scent. Even I couldn't stop him now, because I also find myself in a trance by the feel of her in my arms, her body pressing to mine deliciously, and the mouth-watering scent of her.

My canines emerge out of my gums painfully as all I saw was red. I arch her neck, my other arm coming around her to keep her there. And without another thought, sank my teeth into the tender flesh.

Pure bliss.

Aurora arches her back, gasping out my name in wonder and surprise, her fingers digging into my back as I sank my teeth in deeper until I knew I was branding her.

"Mine!" Reckon growls in my head proudly.

I shuddered and I can also feel her shudder in my arms. This wasn't how I'd want us to claim her if I had the chance. But it was now too late. She was mine. And now, she would share my burdens.

Aurora moans, arching more into me as I retract my canines and then lick the blood off her shoulder, sealing the mark.

But all too soon, the bliss stops and a coursing burning pain emerges on my tongue, swirling down my throat and then my organs. It was like someone poured acid down my throat.

I staggered away from her, my eyes wide as I looked down at her in alarm.

What the hell

I gasped, my hand coming around my throat as I felt it closing up. My blood felt like it was boiling.

“Alpha!” Samuel growled.

“Oh my God!” Sarah screeches.

“Brother!” Lily screamed.

Bones crack and the sound of Eli's voice roars. “Xavier!”

I could not seem to answer as I watch Aurora's panicked face as I fall to my knees.

Was this how death feels like?

Her face was the last thing I saw before my body gave way and felt my face smash into the dirt. Darkness creeps into my being as I felt my blood boil even more. The pain too much to bear.

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(Aurora's pov)

“Stand down Christopher.” Beta Samuel snarls, his eyes glowing blue. Chris shakes his head, as if to shake the command of his superior out his head and then growls.

“Stand down!” Beta Samuel roared, taking a step forward but Lily scurried in the middle of the wolves, her hands out to stop them.

“Stop it. Both of you! We don't have time to fight. God knows how Xavier is judging by the state Aurora is in now.” Lily urges, her eyes pleading for the wolves to calm down their rage.

But a growl comes out of Beta Samuel's chest and rumbles. Lily takes a cautious step toward Chris, yet keeps her posture straight and unafraid. A traitor admirable but in this situation should be treaded lightly.

“Beta Samuel, my brother has trusted your judgment for years and trusts you enough to keep you by his side. Please, trust me when I say, bringing Aurora to him would be beneficial and the right thing to do. Please.” Her tone had pitched to one of a plea.

I grow guilty. Here she was trying her best to get me to Xavier and all I can do is stay there and accept the pain, yet do nothing about it

It's not like I didn't want to. I did in fact want to go to him but Sarah's words held me still. He either has to reject me or accept me for the pain to stop.

What if he chooses to reject me?

Would the pain be more excruciating than this?

Can I even bear his rejection?

"Aurora," Sarah whispers, kneeling beside me and gripping my arm.
"Can you bear the pain a little longer?" She asked.

I only nod, an electrifying pain zapping through my limbs and nearly tearing out a scream from my throat.

I knew I couldn't bear the pain. I knew I might be a crumbling mess soon
Well, more than I was already.

But Goddess, I didn't want anyone to witness how much pain this was.

I gritted my teeth, my skin feeling moistened with my own sweat. I could very well taste it as it dripped down my forehead, down my brow, to my nose, to the bow of my lips until crawling into my mouth until I tasted the saltiness of it.

It was my only serving distraction from the pain I was currently feeling.

"Just hold on a little longer Aurora. I know you can do it." Sarah whispers.

I pulled in some air. "Xavier," I whispered.

How can a simple bond be entwined so deeply into our souls that we get pain from not being close enough?

“Beta

“It’s still a no Lily. From the moment she stepped foot into the territory everything has gone wrong. The girl is clearly served to be a trick for Alpha Xavier. She has no purpose with him. No future. If this bond is what I think it is, then I am certain it’s not the real thing

“Do you hear yourself right now Samuel!? You sound completely insane. How can this bond be fake? A fake bond will not have her feeling this kind of pain! She’s my brother’s mate. His to claim. She’s his!” Lily snapped, the mark of impatience weighing on her tongue as it lashed out at Beta Samuel who refused to give up.

“And she will be our Luna.” Sarah joins, squeezing my arm reassuringly.

But Beta Samuel was hell bent on defying their pleading and only roared in frustration. “Alpha Xavier is the only one who will give me instructions and tell me what to do. You may be his sister, but you’re not my alpha.”

” With or without your help, I will bring her to my brother. You can

Suddenly Lily stops and everywhere grows quiet. Sarah’s hand around my arm squeezes more firmly as she whispers. “Everything will be okay now Aurora.”

She leaves my side, scurrying to her feet and struts over to Lily. “You sense him don’t you?” She whispers but I somehow heard her through the ringing of my ears.

I hurl in some air, my stomach turning until I feel nauseated. I wanted Xavier but was afraid to face him knowing he had the power to either reject me or accept me.

Lily looks ahead, her gaze wide as she whispers. “His beast. Reckon. He’s coming.”

Chris who stood protectively beside Lily, eyes grow foggy and in seconds shifts into his human form. The sound of his bones breaking and reforming had my teeth gritting as it sounded to sharp in my ears.

My fingers dug into the dirt, my pulse racing as I gasped for air.

“Eli has warned that Reckon has taken over and he’s almost here,” Chris grumbles

I lift my head to face the wolves noticing a bright red Lily who kept her gaze respectfully on the back of Chris’s head.

I myself move my gaze away not wanting to see too much of the three naked wolves. They were used to being like this with each other but to others, it was quite frankly embarrassing.

* Is he uncontrollable? Wild?” Beta Samuel’s question was directed at Chris.

“Eli didn’t say. Only said he’s too fast to catch up to.” Chris responded with an edge in his voice.

Suddenly there’s a sound of paws hitting the earth and wild animals scurrying away as if in fright.

“He’s here,” Lily whispers in astonishment.

“Stay behind me Lily.” Chris utters.

“It annoys me that you men think I can’t protect myself. I assure you

Her words die out.

I pull in some air into my lungs, my gaze lifting when I heard the sound of a twig snapping. But as soon as my eyes fall on him, everything, the pain altogether stops suddenly.

“Xavier?” I whispered unsure if this was an illusion as I stagger to my feet unsteadily.

My body has a kind of delicious buzz, a tingling that I felt in my bones as he pins me down hotly. It’s like we were the only two people here. There was no sound except for my breathing and his snarling,

But as I continued to look into his red eyes, I saw something raw and terrifying. This wasn’t Xavier. But his beast.

“Xavier wait!” I heard a yell. I was sure it was Lily but wasn’t quite certain. For all I knew, this was yet another hallucination

I stay still, my heart pounding in fear as he reaches beside me, his big hand clamping around the back of my neck, holding me firmly there so I’d not shift much.

I draw in a gasp, my eyes staying on the sight of his wild eyes. It was truly his beast.

I bit my bottom lip when his head dips to my neck. I hear him breathe in my scent and I shivered despite fearing him this way.

Without thinking much into it, I press my body closer to him, enjoying the hard planes of his body. I cared little of those knew were around us. All I seem to focus on right now is Xavier.

This wasn't a hallucination. He was really here.

He was real

He came for me.

The thought had me nearly melting into his arms despite knowing it wasn't truly Xavier but his wolf.

But then I stiffen because of the sudden feel of something sharp touching the skin of my neck. Wordlessly, he arches my neck, his other arm coming around me to keep me plastered to his warm body.

But then, those sharp points pierce into my neck, inch by inch sinking deeper. I arch my back, gasping out his name unable to register what was happening until I am overcome with a wave of pure utter pleasure.

I dig my fingers deeper into his back, using it as an anchor as the sharp teeth sink deeper into my flesh until I could feel the most pleasurable pain that had me shuddering in his arms.

But all too soon he retracts his canines from my flesh, making me arch my back and moan in. But then he licks where he bit my shoulder and all I can feel is pleasure.

Utter bliss.

But sometimes happiness doesn't last long. And that was exactly the case for Xavier and I as he staggers away from me quickly like I had burnt him.

I looked at him in distress, only to see that the amber had emerged back into his eyes, but what would haunt me was the look of alarm and pain they showed.

His eyes widen, something like panic deep in his stare as his hand reaches up and grabs around his throat.

Fear.

Was all I could feel until it numbed me.

“Alpha!” Samuel growled.

“Oh my God!” Sarah screeches.

“Brother!” Lily screamed.

Bones crack and the sound of Eli’s voice roars. ” Xavier!”

But Xavier looks lost as he falls to his knees and soon his entire body collapsed to the ground. He looked at me, his eyes deep with dread before they shut.

My heart stops, my mind race, and my fingers tremble as I fall to my knees beside him. I reach to touch him, my entire body cold as I stare at his unmoving body.

“Xavier,” I whispered, my eyes filling with tears from not knowing what to do.

“Brother!” Lily screeches in fear, racing toward Xavier and falls to her knees on the other side of him.

“Alpha?” Sarah whispered in pure horror.

“She’s a witch!” I hear Beta Samuel snarl followed by the sound of bones snapping.

I lift my head, my heart jumping in my throat when I see Beta Samuel’s huge wolf bound over to me, jaw snapping and eyes glowing with a murderous glare.

“No!” Lily yelled

“Beta!” Sarah screamed.

But another wolf, a tad bit smaller and recognizable as Chris pushes him away. The force sent Beta Samuel flying into a nearby tree. His wolf whines at the impact but rises quickly..

He snarls, his gaze is furious that Chris got in his way. But Chris doesn’t back away, he only rises to his full height snarling and growling, his back legs tight with tension as if ready to pounce at any second.

Eli, soon comes beside Chris, his hand pushing out in a gesture to tell the furious Beta to calm down.” Calm down Samuel. She didn’t do this.”

Samuel quickly shifts back into his human form, his body rigid with anger. “It’s not a coincidence this happened to him after he bit her-”

“Would you stop it! We don’t have time for this right now. My brother can be dying and all you want to do is kill an innocent girl! My brother’s mate to be more precise! Someone help me bring him back to the pack doctor. Now!” Lily growls, cutting in the confusion between Samuel and Eli.

Her tone was very demanding. Samuel looked at her then Xavier before huffing. “I will shift and Eli will place him on my back. We need to hurry.” He steps aside and shifts, not before glaring at me.

” Aurora. Aurora look at me.” Lily demands.

I didn’t realize my entire body was shaking until I saw her amber gaze scanning my body in slight panic.

“He’ll be okay.” She tries to reassure me knowing the reason I was trembling so badly was because of my fear.

I nod, gulping as Eli steps beside me, crouches and lifts Xavier in his arms with a grunt.” Dude weighs a ton.” He grunts, struggling to hold Xavier’s weight.

But my eyes were still stuck to his motionless body, not comprehending what could’ve gone so wrong to put down a powerful Alpha his size.

But then as Eli fixed him on top of Beta Samuel’s huge wolf, I looked at his face and then something clicked.

My blood

There was no other explanation.

He had sunk his teeth into my flesh, tasting my blood and licking it. My blood, the wolfsbane. Toxic to wolves.

I touched my neck where he bit but there isn’t any blood nor can I feel any punctured hole his canines left on my skin.

I grow confused when I felt something under my fingertips. It wasn’t a bump to raise alarm but it oddly felt like it was a branding o

f some sort

“It’s a mark. He claimed you,” Sarah whispered when she notices my confusion.

My heart races. So that’s what he had done. I wanted to feel relieved, happy even but all I felt was dread and fear. Fear of knowing that I was the cause of Xavier now in pain.

I blinked, feeling the tears in my eyes ready to spill. My heart pounding painfully as I watch his limp body on Beta Samuel, only to watch his disappearing body seconds later as Beta Samuel raced towards the packhouse.

I looked at Sarah then Lily and it feels like someone had just ripped my heart out of my chest when I saw the pain and fear in her eyes. I caused this.

I opened my mouth to tell them the truth. To tell them that I was the monster who had done this to their Alpha. And that I didn’t deserve to live for what I had done.

But no words came out but a strangled sound that oddly was similar to a gurgle.

“Let’s go quickly. ” Lily rushes, fixing herself on Chris’s huge wolf that took off as soon as she clutched his fur and was secure.

“Aurora will come with me.” Eli tells Sarah, smiling at me reassuringly but I can’t seem to return the gesture.

I knew I didn’t deserve their smiles or their protection. Not when I was indeed their enemy. 4

But despite knowing that I was the cause of all of this. I wanted to make sure Xavier was alright. That I hadn't hurt him too badly. I wanted to be by his side even though I didn't deserve to be. I can't help it. He came first before my own selfish reasons to flee now before they found out.

“Alpha is a strong wolf Aurora. The strongest actually. Whatever has happened to him, he will overcome it. With you by his side.” Sarah's hand squeezes my shoulder in reassurance, perhaps had seen the doubt on my face.

I gave a single stiff nod and waited until Eli shifted into his wolf before going to him. When I was securely on his back and holding his fur, Sarah shifted into her wolf and we took off after Beta Samuel and Chris.

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(Aurora's pov)

When the packhouse came into view, all I could seem to focus on was the shocked and terrified gazes of the wolves roaming about as they watched their strong leader, now succumbed to something they didn't know what.

“He looks dead.” One whispered in terror, her gaze on her Alpha in pity.

“Don't be foolish. He's not dead, look at the rise and fall of his chest.” Another snapped lowly.

“If the other packs hear of this they'll come for us. Our leader is down!” Another screeched.

“Quiet now! You don’t know if there is a traitor amongst us who will let our enemies know.” A pregnant she wolf mumbled, her eyes glazed over in panic.

“Merrill is right Stacy, be quiet. You never know who’s listening.”
Another woman says.

I stare at them and all I can think about is that this was my fault. No one else’s but mine.

It made me feel hate. Hate for myself. I didn’t want to be this monster.

I never wanted to hurt him or anyone.

I never chose to be what I am.

And maybe I didn’t deserve to be by his side.

I looked away sadly when they began to murmur, their eyes on me. They weren’t accusing but it made me feel more guilty somehow.

“Get the pack doctor!” Lily roared when she was nearing the infirmary building. “Get Rodrick!”

The wolves who were just outside scurried inside the building, a second later one run out, looking breathless and panicked.” Rodrick isn’t here yet.” He winced as if expecting to get a tongue lashing from Lily but she only roars for another doctor.

She soon jumps down to her feet. Chris quickly shifted into his human form and scurried to Xavier’s side where he took him in his arms, struggling a little under his weight.

Seeing that, Beta Samuel also shifted and goes to help Chris. The two bring Xavier inside as quickly as they can with Lily rushing to their side.

I swallowed the lump in my throat as it nearly blocked my air way.

This was my fault all my fault.

I figured Eli would want to go help too, so I get down his huge wolf, mumbling a thank you when I'm on my feet safely. He only looks at me side ways and gives a single nod before bounding over to the building, shifting into his human form at the last second before he enters through the door.

I stay frozen, my body suddenly feeling cold. Fear.

Sarah shifts beside me, wordlessly grabbing my hand and tugs me towards the building. I followed her, my heart racing the closer we get to the door.

I felt hatred for myself knowing that Xavier was currently suffering whilst I didn't feel any pain anymore.

Sarah gives my hand a firm squeeze before pulling me through the doorway. My eyes fall on Xavier's limp body being rolled away on a stretcher towards a room.

His sister, Lily by his side, her smaller hand clutching his as tears roll down her cheeks.

He isn't dead Aurora. He isn't dead. I chant in my head, trying to ease my worries.

Lily's head lifts, her eyes falling in my own, she whispers before entering in the room. "He needs you by his side Aurora."

My eyes scan around noting the glare of hatred Beta Samuel sent my way. He snarls when I squirm under his anger. Eli on the other hand, nudges his head towards the room they wheeled in Xavier and smiles reassuringly, silently telling me to go ahead.

But Chris doesn't spare me a glance and although he doesn't, I was at least grateful that he stepped in the way of his Beta to stop him from harming me.

Sarah nudges me forward, bending her head down to whisper in my ear. "He'll want to see you when he wakes up."

I wanted to say he'd probably kill me when he wakes up and finds out I was the cause of his poisoning but I bit my tongue and nod.

I quietly made my way to the room, my heart aching as I hear the panicked voice of the doctor and Lily's frightened voice the closer I get.

I felt sick to my stomach when I entered, the air alone was thick with tension. They had placed Xavier on the bed, his chest rising and falling a little and I take comfort in knowing that he was at least still breathing.

I strut to Lily's side, unable to breath properly as I stare at Xavier's face.

"I need ice, lots of it. His body is overheating! Bring a whole damn bucket of it if you have to!" The doctor rushes out, his fingers pressing on Xavier's pulse and chest.

And he wasn't lying because sweat soon coated Xavier's skin thickly.

The other doctors around, scurried out of the room in search for the ice.

A groan soon left Xavier's lips, the sound painful. I reach over, wrapping my hands around his sweaty arm, wishing I could ease the pain

“I don’t understand how this could’ve happened. Must’ve been because Reckon took over. It must have been too much for his body to take on.”

Lily whispered, her red swollen eyes on her brother’s face.

I wanted to say that she was wrong and perhaps it had nothing to do with Reckon but me. But I found myself swallowing the words in fear of being casted out or killed before I get to see Xavier’s beautiful amber eyes again.

*Did you say his wolf took over?” The doctor questioned, head lifting and eyes peering into Lily’s.

Lily nods quickly. “Yes. His wolf took over his body.”

The doctor shook his head, his eyes deep with confusion as he set his eyes on his alpha. “That can’t be right. This wouldn’t cause this. Something else must’ve

Suddenly he stops, his nose now near Xavier’s chest and he sniffs. “Wolfsbane. He’s sweating out wolfsbane.” He says in disbelief and quickly turns around to take a small torchlight.

I stagger away by his words, my fingers dropping from Xavier’s arm. I knew it was probably me who caused this but I was still praying that somehow it wouldn’t be me.

I really wished it wasn’t me.

I don’t deserve to be by his side. Not when I may as well be a traitor.

I was truly a monster.

Their enemy.

“Aurora?” Lily whispered, staring at me in confusion.

I shook my head my gaze not leaving Xavier’s motionless body.

Why did I have to be a monster?

I watch the doctor peel open Xavier’s eyes and flashed the light in his eyes. “His pupils are dilated. He’s fighting the poison.”

Just then, the other doctors scurried back inside the room with five bags filled with ice. “Ooph.” I grunt when one shouldered me in their pursuit to hurry to Xavier.

“We need to get him

The doctor started but another voice butts in. “I am here now. I will take care of him Lexus.”

I turn around slightly to see that it was Rodrick the packs doctor. He strolled inside the room with an air of confidence and stops just beside the nervous sweating doctor.

He looks down at Xavier’s body, bends as little, takes a whiff and eyes quickly snap to me, well my neck precisely. His eyes deepen with knowing before he nods. “Wolfsbane.” He mumbles.

Something about his gaze had my heart jumping. He knew. He knew it was me.

My mind told me to flee before he tells everyone, but my heart told me to stay with Xavier. Not only because he was my mate but because he was the man I love.

“I don’t understand Rodrick. Didn’t they destroy that plant years ago? How is it possible that my brother managed to get himself poisoned by it?” Lily asked, her eyes falling to her brother in confusion

Oh Lily, if only you knew the monster your brother let into his pack. If only you knew that I was that monster.

Rodrick moved his gaze from me, pinning them on Lily. “You’re correct. Every plant got destroyed years ago. But if there’s a creature who can make those plants then it is indeed possible for Xavier to have gotten himself in this situation.”

He turns to the doctor beside him. Don’t bother with the ice. He needs to sweat out the poison. He’ll be fine, he’s an Alpha. A strong one at that. And from what I can tell, the poison will wear off in a couple of hours or the longest is a day.”

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The other doctor nods, looking relieved. He was as sweaty just as much as Xavier.

“I don’t understand what you’re saying Rodrick. How can a creature make plants? Especially wolfsbane! Isn’t that impossible? And how would Xavier get himself poisoned by it?” Lily rushes out, coming closer to her brother and looking down at him as if she was trying to calculate something.

I fumble with my fingers unable to be calm when my secret was going to be out in the open. Rodrick doesn’t respond to her question, well not as yet, instead he tells the other doctors to leave the room and lock the door. When there were only the four of us in the room, Rodrick let’s out a heavy sigh and then looks at Lily.” It is possible Lily dear. Especially if

we're dealing with a pixie. Their kind have been extinct for centuries and many have forgotten about them. But by some miracle it seems one walks among us today!

Rodrick's eyes move from Lily to pin me down with a look of knowing. "One with the gift of creating wolfsbane."

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Athena's pov

The needle leaves beneath my bare feet crumbled into the damp earth as I weave my way through coniferous trees. My breathing is harsh and the pounding of my heart is painful.

Darkness cloaked around me, preventing me from seeing clearly yet I was determined to get the tiny baby in my arms to safety. I needed to get her to safety.

The smell of coniferous trees and the distinct smell of fetid earth surrounded me as branches tore at my thin white dress. In the distance, I could clearly hear the howling of wolves. My heart races knowing I was getting closer.

My icy blonde hair tosses back as I sped up, holding the baby close to my chest. My breathing is harsh as my feet continued to snap twigs that were scattered over the forest ground.

Rustling sounds of wild animals scurrying over branches and thousands of twigs can be heard as the distinct sound of howls from wolves had gotten louder. I was near.

A whimper leaves my lips, knowing I had to leave her, my baby. My heart squeezes painfully as I take a quick glance at her. Her eyes opened, light green orbs just like her daddy. She makes a slight whimpering sound but soon falls back asleep.

I sighed and pulled her closer to my body, knowing that we would part ways soon. The sound of the soft pad of wolves can be heard through the

silence. My heart thumps. They're here.

I looked down at the baby in my arms, my baby. A tear slips out of my eyes as her tiny soft pink lips part to let out a yawn. I stop and just stared. My fingers brush through her short light pink hair and touched the tip of her pointy ears.

She looked like me.

And that was one of the reasons she was in danger.

For centuries, I had been hiding those who craved to slaughter my kind.

Rick and I were the only ones left.

But they have already killed Rick when they realized his blood did not give them what they wanted.

Mine wouldn't give them what they wanted too. So it wouldn't be long until they also kill me. But my daughter, Aurora. She possessed the blood they needed.

And I would be damned if I let them use my daughter as their blood bag. She was too beautiful, too pure to have to suffer a fate like this.

Essi was relentless and always got what she wanted. She wasn't the vampire queen for nothing. But she'd have to go through me first if she ever wants to get to my daughter.

Aurora makes a small whimpering sound.

Oh, my baby. If only I would be here to see you grow up into a fine young lady.

I looked down at our last specie. My daughter, the last pixie alive. Our line would end with her. Our species might end with her too seeing as there were no more pixies anymore. So there would be no mate for my darling for her to continue our line.

I smiled sadly down at her.

My eyes lift when I sensed that I was nearing a border. My eyes fixed on the blood on the trees. Alpha Raphael's border.

I hear the sound of paws digging into the dirt before a huge wolf showed up. Dark grey and intimidating. I fall to my knees quickly, my hands shaking as I set Aurora down, her body now in Raphael's border.

“Please. Genieve, please take her. Please save her.” I whispered.

The wolf shifted into human form, and the sound of her bones breaking has Aurora stirring. “Shhh baby. It’s okay.” I cooed at her.

“How do you know my name?” Genieve asked tightly, coming forward, her feet stopping just inches from Aurora.

I lift my head to her, not fazed by her nakedness. “I have kept tabs on this pack. You were my second option in case I couldn’t fight them on my own. I had to see if you’d be fit to take care of my daughter.”

“Who is them you’re speaking of?” She asked, her eyes squinting.

“And what the hell are you?”

“I am a pixie, one of the last of my kind. My daughter will be the only remaining of my kind when I die. Please, Genieve, I know you love children. I have seen the way you play with the children in your pack. Please you’re the only one I can trust with my daughter, They’re after her. Essi is after her.” I rushed out hoping that Essi wouldn’t get here before Genieve accepts Aurora.

Genieve stiffens after I mentioned Essi. I knew vampires were the enemies of wolves and knew that if Aurora ever would have a fighting chance. It would be in a wolf pack Essi feared any Alpha. Which was one of the reasons she sought for a pixie who could create a strong kind of wolfsbane that can kill off the wolf people.

“What does Essi want with the child?” Genieve sneered, clearly thinking this was a plot to get her guard down by the way she looked around the woods uneasily

“She wants to use her blood. We pixies can create plants with our blood once it touches the earth. Aurora. My baby girl. She possesses that gift ”

I knew that telling a wolf that my daughter possessed the power to create one of their worst enemies wasn’t a good idea But I had to make her trust me somehow. And telling her the truth would be beneficial if she finds out about Aurora’s gift later on

“She creates wolfsbane.” I breathed out tensely, waiting for her reaction with my breath lodged in my throat.

Genieve's eyes widen. "Are you speaking the truth?" She stared down at my small girl in amazement.

I nodded "Our pupils take the color of the flower or plant we are gifted with. Hers are purple. She creates wolfsbane." I whispered.

Genieve looks at me in disbelief before crouching. I stiffen and grow confused when her sharp nails touch the soft skin of Aurora's arm.

"Relax. I'm going to see if you speak the truth." She whispered, slowly piercing Aurora's skin

Aurora wails, her blood dripping to the ground Seconds later a wolfsbane plant grew from the dirt. Genieve stares down in amazement and shock. She looks at me, her eyes wide a little bit. "Do you know what they will do to her once they find out what she can create? It's no wonder Essi wants her. That little girl alone can destroy my kind."

I nodded, hoping that the soft woman I saw days ago playing with children tenderly was still there, "Please. She's my life. I can't have Essi take her."

"My brother will also use the girl if he finds out too. He seeks more power."

I grow cold by her words. I didn't think much of Alpha Raphael.

Genieve whispers, breaking my train of thoughts. "But I will not tell him of what she can do or what she is, you have my word." She looks at Aurora and murmured, touching Aurora's cheek. "She's beautiful."

Lifting her eyes to me she nods. "I'll take her and protect her with my life...."

"Athena," I told her my name with a relieved smile.

Genieve nods, tenderly picking up a crying Aurora. Rising to her feet she looks down at me. "What about you?"

I smiled sadly, my heart growing heavy as I looked at the little bundle in her arms. The little bundle that should have been in my arms instead

"Don't worry about me, I don't need your protection. Just take care of her for me, please. "I pleaded.

Genevieve stares at me for a few silent moments before nodding reluctantly and turns around to leave.

“I love you Aurora,” I whispered when I watch Genevieve disappear into the thick trees and out of my sight. When I knew they were gone, I pulled the wolfsbane plant out of the dirt destroyed it in my hands and buried it in the ground.

When I was sure there were no signs of the toxic plant I turn around and run back to where I came from my heart heavy with every distance I place between Aurora and I, I knew Essi was tracking me and knew it wouldn't be long until she found me.

Minutes later, my thoughts are confirmed when I'm forced to halt when more than ten vampires surround me in a circle. Essi with her dark hair and dark gaze steps forward.

I stiffen, knowing I would end here.

“You've been a naughty woman Athena.” Essi tsks.

“You won't get her. She's in a pack. A wolf pack. She has the protection of a powerful higher rank. ” I said, showing Essi that I did not fear death. Essi's eyes flashed red, black veins crawling on her face as her fangs peek out when she snarls. “You've made a grave mistake Athena. Do you think she'll have their protection for long? Especially when they find out about your kind and what they can do? Tell me how long do you think she'll stay alive?”

I smiled. “I told them of what she is. They will protect her. She is of no danger to them. She will be alive long enough to see your death.”

Essi didn't like my jab, her hand push into my chest, her hands seeking for my heart. My blood drips to the ground, my gaze falling to the daises that emerge out of the earth.

My darling Aurora would love those flowers.

“This could've all been avoided if you had only given me that child.”

Essi snarls.

“And to miss seeing your losing face? Not a chance.” I smiled before I felt Essi's fingers wrapped around my heart and pulled it out of my chest

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Essi's pov "So you're telling me the little girl is with Genieve, sister of Alpha Raphael?" I grit my teeth, anger so fierce coursing through me.

Malia nodded and bowed her head, her fingers playing with the rune stones that apparently spoke to her and foresaw the future and the present.

I hated witches with a passion. They were nasty and could be quite trickery. But I have been searching for that damn pixie child for years now, only to now know that she was right under my nose all along.

How did I miss this?

Genieve must be keeping her locked away.

I lift the glass of blood to my lips, seeping some of that coppery goodness. I let out an ahh then grumble. "Then it's settled. I will ask Genieve to hand me the child

Malia shook her head. "I am afraid it wouldn't be that simple queen. Genieve is fond of the girl and sees her as her daughter. She also knows what the girl possesses, and what she can create. She will never willingly give you the girl."

My eyes flashes as I snarled Malia flinches and I could hear the quickening of her heartbeat. The blood that pumped through her veins.

My fangs pierce out and Malia froze. I rolled my eyes. “Don’t be a fool, Malia. I do not want your dirty blood. You witches sicken me.”

To my amusement, Malia sighed in relief.

I rise off my chair, my glass in hand as I tapped my finger on the glass. I hummed. Yes, I remember that stupid Athena woman mentioning how she told the wolf people about the child. I thought she was bluffing at the time. Apparently not.

I hummed

If Genieve knows about the girl, she’d never willingly give the girl up as Malia had said.

“Then I will have to take the child by force. Wage war on them if I have to.”

Malia picks up her stones, shakes them in her fist, and drops them. They spun for a few moments before stopping. Malia sucks in a sharp breath. “I am afraid you can’t do that queen Essi.”

I snarled in anger, her response was not what I was expecting. “And why the hell not!?”

Malia lifts her head, her gaze wide with fear as she reluctantly answers dreadfully. “Because I see your death. If you wage war on Alpha Raphael you’ll die. His pack is filled with skilled fighters.”

This is exactly why those dogs needed to move off the face of the earth. Dirty repulsive wet dogs. They sickened me. “I want the child!” I snarled, the glass shattering from the force I held it with.

Malia shakes her head. “I’m sorry

In a flash I had her in my clutches, my fingers wrapped around her slim neck, her feet dangling above the floor. “You’re useless. Another fucking useless creature. You’re a witch, find me a way to get the girl!” I roared.

Malia’s eyes nearly popped out of their sockets as I applied more pressure to her neck. “Please queen Essi. I can’t control the future.

I applied even more pressure until she was gasping for air, until her legs shook, and until I hear the sound of her heart pumping painfully. “Find me a way.” I snarled. “Or else, I’ll feed my entire clan with your blood.”

: I threw her across the room, her body smashing into the wall. She gasped in pain, a scream tearing out of her lips. She whimpers

when her body slacks down to the floor, her head lifting up and eyes glistening in fright as she stares at me.

“Give me the girl!” I snarled.

Malia’s eyes widen even more, her face turning pale as she quickly crawls towards her stones. “I will my queen. I will find a way.” She shakily grabs the stones and shakes them. Tossing them to the floor she whispers.

“Genieve goes on a run usually on afternoons. There will be no other wolf close by today.”

Hmmm. Perhaps she wasn’t as useless as I thought.

“Are you certain she will show up here?” I seethed, getting impatient. There were still no signs of Genieve and it has passed ten minutes.

Malia nods, her body sticking to Rick, another vampire. They were currently twenty of us, just in case things don’t go as planned with Genieve.

“Only seconds now,” Malia says, her gaze on a certain shrub.

I listen closely, smiling when I heard the sound of paws digging into the earth. One wolf.

Genieve.

Malia was right

Seconds later, as Malia had predicted, Genieve’s wolf emerges out of the trees. Her form was tense and intimidating.

Dogs. Nasty dogs. Their stench alone is unpleasant.

She snarls, her eyes turning foggy.

I quickly run to her, trespassing the boundary, my arm around her neck as I spat. “I wouldn’t do that if I were you. You’re outnumbered Genieve. They would not reach you in time.”

Genieve twisted her body, fighting off my hold until I was forced to loosen my grip around her neck. I’m pushed away, my feet digging into the dirt to stop myself from flying. She was strong.

My clan hiss, ready to come over to help, but I pushed up my hand to tell them to wait.

“Now Genieve, I only came to talk.” I tsked.

Genieve shifts into her human form. Her eyes were glaring into my own with hatred.

“You wound me with a look like that Genieve. I only came here with good intentions.” I lied, smilking when she takes a step forward. She was a bold dog.

“I know why you are here Essi.” She ground out.

I raised a brow. “Really?”

“You won’t get her!” She snarls, eyes flashing blue.

I sighed heavily. “And here I was hoping you’d give her to me willingly.”

“Do you really think I didn’t take the disgusting stench of you a mile away? I already notified my brother, he’s on his way.” Genieve sent me a cold smirk before shifting into her wolf.

I hiss when she knocks into me, sending me flying into the air. I twisted around, landing on my feet. She snarls, her aura changing into bloodthirst and rage.

I looked at my clan, nodding. They come to circle around her, one by one running towards her. She roars, snarling as she fought them off.

I looked at Malia beside Rick and gritted my teeth. That dumb witch didn’t tell me Genieve would’ve notified her brother of our arrival.

I run to Malia, and held her by her neck. “You dumb bitch. I should kill you now. But I will not as yet, I may need you.” I snarled, flying her body to Rick.

“Take her back. The rest of us will handle this.” I said tuning away from them.

If her brother is on his way, I will not be any match for him. I will have to take care of her now before the rest reaches here.

I run towards the fight, my nails sinking into her back leg as she fights off two vampires. She didn't see me coming and whimpered as I slash her other leg.

“Hold her still!” I roared.

She was a Beta and a very powerful one at that. It took all eighteen vampires to hold her down before I sank my fangs into her throat and tore off her head.

I watch the light die from her eyes, at the same moment five wolves emerge out of the woods. None was the alpha or the other higher ranks. They were mere fighters.

They snarled, howling when they saw their Beta's head away from her body. I smirk. “Take care of them,” I told the rest of my clan

before retreating. I didn't want to be there when Raphael makes his entrance.

Dogs. So annoying.

Could've been avoided if she had just handed me the child.

“Where are the others?” Rick asked, looking behind me.

“I’m doing just fine after being chased by more than ten smelly dogs. Thanks for asking.” I rolled my eyes as I entered the room.

“Where are they Essi?” Rick asked with an edge in his voice.

I waved a hand nonchalantly. “I presume dead if the alpha showed up.”

Rick’s gaze dropped in horror. “My little brother was among them Essi. How can you leave them?”

I narrowed my eyes on him, not liking his tone one bit. “Your brother has sacrificed himself for the greater good. If we get the girl, you can take revenge. We can take revenge on all and rid this world of these nasty things.”

” What girl Essi? She’s still in their clutches and you’ve already killed Genieve! How are we supposed to get her from them now?” Rick snarled

“That’s why I made you go with that stupid bitch Malia. I’m sure our little witch will find a way. Where is she?” I seethed, scanning the room.

He points at the door behind him.” She said she needed to check her stones for a way around this mess.”

“You left her alone?!” I snarled. How dumb can he be to leave a witch by herself? They’re witches for a reason.

I don't wait for his answer and push the door open. Malia who was kneeling on the floor while watching the stones, lifts her head when she hears me enter the room.

“We need to wait for when she's older. The older she is the stronger the wolfsbane will be. There is no possible way to get her now. Not when Raphael will keep a close eye on her. But I see something that will happen in the future. Something that will work in our favor. We just need to wait a few more years until she's seventeen.” She rushed out in one breath.

Raphael's pov

The vampire gasps beneath the weight of my foot on his neck.

“Why did your clan come here?” I roared, unable to look at my dead sister.

This was an ambush. Someone who needed something.

“We-we were looking for the child with the odd features.” The young vampire gasped, his hands clutching at my feet to try to stop my weight.

Aurora?

They killed my sister because of this little girl?

Angered that my sister took in an orphan only to get killed because of having a good heart, I snapped. I cared little when I squished the vampire's airway with the weight of my foot before getting impatient and tearing off his head.

That dumb brat was the cause of my pack losing their Beta.

Malia's pov (Before Essi entered the room)

I shook my rune stones in my palm until I felt the familiar heat that told me I should drop them. I watch them spin for a few moments, the air in my lungs not able to escape yet until they stopped and I could read them.

I saw an image of a pretty pink haired girl with beautiful unique eyes.

Aurora.

She seems to be a teenager now. But what confused me was that she was running away from something, or someone.

I saw the flash of her crossing a border then the image shifted. She's now staring up into amber eyes. I could almost feel her heart pound. She was scared, yet...what is this feeling?

Suddenly I'm no longer seeing from Aurora's point of view, but now looking down at her.

Need. Craving. Want.

Mate.

I gasped. She would be mated to a wolf. An Alpha by the feeling of that aura. One strong enough to take down Essi or anyone who will try to harm her.

Suddenly the image shifts again and I'm now staring at Essi's head. Blood dripping from her tom neck as a strong man tears it off her shoulders. The man turns around and my heart pounds.

This match, it was fated by the moon. The moon needed me to protect their bond. I froze, coming out of the vision when I hear Essi's voice. She's back.

With my heart racing, I change the runes, not wanting her to see anything that would catch her curiosity. Seeing her death was the best feeling I could ever feel.

After listening to her argue with that other vampire Rick, she enters. I could feel her anger and lift my head to rush out. "We need to wait for when she's older. The older she is the stronger the wolfsbane will be. There is no possible way to get her now. Not when Raphael will keep a close eye on her. But I see something will happen in the future. Something that will work in our favor. We just need to wait a few more years until She's seventeen." The moon wanted me to protect the girl at all costs. And that I will do.