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Her tired self "Athena! What are you still doing? And why aren't you ready yet?!" Suzanne exclaimed in shock, her tone lacked patience. She looked worried yet a little angry seeing her best friend.

"Uh.. I don't think it's a good idea for a maid like me to join the party ..." Athena tried to give reasons but Suzanne wasn't going to have it.

"Shut up. Don't anger me, Athy! And go and get ready. You have only five minutes to get ready." Suzanne said in a threatening tone. Athena shook her head at her and let out a sigh.

"First of all, it's only six in the afternoon and the party starts at eight in the evening. If I wanted to go, I would have had infinite time to do that. And secondly I really don't think it's going to be right for me to go. Also, who is going to take care of Ace if I go to a damn party I don't have any connection and interest in?" Athena scowled. She suddenly got irritated, as if even the thought of that party angered her.

'Why are you getting so annoyed?' she heard her wolf's tired and almost defeated voice. She immediately felt that tiredness flow through her body, making her tired as well.

At that moment, she knew that it was just the start. She still has to face a lot as the day goes short slowly. She could feel all that coming to crash her. But can she do anything about it?

Nothing!

And it was affecting her wolf more than it was affecting her..

'Stop talking and save energy!' She snapped at her wolf in her mind before concentrating back at her confused friends.

"Oh, my! Athena! Don't tell me you didn't buy a dress for the party! Oh my! We need to think of something fast! Let me think if I have something which you can wear." Patricia exclaimed and started to freak out thinking about what Athena would wear.

"Seriously, Patricia? You think that's the issue that's worrying me? That's the least thing that I could care least about." Athena scoffed, she was getting irritated too easily.

"Then what's the issue that's worrying you? Ace? Are you worried about who is going to take care of him?" Suzanne asked with a frown and Athena immediately nodded at her.

"Yes. No matter what, I can't leave him alone here, nor can I leave him in the hands of some caretakers. So, that means I am not going anywhere. I am fine here with my son. Let us enjoy each other's presence." Athena said in a stubborn tone while looking outside the window, at the forest which was getting dark as the sun started to set back slowly.

At that moment she knew what was going to be her partner in misery today. The forest. The forest always fascinated her beyond imagination. It's been her best friend, partner

and an all-time place to hide from anything and everything. May that be pain or danger. The forest witnessed it all.

And the same thing is going to happen today. It's going to witness another part of her life today.

"Don't worry about that, Athena. Ace is going to join us in the party as well." Suzanne gave her the shocking piece of information which pulled her out of her thoughts.

"What?! No, he is not!" Athena exclaimed in shock and anger. "No way in hell my son is going to attend that party." She shouted with a deep frown, getting defensive.

"What's wrong with you today? Why are you getting so hyped up for no reason?"

Suzanne asked with a frown. She has never seen her act like this unless she was in her... heat! "Are you on your heat?" She asked with widened eyes. Her eyes reflected

worry as only she knew how much Athena had to suffer whenever she was in her heat.

Goddamn to her heartless mate!

If only she knew who it was! She would have taught him a nice lesson for rejecting a girl like Athena! Who can reject someone like her.

"No, I am not in my heat. Don't worry, it's just I don't feel like attending the party." She said with a sigh, her head started to form an ache. She rubbed her forehead to get rid of that.

"I am sorry, Athena but you don't have any choice. I just got mindlinked by Justin that Dominic demanded your presence in the party or he will come here and drag you there." Patricia said with a worried look on her face as Athena looked at her in anger and frustration.

"What the hell?! That's ridiculous!" She exclaimed.

"Forget it, Athena. You don't have any option but to go there. So, how about you use the option you have? Go there as the most beautiful girl ever in the party and steal the spotlight." Suzanne said with a smirk, making Patricia chuckle.

"You are right. Suzanne, please make sure to make her ready on time. Justin wanted me in Dominic's mansion for some reason. I am going there." Patricia said with a smile before turning around to leave.

"Wait, where is Ace?" Athena asked in confusion as he went to play with Justin.

"He is with the guys. Don't worry. They got him." Suzanne answered her question with a patient look on her face.

"What do you mean they got him? Where will he stay if we attend the party?" Athena asked with a deep frown. Not liking what she just heard.

"He will join the party, Athena. Dominic arranged a corner for the pups as well. He also arranged trustable nannies for them and well trained guards will guard them. So don't worry, please. Please don't ask any more questions." Suzanne exclaimed with a sigh. Her best friend can get really irritating if she wants to.

"Wait, wait! If he is going to the party, what is he going to wear? I didn't buy anything for him." Athena replied in a sad tone, feeling low that she couldn't afford a simple attire for her son.

"You don't worry about that. Nathan and Justin really got him. You just worry about yourself, your look and – your dress. See you girls soon!" Saying that Patricia walked out of Suzanne and Nathan's house and walked toward Dominic's house.

She knew that Stacey wasn't there at that moment which would let her breath freely in

there. Actually if Stacey was there, she doubts if she would have stepped a foot there or not. Stacey was busy getting ready for the party in an expensive beauty parlour. She entered the mansion with a happy smile.

\*Hey, baby! How do I look?" Patricia asked Justin after giving him a small twirl to show how she was looking

She was wearing a beautiful blue gown and wore beautiful makeup. She styled her hair with curlers as well. She was looking very beautiful.

"You look very beautiful as well as stressed. What's wrong, baby?" Justin asked with a frown.

Everyone present in the room looked at her, hearing him. There were Dominic, Ace and Nathan. Ace was lost in his world of video games.

"It's nothing, baby, I guess Athena's restlessness got into me as well." She said with a chuckle.

Why is she restless?" Dominic asked in an altered tone, Everyone then diverted their concentration at him.

"Well, we don't know... she just looked weak, bothered and very restless. She was very annoyed easily as well. We don't know what's wrong. But I guess she will be okay soon." Patricia said with a small smile. But before anyone could say something, the little munchkin spoke up in excitement.

"I want to go to mommy and show her how I look!"

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##### **32. The box Athena was completely ready for the party.**

She was wearing a red gown which she customised herself. She bought that gown using the ten dollars out of twenty which she earned yesterday. She earned sixty dollars today by working there but she didn't want to make any extra expenses and wanted to save money.

So, what she did is, bought a simple red gown from the thrift store. Then she bought some red chiffon nets, some laces, red pearls, glue and a few more things.

Then she returned back home and started to customise it. It was a normal maxi gown with no cut, no body fitting. It had lousy sleeves.

So, the first thing she did was get rid of those sleeves as she planned to make it sleeveless. Then she gave it a long cut until her lower thigh and fitted it according to her perfect body figure. It has a sweetheart neckline. So, she didn't bother that much.

After that, she started to make it pretty. She implanted the pearls on the borders of the sleeves, neck and cut on the leg. Then she attached the net over the cut, just at the place where the cut started from, she didnt sew it completely. So, whenever she walks, it will move and her long legs will be visible. But at the same time, as it was a see through net, her legs will still be visible when she doesn't walk.

It was an absolute piece of art which she made from trash. She was looking absolutely stunning with the beautiful magic Suzanne did on her face and hair. She was wearing

red lipstick and her shiny long golden blonde hair was curled and kept open. She looked like an absolute goddess!

But none of that mattered to her as this night was really important for her. She had a lot to do today, so she doesn't have time to think about all this. Today she was going to face her past which was unaware of all these years. At the same time her life was in danger tonight.

Her ex mate was going to mark another woman tonight while she still felt a connection with him. That could have proved deadly for her. She almost died when he rejected her that day. If she hadn't attacked him back and inflicted some pain which she was feeling on him as well, she was sure that she would have died.

That's how strong their connection was!

But she surely can't attack him today as well as it looked like he still bore the rejection wound she gifted him. It could result in his death as well as her death as well.

What a fucked up situation it was!

What she couldn't understand was why the mate bond was still active after the rejection? She has to find a way to get rid of it before the ritual and before he marks Stacey. She already thought of something, hope it works before it's too late.

I am not feeling well, Athena. I am feeling really weak and at the same time, I am feeling like something bad is going to happen to us,'She heard her very strong wolf's weak voice and it made her feel helpless yet furious at the same time,

This is all happening because of Dominic! She is never going to forgive him if something happens to her wolf today!

Keep on hanging. I will not let anything happen to you. We are strong. We both will come out stronger out of this. I promise." She promised with determination as she looked outside the deep forest.

She had been looking at it way too much, as if expecting something.

'I believe you,' saying that her wolf went to the back of her mind once again.

What a fascinating thing this mate bond is! It can be a lifesaver for some and at the same time a lifetaker as well.

Suddenly her phone rang, which brought her out of the thoughts. She looked at the screen, expecting Suzanne's call. They are all at the party venue. The ritual starts in less than one hour.

She was still at Suzanne's house while Ace was in the hall as well. She heard that he was wearing a tuxedo and was very excited to see him in this. She was sure that he looked very cute and handsome in that! Her heart wants to see him badly and shower him with kisses but her life was at stake here. She was sure that Suzanne will take good care of him until she figures something out.

She looked at the phone in confusion when she saw an unknown number instead of Suzanne's. Who was it? She frowned but nevertheless picked up the call.

"Hello?" She spoke up in a blank tone as it could be anyone.

"I am waiting for you in the back forest of the pack house. Come here soon and don't forget to bring two invitation cards. I am ready in suits to fill up the suit's pocket." She heard Robert's voice and smirked.

"Sure. Wait for me." She said with a smirk before walking out the mansion toward the back forest of the pack house.

She soon reached there and found Robert standing behind a large tree. She looked at her left and at her right before walking toward him with a satisfied smirk.

“Good to see you again, bitch.” Robert said with a smirk as soon as he saw her. Her smirk turned devilish as soon as he heard him.

He always used to call her bitch. She grew up hearing that from his mouth and every time she used to hear that, her blood boiled in fury.

“Wish I could say the same about you, Robert. But I could say that I will make you regret calling me that.” She said with a smirk.

“You always say that. Don’t you think it’s time for you to let go of that dream? Now don’t waste my time anymore and come to business.” He said, getting serious.

“Right, so where is it? What is it that you wanted to give me?” She asked in desperation. Robert said that he had something of her past which will be enough for her to get to know about her past and he would give her that today.

“What’s the hurry? Give me the cards first.” He demanded with a forward hand.

“You will get your cards. But only after you give me what I want. Don’t you know me? I always keep my words.” She said with her chin held high.

He frowned at her in hesitation. He knew that she always kept her words. He didn’t have much time to bargain with her. So, he decided to go with her demand today and brought out a small box from his back and forwarded it toward her,

“You will find everything here. Almost all your answers but the rest you will have to find yourself by connecting the dots. The locket on your neck will help a lot as well.” He said while pointing at the locket on her shoulder. She looked down at it before looking at the box in her hands. She was nervous and confused. She held her whole life in her hands.

“Now it’s your turn. Give me the cards.” He demanded with forward hands.

“About that. . .” She trailed off with a smirk, “Guards?” She called and his eyes widened when he saw two guards coming out of nowhere and walking toward him with anger filled eyes.

“What the fuck is this, bitch?! You said you will keep your words!” He shouted as those guards caught him before he could run.

“I did keep my words. Think again. I said I will make you pay for calling me bitch. I kept my word!” She said with a smirk before turning around to leave.

“You, bitch! I will make you pay for this!” He shouted in anger while struggling to break free from the hands of the guards. She turned around to look at him once again. Her smile was more sinister than the last time.

“One more little piece of information. Shame on you for knowing me enough. I have been brought up by you, you shouldn’t have trusted me.” She said with a smirk. “Now excuse me, I am getting late for the party.” Saying that, she turned around to leave for Dominic’s house first to keep the box safe.

“Now it was time for the party, Athena. You can do this.” She whispered to herself, before walking inside the party, with her head held high.

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### 33. Their entries IN THE PARTY HALL

“Ace... Baby...you are a good boy, right? Please don't cry. Please listen to Aunt Suzy.” Suzanne tried to calm the crying child down but Ace wasn't having any of it. He cried harder, grabbing all the attention around them.

“Mommy! Where is mommy?! I want mommy. I want to go to mommy! Take me to mommy. Mommy...” He cried and shouted. Everyone looked at him in annoyance, making Suzanne and Patricia really nervous.

“Oh, my god, Suzanne! We need to calm him down as soon as possible. He is annoying the people here. We won't be able to keep them calm for long. They can get ruthless at a rogue pup for ruining their peace at the party. Where is Athena?” Patricia asked in a worried tone while looking at people who were glaring at Ace badly, scaring the poor kid more.

The party's starting will be announced in a few seconds. As Dominic's second and third in commands, Nathan and Justin were with him to accompany him in making an powerful entrance like an alpha should. That's why they weren't there to help both the girls. Because if they would have been here, they wouldn't have gotten those glares.

“I don't know. I am trying to call her but she isn't picking up. I hope she isn't in any kind of problems.” Suzanne said while hugging Ace close to her heart, trying to protect him from all those deadly glares.

“Why didn't she come with you? Why didn't you bring her with you?” Patricia asked with a worried look as she looked around in anxiety.

“I don't know, Patricia. Trust me, I don't. I told her to come with me. But she said she had some work to do. She didn't tell me what. I guess she is just nervous and needed some alone time to calm her nerves down. You already saw her. She was a little off than usual.” Suzanne said in a worried tone.

“I understand that but it's getting hard to handle him. Also, he will also fall sick from crying so much.” Patricia said while caressing his head lovingly but nothing was working.

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“Mommy! I want mommy!” Ace cried once again and that's when someone from the crowd spoke up for the first time.

“What is this rogue pup doing in here?!” A man shouted in anger while coming out of nowhere and stood in front of them.

“Yes, what is he doing here?! He doesn't belong here. He is going to ruin our peace and fun night.” A woman spoke up as viciously as the man as she stood in front of them as well.

Both of their faces were saying nothing but disapproval for Ace's presence. They all had ruthlessness and heartlessness clear on their faces. Soon more and more people joined him and they started taking slow and dangerous steps toward them.

“Throw him out!”

“We don't want him here!”

“We can't tolerate him here!”

“I want to kill him!”

They all shouted while some of them were already showing out their canines, ready to

pounce at them any moment.

“Don’t you dare to come near us! I am commanding you as your second in command lady! Stop right

there!” Suzanne shouted in an intimidating yet nervous tone.

“Yes, stop right there. You won’t like what will happen to you if the alpha finds out what you are trying to do o here,” Patricia shouted while glaring at each of them. She wasn’t scared of them but the situation was s o noisy and messed up that it was making her feel suffocated. She was overwhelmed and didn’t know what to do as they kept getting more and more aggressive.

“Don’t lie to us!”

“Our alpha doesn’t like rogues!”

“He will never like this pup.”

“Alpha will be happy if we kill him.” “Let us kill him.”

Suzanne and Patricia looked at them in shock. They understood that something was definitely wrong with these people but they didn’t know what it was.

Suzanne and Patricia tried to calm them down by using their second and third in command tones, but it wasn’t working on them for some reason, making them more nervous. None of them were listening to them. It looked as if they were possessed by something. It was actually getting scary.

At that moment they could only ask for help from the goddess while hugging each other. Even Ace got quite in fear. Then suddenly a loud and familiar voice shouted, making Suzanne and Patricia sigh in relief.

“What’s happening here?”

They all turned around after hearing the powerful voice of Dominic and immediately everyone got silent. All those who were going to attack at Ace shivered in fear as the most powerful men in the pack glared at them. As if they were pulled out of the daze they were in. They looked confused and scared.

Dominic, Nathan and Justin already witnessed and understood the situation. Suzanne and Patricia ran toward their respective mates and hugged them tightly. Ace was still in Suzanne’s arm.

The men were pissed would be an understatement when they realised that they were going to attack Ace i ? f they hadn’t arrived at the right time. What was wrong with these people?! They glared at the group of people while Nathan and Justin hugged their mates protectively. Ace started to cry again.

“Alpha, it’s a rogue....!”

“Shut up!” Dominic hushed the pack member with one growl before walking toward a shivering Ace. He forwarded his arms toward Ace to take him in his arms from Suzanne and offered him a small smile. But Ace was too shocked and in fear to react to that. He didn’t move a muscle to go to Dominic.

“Ace, won’t you come to your superhero?” Dominic asked in a soft tone which made Ace cry harder.

“Superhero...” Ace cried out loud and immediately jumped to Dominic’s open arms.

“They are bad people, superhero. They were scaring me. They were shouting and scaring me. I don’t like them. I want mama. Can you please take me to mama?” Ace cried while hiding his face on Dominic’s chest. Dominic felt his chest tightening hearing the cry of the innocent child.

"It's okay, baby, Don't cry, please. You are my champion, aren't you? You are my and mama's brave boy. You are not scared. You are strong, aren't you? How are you going to protect your mommy you are so scared, right? You need to be very brave to protect mommy. So you need to stop crying now, can you do that?' Dominic talked with Ace with so much affectionate that it surprised and fascinated everyone present in the room a lot.

"Okay, I will stop crying and be a good boy, I will not fear the bad people as well. But can you please take me to mommy or bring mommy here. I want to hug her. She smells really nice and I love it. It makes me

happy." Ace said with teary eyes. He was trying really hard to keep the tears in.

"Trust me, baby. I couldn't agree more. There's something magical in her scent."

Dominic muttered under his breath so that no one else could hear him. "Did you say something, superhero?" Ace asked with a confused frown.

"No, I just said that I am proud of you." He smiled at him while kissing him on the cheek. Everyone looked at the scene in awe and no one dared to make a sound to break the momentum. They wanted to keep watching such a warm scene. The pack members were shocked to see that new side of their alpha while Nathan and Justin were shocked about completely different things.

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##### **34. Her entry**

"Last time I remember breaking someone's head for calling my son that, this time I have something nicer planned for you. How fucking dare you call my son a bastard?!"

Everyone in the ballroom turned to look at the entrance at the same time. They all turned their heads so fast that it made a sound with the air. The intensity of the voice was so powerful that everyone was forced to look at it that way.

As soon as they looked at the entrance, the room filled with the sound of everyone taking a sharp breath in. Because the person standing there literally took everyone's breath away.

Athena stood there in confidence and ran her eyes over the room, looking at every person in the eyes, as if to intimidate them. She smirked when she saw that she did a good job at that because most of them looked down immediately after their eyes met her. At last her eyes stopped at one particular pair of grey eyes and everything else stopped.

Her aura at that moment was anything but a simple maid. And her look! Her look was simply magnificent. She was looking like a complete goddess who hypnotised everyone in the room by her beauty.

"Mommy!"

Ace's ecstatic shout after seeing his beloved mommy brought everyone out of their hypnotised state and looked at her and Ace in another shock. Ace got down from Dominic's arms and ran toward Athena at full speed. She smiled at him lovingly before



bending down a little and picking him up. Everyone looked at the scene in awe.

“My baby!” Athena exclaimed in happiness before kissing him all over the face. Ace immediately crying in the safe embrace of her mother. She hugged him tight to make him feel that everything is okay now and that she got his back.

“Mommy! I missed you.” Ace cried while touching her face with his sweaty and tear filled hands.

“Careful! You are going to ruin her beautiful face!”

“Don’t touch her face!”

They heard two men’s voices from the crowd shouted which made Ace jump but immediately a growl from Dominic and a tight hug from Athena calmed him down.

Dominic glared at those two who made those comments and they immediately bowed down their heads.

“Mommy missed you two dear. A lot.” She said in a soft tone while kissing him on the forehead.

She can never explain how much she loved him. She won’t say she can die for him because she doesn’t trust her son with anyone else. But she can surely kill for him! She will make a river of blood if anyone tries to harm him a little bit.

“I was scared mommy! They were scolding me and scaring me. They are not good.”

Ace said in a shaky tone and shivering lips.

He didn’t want to cry in front of them and make them more angry, Athena immediately felt anger surging through her spine again as soon as she heard that. She immediately looked up with a fire in her eyes and yet again it intimidated all the other people.

Why?! No one knew other than Dominic. What else could be the reason that everyone was getting intimidated by his ex mate on the day of when he was going to mate a new woman? It was clear as daylight. It was some hints the moon goddess might be giving him.

But what was he going to do?

“How dare you talk to me like that?! Do you even have any idea who you are talking to? I am soon to be Luna of this pack!” Stacey declared with pride and arrogance which Athena didn’t care about at all.

“We can be whatever you want but I am a mother. And trust me you won’t like to mess up with a mother because when we get angry, we can bring destruction to anything and everything, your face might be included in that as well.” Athena said while looking deep into her eyes to let Stacey know that she wasn’t kidding by any means. “So you better keep your mouth shut in front of me and think twice when you decide to call my son that again.” She warned in a hard tone, shocking everyone present in the room.

“Dominic! Are you just going to stand there and watch her insult me?” Stacey at last turned toward Dominic who just came out of the shock which he got when Athena entered the room.

“Just refrain yourself from calling him any names from the next time. That will save all of us from the trouble, especially you. Now don’t drag it anymore unnecessary.” Dominic said in a blank tone before turning away from both of them, Stacey and Athena.

“Oh my god! Did you see her? She is so beautiful.”

“She is more beautiful than our soon to be Luna!”

“Exactly, she is looking like an actual queen, instead of our future Luna.”

“Such a pity that she is a rogue. Our Alpha will never accept this. He might be tolerating them for second in command lady.”

“Yes, I heard that they are friends. But whatever, she is really beautiful!”

Everyone started to murmur all this from all across the room, making Stacey fume in anger while Athena smirked.

But the moment she took a step forward, the murmur immediately stopped and loud gasps were heard from all over the room. Her silky smooth leg caused the commotion. And she recognised one of gasps coming from her dear ex mate as well.

Oh my! Was that satisfying?! That indeed was to her.

Athena walked inside the room with her chin held high and confidence was reeking off of her. The click clack sound of her high heels against the floor was the only sound heard in the room.

She at first walked toward Suzanne and Patricia and smiled at them apologetically as well as thankfully.

“Thank you so much for taking care of him, you both. I apologise wholeheartedly for the trouble he caused.” She said in a polite tone. Ace didn’t care to move his head up and look at anyone as he was with his mommy now.

“Stop talking like an idiot, Athy. You know it was nothing.” Suzanne rolled her eyes at her before smiling at her.

“She is right. It was absolutely nothing. And you are looking beautiful today. Just like we planned.” Stacey winked at her,

“What did you guys plan?” Justin asked with a raised eyebrow.

“Nothing special,” Patricia snapped playfully, earning a doubtful look.

“But whatever, you look really beautiful, Athena.” Justin complimented.

“Exactly. You are looking like a fairy in a red rose. So beautiful. The red seems to be made for you only.” Nathan complimented as well, making her feel shy. She blushed hard while ignoring the obvious glare she was feeling

“Thank you so much, guys. But when is the party starting?” Athena asked with a smirk.

(So sorry for the short chapters, dear readers. I promise the next two chapters will be long and soon! The promised double chapters of the last day! But spare me today, I was busy with school work! Love you so much! Also I might edit this chapter and last chapter and make it long. You can read it by refreshing the book. Not necessary though. And I want three more new ratings on the first page of the book! Hope you can give your lil author that!)

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##### **35. Red wine**

The party was going on in full swing but Athena was feeling irked and the feeling was so messed up that she couldn’t even explain why she was feeling so. There were tons of reasons for her to feel like that.

First, the growing anxiousness in her heart for her life. Then the stares of those hungry

wolves looking at her as if they will jump at her for any reason and eat her alive. They were giving her lust filled looks and her current defensive state to save herself was urging her to shift into her wolf form and kill each of them. Only she knew how she was stopping herself.

But that wasn't it. The piercing eyes of Dominic was the last thing in her bucket that night. His intense look was giving her chills down her spine. She couldn't think straight as the intensity was too high.

The only good thing that she was thankful of was that they arranged a children section as well. Ace was playing there with fellow pups. The kids are so cute and lovely that she doesn't need to worry about him in her current state. Because that's the last thing she would want in her life, to upset him by her wrong behaviour when she isn't in the right state of her mind.

"A red wine for a beautiful red queen." Suddenly someone spoke up and stood in front of her with a glass of red wine.

The voice was masculine and husky, and sounded good. But she kept her facial expression void of any emotions. At first, she looked at the forwarded hand with the same blank look. She moved her gaze from his forwarded hand to his muscled arms, biceps and fitted body to his handsome face. All the while, her right eyebrow kept raising in appreciation.

And boy! Was he handsome?!

After being satisfied with what she saw, she forwarded her hand to accept the glass of wine, ignoring the obvious glare received from Dominic. Her eyes met his golden flashed eyes for a split second before she quickly moved her eyes away and smiled at the man.

"You know that you shouldn't be calling me the queen while standing at the ceremony of the actual queen of the pack." She said with a smirk while a small sip from the glass. The man smirked hearing her and she instantly noticed the dimple on his right cheek, making him look insanely cute. It made her blush. For sure her emotions were at places at that moment.

She immediately heard a growl as soon as she thought of the mysterious man whose name she was yet to know. She frowned and looked at his back to see Dominic literally fuming in anger while glaring at the back of the man in front of her.

What's wrong with him?! She thought and immediately a frown adored a face. She felt a warm touch on her forehead where the frown was, shocking her. This time she didn't bother herself from looking at Dominic as looked at the man with a small frown.

"Frown in your face is like the cloud on the moon, both are covering the beauty. That's not good." He said with a smile, making her look at him with a raised eyebrow.

So, he was a talker as well!

"Beauty doesn't only mean spotless bright things. Beauty lies in the eyes. The way you see it. The moon is always beautiful, no matter what." She said with a smile while taking another sip from the glass.

"I have never been this happy to be proven wrong. Not only are you beautiful, you are smart as well." He said with an impressed look on his face before forwarding his hand toward her for a handshake. "I am Clement, by the way. The neighbour pack's Alpha's brother. Pleasure meeting you." He said. She accepted the handshake which he didn't

waste.

He immediately pulled her hands up till his mouth and gave her a light kiss on her knuckles. She looked at him with a raised eyebrow but didn't say anything about that as she wasn't having any negative feelings from him.

"I am Athena, this Pack's maid." She introduced herself and waited to see the look of disgust on his face but it never came, instead there was a look of appreciation which took her back a little.

"It will be a pity if I don't have the chance to dance with a beautiful lady like you. So, may I please?" He asked with a charming smile while bending down a little and forwarded his hand for her to take.

She looked at his hand with a raised eyebrow before dropping the glass on the counter and took his hand without thinking. He happily took her to the dance floor, oblivious of someone who was planning his potential murder.

"So, tell me about yourself, Athena." Clement started to talk as soon as they were on the dance floor.

His hands were on her waist while her hands were wrapped around his neck. The position was too cozy for people who had just met. But Athena was having fun from doing so. The growls after the growls which she was hearing were really funny for her. So the mate bond wasn't just too much for her only.

"Want to know boring facts about me or something interesting?" She asked with a smirk while they groomed slowly with the music.

"Obviously something interesting." Clement said with raised eyebrows, interesting to know about it.

"Hmm... let me think..." Athena pretended to think and then her face immediately filled with a humorous smile. "Oh I know! I am a rejected mate! Ain't that interesting?" She asked with a smirk while Clement looked at her in shock.

"Well that's shocking. Why would anyone reject someone like you? How foolish people can be! If you were my mate, I would have kept you as the crown of my head." Clement replied with a frown and with a different kind of passion in his eyes which she noticed. She immediately let out a melodious chuckle.

"Well, that's a pity that I am not your mate. But don't forget to keep the woman who is actually your mate as the crown of your head and the queen of your heart. Not everyone can do that and it's actually a shame." She said with a small smile but there was something else in his eyes as she looked Dominic in the eyes. He heard what she said and the storm in his eyes told what she was feeling after hearing that. She looked away from him when Clement spinned her a little.

"I will always remember this. I will make my mate the crown of my head and the queen of my heart, no matter who it is. Though I still pray and hope it's you." He said jokingly and they both ended up laughing together

"Okay. So, what's the name of your pack?" Athena asked as they kept dancing.

"Oh, it's sh-..." Clement couldn't complete his sentence when suddenly the phone in her hand rang, making her jerk away from him as soon as she saw the caller.

There was anxiousness and one kind of relief on her face as soon as she saw who called. She freed herself from his hold and mumbled,

"I need to leave. Excuse me."

And within a few minutes, she was out of his sight, no matter how much he tried to cat

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#### 36. Fireball

"Where are you? Come out! I know you are around here. Come out!" Athena looked around in nothing but darkness as she shouted in the air.

She was in the middle of the forest where she was looking at all day today, for this moment. Today the moon was shining bright, it was a full moon night while her life was slowly getting covered with darkness. She was in a frantic state as she could feel her skin start burning slowly.

They might be starting the process of ceremony and that's why her anxiousness was increasing. She needs to get out of here as soon as possible after getting the solution. Because the reason she was here can get her into deep problems. What she came to do here is forbidden in packs and it was worth getting punished.

But she didn't have any fucking choice! She wasn't going to beg her heartless mate to take her back to save her life! Because she couldn't see any other options other than that. So, she was ready to take every risk to save her life.

"Aren't you afraid of getting punished?" She suddenly heard a very melodious voice which was echoing with the air and sounded more unrealistic. She immediately recognised it. It was the voice she wanted to hear and came here for. She immediately turned around and found a woman floating in the air.

Yes, she was a witch.

Yes, Athena came to a witch for help and having any kind of contact with the witch is forbidden in packs. Because that was her only option. The werewolves don't go very well with the wolves as some witches can be very sketchy and use their powers for wrong things. But she didn't have any other options.

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The witches are sketchy. Most of the witches are very witchy in true sense. They like to play with their power of magic and cause trouble with the werewolves. They often misused their power for doing bad things. Which is why they and the werewolves have problems together. Werewolves are a hot blooded community and they don't like sneaky things.

"Do you think their punishment is more important to me than my life, Irene?" Athena scoffed at the woman who has curly black hair.

"Well, surely it isn't. But oh my! I am seeing you after so long and you are still the pretty bitch you were the last time. And tonight you are looking like a fireball." Irene said with a fascinated look on her face. »

She has never seen Athena in beautiful dresses or wearing makeup. She has always seen her wearing ragged clothes and with stains of dirt on her face or body because she always used to work.

"That's something new I heard today. Fireball. Because everyone else was calling me red queen, red roses, rose queen a lot more. But not a fireball." Athena said with a small

smile.

“Well, the fireball suits you the most. You look like you’re burning in fire and ready to burn down whoever comes your way.” Irene said with a smile as she slowly touched the ground.

Irene came down and stood in front of her with a smile, with a friendly smile. She always smiles whenever Irene smiles at her and always compliments her saying that she has a beautiful smile. But that didn’t put a smile on Athena’s face. Her worry won’t go away until she finds a way to save her life.

Irene and Athena met in this forest only. One night, they both saved themselves in danger and since then they became friends. Athena helped her with a few things from here and there while taking the help of her magics in a few really important things. So, technically they are just friends with benefits.

“It’s the first time you didn’t smile back at me when I smiled. That’s new, Athena.” Irene said with a smirk and immediately earned herself a frown from Athena.

“Are you seriously finding this situation funny, Irene? I am in danger, my life is in danger. Considering how powerful our freaking mate bond is, I might die if he marks that woman. I need to find a way soon to break the connection any way possible. And that’s why I called you here after taking such a big risk.” Athena exclaimed. But Irene smiled again.

“Okay, I can’t see you in this miserable state. So, tell me what’s wrong and let’s get you out of this shit. Then we will talk.” Irene said with a smirk and Athena glared at her...

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“Dominic is mating another woman, Irene. And he is doing it through ritual. I think the woman he was mating is not his real mate. And that’s why our bond is still active and it’s fucking making my life hard. I can’t fucking breath or think straight. Just set everything alright. I can’t take it anymore.” Athena said. everything in one breath and waited to let that information sink into her head. But from the look of her, it seems like it went completely out of Irene’s head.

“I am sorry but I got blank from ‘Dominic is mating another woman’. Dominic? Alpha Dominic? As in your mate? The asshole who rejected you?” Irene asked with a frown.

“How many more Dominic’s do you know, Irene?” She asked in annoyance.

“Okay, sorry. Next? Or repeat what you said again?” Irene asked with a frown.

“Didn’t you hear me the first time? He is marking another woman today by ritual. And you already know about our bond. How strong is that! I feel someone cuts my skin open whenever he is near any woman. And at this moment, I am feeling my skin burning as the time is nearing to the ceremony. I will die for sure, Irene. I can’t let that happen. You have to help me, Irene. You have to.” She exclaimed with urgency in her tone but Irene was having the same casual expression.

“First of all, why are men all assholes? Your mate is the boss of that section. And secondly, he rejected you and he is mating and marking another woman. That’s it. What’s wrong with that? What’s the problem here? What do you want me to do here?” Irene asked with a shrug of her shoulders and Athena let out a growl.

“What’s wrong with you today, Irene? I need you to help me break the connection somehow between us! Do some magic!” She exclaimed in fury and frustration.

“That’s easy, sweetie. You just have to accept his rejection.”

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37. Sinister laugh

"A...accept his... rejection? Is...is that it?" Athena asked in shock and disbelief.

"Yes, my love. That is it. Just accept his rejection. I don't remember you telling me that you accepted his rejection, did you?" Irene asked with a raised eyebrow and Athena felt more confused as she clearly remembered what had happened that night.

A lot happened that day and accepting his rejection was definitely not one of them. She was in a too fucked up situation to worry about that. She was in unbearable pain and at the same time she was busy making him feel the same pain as well.

So, that was the least of her worries at that moment! But it was so easy?! How couldn't she think of this before?

"No, I didn't accept his rejection. Because I didn't think that was necessary. I thought he rejected me and that puts an end to the story." She said in confusion.

"Well, that's not how mate bonds work, sweetie. Your moon goddess gave power to both sides in the relationship. It won't end until you both want that." She explained. "No wonder you are a rogue. You didn't attend any schools, did you?" Irene asked with a roll of her eyes. Athena glared at her.

"Yeah, not everyone is lucky to be born as an alpha's daughter." Athena rolled her eyes back at her. "Whatever. Do you mean, I still have power in this relationship? I mean, if I want him as my mate, will he be forced to be my mate? I don't think I made sense."

Athena said with a frown as she tried to understand what she wanted to know.

"You are right. You don't make sense. I didn't understand what you meant. You can't just force a person to mate you just like he can't mate you forcefully or reject you by his wish but wanna know a fun fact?" Irene asked with a smirk. Athena looked at her in confusion.

"What is it?" She asked with a small frown.

"If you want, you can go there and claim your position as the Luna. He or anyone won't be able to stop you from doing so. No one has that power to stop you from taking up that crown as their Luna. They will be forced to obey your orders. Ain't that awesome?" Irene asked with an evil smirk. Athena looked at her with widened eyes.

"What are you saying?! Me and their Luna? Is that even possible when their alpha doesn't accept me as his mate and Luna?" Athena asked with a frown of confusion.

"Normally, I don't think it's possible. But there is something different in you which I have always noticed and I don't think you realised that ever." Irene said with a smile while looking at Athena deep in her eyes.

"I don't understand what you are talking about. What's wrong with me? What's different about me? I am confus.... Aahhh" Athena exclaimed and let out a howl in pain and dropped to the drowning while holding her heart. Irene immediately sat down beside her as well with a worried look on her face.

"Athena! Are you okay?" She asked while holding her.

"It is ha...happening, It ought to ha .. happen. J...just tell me what you were saying about me? Te...tell me... I want to know...know.." Athena breathed those words out with a lot of difficulty.

"That can wait, Athena. You can know about that later. At this moment, you need to decide what you want. Tell me, do you want to accept his rejection and destroy every possible relationship with him and his pack or be the badass that you are and go claim your right?" Irene asked in urgency while holding Athena's rapidly growing weak body. Athena smiled sadly while whimpering in pain.

"I might be a hopeless rogue with no identity but I am someone with dignity. I am not cheap, Irene. I am not wanted there. So, I am definitely not going to claim something which is not mine even though it belongs to me. So, I will just accept his rejection and get over it." Athena said while breathing hard.

She could feel him touching Stacey and that's what made her skin burn. She doesn't like it. She hates it. She was trembling in pain and a sudden anger was surging through her veins. 1

"Your state is getting worse, Athena! Damn it! You need to go and get there as soon as possible." Irene said in a serious tone. She was someone who rarely takes things seriously but when she does, it's really serious.

"I... I... Know... But how...I... can't get up... I feel so weak.. I can't wake up... What am I going to do now?" Athena cried out loud as she felt pain all over her body. She was feeling as if someone was cutting her with a sharp knife. "P... please make it stop. Make it stop. I can't bear it." She shouted in pain. –

"I wish I could do that, hun. Only acceptance of rejection or your mate can help you. No one else can do that. Can you shift to your wolf form?" She asked while making Athena stand up with a lot of difficulty.

"No, we are too weak to shift." Athena told her while trying to connect with her wolf who was completely silent and unresponsive

"Now, we don't have any other way then." Irene said with a serious look on her face, confusing Athena..

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"What.. what is that?" She asked with difficulty.

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"I will have to use my power to get you there." Irene said with determination but Athena's eyes widened as soon as she heard that.

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"No! That's too dangerous for you as well as me. I can't drag you into danger because of me." Athena showed opposition immediately while standing with a lot of difficulty.

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"Don't worry, I will be following you from far and I will be invisible. So, you don't have to worry about me. Now keep standing." Irene ordered and took a few steps away from her. Within a blink of an eye she disappeared with the air. At the same time Athena felt her body getting light. Irene already started her magic.

"I have to get there fast. The ritual is about to start any moment now." She groaned as she suddenly started to move forward on her own. But she hardly took any steps when a sinister laugh was heard from her back, passing a chill through her body as she recognised the voice immediately. "What's the hurry, my maid?"



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38. His heart and mind

IN THE HALL

"How strange?! Where did the beauty go suddenly?" Clement asked to himself while looking around the party hall to look for Athena.

The party was on in full swing now while the important people of the pack was preparing for the ceremony. The pack members and guests from neighbouring packs were dancing around and enjoying the party a lot.

When Athena ran away from his hold suddenly after receiving some call, exactly at the same time everyone was invited on the dance floor. That's why he couldn't run after her even though he wanted to. She got lost easily. But she wasn't going to let go of it so easily. He was going to make sure to find her because he felt some attraction toward her which he never did for anyone.

"Excuse me, please make a way, please move away... I have to go-.." He stopped on his track because someone blocked his way. With a look of annoyance on his face, he looked up and immediately the annoyance was replaced with shock and a little bit of respect.

"A... alpha Dominic. Please accept my great wish for the very special day. I am honoured to join it. Thank you so much." He said with a smile and a little submissive gesture.

But the look on Dominic's face didn't change. When he first came, he was fuming in anger and he was still fuming at that moment. He looked like ready to murder someone and for some reason, Clement was thinking that it might be him whom he wanted to kill.

"Clement." Dominic muttered his name under his breath, with a small nod of acknowledgement toward him and Clement nodded back. "You seem to be in hurry to leave the party. What's the matter? Don't you like the party or is it something else?" Dominic asked in a taunting tone and Clement's eyes widened in shock realising what was happening.

But he couldn't understand if Dominic actually misunderstood him or he was making fun of him. He won't be surprised to know that he was making fun, he has lots of reason for Dominic to be angry at him. Though he was not directly involved.

"Alpha Dominic, please don't misunderstand me. It's nothing like what you understood. The party is great and I am enjoying it a lot. And I wasn't leaving. I was just looking for someone." He answered truthfully and that's when Dominic's expression changed.

"Who is it you are looking for?" Dominic asked with gritted teeth while fisting his hand tightly when he saw the instant smile on Clement's face.

"It's the most beautiful girl in the world that I have ever seen. She was wearing a beautiful red gown and looked like an red angel in that. I am mesmerized by her beauty. I was lucky enough to get the chance to dance with her but she suddenly ran off to somewhere. I don't know where. And I was trying to look for her because I won't be able to explain the instant attraction I felt toward her." Clement answered while looking

around with a frown

He didn't like it. His anger got worsened. His canines were almost coming out. He started to shake in

anger and the colour of his eyes kept changing from his normal colour to golden.

He and his wolf knew who was Clement talking about. Because they both saw Clement dancing with their woman!

Their mate!

Clement's hands were wrapped around their mate which they wanted to rip off at that moment. The way h

e was smiling at her, made them wanting to punch the hell out of him. 'What's wrong with me? I hate her! Then why was this happening to me?!' He exclaimed to his wolf in his mind while trying to get control over himself.

He couldn't understand what was wrong with him. His mind and heart were in a battle where he didn't have any control over. Suddenly he couldn't tolerate anyone near her, let alone looking at her.

It started happening from the moment she entered the room, wearing the beautiful dress, looking exactly like how Clement described. Beautiful in one world. And the high slit which showed her sexy milky white long leg, made his mind go crazy everytime he looked at her or anyone else looked at her.

He didn't like that. He felt like going toward her, throwing her on his shoulder and then walked out of the mansion and lock her in his room, away from everyone's eyes. He also had this dangerous urge to punish her for showing what's his to the world.

How dare she?!

Then again! What's wrong with him?! Why was he being like his?! Why was the mate bond getting so strong at the time it was time to get it broken for forever? He could feel the burn in the wound she gave him and so he could imagine what she was going through.

What was going to happen, might even kill her!

'Stop it! Go back to mate! She will die! We need her! Go to her!' His wolf shouted in his head in a restless yet aggressive tone. His wolf was trying it's utmost best to come out and get control but he was trying his best to keep him under control. Because the moment he would come out, there will be a few dead body around first and then he would run off to find Athena.

"A...alpha Dominic? Are you okay?" Clement asked in a confused tone while looking at Dominic's lost face with a frown. Dominic came back to earth hearing him and looked at Clement with a glare which yet. again confused him.

"Stay away from her! She is mine!" He growled dangerously while glaring murderously at him, shocking both of them.

"Who are you talking about, Dominic? Hope it's me."

They both turned around to look at the source of the voice to find Stacey standing there with a big smile. Her smile widened when her eyes fell on him and he looked back at her.

"Oh Dominic!" She exclaimed in happiness and walked toward him with purposed steps. And before Dominic could understand anything, she planted her lips on him and kissed him, increasing the burn on his chest in ten fold.

"Let's go. It's time to mark me and make me your."

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39. The right decision

"I would like to call alpha Dominic and his mate, soon to be Luna, Stacey, to the front."

A senior looking man said in a serious tone.

He was from the senior werewolf community. He and more people like him are known as councillors. They often make important decisions and solve problems in packs. They are very important people and everyone respects them around here. Even the alphas. So, for important rituals like this, they are invited as the main guest to complete the ceremony and put importance into it.

"Dominic, come on! I can't wait for it to be done!" Stacey beamed in happiness as she pulled Dominic with her up on the stage.

Dominic had a blank look on his face as he followed her motionlessly. He didn't know what he was doing at that moment. His head was blasting as he felt breathless suddenly.

He looked around for something which would pull her out of the misery and suffocation he was feeling. But the person who had the power to do that was not there and that made his heart and wolf more restless.

He looked around and his eyes first fell on the little boy, Ace. His heart clenched as the sudden thought that he was doing something wrong to that kid stuck him and he felt some more breath getting out of her lungs.

Then his eyes fell on his group of friends or his right hand and left hand and their mates. All of them were wearing a deep frown. The frown of disapproval. They didn't like or support his decision of making Stacey their Luna. They were present at that moment just for his sake. No other reason. He was making his friends disappointed. That took some more breath out of his lungs, increasing the suffocation.

Then his eyes fell on his people and his breath just suddenly got stuck in his throat. As what a disaster he was doing, getting more and more clear. None of his people were happy with what was happening. They didn't want that. Then why was he doing this?! How could he be so blind to not notice this before. How could he do this to his people?! He suddenly decided that.....

"Hello, everyone! Now that we have the Alpha and the soon to be Luna with us. We would like to hear a few things from Stacey, the future Luna and the future of Crescent Mystery pack! Please do the honour, Stacey." Another old man said and passed the mic to Stacey which she happily took.

"Oh my goddess! Thank you so much for giving me such a big honour to be the Luna of such a strong and powerful pack. I am so happy today. This is the happiest day of my life. I can't wait for the ceremony to be over and be your Luna. Even the thought of it makes me feel powerful. I hope I am not going to die in happiness when this happens. Hope everyone is happy with me being the Luna, because if not, too bad. You don't have any options. Just kidding. Now let's not waste any more time and start the ritual. Because, once again! I can't wait!" She shrieked out in happiness before passing the mic back to the man.

Everyone looked at her with a frown but nevertheless clapped for her crappy speech because obviously they didn't want to upset their Alpha.

But Dominic was looking at Stacey as if she was the stupidest woman in the world. How could he be so stupid to not notice this before?!

"Did you see how selfish she sounded?"

"She didn't say anything about us, her people."

"She didn't even make any promises."

"I sounded like she just wants power, she doesn't care about us at all."

"I don't want her as the Luna at all."

"We can't do anything about it. Moon goddess destined our Alpha with her."

Dominic started to breathe harshly as all those whispers attacked him from all over the room. He knew that they were being quiet enough but his alpha ears couldn't help but hear them and she couldn't agree more with them.

"Alpha Dominic, now it's time you mark her the traditional way every wolf marks his mate by biting at the special spot on your mate's neck. Then using the moon stone, blessing of our moon goddess, we will mark her as the Luna of the pack." Another old man announced while raising a while shiny stone up in the air for everyone to see.

Moon stone is considered a small piece of the moon which the moon goddess gifted the world to use for occasions like this. Occasions like when the Luna has to take her position ritually, or when the alpha becomes an alpha not by the bloodline or when one of the mates are human. The moon stone is very beautiful and powerful. Everyone does their best to keep it protected because that was the only piece on the earth and they can't let any evil people get their hands on this. Because they can misuse it in many ways because it's filled with power.

"Dominic? What are you waiting for? Come and mark me as yours for forever! I am waiting, my love." Stacey said in an impatient tone while forwarding her exposed neck toward him.

He frowned looking at her as suddenly everything got silent around him. As different thoughts attacked him to think about the situation again and suddenly he came to a decision.

'We can't do this. We can't do this to our people. We can't do this to her. We can't do this to ourselves.' He suddenly thought in his mind and heard his wolf howl in agreement.

'That's what I am talking about! Just get the fuck out of this place and go get our mate!'

Dominic looked at Stacey and his eyes flashed golden. His canines came out as he took a step toward her. She looked at him in excitement as she beamed in happiness.

"You want to be the Luna of the pack, right?" He asked with a smirk. With the canines and golden eyes, he looked nothing less than danger.

"Yes, Dominic. I want to be the Luna. Why are you asking this now when you are already aware of this?": — Stacey asked with a confused smile.

"Right, I asked the wrong question. Let me ask you the right question now." He said with a smirk, the smile dropped from her face seeing him acting like that. "Do you think you are capable of being the Luna of my pack? Do you think you are capable of ruling the pack along with me?" He asked with a dark glint in his eyes.

If at first Stacey's smile dropped, at that moment her face just lost all the colours. Her

face went pale as she looked at him in confusion and shock. Everyone else was shocked as well. While his group of friends looked at each other in confusion. They didn't have a good feeling out of his sudden change of attitude as well. It was dangerous and scary.

"D...do... Dominic? What do you mean? What are you talking about?" Stacey asked while stammering. It looked as if she was going to cry at that moment.

"I just asked a simple question, Stacey. But as you are so clueless, I will make it easier for you. Tell me, what ability do you have to rule my pack, my people? What are you going to do for my people in general? What are you going to do for my people if they are ever in some danger?" He asked in a harsh tone and Stacey was in a more bad situation at that moment.

".....will obviously try to do everything to save them. I can do everything for them, Dominic. They are going to be my people as well. And last but not the least, I have alpha blood in my veins, of course I am the most capable to become the Luna. What are you talking about?!" Stacey exclaimed in a little bit of anger, slowly trying to come out of the shock and intimidation.

"Wrong answer. Being an alpha's daughter doesn't make you an ideal Luna. Can you sacrifice everything ? for me and my pack? Can you fight side by my side if there's an attack ever? Can you give up everything? Even your life?" Dominic asked in a harsher tone.

Everyone was looking at the scene in astonishment but Nathan, Justin, Suzanne and Patricia were enjoying where it was going. It was really funny and amusing for them to watch Dominic coming back into senses. They couldn't wait to see where it goes.

"I don't understand what you are talking about, Dominic! What is the meaning of this conversation at this moment? What are you trying to do?" Stacey asked while a panic started to raise up in her chest.

"You didn't answer my questions, let me answer them and then you will know what I meant." Dominic said with a dangerous look on his face. "The answer to my questions is no. You can't sacrifice everything for me and my pack. You can't fight alongside me. You can't give up your life for my pack. You can't do anything and that is why I decided that-..." He stopped and took a few deep breaths to prepare himself as everyone looked at him with their breath held inside in anxiety.

"That?" Stacey trailed off, praying to not hear what she was afraid of.

"That for the sake of my pack, I don't want you as my mate and Luna." He announced and everyone in the room gasped out loud and immediately murmurs started around the room.

"Did the alpha just reject her?"

"Were they mates for real or was it just a contract among the packs?"

"Who is his real mate then?"

"Did he find his mate yet?"

"What's she going to do now?"

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"I am very happy that the alpha took this decision at the right moment."

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Among all these gossips, Dominic walked straight out of the living room with panic clearly written on his face, not caring for his friends calling him several times. His mind was stuck at the sudden thing which he heard in his head.

'Help! Dominic... help me...'

It was Athena's voice. Did she just mindlinked him? How?!

But that was the least of his worries at that moment because he was running to save Athena who was in some kind of danger.

Irene hid behind a bush as looked at the scene in front of her with widened eyes, She didn't expect this worst turn of events,

Alpha Derrick, the alpha of the Shadow Eclipse pack, just attacked Athena with the help of a witch! Why? Why did he need the help of a witch to catch Athena? Did he somehow get to know the thing about Athena?

Damn! That's going to be dangerous if that's the truth. Even though she hopes that's not the case here, she knew nothing better can happen which might involve a witch.

She needs to do something fast or Athena will be in great danger. She became invisible again because she realised that the witch which Derrick hired was an old witch and she was very powerful. So, she can't get caught by her otherwise they both will be in danger.

She closed her eyes and read something under her breath and within a blink of an eye, she was standing in front of the pack house of the Crescent Mystery pack. She never in his thoughts imagined there might a day come when she has to come to any werewolf for help.

With a big sigh, she took a deep breath and was going to take a step toward the house when something mind blowing hit her nostrils, stopping her on her track.

It was a scent and it was so nerve-wracking yet soothing that she took a deep breath to take as much as possible of this scent. She was lost in the scent that she didn't notice someone walking and stopping just in front of her

"Mate!"

She heard a voice she has never heard before and her eyes widened when she realised what the fuck just happened. She opened her eyes and looked at a very handsome man standing in front of her with fascination in his eyes.

"Oh my, you are so beautiful! I can't believe you are my mate! I am so lucky. I am Clement. What's your name, mate?". Clement asked with twinkling eyes. Irene's face formed a scowl as she looked at him in annoyance.

That's not what she signed up for today!

"Fuck that, little dog! And move out of my way!" She snapped at Clement in annoyance but he didn't mind her words at all. He looked at her with dreamy eyes.

"Where are you going?! What are you doing here? Do you know you can get killed for coming to this territory. Come with me, I will take you to a safe place!" Clement spoke up with a worried look on his face as he tried to take her hand and run away. But she immediately stepped away from him while slapping his hands away. She looked up at him with a frown.

"Can you shut the fuck up?! I need to go to see the alpha of Crescent Mystery pack!" She snapped and was going to take another step toward the mansion when he stopped her again.

"Why?" He asked with a frown, as his possessiveness came out, making her roll her

eyes at him in annoyance.

“Because his mate is in danger! And we need to save her.” She spoke up in an impatient tone and she was ready to knock out the little wolf if necessary when they heard a loud growl.

“Where is she?!”

They both looked at the front to find Dominic standing with dark black eyes, ready to shed blood if necessary “Alpha Dominic, it’s nice to finally meet you!”

(Hello lovelies, here is a big chapter! Hope you are happy with it! I am so sorry for the short chapters from the past few days. I was caught up with exams and results. I have been working all day on several updates for you guys. But there is a network issue here. I managed to update this one. I am not trying to take risks and update the next Chapters as well. Because when the network is bad, there are possibilities of the same chapter getting updated several times. But I will try to update them as soon as possible. But if something happens, be with me! Also, if a chapter gets updated several times, don’t worry. I will edit them with the real chapters, that way none of your coins will get wasted! Love you all!”)

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“What the hell just happened?” Justin asked in shock and disbelief as soon as Dominic stormed out of the room.

“Well, we don’t know but whatever happened, I enjoyed it very much.” Patricia spoke up with a smirk while looking at Stacey who was standing on the stage with a blank look on her face.

“Same here. Look at her face. Ain’t that worth enjoying?” Suzanne asked with a smirk and she and Patricia laughed.

“Well, aren’t you both evil?” Nathan asked with a raised eyebrow.

“Well, you can’t blame us now, can you?” Patricia asked with a frown.

“Do you know how she used to rule over us and treat us like we are her maid? Do you realise what would have happened if she had become Luna? She would have turned our lives into living hell.” Suzanne said with a roll of her eyes and Patricia immediately nodded at her, agreeing with her words.

“Yeah, she was especially harsh and cruel toward Athena. That bitch was jealous of her.” Patricia frowned.

“You guys are acting too cruel toward her. Look at her, she is standing there hopelessly and helplessly after being humiliated by Dominic. Do you think she deserved that?” Justin asked with a frown.

“Well, no... But we are not blaming her entirely. Dominic is at fault as well. He shouldn’t have been so arrogant to make her Luna earlier. He should have known that no one liked Stacey as much as Luna.” Suzanne said with a frown.

“So, you guys didn’t like her as Luna. Who do you think would be the perfect match for Dominic and perfect as our Luna?” Nathan asked with a raised eyebrow while looking at

both the girls.

Patricia and Suzanne looked at each other and they instantly knew that they both were thinking the same thing. They both smirked at each other.

“Will you do the honour of telling them that or should I?” Suzanne asked with a chuckle.

“Well, you do it please. Because whenever I think of something like that, it makes me laugh hard. Because it’s that impossible. But one can dream, right?” Patricia laughed out loud.

“Okay, what’s going on?” Justin asked with a frown.

“Don’t laugh but we both imagined Dominic with Athena and we both think that they are the perfect match for each other.” Suzanne said with a smirk which widened when she saw how both the men’s eyes widened as well.

“Damn! That’s a dangerous combination.” Justin said with widened and shocked eyes.

\*That indeed is. But whatever. I am going after Dominic. Suzanne and Patricia, you guys stay here and handle the guests. Don’t worry, they won’t dare to do anything stupid now. Meanwhile, Justin, go and get ready with our best fighters. We might need them.” Nathan spoke up with authority in his tone, as he was in charge at that moment. They all nodded at him and he immediately walked out of the mansion as well.

“Okay, first of all we have to take care of Ace...,” Patricia had just started to talk when they heard Ace’s cry.

They all turned around to look at the pup’s corner and found Ace on the floor and crying..

“Oh my god, Ace!” Suzanne exclaimed in shock before they all ran toward where he was. Suzanne picked him up in her arms and hugged him. “What happened to him?” She snarled in anger while looking at the nanny.

“He fell down while playing, lady beta.” The nanny answered fearfully.

“What the hell were you doing when this happened?” Patricia snapped and the woman looked down in shame.

“Mommy, I went to go to mommy. Take me to mommy.” He started to cry again.

“Oh my, Patricia. He has a high temperature. He is falling sick.” Suzanne exclaimed in worry.

“Oh no! What are we going to do now?” Patricia asked in a similar tone.

“Nothing, you handle them. I will try to put him to sleep.” She said and Patricia nodded at her before walking back toward the stage.

“Okay, baby Ace. It’s time to go to sleep. Go to sleep.” She cooed into his ears and within a second he fell into slumber. She smirked seeing that. No one noticed that.

“Perfect.”

ON THE OTHER HAND

“Leave me! I said leave me!” Athena shouted in anger even though she was having difficulty in even breathing normally.

‘What was happening? Why am I feeling weaker than normally?’ she tried to ask her wolf whom she could hardly feel.

‘It’s magic. He is doing magic on us using the witch. She is getting control over us.’ her wolf’s frantic voice took the little bit of confidence away from her.

‘What should we do? Should we shift and make a run for it? We definitely can’t fight him.’ She said in a desperate tone. She wasn’t getting a good feeling out of it.



'No, we can't shift as well. Because we are too weak to shift or run and at the same time, if we shift, the witch will get us in our bare state and the goddess knows what he would do to us then. I... I can't bear it! anymore. I need to go. I am sorry.' Her wolf whimpered in pain and that was the last time she heard from her wolf. No matter how much she called, it didn't answer.

Now it was only her against Derrick and his evilness. She was not going to give us the fight nor was she going to get him the satisfaction she wanted by seeing her weak. One thing was for sure that Derrick took all these troubles just for her. Just to capture her and take her back to that hell hole. But there has to be some other reason in this other than just revenge for what happened that day. Because he wouldn't have gone so far otherwise.

"Do you think I did so much and went through so much just to let you go? So funny." Derrick laughed out loud hearing her while clutching her hair and making her look up at him. His grip was tight. Even though she was in so much pain, she didn't flinch. She looked back into his eyes with dare. "You are mistaken, bitch. Nothing can stop me from taking you with me today." He spat while tightening his grip around her hair to get a reaction out of her. But she gritted her teeth, yet didn't show any reaction other than glaring at him.

"What do you want from me? What did I ever do to you?" She spat back. As soon as she completed her sentence, she felt a tight slap at the left side of her face.

Derrick slapped her, hard. The force was so hard that it threw her off of her feet. Her already weak body couldn't take it anymore and she fell on the ground with a thud.

Everyone laughed seeing her in such a pathetic state while she felt as if she would break down any moment. Her back side of body felt numb from the fall. But she still didn't let out a sound. She kept sitting there with her teeth garnished against each other tightly.

She hated men or people who tortured people or hurt people for no reason other than getting some evil fun. That's so sadistic and disgusting. And both the alpha's in her life were like that.

Assholes! One is bigger than another!

"You did everything, bitch. For you Alpha Dominic attacked me and humiliated me. For you he threatened me to throw me out of my throne. How dare he!" He growled and she scoffed at him.

"Really?! Are you that weak and insecure?" She scoffed, angering him some more.

She knew that she was playing with the fire. But she was burning already without any of her fault. So, she decided to play it well. Derrick glared at her murderously and before she could understand what was happening, she received a hard kick from him. She gasped out loudly as she looked at him in shock. At that moment she felt that her soul would leave her any second.

Suddenly she felt all the burning from previously left her body. She wasn't feeling weak or any pain for the mate bond she had with Dominic.

Did he finally complete the ritual and marked Stacey? Is that why she wasn't feeling any connection with him or whatsoever? Emptiness settled inside her along with the pain in her body, caused by Derrick. Everything from a few moments ago was gone but that doesn't mean she was completely fine now. Her whole body was aching because of the abuse he was doing to her.

“Alpha, the procedure is complete. Now, it’s under your control.” The old witch spoke up, making Athena confused while Derrick smiled devilishly in satisfaction. Athena looked at them with a frown while trying to figure out if she felt anything different in her body. But it wasn’t anything other than the emptiness she felt. She suddenly missed Dominic’s overpowering presence. That was it. Could it be that she was the reason he felt so.

“Perfect then! Let’s talk now, my love. And let’s start from what you meant just now? Did you really dare to call me weak and insecure? Why did you do that?” He asked with gritted teeth while holding her waist and his long nails were piercing her skin open. She was bleeding immediately.

“Yes, I called you that. Because you are nothing better than that. If you really were a real man, you wouldn’t have attacked me like this. Instead you would have gone to Alpha Dominic and settled it with him. But no, like a coward you attacked me. Shame on you!” She snapped and coughed blood out of her mouth as he continued to injure her with his claw on her waist.

“Bitch! You are going to regret calling me that. And if you think I am that stupid to do all this just for that simple thing?” He asked and laughed out loud.

“Then what the hell do you want from me?!” She shouted as she couldn’t tolerate the pain anymore. Her red dress turned redder with her blood. She was losing a lot of blood.

Why does this always happen to her?

“Power! I want power from you! Do you understand me? And I am going to get it now matter how!” He shouted at her. She looked at him in confusion.

“Power? What power? Are you fucking crazy? I don’t have any power or whatsoever. But I can still tell you something.” She glared at him. She was furious. If these psycho thinks that he can do whatever he wants then he was so fucking wrong!

“What is it?” He asked with a frown while pulling her up with him, making her stand. He was preparing to leave the spot soon. Because being there more than that could be very dangerous. Everything could get ruined.

you are going to regret raising that hand of yours at me.” Athena threatened in a hard tone while looking at Derrick with a glare.

“How dare you, bitch!” He growled at the insult and started punching her.

Her face was bloody as Derrick removed all their frustration on her pretty face while she couldn’t do anything other than being punched by the beast.

She groaned, not in pain but in frustration. So frustrating! If only her state wasn’t this weak, she would have showed him the real meaning of torture. They haven’t met her wolf yet!

He was torturing her non stop. He didn’t care about anything else other than getting the frustration out of his system. She was getting weaker and weaker every moment.

At that moment she realised, if she doesn’t do something fast, she would die for sure.

She tried to . contact her wolf once again because she couldn’t do anything else other than that or hoping for some miracle.

‘Help... please help... help me... please...’ She shouted in her mind, hoping for her wolf or at least for the moon goddess to hear her,

What would happen to Ace if something happens to her?! That thought was enough to

make her hang on.

“Oh, yeah? Who is going to make me regret it? Your dead body?” Derrick asked and landed another punch on her gut and she coughed blood. But she still managed to smile to irritate him.

It was so fun to irritate the hell out of him that she could even take punches to do that. Was she becoming a psychopath as well while staying under his impression for so long? Or was it someone else’s impression on her.

Oh, goddess! Please help me... Dominic... Where are you?’ She unintentionally thought of Dominic while gritting her teeth as she looked at Derrick with a smirk. Her face and teeth were filled with blood,

“Oh, trust me sweetie. I never lie.” Athena replied to Derrick’s previous comment, making him frustrated even more. But this time before he could do any more damage, he was thrown away from her, on the ground by a hard punch.

Did it just hit Derrick with a déjà vu?!

“How fucking dare you touch her?!”

A loud growl which even made the bats and bird fly away in fear made Athena feel relieved.

“Dominic... you came?”

(Hello my lovely readers, please let me know if the chapters are put back on or not? I have edited them and I hope you guys don’t have any problems reading them. If they are not being loaded. Try to refresh your library. It might work. If it still doesn’t work, remove the book and add it again. That might work. Thank you so much for understanding and I am so sorry once again! Love you all!)