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“Eric”

I scream as slowly he sinks to his knees tears pour from my eyes. “Eric” I drop down to the ground gathering his body into my arms

“Eric, why did you do that for” I sob and he struggled to breathe.

I call out for Lucian who in a minute was in front of us. He was shocked to see Eric lying in blood within my arms.

“please he needs a doctor” quickly Lucian helped me up with Eric’s body and rushes to the pack hospital.

Claire whom I think Lucian already link came running in our direction, her face suddenly looks drain

“what happened?”

I just kept on sobbing without answering. I couldn’t believe it, it was supposed to be me but Eric jumps in to save me.

Eliz hollow in pain, “Eric” Claire pushes me aside and held him in his arms making Eliz growl and take control of my body.

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I couldn’t win over her this time as I was shocked by my own emotions. She was in charge of us now, she pushes off Claire and grabs Eric.

Aaron with Jay and Josh came rushing from the other side.

“Elle” Leto stops when he probably saw the changes in my eyes.

“Eliz, he needs the doctor” Jay tries to calm her down “mate needs me, heal mate” she cries.

Jeanne with a doctor named Scott quickly help Eric when Eliz decided to let them take care of him. Aaron tries to come closer but she hisses at him then runs in the opposite direction looking for the scents of all the remaining hunters.

Once she found the wounded and hiding under a rock. She stood before them grinning evilly. I never saw this side of Eliz and it kind of scares me.

They didn't see us and before the hunter could scream she snap his head then move on to the other one. When everyone dies she stood there howling in victory.

We heard a snap she growls showing her teeth to whoever appears. Alpha Zues clap in awe like he has watched a TV opera show.

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“That was entertaining, yet you killed my mate” he waves his finger in the air making Eliz bare her teeth as we haven't fully shifted yet

“pathetic how this should be me running this forsaken world instead of being just an Alpha.” Eliz keeps on snarling “Oh Elle if only I could still pursue you instead of that worthless Jea. Poor thing” he laughs

“maybe then we'll be in victory. Thank you but this is where we say goodbye” his eyes change and he shifted lunge at us.

Eliz in controlling my body deflect his moves and shifted turning around Zues claws missed us and she bites on his leg. His right paws set us flying in the air with so much force hitting a tree. Slowly Eliz loses consciousness as she was quite tired from killing the hunters.

Shifting back to our human form giving me back the control I began to panic as now Zeus is running at full speeds in our direction.

My eyes darted everywhere looking for something luckily I saw it and turn around to plunge into his chest. A silver knife lying hidden beneath some leaves, probably some hunter owns it.

Blood dripped from his mouth and he shifted back to his human wolf, he looks at me with sadness.

“I'm sorry and thank you”

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he says before his eyes close and his body limps on the ground. What the hell did he mean by that. I started to shift and cry on the ground.

Eliz howls again, we look ahead to find Aaron now running in our direction. He drops a blanket over us and hugs me “shhh everything will be okay” he whispers while rocking me back and forth.

He carries me back to the packhouse, everyone looks exhausted and some warriors were badly wounded on the ground while there were bodies covered in white sheets. Aberdeen rushes to my side and she hugs me once Aaron lets go of me.

I was still in tears, Aber only tries to comfort me. Even when we went back inside and she helps me take a shower then to bed. Eliz insists on visiting Eric but Aber forces us to sleep.

I felt my eyelids heavy “later Eliz” I told her and we slowly shifted away.

We are near to the end and I’m completely this book today

Love XOXO

Nica



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Dedicated to NatashaChantilop

The room was all dim when I woke up again. I stood up to turn on the lights then I went to the bathroom to wash my face. Eliz whimpers in my head she wanted to see her mate.

We went back only to find Aaron in our bedroom. His head hung low with a whisky in his hand. “Aaron” he took a sip, “I think its time for you to know” he drinks again.

I move towards him but he ducks to the other side.

“He asks me to save you on that day” I became confused “what do you mean?” He sat down on the end of the bed rubbing his face with his hands before he took another gulp of whiskey down in one go.

“Eric, couldn’t choose you because you weren’t his pack members and nobody knows you were his Mate at the time,” Aaron spoke before he took another swig.

“He beg me through the mindlink to save you from the hunters,” I felt like crying, Eliz on the other hand whimper with sadness.

“That’s why I came back for you, and contact Jay to help you out. Nobody knew as it was just between us Alphas. When your life was threatened by the hunters, he even proposed for you to be under my protection.” Aaron pause and clutches at his heart, he looks as if to cry.

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“I for one object to his idea, that’s why I try my best not to be closer and forbid you from going anywhere in my pack. When he heard about the isolation part he hated me for it. I thought it wasn’t my responsibility to look after you.”

“so you never care for me,” I felt myself on the brink of tears. Aaron got up and walk towards me which I took a step back. He pulls me into his arms.

“I do care, actually I think I’m falling for you but I wanted you to know the truth that Eric loves you too. He didn’t neglect his duties as your mate,” when he said that I cry.

“Shhh you need to talk to him, he doesn’t have much time”

I sob out loudly couldn’t believe all this time Eric was never the bad guy here. He loves me in his own way, I could feel Eliz drowning from loving and aching for our mate.

He may have mated someone else but at least he did care, and I kind of feel bad for all the bad things I said including the baby part.

I try to wipe off my tears “I think I need to talk to him, will you be okay with that,” Aaron nod in agreement.

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“He gave me you, even though his heart was with you. So why would I be mad at someone who gave me a great gift? You have every right to be with him, he’s your mate. I mean we haven’t quite figure about us. Maybe after this.”

He hugs me tightly “he’s been moved back here, in their allocated room,” he then let go of me.

I went to Eric’s room Aaron also has mentioned that Claire hasn’t visited him yet apart from the hospital when he was brought in.

I try to breathe in and out before opening his door I saw him lying there on the bed not moving. I move and sat beside his bed, waiting for him to wake up.

He would have been a perfect mate if we have met under different circ**stances yet fate has its other ways. I put my head on his bed before closing my eyes as I hold on to his hand.

Slowly my eyelid open, the first person I saw was Eric, he was staring back at me. His cheek turning red and his eyes widen in surprise that I caught him staring.

“Hey, did I” and he shook his head no weakly.

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“How are you feeling?” I ask him

“better” I could see he was lying

“Eric” once when I gaze at him I couldn’t control my tear slipping from my eyes.

“Thank you” for the first time he gave me the sincerest smile I could ever see and it warms my heart.

Hope you have enjoyed reading

Love XOXO

Nica

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Dedicated to @elephant44 @luyyourself62 @crazyinlove65 thank you for your votes/comments.

“I remember the first time I saw you,” his hand holding mine.

“You’re everything I could ever wish and want to have. It was the first time I agree to my wolf with something,” his lips curve in a smile.

“I want to be the best mate but then I couldn’t, I just couldn’t turn everything around. It wasn’t fair for you” I try to pull my hand away from his but he held it tight “please at least hear me out”

“no Eric I can’t” still plead so I ended up staying.

This time he raised his body up his back leaning against the bed headboard. He took my hand then made me sit in front of him his hand caressing my cheek. I tried to look away and close my eyes but he tilts my chin up.

“You are a perfect person and a perfect mate. The strongest that I have ever met and the kindest of them all. I misunderstood her gift for me” I saw his eyes clouded with tears until they slowly slip from his eyes down to his cheek.

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“I killed you once, I killed you twice in fact I killed you many times. But you... You never kill me. I... We waited for that day but it never came” He tried to calm down

“you could have done what Claire did to Aaron, shutting him off without a second chance and parading her new lover around but you never did that to me.”

My hand instinctively reaches out for his and the other wiping his tear-off we were both crying.

“You teaches me so many things even brought me to the realization of what a deadly sin I have committed of what part I did wrong in.”

He moves his gaze to the window where now a full moon is seen.

“I shouldn’t accept Claire back then, I should ignore my stupid desire and let Aaron have a second chance with his mate.”

Eric look at me once more and try to wipe away my tears, he lifted up my chin with his finger delicately

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“I apologize for everything that I’ve done, I am deeply sorry for it and I will take everything with me, all the guilt, Regrets, and pain I’ll take them with me” his tears pours down once again.

I knew that it wasn’t entirely his fault, some part was entirely mine. I mean my family kept me from Eric by not giving me that freedom. Yet I cannot blame them, since I didn’t even fight for what I really want. To find my mate but look where that it leads me I was too late to get to him. Too late in putting things in place this I couldn’t stop myself from crying.

It still hurts a lot, knowing now he did want me, that he did save me but decided to back off since he knew what he has done. I just couldn’t stop my aching heart even though I’m starting to like maybe love Aaron yet there’s always part of me that still longs for my mate.

“I know Aaron loves you so please promise me you will love him in return, love him freely, never look back.”

He cough and I nodded my head in agreement.

“I know I don’t deserve this but I beg you of one thing” he breathes slowly meaning his time is coming to an end.

He slips down again on the bed laying his back on the smooth satin while I moved to make space.

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“I promise I’ll wait for you the next time and please promise to be there”

“I don’t know Eric” I sob

“I know maybe not in the next life but maybe in some other lifetime,” he squeezes my hand I thought about it and I wanted to have a chance of being loved by my real true mate so I nodded my head yes

“I promise Eric” without thinking I leaned forward kissing him on the lips sealing our promise with it.

I pull away and finally saw his chest slowly go up and down. He died before my eyes with that last smile on his face. I stay there for a while then I push myself up to leave I open up the door and came to face Aaron who opens his arms wide and I run into them. Engulfing me to his chest as I cried out

“he’s gone.”

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Eric was wrong when he says that I could love freely and move on from the past. A part of me was still stuck there not moping in losing or never having a Mate but for the fact that life wasn’t fair for all. Yet we cannot blame life itself as it is also our fault for being selfish.

I stood there as his pack warriors lower the casket down, Alphas and betas from other packs stood by it. They have come to pay tribute to the warriors and the Alpha of Daluna for their bravery.

Aaron was nowhere in sight even Claire, the fake b**** was busy pretending to be miserable in her room. She wanted to earn everyone’s pity and sympathy while deep down inside she wanted Aaron to be there for her, to take another chance.

It must have been so good to have two people fighting over her, it must have been good to her for having a backup happy life-ending.

I watch as one of the elders conclude the sermon than one by one Alphas, Betas, and the attendees left. Lucian came up to me, he and I have finally settled some

undisputed business. He was ashamed of things he said and for leaving me behind to die.

“Hey, how are you doing?” Aberdeen hugs me tightly “better” “and Eliz?” I pull away “she’s mourning but no worries I’ll make sure to cheer her up.”

Aberdeen smile lightly “I’m happy for you, always the strongest one,” she looks around me

“So how are things with Aaron?”

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I knew someone would ask me this question, I was kind of okay with it. I mean Aberdeen is my best friend and I practically told her about me and Aaron when Eric dies plus I know she’s only looking out for me.

“I don’t know, he told me last week after Eric’s death that he needed space so I gave him his space,” Aberdeen pulls me in a hug again before pulling away and rushing past me.

I was confused for a moment then I snap my head to where she was heading.

“Oh no,” I run after her hoping for Leto to be in sight. I was too late as she was in front of her, pulling her back by the fabric of her black dress aggressively.

“Aberdeen!” I shouted which cause everyone to look at them then at me. I got there and tries to pull her away but she shrugged off my hold.

“Are you happy now” she screams at Claire who is now in Aaron’s arms

“Aber,” my plead went into silence.

“What now Claire, her mate Eric is dead... What now?” she shouted at her earning a growl from the pack.

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“Oh shut all your hoes it’s not like she’s your true luna. This is all her fault, if you wouldn’t run away from him” she pointed to Aaron “she would still have a chance with Eric you sly b****.”

I tried to hold her back but she wouldn't "you won't even let my friend be happy for once, first off you stole her mate. So what you're taking him back, what a nice backup plan" Aberdeen look at Aaron with disappointment who stood by Serena and Claire.

"You know I think Eric was way better than you, he may do wrong, in the end, he did something right" Aaron growl at her.

Aberdeen laughs haughtily "what Aaron did I said something wrong." I refuse to let myself cry in front of all these people

"Aber please stop" I didn't want to ruin this day for everyone who is already mourning. She just ignores me again this time her fingers pointing in the air at him.

"He hurt her, you hurt her and everyone else"

I was growing tired of begging her to stop. So I ended up shouting to no one else

"yes everyone hurts me, except you, Josh and Leto," now I could feel my eyes burning red with tears ready to cry. "Yes I'm hurt by everyone maybe not physically but emotionally you all did" I admitted turning to everyone around us, I didn't care if they did or not.

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"Everything hurts yet it doesn't change the fact that I was late and that I couldn't control my fate or their feelings," I tried to hold back the tears still refusing to cry. I have already closed off my mind from Eliz I didn't want her to hurt any further she's already been through a lot.

Losing her soul mate Eric's wolf was hard for her since they both love one another.

"Aaron you ask me to give you space" I could see guilt in his eyes "I guess I'm not giving you one anymore," he looks at me as if he wanted to say something but I cut him off before he does.

"We're done and you're free to be with her again.." I try to hold my voice together "it's not like I expected you to have feelings for me truthfully. Here I am making things right again...things that were in disorder because of some people's selfishness."

I finally took a deep breath my eyes never leaving his

“It’s over Aaron, it’s done... Now let’s all forget the latecomer ever exists” with that I took the only path that I vow not to take.

I ran away from everyone leaving them behind, I ran away from everything, and this time my tears sprung free from my eyes never to be stopped with anyone to see it.

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A year later

“I miss you so much” Aberdeen crushed me in a hug.

“It’s good to be back” I muttered “I know, now come along there’s a hottie at home” she winks at him and sashays her way to the car.

After running away from the funeral I decided to grab my stuff from Aaron’s pack and left for the human realms. I called back to apologize to Aberdeen and told her that I need to rethink this whole thing.

So going to the human realms was the best thing that ever happened to me. I met so many wonderful people and was able to live a life of a human being. I just say they made me fall in love with kids and wish to adopt one someday.

It’s a whole new phase for me there were no wolves, hunters, rogues, or any mate dish. It is just me and the wonders of their world as shown in the movies that we watch in our realm.

Even though the trip was short, should have taken 3 or maybe 5 years but at least I have relieved myself.

Coming back was something I wanted to do, no one can leave things un-mend. We all need to make amendments, forgive and then forget.

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Here I am back in Alcader's pack, my pack. Once we arrived back at the packhouse I saw Leto outside with their son Augustus. Yeah, Aberdeen told me that she gave birth to a boy and I must say he's so adorable in his photo the ones Aber showed me in the car on our way here.

When the car was parked Leto walks towards us handling the baby to Aber then spread his arm wide for me and I run into them. He drags me to Josh's office his hand still on my arms.

"I swear he's been nagging me about you" Aberdeen shook her head with the complaint.

We enter the office and see someone talking to the alpha, Aber pumps me on the shoulder pointing her head in his direction then winks at me. Josh stopped talking and stood up from his desk.

I went up to him "it's good to have you back" he pats me on the shoulder. He turns me around to face a young handsome werewolf male, by his looks he is unmated.

"This is Elle... Elle meets Jeff our new top warrior," my mouth went into an o shape. I shook his hand giving him my best smile. I would lie if I told you that this guy is not hot because definitely he is and I'm almost drooling now.

Moon goddess those eyes and that smile if only he was made for me how tragic. Eliz laughs in my head, "Tsk Tsk too bad Elle" she shook her head.

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"So it's true you're back," now who the bold just ruin the moment.

I turn away from Jeff and find him leaning towards the door frame which is now widely open. I could feel the mood in the room shift as if Josh is afraid that I might explode.

Yeah, Aberdeen already told me everything that Aaron apologizes to them after the funeral. He even begs them to create an alliance and see past their differences.

"Hi" I smile at him making Josh, Aberdeen, Leto's eyes blink while Jeff just looks confused.

"I came right away when I heard you came," he seems to be nervous

“I know” ‘liar’ hiss Eliz and again everyone in the room keeps looking between the two of us.

“Do you want to take a walk with me?” he asked me and could still feel how nervous he is.

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“I would love that” I wasn’t lying when I say I came back to make peace with everyone and it’s not such a bad idea to start with Aaron. I turn to the others “it would be nice if a meal would be ready for your guests when they return right guys.”

Aberdeen roll her eyes “oh please guest my a-”

“shhh, a child in the room woman, bad role model” I pinch Augustus’ cheeks kissing his forehead “bad mother aww poor baby” I tease her making the men chuckle.

“Now excuse me” I walk towards Aaron

“So where do you want to start.”

We’re almost done... I LOVE YOU ALL MY WONDERFUL READERS

