

Down and Up~

Hey hey hey. No A/N today, except for please remember to vote and comment. I love reading comments and they give me a drive to update.

That night I went to bed next to Kaileen, thinking the next thing I would see would be Kaileen's face. Sure, maybe I would've dreamt a little bit, and seen my parents, but eventually I would've woken up next to Kaileen. And we would've started our day. That's how nearly every day started for me.

But instead I woke up in the clouds, like I had never even le them. I wondered if maybe I was dreaming, I mean there's no way I had succeeded at what I was sent to earth to do—Not a er a couple months.

But it was too vivid to be a dream—Too real.

I felt the panic rising in me, plaguing my brain with terrifying thoughts. What if I had died in my sleep? What if Kaileen or my brother had killed me? Or what if the Moon Goddess decided that she missed me, and wanted me back?

All of those thoughts le me stuck with worry. I didn't want to be back here. Not yet.

I was about to panic some more when she appeared in a cloud. And I wasn't being metaphorical, she was actually in a cloud.

"Moon Goddess." I said, looking around. All I could see were clouds. There weren't even any stars, which was unusual because there were normally hundreds of them packed together.

What the hell was going on?

"Estrella," She greeted. I had forgotten how majestic her voice was, until it echoed around me, enclosing me like water.

"Why am I here?" I asked, watching as her face morphed into a so smile.

"Why do you think you're here?" She asked, and my stomach dropped.

"I'm not dead am I?" I deadpanned, and she just laughed.

I didn't know what she found to be so funny, I mean that was a serious question. A er her laughter, she shook her head, filling me with relief.

"Thank goodness," I spoke, "That would've really put a damper on things."

My sense of humor didn't seem to have any e ect on the Moon Goddess, who simply just smiled. I mean was she going to do anything besides smile? Was she going to tell me what I was doing here?

As if she heard my thoughts, she spoke again.

"Great troubles are coming your way," She paused, "Are you ready for them?"

"Troubles?" I asked, "What the hell do you mean? Was Morgan killing my mate not enough? Was Morgan ripping my throat out not enough for you?"

I knew that most people would have dropped their jaws to the floor if they heard the way I was speaking to the Moon Goddess. I mean, come on, here I was, a simple werewolf yelling at the Moon Goddess.

I, Estrella, was being down right disrespectful to the ancient one.

The old, ancient one could suck my toes for all I cared. And I didn't care one bit. She didn't scare me.

The Moon Goddess however seemed to ignore the disrespect that I'd just shown, as she floated closer to me. As she did get closer, she started to look less mythical and more like an actual person. And I think it was safe to say that this was the closest I had been to her.

Her blue eyes were practically staring into my soul, as she reached out for my hand. I stared at her hand for a few seconds, noticing how her tanned skin contrasted beautifully against my pale skin. But I wasn't here to be focused on her appearance. I was here to find out why I was here.

I looked back at her, staying silent as she began to talk again.

"You know, Estrella," She said, "Life is all about overcoming obstacles. If life was easy nobody would ever learn anything."

"But what more do I need to learn?"

"You need to learn to let go," She replied, "Let go of the past. Let go of the people who have harmed you, and focus on the people who care about you."

Let go of the people who had harmed me? Was this lady on crack or something? The 'people' who harmed me all wanted to take my life, and in fact one of them had already succeeded at that. Why should I forget about those things if that was the main reason I was alive today?

I stared at her incredulously, holding back the hundreds of things that I wanted to say to her. I knew that cursing out the Moon Goddess would do me no good. She'd probably just throw me out of the sky again.

So instead, I tried to control the angst and anger I was feeling. I tried to be civil.

"So then these troubles that are coming, can you tell me what they are? Ya know so I can at least try to live."

"That is for you to learn. You're a smart girl, I know you'll figure it out."

I swear, as soon as she said this I felt like wiping her perfect little smile o of her face. I mean seriously, why must everything be a fucking puzzle with her? Why couldn't she just tell me what was going to happen?

And then another question popped into my mind.

"What if I die because of this? I mean you said that if I died then I would be stuck on earth. What about that?"

"Estrella, you'll only be stuck on earth if you fail to love your mate. Do you think you're in love with him?"

Do I think I'm in love with him? What the fuck was she going on about, of course I love Kaileen. Was this some kind of joke? Was there some secret answer?

"You tell me," I replied, "Seeing as though you're the judge and the executioner. Have I succeeded yet?"

The Moon Goddess stared at me for a few uncomfortable seconds, remaining silent before she spoke.

"Not quite, Estrella. You see, if I told you that you were going to die tomorrow and spend eternity on earth, but that you could live if Kaileen died instead. Would you die? Or would you choose him?"

I was silent a er she asked this because even though I loved Kaileen, I knew what my answer was. I still loved myself just a bit more. I was still the selfish girl that I was in the beginning, and that alone made me disappointed in myself. I thought that I had moved past that stage, until she asked me that question.

I looked at the Moon Goddess, trying to hold back my tears as I realized what an awful person I was. Here I was, in love with my mate but not enough to the point that I would put his life before my own.

I felt so much shame.

"I'm a horrible person," I whispered. The Moon Goddess gave me a sympathetic smile, as she grabbed onto my hand again.

"No, Estrella. It's okay to love yourself. You aren't horrible for that. Your heart is pure, and one day you will be able to overcome the past that you so desperately try to run from, and you will no longer feel as though everyone is out to get you. Do not be so hard on yourself, you've already made it this far."

And as I stared at the Moon Goddess, ready to pull the lady who I had always loathed in for a hug, pieces of her began to disappear. It was like little pixels were being pulled away from her body, and that's when I realized that my time here was up. It was time to return to my mate.

I tried to focus on the Moon Goddess, but by now she was already gone. She had already disappeared back into the clouds.

And the clouds that were once around me were no longer present, instead I was surrounded by darkness—Cold, empty darkness. And then when I tried to suck in a breath, I realized that the darkness was actually water, and that I needed to get my ass up to the surface.

But the water it was so cold, it was like the frigid temperatures had made my limbs stop working, I couldn't pull myself to the surface. And that was when panic set in. I thrashed around, flailing like a child who had just fallen in.

I was so disoriented, where the hell was I? Why was I so deep? Why wasn't the surface getting any closer?

And then something grabbed my foot. I let out a shocked scream underwater, kicking at whatever grabbed my foot. I kicked until I realize what it actually was, and in fact it wasn't a what it was a who.

I looked down at my feet to see Kaileen, pulling me down.

But wait, why was he pulling me down?

And then as the dark water began to turn to light, I realized that he wasn't pulling me down, he was pulling me up.

All of this time I had been swimming deeper, thinking I was going towards the surface, when in fact I was just being a dumbass and drowning myself.

What an idiot I was.

And just as my chest began to burn from the lack of oxygen, I was pulled completely out of the water, and onto the snow-covered ground.

I coughed violently, expelling as much of the water that I could from my lungs. I felt Kaileen hitting my back as I did this, aiding in the process of welcoming air back into my body rather than water.

It felt as if I had just been brought back to life, and there was a possibility that that was actually the case. I mean I had just got done talking to the Moon Goddess, anything was possible.

I finally finished my cough attack, and immediately I looked at Kaileen, whose face was struck with a mixture of fear and relief.

He stared at me as if he was trying to process what had just happened, but before he could, I threw my arms around him. I squeezed him like I would die if I let him go, like my life depended on that hug. And boy did it feel amazing when he hugged me back. He held me just as tightly as I held him, and that's when I realized that his body was shaking.

"It's okay," I reassured, "I'm okay."

He pulled away from me to look at me, and it was then that I realized his eyes were filled with tears. I really scared him.

"Estrella, what the fuck were you doing out here?"

I looked around to see where we were exactly, realizing that we were at the lake. And while the majority of the lake was frozen, the was a spot that I had managed to fall through.

What the fuck was I doing out here?

I looked back at Kaileen, not being able to speak. My mouth opened and closed like a bloody fool, but no words could fix the utter confusion that Kaileen was feeling. I knew that.

So instead I just buried my head back in his shoulder, trying to forget the scary moment that had just happened.

I mean why would the Moon Goddess send me to a lake, just to risk drowning me? What puzzle was she wanting me to solve now that had to do with the lake?

Sheesh I actually liked writing this chapter. What did you all think? Did you like it? Please comment and let me know!

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