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I'm pacing back and forth on our small space. Something else? What is that even supposed to mean?

"Are you crazy?!" I exclaim, her face deflates and I regret my words.

"I'm sorry," I sit back down. She smiles softly.

"Lucille, I think your mother was a supernatural! A powerful being," she says with excitement. I roll my eyes.

"strong? yes, she was strong for a human," Everyone was surprised by her strength but she was 100 percent human.

"When did you get tested for the werewolf gene?" She asks. I shrug.

"I was thirteen or fourteen, I didn't feel my wolf-like all my peers," I answer her. I remember when my age mates were getting excited about sensing their wolves or even communicating. Their senses were heightened," I explain.

"And now?"

"My senses are much better," I admit.

"And when is your birthday?" She asks

"21st February,"

Alora sighs, "That's just three weeks from now," I want to ask her what my birthday day has to do with this but she opens her mouth

"I think we can know what you are then, look, most creatures embrace their true form on either their eighteenth or twenty-first birthday except werewolves of course -," she sounds excited as she explains while I frown. All this makes no sense, my mom was human, meaning I should be either human or wolf, there's no other way. I take in a sharp breath and lie on the floor, facing the ceiling.

Maybe mom was vampire, demon, angel or fairy or you know what, I'm done! Over it. Whatever will happen will be, I won't stress over it anymore.

Alora's face comes close to mine and I yelp.

"Yo, you almost gave me a heart attack!"

She is looking at me intrigued, " your eyes are really pretty, all unique colors," she whispers. I smile

" Thanks,"

A memory of my parents and I visiting a human city comes to mind. We were on a beach and two kids I thought were my friends started to make fun of me. Saying things that I was born with defective eyes since they have multiple colors and I've never hated them eyes until then but mom told me they were just jealous because mine is unique and theirs were normal

' Normal is sooo boring,' she slurred and drank her wine in a classy manner. She always was elegant.

I smile thinking about my parents.

" My favorite is the shade of gold around the border of the pupil," She is pointing at my eyes.

We are talking and laughing about everything, Alora doesn't talk much about herself and I respect that.

I check the time on that huge clock, time flew by so fast, it's almost past 10 am, I'm sure Rhodes will worry. I thank Alora and promised to visit her before running out of there.

Closing the door behind me, I rashly go make my way to my suite, I notice everyone is running around and the guards are out of order.

I squint my eyes and stop, what's going on? I slowly make my way to the huge foyer. Everyone is there, Rayan, and his brothers, alongside, Darren and of course that spoiled brat Olivia. I groan in annoyance, why is she always around my man?!

I push the door open roughly and instantly regret it as all eyes turn to me.

Jasper and Enol get out of their seats just as Rhodes and Meredith rush to me.

" What's going on?" I ask. They scatter from me as Rayan approach.

He cups my face and asks,

" Where were you? I was so worried when your ladies said they couldn't find you,"

I glance at Rhodes, she is still inspecting me with her eyes. I sigh and face Rayan.

" I was at the library," I ask, eyeing Olivia behind, she looks disappointed.

" Lucy, you should have informed someone, brother was making a ruckus," Jasper sighs, glaring at his brother.

" Enol, order the men to come back,"

The youngest prince stands up and walks to me. He kisses my hair and Rayan growls, he laughs before jolting out of the room at full speed.

Darren waves at me but he doesn't look too pleased, he keeps checking the time on his watch.

" We have missed the presentation and the board members aren't pleased,"

" Well, go fix it," Rayan hiss.

" I can't, can we talk for a minute?" He requests.

Rayan seems reluctant to leave but Darren is looking impatient. He kisses my temple " Don't leave yet, I'll be back,"

I watch Rayan, Jasper, and Darren leave.

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I turn to Rhodes and Meredith they have a similar scowl on their faces. I sheepishly smile at them.

" I'm sorry, I wanted to go to the library," I shrug, why was everyone giving making it a big deal?

" Omg," I hear an irritating voice. I roll my eyes, what does she want.

I turn to Olivia and offer my best fake smile.

" Prince Rayan missed an important meeting because he thought something happened to you," she snarls. I glance over to the other room where the three men seem to be in a heated conversation. I feel guilty.

" I didn't know," I say timidly.

" Of course, you didn't! I wouldn't expect you to understand how important being the head of the werewolf race is, you shouldn't cause prince Rayan any more stress," she says seriously. Rhodes approaches her but I raise my hand to stop her and she obliges.

" I know the royal family values you and all but don't use that to your advantage in your attention-seeking scheme,"

” Excuse me. I didn’t -” she cuts me with her words

” Things are a mess with the packs and these f*****g leeches, don’t add on top of the princes’ problems as well,” Olivia is messaging her temple. She blinks several times.

” Lucy, know your place, please,”

I raise my eyebrows at her last remark, I’ve heard enough s**t from her. I take a step towards her stealthily and cross my arms against my chest.

” Trust me, love, I know my place in this family, I suggest you take your advice and stay far from Rayan,” Olivia’s eyes are changing between her normal color and black. I swallow and take a step back. She seems pleased when I do.

‘ No, no, no. You won’t let this vixen challenge us. The prince chose us,’

‘ us?’

‘ we are one, remember and this b***h aren’t gonna disrespect me and let her get away with it,’

‘ girl, relax,’ I tame her. I have a few words for this woman. I take a step closer and she backs away slightly.

” Listen to me, I have the king and Queen’s favor to my side, so don’t think you can intimidate or boss me around, this should be the last time you talk to me in such a manner,” I warn her.

I might not beat Olivia in a fight but I’ll sure use what all I can. I don’t want to be threatened by anyone but most of all, I won’t be belittled.

Even if I will have to be cunning and considered bad.

I sigh as her demeanor shrinks completely, no more is she bold or glaring at me.

” Your parents may be at the top of the food chain around here but just know that I will hold a greater position. I know for a fact that I’ll come over you in this family and the princes life,” I smile at her.

” just how dare you, you little-” she is stuttering now.

” Oh Olivia, why do you always want to look perfect? Do you know what I think? Inside you will always be that little girl who is scared of being rejected by everyone,”

Rhodes told me that her chosen mate rejected her and chose another. She turned to food and gained weight so people bullied her for her drastic gain.

Olivia hated herself, she thought she wasn't pretty enough, therefore, spent millions to buy herself a perfect body so no one can bully and reject her ever again. No one can come second to her.

I go to my room and calm my breaths.

A soft knock resounds from the door and I already know who it is. Pisces is squealing in my head.

' my prince, my prince,' I roll my eyes and get into the covers, I feel a bit cold from being in the library and I'm upset that he keeps that woman around even if we are now in a relationship.

Rhodes is standing in front of me, watching me intently.

" Should I open it?" Ara asks. I sigh and nod my head, Rayan walks in, the ladies exit the room as Rayan seats on the edge of my bed. His hand reaches out to touch my neck.

" Are you unwell," he asks, concerned.

" I'm just a little cold," I croak. He pulls the covers up to my neck.

" Lucy, you just can't leave without telling anyone," he starts. Again with this?

" I'm sorry," I sigh

" Don't apologize," he is quick to say. I squint my eyes at him, he's suddenly upset. He takes in a deep breath.

" You did nothing wrong," he says in a gentler tone. He is stroking my hair like he usually does.

" Why did you go to the library?" He asks.

" Nothing important,"

" Are you upset with me?"

" No,"

" Yes, you are," He argues, since I don't want to seem like a jealous girlfriend, I fake a smile and get up, hugging him.

" I'm not upset, I was just missing my parents," I know low blow but it's the only way he won't question. His arms immediately wrap around my frame.

And we stay in an embrace for a long time.

I pull away " Go to your meeting now,"

I know he is missing work just to be with me, I don't want to be the reason he's overworked or not doing well.

" It's fine-" he start but I cut him

" I want to rest,"

Rayan looks surprised but I smile encouragingly. I even force a yawn and lie down.

I close my eyes. He kisses my temple.

" Text or call me, please," he whispers but I don't respond. I hear the door open and close.

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I've been avoiding Rayan. I want to give him some time to work. He seems busy but he tries to call or text.

Today is Monday so, I wear cute high waist jeans, a blue off-shoulder top, and put on my black pumps and I carry a cute black leather Scotty handbag for my first day to work. I'm standing in the mirror. My hair is braided neatly in two corn rolls.

I didn't wear makeup but I shaped my eyebrows and put on lipstick.

I turn to Rhodes.

" How do I look?"

I'm nervous but excited!

" So beautiful, you are going to kill it!" Arabella says

Rayan agreed to let me work but royal guards have to keep a watch on me at all times. He promised I won't see them but they'll be there.

" Breakfast is ready, miss," Meredith walks into the room. I touch my belly and shake my head.

" Too nervous, I'm afraid I'll throw up,"

She frowns and puts back the tray of food.

” Can I have a tangerine?” I ask, she nods eagerly and leaves the room.

We go downstairs and Arabella gives me my tangerine. Rhodes is frowning.

” I’ll be fine,” I assure her. why do they make it seem like I’m made of glass and I’m unable to do anything without their assistance?

” Why can’t we come along,” she pouts like a child.

I roll my eyes and sigh. The guards open the huge doors for me and I breathe in the air. A black limo comes in front of me.

The driver comes out and I realize it’s Rayan’s chauffeur. He opens the back door and Rayan comes out. He is in his office outfit, his tie is loose, his hair is a little messed in the front.

He is smiling gently as he approaches me. Without a care that they are some servants and guards around, he grabs my waist and pulls me to him. A zig of electricity rushes through my skin as his lips connect to mine.

Rayan usually kisses my shoulders, neck, cheek, and forehead but the lips, he has never! The kiss is soft but deep.

He pulls away and I’m gaping at him. My fingers fly to my lips in awe.

” I missed you,” he says as if he didn’t just do that! It feels like weeks since I saw him last yet it’s only been three days! I was so upset that he keeps that woman by his side and I felt guilty about what she said so I tried to give him space.

He rests his head over my forehead and inhales my scent.

” You’ve been avoiding me,” he murmurs.

” You missed an important meeting because of me,”

Rayan chuckles a bit and pulls away. his eyes are soft and he kisses me again.

” I didn’t, those old stubborn councilmen had it coming, they can’t make a decision and I was punishing them. Plus, I needed to come to see if you’re safe,” he explains

” I was safe. You don’t have to leave your responsibilities because of me, prince Rayan,”

” You’re my future Queen, you come before anyone or anything,” His tone is serious. I blush a little.

” And I thought you run away,” he admits at last.

I narrow my gaze. He thought I’d leave? Doesn’t he trust me?

I pull him by the collar and stand on my tiptoes.

” And leave you? No way,” I smirk.

” That’s more like it” he winks. I’m smiling as I look at him.

” Ready for your first day?” He asks when I place a little distance from him.

” I’m nervous,” I confess.

” You’ll do great, I’m jealous,” he says. He carries my bag and takes me to his car. I almost scream, he carried my freaking bag, so cute!

” Why are you jealous?”

” you’ll be spending so much time with them than me,” He sounds like a child. I giggle.

” I’ll make sure to spend as much time with you as well,” I promise him. He gives me a boyish smile and I reward him with a peck on the cheek before getting into the car. He has such a beautiful smile and I enjoy seeing it.

The whole car ride we are conversing.

” Don’t ever ignore me, especially for something so trivial as a meeting or work,”

” Trivial? You’re a werewolf crown prince! The future king and I don’t want to be the reason you negligent your work,”

He suddenly grabs my hand and kisses it.

“You never! Lucille, you’re mine! Mine to care for. Your safety is my utmost priority,”

I sigh and look out the window. He pulls me to him. I close my eyes, placing my head into his chest.

” Don’t stop texting me, I like it when you do, or send me those little faces. Yes, Emojis,”

” I’ll text you more then,”

The car stops, Rayan almost comes out but I stop him. ” It’s my first day, I don’t want to draw too much attention,”

I want my time here to be normal. He frowns but I'm sure he understands my reasons already. We meet for a deep long kiss.

"I'll come and pick you up,"

I shake my head.

"Rayan, no," he nods but frowns and I turn to look at the huge building, written Royal city general Hospital,"

I begin to walk but stop to look at Rayan. His car is still there and I wave, I can't see him with those tinted windows but I still smile.

"Go" I mouth him but he still doesn't leave.

"Miss Lavigne!"

I turn and find the HR, standing beside him are two gentlemen and Delish, I don't know how I feel about her.

"Welcome," She hugs me quickly and smiles. Okay that was a little weird.

The HR Introduces me as a royal family member. The director gasps and bows so many times. He is about 5'9 middle-aged Asian man with dark hair and manly features.

"I'm Doctor Roland Hamilton, the pediatric director. Marital status, single and searching," He is smiling like a creep, I notice he is still holding my hand tightly

"Not this again," The other tall handsome man with dirty blonde hair and light blue eyes whose name is Mark mutters. Delish and the HR manager roll their eyes.

"He always does this, it's so embarrassing," Delish whispers.

"Okay," I smile awkwardly at him. Taking my hand from his grip is a hassle until someone intervenes.

I request to the director that no one should know my relationship with the royal family and he swore by his life that my secret is safe, I almost rolled my eyes at how he vowed it.

As we take a tour of the hospital, Delish is called to the theater for an emergency s she had to run.

The children's hospital is big. There is a huge garden and a clean playground.

Kids are playing in big sandboxes, spinners others on swings and carousels.

I'm smiling as I watch two girls on a piece of seesaw equipment, I loved playing as a child.

There are so many, others are in tube slides and there are a few nurses in colorful scrubs watching over them. It looks very organized.

They even have inclusive whirls. I smile, happy that they are inclusive.

We go in the doctors' lounge where I find dozens of the staff I think, looking at how they are dressed.

They all get to their feet and greet the director, Hamilton. I'm introduced to the staff, all 30 of them.

"You're welcome,"

I look at them, some are smiling while others look natural.

I wave "Hello, my name is Lucy Lavigne, I hope we get along and work well together,"

"Some of them are in the night shift but you'll get a chance to meet them," The director smiles at me. He bows a little then leaves me with Mark.

I will be mostly working the morning and evening shifts. They are perfect but we'll be rotating every other week.

I change into my scrubs and start my work by visiting the newborn babies. I'll be assisting Mark.

Mark is a cool doctor and most of the kids know him as a superhero doctor.

After doing our rounds with the infants, we went to the adolescents where a kid step on my foot twice and punched me in the gut as he tried to get away from getting an injection.

Delish comes to check if I'm doing well. Her concern for me is so weird especially considering that she loves Rayan.

I'm in the ward when a female doctor approaches me. Her name is Leticia but she goes by Letty.

"Hi, doc Lucy!"

Letty is petite with long dark hair and amber eyes. She is friendly.

"Hi!"

I wave.

"It's lunch, shall we go to the cafeteria, oh, I hear it's spaghetti, Bolognese!" She cheers. I nod and follow her to another wing.

The restaurant is huge with tables and chairs where people can eat and on the other side is a long table of food behind it, a woman and man, dishing out. The room is full of doctors in uniforms, chattering, and eating.

Letty and I walk in and get our cutlery. They have enough food to feed an army. I notice many are getting so much on one plate probably because most of the population here are werewolves and they have a quick metabolism.

We find an empty table right in the center of the room and start to eat while chatting. Leticia tells me she's twenty-six and graduated from Royal university a few years ago.

She's been here for years so she knows who's who and all that.

Mark enters and waves at us. He gets his food and comes to join us.

"Since when do you eat here?" Snarls Letty. Mark heard her but choose to ignore her. He smiles at me and asks "how is it going?"

"Fine," I answer eating more of my food, it's not as good as they would prepare it at the castle but it's fine.

"Take it easy and don't push yourself too hard," he says, I nod.

As we continue to talk more about work, I sense bad blood between Mark and Letty. They either oppose each other or try to talk over one another. It's none of my business so I don't comment.

The rest of the day goes by well. It's almost 6 pm. I didn't realize.

Rhodes told me the driver will be right outside the gate at 6.

I get my phone from my pocket and find texts from Rayan and Enol, even Jasper texted me, they want to know how it's going. However, before I can reply to them, two workmates along with Letty come in.

"I'm exhausted," Shelly yawns, she's one of the new staff and we didn't vibe very well, she kept eyeing me and telling me what to do even if I already knew. I notice it wasn't just me she was doing that too, Like girl, act your position and salary!

Letty and the other Brunnet are smiling at me.

"Let's go, we can share a taxi! Wait, where do you stay?" The Brunnet asks. I freeze. Only the director, Mark and HR know where I live. I start to bite my fingers nervously.

” Mute?” Shelly asks arrogantly.

” Uptown and I’ve already called an Uber to pick me up, thanks for the offer ladies,” I smile politely.

I watch them walk away before I also go to the entrance. As promised, Rayan didn’t come instead, he sent his driver. The huge man is still in his work suite, he bows politely and opens the door for me.

I need to talk to Rayan about not sending him here. I sigh and lean my head against the leather seat as I already know what he’ll say.

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I get out of the car and already Rhodes, Meredith, and Arabella are waiting for me at the entrance. They are smiling and I return it.

Ara takes my bag. ” How was your first day,” They are asking so many questions at once.

” It was alright,” I laugh thinking about how great my day was. Someone opens the door and we enter the house. I’m surprised to find Jasper, Enol, and my Rayan are in the main room. They were chatting but stood up when they noticed me.

” How was your day?” Enol asks with a smile.

” It was great!” I answer as I go to Rayan’s side. He kisses me on the lips, again and I blush a little when we pull away.

” Wow, okay. I see the future Queen,” Jasper says. He is gently smiling while the ladies giggle before exiting the room.

After exchanging a few words, we take our seats but surprisingly, Rayan pulls me in his lap. He doesn’t even care that his brothers are watching us.

It’s useless to fight him now so all I do is rest my back against his front. His hand is softly caressing hair and I can just sleep.

They are discussing the packs when I think about mine.

” Can you evoke an Alpha’s position?” I ask suddenly. They all go quiet, my eyes are closed but I can feel their eyes burning my skin.

” Can you or not?” I repeat the question.

” Um, princess, yes we can but there have to be solid reasons?” It’s Jasper who answers.

I notice they are calling me princess, Rayan and I aren’t even engaged, so that title isn’t mine yet.

” What kind?”

” Failing in duty, crimes, mental stability and embezzlement of funds and so much,”

” Oh okay. Is there another way?” I ask and face jasper. He squints his eyes, his eyes travel between his brothers before answering.

” A challenge, that’s how they settled matters regarding leadership long ago,”

I nod. Rayan’s hand has frozen in my hair just like the rest of him.

” Why do you ask?” Enol asks, I get off Rayan’s lap and face them.

” Well, I don’t want Josh to have full control of the pride pack,” I say it. A chill goes down my spine. Rayan’s eyes are intense and hot on my body.

” But the only person who has part control in the leading of the pack is a pack Luna,” jasper informs me, his look is scrutinizing and he’s not wearing his usual gentle smile.

” I want to see Josh, I can’t leave what my father built to rest in his hands alone,”

Rayan gets to his feet and snort.

” What do you mean?”

” Just that, my father made a mistake to leave him the title. I want it back,”

Rayan’s expression is changing to anger now.

” Your father? You led your father to do that because you were so madly in love with the beta!”

I squint my eyes, where is all this coming from? He’s pacing about the room now.

I turn to Jasper who’s warily looking at his elder brother.

Rayan marches towards me and looks Into my eyes.

” Do you want him back? Are you going to leave me?”

“No, I was indeed in love but he cheated on me and I’m over him,” I shout, I don’t know why I’m suddenly getting upset. How can he even think I want Josh?

” Yes, you almost ended your life for that man, now you’re talking about a possible meeting? Or even getting back with him,”

I roll my eyes, men, is he seriously jealous that I’ll meet Josh? He completely misunderstood my words. I will inevitably do when I take back my title.

I put a hand on his shoulder and he turns to me.

” I don’t love Josh anymore, Derek said he’s screwing up the position,” I take a deep breath and open my mouth to say ” I want to be affiliated to the pride pack, I want to have a say in matters there. I know I didn’t shift but this is my parents’ pack we are talking about,” I explain. Rayan once told me that leading the wolves is his duty and I feel the same way, I can’t be all the way here not having any decisions while Crystal and Josh enjoy what my father worked for.

” It’s my duty,”

” And you will once you’re my Queen,” he says softly. I shake my head. I don’t want people to think me weak that I needed the Royal family in my corner before taking back my position plus the council have to approve on such matters if it involves them.

For those who don’t know, basically, the council is also known as the court, it consists of Alpha elders from most powerful packs, high judge, the king’s secretary, general, the senators, the royal councilors and ministers, they make the rules and assist the royal family to run the wolf race smoothly.

The royal family has more power than the court and have the last word however, it’s not a dictatorship rule so they vote on most things.

” No Rayan, the tabloids will accuse you of abusing your power and position, I need to do this alone, without the involvement of the royal family,” I explain, he sighs, seemingly calm now.

” Princess, the beta’s alpha records are clean,”

” How do you know that?” I narrow my gaze on Enol. He shrugs

” Well, I was just curious to find out about the man who hurt you so much so I decided to investigate him,” Rayan growls and the youngest prince puts his hands up in surrender.

After resolving our minor disagreement. We discuss strategy.

"How will you do it?" Asks Enol. I shrug. I don't want Josh to have sole ownership of the pack and company.

"Lavigne group is affiliated to the pack so the beta alpha has a say in it, but you still own 55% share that makes you the owner," Rayan explains. He seems so fluent in business. I'm watching him talk about matters I don't understand, his brother Jasper is listening attentively and adding while Enol and I are looking dumbfounded.

"If she had a wolf, the challenge would be easier, she already has grounds for it," Jasper says.

Rayan is looking sullen, drinking his whiskey. I get the glass from him. They look at me surprised as I gulp the hard liquor. I hit my chest and pace around the room, how do people drink this? It's so bitter and it burns.

Enol chuckles and so does his brother...Rayan pats my back gently.

"Are you alright?" He inquires, holding a laugh.

"Alcohol is bad," Enol laughs

Rayan looks at me seriously now.

"If you want the pack under your control, we have to find someone to challenge him,"

I sigh and plop into my seat. He sits next to me. I hate it when someone fights my battles for me and honestly, I feel like if someone should strip Josh out of his position, is me.

"Do you have anyone in mind, already the pack says he's incompetent in finding the rogues who were attacking, and delivering the justice people want badly," Rogues have attacked the pride pack but the leaders haven't been caught yet and the members want justice for the death of their Alpha, gamma, and several members.

I was sixteen when the rogues attacked and killed my mom. Dad hunted them down until within a week and killed them mercilessly. The rogues especially their leaders died a horrid death.

"Princess?" Jasper's voice breaks me away from my thoughts. They are looking at me.

"Maybe Derek, and Bradley," I suggest. Both of them are strong and they hate Josh, but unfortunately, they have no alpha blood in their veins while Josh, doesn't too but he has the alpha command he got from Dad.

"Are they from an alpha bloodline?"

I shake my eyes and cover my face with my hands.

” Well, I don’t think-“

” I know they can’t,” I snap.

I breathe in ” I want to train and get stronger, I want to challenge Josh,” I announce.

Enol and Jasper look surprised, while Rayan’s continues to change from shock to disbelief. After a long silence, he growls.

” Then I’ll kill him first,”

” Or I can, I mean I can end it quicker,” Enol is confident and arrogant but I know he can do it. I pay attention when he talks about Josh. He talks with so much anger. I smile a little knowing that he is doing that because Josh hurt me. He considers me family.

” You both shut up, if anyone should end his wretched existence, it should be me,” I’m surprised by Jasper’s words, he takes about death so casually as though ending a life is no big deal.

They are bickering about who should do it until I shout,

” You will do no such thing, Rayan, any of you,” I glare at them.

” I will do as I want and none of you will get involved, it’s my pack, my fight,” my voice is firm.

” I’m not letting you train, Lucy,” Rayan says seriously. I squint my eyes.

” And just who told you I’m asking for permission? I’m a grown woman capable of making my own decisions,”

” Lucy, you’re my princess, this Kingdom’s future Queen,” he all but growls.

” Don’t growl at me!” I yell, hitting his torso, I hiss at the pain that courses through my arm especially my wrist.

He grabs me and sits me down next to him and inspect my wrist with a frown. Looking at him like this makes me forget we were screaming at each a few seconds ago.

” You’re so strong,” he whispers.

” And delicate too,”

He kisses my wrist.

" Brother, I think it's a good idea to let her train so that she can get stronger," Jasper says. Rayan snorts.

" She can fight the beta without a wolf," Enol supports. My dad used to train me. I even have a black belt in martial arts but I was young, once I hit sixteen and lost mom, I lost interest in most activities. My only focus was school.

" Over my dead body am I letting her fight a wolf," Rayan is growling. I hold his chest.

" She needs this for her protection too,"

" I can protect her," Rayan is so stubborn.

" I know you can but you're not always here," I try to reason with him, but he's not having it.

" Then you'll travel with me and stay by my side,"

I exhale and rub my forehead. Even Jasper slumps into a couch.

I'm smiling and being very patient with this big baby boy but he's being unreasonable!

" I have a life," the words are calm. But when he continues to argue, I lose my patience

" Look here Rayan Altamonte. I may be your girlfriend but you don't own my life, I can do as I please," I snap, he looks taken aback and raises his eyebrows.

" Brother, she's right," Enol shrugs, and I nod my support. Rayan sighs it's three against one and I know we win.

" Fine, but you will train with either me, Enol, or Jasper," I smile and wrap my arms around him excitedly. I kiss his lips.

" Good, Let's make you a fighter and kick that beta's a*s,"

Jasper winks. His eyes suddenly lit up as if remembering something.

" Brother, have you noticed that Lucille's wolf is surfacing? I can smell her,"

" Yes, me too. Maybe all she needs is proper training and her wolf will be strong enough to shift!" Enol says, he looks excited, I glance at Rayan, he is in deep thoughts.

" Lucy, have your blood been tested?" he suddenly asks.

" Yes, my parents did when I was thirteen and later when I was sixteen," I sigh

"What did the hematologist say?" He asks, Jasper looks very interested. His eyes and attention are focused on me.

"Well, that I didn't have the werewolf gene,"

"What else?"

"Nothing,"

"Hmm, how strange. Her father was an alpha. A powerful one for that matter,"

"Do you know who conducted the research on you?"

"My mother did with the help of a few hematologists," I reply. The brothers exchange a look.

"What are you thinking?"

Jasper gets up. "Do you think I can test your blood again?"

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Jasper's request leaves me thinking, could it be that mom did something wrong in her research?

No, my mother was one of the best Hematologist out there. I just don't have the gene, but what about Pisces?

I didn't even tell the brothers about her. Should I? Gosh, I'm so confused. I need to talk to Alora, she said she will continue to research.

"Lucy," Rayan calls.

I twist my neck to Jasper and nod. I need to know what I am.

"Good, can we get it now?" He requests.

"What, now?" I look at Rayan who nods encouragingly. I sigh and stand up.

We follow Jasper to another part of the castle, the light is faint in this area and we are walking in what looks like a never-ending hallway. It's very cold and silent.

Rayan wraps one arm around me. After a few minutes of walking. We stop in front of a white door with a sign. Do not enter.

Just seeing this door makes me nervous and thinking that he will take my blood scares me.

" Well, looks like it's closed," I laugh nervously before turning on my heel. Rayan grabs my hand and looks into my eyes.

" Are you scared?" I scoff, again and again. The brothers are watching me confused as I try to control my breathing.

" What, noooo wayyy," I say at last.

" Yep, she's scared," Enol sighs.

" I'm just tired ok! I've been on my the whole day and those kids are not the easiest to deal with!"

I'm so scared and start to cry loudly. I'm sniffing while they watch me perplexed.

" Ra-yan, I'm not scar- scared. I'm just tired!" I cry. I try to wipe the tears from my eyes but they won't stop flowing.

Rayan picks me from the floor and hugs me. He is comforting and whispering nice words in my ears.

" Should I hold your hand while he takes your blood?"

He asks gently, and I nod.

" You're all making me look like a bad guy here," murmurs Jasper. As the doors open the smell of ammonium chloride invades my senses. He steps into the all-white room, followed by Rayan and me.

The room is a laboratory with all the necessary equipment.

I'm sitting at one of the lab stools while Rayan stands behind me, his hand on my shoulder is comforting.

Jasper is in front of me, he pats my vein and I hide in Rayan's chest while he draws blood. It's a quick procedure but I hate it.

When he's done, Rayan kisses my hair " Good girl,"

" I'll have the results in a week. You all leave so I should work on it," We nod and exit the room. Enol didn't enter the room so we find him at the door.

" Have you eaten?" Rayan asks me.

” I ate lunch,”

” Hm, let’s go check what is being prepared,”

” Great, I’m starving!” Enol chimes.

We go straight to the kitchen, the chefs and staff bow immediately and ask what we want.

While Rayan talks to them, I take a look around, I’ve never been in here before. It’s so huge and everything looks new. it is island styled kitchen and has a Pantry and a walk-in refrigerator.

I take a seat at one of the stools and grab an apple that was on a small fruit basket.

” Ma’am, allow me to make you a quick salad,” a chef bows. I shake my head and eat it like that. She seems surprised. Rayan sits next to me.

We watch the workers run around the kitchen, they seem agitated and rush.

” So, this is what it looks like in here,” Enol mutters. He is looking at it.

” Have you not been here before?” I ask as I take another bite of my apple.

“Nope!” He answers.

” Oh,”

While in the Kitchen, my phone rings.

It’s director Hamilton. I answer it. He keeps giggling and honestly, it’s annoying. He thinks he’s as cute as a button.

He is telling me that I have the night shift tomorrow because the nurse on duty has personal problems.

I accept to do that and hung up. Rayan is frowning.

” He likes you,” he murmurs. I stand between his legs and his hands wrap around my waist. He doesn’t seem to be embarrassed at all.

” We are all here,” Enol reminds him. Rayan sends an annoyed look his way but his young brother just smirks.

Rayan pulls me close and whispers.

” I’ll kill him if he continues to hit on you,”

Rayan's words are serious and true. I frown and kiss him deeply. We hear aaw from the servants who are watching.

"Then you'll have to find yourself another queen," I whisper and turn to walk away but he grabs my arms and spins me around, we are close, our breaths are mingling.

"I don't want another, I chose you and so did the moon,"

I squint my eyes at him. What does he mean by the moon,

"What do you mean the moon?"

He opens his mouth to speak but closes it. He looks guilty. I swallow and step away from him. Like a silent order, all the servants exit the kitchen.

"Rayan, answer me," I growl.

"You're my mate," he suddenly says. I'm livid and confused.

"Why didn't you say anything sooner," when he keeps silent, that's when I realize he didn't want me.

He gets out of the stool and walks closer to me but I put a hand up, telling him not to come closer. Tears are dancing in my eyes.

"You didn't want me because I'm human," I hiccup.

He shakes his head. Rayan is very scared and worried.

"No, baby, I swear. I just didn't-" he can't formulate proper sentences. He is stammering so badly.

"Don't come close to me, we are done," I wipe my tears and dash out of the room. I can hear his heavy steps following me but I don't stop.

As I run I feel someone grab my arms, I turn abruptly to tell the person to let go when I'm met with gentle grey eyes. My godmother.

I breathe in and she pulls me in a warm brace.

"Rayan," she calls, queen Astrid is still stroking my hair gently while I cry on her shoulder.

"I don't want to see him, godmother,"

They are silent, probably mind linking. When I pull away from her, she cups my face.

” You found out?”

So she already knew, I wonder how many people did, what about Enol and Rhodes, did they lie to me as well.

” You knew,” I cry. She puts a hand on my waist

“Let’s go to my apartment,”

We are going through the hallway I’m unfamiliar with.

We reach a big ornate door, there is a guard stationed there. We enter the apartment, it’s beautiful. It has white comfortable sofas and huge glass windows. It is well furnished and has a hallway and doors leading to different places.

She gestures me to sit and I do. I’m wiping my eyes. A servant brings us a hot beverage and the queen takes hers immediately

She takes a sip and whispers

” Satisfying, thank you, Nancy,” she says politely to the servant who blushes.

” Take your tea, sweetie,” she says. I pick the small white mug with a hot beverage in it. When I take a sip, I scowl. The tea is bitter and not to my liking, considering I have a sweet palate.

” I don’t like it,” I sniff, the queen laughs.

” You’re such a child when you are around the people you’re comfortable with,”

She seems pleased. I’ve been told that I act like a baby and can be too demanding.

” Don’t be shy, I like that you are comfortable around us,”

” I am,” I confess. I’ve gotten close to them all.

She sighs and looks at me seriously.

” My son was confused when he found you,” she starts. I look away like a brat, crossing my arms against my chest

” I’m not talking to him again,”

” You have every right. If you want to reject him and be done with him, gosh, boys are so exhausting,” she sighs and leans against her couch.

I squint my brows. I didn't say I want to reject him, I'm just hurt that he lied to me.

"To error is human and to forgive is divine. Rayan regrets not telling you but he had his issues and battles to settle. Think of this as a way to cement your relationship," she is speaking like a mom. I smile.

"He chose you to be his queen not because you're his mate but because he loves you,"

She's right, I've really grown fond of Rayan and I like him so much, I can't say we are on the love part yet but we're getting there.

I sigh and finish my tea, it leaves a bitter aftertaste in my mouth but I drank it as queen Astrid insisted. It opened up my throat.

I spend the whole night in her apartment. We have a fun girl's night doing karaoke.

We are dancing and had so much fun.

My phone keeps beeping but I'm ignoring Rayan's text only to torture him, he should have told me the truth about us before, now, I understand why I felt so close and comfortable around him.

"Godmother, why do I have a mate when I'm wolf less, I know Mama was human and found my dad but-" I trail and she laughs

"oh, dear. Miranda wasn't human,"

I raise my eyebrows. The queen is looking at me with visible shock on her face.

"What do you mean?"

She inhales

"Your mom was my best friend and honestly, I spent so many years with her that I even forgot she's human," She laughs "Silly me,"

I continue thinking about Rayan.

He came by twice but no one let him in. Yes, he can suffer for all I care.

"Baby, please talk to me," I read the text out loud to my godmother. She scowls.

"Don't answer. Let him beg a while longer," Queen Astrid is a little tipsy because of the wine she has been drinking despite her Ladies' disapproval.

I didn't know the queen of wolves would be so fun, we are rotating our hips to the soft music.

I slept in one of the guests' bedrooms here, the bedroom is huge and comfortable also with an ensuite bathroom. It's not too different from my room.

I already found clothes lying out in the closet for me. It's a black and warm sweater, the material is soft. I realize everything is brand new.

After getting a quick shower. I wear the clothes and pair them with warm boots.

The smell of pastries makes me hurriedly leave my room even bump into a few maids,

" Careful, my lady, you might slip," A tall Brunnet looks worriedly.

I smile at her. She is the young lady that brought us tea yesterday.

" I was just coming to check on you," she says.

I go to the kitchen, the place is neat and behind the counter, the queen and a tall red-haired woman who looks to be in her early forties. She is as tall as the queen and her smile is as beautiful and gracious as her features.

" My queen, let me," she says but my godmother swats her hand away.

" Good morning," I cheer. The two ladies look up to me and smile

We exchange pleasantries and my godmother introduces the woman as Savannah, her royal Lady in waiting, and a dear friend.

To Savannah, she says, " This is lady Lucy, my future Queen and my daughter In law,"

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"This is lady Lucy, the future Queen and my daughter In law," queen Astrid says looking into my eyes.

The way she says the words are so sure and firm. Lady savannah's lips stretches into a huge smile as she walks over from the island counter to greet me.

" Hello, princess Lucy. It's very good to meet you," she says with a bow and a quick one-sided hug.

She turns to the queen and muses

“She’s beautiful,” I blush at the compliment.

I’m watching them cook, they have a relationship that reminds me of Rhodes and I.

The doorbell rings and a few minutes later, Pisces stirs inside my head. Rayan. Only he has that much effect on me.

He is walking towards us wearing a dress shirt and pants, and a black coat over his outfit, ready for work I think. I find him so handsome. His jet black hair is neatly done and his eyes are fixed on me.

He sighs and kisses my hair but I move away, I don’t want him to touch me.

” I’ve been texting and calling,”

” I’m busy,” I croak.

” For me?” I’m quiet, he looks at the ladies who have stopped cooking and watching our interaction closely.

” Is this a drama series? Don’t you have anything better to do with your time?” he scolds them in rude and bold manner. I almost scoff.

The women scurry away and pretend to check on what they are cooking.

” Um, Savannah, is this alright,” the queen asks, Rayan sighs and stretches his hand to me.

I’m reluctant to take it but he grabs my waist and pulls me close. We are standing close to each other, his forehead resting on mine. He quickly steals a kiss and I gasp, stepping away from him

” Why did you do that?” I cry. He is smiling

” I missed you,” his voice is soft and sincere. I missed him too but I won’t tell him that. Instead I take his hand and I allow him to guide me to another part of the house. We go to a small salon and sit, we are sitting very close to each other.

” I’m sorry,” Rayan sighs. I look into his eyes.

” You shouldn’t have done that, Rayan,”

” I was confused, and the feelings were overwhelming me, they were too strong,” He says with a soft expression.

" Lucy, I was raised to be king my whole life but no one warned me that when I find you, my mate, everything will cease to matter and you'll be my life, I was scared I had never experienced such strong emotions nor desire to protect someone so much. I want to shield you and more,"

His eyes are warm with love and my heart is full, my emotions are a mess.

Rayan lets out a sigh.

" I was scared of the dangers that came with being mine,"

His deep voice resounds.

" Are you still scared?" I ask softly, moving closer to him. I cup his face. Looking into my eyes, he nods negatively.

" No, I can protect, I will protect you no matter what, I'm not weak anymore,"

His words are unequivocal, I want to ask what he means by not being weak anymore but Pisces says to not ask, I can sense his emotions, they are dark. So all I do is lean in for a kiss and he answers it. It's soft and kind but as our lips move in sync. It becomes intense and my skin is hot. His hands are on my waist and mine are in his hair, his lips against mine are more savage, I'm straddling him now.

We pull apart as the door opens and queen Astrid and Savannah have their mouth ajar at the scene they witnessed.

They laugh out then run out of there, leaving two blushing servants.

" Fo-food is ready, my prince, my lady," the poor girl is stuttering.

" We'll be there," I say against his neck.

We get out of our position and walk to the dining room, hand in hand. Surprisingly, Enol is there too, being pampered by his mother as he eats his pancakes with a frown for some reason. The queen is looking at him with a smile while she strokes his hair.

His eyes snap to us and he grins.

" You took him back,"

I ignore him, he knew that I was mated to Rayan but didn't tell me.

" Getting the silent treatment," he mutters, I snarl and take my seat next to my prince.

Breakfast is nice and delicious, they have made more than enough food.

The breakfast includes some eggs: omelet, boiled eggs, mixed with all sorts of vegetables and meat.

” You cooked all these?” Rayan asks his mother.

She nods enthusiastically. ” I even feel better, I think Lucy’s presence is good for me,” They are all smiling at me and I blush.

A few days have passed since our argument, this week I’ll be on the night shift at the hospital so I begin to get ready, Arabella and Rhodes fix my hair into a bun and face just how I like it today. Rhodes has gone to the countryside again. I recently found out that the royal family has a ranch there that grows, different things like vegetables and fruits, not only that they have animals starting with horses to bulls.

They even hold games at least, in three months. Rhodes was the ranch manager before she was assigned to work for me?

” We hardly see you these days,”

Meredith sighs.

I have in-between shifts at the hospital, so I get so busy. If I’m doing the night shift, I rest the whole morning to reserve my energy and vice versa.

” I’ll be free on Thursday. We can spend time together,” I say. They cheer and begin to make plans.

At 6 pm, I go to the hospital despite Rayan’s childish complaining.

I sigh when I realize I’m here with Shelly. She is giving me a watchful eye.

After doing my rounds I go to the lounge for hot chocolate.

I’m lazing around and frowning, waiting for Rayan’s response, we have been texting but I think he has slept now.

He stayed up late to accompany me. I laugh, we face timed and he seemed tired yet he refused to admit it.

” Doctor Lavigne!” I jump at the loud voice in my ear. I smile tightly as I get out of my seat to face the director. He is smiling so wide.

” Good morning, sir,” I greet. It’s almost 4 am.

" Hahahaha," he laughs, he's always laughing around me and acting like a creep with his smile.

" You are still here? You could have told me to keep you company!" He exclaims. One thing about Mr. Hamilton, he speaks so loudly.

" It's not necessary, sir," I smile politely

" Nonsense!"

We sit in the lounge and he offers me another mug of chocolate, with whip cream this time.

Soon we are joined by Shelly, she throws herself on the couch.

" Brianna is so difficult to handle," she sighs in exhaustion. Brianna is one of our special cases, she was admitted last week as she had malaria. She also has ADHD disorder, a brain disorder that affects how one pays attention, sits still, and controls their behavior. It happens in children and teens and can continue into adulthood.

Unlike what Shelly is saying about her, I find her delightful, she just needs more attention than the others and supervision.

" I gave her one task and she couldn't even complete it," she continues to complain.

" You should have stayed and made sure she took her meds on time. She is used to taking it at a particular time and If that time passes, it's difficult to convince her," I tell her. She narrows her gaze on me as the director agrees with me.

" Honestly, unlike you, I only do this job because it pays the bills," she scoffs.

I'm affronted by that, I believe our profession is more than paying bills and must be done with love and affection, to make a change in their lives. I glare at Shelly.

" Yes, Lucy. Unlike you we don't come from rich families," she says bitterly.

" Doctors Shelly, stop!" The director shouts.

I look away from her but she continues, " Not all of us have branded clothes or afford 5000 dollar Birkin bags,"

So it's about my clothes and bags? Seriously, this girl has issues.

" So it's about money?" The director seems confused but she ignores him.

Shelly's gaze is intense on me and her fingers are slightly trembling.

" I know girls like you, you get everything on a silver platter because of your pretty face and all, I'm sure there is even a perfect man out there for you," she raises her hands up and down, and she turns to the director to say.

" It's more than money, Director, it's about her lying, like where did she come from and why is the HR and you trying so hard to make sure she's comfortable,"

Her expression softens as she says,

" You favor her more than anyone here Even Doctor Mark likes her, he never shows interest in someone believe me I've tried,"

I squint my eyes and sink deeper in my seat. So this is about doctor Mark? We have talked on several occasions and he acts like my professional guide. He is good looking but I see him more in the lines of a friend.

Shelly gives me attitude and acts bitchy towards me because she's interested in him.

" I'm not interested in Doctor Mark,"

Shelly scoffs " Everyone is,"

" Not me,"

The director smiles proudly " of course, what do women see in that serious man? I'm just happy that our Lucy isn't blinded by his charms,"

Hamilton is looking proud right now.

And I take this moment to inform them,

" I have a mate,"

Two things happen at this moment; while Shelly's features soften and a smile appears on her lips, we hear a loud thud. I get to my feet just as director Hamilton's body hits the floor. I rush to him and crouch down. Checking his vitals.

" Help me," I snarl at Shelly who looks unbothered by this situation.

She hits his back with her leg.

" Stop being so dramatic," to me she says " he was hoping you're the one for him, he's disappointed, and trust me, he takes it bad each time," she laughs, I muffle mine with my hand. It was obvious that he wanted me.

Minutes later, despite the coldness, Mr. Hamilton is sitting close to the air conditioning.

His hand is on his chest as he bawls. We are looking at him perplexed.

He smiles through his tears " I'm sorry, I'm just missing my parents,"

" Are they dead?" Shelly scowls. He shakes his head.

" They are back in Korea but in moments like this I miss them," he cries harder. He's taking this badly.

" Another rejection?!" Shelly laughs.

" Stop it," I hiss at her.

Shelly is stealing glances at me. I sigh and tell her what she wants to hear.

" I'm an Alpha's daughter from a nearby pack,"

She is scrutinizing my words. At last, she sighs and nods.