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Sighing, I open my eyes and smile.

I'm to have breakfast with Rayan before we go to work. Our relationship has developed. We don't talk every hour like Letty says it's supposed to be but we are really happy. He has responsibilities and I have my own, however, we make it to be together

Yesterday when I got off work, we went out on a date. He took me to the aquarium, it was so amazing, people love and respect him a lot. I notice others were even taking pictures of us, and we stayed close the whole time. Later we went at the auditorium where a setting for dinner was prepared.

We watched the stars and fooled around for a bit.

I look at the digital clock next to my nightstand and In right about three two... the door swings open and Rhodes and Ara enter.

I get into a sitting position.

" Good morning, ladies," I greet.

" Good morning, my lady," They smile and bow

I stretch my limbs and get out of bed.

As the ladies prepare me for the day, I grab my phone to text Rayan good morning. He responds immediately.

After getting ready, I wear a coat over my attire and rush downstairs.

Rayan and I meet in the main room, we share a deep kiss then hold my hand. As we sit. The chefs bring out the food. We are conversing as we eat.

One of the guards brings him a pamphlet. He frowns as he reads it.

" What is it?"

" Hmm, the king's council wants to move up the coronation,"

I'm still learning the royal terms, I read that the king's council are important members in the kingdom.

They consist of the queen, chancellors, generals, advisors, and the royal secretary. These are members found in the council but their positions are higher, they are the leaders of

important departments in the werewolf race like the army, the bureaucracy, the police and more.

” Why so fast,” I ask. He sighs.

” Father wants to retire and spend more time with his wife,”

I laugh the way he said it. But it’s good that queen Astrid will see more of her husband, I frown, Rayan will be swamped with responsibilities, will he even be able to spend time with me?

” Does that mean my godfather will stop being king?” I ask.

He nods ” He will have duties to fulfill but he won’t be the main man running the show,”

He winks. I smile.

” You’ll be the main man,”

We are smiling and he adds, ” and you will be my queen. The council already approved it,”

I’m shocked, I know that they are very difficult and especially that I don’t have a wolf.

” That was fast,”

” Well, I didn’t give them much of a choice. It was either they agreed or started grooming one of my brothers and it’s a little late for that.”

He has a devious expression on his face while his eyes have a glint of evilness in them.

” I knew they will approve just not this fast,” I add honestly

” You underestimate how much I want you, Lucy,” His voice is deep and sexy. He has a playful smirk on his expression and I squeeze my legs tightly together as I feel moist in my v****a.

Rayan’s demeanor stiffens and he swallows audibly. Their sharp senses can smell everything, in this case, my wetness. I’m blushing with embarrassment and with one hand movement, the servants leave the room.

He gets up from his seat and kisses me. The kiss is passionate, his lips are against my neck and I get to my feet. Rayan scatters the plates to the floor and sits me there. He is standing between my legs as we share this intense moment.

Slowly his fingers reach under my skirt to caress my leg and I let out a moan.

” Rayan,”

The prince and I can't be intimate now but the pleasure building within me can't be contained. I need something, what is it?

His fingers on my skin leave a burning sensation and I crave more of that. I want more pleasure.

” Lucy, Lucy,” he keeps whispering. I tug the back of his hair and he lets out a groan. He likes it so I repeat. I can feel his canines graze over my neck. My eyes are shut as I focus on the pleasure but it's wrong, we can't do this and especially not here. I muster the courage to push him away. We are heaving and trying to catch our racing hearts, Rayan closes his eyes and when he opens them, they are dark with desire.

f**k morality, I pull him to me and kiss him again. He responds immediately, our breath accelerates and I feel his fingers brush against my core.

” Rayan!” I hiss but it comes out a moan. I arch my hips up a little and he moves my panty to the side, allowing him entrance to my warm fold.

” Ra- Rayan. This isn't the .. way,” I can't speak proper sentences. He sucks my throat and I lose myself in him.

I gasp and widen my eyes as his finger slid into me.

He smirks and shoves his tongue into my mouth and kisses me Savagely.

” Focus on the pleasure,” he whispers. I nod and Rayan's finger begins to move, I'm panting, I've never felt so much pleasure before and when he adds another finger, I moan loudly but he stops.

” Ops, my lady, at this point the whole castle will know we are being naughty before our wedding night,” he says, sounding amused.

I answer him with a moan and he kisses my lips

” Can't help it,” I manage to voice.

He looks into my eyes

” bite my arm, it will muffle the moans,” before I can protest, he begins his movement again and I bite him.

He increases his pace until I c*m on his fingers.

I'm panting and leaning against his chest.

His hand is hugging me tightly against him

" I love you," he whispers. I stiffen. He has never said those words to me and I thought I wasn't ready to hear it but my heart does a backflip and so does Pisces in my head.

" I love you too," I whisper, he visibly relaxes and strokes the back of my hair. Was he scared that his feelings of love wouldn't be reciprocated? I wonder.

We stay in an embrace for a very long time.

" Let's get you cleaned up for work, my princess," Rayan doesn't let me go, I'm grateful for that because I don't think I can stand on my two legs now. My whole body is still trembling from that o****m. I've never experienced it before. It's mind-blowing!

He takes me to my room and puts me in the shower.

I take off my coat and eye him.

" Aren't you leaving?" I ask.

" I don't want to," he simply says and leans against the wall. I groan and take off my skirt, Rayan doesn't even pretend to look away.

" Seriously, leave," I'm putting on a serious face. He ignores me. I shove him back and close the glass door in his face before taking my shower in peace.

" Rayan can you pass me the towel?" I holler.

" Come and get it yourself,"

" Rayan," I warn. I slightly slide the door open and he hands me a towel that I wrap around my body.

I'm sitting in front of the mirror while Rayan is standing behind me. He helps me apply lotion to my body in the most intimate way. My hair remained perfect so I do nothing to mess it up.

I get fresh pants, and a black tank top and put a white blazer over it. I wear heels.

Rayan kisses my temple

" You look beautiful," I smile as we leave the suite together.

I'm at the hospital. We are on our lunch break. Shelly is with me and she stopped giving me attitude.

" Pretty Doctor, pretty doctor!" I turn to three little kids who barged into the cafeteria.

" Is every okay?"

" No!" Their answer is a chorus.

" Nena, hurt her leg in the playground, she's crying!" The youngest of the group explains, he has curly hair and a cheeky face. He's so cute! I wipe his tears away.

" I got the boys, can you handle the Injured one?" Asks Shelly and gets to her feet. I nod

" Boys, want to go get ice cream?"

I go to room 8 on the second floor, that's where we treat Injuries. I open the door. The girl is lying on the bed, crying. She's not a patient in this hospital but she and her three brothers come to visit their sister, Brianna.

" Hi, Nena," I whisper. " What happened,"

I get gauze and medication for her open wound then start to clean. she's hissing and moving her leg. I stop

" Be brave, it will sting a while but will stop," She nods. She begins to count, trying to distract the pain, it's a trick I used when I was getting a shot. I frown as I inspect her angle, I think it's slightly fractured.

" Malcolm pushed me, I'll never forgive him," she cries. I see why he was crying while explaining, the poor boy was guilty.

" He didn't mean to am sure, I saw him on my way here, he was a crying mess," I tell her. She snarls and huffs.

The door opens and Dr. Misheck comes in.

He is the pediatric physician here and is responsible for performing routine health assessments, id children to check for injuries or disabilities.

I smile and move away while he inspects her ankle.

" Is it bad," I ask worriedly. He shakes his head.

"fractured tibia. I'll pop it right back and will heal in a week,"

A whimper comes out of Nena's lips and I hold her hand.

"How old are you?" I ask, trying to distract her

"I'm 11 years old,"

"Wow, double number!" I cheer, she smiles proudly. I ask her about her likes and interests when she's fully distracted. The doctor quickly fixes her ankle. She screams in my coat but it's already done. I hug Nena to soothe her.

I give her a pill and she's slept.

Dr. Misheck and I leave the room, he praises me for the job well.

"Nice trick out there," he says. I nod and smile. His eyes are intensely staring at me.

"What?" I ask.

He puts a strand of loose hair behind my ear.

"Would you like to come out for coffee with me?" He asks, I smile and nod. I can use a hot beverage. I thought we were going to the cafeteria or lounge but instead, he says there is a nice place nearby.

As we walk out of the gate, we meet Mark, he greets us.

"Where to?"

"To grab a coffee," I reply since Misheck wasn't.

"Great! Would like some coffee too," he smiles and puts his hands in his pocket.

Before we take another step, director Hamilton and Shelly call us to stop. This time, Misheck groaned in annoyance.

"Where to?" They are both panting. Did they run from the top floor?

"Coffee?" Mark squints his eyes.

"Wow, I was also planning to grab a coffee,"

"Me too!" Adds the director.

"The more the merrier," I cheer.

"Let's go before the whole staff decides to have coffee," Misheck doesn't sound happy at all. I giggle and we walk to the nearby cafe.

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When I leave work, I don't see Rayan thank God. I swiftly rush to my room to change. Seeing him after what happened in the dining room this morning will be embarrassing. I've also been ignoring his calls.

The door swings open and I hide in my bathroom and peek to see who it is.

I exhale when I realize it's Rhodes.

"Why are you acting strange?" She raises her eyebrows.

"I thought you were Rayan," I say and throw myself on the bed, burying my face among the covers.

"Aaw, love, why are you hiding from the prince," I sit up and face her. I need to tell someone what happened but I'm blushing already before I can begin.

"So, while at breakfast with the prince, things got a little intense,"

She gasps and straightens her back. She is looking Interested now.

"Hmm," she smiles

"He touched me... Everywhere," I say softly and hide my face in my hands.

"It's normal to touch when you're in a relationship," she says nonchalantly.

"Even my V-i-gina," I point down there, her eyes are widening. "I c*m like crazy," I say quickly. I'm blushing but she is enjoying my embarrassment.

"Lucy, no one has ever you know, touched you? Wait, are you a virgin," she exclaims and I jump her and cover her lips.

"Yes," I whisper looking around as though it's not just the two of us.

"I thought you had a boyfriend," she says struggling to get away from my grip. She wipes her mouth and scowls.

"Girl, you're strong," she looks surprised.

I shake my head, that's not the discussion here!

"No, Josh and I kissed but we've never been sexually involved, I've always wanted to wait but with Rayan, it's so different and I want to try out things with him. I want him to touch me, I want to feel his c**k around my hand, and gosh!" I blurt out all I've been feeling. That felt good.

"You're Mates, it's understandable. Also, did he make you c*m on the dining table," she smirks, I smile and nod.

"You naughty kids! The king and queen use that table!"

It was exhilarating and the thought that someone would walk in anytime just made it more thrilling.

I begin to tell her all the indescribable feelings that are overwhelming my heart. I feel like I'd burst with excitement. My life feels almost perfect since I got here, I miss my nana and home but the royal city is now my new home, everyone is kind and nice to me, but Rayan overwrites it all, he is my perfect mate.

"You're glowing, I'm happy you found your mate," Rhodes looks more serious, however, she has a faraway look in her beautiful eyes. I caress her cheeks.

"I've looked everywhere for mine to no avail, maybe he's dead,"

I shake my head.

"Don't say that, he's there and when the time is right, the goddess will bring him to you or vice versa," I encourage her, she suddenly pulls me into a hug. I embrace her tightly

"I'm so happy you came, I'm not happy about the circumstances that led you here but you know what I mean, right?" She croaks. Is she crying?

"I do. I'm happy I'm here too,"

An hour later, Jasper sends me a text, he wants to talk to me. I step out of my room and first look around,

'This is stupid,' Pisces snarls in my head. She wants us to go to Rayan or at least answer his messages but I'm too embarrassed, I acted like a loose woman earlier, what if he thinks I always act that way with men.

As I step into one of the salons we were supposed to meet, Rayan and I come face to face, I immediately turn to leave but bump into Enol's hard chest, I stagger a few feet but he manages to catch me, talk of embarrassing now. Rayan is already coming to me concerned and I can't run.

"Are you alright?" The brothers ask all at once. I close my eyes and rub my forehead.

I exhale and turn to face Rayan.

"Yes," I smile tightly and move past him to take a sit. Jasper is standing near the fireplace and looks at me curiously.

I avoid their stare and biting my nails as I do when I'm getting too much attention. I know Rhodes said I couldn't but I can't help it.

"Um, Okay. So Lucy your blood test is out,"

"Great! You'll send them through my email and I'll go through it," I say and quickly get to my feet. I begin to walk but Rayan pulls me to sit on his lap. He whispers in my ears.

"Are you acting like this because of what happened in the morning?"

I'm so red, why would he say that now?

"What happened in the morning," Enol asks.

"Well, what happens between a partners who have strong feelings towards each other?" Rayan answers and I pray for the earth to open up and swallow me. I feel so conscious, how can he just say this to his little brother? Realization dawns on Enol's face and it contorts to an uncomfortable one before his lips stretch into a sly smile. I can't even face Jasper right now, I simply shake my head

"I know what you're thinking, nothing like that happened," I sigh defensively..

"Not judging," Jasper's voice rings. I glance at him and he's smirking at us.

"Rayan, why would you say that?" I scold, he only holds me tighter and kisses my shoulder. A shiver runs down my spine.

"Stop," I mutter as he continues to leave wet kisses on my back, does this man have no shame whatsoever! I abruptly get up from his lap and take a seat next to him.

His hand automatically touches a little over my knees as usual. I smile and put mine over his.

"So sweet,"

I roll my eyes at Enol. Jasper clears his throat and we give him attention.

"Lucy the results are in,"

” And?” Rayan asks.

” First of all, you have a wolf, a strong wolf unlike most alphas,” he starts and my heart pounds. Then why was I unable to shift and why did they say I was Wolfless? All these questions are bombarding my head.

” But mom,” I stutter.

” You’re not only a wolf, Lucy, that’s why you didn’t shape shift on your sixteen birthday because-” before he can finish his sentence the door burst open, Alora is standing in front of the door. She is panting and smiling at me. The princes rise to their feet and say at once

” Aunt Alora?”

I’m shocked, I look between all of them, Alora smiles.

” Hello, kids. Hi Lucy!” she waves.

” How do you know Lucy?” It’s Rayan who asks.

She walks closer to Jasper as she begins to explain how we met in the library.

” Lucy I’m the queen Astrid’s sister,” she introduces. Wow, I notice they had similar features.

” Did you find anything since we spoke?” I inquire immediately. She nods

The princes are listening attentively as she explains what she has been researching and her discovery.

” Just as I said. Lucy is a hybrid, we also found some unfamiliar medicines In her blood,” Jasper explains.

” Lucy have you been on medication,” I shake my head negatively, Jasper and the others are in deep thoughts, and I’m beginning to have anxiety. I try to breathe in deeply as I was taught but I wish I still have my medicine. Rayan notices and holds my hand.

” Are you alright?” He questions

I exhale sharply, ” I get a little anxiety sometimes, it’s no big deal. I just wish I had my meds,”

Jasper walks closer to me and monitors my breathing.

” It’s mild anxiety, you don’t need medication, Lucy,” he says gently.

"Wait, you take medicine for anxiety?" Enol questions. I used to take them but I stopped since I left them home.

I nod and Jasper and Rayan share that look.

"How long?" Alora asks, she looks just as curious now.

"As long as I can remember. I used to have it a lot growing up so Mom gave me medicine,"

"Or supernatural power suppressor," mutters Rayan, and Jasper nods. What are they saying?

"There is a certain medicine a group of scientists was working on long ago, they banned the project because they could suppress the creatures within us," Jasper explains.

"Do you think her mother gave her those to suppress her supernatural self?"

"That's the only explanation," my head is starting to spin at the information they are giving me at once.

I'm getting agitated and begin to pace the room.

"Mom accepted the supernatural and she wouldn't have tried to keep me from my wolf!" I exclaim, losing my cool. From what they are discussing, those scientists did some pretty nasty things to creatures for their experiment.

"Yes, but what if it's not your wolf she was trying to suppress," Jasper's voice is gentle. Rayan holds my waist and I breathe in his scent. Like magic, I calm down.

"Then what? There is only one other creature dominant that takes years to suppress," Alora says,

"Dragons," Rayan whispers.

I almost scoff, now they think I have both dragon and werewolf blood in my vein.

"This is Absurd! My mom was human, how can I have dragon blood when Dad was a wolf!" All this is confusing. I close my eyes.

"I tested your blood, it's different and powerful. It's mixed with werewolf and something else but I can't be sure what your other specie is,"

"For the last time my mom was a human, Jasper this is ridiculous!"

A long silence befalls the room, the only thing that can be heard is the flipping of pages in the old book Alora is reading.

"It's the only explanation, if you were any other creature, you would have shifted on your sixteenth birthday. You didn't because your physical strength and mind are not strong enough to accommodate your strong counterparts," Alora explains in a kind tone.

"I think your Mom was a supernatural but we need to run more tests on every supernatural blood we have and find out which one fits yours,"

"But my mom.." I mutter, failing to continue as my eyes begin to sting. I'm not okay, all my strength is about to leave me, if Rayan wasn't holding me tightly I would fall.

"Well," Jasper sighs.

"I should get to working on the sample of blood, hopefully, one will match Lucy's," he says with a long face.

"No need. It's true,"

We all turn at the voice and my eyes are as wide as saucers.

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Yadiel is standing on the door, his body is resting against the doorframe and arms crossed against his chest

Rayan is growling at the warlock However, he doesn't seem intimidated

"Why didn't you say anything sooner?!" My mate shouts.

"I made it a promise to Miranda not to say," he shrugs and comes to the room. I didn't realize Alora was on her feet now.

Yadiel smiles at her and his golden eyes twinkle with joy, that's new. His fingers trail her jawline before asking.

"How are you?" Alora blushes slightly before answering him. Jasper clears his throat and Yadiel gives looks at him.

"Lucille is a wolf and dragon?" He asks and the warlock nods to affirm.

"I smelled her and when I was told who she was, It was the confirmation I needed," he says looking at prince Rayan.

Yadiel sighs and takes a seat opposite me and Rayan. Jasper and the others relax into their seat.

” Miranda was a fully realized dragon but she asked me to suppress her power when she met Allard Lavigne,”

I’m experiencing a lot of emotions right now, I don’t know what to do or say. I’m just shocked at this revelation. My eyes are fixed on the warlock as he continues to talk about my hierarchy.

According to Yadiel, my father and the king found their mates at the same time during the mating ball here in the Royal city. Two best friends mated to best friends, it was so magical.

” How did you meet our mothers?” these are the only words that leave my mouth. I should be asking questions that matter right now, Yadiel seems surprised by my question but he smiles gently before answering me.

” They were very young and running from demons and vampires. They had a little girl with them, Alora. They fought and killed their enemies mercilessly at such a young age and I was impressed,” he sighs. I didn’t know that queen Astrid and mom knew each other back then, I smile.

” I helped them fight a few battles and we bonded. I took them to my clan but my people didn’t feel safe having werewolves and a dragon amongst them, and when it was time for them to leave-” he pauses

” You came with us,” Alora says with a smile, looking at Yadiel.

” I think I was ten or so at that time,” Alora says.

Yadiel smiles looking at the beautiful woman sitting next to him.

” Why was my mother being chased?” Enol asks concerned.

” A vampire leader fell In love with her but she didn’t feel the same so he swore to take her forcibly years after she escaped the north. That was how they gathered the courage to attack several years ago even though it was a losing battle,” Rayan answers his brother. I want to know about her illness but I know it’s not the right time.

” of course it was a losing battle,” Enol boasts.

” But it still cost our mother’s health,” Rayan whispers, he’s unhappy.

Enol’s face falls and it goes white, I see the sadness in his eyes. What happened to the Queen? Again I keep my thoughts to myself.

After a long silence I speak " And Mom was chased because she was a dragons,"

" Dragons are very rare but whenever they are spotted, demons hunted and drained their power," Yadiel says.

" Was my mother killed by demons?" I suddenly ask.

"I'm not sure but I doubt demons would dare attack her, Miranda was powerful and they feared her. The last time we spoke was five years ago, she wanted a cloaking spell. I thought she left to look for her kind and cut all contacts with everyone since she was worried that the demons were obtaining more dragons power as it was their breeding season and it was very fruitful," He says with a sullen expression.

" Cloaking spell?" Repeats Rayan silently. This is a spell only warlocks can conjure, It masks one's scent or makes them invisible.

" Do you think she might be alive?" Jasper asks Rayan.

" No, she died a year after speaking to Yadiel," I croak.

I remember the day I was told she died, we were supposed to go to the beach house just weeks after my sixteenth birthday but I refused I was still sullen because I didn't shift. If I agreed to go that day, her life would have been spared.

They told me that rogues attacked a group of kids who went camping in the woods, and when mother heard this, she rushed there to help.

When my father and his team arrived, my mom was died however, I didn't see her body, those weeks were the worst. I spent my time crying and refused to eat.

" How did she die?" Enol's voice is unrecognizable.

" She died in a fire, her body was barely recognizable," I croak and tears roll down my cheeks. I wipe them quickly. Rayan's hand is on my back, comforting me silently, his expression is soft. Alora sniffs softly and wipes tears from her eyes as well. I smile

" But I'm fine now," I say to them through my blurry eyes but I know they don't believe me.

I'm fine, I swear. I keep repeating to myself, I'm a strong daddy's girl, right.

" Since she stopped taking the suppressors, her creatures will join as one body," suddenly says Yadiel.

" They need to fuse as one being in her body?" Enol says, in thoughts. Yadiel nods

" Can she shift into a dragon or wolf then?" Rayan asks, he looks excited. Yadiel nods

" But it will be hard, she needs to be strong mentally and physically. Let go of what was and embrace the present and welcome the future,"

" I already let go of the past," I croak. Yadiel is looking at me intently.

" No you haven't child, stop the blaming yourself, take control of your pack and be the strong queen you were destined to be,"

He gets up and sighs.

" I can assist in your training as well. It won't be difficult since you already found your mate and your twenty-one birthday is approaching in a week so your wolf and dragon is close," he says in a monotone.

" How do you know that?" Rayan squints his eyes.

" Astrid won't stop talking about it," he sighs. He looks at Alora and smiles kindly.

" Have a pleasant evening, my dear," she is on her feet and they are standing close. I raise an eyebrow at their strange interaction. At last, he kisses her cheek and leaves the room.

One after the other, they all leave. I sigh and sit on Rayan's lap, I'm straddling him. Without any words, I bury my face in his neck and he wraps his arms around me.

" For a very long time now, I hated myself for what happened to my mother," he suddenly says. I want to sit up straight to face him but he holds me in place.

" I've carried guilt in my heart for not helping her,"

My heart aches for him. Is this why he wasn't seeing her all these years?

" You were young," I mutter, the vampires attacked seventeen years ago, and now he's twenty-four, meaning he was seven at the time! He couldn't have done anything to protect her.

" I remember vividly because I've had nightmares of that day since childhood,"

" What happened," in my struggles of losing my parents, I've learnt that talking to someone helps. He gave me his ears when I needed someone to talk to and I want to do the same for him, I want him to know that I'll always be there to listen and he can share his burdens with me.

I thought he won't answer, but he speaks.

" I was in the safety bunkers, with Jasper and my friends while our parents were fighting. I had a dog, it loved running around and somehow it got out,"

" So went after it," my voice is soft and he nods.

He is caressing my back." Mom and a few warriors were defending the castle,"

" Wasn't she pregnant at the time?"

Rayan chuckles a bit.

" She was but Mother was a warrior and she refused to stay still and let our people fight for her,"

Queen Astrid is so brave and I admire her more. A leader who knows the importance of fighting beside her people even though she had another choice.

" She's courageous," I whisper. He agrees.

" Mom saw me run into the woods and followed me. Unfortunately, a few vampires as well. I was frozen as I watched her take on vampires left and right. She seemed so graceful and powerful," his voice is a monotone and I can't read his emotions.

" She-she fought them and screamed for me to hide, but I couldn't, my legs were stuck. All I did was hold my puppy closer to me," he pauses for a long time before continuing.

" Seeing that they were losing ground on her. The five remaining vampires jumped at me with sharp objects but my mom shielded me. Lucy, I screamed as they clawed and bite her. Even at a young age, I knew that much poison was bad,"

My heart is wiping for Rayan, he was only a child and he saw them do that.

" A lot of things happened at once, my father vicious wolf rushed to us, it was furious, and never had I seen it so powerful, it was bigger than ten wolves combined. Suddenly, fire from the sky spread out and burned those vampires to a crisp and I fall on the ground,"

I only hold him tighter and whisper comforting words in his ear. " It wasn't your fault-," He cuts me with a cruel statement.

" My mother is dying and it is my fault,"

" No baby, don't say that. Mother's are very protective of their pups and trust me, she'd do it again,"

Rayan keeps shaking his head. He still won't allow me to look at his face. He inhales deeply.

” Don’t worry, Lucy. I will protect you, I swear, I swear, I won’t be helpless again, ever!” He promises, Rayan’s body is shaking and he’s holding me closer against him.

” I won’t be helpless again, never. I will protect you, I couldn’t do it years ago but I will. Lucy, Believe me,” he’s distraught now. I struggle against his tight embrace until I face him. His eyes are red and they are flickering between black and blue.

I cup his face and kiss him deeply. He doesn’t move but softly he answers my kiss. His hands go back to my neck as the kiss gets intense and hot but I pull away and look into his eyes.

” It wasn’t your fault. It was those vampires who did that to your mother, not you, Rayan. It was never you,” I tell him gently. He pulls me in an embrace and we stay like that.

I’m thinking about Rayan’s story, he said there was a fire, could it be that it was my mother? But Yadiel said he suppress her power to keep demons from tracking her. I don’t dwell much on it.

When I wake up, I realize I’m lying in bed with someone. I don’t need to turn. Rayan’s arm is over my body.

” Good morning,” his husky voice whispers in my ear. I smile and answer him. I check the time on my nightstand, it reads mid 7 am. Why didn’t he wake me. I wonder why Rhodes and the girls aren’t here yet.

” Let’s have breakfast,” Rayan says. I shake my head and get out of bed.

” I’m so late. I should get ready for work,”

I groan and grab my phone to check if any of my girls called or texted to say they are running late, I can get ready by myself but it’s good asking for opinions.

” What are you doing?”

” Checking to see what’s taking the ladies long,” I throw my phone on the bed.

” I can help you get ready today. I know how to pick clothes and style hair,” Rayan happily offers. I roll my eyes.

” No, but good try,”

He scowls and I bend down to kiss his lips.

” Why don’t you pick out my clothes and see how you will do today, maybe I can hire you,” I wink. He rests his head on my stomach and bends down to kiss my hair.

I feel his fingers lifting my blouse and caressing my stomach. He is kissing me on my belly and I groan in pleasure. I have goosebumps on my skin as he continues his actions. I have work I say but I can’t voice my thoughts. With all the strength in me, I pull away even though Pisces protests. I shudder and run into the bathroom.

I immediately open the shower and allow the cold water to cool my body.

Too cold too cold, I scream and turn back the hot water.

When I come out, I find clothes laid out on the bed for me with a naughty.

” I don’t think I can hold myself anymore if I saw you in a towel and dripping of water. I don’t have the best restrain on my wolf,” I smile and put the note in a drawer.

I check the clothes he has pulled out for me. It’s a creamy maxi designer skirt that is over my knees, a tight blouse with straps, and a black long blazer. As for shoes Rayan picked out leather boots with a heel.

Looking in the mirror I realize I look elegant. My mate has good taste. The look is feminine yet powerful.

I put on my all-time natural makeup and do my eyebrows.

I let my hair fall to my shoulders. I quickly fix my make up then head out.

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I’m at work it’s nice. I’ve received bouquets from Rayan with a sweet note. I texted him a thank

He tells me that he will be leaving town for a few days and I should use this time to train with Yadiel but shouldn’t push myself too much.

I will miss him. I ask for days off at work while I train. My birthday is next week and we have to make me strong, just maybe I can shift into my form.

I’m nervous and excited. Most of the doctors are In the lounge, taking a break while I prepare to go home for the day.

" Hey, Lucy. I was thinking we should go shopping on Saturday and maybe we can have a barbecue at your house," Letty smiles. They've been wanting to see where I stay but I make excuses.

Shelly joins the conversation

" That will be great!" She chimes happily. Lately, she is cheerful towards me and the kids around.

" Sure, but I'll be busy for a while, can we do that later," I smile

They frown and I feel bad for keeping the truth from them but as I said, I just want to be treated as an equal here, so far at the castle, everyone treats me like a princess or what.

The director and Mark are also in the lounge, just looking at me trying to find a way out of this however, I'm glad that they didn't see anything.

" How about we make it at my house," Dr. Hamilton stands up, he's smiling at us.

" I can buy meat and everything it's on me!" He cheers.

The girls clap in excitement and squeal.

" I'll get the drinks, of course, if you're attending Doctor Lucy," Mark offers. I squint my eyes and glance at Shelly but she's chilled.

" Join us, please," she pouts. I smile and nod. I thought she won't take well to Mark inviting me.

" Okay!"

While we are still discussing the barbecue and the activity, they all suddenly go quiet and lower their necks

I turn and I see Jasper walking towards us, he's wearing a white coat over his smart attire.

He is smiling gently at me. He stops to us

" Good afternoon, my lady,"

" Hey, Jasper. What are you doing here?" I ask. I feel someone tug my coat but I don't pay attention.

" Hello, everyone,"

"Prince- prince," Shelly is stuttering, looking at the second prince dazed.

"Lucy, this is the second prince of wolves. Prince Jasper Altamonte," Leticia tells me. I nod and face Jasper.

"My brother said you're riding with me today,"

"Brother?" Shelly whispers, even though they're acting weird around the prince she looks curious, watching our interaction.

"I will find you, I need to talk to my colleagues," I say. He turns to walk and Shelly faints in Mark's arms. Mark only rolls his eyes and carries her to a couch. Two minutes later she stirs awake, she scratches the back of her head

"I had a weird dream that the prince asked me to marry him," Rhodes and I share a look and she whispers

"She has been in love with him for twelve years but this is the only time he spoke to her not her if you say-"

"I get it," I cut her. Shelly gasps and gets to her feet. She is walking towards me like a predator would her prey. I keep backing away until I hit a wall.

"Ok, you're acting strange," she grabs my shoulder and almost cry in happiness

"How do you know the prince?!"

I sigh and keep my answer simple

"We are family friends," I shrug.

"Wait, you said that like it's no big deal," Letty says. There is a glint of excitement in her eyes.

"Oh my god!" They squeal and jump around like kids in a toy store

They all ask me questions at once. They are talking so fast I can't even answer one. They are so excited.

"Can you introduce me to prince Rayan? He's so hot! And I want him in me, damn, that man makes me wet myself,"

Oh no, does she like the prince? Have they been together? Pisces doesn't like that and neither do I. Involuntarily, I let out a growl that surprises everyone even me.

They look at me confused.

" Prince Rayan?" Letty takes a couple of steps back not hiding her fear.

Even the director and Mark look cautious of me.

" Lucy, I thought," Shelly stutters her words but my eyes are focused on Letty. She squints her eyes then a smile appears on her lips, she takes one step closer.

" You and the first prince are mates,"

She sounds sure. I slowly nod and I hear gasps erupt. Dr. Hamilton and Shelly land on the floor with a thud. These people are so dramatic and this time no one helps them.

" So should we bow or something for you, you are the future Queen,"

I shake my head and motion the two girls to the couch.

They are all looking at me expectantly.

" This is why I didn't tell you guys," I say. I close my eyes momentarily.

" We are sorry for acting the way we did," Letty mutters and Shelly agrees seriously.

" We were just in shock," Shelly says and turn to Mark and the director

" You knew, didn't you?" She is looking at me with a suspicious look.

The boys nod and explain my reasons for not wanting this out.

After leaving I find jasper waiting for me in the car, we are silent, the atmosphere is calm with him just like the rest of his family.

" Where to," I finally ask. He sighs

" You only go between the castle and the hospital, a change of environment will do you go before your training,"

he parks his car and I realize we are at the border. There are two buildings on each side of the tarmac and men in uniforms are patrolling the area. He gives out of the car and opens the door for me.

A Latino woman jogs to us and bows. She looks very fit and is in a full army uniform and cap.

" My prince, is there something you need?" Her voice is deep with an accent.

" No, I just wanted my brother's mate to see where our territory starts and end,"

She slightly glance at me and her eyes lit up, Jasper nods.

” Prince Rayan’s forever,” she curtly nods my way.

Jasper is showing me where the royal city territory begins and ends, it’s quite vast and beautiful. They have a huge forest where they can run into their wolf form.

Jasper and I discuss a lot of things, most about ranking and duty. The importance of royal functions and keeping allies.

Honestly, it’s the things Rhodes educates me about since the first week we met.

I’m enjoying Jasper’s company. He’s well-spoken and wears a gentle smile.

Afterward, we visit the markets at the border. They sell different kinds of products, it’s like a whole small community here.

I didn’t know. The place is lively and colorful. Marketers are selling foods, fabrics or jewelry in their stores.

Most of them seem to love and respect the prince. They are bowing or waving happily. Others call us to taste their food and I do, the prince is a little skeptical but I force him.

” My lady, you seem to enjoy these, would you like to try my oysters,” an older woman asks politely, I nod and walk to her stall. She has white hair and a curvy body.

“Oysters are marine animals that are often found in brackish habitats,” She explains to me. I’m listening and asking questions.

The people here are kind. I blush when they give me compliments but nods a thank you to them.

The marketers are from different parts of the world and their goods are a symbol of culture. The royal city is inclusive.

Jasper is standing in a corner alone but watching me like a hawk as I interact with the people, he is respectful and polite to people who go to greet him.

After spending a good hour moving about, he approaches me.

” Let’s go, now. it’s getting dark,” I nod and bid the people farewell.

We are driving back in the city and chatting, he says if I’m to be Queen soon, I should interact and get to know these people. Jasper is in the middle of telling me something when Pisces makes herself known to me, she’s very agitated.

‘ what is it?’ I inquire.

‘ Stop, stop, stop,’ she chants

‘ why?’

‘ just listen?’ I do as she says but no sounds stand out.

‘ shut out everything and be calm,’

I tune out Jasper, then the car sound and the air. I’m as calm as the water and I see trees, a gravel road, and my heart tighten. A baby. It has deep obsidian eyes, he’s the cutest in the world but slowly, its face contorts to a crying one and it begins to wail loudly. The sound is all I hear and every time makes my heart bleed.

” Stop the car,” I suddenly order and the car comes to a screeching halt.

The prince looks at me shocked but I quickly get out of the car and start to run towards the road not far from here. I’m running very fast, faster than I’ve ever run before in my life. A force is driving me towards the child. I feel the prince running next to me, he doesn’t say a word.

” Can you hear it?” I ask between my pants.

” Wait, Lucy, it’s not safe here. We have to go back,” I shake my head. He grabs my arms and looks into my eyes.

” Are you okay?” I only manage to shake my head as tears brim my eyes, my heart is tightening at the crying sound of the baby and there is a knot in my stomach. I can’t breathe, I don’t know if it’s from running or what. How can Jasper not hear it? It sounds so close.

” A baby is crying here,” I wipe my tears and sniff as I begin to look around the area. I turn and go further but the prince stops me.

“Lucy, there is no baby crying,” he is looking worried and I’m crying for good now. I swear I can hear it and it’s hurting my heart.

Jasper is agitated now, he holds my shoulders.

” You can’t be here! Remember how I say we have some enemies lurking in the shadow? Lucy, it’s not safe for you,”

I’m adamant about not leaving.

" You can wait in the car if you want to but I'm not leaving here without that baby," I croak, trying to ease my mind.

He sighs " my brother will have my head if I leave you out here,"

He goes deeper into the forest and turns to look at me.

" If we don't find anything, we are leaving. I'll send reinforcement to look for.. a child?" He says unsure. I nod and follow him but we don't walk far when I freeze in my track. Behind a huge fallen Oak tree, is a baby, he is not crying, just fussing a little. The baby looks almost a year old, he has jet black hair and obsidian eyes like in the vision I saw. He is wearing a diaper and a shirt and small white socks.

I'm smiling and crying as I approach him. I get on my knees and cradle him in his arms.

" Hey, I got you,"

I smile and kiss his forehead, his eyes shine and his small lips stretches into a heart-warming smile showing me his two front teeth as his tiny hands reach to grip my hair, pulling it.

" Ouch," I laugh

Jasper's lips are ajar as his eyes. After he gets over his surprise, he immediately starts to inspect around for anyone in our range, he comes back.

" There must be someone here," he says as he takes a sniff of the air. He scowls and I'm taken back at the anger in his eyes.

" Go to the car, I'll find you," That's not his voice, it must be his wolf's. I shake my head. I can't leave him here all alone.

" Please, just do as I say," he begs and shifts into his wolf form. His wolf is huge and towers over me. His eyes are just like Jasper's original ones.

He slightly bends down to my size and nudges me to go gently.

Suddenly the boy in my arms start to fuss and cry loudly. The night has become darker as thunderstorms begin to form. Jasper too is looking around and just when I turn to leave, a voice resonates.

" Oh well, there's the little boy that made us s*****r an entire village,"

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I'm eyeing the two men who are approaching us. They are blonde and tall, their eyes are dark, and have two red circles around their orbs.

They are muscular but not too bulging like the warriors, they are demons.

I try to soothe the crying baby in my arms but his tears are relentless and his voice is echoing the forest.

The two twin demons approach us but the huge black beast next to me growls and gets in a protective stance. He is acting as a shield. I hold the wolf's fur, my heart is beating so fast, no doubt Jasper can fight really really, but can he beat both of them at the same time? Demons are super fast and agile, others even have gifts, as metal comes out of their finger tips, which they use to fight.

"Jasper," I call silently. The big wolf growls and releases its alpha aura, the demon's face shows wariness.

"Give us that thing," they say robotically at the same time.

"Why do you want the child? Is he yours?" I'm surprised at how strong my voice is.

They hiss as a snake would but I maintain a serious expression on my face.

"No, the high demon wants him," one of them snarls.

"Is he a demon?"

They cackle "No, that thing. No way,"

Then why do they want this child? I look at the child in my arms, he has stopped crying but he's fusing and gripping my hair.

"We don't want trouble, we'll take the child and leave," They say in a soft tone. I scoff.

"You are in the royal city, leave," I order, even the huge wolf twists his neck to me for a brief second.

"We're not in your city, we are at the border and we are not leaving without that little thing in your arms," One of them hisses.

Indeed, I noticed we are almost leaving the territory. How far did we run? I brave myself to face the demons and with all the strength I can muster, I growl at them and stabilize my trembling voice.

"I'm the future Queen of the werewolf race, and will not be threatened by low-class demons like you or will I speak to anyone who isn't your leader,"

I don't know what rank they hold but that took a jab in their ego and I see their demeanor shrink.

I'm trying to calm my frantic heart.

I take one step closer to them and command

" Now, leave and don't ever come back,"

Their eyes are wide but soon they compose themselves and swallow thickly before turning to leave.

While werewolves have ranks demons are in three parts, lower class, middle and high-class demons, then they have a leader, the prince of darkness.

Supernatural leaders don't normally associate.

I look down at the child in my arms, he was found in our territory so those demons have no claim over him and especially since he's not one of them. I'm so glad I've been reading.

As we watch the two men leave, Jasper suddenly fidgets on his paws and flies towards one of them. I watch as his long sharp claws extend and dig into his skin and sends him to fly into a tree. The other turn and jump over his neck, he raises his hand and sharp silver knives elongate from his nails, I let out a scream but before he can embed them into jasper's skin, he swiftly manages to shrug him off him. They are circling each other but it's obvious the demons are no match for the alpha prince.

I glance further into the border to check if the other one has managed to get up, I notice his body has already decayed in its worst possible way and red and blue flames are starting to catch it. Surprisingly, during all the growls and fighting, the little man in my arms is still, holding my thumb tightly in his tiny hand.

I go back to watching the fight just as Jasper gruesomely tears the demon's head from his body. The sight makes me sick and I close my eyes.

Jasper turns back and he's so naked. He walks to me with concern In his eyes

" Are you alright?" He asks. I nod and inspect his body for injuries. It's not bad but he has a few cuts on his chest and one of his face, they are not so deep, seeing that he's a prince, they'll probably heal in ten minutes- ops make that two because they are already closing.

I notice the one on his lower ribs is still bleeding, it looks deeper so it needs cleaning then it will close up. A few guards both in their wolf and the human form are running to us. The man in front sighs when he sees us. He's Darren's father, General Illinois.

He nods to us and someone gives the prince some pants.

He asks us questions and we answer him, he looks very intrigued and looks at the now sleeping boy in my arms. He looks like an angel.

"Well, we'll need to survey the area for bodies or any sign of life," he informs us. He instructs the men to leave no stone unturned and to put more security in this part of the territory.

"The child will be taken to the bureau of investigation hospital to run tests so know exactly which species he belongs to. He doesn't smell like a wolf," he says and calls a man to get the child from me.

"My lady, hand over the baby,"

"What happens to him if the results come back?" I'm asking Jasper. He smiles and looks at the child in my arms.

"Well, we'll take him back to his people," my breath hitches. His people couldn't protect him from those demons, that is why someone tried to hide him here!

"Prince Jasper, they couldn't protect him," I say. Jasper looks at a few soldiers who are sending glances our way.

"Can we talk about this at home?"

I nod, the man still has his hands outstretched to receive the child.

"I'll take him to the hospital and run the necessary tests I need on him,"

I don't give them time to protest as I start to walk out of there.

"We don't know if having that unknown creature is safe for the royal family," I hear General Illinois tell Jasper. I don't hear the prince's response but he has run to me. His hand is on my back as he directs me out of the clearing.

Once in a black limo, Jasper and I get into the backseat and head back into the city.

I close my eyes. I feel a soft comforter being wrapped around my shoulder but I remove it and wrap the baby in it. He smiles in his sleep and I bend down to kiss his smile softly. Jasper is just watching me and I ask.

"Why did you kill those demons when they were leaving?" My question catches him off guard, I can tell.

"Oh, demons are very unruly creatures, it's obvious that they were adamant about getting the child and they would come again but this time with reinforcement."

He explains. I nod. That buys the boy time since the only two men who know his whereabouts are dead. I smile gratefully at him and he nods.

The car stops and Jasper gets out first, coming to the other door to help me get off as well. I still hold the baby in my arms.

The house is quiet, only Arabella comes to take my bag and exited the main room with Jasper's hand gesture.

The prince looks worried.

"You're worried," he nods.

"Because our princess, has just come home with a baby she doesn't know," he hisses. He begins to pace about now. Blaming himself for allowing me to bring the child.

"That child was supposed to be taken to the headquarters then sent to the supernatural academy," I sigh, I've heard about that place, it is a boarding school on an island far, they take different supernatural who have no clan, or supernatural that cause trouble. Some parents even send their kids for discipline or punishment. It's an awful prestigious school with tough teachers, no love, no affection, or care. They are taught control and how to live peacefully. Most of them end up killing themselves because they can't bear the loneliness.

"He's just a child, you can't send him there!"

"What if a demon-possessed the child or something. They do that!"

I roll my eyes and make him look at the baby who is snoring softly.

"Prince Jasper, don't be paranoid, I'm going to bed and no one is taking this child away,"

I bow gently and leave him. He is watching me recede. I stop once on the last stair and look down at him with a smile.

"Please keep me informed on anything regarding this child especially, if they find anyone who could have left him and don't tell Rayan anything about today's events,"

He sighs "I'll personally be in charge and will let you know. But if my brother asks how you are doing, I'll tell him,"

I just exhale tiredly and say.

"Thank you,"

Once in my room, I put the baby on the bed, and call the girls, they are surprised when I tell them everything that happened.

Rhodes sigh " what you did was too dangerous,"

I knew she would say that, she is always so protective of me.

" But it was worth it, look at this little prince," Meredith gushes over him. I nod in agreement with her. She goes out to prepare a bottle for the baby in case he wakes up, it's a miracle this child is alive, this place is cold and he was wearing nothing that kept him warm against the harsh cold.

As Arabella prepares my bath, we continue to talk with Rhodes about the whole situation and I even tell her all that has been happening.

" Lady Lucy, I knew in my heart that you're such a special person,"

She is smiling at me. She is looking serious now.

" But they have to take him away, you know that right? Run test etc,"

" What happens if they can't find his kind?"

I ask as I strip, she sighs loudly.

" I guess the bureaucracy will take him at the academy. As elegant as the school is, it's horrible to grow up alone and without family,"

" The bureaucracy decide to send these creatures away?" I ask, the bureaucracy is a system that is part of the council, it makes certain important decisions in the supernatural community.

" It's all in their hands when it comes to matters like this, whether he stays, die, or live,"

My heart sinks and I feel more protective towards the child. I wouldn't want him to suffer that horrible fate, alone and weak amongst people who won't love him. No. I can't let that happen.

Meredith comes back carrying two bottles of milk and a few things in a bag.

There are diapers, a change of clothes, and powder.

" This is all I could find in the old storeroom,"

" I think he should bath for a good sleep,"

We agree and go to the bathroom, The baby only fusses a little.He is so cuttee, I can die at his cuteness. I dry him and change his diaper then wrap him in a new comforter since we don't have pajamas.

” Here, I think you should feed him,”

I feed the child and he drinks his warm milk hungrily.

” He looks to be a year old or so, meaning, milk alone won’t sustain him for long, tomorrow we need to buy somethings for him,” Meredith says after observing the child.

” How do you know so much about babies?” I ask at last while placing the baby on the bed.

” I raised my sister, mom worked two jobs to provide for us so that daddy can spend all our money on alcohol,” she shrugs.

” I didn’t like that man,” Arabella sighs quietly, she looks like a kid in her small uniform and the way she styled her blonde hair today.

I check the time, it’s already past 10.

” Alright, ladies. Go to bed, I think I can handle this,”

” I can stay,” Meredith and Rhodes offer. I shake my head.

” I’ll call if I need help,”

I say as I exit into the bathroom, I don’t take time in there as I normally do.

The baby is still quiet after my bath, but I notice he’s awake.

” Hi,” I play with him, he smiles and giggles as I continue and it’s music to my ears.

” What are we going to call you, baby?” I ask and lie next to him. We’ll finger it out tomorrow but I want a meaningful name. I’m dreading tomorrow.