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As we run to the border, am anxious about what I'll find, could it be something bad has happened? But what? We already caught the rogues working with Josh and Crystal.

My heart is pounding loudly. We stop running once we approach the border. Rayan grabs my waist and pulls me to him.

"Relax," he says

I give him a half-hearted smile.

Guards are patrolling the border, they bow in

acknowledgment of us and we proceed. I see Derek and my aunt talking to a woman whose back is turned to us.

My wolf immediately begins to stir in my heart.

The scent is familiar. I clear my throat once I'm in an earshot.

"What's going on here?" I ask softly, not recognizing my voice. I hear ragged breaths and the woman turns slowly towards us. I stumble back, unable to comprehend what I'm seeing in front of me.

"My beautiful, baby," My mom whispers, she has tears in her eyes. My heart is racing, how is it possible that I'm seeing the mother who died years ago. She is approaching me but I instinctively close my eyes. Maybe I'm dreaming or she's a ghost. She'll go away in a few seconds. I feel fingers trailing on my cheek

It's warm and beautiful, like my mother's. I remember her touch-up to this day.

"Open your eyes," she whispers. Her voice is still soft as ever. I oblige, trying to speak but no words come out.

"mère?" Is all I manage to say.

"Yes," she responds. "I'm alive, baby," she wraps her arms around me but I don't reciprocate. Too shocked. How is she alive. They told me she died, we mourned her for so long.

"We should go to the packhouse," Rayan says. I only nod. He greets my mother who instead hugs him.

As we walk back, mom is asking questions about the royal city and everyone. I'm stealing glances at her as we walk. She is still as beautiful as ever, her fair skin is flawless and ageless. Her hair is done nicely in a neat bun and her dress fits her perfectly.

I almost laugh at the fact that she is wearing heels. My mother has always been a fashionista.

In a few minutes, we reach the packhouse, it's quiet now. As we go to the main area, a few servants we meet gasps at the sight of their luna and rush to her. Others crying, others smiling. She tells them that she will explain everything later however, she hugs them and holds their hands.

She is acting so normal and chilled about all of this.

We go to the main area and we take seats. Rayan is very close to me while aunt and Derek sit opposite my mother.

"You are not as ecstatic as I thought you'd be to see me," she says, crossing her legs... I'm affronted now that I think about it

"Maybe I don't understand what's happening?" I retort. Does she know the kind of pain she made me go through when she faked her death?

"You think I was happy to cause my family pain?"

"You tell me, Mom," I look her straight in the eyes. She sighs and gets to her feet. Rayan stands up, I look at him confused as my mother takes his place next to me.

My mother holds hands and says

"I'm so sorry, my Lucille,"

Hearing my name from her mouth feels good. I smile a little, forgetting my anger

"Why did you do it, Mom? Dad and I suffered so much," I croak. Trying to fight back my tears.

"Mom," she repeats sweetly. "It feels good hearing you say that again,"

"Mom," I repeat. She chuckles, still as beautiful.

"I run away to protect you. The demons were after me as you know now, I'm a dragon," she informs me

"But you suppressed that part of yourself, sister-in-law. How did they sense you?" My auntie asks. Yep. So she knew.

“I was just delaying the inevitable. When the royal city was under attack by vampires, I shifted and used my power to burn them, Yadiel tried to lock my dragon away but it was hard and the cloaking spell wore off,” she explains.

” I used to fight Demon every other week, and I was afraid they might launch a huge attack to get me, so with the help of the Queen and king. I managed to convince everyone that I died in that fire,”

I can’t believe this, so my godparents knew?! I don’t know how I feel about that. But I do understand their reasons.

” Of course, they knew,” Rayan murmurs, shaking his head.

” So what happens now?”

” I was captured by demons a week ago but I managed to escape and gather other dragon clans to free those captured over the years. We destroyed everything they had,” she smiles in triumph as she finishes to explain. I sigh and pull her in for a long hug. I missed her so much. I allow a few tears to flow down my cheeks as we hold each other.

She suddenly pulls away and her face lits up.

” Did you receive my little gift?” She asks then looks at my mate.

” Gift? What gift?”

” The baby dragon,” she is confusing me now.

” I didn’t receive any dragon,” I say. My mother laughs

” Ahyan,” Rayan says, smiling. Oh my god. Is Ahyan is a dragon! No wonder I felt connected to him. Realization dawns at what she did.

” You left my son alone in the woods?” I ask and stand up. I’m tugging my hair. How could she do that? What if I didn’t go to the border market. Those demons would have gotten my baby.

” Mom, that was very reckless and dangerous you know, how could you?” I scold gently. She gets up and walk to the mini bar, pouring herself a glass of red wine.

” Son?” She asks after gulping her wine. She is eyeing me.

” I adopted him,” I inform her. She smiles widely at me and comes to hug me.

” How about his parents?” It’s Rayan who asks

Mom sighs sadly

” They were king and Queen of dragons. Unfortunately, they died defending the clans from Demons. I

rescued the baby and kept him but I couldn’t lose the demons so I decided to leave him in the royal city. Demons are scared to enter there and I had a feeling he will call unto a fellow Dragon,”

I sigh so Ahyan is a prince.

My mom is still drinking and has offered Rayan and my aunt too.

” What about me?” I pout. She shakes her head

” You are too young to drink,”

I gasp, ” I turned twenty-one,” I say sharply and cross my arms against my chest.

” I know but you’re still my baby,”

While my mom and I bicker, they are all watching us with smiles. Derek gets up and gives me a drink. I almost choke on it as it was too strong.

” Can we get back to talking about Ahyan?”

” Who’s Ahyan?” Mom ask.

” My son,”

” Ahyan is a nice name,” she smiles

“So Prince Ahyan is a powerful dragon from a pure bloodline just like me that’s why demons are after us,”

My heart sinks, demons have been after Dragons for a long time, wanting to get their power and now that my son Is a pure blood Prince, they might come for him if they know he’s alive.

” We won’t let them anywhere close to him, we will protect him,” Rayan says firmly.

” We did enough damage to the demons and will take decades to regroup,”

Relief washes over me when I hear that.

The rest of the night we talk about the packs and go to sleep.

The following morning, we didn't go back to the Royal city because I wanted to spend more time with my mother and Rayan has refused to leave without me, so he's working in my father's study and attending meetings via zoom.

The council wants the coronation next week and so they are preparing for it.

I'm lying in her bed and Mom cuddles me while we wait for it to stop drizzling outside. We talk about Dad and how much his death affected her.

We cry, laugh and hug. It's a blissful feeling and I'm happy that she is here with me.

When it stops raining, I go back to my room and change into my black skinny jeans, crop top, and boots. I put my hair into a bun and go outside to meet mom in the training field.

She is talking to a few members and warriors. She waves at me and approaches me

"Hi, love,"

We look for a perfect spot to practice. I'm sitting in front of her in a mediation position.

She tells me how to control my breathing and fire.

"Fire is alive," Mom says, and suddenly flames appear on her arms.

"I was having a horrible dream and woke up in a bed of fire, it was scary," I inform her. She gives me a sad smile.

"Don't worry, you'll learn how to control it. I'm here now," she strokes my hair gently.

The whole day we spent together having fun and going to our favorite places, I even rode on her back and we soared through the air. Mom said I will shift not just now because my body is still adjusting.

Hours later after dinner, I facetime Meredith to check on Ahyan. He's a happy kid.

He's playing with a bunch of toys and when he sees we are on the screen, he squeals and grabs the phone from Meredith's hand

"Ahyan!" I hear the nanny's voice.

"Hi, baby!" I wave. He is smiling at us.

"Mama! Dada!"

We talk a while with our son. I can hear some of the things he says but not all.

He's learning how to talk. When we hung up. Rayan pulls me into an embrace and kisses my hair.

" I have to go tomorrow,"

I frown. Mom can't join us yet because she needs to find other Dragons.

" You can stay a few days and spend time with your mother," I shake my head. We've stayed longer than we were supposed to and I'm missing Ahyan. We get into bed.

" Jasper found his mate," Rayan tells me. I smile.

The second prince has always wanted his soulmate. I'm happy for him

" Where?" I ask.

" At the hospital, she's undergoing treatment as she was in an accident," he informs me. I frown.

" I hope she gets better,"

" They'll discharge her tomorrow and take her to the castle, they don't have any information on her and she is suffering from temporal memory loss," he informs me

" So she's like a blank page?" I joke.

" Hmm, not really, she remembers her name,"

I only nod and wrap my arms around his torso. I'm too tired after today's events with mother. I suddenly look up to him and ask.

" What's her name?"

" Xena,"

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We are finally back in Royal city. When we reach the castle, I see Meredith and Arabella standing in front of the door to welcome us, in Meredith's hands is a boy, my son. I squeeze Rayan's hand tighter wanting to get out of the car already so that I can give him little kisses all over his face.

The car finally comes to a stop and Meredith puts Ahyan down. I cover my mouth with my hands and I feel tears sting my eyes as he starts to walk-run towards me. I crouch down ready to receive him

"Mama," he says in excitement. I lift him off the ground and hug him tenderly. I missed him so much. I get up and Rayan kisses his hair before asking,

"Hey, buddy. How have you been?"

"Fine! Chocolate?" I laugh and shake my head. Ahyan has a sweet tooth and I refused anyone from giving him any of that because it is bad for his health.

"No, daddy didn't get you any. You'll ruin your little teeth," I kiss him. He frowns and his face contorts to a crying one.

"Come on, mummy, just one!" Rayan says in baby voice. I facepalm. Rayan does this all the time! He gives him anything he wants.

I sigh and hug him again, knowing that his real parents are not here only makes me love him more.

"Don't cry, you can have one after dinner,"

He immediately stops like I pressed a button.

"Let's go in, it's chilly out here," Rayan carries Ahyan and leads us in.

We refresh and rest a while before dinner since it will be with the whole family and Jasper is introducing us to his mate! Xena. I repeat the name.

I wear a long black backless dress that almost touches my heels. I put on minimal makeup and let my hair down before going down to my mate

He looks very presentable too in a dress shirt and black pants. We meet halfway for a kiss then he grabs my waist and walks to the dining area. When we get there, Enol is standing in the corner of the room, pressing on his phone while Jasper and a woman whose back is turned to us are talking. Jasper is smiling and brushing her hair with his hand. They seem very comfortable.

They stop talking once they notice us. The woman visibly stiffens and turns to us

She is as tall as I am. Symmetrical face and attractive physique. Her hazel eyes are fixed on us and I wonder why she feels or looks familiar.

"Brother, Lucy," Jasper says, nodding his head. I smile and greet him

"How are you?" He responds and we exchange a few words before he proceeds to introduce us to his mate.

"Xena, this is my brother, Prince Rayan and his mate, Lucille Lavigne," he smiles

"Lavigne?" The woman seems a bit surprised.

"Yes, you seem surprised," I say with a smile while eyeing her reaction. She simply shakes her head and smiles.

"It's very nice to meet both of us, I've only heard good things," she says.

"Is she well now? Did she regain her memory?" Rayan asks Jasper and I nudge him. Jasper clears his throat and glares at his brother, signaling with his head that Xena is here.

"She can hear, Rayan," he grounds. Xena chuckles and throws her hair back. Confident much? I raise my eyebrows.

"It's alright Prince Jasper." To Rayan, she looks at him and says,

"Not yet, the doctor says it will come back soon, it's just that I hit my head very much," she explains. This girl is human, what was she doing in a City of wolves and how did she get past the border?

"Where are you from and what?" Jasper interrupts me.

"She can't remember anything," I sigh and nod.

We start talking about other things and Enol finally decides to greet us. The boys are talking and I take this time to observe Xena. She's wearing a nice blue cocktail dress and heels. Her makeup is on point and her dark hair is in a neat bun. She has raven tattoos from her side neck down to her arm. They look cool and Enol is gushing over them now, saying he wants ink on his body but his brothers are saying no.

"Rayan has a tattoo on his back," he argues. The door opens and the King and Queen walk in, they look lovely as always.

They greet us all and welcome Xena. She looks a bit flustered by it.

As we sit down for dinner, we converse. The food is delicious. I learned that Xena has only been here for three days but has known Jasper for a week. They are very comfortable around each other already. And she is accepting of our world.

Jasper can't even hide his affection for her, he is kissing her hand at every chance they have.

I'm happy seeing him like this.

Before retiring to bed the Royal couple urges us to work together to keep the family and Royal City progressing and flourishing.

We are in the main room, I'm sitting on Rayan's lap and Xena and Jasper are sitting close to each other. Delish and her fiance have joined us. We are chatting, laugh, and drinking.

"Where's Darren?" I ask.

"Looking for his mate," he says in a bored tone and we burst out laughing. He strongly said he doesn't want one but now that Jasper has, he is looking as well.

"He told me he doesn't want one,"

"Well, he says he's feeling left out," Delish answers and drinks her beer.

"What's with men not wanting mates," I groan.

"Well, I guess we don't want to be bound to want woman," Rayan answers, I get off him immediately and glare at him

"Excuse me?" I cross my arms against my chest. He seems terrified.

"Those men are fools. f**k, I love you so much and I want to be glued to you all the time," he says quickly with puppy eyes.

I raise my eyebrows. He gets up and grabs me by the waist, kissing me sweetly. I kiss him back and we seat back down.

"Didn't you want a mate, babe?" Xena asks Jasper.

"Oh I've been obsessed with the idea of finding my forever since I was a child," he tells her. She smiles and caresses his face with her fingers.

Two weeks have passed by and all is going well. Xena is adjusting pretty fast and is very nice to everyone, maybe a little too nice. She even volunteers to watch Ahyan most times.

The Castle is very busy because we are preparing for Rayan's Coronation in two days.

Today is a sunny day! Which is so rare in this part of the region.

I rush to Ahyan's room to check if he's awake and surprisingly he is! I check the time, 10 am.

"That was a short nap,"

His eyes are fixed on me as I approach him. He's standing against the rails of his crib and jumping in excitement.

"Hi my baby,!"

He seems to be in a happy mood.

” Mummy! Look!” He is showing me his new toy car Jasper and Xena bought him. It makes sounds like a real car and he loves it.

” Nice car,” I comment again. This is the fifth time he’s shown me.

He puts it away and stretches out his arms to me. I carry him. He is happy. I give him little kisses on his face

” Should we go check on Daddy?” My baby is gripping my hair tightly and I wince.

The castle is amazing today, the windows are open and the sunlight is getting in.

I meet Darren on my way to Rayan. He is smiling at us.

” Look who we have here, It’s uncle Darren,”

Darren bows politely ” hello girlfriend,” I giggle, it’s been a while since he called me that.

” Hello, boyfriend,”

We exchange pleasantries and he plays with Ahyan for a little while.

” Where is Rayan?” I ask. He sighs.

” He’s in a meeting with a few councilmen. I escaped, don’t think they’ll conclude soon,”

Hmm, I wonder what it is about. He said he’ll take a day off and make it a family day!

I scowl and turn on my heel. I go to my room and change into a two-piece bathing suit. I wear a black one and it’s perfect.

I look into the mirror then at Ahyan on the floor.

” Do I look good?” Of course, he doesn’t answer, Instead, he ignores me and continues playing.

I pick him up and change him into a vast and short. I wonder if he knows how to swim. I wrap a towel around my body and wear some sunglasses before going into the backyard.

The pool area is huge and nice. I put my legs in the water to test it and it’s just the right temperature. I fully get in and put my son too. I slowly let go of him and he starts kicking his legs. We spend about an hour in the pool, splashing each other water and laughing when Xena suddenly appears.

" Hello!" She smiles at us. She takes off her sunglasses and sits on the edge of the pool

" You guys are bonding!" She says cheerfully

I nod.

" What are you doing here?" I ask.

" I was looking for a ring I lost last night somewhere here. It's very dear to me," she informs me.

" Family heirloom?" I ask. She nods her head but quickly nods negatively.

" Um, Jasper gave it to me," she says. Guilt washes over her face and I squint my eyes, I breathe in and smile.

" What does it look like, we'll help you look, right my little Prince?" I say and throw Ahyan in the air. He giggles and I repeat my actions.

" Ahyan is so cute!" Xena gushes over him. I nod and kiss him as we get out of the pool.

We are still looking for the ring in the places she thinks she dropped

" How did you lose it?" I ask while searching

" Jasper and I were you know," her face is red with embarrassment

I gasp but don't add any more.

Minutes later, I see the ring next to a gazebo.

" There!"

I pick it up and inspect it.

It's a pretty ring with a ruby on it.

" It's pretty," I show it to my son but he winces and whimpers before pushing my hand away. I drop the ring.

" Ahyan," I scold. He acts up if he doesn't like something.

"Sorry," I say to Xena. She smiles awkwardly and pats his head but he swats her hand and looks at me.

" Mummy, water water. Mummy swim," he is pointing at the pool.

Xena who was watching us the whole time with interest picks up the ring and puts it in her back pocket.

" Aren't you wearing it? You wouldn't want to lose it again," I say.

" No, I will wait for Jasper to put it on me," she smiles

" Alright. It's getting a little cold. We should go and cuddle up now," I wave as we go back into the house. Ahyan is upset that we are not going back in the pool.

You're so rude at times, you know," I murmur to him.

" Swimmy, mummy,"

We go straight to his room, I dress him up then go to find Rayan.

I find him in his study, discussing with Jasper. They both stand up and smile.

" My love, Ahyan,"

" Thank you for coming," Jasper seems relieved to see me. I'm sure that workaholic mate of mine was holding him hostage.

" I should go look for my own mate," he says as he kisses my cheek.

" Oh yes, you'll find her in the backyard,"

" What is she doing there?" He knits his eyebrows.

" She lost a ring so she was searching for it," I inform her and he says

" What ring?"

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" What ring? The one you gave her, with a ruby - didn't you give her any ring?" I ask shocked. Jasper shakes his head. I shrug,

" well all I know is that she was looking for it desperately," Jasper nods and reluctantly leaves the room. I'm left to wonder why she lied, I didn't trust that girl in the first place and this only makes it worse. She's trying too much to fit in around her, call me paranoia but something is definitely wrong.

" Baby, is everything alright?" My mate asks. I shake my head negatively.

" I don't trust her, babe. Something is definitely off with her," I say.

" Do you think she's faking her memory loss?" Asks my mate, drawing circles on my back

" Maybe,"

" Well, do something about it," he says getting Ahyan from my arms and putting him on the floor. He goes to the tall glass window and begins to play there.

Rayan takes me to sit in his place while he stands behind me and begins to massage my shoulders. I close my eyes and inhale.

" What should I do about that woman?" I sigh, getting in a relaxed mood.

" Just ask her why she lied, I don't know,"

I nod, I will ask her. I get up abruptly.

" Can I do it now?"

Rayan shakes his head negatively and I frown

" She and Jasper have gone to the City and you and I are going for a picnic date," he smiles. I guess it can wait, I look at Ahyan who has been a little quiet. I'm sure he wants to nap now. Being in the water has exhausted him. I notice the weather has changed meaning I have to change my clothes into something warm.

I take Ahyan to his room and ask a servant to watch him since Meredith and Arabella have gone out. I go to my room to change.

It's a beautiful evening and prince Rayan is out for a picnic date. It's a bit chilly so I wear a brown fur collar coat with black leather pants and add brown suede ankle boots to the outfit. It's stylish.

We are driving through the city until it fades and we are in another part, the trees are beautiful and different flowers are growing on them. There are no cars on the tarmac. I see an antelope running into the forest.

" Look!" I point in excitement. It's so calm, green and beautiful. The birds are chirping and flying in trees. I'm captivated by the sight.

" It's beautiful," I whisper.

" I came here a lot as a child. I couldn't stand the castle, especially after mother's illness," he says giving me a faraway look for a second before he focuses on the road again. We are driving at a slow pace.

" She seemed better during dinner last week," I say. Her skin was glowing and her eyes were bright with love and excitement.

" Yadiel and jasper have been giving her new Medication and it's working wonders," Rayan seems pleased. I smile and hold his hand.

" Oh, that's nice. They should continue doing so,"

" They mix it with your blood actually, it was just a test," he says. I'm surprised. I didn't know they were giving her my blood.

" I'm sorry for not telling you, they used the one that remained when they were testing you," he informs me. I shake my head. I'm more than happy to give them if it means it's helping to improve the queen's health.

Rayan stops the car finally and I immediately get out. I'm looking at the waterfront in front of me

It's a waterfall and there is so much water and smoke. Beyond it is a rainbow.

I'm looking in awe, I've never seen nature this beautiful before. I plop into a bench so that I can watch properly.

Rayan parks his car next to the bench.

" Want to watch it from here?" He asks showing me a hotdog. I drool over it and stand up.

" Is it always this cold here?" I ask.

" Most seasons, yes," he answers.

The top part of the car is slightly open and he has moved some seats making room for a blanket that holds food.

We have different fruits, One of them is blueberries, my favorite. He made burgers and sausages, already cut apples and cupcakes. It is displayed nicely and next to it is a silver flask and a bottle of whiskey, Rayan really does like his liquor.

I put my legs on the dashboard as he prepares a plate for me. We are eating slowly mostly, me while he drinks. Being with Rayan like this feels calm and nice.

We are talking about everything and nothing, our childhood and interests, they are so different, we are different but that's what makes us get along well. While he was the bad boy at school and lived the life of a party, I was always forced to attend them and even believed in waiting until marriage for s*x. Often times my friends made fun of me for that.

We also talk about Ahyan's future. I'm smiling as we talk about it.

"Do you think he'll after more of you or me?" I ask.

"Definitely me, do you see how much we are starting to look alike?" I gasp exaggeratedly. If Ahyan looks like someone it is me! We spend more time together.

It's late evening now and we are still in the woods, laughing and bickering.

Minutes later we head back to the castle, we kiss each other goodnight and I go to check on Ahyan before heading to my bed.

"Baby!" I call as I peek into his room. It's silent.

"Ahyan," I immediately panic when I don't get any breathing. I search the room at full speed before storming out. I ask around for the servant who was watching him but she too has left the castle to God knows where!

"Rayan! Rayan!" I'm calling on the verge of tears. My heart is racing as I search the castle, already a bunch of servants is following me, worriedly. I'm sure I look like a madwoman.

"Ma'am, is everything alright?" They are asking but I shake my head.

"Search every room for my son," I say and they disperse.

I reach Rayan's suite and barge in, to my shock I find Olivia there. I freeze, they are not touching but standing in arm's reach.

"What is she doing in your salon?" I growl. Glaring at the woman, there is something different in her eyes, they are gentle and kind.

She smiles and bows before walking past me. I grab her and pull her back.

"Why are you here?" My voice is hard. She is looking at Rayan, my mate's face is void of emotions, I harshly release and groan.

"Whatever! I'm going to look for my son," I say and leave the living room.

Rayan is calling me but I'm not stopping.

"Damn it! woman, can't you hear me!" He sounds angry. I don't care about him right now, I just want to find Ahyan.

I'm watching and reach the main entrance. I open the two double doors and the cold air hits my body. I'm walking when a growl keeps me in place.

” Lucy, stop and listen!”

I’ve never heard Rayan use his command before. It’s strong and can’t be ignored. Pisces whimpers in my head.

I sigh and glare at him

” What, prince Rayan?” I growl back. Anger is radiating off my body.

” It’s not what you think,” He says. I laugh coldly.

” You don’t care what I think.

I ask you what was going on and you kept quiet.”.

” Lucy-” he starts but I raise my hand to cut him.

I can’t find Ahyan, I think someone took him,”

Rayan’s eyes widen.

” Wha- what?” He stammers. He starts to call the guards and they immediately start to look and give orders.

We are searching around the property, Rayan tries to touch my shoulders but I shrug his hand off, I’m angry at him.

” She took him, we should be closing the borders and searching every car -” I don’t finish my sentence when a guard shouts

” He’s here!” I begin to run there, indeed, Xena is holding my son in her arms.

” You’re back!” She smiles. I grab Ahyan from me and have him lay his head on my shoulder as he is sleeping.

” Why did you take my son?!” I shout. She looks taken back by my anger.

” Oh, I was just helping,” she says timidly.

” I don’t want you near him, I don’t trust you!” I say in anger. Ahyan stirs. I exhale and suddenly I feel so many emotions rush through me, relief, happiness, and anger towards that woman for causing this ruckus.

” You just can’t take him out of the castle without my permission!” I’m crying for good now. Xena is opening and closing her mouth. She looks scared.

I take deep breaths but I can't calm down, I was so scared.

" Oh my god, I'm so sorry, Lucy. He was crying alone in the room and I thought some fresh air will do him some good," she sniffs, Xena looks genuinely sorry. She points at the two guards standing a few meters behind her

" They were with us, I promise I didn't do anything to him," her body is shaking and tears are threatening to spill out of her eyes.

Within a second, Jasper is next to his mate. Looking worried.

" What's going on?" He is asking me.

" She took Ahyan out of the castle and we got worried," Rayan answers and kisses my hair. Also Ahyan's.

" I'm sorry," Xena croaks. Jasper hugs her.

I clear my throat.

" I'm sorry for shouting. I was just worried when we couldn't find him," I try to sound calm while patting Ahyan's back. He's still sleeping. I leave them and go inside. I don't take Ahyan to his room, he will sleep in my bed today.

After taking a shower, I lie in bed. Minutes later, the door opens and I recognize my mate's scent. I close my eyes. He sits on the edge of the bed and strokes my hair softly

He kisses my temple.

" Remember when I told you that they are some people who are against us leading the werewolf race? Greedy, power-hungry wolves?" I open my eyes and slightly twist my neck to answer

" Yes,"

" We caught those plotting against us and they were stripped of their positions and punished," he informs me. I nod.

" Olivia was here because-" I shake my head and sit up straight. I caress his stubble beards and kiss him on the lips

" I trust you, I'm sorry I overreacted. I get jealous," I admit and shy away from his intense gaze.

" Thank you for telling and it's alright to get jealous," he whispers. We share a deep kiss and when he pulls away he says

” I get jealous too because I don’t want to lose you,”

” And you won’t,” I assure him

” Olivia’s father, senator Chien was one of the five members spreading false stories against us,” he says. I shake my head. That man was bitter and angry for his own good

” Olivia is to take his place? Can you trust her?”

Rayan says and nods confidently. These are the positions that go from generation to generation.

” She’s loyal to the pack and I, and besides, she’s over me now, I think,”

” Hmm, how do you know?” I ask, eyeing him

” I heard from Darren that she and Misheck are trying to be in a relationship. They have gone on several dates already” he informs me. Good if they think they can start something. Wow, Delish and Olivia will be family If they were ever to marry. I laugh inwardly at the thought.

Rayan gets In bed with us, we have put Ahyan in the middle.

” Are ready for your coronation tomorrow?”

” Yes,”

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Today, I spend the morning at the children’s hospital. Everything is alright and well.

The kids are doing well and during my break, Meredith and Ahyan came for a quick visit as they were going to the park.

I’ve also talked to Jasper about how I feel about Xena and I was surprised to find out that she confessed to him last night that she did not lose her memories, she came from a dark place in her past that’s why she thought she should wipe the slate clean and make a fresh start.

My heart still does not feel at ease but I chose to trust Jasper and let him handle his mate.

Rayan’s coronation is tonight and he asked me to be his date. I’m so nervous. Alphas from all packs will be in attendance along with their betas.

After a long day at work, I ask the driver to take me to Rayan's office. He said we should spend some time at his penthouse in the center city.

I check the time, it's 7 am.

We find Rayan in the parking lot. He's leaning against his car. I don't wait for kai to open the door for me, I do and run to my mate. Seeing me approach, he begins to walk towards me and we meet halfway for a long deep kiss as usual.

I smile and hold the back of his neck.

" You look exhausted, babe," he sighs. " Are they overworking you? I specifically asked that director to cut some of your shifts," he growls. I stand on my tiptoes and peck his lips.

" I'm fine, I'm more worried about you," I say. He doesn't look too good himself, his hair is disheveled, his tie is loose and he has dark circles under his eyes.

He grabs my waist and opens the car door for me. He doesn't look well, so I offer to drive.

" I didn't know you drive," he says. I do, I just don't have a driver's license as I failed my test three times.

" Well, I hope we don't get pulled by a cop," I smile tightly. Rayan is in the passenger seat and lays his head against the leather seats. He really is tired.

I use the GPS to guide me to our destination

" A grandma can drive faster than you," he sighs, his eyes are closed but I know he's awake.

" I'm scared to drive,"

" Why?" We discuss a little about my fear of driving. Rayan is laughing, I don't find it amusing.

" Dad taught me how, I was playing in the car when he suddenly entered and shouted, drive now now now," he laughs at the memory.

" Why?" I laugh, glancing at him for a second. He shrugs.

" But I drove, he said a thief stole some company information so we were chasing him... I already had ideas but driving," he explains.

We are silent after the laugh and I ask.

” How is work going?”

” Annoying,” he barely whispers. I ruffle his hair with one hand and he surprises me by kissing it.

Soon, we reach his building and get out of the car. The whole elevator ride to the top floor, Rayan is holding me tightly against him.

” You work too much,” I murmur.

” You too,”

The elevator stops right in front of his apartment. He puts in a password to unlock the door, which is my name.

The apartment is nice and simple, it has oversized windows that lets just enough sunlight. The salon is huge and has two black soft sofas and a coffee table, and a minibar near the kitchen. And on my left is a glass door leading to what looks like a terrace.

It has a couch and a small table as well.

From where I’m standing, I have the best view of the City. I feel hands wrap around me.

” Make yourself comfortable, I’ll shower and join you in a few minutes,”

I turn to him.

” Please rest, and let me take care of you for a change,” Rayan doesn’t say a word. He kisses my lips for a long time before nodding and going upstairs.

I go to the kitchen, it is fully equipped and new. I trace a hand over the counter just to admire how shiny it is. I doubt he uses this place. I open the fridge and luckily it’s fully stocked.

I prepare us lunch, I decide to prepare.

Chicken and hummus salad bowl for a delicious late lunch option.

I follow the exact recipe on the Internet.

I put add enough Spinach to the meal knowing that my mate enjoys it and put it on the dining.

I go upstairs to call Rayan. He is soundly sleeping in his bed, I sit on the edge and caress his thick eyebrows. He squints his eyes as they open and I kiss his them.

"I've made lunch, let's go eat," he smiles and abruptly pulls me over him. I squeal. Rayan sits up and Plants wet kisses on my neck. My body is shivering and I'm beginning to feel so warm already.

"The food is going to get cold," I murmur breathlessly, he answers something incoherent as his lips are still against my skin. My fingers are in his hair and our lips meet.

The kiss is passionate and I'm going crazy with desire. Pisces really wants to mate and mark him and vice versa but no, not like this.

Rayan's hand cup my breast and my breath hitch

I gasp at the intensity of what is happening. He is saying he loves me and that he's dying to be with me. Heaven knows I want that more than anything but we have to wait.

I abruptly get up as I feel his canines on my neck. He can't mark me without mating, I want to be his queen officially before accepting his mark. It says so in the law book. We are not allowed any marking of a sort without being wed even queen Astrid and the king waited.

I'm standing against the tall window. My breath is ragged and I'm clutching my chest. Rayan is on the bed, panting and looking straight into my eyes.

"I'll get the food- re- ready," I stutter my words.

I leave the room, and soon my mate follows. He takes a seat as I serve him his food and he looks pleased.

"You did this?" He gives me a skeptical look

I nod confidently

"Take a bite, please,"

He takes one and gushes at how good it is. He is eating his food hungrily.

"Easy, you animal," I joke.

We spend a few hours there. We play games then did karaoke, while I'm a terrible singer, he is really good. I was impressed.

Later in the evening, we go back to the castle to get ready.

Rhodes and Naomi came all the way from pride moon pack just to help me get ready even though I had all the members of staff I needed. They are both getting along as beta female and gamma female since they are both mated now

I'm happy to see them.

Two hours of getting ready, I'm standing in front of a body mirror. Inspecting my outfit, I wore a one-sleeved sequined light blue gown with a turtleneck, ruching in the front, and a front slit paired with strappy heels that have tiny embellished stars on them. My hair is styled in natural locks and my makeup is minimal.

I'm wearing similar diamond earrings that Rayan gave me. From what I heard from Rhodes, it costs millions of dollars.

I smile while looking in the mirror

"Isn't this a little much?" I ask. For a high-ranking gathering, I felt I could have worn a dress for less than 10,000 dollars.

"Trust me, this is the right outfit," she smiles.

"People will wear their best gowns, and you have to outshine them all," Naomi says and holds my shoulders.

We go outside the room as soon as I receive word that Rayan is waiting for me.

My mate looks so breathtaking in a black tux. I smile as I approach him. He cups my lips and kisses my forehead

"You look beautiful," he whispers.

"You are handsome," I breathe. We suck in a deep breath and link our arms as we walk to the ballroom.

The hallway is decorated beautifully and guards are standing everywhere. They bow as we pass.

We are standing in front of the ornate huge doors.

"Are you ready, my lady?" He asks.

"Yes,"

The servants who were following us behind opens the door, I can hear chattering from the room. It goes silent at once as someone announces us.

We take one step in and I freeze in my tracks, everyone is watching us, I can't decipher their expression, too many different expressions to read. They are wearing their designers' outfits and expensive jewelry. They are sophisticated with glasses of Champaign in their hands.

The men are in their best tuxedos and bold ties. They are flaunting their wealth and I'm now thankful that I wore this dress.

"Relax, you're a queen," Rayan's voice rings in my head. I look up to him, he smiles and I nod. I'm a queen, prince Rayan's Queen.

As we walk to the stage where the royal family is sitting on their thrones, people are gasping and whispering amongst themselves.

Rayan is dominating and never have I seen him so serious before. Everyone gives us the way and bows their head.

Rayan is very popular amongst the high-ranking members, and they are praising him, while the ladies swoon when he glances anywhere near them.

My steps are stealthy and gentle as we walk, as we reach close to the stage, everyone goes silent like they have received an order.

I let go of Rayan's arm when we are close, knowing that he is to seat next to his parents. He kisses my temple earning gasps from the crowd.

Rayan takes his rightful seat and the king gets to his feet.

He commands everyone's attention and says a few words

"I'm delighted to have you, alphas from different packs, noble guests, and members," he continues his speech. He thanks his queen for being by his side. The crowd cheers when he winks at her and professes his undying love.

"And lastly, the reason we are here," he smiles at Rayan and gestures him to go closer to him, my godfather is looking at Rayan with so much adoration and one can tell how proud he is.

"My son, your first prince and now king of all alphas,"

The crowds erupts in claps and cheers.

"Go, prince Rayan!" They cheer.

Rayan curtly bows at us. Our eyes meet for a brief second and he smiles.

"Ooooooh," a few people notice our exchange and cheer. I blush.

As the transfer of power begins, Yadiel presents the king with an odd-looking dagger

I grimace when he cuts Rayan's palm, before the wound close, he cuts himself as well and joins their hands

" With the power invested in me, I declare you, my first son Rayan Altamonte, the new king of werewolves!" He declares and the crowd goes crazy with cheers as a white halo surrounds them. It's beautiful and everyone can feel its energy.

The new king faces us, everyone suddenly gets on one knee and bows their head to him. Powerful Alphas submitting and acknowledging my mate as king. I wonder why I didn't bow.

' We are his mate, we are his equal,' Pisces tells me. I'm looking at what is happening in awe. Rayan steps forward and pledges,

" I, Rayan Altamonte, promise to be a good and fair king. I will lead the werewolf race to the best of my abilities,"

He says. " You may rise, these are not the old days," He jokes.

The crowd chuckles a little as they get to their feet

Rayan clears his throat and his eyes land on me

" While we are here, I would like you all to meet my mate, my lady, Lucille Lavigne," he smiles to me. I smile too, despite my shyness, I keep my chin high.

Rayan walks closer to me and extends his hand. I take it, he kisses it and pulls me up to him gently

We are standing so close to each other, he tucks my hair behind my ear then kisses my lips, taking me by surprise.

The people clap softly, the royal family is looking at us with smiles on their faces as the people.

" I love you more than I can put into words. my love for you is indefinite, that's why on this auspicious day, I will ask one thing,"

Gasps erupt as Rayan gets on one knee, the royal family on stage with us stand up as the king utters,

" Lucy. Will you marry me? I'll make you the happiest woman alive If you say yes,"

I'm shocked, my mate is the king of all werewolves and never, he can never kneel before anyone!

"Rayan, please get up," I hiss in a whisper. Looking at everyone who has a surprised expression. He shakes his head

"How can he when you haven't answered him, my dear," the queen responds

The king nods his support, Enol, and Jasper are smiling kindly at us. I feel more relaxed now.

I caress his smooth chin and choke,

"Yes, yes, yes Rayan. I'll marry you. Thousand times yes!"

I'm crying and the crowd cheers and howl more than they have ever done before as he puts an engagement ring around my finger.

He gets up and attacks my lips in a searing kiss. It's passionate and sweet as flowers rain down on us.

When we pull away, I croak

"You surprised me, you know I hate surprises," I hit his shoulder and wrap my arms around his neck, he hugs me closely.

The party is great and we have so much fun dancing

Guests won't stop congratulating us.

I noticed my mother giggling with the queen like two high school girls and I run to her, wrapping my arms around her waist

"Congratulations, my baby!" She says without turning back as I'm holding her in place

I chat with the two beautiful ladies and they admire my ring. According to them, it's a 20-carat emerald-cut diamond ring worth about 10 million dollars.

I proceed to interact with the others.

It's a long night, I'm in Rayan's embrace when Jasper approaches us. He is smiling. We exchange words and I ask

"Where's your mate?"

"She left a few hours ago, she was unwell,"

My heart stirs for some reason, I smile and ask Rayan.

"Baby, have you spoken to Ahyan over the phone?" Rayan shakes his head negatively. I was too busy talking to guests that I didn't even check on the baby.

"Why are you worried, Meredith would call if he was giving her trouble," Jasper says.

"As in you left him for days with her just a week ago,"

He doesn't get it. I look at Rayan who immediately starts to press on his phone, making a call to the nanny.

"She's not picking," he growls lowly.

"We should go and check," I say breathlessly and walk. The two brothers are following me

I'm looking ahead as we walk, I hope the people who try to greet us don't think us rude for walking away from the celebration.

We reach Ahyan's room and start to check, Jasper is just confused

"Ask the guards if they saw anyone leave with Ahyan," I tell Jasper who rushes outside.

We search for about half an hour, I'm trying my best not to freak out like I did last time as we wait for security footage.

Meredith suddenly comes into the main room, she is holding her temples, she seems confused.

I rush to her,

"Where is Ahyan?" It's the first thing I ask.

She staggers and looks around the room. She looks so out of it.

"I don't know. One moment we were in the garden with lady Xena and when I woke up, she was gone," she says on the verge of tears,

"I think she took the young prince," she adds and bursts out crying. My body begins to shake and I don't stop the tears flow down my cheeks. My gut was right but Ignored it.

"What do you mean?" Jasper roars.

"She just kept on crying and apologizing to me, to everyone," Meredith explains. My heart is pounding, and I hold my chest.

” Close the borders and find my brother’s mate, Now!” I hear Rayan orders somewhere in the room. My legs can’t support me and I fall on my a*s to the ground.

” No, it can’t be what I’m thinking. I’m... I’m sure she just took him for a walk,” Jasper is stuttering, he is using the wall to support him.

” No, she was here on a mission to get the baby for the demons,” I speak up, my dream becoming clear and clear now, it was her I saw.

I sniffle. Rayan is on his knees, holding me tightly. He is angry and I can feel his imposing aura.

” We’ll find him,” he keeps whispering strongly to me.

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Xena Pov

My brother is one of the most powerful demons alive since we were kicked out of heaven... He is second to Lucifer and he trusted me with a mission to bring him this baby dragon. So I came to the city, I faked an accident so that I’m allowed to stay a few days and look for the child. But I didn’t expect to find a mate at the Hospital, I didn’t even know that demons can have mates, it has never happened before at least not in our era, and damn, he was beautiful and for the first time since my existence, I heard something I haven’t experienced before, a pounding of my heart.

His eyes were glued on mine and was wearing a gentle smile on his lips. Jasper Altamonte is a true definition of a man, he’s handsome and tall. He’s a Greek god, and I know what they look like, I lived and fooled around during their rule. I’m not exaggerating.

I faked memory loss and he invited me to his home. Surprisingly, my little mission was adopted by the future Queen, I was ecstatic for it will make my job easy but boy was I wrong.

I first started by befriending everyone and got closer to the nanny, Meredith, I smile when her pretty face plays in my head. I liked her a lot, everyone there was kind and friendly to me.

I tried to kidnap the dragon Prince so many times but his mummy would show up, already she didn’t trust me, I could sense the moment we met and I could tell she is a powerful dragon, she couldn’t recognize me as a demon because she has not fully realized her power, however, the little Prince did as soon as I wore my ring so I had to take it off, it’s a ring that every demon has and it tells them exactly which rank you are.

Staying in the castle proved to be easy, Jasper made sure I had all I needed, branded clothes, servants, and every female's best friend, diamonds. The Altamonte brothers sure know how to love and spoil their women.

While I was swaying my way into everyone's hearts, I ignored my own.

I didn't realize my feelings for Jasper were intensifying too and when we made love, a new door opened for me, it was a door of wonder and love full of passion and emotions which I gladly embraced. I only wanted to be with him, and even ignored my mission.

But last night, my brother sent his right-hand demon to collect me and kill everyone who stands in our way, in that case, it would have been Meredith and the guards. I manage to convince Alama to return and I'll bring them the child and here we are!

I sigh in relief as I leave the City undetected thanks to my brother's invisibility potion but I know it will wear off soon, so I step on the gas. My phone is ringing and I grab it to answer.

"Anwar, I have the kid I'm coming," I inform him. He is silent and I check if he hung up

"The dragon baby?" He doesn't believe me.

"Yes, Tihana sent me the new location and I'm on my way," I tell him and glance at the sleeping child in the backseat of the car.

I drive for about three to four hours into a dusty tarmac until I arrive in an isolated human town where the demons are trying to reorganize and wait for further instructions from hell since our town was destroyed by Dragons weeks ago. The new town is pretty and very organized. The humans are waving and smiling at me when they see me. I stop the car in front of a tall building. I already rented an apartment.

"Hi, baby," I smile at the child. He is still sleeping. I greet the concierge and he takes me up to my new apartment. While in the elevator he asks

"Is that your son?"

"Yes," I pat Ahyan's back. I gave him something to keep him sleeping for a long time.

The man opens the door and gives me my keys,

"Enjoy your stay!" He says with a smile that I return.

It's a neat and furnished apartment. Two bedrooms, sitting room, a big kitchen I won't even be using and I have a good view of the city. It's comfortable and cozy, so homey. My heart stung as I think of Jasper, he felt like home.

The child stirs as I put him on the bed. He slowly flutters his eyes open and sits up. He rubs his eyes then squints them.

"Are we at mummy and daddy yet?" He asks in a sleepy voice, Ahyan is honestly so cute. I told him I'm taking him to his parents so that he shouldn't cry when I got him.

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"Not yet, hun. They say they will meet us here," I lie. An unknown feeling to me creeps in my heart? For a long time, I thought I didn't have one but meeting my mate changed. Maybe he only loved me because I disguised my true face.

'This is your face too,' a small voice speaks.

I've been hearing it a lot since I found out the second Prince is my mate. I close my eyes and shut it out before looking at the baby I took from his parents, he is surprisingly calm and even smiling at me today.

Tears sting my eyes knowing what Anwar wants to do with him. He wants to extract his power. Ahyan is a powerful Dragon from a great bloodline, therefore, his energy is unmatched. It will make us more powerful as a species and they will stop looking down at us but why does it feel so wrong? I did it for my people, right? And Jasper oh my god. I betrayed my mate!

He was nothing but good to me and I stabbed him in the back like this. I get on the floor and bring my head to my hands. Crying silently. Having a mate was not part of the plan but finding one, a wolf Prince, and a good man is something I never expected.

I feel tiny hands on my hair and I look up, Ahyan is looking very worried.

"Don't cry," his voice is croaked. I sniff and wipe my tears quickly. I smile at him.

"I'm not," he wipes my tears with his chubby hand.

"Are you sad?" I only nod and cry more making the child's face scowl.

"I'm missing your uncle Jasper," I confess what I'm feeling.

He sighs and sits on the floor, his back against the wall like me.

" I miss Mama and Dada too. Aunty are they coming soon?" He is looking at me expectingly and a bigger lump forms in my throat as I shake my head. Even if they tried they can't find us because we are cloaked by a powerful warlock. It's a town full of demons but living amongst the humans.

Tears are beginning to form in his eyes and I get up, clearing my throat.

" I meant yes, but in a few days. Can you be with me while we wait... Without crying?" I add. He nods slowly and I ruffle his hair

" Good boy," I praise him. He grins, I noticed he likes being rewarded for behaving well.

" What do you want to eat?" I ask. I noticed Lucy gives him no choice in such matters, she's the kind who is very strict in his diet. He smiles and gets up.

" Can I have chocolate!" He squeals in excitement. His mother would kill me but he is looking at me with puppy dog eyes and I cave.

" I'm not as strong as your mom!" I groan as I grab his hand and take him to the Kitchen.

He is eating his chocolate happily while I prepare us food for later. I finally finish with the salad and we go to the salon.

" What do you want to watch?" I ask him.

" Bob the builder!"

" Yeh!" I clap as I grab the remote from the small coffee table and give him.

We spend the whole day watching cartoons and eating popcorn. It's late evening and Ahyan is sleeping on the couch now.

The doorbell sounds and I'm reluctant to check. It might be one of Anwar's people here to get the child.

I look at the little boy for a long time. He is smiling in his sleep. I trace a finger on his cheek and I find myself smiling. I see why they love him so much. Ahyan is a gift of love.

" Xena!" Someone shouts. I roll my eyes. That's my cousin, Tihana, She is a high-ranking demon-like most members of my family. I jog and open the door for her. She hugs me and smiles.

Tihana is tall, beautiful and we have similar human features except her hair is blonde and shorter than mine.

" What's up, b***h," she winks and walks past me. She stops and looks at the child.

" He's actually... Cute," she comments and throws herself on the couch

" I know,"

I smile.

I tell my best friend everything that has happened and to say she's shocked it's an understatement.

Tihana sighs and shakes her head.

" It must be a Mistake! Demons don't have mates!"

" I know, I thought so too but I needed him to stay longer in the city so I pretended to like him but.."

" But?" Her look is scrutinizing.

" I have strong emotions for him and Tia, I think love him," I confess. Sensing my sadness, she comes next to me and holds me kindly.

" You know it's against the law to be with people who are not our kind. How could you allow yourself to fall for the Prince!" She scolds gently. I start to cry, feeling emotional again.

" You think I don't know? I'm sure he hates me now and Ahyan? Look at him?"

" You've gotten yourself in a mess but humans say the heart wants what it wants and there is no fighting it. If you want to go back to him, you have my support," I get out of her embrace and look at her but she is serious. I do want to go back to my mate and beg for forgiveness.

" He won't take me back, I just know it,".

" But you're mates,"

I point at Ahyan, I know how much Jasper loves his nephew.

" You are taking that boy back to his parents, screw Anwar and his want for power," Tia declares.

Later in the night I get a call from my brother, they want the boy tomorrow but I won't give him to them. I've made up my mind even If I have to be banned from my society.

We are eating late, while we discuss how we will get out of the town without them noticing

"I'll come with you," Tihana says, she looks determined and I don't even fight her. She has always wanted to live a human world, she fancied the idea of finding love and enjoys living the carefree life.

"Do you think they are looking for him?" She asks in a whisper. Ahyan is busy eating to even pay attention to us right now.

"They have the most powerful warlock on their side so we just have to leave this town and they will locate Ahyan I'm sure," I inform her. Yadiel is probably using his spells to find him but he's unable to do that because this town is spelled so no one can find us.

We rest for a few hours. I'm in bed with Ahyan when I realize he's awake. He is touching his bracelet absentmindedly.

"Hey, why are you awake?" He raises his eyes to meet mine and I see tears in them.

'He's missing his family,' a small voice in me says. They are not his biological family but they accepted him in their hearts and he did the same.

"I'll take you to your parents in a few hours, please trust me okay. I promise,"

My eyes start to water again as regret fills my heart. I should have told the truth to Jasper sooner.

"Okay," his voice is soft.

"Who gave you this?" I ask and touch the bracelet but hiss when it burns me. I sit upright and inspect the bracelet then my fingers. There are red lines and it hurts like a b***h.

"Sorry," Ahyan says.

"Mummy says I can't take it off. It will protect me," he explains. I notice that every member has one and Jasper wears his as a necklace but it has never burnt me.

'because he accepted and trusted you as his,' the same feminine voice says. She seems all-knowing.

'And I betrayed him,' I snarl.

"I'm sorry for taking you from your parents," I tell Ahyan, he squints his eyebrows in confusion but doesn't say a word. He closes his eyes and his breathing relaxes. I smile and kiss my fingers then I put on his cheek.

A few hours later, Tia is back. I immediately sense her and leave the bed without waking Ahyan. She has a bag and is wearing an all-black outfit

A sexy crop top and leather pants and boots. Her make-up is dark. I roll my eyes, does she think this is a fashion show? She throws me similar clothes and I scowl.

” Why?” I hiss in frustration, she is enjoying this so much.

” Bad bitches wear dark and we are going against our demons here, we need to dress the part,” she tells me. I click my tongue and gather what I need, which is not much anyway.

Tia shows me a bag full of cash and expensive jewelry. I gasp

” You got money?”

She nods.

” I told you I wanted to travel,” she shrugs. I go to the bedroom and wake Ahyan. It takes some time but opens his eyes. I carry him in my arms and rush downstairs just as the door barge opens and we freeze. Ahyan starts to fidget and whimper as he hides in the crook of my neck.