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"You look beautiful" Serena smiled at me, I smiled back but I was nervous, I glanced at my image and I was stunned by the beauty before me, this was me, I was even more attractive than when Diana had dressed me up.

I smiled at my reflection for a minute, I was lost in admiring how confident and strong I looked until Serena's statement brought me back to my senses, she wasn't rude rather it was the guilt eating me up, she said "Kaden was right you have gained weight, healthy weight, your breasts are fuller than the first time I saw you".

I could not respond rather I just stared at her, this was the sixth day, I had not informed Kaden of my pregnancy and by twelve midnight it would be the seventh day and Hannah would do me the honors, why was I holding back?, Kaden had no issue baring out his feelings in the meadow while I was hiding even though he knew practically everything about me, well except the pregnancy, the mixture was running out, maybe Hannah planned it this way, the mixture would last a week and she might not even be the one to tell him, he would just sniff the pregnancy out.

"You look great Anna, I only meant that the weight gain makes you look great and glowing" Serena chuckled nervously, she was worried that I had seen her statement as body shaming, I wished it was that, that would mean that I had nothing to hide

"I am not offended Serena" I assured her and she immediately relaxes
'Thank you for helping me get ready' I smiled

"It was my pleasure" she smiled back.

I sighed, maybe I will just tell Kaden this night after the ritual, that was it, that is what I will do, Kaden has proven that he wanted me, this baby should strengthen our relationship the more. I was a fool, I should have just allowed Hannah inform him the moment we discovered that there was a pup growing inside of me, why did I let my insecurities cloud my

mind, now I have made a rash decision.

"Do you know what to do in the ritual?" Serena asks distracting me from my thoughts.

"Not exactly, this would be my first time witnessing it, and I am the one that is in the limelight" I truthfully answered, Luna Tamara in my former pack had been the Luna right from when I was born, maybe they had taught me in werewolf education a few times but I must not have been listening.

"Okay, Kaden thought as much so he also wants me to brief you".

I wondered where Kaden was at this moment , after we had our breakfast Serena had swiped me out of his sight for preparation, I had to endure a make over, she said I looked beautiful already but I deserved to be pampered before the ritual took place. We had spent three hours getting all kinds of treatment, I never knew this pack was invested in beauty stuff, werewolves were naturally attractive people but seems like some people took extra care like Ciara for example, her red hair was always luscious and she always had full makeup on during the times I had seen her.

"Okay, so what do I need to know?" I asked.

"First there would be drumming though some packs don't drum anymore , my family and I are really old school, we like to follow the traditions, then a priestess would be present, after the drumming stops you will be called, you will walk down an aisle just like the humans do in their weddings only that this time Kaden will meet you at the middle and will lead you to the priestess and from then the priestess will tell you what to do for the ritual to take place",

She explained and I nod in understanding.

"Would Kaden come to see me before then?" I asked, maybe I would be able to tell him before the Luna ritual started.

"No!, he is not allowed to see you until the drum plays" she smiled sadly

"Ok fine" I shrugged, then after the ritual I will tell him, I subconsciously placed my hand on my belly, I am thankful that the customary white dress that I was wearing is loose and it does not snitch my waist, my bulge was not that evident but if someone was to look closely or I stand a certain way in a tight dress they would not be able to miss it.

The drums starts, Serena giggles before saying "It has begun, you look beautiful Anna".

"Thank you" I smiled, I rose up from the chair, my nerves was acting up and I was trying to steady my breathing, I had never expected this, when I plotted my escape from RedSand, I had never imagined that I would be here and I would be becoming a Luna, I, the daughter of a fallen and disgraced Beta going to lead a pack.

When the drums stop, Serena held my hand and led me out of Kaden's house, pack members were gathered in the field where the ritual would be held, I stare at the bare sky for a second, inhaling deeply before I placed my bare feet on the grass, The pack members attention quickly turned to me and I feel like I am going to collapse until my eyes finally sees Kaden.

He smiles at me briefly, Serena lets go of my hand and I began to walk the aisle, just as she had explained Kaden meets me halfway, he stretched out his hands for me to take. I stared at it for a second, his eyes were beaming with pride, at this point I felt defeated, I should have informed him sooner, those words echoed in my mind.

"Anna!" Kaden called out softly, it takes few seconds for me to realize myself again, I had zoned out and Kaden's hand were still outstretched, I blinked to gain my composure before I then placed my hands on his and he led me to the altar were the priestess was.

The priestess surprisingly was not what I had envisioned, she was not old rather she was quite young, maybe younger than I am, while I had envisioned her skin to be gray, they were flawless so was her face, she was beautiful even though blue and silver paint designed her face, her hair was a rich platinum blonde and it cascaded down to her butt just like mine, she was dressed in a green flowing long sleeved dress that exposed her thighs but was long at the back.

She had a stoic expression and her eyes pierced into my eyes as if she was staring at my soul judging me. "You too are a fated pair" she said in a thick Norse accent I had not expected, where did Kaden find this priestess from, she was as those that kept their lives hidden and stayed alone. " A second chance you have been given Alpha Kaden, the goddess favors you" she added with the same intensity in her accent.

I looked at Kaden, he had a tight smile on his face, but he squeezed my

hand that was in his gently. "You look beautiful", he said through our mind link.

Thank you, I responded back.

The priestess turned away and she grabs a knife and a bowl "Your Alpha is the link connecting the pack, you drink his blood you become his member, with your mate bond in place you become his Luna" she explained as she sliced Kaden's palm, he did not flinch from the cut but I was nervous, my heart rate rose, blood immediately began to drip from his hand and the priestess let it drip into the bowl.

She then face the pack members shouting at the top of her voice "Do you accept her as your Luna?" She asked.

"Yes we accept!" They chorused, she lifted the bowl to the sky and said a few words in a language I do not understand before giving the bowl to me "Drink it!" She ordered and I took the bowl from her hand and to my mouth and drank of the bowl, just as I was finished, I feel the rush of emotions in my body and in my head, Kaden holds me so I don't fall as I had began to stumble due to the surge of energy in me.

"It is done!" The priestess declared and immediately the pack members clapped and howled in excitement.

I feel them in me, the bond linking I and the pack members finally formed, Kaden smiled at me and I smiled back though my head was still finding its balance, I was in more control now.

"Members of Blood-sun behold your Luna, Luna Louisiana!" Kaden announced and the crowd erupted in howls and cheers, when the howling and cheering died down a shrieking sound came forth from an unknown source next was a scream, the pack members stood up immediately in confusion, and a commotion brewed.

Kaden was scanning the area looking for the source of the commotion, I as well, we finally found who screamed and it was Ciara, she fell to the ground of the aisle holding her head as if she was in pain, as her bones began to break and deform in several ways, she was shifting but it was different, it was like she was forced to and I was right when her wolf finally emerged, her wolf had patches of black around it like her grey fur had been infected and her eyes were black and red at the same time switching colors, she snarled at me and I know she was out to get me

only this was not normal, this was not an act of jealousy, this was something different, my hands immediately went to my belly as if shielding my child from Ciara.

"Stop her, she is plagued!" The priestess screamed. Kaden changed immediately into his wolf form and Ciara attacked running in my direction, a few pack warriors had changed as well including James and they were trying to stop her but she seemed to be maneuvering her way out but her focus was on me snarling and dripping out saliva like a mad dog, she was strong, incredibly strong for her size, just as soon as the thought came, I froze, Ciara was acting like a mad dog, Ciara was acting like my father when he was captured and was sentenced to die, was my father plagued as well, was he not just troubled by the loss of his mate, he was fine in the beginning before everything went south, if my father had been plagued like Ciara meaning something was causing it and he did not wish to kill Freya, the loss of his mate had not made him lose his mind, an infection or something of some sort had caused all this.

"Anna move!" I heard Serena scream and I regained myself but Ciara was almost reaching me that I froze up but before she could reach me completely, a black wolf tackle her down and ripped out the flesh in her neck. Ciara screamed out in pain, her body jerked like she was in shock and she shifted back immediately while her blood was gushing out of her neck where a large chunk of skin had been removed and she was still jerking, she was choking on her blood and I knew she was dying but a shifted Kaden and the pack warriors were still growling at her, circling her and prepared just in case she decided to stand up again but I knew she wasn't but before she breathed her last she managed to say "I was poisoned, I am sorry" and that was it Ciara was gone.