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A week of strenuous training hadn't turned me into a cold-blooded warrior, but I could at least somewhat defend myself. I would most likely balk when it came to fighting another werewolf, but I was confident I could handle a regular human with ease. Shifting had sped up my body's natural processes, giving me faster results than a human would normally see. While I wasn't coated in thick bands of muscle, my thin frame had filled out more. My stomach had hardened, giving the hint of muscles beneath my pasty skin. My legs, which had once been feather thin, were now firm.

Alec and Kade seemed enamored with the changes on the lower half of my body, meaning my legs and bottom. Both took every spare moment they could to appreciate the changes, and while I feigned annoyance at the constant smacks and pinches, I secretly held them dear.

The only consolation was those precious moments I managed to snag with the Twins. Those were the reprieve in between the strenuous training, and constant aching muscles.

Garrett had gotten word from his friends at the High Table, most of which were most interested in meeting me. I wouldn't fool myself into thinking anything of it. If anything, I felt like some kind of spectacle; like a wild animal that must be deem fit to coexist in society, or else it would be put down. The thought infuriated both Thalia and I, who insisted she was less wild animal and more graceful beast.

Garrett hadn't found anything further on the whole 'emotional leech' topic. His friends at the High Table, which I was beginning to believe weren't friends at all, wanted to meet me before searching their archives for the information. If my abilities were truly as deadly as they seemed, I had a strong inkling many of the Alpha's would vote against my life. It was almost funny, in a sad and sadistic way. A group of middle-aged men would gather to vote on my life. My life?

Even as that twinge of anxiety continued to grow in my gut, I trusted Alec and Kade implicitly. They insisted killing an Alpha's mate was forbidden, but both doubted that would hold the High Table Alpha's back. Regardless, we had three pack's fighting for me. That afforded me a great deal of comfort, when I wasn't worrying over the lives lost in my name.

As the weekend drew near, that twinge in my gut continued to grow. I had this last weekend; these two days would be the last of the life I had grown accustomed to. Come Monday, everything would change. Either I would somehow manage to earn my life, or there would be war.

It was a far cry from where I had been months ago, living under the thumb of Melissa and Frank. I wanted nothing more than to escape, to forge my own connections and build a life of my own. I had everything I ever wanted—and then some.

We were all set to leave Monday. Where ? I couldn't bring myself to ask. Garrett, Julian, Alec, Kade, the Twin's parents, and even Tori were coming. I knew we were bringing along a number of warriors, and wondered how we'd transport everyone. I couldn't imagine all of us boarding a flight like normal people.

While I was nervous about Monday rolling around, it wasn't the only thing I had on my plate. This Sunday, the Twins were holding a ceremony. The ceremony would officially name me Luna of their pack. I was frightful of the responsibility, but their words of encouragement helped still that fear. I wasn't sure if I were Luna material. Regardless, I would face my fear this time. I was proud to say that running was no longer an option in my mind, only a cowardly escape.

As I slipped on my workout outfit Friday morning, Alec and Kade stepped into the bedroom. They had been leaving early in the morning, getting everything set for us to leave Monday. I had expected to see Tori, who insisted on arriving at the crack of dawn. The two of them looked incredible, wearing clothes that somewhat matched but also held little differences that showcased their own personalities.

Kade wore a dark leather jacket, a white t-shirt and a pair of torn jeans. He frequently wore a pair of thick combat books, looking exactly like some kind of jacked motorcyclist. Alec dressed a bit more professional, wearing a button-down shirt that he kept rolled up to his elbows. Both had gotten their hair trimmed a week ago, in a near identical style. Shaved short on the sides and longer on the top. Kade's hair seemed to grow like a weed, and those long strands now tickled just above his eyebrow.

"Are you two joining me for training today ?" I asked, quirking an eyebrow at the two of them. I crossed my arms over my chest, ignoring how my breasts lifted in the sports bra. I was feeling particularly catty this morning, and smirked at the two jaw-dropping twins that stood in the bedroom. "I could show you what I've learned. If I beat you both, does that mean I get the title of Alpha ?" My bait worked, though not as intended. Alec and Kade locked eyes for the briefest of moments. Kade snickered and flashed me a sinful grin, while Alec tutted and shook his head.

My reflexes had gotten faster since training with Tori, and I managed to react as Alec lunged for me. I darted to the side, clipping into the dresser as he tumbled onto the bed. I let out an embarrassing cackle as he rolled across the bed and onto the floor, taking a few pillows with him.

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My laugh turned into a throaty yelp as Kade wrapped his arms around my torso and flipped me over his shoulder. I was thrown onto the bed like a sack of flour. Before I could even think of my next move, Alec leaped on top of me. His knees were on either side of my hips, and he pinned my hands above my head with an amused grin.

I thrashed in his grip when he leaned forward, letting the longer strands of his hair tickle my nose. My heart thundered and the sparks that danced along my skin felt very similar to an adrenaline rush.

"Someone's feisty this morning." Alec cooed, his head tilting to the side, "Perhaps our little mate doesn't deserve her gift. What do you think, brother ?"

"Mm, speak for yourself. I like them feisty." Kade murmured, his arms crossed over his broad chest. Butterflies swarmed in my stomach as he gave me a quick wink, running his lower lip in between his teeth.

"I think Alec likes them feisty too." I cooed back, moving my hips in a way that grazed against the hardness between his legs. "That is because of you, doll." Alec smirked, leaning close. I could smell the remnants of toothpaste on his breath, cold and minty. It had my mouth watering without cause. My tongue darted over my dry lips, and Alec tracked the movement with darkened eyes. "If you don't stop that, you certainly won't get your gift."

"Does my gift include the two of you?" I asked boldly, even though my face flushed an irritating shade of red.

Kade's deep chuckle danced down my spine in a sea of tingles, spreading to my legs and far between. I had no complaints about skipping my workout with Tori and having a different sort of workout with the twin's.

"So insatiable." Alec purred, looking towards his brother, whose heavy gaze was set on the rapid rise and fall of my chest.

"Been eager to get the two of us alone, sweetheart?" Kade remarked, his eyes flashing with what I hoped was dark excitement. "Are you sure you can handle us both?"

All of the air rushed from my lungs when one of Alec's hands drifted lower, delving in the waistband of my leggings. My legs trembled as his knuckle drifted over the thin pair of underwear I wore before brushing them aside. His finger grazed over my core before slipping from my pants entirely. I was left with a painful throb between my legs and the bitter tinge of temptation and disappointment.

"She's more than excited to try." Alec mused, eyeing the wetness on his fingers before popping one in his mouth. His eyes closed and a low growl sounded from his lips as he licked the wetness from his fingers. The reaction my body had was instant, and I swore I had never seen anything hotter than that. Alec leaned forward; his lips inched from my own before smirking softly. "As much as we'd love to spend the day ravaging you, if we don't leave now, we won't make it until late tonight."

That certainly grabbed my attention, taking some of the burning lust from my eyes and replacing it with confusion.

"What? Are we going somewhere?" I asked, my eyes darting between Alec and Kade.

I had to give it to the two of them, neither gave anything away. Both looked at me blankly, though their lips twitched into identical smiles that made my heart throb.

"You didn't think your gift was here, did you ?" Alec chuckled, releasing his hold on me and standing from the bed.

I took his out stretched hand and sighed blissfully as I was swept into his embrace. His lips found mine feverishly, his tongue delving in to stroke my own. He tasted of mint and fresh water, his scent purely male and equally intoxicating. My head swam as his teeth grazed over the plumpness of my lower lip. I was still somewhat dazed when Kade took his turn, wrapping those thick arms around my body tightly. I was enveloped in his warmth and devoured by those plush lips. Where Alec met my nibbles and licks, Kade took complete control. He battled my tongue for dominance and won every time. Kissing them was like drowning, though I had never been this happy to drown in my life.

"Don't worry, we'll have plenty of time to devour you once we get there." Kade hummed against my lips, giving my waist a rough squeeze.

I was still in a partially lust induced haze when I followed Alec and Kade to one of the many cars sitting in their driveway. I smiled softly as Alec held open the passenger door for me, and swatted my hands away as he buckled my seatbelt. I was beginning to notice little things about the twins, how they enjoyed doing the simplest tasks for me. They would bring me dinner before themselves, draw baths for me, and even gather my dirty clothes for the wash. They noticed the small things themselves, like how I loved the feeling of fresh sheets beneath my skin. There hadn't been a single night where the sheets weren't freshly cleaned. Even if it were their house keepers doing the washing, it was at the request of Alec and Kade.

I thought about the two of them the entire drive, and lost count of how long we had been on the road. We stopped a few times for bathroom breaks, and I couldn't help but laugh when Alec came out of the gas station with a few bags full of random snacks.

I was near shaking with excitement when Alec whipped out a blindfold and tied it behind my head. They had promised we were nearly there, but neither wanted to ruin the surprise.

I could hear the heavy crunch of loose gravel beneath the tires of the sedan, and nearly toppled over as I leaped from the car.

"Slow down, doll." Alec laughed, steadying me with his rough hands.

The sound was intoxicating, echoing around us. It was a laugh free of the weight we had all been experiencing this past week.

As my sight was blocked by the scratchy fabric of the blindfold, my other senses worked in overtime. I could smell damp earth and fresh water, could smell the sweet sap that came from many of the trees in town. Birds chattering rang out through the air, and I knew we were in a forest of sorts.

"Where are we?" I gasped as Kade pulled the blindfold from my head.

We stood out front of a huge cabin. The wood on the outside was somewhat red in color, and large floor-to-ceiling windows gave me a glimpse at the luxurious inside of the cabin. A large wrap around porch clung to the outside of the house, overlooking a long dock, and a crystal-clear lake. Trees surrounded us and the cabin, filling the air with the sweet scent of sap and pine.

My eyes devoured the sights, taking in every single detail around me. The twin's remained silent the entire time, letting me absorb everything. When I turned to face the twins, their cheeks were stained pink and their face's held identical looks of nervousness and hope.

"It's only until Monday, but we figured you could use a break." Alec broke the silence, his hand toying with the hair on the back of his neck. The sheepish expression on his face made my heart clench.

I ruthlessly charged at the twin's and threw myself into their arms, smiling so hard that my face ached.

"It's perfect, I absolutely love it." I laughed, and both looked relieved and elated at my joy. The smile on my face faltered for just a moment, "I don't have any clothes with me though."

"Not to worry, sweetheart." Kade grinned, an expression I knew meant trouble.

"We took the liberty of packing your clothes for you." Alec chimed in, his eyes darting over to Kade's as a smirk formed on his face.

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Mated to the Alpha twins novel by Jane Doe Chapter 77 The inside of the cabin matched the outside. It looked as though it had been plucked from one of those home improvement TV shows Tori loved to watch. Judging from the kitchen with its stacked oven's, touch-screen refrigerator, and mini bar area, it was most certainly a luxury cabin.

The interior held earthy tones, mostly browns and a few different shades of red. The sectional in the center of the cabin was big enough for an entire family, and the flat-screen mountain to the far wall was the biggest I had ever seen. Plush pillows sat on the sectional, and I resisted the urge to throw myself onto them, happy to sink into the soft material. I ogled at the brick fireplace and the hand carved mantle that sat above it, grinning when I spotted a few framed pictures of the twin's and their parents.

They looked like the picture-perfect family, and for once, there was no twinge of pain in my chest. I was happy the twins had this incredible life, that they were surrounded with people who loved and respected them. Just because I had a crappy upbringing, doesn't mean I wished it on anyone else.

Alec and Kade stood in front of their parents, shit-eating grins on their faces which made me wonder what they had previously gotten into before taking the photographs. Their parents shared a look in one photo, a look that told me they knew exactly what Alec and Kade had gotten into. It was silly and kind of cheesy, but cheesy in a way that makes it more sentimental.

Alec cleared his throat, and when I turned around, the two of them were just a few feet away. Both were frowning as they caught me looking at their family photos. "We can never understand what you went through, living with Melissa and Frank, but you'll never have to experience that again." "You'll never have to want for anything, and you'll never have to live in a shithole like that again. Whatever you need, you'll have it." Kade continued, a look of equal sincerity on his rugged face. It was incredibly alluring, to have two strong men with a soft spot for me. Only I got to see them like this, vulnerable and intimate.

In their emotions, I could taste the sharp tang of guilt and knew they both punished themselves for the way I was treated. I couldn't place a single ounce of blame on their shoulders. I had kept my treatment a secret, thinking there was no one to help, no one that cared. I even kept the whole Grace ordeal a secret. I hadn't a clue what secret world lived beneath my own, and if anything—I regretted not speaking up sooner.

Their whirlpool of emotions had tears springing to my eyes, which I furiously blinked back. I had never been a fan of crying in front of others, no matter how comfortable I was with said person. Crying—it made you vulnerable in a way that made me uncomfortable.

Mistaking my sudden rush of tears, the twin's shifted on their feet. I let out a garbled chuckle. The two of them, they didn't know how to handle a crying female, it made them anxious. Two towering warriors, brought to their knees over their emotional mate.

"Don't—don't cry, sweetheart." Kade grumbled, his dark brows knitted tightly together. I stepped into their arms, a hidden smile on my face as I stole their warmth and scents.

"We didn't mean to upset you." Alec chimed in, his rough hand brushing the stray hairs back from my face.

"You didn't upset me." I giggled, quickly swiping at the stray tear that managed to escape my eye. Once I was sure all traces of tears were gone from my gaze, I looked up at the two of my beautiful mates. "I'm just—really lucky to have you both. I don't want you blaming yourselves. None of it is your fault. I kept it a secret because I didn't think anyone could help."

"We could've told you the truth, doll." Alec shook his head, his lips set in determination that only made me pull him closer. "We could've told you the truth and put a stop to it all."

"If you had told me the truth, I still would've run. Especially if you pressured me into going with you both." I told the two of them honestly, "I wasn't ready for the truth. I think—I think Garrett did me a favor by telling me. I needed to decide what I wanted for myself, and the two of you let me do that. You gave me a choice. That's more than anyone else has ever done for me."

I stayed locked in their arms until the bitter edge of their guilt faded. It would never completely vanish, that much I was certain of. A part of them, no matter how small, would always blame themselves for how I was treated. All that mattered is that I reminded them of the truth. They had no hand in my treatment, but they had a hand in my saving. The human life I had lived was wrought with danger, constantly tip-toeing around Melissa and Frank, waiting for the day Frank got the upper hand. This life, while it is just as dangerous, is beautiful. No life is perfect, but it's the flaws of the people you love who make it more authentic—who make it worth living.

"While I'm not opposed to keeping you in our arms all day, I think you should check out the bedroom." Alec murmured, his chuckle tickling my ear and making me shudder. "The second part of your gift is in there."

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As I looked into his eyes, I couldn't mistake the flash of hunger that lingered in those dark orbs. That same flash was mirrored in Kade's eyes, but I knew they were being patient.

"Upstairs, down the hall. It's the first door on your left." Kade chimed in, giving me a gentle push. "We'll have dinner ready by the time you come down."

"Do you two have any flaws ?" I snorted, stopping halfway up the stairs. Both cocked a dark eyebrow in my direction, and my insides fluttered at the identical smirks that formed on their faces. "Cooking and cleaning ? I'm one lucky Luna."

"Actually, we're ordering pizza." Alec chuckled, flashing me a smile that was all teeth. "We'll save the cooking for tomorrow."

"I'm going to have to thank your mom sometime." I snickered, poking my tongue out at the two of them. "She raised the two of you right."

"Please, don't." Alec groaned. The twin's shared an incredulous look with one another before turning back to me. "She'll never let us hear the end of it."

"You might want to get up there, sweetheart. Your gift won't appreciate waiting so long." Kade called out, waltzing into the kitchen.

As heavy confusion settled over my face, I was given no explanation other than an innocent grin, which looked quite humorous on Kade's face.

I wandered down the large hallways until I found the room I was looking for. As I slipped inside the bedroom, I was met with the thick smell of cinnamon and leaves. "Oh wow." I cooed, murmuring to Thalia and myself. "Think we can convince them to move here?"

'You have my vote.' Thalia shrugged, 'Huge Forest surrounding the cabin, great for running.'

The master bedroom was a huge rectangular room with maroon walls and dark hardwood floors. The four-poster bed sat on a raised platform with a few stairs leading up the side. Black silken sheets and pillow cases along with a furry comforter. I knew that once I curled up in that bed, I'd be out within moments. Thankfully, the bed was larger than most, and I knew the three of us would fit just fine. Underneath the bed was a plush, shag carpet. Against the far wall was a fully stocked bar, countless decanters sat with crystal tops. An identical fireplace jutted out of the other wall, this one free of family photos and knickknacks.

Along the left-hand wall were a set of double doors, which I learned led to an equally immaculate bathroom. I wandered over to the last door in the bedroom, pulling it open to stare into a walk-in closet. The closet was bigger than my bedroom at Melissa and Frank's, fully stocked with both men's and women's clothing.

As I trailed my fingers along the hangers that spanned the closet, I stiffened when something rustled behind me.

Despite training for an entire week, I had yet to actually use what I had learned. I'm embarrassed to say, I failed this test.

A pair of hands grabbed at my shoulders from behind, and I whirled with an open mouth, to face Tori. The horror-movie scream that left my mouth was one that I'd always remember, one that would bring a horrible blush to my face. It's not that I didn't know how to defend myself, but I'm not some trained warrior. I don't have finely tuned instincts that tell me to attack first and ask questions later. Besides, who really expects to get attacked in a walk-in closet? Not me, for sure.

My hand flew up to my chest as my stomach tickled with surprise. I had always hated the feeling you get when someone jumps out at you. Too many run-ins with Frank to find the feeling amusing, but I didn't blame Tori for that.

"What the hell, Aurora!" Tori shouted; her hands raised in exasperation. Her face was a bit pink, and her fiery hair was falling out of the ponytail she had it in. Her green and brown-flecked eyes were wide as my ear-splitting scream came to a warbled halt.

"Don't what the hell me!" I snapped back, still heaving from the scare. "You're the one who jumped out at me! What did you expect?"

"I expected you to use your training! You never know when someone might try to attack you." Tori groaned, a hand against her forehead. The severity of her expression quickly morphed into amusement as she threw her head back and cackled like a wench. "I guess you can just scream at them! Hell, that would make any warrior hesitate for a moment. With that scream, you could star in a horror movie. Shit, I'd watch it."

"Is this supposed to be my surprise?" I demanded when Alec and Kade sauntered into the room.

Neither one looked surprised at my outburst, though their lips twitched as they fought back a smirk. I pinched the bridge of my nose as I looked at the three of them. While I appreciated them trying to hide their amusement, I could feel their emotions. Alec was near-bursting with laughter, while Kade was a bit more skilled at hiding his emotions. Neither one felt any fear at my sudden scream, which led me to believe that Tori was my surprise after all.

"Apart from training, we've hardly had any time to just hang out." She shrugged, stepping out of the closet before I could think better and lock her in. She flashed a narrow-eyed look at the twin's and crossed her arms over her chest. "I didn't think it would take you two so damn long to send her up here. I got so bored; I was about to start trying on clothes. We're you having a three-some or something ?"

"Don't answer that." I snapped, just as Alec opened his mouth to speak.

"Are you angry with us, doll ?" He asked instead, giving into the temptation and letting his lips morph into an amused grin.

"No." I huffed, my eyes darting over to Tori. "Did you really have to jump out at me?"

"I wanted to see how fast your reflexes were." She shrugged, as though it were a plausible response.

"It seems her reflexes are quite fast. At least, her voice is." Kade commented, and I swear, my eye began to twitch. "With more training, her first reaction will not be to scream."

"She's got a set of lungs on her, doesn't she?" Tori snickered, making Alec's grin widen.

"Alright, enough of that." I grunted, "Where's that food you two were talking about ?"

Half an hour later, the three of us were slumped on the sectional in the living room, eating our weight in pizza. Some reality television show played quietly in the background, ignored by the four of us. The two glass doors that led to the pool out back were open, sending in a warm summer breeze that smelled of fresh water, earth, and sweet flowers.

I still wasn't used to the endless abyss that was now my stomach. Five slices in and I was still eyeing the pizza hungrily. Alec and Kade each ordered two pizzas for themselves, loaded with toppings that both looked appealing and somewhat gross. Tori and I each had our own pizza, which was proving to be just the right amount.

"Bet you twenty bucks, they won't eat two whole pizzas." I whispered to Tori, munching on a slice of my own.

Tori paused for a moment, watching the two of them with calculating eyes.

"Mm, I think they'll eat two and then ask us for some of ours." She snickered quietly, "Male werewolves are insatiable when it comes to food and sex."

Alec and Kade's eyes darted over to me once Tori finished speaking, and I felt a heated blush settle on my face. Clearly, they heard the two of us. It was the mention of sex that captured their male attention, typical.

"Such alpha-males." I cooed, teasingly.

"You're lucky we're giving you the day with Tori." Kade grunted, sharing a look of begrudging approval with Alec. "If not, we'd keep you locked in that bedroom all day." "That sounds horrible." Tori scolded, glaring at the twins. While copious amounts of sex with the twin's sounded incredible, I did want to explore the lake and surrounding forest. Where I had thought Tori was on my side, when she opened her mouth to continue, my jaw went a little slack. "Why would you only have sex in the bedroom ? There's a whole lake out there, and a pool out back. Plus, there's a huge forest around us. Give her some variety!"

"You're not helping." I muttered, sinking into the soft cushions of the couch.

Even with my feigned embarrassment, I couldn't deny the rush of warmth that blistered inside of me as I felt the twin's unrelenting desire. These two, they never seemed to tire of me. Every person in my life had been temporary, either because Melissa forced us to move or because I was always that friend stuck in the background.

I used to hate that about myself, that I was so ordinary that no one found me special. Over the years, I simply accepted it. I didn't need to be first in anyone's eyes, I was first in my own.

Having Alec and Kade—even Tori, it was a feeling I had never experienced before. I wasn't shoved to the background, forgotten about until last minute.

"Aren't I, though ?" She giggled, waggling her eyebrows at me.

"You seem pretty invested in my sex life, Tori." I remarked, lifting my eyebrow at her.

A look of mock surprise fell on her face, and she pressed a hand against her chest.

"Oh, Aurora. You've exposed me. Now we can all be mates." She cooed, falling back into the cushions of the couch with a wicked grin. "Hey, my sex life is non-existent. You have two mates—two! A girl's gotta live vicariously when she can."

Alec and Kade exchanged equal looks of confusion and something similar to surprise. The look said, "are all girls like this ?" Regardless, it was enough for Tori and I to collapse into a fit of laughter. Two muscular Alpha's, both overwhelmed by a couple of girls.

"Alright, alright." Tori took a few deep breaths as her cackling ceased, she flashed Alec and Kade a cheeky grin before continuing. "We should go swimming after this! Lake or pool?"

It wasn't a hard decision. The sun was still shining, as it was only the middle of the day. There would be plenty of time tonight to swim in the temperature-controlled pool. Tori had been little more than excited over the color changing lights and man-made waterfall that poured into the glassy surface of the pool.

"Lake, definitely the lake." I nodded, and judging from Tori's widening grin, we were on the same page. "Then the pool tonight."

"You'd think werewolves wouldn't like to swim, but we actually love it." Tori chuckled, pushing herself off the couch with a hand on her full stomach. "Flying on the other hand, hell no. There's something about being stuck in a metal box in the sky that gives me the creeps."

"I've never thought of it that way." I admitted, standing from the couch as well.

I had spent nearly a quarter of my life completely unaware that I was a werewolf. I had never been on a plane before, but the thought of going

on one wasn't frightening. Sure, it was a little strange, but practical. I knew without a doubt that we weren't flying to wherever the High Table was. Alec and Kade had been completely against the idea, convinced the plane would not make it safely to the ground if I were on it. It was hard to believe that the High Table would simply try to kill me off without hearing me out, but I trusted the twins to keep me safe.

"Are you two ready?" Tori turned towards the twin's, her fists on her hips as she cocked an eyebrow at them.

Alec was busy stuffing another slice of pizza in his mouth, while Kade was frowning at his empty box. I knew what they were going to ask before it even left their mouths, and I didn't even bother to stifle my laughter.

"Can we have the rest of your pizza?" It was Kade who asked, surprisingly.

"You owe me twenty bucks." Tori snickered quietly, but the twins could easily hear this time. Both narrowed their eyes in our direction, but said nothing further.

It was adorable, honestly. I loved how even though these two men were practically warriors, they were also very much human. They had their flaws and shortcomings, but they weren't things to fix or look down on.

My face was beginning to ache from smiling so much, but it was a pleasant pain. The twins couldn't feel my emotions, so I hoped that my smile conveyed how truly happy I felt.

"Have at it." I chuckled, linking my arm in Tori's as we ventured upstairs in search of a bathing suit. The twins had left my fully packed suitcase on the bed. Tori pulled out a small duffel bag from her hidden spot in the closet and tore out an emerald green bikini. The top and bottoms had a small ruffle on them, which made them look more cute than sexy.

"I've always thought red-heads looked amazing in green." I complimented, flashing her a grin.

"Honestly, I'm jealous of the whole two eye color thing you have going on." Tori sighed, plopping down on the bed beside me. "You could wear any color and it'd still look good."

"Or it clashes with the other eye entirely." I countered with a smirk.

I was never big into fashion, but there was nothing wrong with wanting to look your best. The twin's mom had picked out most of my clothing, and I found that I loved it all. I wasn't used to the dresses and skirts, but I was willing to give them a try.

As I rifled through the suitcase, they had packed for me, my jaw went slack and my eyes narrowed.

There wasn't a single pair of shorts in the entire suitcase, nor were there any shirts. I found a single bikini, light blue in color. The chest piece looked a bit small for my bust, and I frowned as Tori fell back on the bed and howled in laughter.

"They packed your suitcase for you, didn't they ?" She cackled, the spattering of cinnamon freckles on her cheeks rippled as she laughed. "Oh, their good, so good."

I yanked the baby blue bikini from the suitcase and shoved everything else back inside. The only wearable pieces of clothing in the entire thing were a dress or two. However, there were plenty of skimpy bras and lace underwear.

"You're going to be so busy these next two days." Tori smirked, toying with one of the lace bra's before I tugged it out of her hand. She fell back onto the bed with a mock groan, "Oh, the life of a Luna."

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Mated to the Alpha twins novel by Jane Doe Chapter 78 As I stood in the mirror analyzing the skimpy bikini the twins had packed for me, I decided that I in fact liked the bathing suit. It matched the color of my left eye perfectly, even if it was a bit too small.

I had never been slim in physique, and working out with Tori had only added to that fact. My waist was somewhat narrow, and my stomach had flattened more since training, but my hips flared out and my bust was larger than the average woman. The little triangles of the top managed to contain my breasts, just barely, though. The bottoms on the other hand—they were something else. Little bows sat on either side of my hips, and the bottoms covered perhaps a quarter of my full rear.

Tori came up behind me and cocked her head to the side, her curly ponytail of fiery locks bounced from the movement. She pursed her lips and wrinkled her nose, those cinnamon freckles scrunching.

"Why can't I fill out like that?" She scoffed, and I tried to contain my surprise.

I wasn't used to this—girl talk, that is. Tori was one of those females who accepted her body and embraced every curve, mark, and dip with

incredible confidence. She embraced her sexuality fully, something I was trying to do as well.

"You fill out just fine." I snorted, shaking my head at her. "Plus, I'm sure you can fit into a lot more clothes than I can."

"Eh, that's not your fault though." She retorted, placing her hands on her hips. "We all know the fashion industry caters to the small, Aurora."

"I never knew you cared so much." I teased, chuckling as she rolled her mossy eyes.

Tori was a bit shorter than I, and her form was a bit less curvy. Where my chest was practically spilling from the bikini top, hers were just small mounds. I'm not shaming her or anything, all chest sizes matter. Only an idiot would let something as ridiculous as breast size determine the worth of a woman. Perhaps Tori was rubbing off on me, after all.

I cocked my own head as I stared my reflection in the mirror, and decided once and for all that I did like this bikini on my body. As silly as it sounded, it was my first time wearing a bikini.

When I was pretty young, living with my grandma, she had taken me to a community pool a few times. I had worn a simple one-piece bathing suit, as most little girls did. Never have I felt so exposed—or confident.

"Oh, I know that look." Tori grinned widely, rubbing her hands together.

"Hey, they chose the bathing suit." I shrugged, not bothering to fight the smirk that formed on my face. "It's only fair that I make them regret it."

It was a strange feeling, smiling this much. My cheeks ached from all the grins and laughter, but it wasn't a bad feeling. It was one of those pains

that reminded you that you were alive, that life was beautiful and worth living, despite the bad parts.

"I'm going to be seeing lots of hard-on's today, aren't I?" Tori snickered, but her emotions said something a little different.

I felt her amusement, and her happiness like sun-soaked petals and tanning lotion, but there was something else hidden beneath all of that. The emotion was so small that I was surprised I even felt it to begin with. Hiding beneath the amusement and happiness was just a hint of longing, and a dash of bitterness.

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Those two emotions were miniscule in quantity, but had me halting for just a moment. Why would I have been given this gift, if not to use it? If I could help Tori, even for a moment, then perhaps my gift wasn't so dangerous after all.

"Are you alright?" I frowned, nearly cringing at the worry in my voice. It was a tone I had never used, one that had also never been used on me. "I mean—I'm not trying to pry, but you know I can't control the whole emotion sensing thing."

"What? I'm fine." She replied, seemingly shocked that I asked such a thing. "Everything that's going on, it's stressful and everything, but I'm not upset over it."

"It's not that. I feel longing coming from you, and just a tiny bit of bitterness." I cringed as I forced the words from my mouth.

After all, how bad did it sound telling someone what they felt? Part of me regretted even bringing it up, but I honestly just wanted to help. That guilt faded a bit when Tori's shoulders sagged.

"It's nothing against you, but when I see you with your mates...I just wonder when it'll be my turn." She sighed, brushing back a ringlet that had fallen from her ponytail. She gnawed on her lower lip as she met my gaze, and I could feel the guilt that bubbled in her gut. "I mean, I've been eighteen for months now. That's two years, two whole years without finding my mate. If he was in our pack, I would've found out already."

"Is it possible he's in a different pack? Like Garrett or Julian's?" I asked. I knew what mates were and knew what it felt like to find them, to be with them but I couldn't exactly pinpoint what it felt like to finally find Alec and Kade. All I remember is that it was incredibly overwhelming, feeling that drawn to two people, it wasn't anything I had experienced before. "Can you, like, sense them or anything?"

"If only." She snorted, shifting on her feet. "I assume he's in a different pack, but he could be in England for all I know. I've never even left this pack before. Maybe that's why I haven't found him yet."

"Well, you're coming with us to the High Table meeting. That's a good a chance as any." I tried my best to reassure her when an idea came to mind. I would be Luna, right? That meant I was allowed certain freedoms, given the power to make certain decisions. With that in mind, I squared my shoulders and gave Tori a determined look. No longer did guilt taint my voice, only a sure-fire resolve. "When I take over as Luna, we'll scour Garrett and Julian's pack for your mate. If he isn't there, then I'll make sure you have whatever you need to go and find him."

My words settled over Tori, her eyes growing wide as she processed them with careful attention. It almost offended me, her surprise. She was the first friend I had made here, the first friend I had in a long time. If I had the power to help her, how could I not? I'm not an expert on being a good friend, but I'm pretty sure I'd be a crappy friend if I didn't help her find her soul-mate.

"You'd do that for me? Give me the money to go and look for my mate?" She squeaked, those emerald eyes growing watery.

"I'll even send a group of warriors with you. I don't know how often rogue attacks happen, but I'm not leaving anything up to chance." I pressed, not daring to risk my friend at the claws of those feral rogues.

"You think Alec and Kade would agree to that?" She replied, hope blossoming in her face and heart.

Hope wasn't an emotion I had experienced yet, and I basked in its uniqueness. Feeling emotions—they reminded me of experiences, tastes, and smells. They were all unique, all different depending on the person. Tori's hope—it felt like those time's I would climb onto the roof, basking in the silence of the night. I'd stare up at the stars and think, dreaming of a life beyond the one I lived in, beyond the hateful words of Melissa and Frank.

I didn't need to ponder whether or not the twins would agree with my bold decision. They would do what was best for Tori. If not because she was an amazing person and member of the pack, then because she was my friend, the first true one I had in a long time.

"Think we'd agree to what?" Alec's voice sounded from the open bedroom door, his head sticking just a few inches into the bedroom. His onyx hair fell over the side of his head, and he brushed it back with a rough motion. "Nothing." Tori chuckled, and I noticed her wiping the tears from her eyes, trying to be as covert as possible. "At least, nothing you need to worry about yet."

"Getting into trouble already, sweetheart ?" Kade's voice filtered from down the hall.

I snorted at his words and tried to will the blush from my face. Alec's eyes darted from Tori's glossy eyes and over to me, and it was blatantly obvious when his attention was snagged on the bathing suit I wore. His eyes lingered on my chest for longer than necessary before drifting down my torso, and lazily running the length of my legs. Everywhere his eyes touched, goosebumps lifted on my skin.

"I think you should've chosen a different bathing suit for her, brother." Alec cleared his throat, his eyes darting back towards my face. I distinctly noticed his hand drift lower, adjusting himself just out of Tori's sight.

A few seconds passed and Kade appeared at the door, his eyes alluring and practically sucking all of my attention towards him and Alec. As bad as it sounds, Tori faded to the background and all I could see were the twins—my twins. My stomach heated under their collective gaze, that honey-like warmth dripping down between my thighs.

Kade remained silent for nearly a minute, and I swore I could hear Tori snickering lightly under her breath.

"I regret nothing, though I do think she'll be the death of us." He grunted, giving me one last endlessly hungry look before sauntering through the bedroom and into the adjoining bathroom.

I'm sure my face was ripe with confusion when the shower sounded. Alec, however, seemed to know exactly what his brother was up to. "I think I'll be needing a cold shower as well." Alec mumbled, a hand rubbing at the back of his neck.

I didn't miss how his shirt had risen, exposing those delicious muscles that coated his stomach, nor the tent in his sweatpants when he followed Kade into the bathroom.

"We'll meet you down at the pool in five minutes." He called out, closing the bathroom door behind him with a cheeky grin.

"Girl, you're going to be hurting later on." Tori shook her head, making her curls bounce like tendrils of crackling flame.

I laughed in agreement, though I knew from experience that the kind of pain she was talking about was laced with more pleasure than I had ever experienced in my short life.

"Maybe I have three mates' out there." She snickered as we walked down the curved staircase and towards the sliding glass doors that led out to the pool. "Hm, or four. Can't stand odd numbers."

"Four mates ?" I sputtered, shaking my head in disbelief. Could you imagine it? Four insatiable men, all claimed as yours while simultaneously claiming you as theirs. No, thank you! I'll happily take my two mates and be on my way.

"It's always been a dream of mine, to have a harem of my own." Tori cooed somewhat jokingly; her hands clasped as she bounced out the backdoor.

"You've always dreamed of having a harem full of men?" I snorted, cocking an eyebrow at my strange friend.

"Not really, but I wouldn't argue if the Moon Goddess happened to pair me with four devastatingly handsome men." She countered with a wave of her hand. "At this point though, I'm willing to take one without complaint."

"You'll find your mate, Tori. I'll do whatever I can to help." I reassured her with a smile.

The pool behind the cabin was as large as the community pool my grandma had taken me to swim at. It was shaped like a large 'L', and had a diving board at the end. While the community pool started at a whopping two feet deep, this pool started at nearly seven. I placed a few towels on the wicker sectional that sat on the deck and peered down at the crystal-clear water. It was incredibly humid outside, hot enough to make sweat trickle down the back of my neck. I dipped a toe in the water and nearly sighed at how cold it felt.

"Oh, Luna." Tori cooed, and I didn't bother turning around as I snorted at her. She knew she didn't have to call me Luna, but I knew she wanted something whenever she used the word.

"Yes, my loyal subject ?" I retorted, hearing her cackle behind me.

That was the last thing I had time to say as I was tackled from behind. I knew it was Tori from scent alone. She smelled of sunscreen and granny smith apples, a strange combination but it reminded me of summer. My mouth was open as we tumbled into the pool, a mess of arms and legs that couldn't seem to untangle themselves.

I knew she had intended to shove me in, but my faster-than-human reflexes aided me for once. I managed to clasp my hand around her wrist and send her tumbling in alongside of me. As we both resurfaced, hair a complete mess with lopsided grins on our faces, I splashed a playful wave at her face. I couldn't help but laugh as the wave brushed back the strands of red hair that clung to her cheeks and neck.

As soon as our laughter ended, her mouth popped open and her eyes went wide. Her eyes darted downward for a moment before permanently plastering themselves to my face, refusing to look any lower than my forehead.

"Um, Aurora—" She sputtered, clearly fighting laughter.

"Did you hit your head or something ?" I asked, an eyebrow raised. "I can't tell with all that red hair."

Something bobbed on the surface of the water nearly ten feet away. A thin scrap of sky-blue cloth. My jaw unhinged as Tori snorted, a hand flying up to cover her mouth.

"Seems like we came back just in time for the fun."

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It was Kade who spoke, his voice thick with both amusement and arousal. Alec stood there with a glazed look to his eyes, completely forgetting Tori was also in attendance. "Men." Tori cooed, laughing quietly when neither of the twin's seemed to register her teasing remark.

She quickly dove under water and brushed the sopping wet locks from her forehead. Both Alec and Kade seemed to need a few minutes to regain themselves, the evidence of their interest was hidden within the strained fabric of their swimming trunks. So much for that cold shower, I laughed silently.

The twin's made me feel mature and sexy, like I wasn't the inexperienced girl I often felt like. They loved me as I was, and that alone would bring an incredible amount of confidence to any clear-minded woman.

I drifted through the pool, my eyes locked on theirs, as I reached for my abandoned bikini top.

"We're learning so much about you, sweetheart." Kade teased. "So quick to toss your clothing to the side. Remind us never to get you drunk."

Neither of the twin's stared at my bare chest, they took in everything as a whole. It wasn't the simple sight of breasts that aroused them, but the fact that those breasts belonged to me. It gave my thoughts a possessive edge, and filled Thalia with smooth satisfaction.

"You're the ones who picked out the bikini for me. It's not my fault the top was a bit small, and I do not just rip my clothes off, Kade." I snorted, adding a little snark to my voice for good measure.

That little attitude I showed seemed to only excite the twins more, something I found endlessly funny and alluring. Kade's eyes darkened and Alec flashed a panty-wetting smirk that made my insides flutter. "Mm, I feel like we should've called her kitten. Little things got hidden claws in there." Alec chuckled, cocking his head to the side as he watched me put on my bikini top.

"If your friend weren't here, I'd say forgo the top and bottoms entirely." Kade taunted back with that husky voice of his, brushing the long strands of hair from his face in a movement that made his muscles bunch and ripple.

"Don't even start with the sexy talk, Alpha's." Tori called out from the end of the pool.

She pulled herself over the lip of the pool and sat down. The look she gave the twins was nothing short of murder, and I couldn't help but cackle at the sight. It wasn't a very attractive laugh, but it was one of freedom and unequivocal happiness. I hadn't felt this relaxed in my life! Free of the constant worrying that plagued me for years. I could act my age for once, and wanted to savor every moment before the mess that would soon come.

Tori looked like a fiery queen on her throne, perched on the edge of the pool as she stared down my two fierce Alpha's. Queen of the pool, I laughed quietly.

"Excuse me?" Alec smirked jokingly, cocking an eyebrow at Tori.

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He had that smoldering look most unbelievably attractive men have, and I found myself utterly dazzled by him. The way his dark eyes caught the sunlight, revealing shades of milk and dark chocolate, it did something to my heart that left it a fluttering mess. If I didn't have more faith in my own self-control, I'd say that a trickle of drool ran down my chin. "Oh, don't give me that look." Tori snorted, not missing a beat. She fixed Alec with a long look before continuing, "That might work on your love-struck mate, but not me. You're not kicking me out of this pool so you can get all dirty with Aurora. Your torment is your own faults."

"Tell 'em, Tori. They're not getting anything from me!" I laughed, sticking a tongue out at both Alec and Kade. Kade quite literally gave me a look that made me clench my legs. So, for my own safety, I continued speaking. "Well—not until later."

"Oh, you're just as bad as they are." She groaned, leaning forward and flopping into the pool.

I was far enough away not to receive full impact of her splash, but instead felt a light spray misting my face. I turned back to Alec and Kade who gave me identical looks of interest and amusement. Eyebrows lifted, lips twitching, and those endless eyes locked every rise and fall of my chest.

"We're not getting anything from you?" Kade mused, then removed the shirt from his chest with a single hand.

It was one fluid movement that had my eyes locked on the muscles adorning his stomach and chest. Alec followed suit, and standing near one another, they looked like twin fallen angels sent to steal me away.

They had the bodies of warriors, bulky and muscular, adorned with the scars they received in battle. Alec had always been a tiny bit slimmer than Kade, who seemed to pack on muscle unlike any other person I've seen. It was such a minute difference that most people wouldn't notice it. Yet, I did. I noticed everything about the twins.

"I said not yet?" I pleaded, but it came out as a weak question.

They knew I wouldn't resist them. Hell, I couldn't even if I wanted to. The pull I felt towards them was too strong, too consuming. Feeling their emotions only added to that pull.

It was hard to separate myself from the emotions around me. I could feel all of them as though they were my own, and often they did become my own. It was hard not to feel irritable when someone was in a bad mood, just as it was hard not to become furious when someone else was angry. I was slowly beginning to separate myself from the heavy emotions of others, but the twins were different. We were too closely connected, and it was proving far too hard to pull away from them magically. If I were being honest, I didn't mind it. I enjoyed knowing how they felt, and more often than not, we usually felt the same. Their happiness was my happiness, and vice versa.

I wasn't able to say anything else because Kade launched himself into the pool with a speed that surprised me. I had just enough time to squeal and recoil as I was splattered with the cold water of the pool. The light scent of chlorine rang in my nose, but was mixing with the wet scent of Kade. Masculine with just a hint of rich and musky cologne. It fit his hard and quiet persona perfectly.

Thick arms wrapped around my waist as Kade was plunged under water. With my hair clinging to my forehead and cheeks, I squealed when I was lifted into his arms.

The air around us was humid, the water crisp and cold, and Kade's chest comfortably warm. He chased away the chill the water brought on, replacing it with something dark and carnal. That something, was a promise.

"Attitude, sweetheart." Kade scolded, chuckling low in my ear. I shivered as I was pressed into his chest, my heart thundering almost painfully. Kade felt the chill that passed me and smirked slow. When he spoke, just a hint of his canine showed, sharp and white. "You talk a big game for someone who can't even stand my touch without wetting her bathing suit."

"Are you sure we won't get anything from you?" Alec murmured close to my ear, making me jump and nearly squeal. "Did I scare you, doll?"

He had moved so quietly I hadn't heard him. Well, I'm sure I would've if I wasn't sucked into the endless abyss that was Kade. Water hardly rippled around him, completely undisturbed. It was something I hadn't actually noticed about Kade before. I had only seen him in battle once, and it wasn't an experience I cared to repeat. Had he always been this quiet, this stealthy?

"Have you always been this stealthy ?" I asked, narrowing my eyes at his cocky face.

"You haven't noticed yet?" Alec scoffed, a hand to his muscular chest. His lips turning into a head-spinning grin. His teeth were perfect, like his brothers, his sharp canines at the front of my attention. "I'll have to try harder to be even more...stealthy."

"Don't start sneaking up on me now." I huffed, trying to diffuse the thick sexual tension that was clearly working its magic on the three of us. I

I felt Tori's flicker of emotions from somewhere in the large pool, and was happy to feel they were all positive. I had hoped my earlier promise would chase some of those heavy emotions away. I didn't blame her for those emotions, I never would. I understood why she felt the way she did, and knew there was nothing bad behind it. She simply wanted her other half, wanted it more than anything. It only made me cherish what I had with Alec and Kade even more. I knew that this bond couldn't be replicated, couldn't be fulfilled by anyone else. I just wasn't meant for one person; I was meant for two.

Tori gave us a few more minutes before intervening, claiming the three of us were seconds away from tearing off our clothes and giving what I'm sure would be a very interesting performance. She was wrong, partially, but her words worked either way. I had a permanent blush etched onto my face, for what I'm sure would last the rest of the night. Make no mistake, I might've brushed up against Alec and Kade at least fifty times before I was satisfied with their dark eyed looks and poorly concealed growls.

Eventually Alec and Kade ventured into the kitchen, making Tori and I salivate with the heady scent of cooked meat, marinara, and vegetables. We were both laying pool-side in one of those extremely comfortable padded sun chairs. Tori was covered in a fine layer of sunscreen, and I was pretending to work on a tan. I burned a lot, but eventually I'd grow at least two shades darker.

I was pondering effects of werewolf healing on sunburns when Alec and Kade brought out two plates of food.

Not only did the two of them cooked, their food was incredible. Undoubtedly a gift from their mom, who learned most of her Italian recipes from her husband's mother.

Tori audibly groaned when she bit into the thick slice of garlic bread, and made an exaggerated performance by placing her hand against her chest and asking for another. I couldn't blame her; I could probably eat my weight in their food. Only when I was stuffed and happy did I shove my plate away. I reminded myself to thank their mom later and ask for some cooking lessons myself. We went back inside just as the sun began to dip behind the trees. The smell of chlorine wafted through the cabin, but I was beginning to like the scent. For the rest of my life, I would pair the memories of freedom and happiness with the gentle sting of chlorine.

Settled on the couch, smushed between the twins with a bowl of popcorn on my lap; I couldn't think of anywhere I'd rather be. The blanket that was draped over the three of us, it locked in the warmth and musky smell from the twins. Alec's scent had a spicier note that fit his personality perfectly.

Tori had turned into a blanket burrito, and was staring wide-eyed at the horror movie playing out on the large screen. She had gone through a bag and a half of popcorn and was still going strong. I wasn't one to judge though, the twins and I were on our fourth—werewolf hunger and all.

After three movies and laughing until my face ached, Tori ventured upstairs for bed. She was leaving in the morning, as she waited last minute to pack for the High Table meeting. I couldn't blame her; I had hardly touched my suitcase or the closet full of clothing. I had a sickening feeling that this little cabin would be the last time I felt truly safe, completely untouchable.

The twins and I ventured out into the pool an hour later. The humidity had grown during the day, and just a few minutes outside had sweat glistening on my face. The water was warmer than it had been, sitting under the baking sun for hours. I slipped in and sighed as the cold water lapped at my skin.

The twins were next, Alec still as silent as before. For a while we swam separately, floating and basking at the stars that hung over our heads. We could never stay far from one another for long, constantly drawn back together. My back was flush against Kade's chest, and I currently held Alec's face in my hands.

His lips were soft, somewhat salty from the popcorn but it tasted delicious on his tongue. His damp hair felt like silk under my fingers, and as I tugged at his hair, he growled under his breath.

Kade's hands were moving up my arms, drifting towards my shoulders. I shivered when his lips pressed against the hollow of my throat. Alec pulled away from his lips, but didn't move away. The look he gave me was soft, and his emotions told me what his words couldn't.

He loved me, no matter how long we had been together. It might only be a few months in a human's life, but this—it was everything. The bond knew what we were to one another, and most humans never had the blessing of that experience.

Kade's emotions mirrored his brother, and I hoped there would be a time that I could tell him I felt the same. They both knew, the twins. They knew that I loved them even though they couldn't feel the sweet taste of it as I did. They couldn't feel my emotions, but they knew nonetheless.

"There's something we've been meaning to talk about, doll." Kade murmured huskily as his lips continued their decent down my neck.

I tried to listen to his words, but they were swimming lazily in my head as I fell back into his arms. He stopped just at the hollow of my throat, pressing his tongue against this one spot that had my legs giving out. He caught me easily, halting my slow decent into the cold waters of the pool. Those sparks I would get when I touched Alec and Kade, it ran the length of my body like bolts of lightning, all radiating from that one place on my neck. "I don't think she heard a word you said, brother." Alec chuckled; his dark eyes framed by onyx lashes.

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Kade halted his assault on my neck, and even chuckled at the frustrated groan that left my lips. If only we never had to leave this place. I'd dedicate my days learning everything I could about Alec and Kade; the things they love and fear, their mannerisms and private thoughts. Our nights would be spent by learning each other physically. Life, however, never stopped moving for anyone.

"Mm, I don't like the sound of that." I muttered, my toes grazing the smooth surface of the pool as I floated, trying to keep my head above the water. I wrapped my arms around Alec's neck, and felt Kade move up behind me. "I think we should just go back to what we were doing. Now that, I'm sure would end amazingly."

"Not to worry, we'll get back to that after our conversation." Alec smirked down at me, tapping the tip of my nose with a damp finger. As fast as his smirk had appeared, it vanished even faster. I swallowed thickly, hating when the twins grew serious. It seemed there was far too much to be serious about lately. "We've waited quite a bit to have this conversation." "The last thing we want to do is rush you, and this is not how we wanted it to happen, but there are certain things that must be done before going to the High Table meeting." Kade murmured from behind me, his hands settling on my waist. His strong grip kept me from bobbing on my toes, and kept my head firmly planted above the watery surface. "Believe us, we hate being forced into things. You deserve all of the time in the world to figure out what you want. This world is still so new to you, and you need to know the full extent of what is expected."

"Having sex is only the first part of completing the mate-bond. Our scents merge and basically let all unmated wolves know that we're taken." Alec continued where his brother left off, just another tidbit of proof that they were often one person separated into two. "Marking, that's the final piece. Typically, there's only two mates in question, so things will be a bit different this time."

"Marking? Tori mentioned something about that." I replied thoughtfully. "What is it exactly?"

I hadn't asked Tori to elaborate, and was beginning to regret it. The twins were clearly nervous about this topic of conversation, which only made me more determined to put their minds at ease. They knew I was all in, but my lack of experience in this world frightened them.

"The two of us would bite you, typically on your neck. The wound would be non-fatal, and would heal into a mark unique to the individual. You would do the same to us, and leave a mark of your own." Kade chimed in, running his fingers down the length of my neck. When he got to one spot in particular, my eyes nearly rolled in the back of my head. A rush of molten pleasure trickled down my spine, making my legs grow weak. When he spoke again, his voice was deliciously low and husky. "This would be the spot I'd mark you, where the entire world would see who you belong to." "I'd have to bite you two as well?" I asked. A part of me was a bit frightened, but my own curiosity outweighed my fear. I was a werewolf, like it or not. These customs were my own, and I was long past running from myself. "The entire world would know that you're mine?"

"The world already knows were yours, doll." Alec chuckled, brushing the hair back from my face with a gentle hand. "But the answer to your question is yes, they would."

His eyes were unbearably soft, and the white moon-light brought out the cacophony of brown tones in his eyes.

"I don't see why you were both so worried to tell me." I spoke with a small laugh, "I want to tie myself to both of you in every way possible."

"We were worried because there's more to the marking that we've mentioned. It solidifies the bond between us, sweetheart. If you were to leave us, or be killed—well, the two of us wouldn't live for much longer." Kade murmured softly, a sound that was unusual for him. Kade was the harder of the two, the one who kept his emotions and thoughts well hidden behind dark, endless eyes. Vulnerability wasn't in his skillset, but he managed for me. "You would be able to mind-l**k us directly, and not only would you feel our emotions, but we would feel yours as well."

Now that, that was a little daunting. Then again, I knew without a doubt that my life would never be the same if the twins weren't in it. Even though I wouldn't physically die without them right now, a part of me would wither away if I left them.

In a way, it made perfect sense. They both held a piece of my soul; one I had been missing for so long. Why would I want to continue a life where they weren't present, forever missing them with every inch of my fractured soul? It was a life I wasn't interested in living.

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"So, the tides will have turned." I mustered up a smirk, "Now you'll be able to tell what I'm feeling instead of the other way around, and read my thoughts, when I allow it."

"I'm looking forward to seeing what's going on in that pretty little head of yours." Alec grinned, running his thumb along my lower lip.

My tongue darted out and grazed against his finger, and I relished the physical reaction it had on him. His eyes darkened and tracked the movement with a predatory focus, and his emotions changed like a switch had been flipped.

"I want to know what goes on in your head, both of you." I countered with a smug grin, "All your secret thoughts there for me to see."

"Nothing will be kept secret from you, sweetheart." Kade chuckled, his fingers dancing down my spine painfully slow. I could feel him stiffen against my backside, and my breasts grew heavy from the rush of pleasure it provided. I pushed back against his length and shivered when he snarled in my ear. "But can you handle sharing your secrets with us? All of those dirty thoughts of yours there for us to see."

"That doesn't sound so bad." I managed to stammer, my heart a frantic patter in my chest.

"We're getting off topic, brother." Alec scolded Kade, though there was little animosity in the action.

"You're right, as usual." Kade grumbled, but made no action to remove his hardened length from my backside.

"We want you to mark us, doll, but not without you knowing fully what you're getting into." Alec continued, a small smile gracing his strong face. "We will mark you tomorrow night, as there's a high chance you'll pass out. It won't hurt much, but the emotions can be—overwhelming, from what we hear. We assume that two marks will mean twice the sensation."

I once would've been afraid of the pain, but that ship had long sailed. I've experienced so much pain at the hands of Frank and Melissa, both physical and emotional. This kind of pain, for the twins, was well worth it. I would endure so much for them without ever losing the smile on my face.

"For you two, I can handle it." I told them both softly, letting all my sincerity flow into my voice. "I know what I'm getting into, and I'm already too far in to stop now. My life—it would never be the same without the two of you. I'd never be happy, eternally restless and miserable. I'm tired of being unhappy. If being with you two means accepting danger and responsibility, then I'm here for it all."

The relief and happiness that blossomed within them was sweet to the taste, and echoed within my own heart.

"Call Thalia forward, sweetheart. She'll know what to do, and will help you with the rest." Kade spoke softly in my ear, nudging me towards Alec.

I did as he said and felt Thalia's immediate response. She was both relieved and absolutely thrilled. It was in her nature to mark and mate, to seal the bond and produce pup's. I wasn't quite ready for the pup's yet, but that could come in time.

'You'll know where to bite.' Thalia told me, unable to conceal her own excitement from her voice. 'Just a little nip, nothing serious.'

Alec cocked his head to the side as I drifted forward. I placed my hands on his shoulders to keep from bobbing in the water. His neck tasted lightly of chlorine, but mostly of his own spicy scent.

His hands gripped my arms tightly, and I could feel his adam's apple twitch within his throat. My lips trailed over his smooth skin, seeking out the spot where my mark would sit.

Thalia had been right; I knew where to bite without much hassle. The junction where his neck and shoulder met, that was where I wanted my mark.

There wasn't much of a reaction until my teeth finally broke through his skin, and warm blood rushed into my mouth. The taste of blood, it wasn't a pleasant taste. This was somewhat different though. It was Alec's blood I were tasting, and it felt as though I had touched a live-wire.

Alec gasped and his arms tightened against my body, flattening me to his chest. I could feel it then, that final piece snapping into place. That long missed piece of my soul finally coming home.

My ability to feel other's emotions felt like a one-way connection, like I was eavesdropping on something private. This—it was completely different. No longer was I some kind of voyeur, but it was now a willing connection. An open channel between Alec and I.

I knew when enough was enough and pulled my elongated teeth from his neck, licking the droplets of blood from his pale skin. The wound was already beginning to heal, and I could see the start of what must've been my mark on his skin.

Alec was right about the experience being a bit overwhelming. I wasn't even marked yet and all I could think about were my mates. Touching them, tasting them, letting them fill and use me until my throat and private bits were sore.

Love, lust, desire, longing, and familiarity. They all battled for dominance in my mind until the urge to touch the twins was near overwhelming. My fingers twitched and my core throbbed, sweat even trickled down my back.

I was spun around so fast that my head spun, and met Kade's eager eyes. He was excited, and just a tad bit impatient. He wanted his turn, he wanted to be claimed and marked by his mate.

"So that's how we make you feel." Alec chuckled darkly, brushing the hair from my neck and scraping his teeth against my soft skin. His voice had changed, turning into something dark and carnal. "We make you feel flustered and—overheated. How unbearable that must be."

"Mark me, sweetheart. Let everyone know that we are yours." Kade murmured as Alec tore the bathing suit bottoms from my body and shoved a finger into my drenched core.

Alec and I, we were both drowning in the connection between us, and I wanted nothing more than to bring Kade into the mix.

"Fuck, she's so tight." Alec muttered to himself, his dark hair clinging to his neck and forehead. When he looked up at his brother, his eyes were dark and half-crazed with lust. "Mark him, so that he can join us." Easier said than done, I thought through the pleasure-filled haze that fell over my mind. Alec chucked my bathing suit bottoms out of the pool, and they landed with a wet plop on the cement. My entire body went stiff when his thumb grazed against the sensitive bundle of nerves between my legs, and I couldn't help but throw my head back and moan.

Kade gripped my hips, keeping me upright in the water as his brother pressed the head of his length against my opening. There was no hesitation on either end when Alec slid the entirety of his length inside of me, stretching me to the point where it nearly hurt. That twinge of pain was followed by the incredible feeling of being full, dominated by one of the two men I loved.

Alec pushed the two of us against the wall of the pool, smushing me in between them both. It was Kade who kept me standing when Alec moaned in bliss and thrust against me.

I wanted them both, both filling me until I couldn't tell where I began and they ended. I wanted to be close to them in the most carnal of ways. Humans were animals after all, and werewolves—well, we were more animalistic than the rest of them.

My teeth elongated on their own, and I sought out that perfect spot on Kade's neck. Kade's initial reaction wasn't as physical as his brothers, but even the mighty Kade succumbed to the intense wash of emotions that flooded his system.

No longer was I eavesdropping on their emotions, an unwelcome visitor forced to watch. Now we were all connected, closer than we had ever been.

As my teeth pierced Kade's skin, his head fell back and his mouth opened. There was something beautiful about seeing two brutal men completely unhinged and vulnerable beneath me. His emotions grew stronger within me, and I could feel him picking up on my own.

"I love you, Kade' I told him through my thoughts, through the l**k that bonded us all together. "I love you, so much. Both of you."