

# Another Brother

Haley slowly made her way back downstairs and to the kitchen for lunch. Mrs. Blanch had a sandwich waiting for me on a plate. I scarfed it down, smiled at Mrs. Blanch, then went into the main room. I grinned when I saw all my soon to be sisters in law, Nick, and Jim. They were laughing.

Bexley popped in. She smiled at me, "Hello again cousin!" I laughed greeting her, "Hey Bex! We are having a wedding planning session Wednesday. Can you come?" Bexley smiled, "Of course, cousin. What parameters are we working with?" I smiled brightly, "The fairy ceremony, the werewolf blood sharing, and the Hackura ceremony. Other than that Eric gave is letting me plan." Bexley squealed, "Really?!" I nodded. Bex grabbed me and swung me around. It was safe to say we were both extremely excited to start planning.

A voice broke you our happy dance moment, "A FAIRY?! TWO FAIRIES.... Yum." I froze when I heard that. I looked at my cousin in horror. A vampire would go for her first. I screamed, "BEX, GET OUT OF HERE!" Bexley hissed, "Leave vampire!" The vampire advanced on both of us. I watched as Jim and Nick moved to intercept him, but they weren't going to get to us fast enough. Our instincts had us both screaming as the vampire appeared in front of us. The vampire went for Bexley's neck first. I had to do something. The only thing I could think of in the heat of the moment was to get my arm between them. I couldn't stop my scream of pain when the vampire ferociously clamped his teeth down, breaking the skin and started to drink my blood. It felt like I was on fire. Everything burned inside me.

Suddenly the vampire was ripped off me. I looked up into furious golden eyes I knew very well. The vampire screamed, "NO! PLEASE! I couldn't help it! The smell of the fairies drove me mad! I had to have their blood." I watched as my oldest brother, Bjourn, brought a stake down into the heart of the vampire without batting an eye. I gulped as five more came in. I knew Bjourn could handle them, but I needed to gather myself and help him.

Eric, Darrin, Jackson, Harold, Nathan, and Caleb charged into the room giving us the numbers advantage if we had to fight. I turned to Bexley and whispered, "Bex, pop to your treehouse now. The vampires can't find it, you'll be safe." Bexley shook her head, "I won't leave you here with these blood sucking monsters. They'll go for you if I'm not here." I sighed, "I'm telling you as your princess, and your cousin, go. I'll be fine, I promise." Bexley's eyes widened fairies could not break a promise. Bex nodded then hugged me before she popped out.

Bjourn stared down the vampire who was obviously in charge. Eventually he asked, "What is the meaning of your underling attacking my sister, King Damon?" I looked up in surprise. I didn't know Bjourn knew the vampire king of Tennessee.

Damon remained quiet for several moments. His gaze slid to me. His eyes showed his obvious desire as his gaze raked over my body. Eric growled and had to be held back by his brothers. Bjourn said, "Speak or die vampire. I really do not care which you pick. I'd advise you to look at me as you respond and not Haley. Or you will no longer have eyes in your head."

King Damon averted his gaze back to Bjourn and smirked. He said, "Obviously the smell of the fairy blood was too much for him. I apologize to the princess for the offense. As it stands, you now owe me recompense for killing my minion, Prince Bjourn." I snorted then clapped my hand over my mouth. Bjourn wasn't going to give the vampire king a damn thing. Bjourn smirked and threw two more stakes, killing two more vampires. He looked King Damon dead in eye. "I owe you nothing. Push the issue and I'll declare war on the vampires in Tennessee for attacking her." King Damon scoffed, "Please. We all know the fairies won't go to war for her. I have heard and seen things of her treatment there. They care nothing for her, but even if they did declare war... mmm I can taste the fruits of war now. How sweet it would be."

Bjourn tilted his head, "Do I look like a fairy to you? You said it yourself; I am Prince Bjourn of the Hackura. Your underlings just attacked the princess of the Hackura." King Damon glanced at Eric. Eric glowered at King Damon but managed a hint of a smirk on his lips. King Damon hissed; his incredulous anger came through in his tone. He said, "So it's true? You weren't lying?! Fabian will pay for this!"

Bjourn snorted, "Get in FUCKING LINE FANGER! Fabian will not die before I spend quality time with him for what he has done." King Damon glared at Bjourn then me. Bjourn said, "I will not tell you again, do not look at my sister." King Damon gazed at Bjourn. He nodded and said, "We will take our leave. Princess, I do apologize for the scuffle. I could heal your wound if you wished." He smiled at Bjourn. Eric growled so loud he rattled the windows. I declined, "Thank you for the offer, King Damon, but I will be just fine." King Damon frowned, "Suit yourself."

Eric broke free from Jackson's hold to confront King Damon, growling, "You will not get your blood into my mate. She is mine and mine alone. I won't give her up, Vampire." Bjourn frowned asking, "What does that mean?" King Damon turned, "Fabian promised the princess to me three years ago." Bjourn scoffed, "My father would never agree to give her to you. You wouldn't be able to control yourself. You can't even control your own people! The fairies have no rights to give my sister to anyone. Let alone a Vampire King who can't even keep his own people's fangs out of the unwilling."

King Damon hissed, "Oh, but the Fae can give her to the werewolves?" Bjourn laughed, "No, of course not. My father reached an agreement with Alpha Eric

independently from the fairies. Had my sister not wanted him, she would not be here. We are about free will in the Hackura realm. Had our father been unable to reach terms; we simply would've taken my sister back home, fairies be damned. A black hole could swallow all of them whole as far as I care. They deserve whatever is coming to them."

King Damon's lips turned into a thin line. He said, "Just know princess, you always have options." Now I glared at him. I said, "I know you just heard my brother. Don't make the mistake of disrespecting him in my presence. I am with my mate and I'm incredibly happy. I don't know what my uncle told you, but we don't get along. I have no love for him, and I don't give a damn what he wants." King Damon frowned. Without saying anything else he turned and motioned for his two remaining men to leave with him. Once they were gone, I snapped my fingers, cleaning up the vampire puddles making the room appear as if that hadn't happened.

I ran and jumped into Bjourn's arms. I squealed, "Hello, big brother! What brings you here?" Bjourn laughed, "Marcus was distraught and torn about leaving you. To put his mind at ease I offered to come watch over you while he handles his business with the warlock. Clearly, I arrived a moment too late. I should've known trouble would find its way to you sooner rather than later." Bjourn kissed me on the top of the head.

He set me down and nodded to Eric. He greeted, "Alpha Eric, it's good to see you again." Eric nodded to Bjourn while coming over to me. Once he reached me, he said, "It's just Eric to you. It's good to see you as well, Prince Bjourn." Bjourn said, "Just Bjourn is fine." Eric nodded and turned his attention to me. He said, "Haley we need to get you to the Ethan." I smirked at him. I healed myself and said, "No need. I'm all good." Eric shook his head, "No, I want Ethan to check you out." I sighed, "Does my getting checked out really mean that much to you?" Eric nodded. I frowned and admitted defeat. I said, "Fine." Bjourn laughed, "Oh come on, little sister. I'll give you a cookie afterwards." I stuck my tongue out at him as we walked away.

Nick and Jim came running up to us. Jim said, "We will take you there." I said, "I could pop there, but lead the way." Nick and Jim led the way pointing out the gym, pack house, and other places along the grounds to us.

Ethan was already waiting when we arrived. He smiled, "Hello again, Luna. I hear we got bitten by a vampire." I frowned, "Well, I don't know about WE. I'm pretty sure I'm the only damn person who got bitten by a vampire." I showed him my arm. Ethan studied the skin where I'd been bitten for a very long time. Finally, he said, "It seems fine. How much blood did you lose?" I shrugged, "Maybe a mouthful, two at the most." Ethan nodded, "Alright here's a B12 vitamin and I want you drinking juice and water. Drink up." He handed me a glass of water, and

I swallowed the pill he gave me. Ethan said, "Good. I want you off your feet the rest of the day." My mouth dropped open. I shouted, "WHAT?!" Ethan sighed, "You've done a lot of healing since you've been here. You've healed Nick and Jim over there, your sisters in law, Nick's mate, and you've healed yourself a few times. You fought off rouges, and now you've been attacked by a vampire. You will be off your feet the rest of the day." I was beyond exasperated. I was fine. Ethan said, "I already told the Alpha my instructions." I groaned, "FINE!" Ethan smiled and held out a sucker. I frowned asking, "What's this for?" Ethan said, "I'm trying a thing. When you see me, I'm going to give you sucker." I plucked it from his hand and headed back to the house.

I took out my phone and called Bexley. She answered immediately, "Haley? Are you ok?" I answered, "Hey Bex, I'm fine. The vampires are gone now so you can come back." Bexley laughed, "Oh good. I think I'll go give my mate another ride. I was right about him you know. He is packing a weapon of mass destruction down there. Plus, I know hearing I was in danger will get him all riled up. I'm finding he's quite easy to rile up, it's so fun. Have you tried it with your wolf?"

I laughed, "I have noticed that.. I can't say I disagree. It is really fucking fun." Bexley paused then asked, "Haley... why did the prince of the Hackura kill a vampire for you? I'm pretty sure he was a Prince. My dad pointed them out to me one time when we saw their eyes glowing on a trip to this realm. I'm almost positive that man who saved you was one of them." I smiled and decided to let Bex in on my secret.

I admitted, "He is a prince of the Hackura. His name is Bjourn, and he saved me because he's my brother." Bexley shouted, "YOU'RE HALF HACKURA?! but... but... wait... that was Prince Bjourn?! But that would mean his father... YOU'RE A PRINCESS OF THE HACKURA?!" I laughed, "No need to shout, Bex. Yes, I'm the princess of the Hackura. My dad is King Titus." Bexley started laughing so hard she was crying. When she stopped she said, "I needed that laugh, cousin. The fairies are in trouble! Gotta go pop to my man. We will talk more about the wedding planning, and Hackura thing later. We are obviously discussing your fairy powers as well. I am so proud of you my little secret keeper!" Bexley hung up without saying goodbye.

I laughed and turned to my big brother who was watching me with interest. I said, "Bjourn, I'm sure Jim and Nick can show you around the gym they pointed out to us. I know you don't want to sit around the rest of the day." Bjourn smiled asking, "Really? You wouldn't mind? Marcus did say the facility here was quite nice. Can you manage to stay out of trouble for a few hours, little sister?" I slapped him playfully on the arm, "I sadly haven't made it to the gym yet, and I can handle myself. I was about to kick some vampire ass before you showed up. It's just harder for me with vampires. My fairy side comes to the front. I was working on getting pissed to bring my Hackura side out." Bjourn patted my head, "Of course

you were. I will take you up on the gym offer. Do remember to stay off your feet little sister. Relax a little bit. Don't forget to get yourself a cookie on me." He smiled and kissed the top of my head and took off with Nick and Jim.

I sat down on the sofa in the main room wondering what to do. Mrs. Blanch came in with a steely look in her eye. She said, "Here's some potato soup for you. I don't want to hear any arguments about it, you will eat it all. Then there's some bread, and a cookie. Jim linked me your brother promised you one." I smiled, "Thanks Mrs. Blanch." She marched out of the room.

I turned on the TV. I became engrossed in the reality show that I'd stumbled onto. It was called The Bachelor. I laughed the entire time watching the show. I was pretty sure these girls didn't understand the show they are on. They kept getting mad at the other girls for talking to this guy when they hadn't had a turn. Jeez, go fucking talk to him yourself then. Mrs. Blanch came back twenty minutes after the show ended to collect the tray of food she'd left with me. She said, "You can take a nap here if you want." I yawned and pointed out, "That didn't go well the last time. I think I'll just head on up to my room."

I started to get up when a growl halted my progress. Eric said, "I do believe Ethan told me you had to be off your feet, little mate." I turned and smiled at him. I said, "Well Ethan is overzealous and a tattletale. I was just going to pop to our room to take a nap." Eric frowned, "You can nap here if you want to." I sighed, "Does no one remember the last time I did that?" Eric's frown deepened. He said, "This is your home now, Haley. If you want to sleep here, then you can. I can have a guard posted here so that no one disturbs you." I shook my head, that would be ridiculous. I said, "Maybe another time I'll try napping down here. Right now, I really want to lay down in our bed." Eric pursed his lips, but he nodded.

He scooped me up off the couch. I laughed and hit his chest. I chided, "Eric! I can walk." He nuzzled me and smelled my hair. He said, "I'm afraid you can't. Doctors' orders. You'll just have to let me carry you around." I smiled at him, and he smiled back. Eric climbed the stairs taking us to our room. Once we got there, he laid me gently down onto the bed. He asked, "Are you happy that Bjourn is here?" I answered, "Yes, Bjourn and I get along really well. You'll like him. You aren't upset he came here, are you?" Eric smiled admitting, "I've met him before. I am not upset he's here. Besides, I'd argue his timing was impeccable even though he thinks he was too late. It's an added bonus that he can help keep any eye on you. I wouldn't be surprised or upset if more of your brothers showed up. I think they are all a little raw from all the news they've been getting. Between your scans and finding out about Oragon, they might need to see you. I don't begrudge them or you that. I'm close with my siblings as well Haley."

I smiled and started to get sleepy. I laid my head down. I told Eric, "You'd like all my Hackura brothers. It's just the fairy ones.... you might not. Without me, you'd

like them. They really are great. I really wish they could love me too, but I guess nine out of eleven isn't bad. All of my Hackura brothers love me unconditionally. I really wish I had been with them instead of the fairies when I was little. I don't want my brothers to worry about me. I knew they would be upset with that scan. I really fucking hate that people are upset because of me."

Eric gently played with my hair. He said quietly, "It's not because of you, Haley. It's about what happened to you. It angers them that how you were treated made you think you don't deserve someone to take care of you. That you don't think you deserve to be defended makes me want to murder the fairies in droves. I will spend the rest of my life proving to you that you are worth everything to me. You are mine, and I am yours. No vampire, werewolf, fairy, Hackura, witch, warlock, hood, other supernatural, or human will ever take you from me and live." I smiled, "I love you, Eric. Don't worry, you're not alone in that feeling. I'd slaughter hordes of people if anyone tried to take you from me." Eric smiled and kept playing with my hair until I faded to sleep.

# Unexpected Phone Calls

Eric watched Haley leave with her brother to see Ethan. I felt relieved knowing Bjourn was here to watch her. I went back to my war room to work on the pack paperwork. I made calls and checked on the takeovers of those packs that dared to go against me and my family. Then I took a deep breath and started working on a plan to thwart the vampire King. I didn't believe for one second King Damon would give up this easily. He'd been waiting for three years for Haley. That was nothing to a vampire, but to have a royal fairy's blood dangled in his face only to have it snatched away would annoy him. Not to mention Haley was in this realm within his reach. King Damon would come for what was mine. Caleb, my brothers, and dad were all pouring over documents trying to figure out what move King Damon would make first. Ethan linked me, "The Luna needs to rest. She seems resistant to that." I answered, "I'm sure." I knew that would be hard for my Angel.

After a few more moments I excused myself to go check on her. Once I'd carried her upstairs and laid her down, she fell asleep fairly quickly. I studied her as she slept. She was perfect and mine. I couldn't allow anyone to take her from me. Being apart from her was unfathomable to me. I linked my brothers "Take a break. Go see your mates." Jackson responded, "Thanks Eric."

I laid down beside Haley. I pulled her into my chest and spooned her. I did work from my phone. I answered emails and issued orders to my pack members. Haley woke up a bit later and looked over at me. Her smile warmed my cold heart. A heart I thought no longer existed, but her presence made me believe I had one. She said, "Well hey there Thor. Did you take a nap too?" I smiled, "No, I just wanted to be with you."

Haley scrunched up her nose. She studied me for several moments before she asked, "You're worried, aren't you?" I sighed. She could make me tell her the truth, but I didn't want to hide this from her. I answered her honestly, "Yes, I am worried. I do not think the vampire king is going to give you up. He's been waiting for you. He wants his partial fairy royal snack. You aren't just any other partial fairy Haley. Your blood is sweeter than any full-blooded fairy he could catch except another royal. He's not into men, so your brothers wouldn't appeal to him. Your cousins are in ruling houses, but not the one in power. You are the ultimate prize to him." I growled knowing what could've happened to her if we hadn't found each other. She would've become his pet against her will. Haley tilted her head, "He's not a good vampire, is he?" I snorted, "There are no good vampires."

Haley laughed and hit me on the chest, "Now that's not very nice Eric. There are good and bad people in every group. There are bad werewolves, fairies, and vampires, but there are good people there too. The only exception I make is witches. Those bitches have to die." Eric snorted, "Vampires suck blood. I know

good witches, my little fairy." Haley laughed, "And I've been tortured by fairies, but Bexley is a good fairy. Aiden's not a bad person, he's just misguided at times. Fabian is awful and so are his sons; however, there is good in a lot of fairies. The vampire king of this state may not be a good man, but there are going to be good vampires in the state. They can't help they need to drink blood to live any more than you can help that you have to shift into Thor. I've never met a good witch...." I rolled my eyes, "Sometimes your kindness knows no bounds my love. Vampires and werewolves tend not to get along. As a partial fairy you should want to stay far FAR away from them as a whole."

Haley shrugged then smiled and sat up. She asked, "So, are you spending the rest of the day in bed with me?" She wiggled her eyebrows. I wanted to groan because her intent was clear. She wanted to have sex. I did too, but Ethan ordered her to rest. I told her, "Sadly, no. Because if I stayed in this bed, you wouldn't be resting like the doctor ordered." Haley frowned, "Hey, Ethan very clearly said off my feet. I'm positive I could remain off my feet and fuck. So many positions we've done come to mind." I laughed, "That's very true, but I want you to be well rested. You have been through a lot since we met. It's my job to take care of you, and I intend to do just that." Haley sighed, "Fine, I'll relax and...." She trailed off. Then her entire countenance brightened as she said, "I'll start planning our wedding!" I laughed and kissed her on the lips. Fairies and their party planning. I said, "Have fun my little fairy. Whatever you want is fine by me. I want you to have the wedding of your dreams. I will see you later my angel."

I left as she was starting a vision board, at least that's what she called it. Shaking my head, I headed back to my office. I linked my brother's, Caleb, and dad, "I'm heading back to work." I knew they'd meeting me.

Once I got to my office the phone rang. I picked it up, "Alpha Eric." I answered. The male on the other end said, "Well, you answer your own phone. How interesting and unexpected." I frowned asking, "Who is this?" The voice answered, "Well, I don't think I will tell you yet. It's for the soul to guess." I said simply, "Goodbye then." I hung up as the voice yelled, "Wait!" I didn't have time to play games. If someone wanted my attention, they could answer my question. Everyone filed back into the room. "Who was on the phone?" Jackson asked me. I shrugged, "Someone who wanted to play games..." I trailed off realizing what supernatural I'd just spoken too. I yelled, "SON OF A BITCH! It was a fairy. How the hell did a fairy get that number?"

The phone rang again. I growled and put it on speaker. I answered the same way I had before. I said, "Alpha Eric." The voice was now angry, "HOW DARE YOU HANG UP ON ME!" I growled, "You didn't tell me who you were, and I have no time for games fairy." The voice laughed. The fairy was amused again. He said, "Oh of course you don't. I'm sure Haley keeps you busy. Fair warning she's



untrainable. Just when you think she's learned, she has to be put in her place again."

I growled getting a fairly good idea of whom I was speaking with. I yelled, "WHO IS THIS?" Jackson muted the line, "Calm down, brother." The voice laughed, "Well, I guess fair is fair. You did figure out that I was a fairy. As for who I am, I am Fabian Holloran. Uncle to the future king of Faerie, and his closest advisor. I hear you have a problem with me attending your wedding to my niece. I'd like to get that straightened out. She does need to be walked down the aisle. A human would not understand a supernatural wedding. No, I am the natural choice as the head of her family."

I growled, "I have a problem with you continuing to draw breath." Fabian sighed, "Yes, yes, those outside our realm don't understand our methods. As my son and nephew explained, I am ruling Faerie while my nephew prepares to be a leader. Decorum dictates that I must be there. I do miss my niece. I had such plans for her, but she ran away." His longing came through in his tone.

Fury filled me. He missed raping my mate. I was going to kill him slowly. I asked, "Why do you think I'd allow you to come to the wedding? As far as I can tell, you'd come so that you can figure out how to get Haley to King Damon after the wedding. You're plotting to pit the werewolves and vampires against one another instead of against the fairies. It won't work." Fabian became rattled, "I have no idea what you mean Alpha Eric. I have no plans to take Haley from you at your wedding." I snorted, "Really? Then when do you plan to take her from me? Because King Damon was just here, in my office. He asked me to hand Haley over to him to become his snack. A snack YOU promised him when she was sixteen years old. One of his underlings attacked Haley and was killed by a Hackura prince. The vampire king is unhappy, to put it mildly and I am even less happy than he is. I won't give her up. She is mine."

Fabian sucked in a breath and put his hand over the receiver, "That stupid Fanger! Get King Damon on the other line. Now!" He uncovered the phone and said to me, "Sorry about that, Alpha Eric. Back to what you were saying. Now, prior to the war with the werewolves, I did promise Haley to the vampire king of Tennessee. Obviously, things and circumstances changed. You have my son after all." I grinned, "You will be happy to know, we treat him as well as you treated my mate in Faerie, Fabian." Fabian became angry again, "MY SON IS NOT TO BE HARMED!" Jackson laughed, "Oh silly fairy. Your nephews bartered for his release and his life. No one said anything about him not being harmed. You should appreciate our literalness on their directives. It's what you would do. Fairies are VERY, almost ANNOYINGLY, literal." Fabian cursed, "Fine. From now on he won't be harmed."

I laughed, "Sorry Fabian. You should ask your advisors who gets to dictate the rules of surrendering. Spoiler alert, it's the winning side. You have no cards to play with me, and I don't like being told what to do." Fabian ground his teeth, "Going back to the treaty. As the ruler of Faerie, I will be present to walk my niece down the aisle. I will speak with her prior to the wedding at well."

I growled correcting him, "Interim ruler. Prince Aiden is meant for the throne. Your days with that title are numbered. You are an ADVISOR not the ruler, that statement was almost treasonous Fabian. You will not get within one hundred feet of Haley ever again. As for walking her down the aisle, that is for her father to do. I would love to see you try to tell him he cannot." Fabian laughed, "I care not for some human and his wants." I stared at the phone. I asked, "Don't fairies talk to each other? Haley's father is not human." Fabian giggled again. He said dismissively, "Yes, yes that's the lie Haley's father told my sister. She was fool enough to believe him, but I am not."

I looked at everyone in the room. We were trying not to laugh, but once we made eye contact the entire room broke out into laughter. I said, "I've met Haley's father, Fabian. He's most certainly not a human. I dare say he would be very angry to hear you say he is." A knock sounded on my office door.

I muted the phone line and yelled, "Come in." Bjourn entered the room smiling. He said, "Alpha Eric, I wanted to discuss my sister." I nodded, "Anytime. At this moment though, I have someone on the line I bet you'd love to talk to." Bjourn smirked asking, "Who would that be?" I said, "Fabian is on the phone. He is demanding to come to the wedding and walk Haley down the aisle."

The werewolves flinched at the dark look that crossed Bjourn's face. His eyes turned gold while he walked further into the room and unmuted the phone. He spoke in a dangerously low tone, "Fabian." Fabian was clearly taken aback by the tone Bjourn was using. Fabian stuttered, "Um, I was speaking to Alpha Eric. Who is this?" Bjourn growled, "Yes, you were speaking to him, and now you are speaking to Prince Bjourn Cambridge of the Hackura." Fabian sputtered, "I... but... my son... and my nephew said that Prince Marcus was guarding my niece. Why are you also there, Prince Bjourn?"

Bjourn yelled, "I DO NOT ANSWER TO YOU FAIRY! I can go wherever the FUCK I want to. YOU certainly cannot stop me." A muffled voice said, "Fabian, we cannot anger the Hackura. They will kill us all." Fabian replied, "Shut up you fool! No one is going to war for that piece of trash partial fairy. I need her to marry the wolf and give him a child. Then the vampire king can have her." My dad slammed his hand down to mute the phone. Jackson and Harold tried to hold me back from destroying the phone itself. My menacing growl was echoing through the room. Bjourn's face darkened as he listened to Fabian continue to speak.

Jackson linked me, "Is Fabian truly mad? How can he not know covering the speaker of the phone doesn't mean we can't hear him? Our hearing is better than theirs." I replied, "He's an idiot who thinks he's smarter than everyone. He's an elitist fairy." Fabian continued talking to someone, "I have already explained that to King Damon. He rather unhappy she will give birth to a wolf's child, but we all know Alpha Eric wants an heir yesterday. Fairy pregnancies are only for five months. Wolves are three months. Haley will likely be somewhere in that range. After waiting three years for delivery of my niece... What's a few more months? Especially to a vampire."

Fabian came back to the phone, "I do apologize for having to step away. Kingdom affairs, you know how it is." My fury boiled over. I roared, "YOU WILL NOT GIVE MY MATE TO THE VAMPIRE KING! I WILL KILL YOU, FAIRY! DO YOU HEAR ME? I WILL KILL YOU!" Fabian laughed, "Mate? You think that piece of trash is your mate? Oh, dear boy, no. My niece cannot have a mate. I told her countless times she would never get one. Our Goddess would not see her as worthy. She's a worthless partial fairy, only full fairies deserve mates." I lost it. How DARE he say such things about Haley? She was worth everything to me. She deserved everything. I yelled, "I will rip you apart piece by piece! No one will take her from me! She IS my mate you wretched fairy. Do you think my wolf can be wrong? I have claimed her! SHE IS MINE! Do you hear me?!" Fabian sighed, "Once you have an heir Alpha Eric, I'm sure you will see things my way. You are a man in charge of a pack. Not a realm like me, but in charge none the less. As leaders you know we must be diplomatic. The vampire king was promised her first."

Jackson growled, "And you thought my brother would just give up his wife and Luna? To a vampire? Do you know ANYTHING about werewolves? We are EXTREMELY possessive of any possession or person that is ours. Haley is marked as Eric's. We will come for her always to bring her back to our brother's side. To lead our packs at his side as she is meant to." Fabian laughed, "Oh just wait, she will do something, and you will beg me to give her away." He paused then shrieked, "Marked? You MARKED her?"

Before I could answer Bjourn slammed his hands on the table. He yelled, "That is ENOUGH!" Fabian went quiet, "Obviously Alpha Eric, you will have to remove my niece's Hackura guard when this time comes to give her to King Damon." Bjourn's face was so dark, and his eyes were so gold I wanted to cower in the corner. I refused, though, because I am an Alpha wolf. Bjourn said, "Alpha Eric cannot remove my families protection of Haley." Fabian screamed, "WHAT?! Who is paying you then?" Bjourn replied, "We don't give out those details, you waste of space. Since it's not confidential, I'll tell you. No one is paying us to protect her." Fabian gasped, "You're guarding her for free?!" Bjourn said nothing.

Fabian questioned, "Why would you do that?" Bjourn snorted, "That is the first intelligent question you fairies have asked. Why would we do that? It's simple. Because we protect our own. We put blood and family above all else." Fabian sounded like he was choking as he responded, "WHAT? FAMILY? That... no... no you are mistaken. My niece is partial fairy human mutt."

Bjourn smirked, his eyes now twinkling with delight. He spoke casually, "Fairies are quite stupid are they not, Eric? I thought it was common knowledge as a Hackura, our blood sings to those of our blood. We cannot be mistaken about who our family members are." I couldn't answer him. I was trying to calm myself and Thor down. Thor snarled, "Let's have mate take us to Faerie, and bring him back here. Then we can kill him." It wasn't a bad idea.

Jackson replied because I was in no shape to answer, "It is well known in this realm, Bjourn. I can't speak for the Faerie. Personally, I have found them to be far less intelligent than I ever thought they were."

Fabian's voice was barely above a whisper as he said, "No... because that would mean her father... no that cannot be." Bjourn smiled broadly, "It means, fairy, that Haley's father is my father. King Titus Cambridge. My father, brothers, and I have been patiently waiting for the day we meet you, Fabian." Silence filled the room. Darrin's grin couldn't get any broader. Fabian recovered quickly, chuckling, "Well of course you have. I'm sure the king would like to thank me for the care I took of his little girl. Yes, Haley and I were quite close. I spent more time with her than most in this realm. It's part of why I wanted to walk her down the aisle. Of course, I understand why King Titus would want to walk his daughter down the aisle instead."

The muffled voice came across the phone again, "KING TITUS?! Oh god! Her father is King Titus?! We are all Dead! He will kill us all!" Fabian covered up the phone and hissed, "Shut up you fool! I'm handling it." Bjourn lost all his amusement. "I would say thank you isn't on the list of things my father to say to you. If I were you, I would remain safely in that realm of yours. Well, safely for now. My sister would bring us into your realm if we asked that of her. The day we decide your time is up, it's up. Enjoy the beauty of Faerie while you can, Fabian. My sister says its beauty is incomparable. My brothers and I can't wait to see it for ourselves. Because we will, when we drag you out of there by your hair."

Fabian went quiet. He sounded small when he said, "Surely you don't mean to threaten the ruler of Faerie, Prince Bjourn. I was practically Haley's father growing up." I growled. He genuinely believed that! Jackson had to hold me back again. Bjourn said, "I do not recall threatening Prince Aiden. It's also not a threat fairy, it's a promise. Our father would never have treated her the way you did. He would never rape, torture, or abuse her in any way. Eric's physician did a physical on my sister the other day. I can say with confidence I've never seen my father as angry as he

was when he saw what you did to my sister. It's quite a feat you have accomplished, Fabian. My father is not known for being a passive, calm man."

Fabian was quiet, "Yes, well of course our discipline methods may be different than you're used to. Every realm has their own way of doing things with the young. They do have to learn. You train yours to be killers. We would consider that barbaric here." Bjourn cut him off, "You cannot evade and talk your way out of this one, fairy. You and everyone who ever looked at my sister sideways can start looking over your shoulders. Tell them to start counting their days left drawing breath because they are numbered. The only reason you didn't die when we found Haley six years ago was because she asked us to leave Faerie be. After seeing her scans, we can no longer abide her wishes. In fact, I think you will find a certain fairy, I believe his name is Perrius, is missing. Just a heads up, the werewolves don't have him."

Fabian gasped and covered the phone again. He yelled, "Someone find Perrius! Now!" Bjourn laughed, "You do know we all have supernatural hearing. We have heard you every time you've covered the phone to speak with whoever is near you. This is going to be fun. It will be a race to see who gets to you first, Fabian. Eric certainly looks like he wants a turn. Even his brothers look like they'd take a go at you. My family is a given. We have the numbers, and we are a stubborn lot. I'm betting we get you first. Of course, as he is her mate, we would let Eric have a turn with you."

I growled, "Game on Hackura." Bjourn nodded, "Game on, Wolf." Fabian sighed, "Look, you don't understand. My niece didn't understand her place here, and she was hard to train. We can all understand that. We all know that there are those that require extra care to know their place in this world. There is no need to resort to violence." Bjourn laughed, "There's always a need for violence with people like you, Fabian." Fabian growled, "Now you listen here... you... you assassin! My people have no quarrel with you or yours! You know what? I will just bring Haley back here, and none of you can have her! She will be mine and mine alone."

I broke the table breaking free from Jackson's hold. Caleb winced and took out his phone, probably to order us a new table. I yelled, "You listen here fairy! No one will take Haley from me! She is MINE! I am sick of your fucking threats to take her!" Fabian sighed, "Yes, yes, wolf. No fairy could possibly pop into your home and take her away. Oh wait, yes, we could. Easily." Fabian laughed at his own statement.

Bjourn interjected, "As for as your statement about not having a quarrel with me or my people. A bug has no quarrel with a spider's web, yet they die in one anyway. You have a quarrel with every Hackura for how you treated our Princess. As to your threat about a fairy popping to take my sister, whoever you send will die. By

her hand, mine, or the wolves. I would say a specific wolf, but I think they will all go for the kill."

Fabian laughed mocking him, "By her hand? I laugh at you Hackura prince. She is weak! Too bad for you though, she will be in Faerie momentarily. You will all have to eat your words and worry about how rude you've been to me. You will never see her again, wolf. I'll give her to vampire to snack on. If he ever lets you see her again, she will be covered in bites with a collar around her neck. She will be his pet!" I growled, ending the call. I shifted and ran through the house. Only thinking of getting to Haley. They wouldn't take her, not here. Not in our home. My brothers, dad, Bjourn, Caleb, and some warriors were right behind me.

I linked Haley, "HALEY?!" Haley answered a little surprised at my tone, "Hi Eric. Are you ok?" I asked, "WHERE ARE YOU?" Haley was confused when she replied, "I'm in our room not being on my feet... OH SHIT!" I growled knowing what cut her off. Fairies had popped to her. I linked the pack, "Fairies are attacking. Warriors defend our borders! Anyone near the main house get to my room! They are trying to take our Luna!" Growls and howls erupted. I burst through the doors of our room. Glancing around and saw twenty-five fairies, none of whom were my mate. I was going to destroy all of them. I'd get her back!

I howled in anger, and then I heard a pop. Everything in my world righted when Haley popped behind one of the fairies. She beheaded him. I pounced on the closest fairy to me and went for the next one. I tore through them, throwing body parts. My brothers shifted and joined the fight.

Bjourn yelled out a battle cry and barked out an order to Haley, "Little one, get on my six. NOW!" Haley immediately stopped what she was doing and popped behind Bjourn. They began cutting down fairies as a team. The last fairy breathing was taken hostage by Darrin. I shifted back, along with the rest of the wolves in the room. Haley snapped her fingers and shorts appeared on us. My mom and Molly ran into the room eyes wide.

Haley looked up at me beseechingly. She said, "I really did try to stay in bed. Someone will tell Ethan that, right?" Bjourn barked out a laugh. Jackson tried but couldn't stop his laugh, which started a chain reaction. Everyone was laughing. I ran to Haley and kissed her fiercely. She kissed me back, interlacing her fingers in my hair.

Darrin cleared his throat and said, "Ahem." I broke the kiss and put my forehead against hers. I teased her, "And here I thought I was going to have to put up missing mate signs." My heartrate was slowly going back to normal. The fear in my veins about her being taken was receding. Haley snorted, "Oh come on! Don't I rate a damn milk carton? That is how you find missing people in this realm, is it not? Ohh or a commercial!"

Everyone laughed except Bjourn whose jaw was almost unhinged. He seemed stunned that Haley and I had kissed. Haley sighed, "Well thanks everyone for the calvary. Ethan might have tried to sedated my ass if someone told him I had to take down twenty-five fairies on my own."

Darrin winked at her. I stilled when one of my warriors linked me, "We've got thirty fairies on the west side, Alpha." I growled. I told everyone, "We have more fairies at our western border."

Nick and Jim burst into the room. I commanded, "Jim, take this fairy to the dungeons, then join us on the western border to deal with his comrades. Bjourn, are you staying with Haley?" Bjourn nodded his head, "But of course I am. Because we are coming with you to kill the fairies." Haley smiled.

I grimaced, "You'll stay with him, Angel? You won't leave his side?" Haley nodded her agreement. She said, "Alright, everyone going to the border get a in a circle and hold hands." Everyone did as she said. Much to Jackson's chagrin, Molly joined the circle and Haley popped us all the border. Haley whispered, "Please, let me try to make them stand down first, Eric. We can give them a chance to do the right thing here." Bjourn rolled his eyes. I said, "From right here by my side and your brothers, you can try." Haley nodded and cleared her throat to address the fairies.