

# Epilogue

Two Years Later

Haley smiled as she watched Cassie, Alexander, and EJ play on the hill. EJ shifted into his wolf. Cassie and Alexander smiled and chased EJ as he ran away in wolf form. Our children could shift. They watched Eric in a neighboring pack one day, and they shifted to follow him.

Eric and I had finally had our calm in the storms we were constantly weathering. We always had some drama in our lives, but we were actually getting some quiet time to enjoy with our little family too.

My relationships with the Conners women were interesting. Molly and I were the closet. Cassandra still didn't like me, but I was trying not let her bother me. Eric was more than pleased I turned out to be another fairy exception with my concupiscence. I had three a year. It delighted my Hackura brothers as well. They loved their orgies. They can approximate when it's coming, and they all used it to their advantage.

I had more nephews on that side of the family; Cassie remains the only girl so far on my dad's side. He dotes on her. Miley's daughter, Charity and Cassie were best friends already. Miley was pregnant with a little boy this time. Jim was ecstatic. She was due any day now.

I looked at my watch and smiled. I knew Eric would be getting my present any minute now. I had just come off my concupiscence late last night. I had my IUD removed before this one started. In getting in touch with my fairy side more by uniting the partial fairies, I could sense that we were having twins this time. I had ordered onesies for him. One said plot and the other said twist. I marked it priority mail, and had it delivered to Eric's war room. We had talked about having more children. Eric was eager and so was I. I had told him I would remove my IUD at some point this year. I had meant to surprise him before my concupiscence started, but it started a day earlier than expected. Eric had no clue I'd removed my IUD. I couldn't contain my happiness this morning when I noticed I was glowing.

The fairy magic boom had increased the pack's numbers substantially. There were a lot of twins in the pack now... Oops. That was the fairy side for you. My lion had met his mate. I loved her so much. I won't go into too much detail since that's their story to tell. I was so happy for them both, though. Eric was elated when Beta Dylan Frost found his mate. Dylan still joked about feeding me grapes. He actually did once. The result was hilarious, Eric went crazy possessive that night.

I had been video journaling our Ribbon/thread experiences on ports. We were up to twenty different realities. Eric had never gone without me yet, but I'd been without him. I shivered thinking of some of the realities we crossed into. Fabian's depraved depths shouldn't surprise me anymore, but sometimes they did. I did have the chance to take the baby version of myself from Faerie and gave her to my dad. I explained in excruciating detail why it was better that they raise me, but I probably didn't need to. As soon as my mom had baby me in her arms, she wasn't going to let my dad give me back. I laughed remembering all their faces. My dad was relieved. He really seemed to want to raise me the whole time. He sent Bjourn to kill Fabian. I hoped things went much smoother for that me in that life. At least she wouldn't suffer in Faerie.

I heard Eric's voice call, "EJ, shift back please, buddy." I looked up and spotted Eric coming towards me carrying the onesies. I smiled and asked, "What do you have there, husband?" He smiled, "Oh, I think you know, my Angel." I smiled, "Maybe I do. I might have ordered them just for you." He sat beside me and pulled me into an earth scorching kiss.

Our children shouted, "Daddy's kissing momma! Daddy's kissing momma." Eric broke the kiss and smiled at me, "Are you happy, angel? I didn't know you got your IUD removed." I smiled, "I was going to surprise you, but I lost track of time and my concupiscence hit early. I am very happy about this." He smiled, "When did you see Catherine?" I laughed, "We have an appointment later today. I just sense two of them."

Eric told me, "My family was in the war room." I nodded, "I figured. Molly already knew anyway. I told her during our training session this morning." He smiled and kissed me again. We heard a pop. Cassie yelled, "DADDY, DADDY, catch me!" Eric got up to chase her. I smiled watching Eric and our daughter.

Alexander popped to me. "Mommy has babies in her belly." I laughed. Cassie and EJ came up to me nodding. EJ asked, "We are getting siblings?" I nodded. Cassie clapped exclaiming, "I want a baby sister!" Alexander and EJ frowned. EJ said, "Not yet. We need more brothers to help protect you and momma." Eric laughed, "I agree with the boys." Cassie and I rolled our eyes.

Bexley came into the clearing. She called, "We have a partial fairy in need, cousin." I smiled and gave my babies kisses. Eric regarded me carefully. He called, "Blade." Blade appeared. I rolled my eyes. I motioned him forward, "Come on Blade. My husband is in overprotective mode." Blade moved toward me, "Wolf is right. Princess pregnant. Blade heard. Blade keep princess safe, wolf." Eric nodded seriously at him.

Bexley laughed, "It's not a scary situation guys. Just a partial fairy whose family meeting didn't go great. He just wants Haley." Eric growled along with Alexander

and EJ. Eric snarled, “HE?” Blade laughed. I sighed, “I’ll be back, Eric.” He pulled me in for another kiss. When we broke apart Eric admitted, “I am ridiculously proud of you for finding all the partial fairies you have. I know it’s up in the thousands at this point, and they all love you. Especially the men.”

I laughed, “Oh calm the fuck down. He’s eight years old. You have nothing to worry about my love. Not that you ever have anything to worry about. You’re the one who makes the ladies go crazy.” Eric laughed, “Hey, I recall several warlocks, and Hackura men who lost it over you, my angel. I can’t say I blame them, but you’re mine.” He kissed me again. When he pulled back, I tapped his nose, “Yours, Eric. Always yours.”

Aiden popped into the clearing. Cassie squealed, “UNCLE AIDEN!” He laughed as she popped into his arms. Aiden smiled at me, “Congratulations, little sister. You are positively glowing.” I laughed, “Thank you, brother. I’m off to console a little boy.” He frowned, “Yes, please tell him that I apologize. Farrin didn’t realize his older brother had left children behind him following his death. He was over eager; he will not remove the child without the guardian’s permission.” I nodded, “Farrin is Farrin, big brother.” I winked at him.

I kissed Eric on the cheek, “Sometimes I can’t believe this is my life. I love you so much, Eric.” he smiled, “Hurry back, Angel.” I nodded, “We have an appointment with Catherine in...” I trailed off looking at my watch, “two hours. I’ll be back.” I walked over to Bex and looked back at my family, a smile on my face. I saw Marcus and Bjourn walking across the yard and when Alexander saw Bjourn he hollered at him and popped right next to him. My heart felt full. I was a princess. It may have taken nineteen years, but I finally got the fairytale life I’d always wanted.

## Outtake: It's Enough Titus POV

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Titus was eating dinner with his family minus Marcus and Torvi. I had sent them on a getaway. My grandkids were all visiting their friends. So, for a rare moment it was just the boys with some of the mates. Suddenly, a bad feeling came from Haley from our bond. I locked eyes with Bjourn. I asked, "Is there anything going on at the Summit?" Bjourn shook his head, "No, they should be getting to the first event. Everything should be fine." I frowned.

I fell out of my chair when her pain hit me. Veronica screamed, "Titus! Titus! My love!" I gritted my teeth. The boys were down too. Now there was an anguish and a fear in our connection with Haley. What did my princess fear for? I took as much of her pain from her as I could. It meant I couldn't get up, but she should be able to. I felt her tap into her connection with Bjourn. He was giving her as much strength as he could.

Astrid was screaming, "SOMEONE TELL ME IF THIS MARCUS!" None of us could answer her. Gunner of course was the one getting intel. He answered, "Torvi said Marcus is down too!" Astrid cursed, "Shit! It's Haley! Someone get a portal open to her! Gunner, where is her phone! I want an exact location." Gunner said, "This.... this can't be right." Calista asked, "What? Where is she?" Gunner was in disbelief, "She's.... she's at home. Her and Eric's home."

I looked around. My sons were in shock as was I. Veronica asked, "Where is Eric?" Gunner said, "The summit." Veronica said, "Eric wouldn't leave her at home after her concupiscence, they can't be apart. It would hurt her. He would never hurt her. His messenger told ours he didn't need her guard because he would be with her." If we were betrayed I'd hang them from their toes. Blood would rain down from the sky before I was done. Eric might not know about her need to be near him after her concupiscence. It was tactical to keep her away from the Vampire King at the summit. FUCK! That's what he did. He was tactical and practical. That's why they aren't together.

Bjourn looked at me through his pained eyes. He knew as I did, Haley was being attacked. Veronica said, "I can't open a portal to her. What's going on? Someone get Zader!" I heard people running all around me. I tried to pull her pain from her brothers, but it was too much. There was poison in her veins. Tears filled my eyes. They'd hit her with iron, a lot of iron. She couldn't pop away.

Bjourn managed to sit with Astrid's help. He said, "She can do this, Haley can do it. She's a fighter, Dad." I nodded. Veronica said, "Titus, let me take some of the pain from you. Please, my love, let me help you." I couldn't let her do that. I had failed my baby once. I wouldn't do it now. This was on me. Not my Veronica.

Haley's anger was helping the pain. We helped fuel her anger. I managed to sit for a moment until she was hit again. I went back down with my sons. Veronica screamed, "TITUS! BJOURN! MY BOYS! ZADER! ZADER! HELP US!" I pulled all Haley's pain to me. She had to keep fighting since we couldn't get to her.

Gunner said, "We don't have anyone close enough. The closest they can get is Alpha Lucas' territory. They are in vehicles; she needs to hang on. Harper, hang on. I'm getting people there as fast as we can." Harper cried, "They are trying to kill her." No, no they were trying to incapacitate her. I felt the moment she began to fight again. I just kept pulling her pain to me.

Zader ran in. He yelled, "TITUS! Brother! What's.... it's Haley....what happened to my niece? Gunner, where is she?" Gunner was crying, "She's at her home." Veronica was crying, "I can't open a portal to her, Zader." Zader was stunned, "You are the queen, try with me. We will get one open to her." I heard them both grunting. Zader yelled, "What magic is this?" Veronica spat, "Fae magic. Of course. Fucking BITCH! I'll have her head. She's the only one strong enough for this." I whispered, "She wouldn't do this.... not to Haley....Fabian..." Veronica said, "He IS DEAD! I WILL CHOP EVERY APPENDAGE OFF HIS BODY FOR THIS! HE WILL BLEED IN OUR STREETS!"

I couldn't help but smile through the tears and my pain. That was my Veronica. She was one of a kind. Zader offered, "Let me help you take her pain." I shook my head. Zader said, "Brother, let me help you. I know you blame yourself for what happened to her as a child. Even though it wasn't your fault. Let me help you help my niece stand without us. She will be stronger for it. Please...let me help my brother and my niece." I took his hand and nodded.

I released some of Haley's pain to him. Zader hissed, "SON OF BITCH! WE WILL KILL THEM ALL!" I whispered, "I agree with you, brother." He said, "I will go to the earthly realm for this offense. They will pay for hurting her like this." I was stunned by his declaration. Zader had not gone to the earthly realm for decades.

I felt Haley's triumph. She was going to make it. She had too. Her brothers and I were able to sit up. Bjourn said, "She's going to do it. Whatever the fuck it is." I asked, "Gunner, how far out are our people?" Gunner replied, "Thirty minutes. They are driving as fast as they can." I nodded. I felt her love and determination. I felt her briefly seem puzzled then shove it aside. I felt her elation then surprise. Then we all went down again. I felt her devastation. Her anger and her disbelief. None of that compared to the betrayal she felt. I could taste it on my tongue. I prayed to our Hackura god that it was not one of our people. Haley's guard ran into the room, so they were off the list of suspects. I took her pain trying to get her moving again, but our connection dwindled down to almost nothing.

I cried out in agony. Veronica said, "Titus, what happened?" Zader said, "She was hit again. Someone...betrayed her." Blade yelled, "WHO? WHO BETRAYED MY PRINCESS?" Zader said, "We don't know yet, but it stunned her enough to take the fight out of her." Blade said, "Kill. Blade Kills."

I was focusing all my energy on feeling my connection with my daughter. She was in a state of shock, but thanks to Aesir she wasn't dying. I breathed a sigh of relief. My sons were still desperately trying to figure out if their sister was dying. I had to stand for my children.

I said, "Boys, she's not dying. She's in shock. That's why the connection has dwindled. She will be ok. We will get her back." Veronica asked, "Dying? You thought she was dying?" I said, "I had to search our connection thoroughly. She's stunned and hurt. She's in a complete state of shock over whatever happened to her." Bjourn said, "Did our people betray her and us?" I said, "If it was, they will bleed for decades before I grant them the peace that comes with death. Zader, thank you brother." I hugged him.

He said, "We did all we could." I said, "Help me open a portal to her." We were flung backwards. Bjourn said, "That's... that's not possible. They took her Faerie?! I feel her in the earthly realm." I gritted my teeth answering, "She's not in Faerie." Gunner offered, "Her phone is still at her home with Eric." Bjourn said, "The only thing that would throw us back is the Fae realm. It's the ONLY realm we can't get into without an invitation." I said, "Somehow they've emulated that where she is."

Gunner said, "Vampire chatter says King Damon has her." I punched the table in two. I said, "We'll have to kill him." I refused to think of the possibility of him draining my baby. I commanded, "Zader, keep trying to open a portal to the Conners. Yell if you get it open." I walked away. Bjourn was hot on my tail. I walked into my office and dialed a number I had only called once before.

The answer was immediate as if my call was expected, "Hello." Once I thought her voice was melodic. Now it sounded like nails on a chalkboard. I let my anger reflect in my tone, "Alania." She giggled, "Titus." I rebuked, "It's King Titus. Our daughter has been taken, and I cannot get to her. Can you?" Alania said, "I am afraid that I cannot interfere here." I snapped, "That's not what I asked you, Alania. I asked if you COULD get to her when I cannot." Alania was silent. I stated, "So you can. Why are you not helping our child? She's our daughter!"

Alania said, "I warned her. I told her she would be fine. She promised her wolf a long and happy life. Her light will not let her lie to him." I yelled, "THE VAMPIRE WILL DRAIN HER!" Alania replied with boredom in her tone, "He cannot." I tried to reason with her, "Alania, she's a royal Fae he won't be able to help it! DO SOMETHING TO PROTECT OUR DAUGHTER!" Alania sighed, "I

have spoken to her myself. I will do what I can to ease everyone's worries, Titus." I said, "It's still King Titus." Alania said, "I will go and comfort our daughter's wolf. I'm not sure when I can make it to him. I wish to be with Aiden when he hears the news. He's been traveling."

Bjourn had held his tongue long enough, "Oh, well then by ALL MEANS WAIT for him to come home. Don't fucking pop to his ass and tell him his sister is gone! No, you couldn't do that because then he'd know you're the stuck-up snobbish BITCH who LET his sister get taken. I know you have sight, Alania. You could've saved her! YOU SHOULD'VE SAVED HER! YOU OWE HER! Isn't that supposed to mean shit to you fairies?"

Alania responded coolly, "Hello Prince Bjourn. I do not interfere with what I see." I said, "Obviously, or we wouldn't have had our first chat about the pain I felt our daughter in." Alania said, "You could've told me you had her when we spoke then." I asked, "Why tell you something you already knew? You knew I had her. You should've protected her as a child, and you should've protected her now. You have failed her for the last time. Stay away from my little girl. If you do not help her now...I'd advise you to stay in your realm. If I or ANY Hackura come across you, you'll be brought here if Haley isn't returned to her mate and home. If you sit by and do nothing, I'll find a way to your realm to kill you myself."

Alania scoffed, "You don't mean that." I replied, "I do. Help us get my little girl back or see what it means to meet my wrath. Those are your choices." Alania said, "You don't understand." I yelled, "YOU'RE DAMN RIGHT I DON'T UNDERSTAND! I WOULD WALK THROUGH FIRE FOR OUR DAUGHTER! I would give MY LIFE to change her childhood. I would give anything to undo the damage you fairies did to her, but I can't! You REFUSE to do one thing for her! ONE! WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH YOU?"

Bjourn grabbed me into a hug. Alania sighed, "She will be fine, Titus." Zader appeared in the doorway. I said, "You had better PRAY you are right, Alania. I will tolerate your presence to help find her, but if me or mine save her without your help.... you will not like what follows." Alania teased, "They'd have to catch me." I laughed, "No, no they wouldn't. See I could ASK our daughter to take me to your realm to see it. She says it is quite beautiful there. She would take me to your realm, and I could kill you. ANY of her family here could ask that of her and she would do it."

Alania asked somewhat shocked, "You would lie to her? She would not forgive you." Bjourn countered, "You don't know her well. She would forgive us. Especially a certain one of us." I smirked, "Marcus." Zader said, "He is still reeling. Torvi assured him Haley is ok, but he's in a panic."

I closed my eyes and tapped into my connection with Marcus. He was also in a state of shock. I warned, "Beware Alania. Haley would do anything for any of us, but Marcus is her savior. She first showed us her impressive display of powers to save his mate." Alania asked, "Powers?" Bjourn said, "Oh...you didn't see that she had powers?" Alania said, "I didn't know she could use them. She was never trained."

Zader interrupted, "We have to go, Titus." I said, "We WILL speak again, Alania. This conversation is not through." Alania said, "We will both soon be at her wolf's house, I imagine." I quickly told her, "This is a conversation that is between you and me. My son because he is next in line for the crown. My brother because he's just as deadly as I am. You have made an enemy of me, Alania. You can only undo that by saving our daughter. I have allowed you your ignorance and you people their lives because of her wishes. I can no longer do so. I WANT MY LITTLE GIRL BACK! If I find out there's anything you could've done.... I will not grant you mercy. Goodbye, Alania. Think over your choices long and hard."

Veronica was waiting outside the door, "I will kill that bitch. I will find the perfect way. She is done hurting our little girl." I mused, "It's rumored she's tied her life to Fabian. I thought she was too smart for such things, but now I think maybe it is the truth." Veronica smiled, "Then she handed me the perfect way to kill her. When we kill Fabian, she will be expected to die. SHE will think she is going to die. Now, I just need to find a willing fairy. Even a partial fairy like Haley will do. I will stand over her as she takes her last breath. She will KNOW who she crossed. The last thing she sees in this world will be my eyes. They will be MY words she hears last. She has harmed my little girl for the last time. She has harmed MY BOYS for the last time! I will NOT let my children suffer any more for her inadequacies as a mother and person. It's enough." I kissed her hand, "As you wish, my queen. We will look for a partial fairy for you."

Bjourn asked, "Are you going to tell Haley?" Veronica said, "She cannot lie. She can believe her mother died because of being life tied to Fabian." Bjourn said, "She could blame herself." I said, "Eric won't let her. I will not let her. Alania has crossed us for the last time. Your mom is right, it is enough." Bjourn pushed, "If Haley still blames herself, then what?" I said, "Then we tell her the truth. If she cannot move past it, then we tell her the truth of it. First, we give her a chance to grieve for her mother and move on."

Bjourn nodded. He didn't like it, but I was done giving Alania a free pass. She needed to die. I said, "Would you rather Haley blame herself for us killing her mother? You know she would. She would feel guilty that we did it, and that would never fade." Bjourn hung his head, "You're right." I said, "Let's go get her back, son." He nodded. We stepped through the open portal to My princess and Eric's home. I put on my mask of stone. We'd get my little girl back, and then Alania would pay.



## **Outtake: Fractured Arion POV**

Arion was standing in Faerie in his mother's room. She'd performed the charms on our forces' necklaces so we could get Haley and triplets. I felt like my brain was fractured. Half of myself was arguing we shouldn't do this. The other half said Haley belonged here, with my niece and nephews. She and I could start over. We could be the siblings she always wanted us to be. We could have that dynamic if she was here. We couldn't have it in the earthly realm. Her mate wanted to kill me. Hell, he was actively waiting for me to set one toe outside the portal. So was her Hackura family.

Here, Haley and I would be safe. Technically, she was safe...NO! They belonged here. They don't. They do. I rubbed my temples as my very soul argued with itself. My mom put her hands on my back. She sighed, "I miss her as well, Arion. You know she longed to be close with you and Aiden. Those two are taking steps, but with her and the children here you two could as well. We all know she longs for that closeness between you three. It's destiny, Arion."

I frowned asking, "Destiny?" My mother just nodded. She was doing this more often. Being very cryptic. She grabbed my shoulders, "You must not waver, Arion. You will fall if you do not." I snorted, "I'm not falling to a werewolf." My mother said, "I do not mean to the wolves. Your sister does not understand. She is afraid of your betrayal already." I glared at my mother, "That's your fault."

My mother said, "I was never there, Arion." I rolled my eyes. She wasn't physically there, but she'd taken permanent space in my brain and moved in. I'd called her wanted to leave, and not take Haley. She pushed me and I'd listened. I knew she'd whispered into Masium's ear as she did mine. We should plan longer. I knew it. Masium knew it. Hell, everyone in on the damn plan knew it. We were moving too soon because of my mother's whispers. Part of me begged myself not to do this. That it would be my undoing.

So be it. Ever since I first stood against my sister and brought her to the vampires, I'd been fractured. I felt it happen the second she turned and looked at me with heartbreak and betrayal in her eyes. My life ended at that moment. My body just hadn't got the memo. Now, I was just sealing my fate going against my siblings again. While part of me knew this was a mistake and begged myself to take it back; I just couldn't. It would be better this way. Aiden couldn't kill me, but to protect her children Haley could. She was too selfless to not try and help me. I'd have to refuse her healing. I welcomed death.

I mused, "You're always there, mother. Whispering in ears, having others do your bidding. It will catch up with you one day, hopefully soon. Father will not forgive you in the beyond when you make it to him." She jumped back as if I'd slapped

her. It felt good making her hurt so I continued, “You believe you do not interfere with your sight, but you do. Everything that happens today, mother, is on you. If Masium and I die, if the Hackura take me to their realm and torture me; that’s on you. If Haley is forced to act, hell if Aiden is forced to act against me, that’s on you. We BOTH know if that last option happens you have NO chance of getting father to forgive you when you reunite in the beyond.”

I stood and turned at the door, “If I do not return mother, know it’s your fault. I know you’re fading. You tied your life forces to Uncle Fabian, didn’t you?” She shrank back, “I have decades left. I want to spend that time with all my children. How is that so bad?” I smirked coldly, “You are the reason one of your children fled this realm. You could’ve protected her. You simply sat back losing yourself to your little whispers ignoring what Haley was going through, and we followed your lead. Now, if I never return to you....it will be your fault as well. I hope your life is claimed before you manage to do more damage to Aiden. He and Haley are better than me. You hurt them, and you don’t care because all you care about is you. I wish I had seen that before I betrayed my sister. Now, there is nothing for me. I’m going mad.”

My mother offered, “With Haley here, you two can bond. The madness will stop. I know you don’t truly mean these things you say.” I laughed hollowly, “Oh, but mother, I do mean them. I cannot lie. Even if we are successful. Haley will start dying inside without her wolf.... even if we can keep her from going crazy.” My mother said, “We can. The witch said....” I held up my hand, “I am aware of what the witch said mother. You seem to not realize that without him, she will deteriorate in her very soul not just her head. Her children...They are powerful. How do you plan to get infants to listen to you when they will know their mother hates you? Aiden will come against us for her and them. He will have to.”

My mother sighed, “He will see reason.” I laughed, “You’re as crazy as I am mother. Even if Aiden didn’t truly love Haley as he does; he would come against us because she gave birth to three powerful children. She will have more. Until she turned six, her ports were filled with dreams of a big family who loved her. Aiden knows that as I do. She will give birth to more powerful children with her wolf. It’s smarter to keep them close and in good relationships. It won’t be why Aiden does it, but it’s the smart play. It’s what I would advise him to do.”

My mother sighed, “I will speak to him.” I snorted, “Said the spider to the fly. For someone who lost the love of your life, you’re certainly fine with your children losing theirs. I know you helped Lucinda flee and hide from Aiden. You encouraged her to run and save her child as you did you did not. Lucinda thought it was because you knew of Fabian’s despicableness and that you wanted to protect Aiylee. I know the truth of it. You were jealous. You were jealous your children found a love you yourself can never have again. So, you separated Aiden and Lucinda. When you could’ve just told her to talk to him about what Fabian was

doing. BUT wait...you couldn't do that either because Aiden would've killed him. Which in turn would one day kill you. It always comes back to you. You're going to separate Megan and me too. Let's not forget to add Haley and Eric. The difference is mother, Haley's wolf loves her too much to let her. He sat outside that enclosure just waiting to see her face. He ripped anyone apart who was not his ally that was near him. We will all die for this plan of yours. I hope you welcome death, as I do."

My mother grabbed at my hand desperately, "You MUST bring her home, Arion. You can bond with her and fix your soul." I snorted, "The only way that could happen is if Haley was light itself. Fabian would turn over in his grave if that were the case. She could even save your hapless life. You'd just LOVE that wouldn't you? If one of your children could undo your biggest mistake so you could continue your whisperings. Then everyone would continue to believe you are the peace, love, and harmony queen. What a damn joke."

I opened the door. Mother yelled, "BRING. HER. BACK. ARION! For ALL our sakes." I smirked, "There she is. My mother's true face since losing my father. I will do what I do, mother. I am already on this path. I know there is no changing that." I walked out the door and went in search of Masium.

I knew Megan was suspicious of us. I also saw that my mother's secretary had handed her a note yesterday. I knew Megan would most likely be listening outside the door to our meeting. My mother would've told her when it was and where to be. Megan was glowing when I woke up this morning. I'd never been happier in my whole life. I'd longed for a children, and now that I had it I was fractured and broken. Megan would reject me for this plan. As she should. I needed her to do that before we left. If I didn't make it, and I didn't plan to, I wouldn't have Megan suffer the pain of my death and possibly lose our child. We weren't quite in love yet, so rejecting me would hurt her less. With time we'd have gotten there. Even my selfish fairy heart was falling fast for my witch. I left the door ajar behind me so she could hear every word.

Masium looked up, "The witch has prepared everything for our arrival. I'll put Haley in iron chains. The babies will stay with her, but if they prove to be difficult we will inject them with a small amount of iron and silver." No part of me was in debate on that, "No. You will NOT inject my nieces or nephews with anything. Are we clear, Masium? They are babies." Masium said, "We need them to stay." I said, "They will not want to stay away from her. All fairies long for a love like she has for her children. They will be compelled to be by her side." Masium said, "Fine. Once Haley is here the witch will perform her magic. Haley will not go crazy being away from her wolf, and her and her children will be here where they belong." Part of me agreed with him. The other half vehemently disagreed. I nodded, "Then we will meet out front in ten minutes." Masium popped away.

I didn't have to wait long for Megan to charge into the room. I smiled sadly, "Ahh the queen of the whispers strikes again." Megan frowned asking, "What?" I waved my hands, "Not important. You heard us." Megan's eyes narrowed, "Yes. Do not do this to her again, Arion. Haley is happy. I agreed to move here to give a us a chance. Why are you killing us?"

I looked away, "I am broken." Megan said, "We can fix you; I'll look up spells. I know you feel like you're going crazy..." I smiled and touched her face one last time, "Only the light itself could fix me, and we don't know who that is. Even if we do, it's not a fair ask. I won't do it." Megan frowned, "What does that mean?" I said, "I am on this path. There is no deviating. Do what you must. Just know that no piece of me will ever not fall at your feet, Megan. I do not deserve you."

Megan started to cry. She begged, "Stop this Arion, please. Aiden can..." I said, "I go against him with this plan. Maybe one day you will understand. See my reason." Megan hissed, "I'm not the one not seeing reason! Masium is leading you down a dark path, just like his father!" I looked away, "Maybe that is my destiny."

Megan begged, "Please... for us." I said, "I do this for us." That was not a lie. She needed to be far away from my mother along with our child. Mother could live for several more years being tied to Fabian just meant she was on a clock. The clock was different for everyone. As a royal, she could live for five more years minimum. Long enough to poison my child. I could not have that. Aiden would lock her away after this. He'd know she helped. My nieces and nephews would be safe....but the whisperer.... she'd find a way with my child, and I couldn't have that. Part of me realized I was being paranoid. I couldn't help it though.

Megan had tears pouring out of her eyes. She whispered, "I Megan Stone, reject you Prince Arion Holloran as my mate." It hurt more than I thought it would. I kissed her forehead, "I hope that one day it is safe for you to take that back, but I don't think so. Not in this life. Maybe another reality. I want that for us. This rejection is for the best though. You can leave through any portal you wish if that is your plan. You have the ability to enter anytime as well." I snapped my fingers continuing, "Your bags are packed."

I popped away before she could say anything else. She'd figure out what my words meant. As someone who carried my child, she could enter Faerie. It was in our child's blood. I joined Masium and our forces out front. He whispered, "Her wolf took the bait. He's on his way to his Alpha friend. I already gave a speech. Do you have anything to add?" I snorted, "No, let's go." Masium said, "Will you at least be happy when we succeed?"

I didn't plan to succeed so; I didn't bother to answer him. We popped to Haley and Eric's territory. Half of me screamed she belonged here, and I needed to protect her. Masium nudged me. I sighed, "Addto meself own to meen unique point

supernatural needs (earth, sky, and fire I call upon you now listen to my unique power this supernatural group needs some sleep).” I wished I’d never told my Uncle I’d discovered I could put specific groups of supernatural’s to sleep. It was a rare talent. It only worked on supernatural’s with animal halves. All the wolves went down. I said, “Those staying to fight here, they will only be down for ten minutes.”

Masium snorted, “We will be back in five.” Now it was my turn to snort, “You forget how well Haley fights so quickly, Masium. Then she was confused and fucked up in the head. She shouldn’t have remembered her name, let alone how to fight. Now, she will not go down easily.” Masium said, “She just gave birth.” I left it unsaid she’d have already healed herself.

Masium and I popped into the hospital. We barged into the room. The look on her face alone had half of me wanting to pop away. There was a shield surrounding the children. Haley told the child not to drop it. I smirked. She was always smart. She wasn’t going to say out loud which child had the shield. I spoke to her, asking her to come with us quietly. They should be with us. We were always meant to be together. I could feel it. She ignored me and her face morphed into pure hatred when she looked at Masium. He flinched backwards as she spat that this was his fault. Little did she know; the Queen of the whispers was truly at fault here. Masium believed Aiden would forgive us. Haley told him he was wrong. I said nothing because she was right. She turned back to me and said I lost Megan for this. I told my sister that Megan would understand. She would. If I died she would get my letter. Megan would do the right thing.

Some men behind us moved towards the children. Haley took his air, easily killing him. She warned everyone else they’d die if they came for her kids. She conjured her swords. Masium tried to reason with her saying she’d just given birth. I rolled my eyes. Haley responded saying she’d healed herself.

I honestly lost some time. I felt like my insides were breaking apart the longer I stood there. I knew I taunted my sister at one point. I felt some final tether within me break when I raised my swords. I vaguely wondered if I was truly doing this. I was going to have to hurt her. Physically. She begged me not to. I charged forward.

She was good. I had to give her that. I had been practicing far longer than her, but she did not give an inch. We battled with our fairy powers and our swords. Her words she’d spoken came back to me. I once thought there was a time if anyone stood against the three of us they’d fall. That together nothing could stop us. She’d been right. Each time I cut her skin, I wished she’d find an opening to kill me. I hated myself. I shot her with a firebolt to my own surprise. I stared at my hand in shock. I hadn’t meant to do that. I’d lost control of my powers. which meant my soul was gone. This had to end. She had to kill me. I gave her the opening she needed. Her Hackura side could not deny the option to protect her children, and I

knew that. I glanced over at her children who were all crying. The next thing I knew there was a sword in my chest. I wasn't even sad or mad. She did what she had to do. She apologized. I wished I could wipe her tears away, but my hands weren't working. I was beginning to grow cold.

Haley changed her mind. She was going to heal me, but I refused her healing. I had to go. This was best. The next time I opened my eyes I cried and threw myself into my father's waiting arms. He held me tight, "Oh my baby boy." I said, "I've missed you dad. Does....Does this mean I died?" My dad had tears in eyes, "Your mother should've never encouraged a rift between you and your siblings. She knew that it would fracture you. I will never forgive her for this even though I love her with all my light."

I startled, "You shared your light with mom?" My dad nodded, "I will always love your mother, Arion. She was selfish with you and that....is not ok." I said, "My soul fractured dad...I wasn't fixable without the light of fairies." My dad smiled sadly, "Haley is the light of fairies." I cried, "We were the promised siblings? Haley was right. If we stood together no one could've defeated us." My dad said, "She's in the ribbon, Arion. One of you, probably more than one will get it right. You can protect them from the beyond." I looked up. My father was right. As a promised

sibling....it didn't matter that I was dead. I could protect my siblings from anyone who had died in the beyond. I could make this up to my sister. I could protect her from enemy number one, Fabian.