

Chapter 12: Fake Love

River Colden

Present

"River, baby, please. Baby, you love me, right? We love each other. The Moon Goddess gave me you and me to you. We're meant to be together. This is just a small hiccup in our relationship and everything will be alright, I promise." Ivy tries to console me with her pitiful expressions.

She crawls towards me on the floor and holds onto my legs, hugging it desperately, but I don't have the patience for this, for her, for what we have and I don't think I ever will again.

She continues to beg while I keep shaking her off my leg. Eventually, I manage to get her off me and she is just sitting down on the floor, crying and pleading, but I know that none of it is true and she is just putting up an act.

I could reject her right now. I could tell her that I've had enough of all this drama, all the lies, and deceit. What she did, lying to me, just that was enough reason to forget her being my Luna because no Alpha should allow that.

Still though, a part of me feels uncomfortable seeing her in this position. It's the mate bond, the one that binds us together, that is also currently making me feel horrible for treating her like this.

Fuck. Fuck all of this. Why the hell did the Moon Goddess give me someone like this? It's so goddamn unfair.

My mind instantly goes to Keira and how she must have thought of the

same thing, how unfair it is that Ivy arrived and took her away from me. I should have listened to her. Hell, I should have listened to Zane too, but like he said, it's too late now.

But it doesn't mean I have to keep giving in to Ivy and her pathetic actions. It all has to stop.

"River, I love y—"

"Shut up," I tell her with such a venomous tone she instantly freezes in fear.

"Remember this day, Ivy." My finger is pointed at her and I'm trying my best not to do more than just make a point.

"Because from this day forward, you're no longer my Luna."

She gasps. "Are you - are you rejecting me?!"

"What I'm doing is making you feel what you made Keira feel."

She blinks at me confused. "Wha—"

"Ivy Quinn, you will no longer be treated as my Luna. Starting today, you will no longer live the lavish life you have been living this entire time. You're not allowed to command other wolves to do whatever you want them to do either and you sure as hell aren't allowed to belittle them thinking you are better. Your only and true purpose here is to bore me an heir, and until that happens, you are nobody to me."

I feel a weight lift off of my chest after finishing, and though the mate bond is making my heart hurt a little, I push through.

Ivy looked to be a little too stunned to speak. I doubt she feels heartbreak

over our relationship, but more so the fact that I've taken away her privileges and power and that's what angers me the most, too.

I was a total fucking idiot for not seeing it until now. Or maybe I did, and I just chose to brush it off before. Stupid. So stupid.

"You can't do this! River, you - you can't treat me like this!" She cries out.

"Alpha. Call me your Alpha from now on. None of that 'baby' shit. And in case you didn't notice, I've already done it. See, Ivy? You shouldn't have lied to me. What you did, you ruined everything we had and could have had." I turned around and started to walk away. 3

I could hear her whimpering, and this time it's likely real. She's broken because I've taken everything away from her, and my heart immediately hurts in my chest knowing that that's exactly what I did to Keira, but even worse.

I took everything away from her and she had nobody left. No one else to turn to. I wondered how much she cried, how much pain she felt at that time walking the world all by herself.

Just as I was halfway out of the room, I stopped and took a deep breath before turning back around.

She was sprawled on the floor, hands in between her legs and tears running down her face.

This time, I no longer felt bad seeing her like this. All I can think about is how much she deserved it

"And for the record," I spoke again and she looked up at me instantly.

"I will never love you the way I did Keira." Then I walked out of the room

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and kept walking until my body felt like stopping. 7

When I looked up, I realized I was right beside a specific room. Keira's.

Slowly, I push open the door and I'm standing inside her room. Nothing seems to have changed except for the fact that it feels so much colder now that she's no longer here.

I'm alone, and the heavy feeling is drowning me. This makes me think of her again and how lonely she must have felt during that time.

"Fuck! I'm such a fucking idiot!" I release my anger and frustrations in her room, crying out all the bitterness in my heart. 1

I'm just glad no one can hear me here as all the rooms in this area are soundproofed. 4

I decided to stay here for a while. I go to sit on her bed and feel her old sheets. I know she's no longer there and her presence is long gone. In fact, her presence disappeared just a day after she was banished.

It would have happened slower, but she wasn't really connected to us by blood, and that's even the more disappointing part. If she was, it'd be easier to feel her again. Not entirely easy, per se. There would be a process to it, but it could happen. It was possible. 2

But with Keira's case? It wasn't. If anything, it was closer to impossible. No matter how hard the closest wolf to Keira would try and connect to her again, it would just be like trying to talk to a wall.

Having tired myself out due to today's unexpected circumstances, I decided to stay and rest here for a while, but because I didn't want anyone to see me if it so happens that somebody does come in here for

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whatever reason, I turned off all the lights and locked the door.

Knowing I was safe to stay here for a while, I let my body rest and soon, I fell into slumber, melting into her sheets and imagining what it would be like if she was still here. [2](#)



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"Fra asken til ilden" - "From the ashes to fire" in Norwegian.

Things are just going from bad to worse for Alpha

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