CHAPTER 24: I PROMISE YOU

After the dinner, Alpha Gavin looked at Sebastian with a smile.

"Once again, thank you for offering to send your doctor to our pack, Alpha Sebastian. I really appreciate it."

"It's not a big deal, Alpha Gavin. We are allies and we need to be there for each other," Sebastian replied, but his gaze was on Claire, who was beaming at him.

"Of course. We will do the same for you if you ever need our help," Gavin replied, a fond smile on his face. It was clear he liked Sebastian and seeing her father looking at Sebastian with fondness, Claire felt her heart fill with warmth.
Someday, you will be the best son-in-law and father-in-law in this world.

"I will have to leave now. We had just finalized the alliance we were discussing, and we have to do the paperwork now." Gavin said, after looking at his watch.

"Of course. Please carry on," Sebastian replied with a nod.

"Liam, join me. I will need your help."

Liam just stood there with a blank look on his face, his eyes having a faraway look. Seeing him stand there unresponsively, Gavin let out an exasperated sigh.

"Liam!" He called louder this time, infusing a bit of his alpha power to gather Liam's attention.

Liam was startled out of his dream world, and blinked dazedly before looking at Gavin with wide eyes.

"Yes, alpha?"

"I asked you to follow me to my office. Help me with the paperwork." Gavin repeated, looking at Liam with a puzzled frown.

"Sorry, I was thinking of something and didn't realize you were talking to me. Let's go, Alpha," he said in a shrill voice, making Claire wince. What was wrong with this guy?

Gavin shook his head as if exasperated, and Claire sympathized with him. It truly was tiring to deal with Liam.

"Good night, Alpha Sebastian. And you too, princess. I will see you guys tomorrow," Alpha Gavin said with a smile as he looked at Claire and Sebastian, who stood next to each other.

"Good night, Dad," Claire replied with a smile.

"Good night Alpha Gavin. And thanks for the dinner," Sebastian said, his indifferent mask back on.

With that, Alpha Gavin left the room with Liam, who was acting a bit off, nervousness radiating off him. He just followed Gavin without bothering to say anything to Claire or

Sebastian, even though he should have talked to Sebastian at least. However, Claire didn't care to wonder what was wrong with him since she was grateful he left without much hassle. She was certain he was going to show off their relationship in front of Sebastian. And when he didn't, she was pleased.

Seeing him leave the room, she let out a sigh of relief before turning to Sebastian. Now it was just the two of them left in the dining room.

Claire stared at Sebastian, who looked pleased with himself, and smiled. He may not trust her fully yet, but he cared for her. She knew he had recognised how upset she was. That was why he tried to cheer her up by offering to bring Doctor Jordan to check on her father. She just knew it, even though she knew he wouldn't admit it. The moon goddess truly loved her to bless her with such a wonderful soulmate.

Sebastian looked at Claire, wondering what he should say to her. Then deciding against speaking, he just gave her a nod and started walking away while Claire stared after him with a conflicted look. Seeing him walk away like that, she called out hurriedly.

"Wait!"

Sebastian paused, but he didn't turn to look at her. As he stood there as if waiting for her to speak, Claire sighed before walking towards him. She stood in front of him and they both faced each other silently for a moment. Claire bit

her lips to keep from smiling when she saw the curiosity brimming in his eyes. But still he had his signature blank mask on his face.

"Thank you," she said after what felt like ages, and Sebastian narrowed his eyes questioningly.

"For what?" he asked in a nonchalant tone.

Claire smiled at his response. He knew perfectly well what she was thanking him for. Well then, she would have to humor him.

"For offering the aid of Doctor Jordan for my father. I truly appreciate it. More than you will ever know."

Sebastian stared at her, a small smile playing on his lips.

"I promised you I would send him to treat your father, didn't I? I always keep my promise."

Claire looked up into his earnest eyes with a smile. 'In another life you had promised to always protect me and you did just that. I know you always keep your promise. More than even you know.'

"I know," she replied, her voice barely above a whisper.

Sebastian's eyes softened as he looked at her, and then he smiled. Not a smirk or a playful one, but a genuine smile. Claire blinked, her heart skipping a beat as she stared at the mesmerizing sight that was Alpha Sebastian's smile.

"Every time you face a problem, I will always be there for you. I will never let you be upset over something I can help you with," Sebastian said, his husky voice full of promise, and Claire blinked her tears away. She was worried this Sebastian wouldn't be the same man she had known in her last life. But with his promise, he made it known that even if he didn't have the memories she did, he was still the same Sebastian she adored.

Claire just nodded at him, afraid if she opens her mouth, she will end up wailing like a little girl. That won't be such a bad thing though because she knew Sebastian will hold her and let her cry until she gathers herself together. He will never judge her.

She smiled and looked up to see Sebastian glancing at her with a thoughtful look. Seeing her looking, he opened his mouth to speak. But then just shook his head, hesitation evident in his face.

"What?" Claire asked curiously.

"We are friends, right?" He asked suddenly, and she raised her brows.

Right. They were 'friends' even though he was her entire world.

"What type of question is that? I have already told you a hundred times that we are friends. Even today, I remember telling how we were friends and will always be. You forgot

about that this soon?" Claire teased him, trying to hide her flustered look.

Sebastian just shook his head, a soft smile on his face.

"We are friends," he repeated firmly. "And friends tell everything to each other, right?" He asked, making Claire stiffen. What was he up to now?

Claire nodded stiffly, a suspicious frown on her face.

"Yes, friends tell everything to each other," she replied, her mind flashing to all the times she had poured her heart over to the witch Diana, only to be exploited by her. Well, Sebastian meant a true friend like him, not fake bitches like Diana. True friends tell everything to each other indeed.

"So you know you can tell everything to me, right? If there is anything that troubles you, you can always share that with me. I will always be there to listen to your grievances. I will do anything in my power to make things easier for you. I promise," Sebastian said, the words feeling like déjà vu to Claire. He had said almost those same words in another life. He had kept that promise then, and she knew he would do it this time, too.

All of a sudden, seeing his earnest look, Claire wanted to share all her grievances with Sebastian. She wanted to tell him how this was her second chance at life. How she had once suffered from Liam and Diana's cruel planning and how she died at their hands while pregnant with Sebastian's

baby. All the horrible things she went through in that life flashed through her mind as if watching a movie, and she just wanted to spill everything to Sebastian. Why was she suffering alone when Sebastian was there to support her? She should just tell him everything and with him beside her, she will have to worry about nothing again.

Claire opened her mouth, intending to reveal everything to Sebastian, when suddenly clarity hit her. What was she doing? She couldn't tell anything about her rebirth to anyone!

She could feel something building inside her mind as if waiting to strike if she even uttered a word and she remembered the agony she went through when she tried to reveal the truth of her rebirth to her father. She knew she couldn't tell anything to Sebastian. At least not until she figure out what was stopping her from speaking and if there was a way around it...

Claire shook her head to gather herself and smiled at Sebastian.

"I know," she said, her eyes full of warmth. Sebastian had just promised her he would always be there for her. Knowing how even though he had just met her in this life, he was still ready to face anything for her made her feel joyous. Her body nearly sagged with relief at the thought that she was not alone anymore. She had found her Sebastian again. She was home...