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Sebastian looked at Devin who was biting his nails like a little girl while muttering under his breath. They were walking towards Eunice's room to check on her and Devin was having cold feet the closer they got to her room. Devin, who now felt saner after getting revenge on Diana, was anxious about his mate. He had felt anger the moment he saw her after Diana attacked her. But now, all he felt was pain for her.

On one hand, he wanted to comfort his mate and ease her pain. But another silly part of him refused to see his mate in pain. That stupid part urged him to dig a hole somewhere in the ground and bury his head there until Eunice gets well. Devin, being the smart alpha he was, ignored the cowardly part of himself and marched towards his mate's room bravely. Comforting her and knowing if she was fine is what mattered. His pain at seeing her hurt had to be tolerated. He had no other choice.

Beside Devin who was sweating crazily even if he was putting on a brave face, Sebastian looked at his friend sympathetically. He knew very well how Devin was feeling. When he heard Claire was wounded, nothing had mattered other than seeing her. Only after he saw her and made sure that her wound was not serious did he breathe easily. So he could only imagine how Devin was feeling after seeing his mate in such a condition. Poor chap.

Sebastian sighed, his mind flashing towards how Claire had acted when she saw Eunice. With a frown, he remembered the other times when he saw Claire acting oddly. The time when she mentioned

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Doctor Jordan when he was sure his identity was a secret of their pack. Her mentioning her father's illness when he seemed absolutely fine. The way she acts all cozy with Liam one moment but then gazes into Sebastian's eyes as if she could feel the same intense feelings he had for her. And now the way she shooed off Claire when she absolutely adored her friend. Sebastian knew it for a fact because he had seen her anxiousness when Devin and Eunice had their first date. She was so excited to see them together, and that itself told how much she valued Eunice's happiness. So why would she act as if she didn't have a care in the world when she saw her injured like that? And why would she offer that wretched woman that she would punish Eunice? This made no sense. Just what was going on with her? 2

'Are you calling our mate bipolar?' Caleb piped out suddenly, dissatisfaction oozing out of his voice. His mate can do no wrong! No one can think ill of his mate, even if it is the other part of himself!

Sebastian rolled his eyes, hearing his wolf's snarky question. His wolf was out for his blood again. Just a normal day in his life!

'I didn't say that,' Sebastian replied indifferently.

'Sure sounded like that!' Caleb declared indignantly.

Sebastian shook his head in a defeated motion.

'I was just trying to find what was up with her. And no. I don't think she is bipolar. But I have a feeling she is trying to hide something. Something huge.'

'So?' Caleb huffed indignantly. He didn't care if his mate was hiding

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anything. As long as his mate was fine, that was what mattered.

Sebastian let out an exasperated sigh but Devin, who was lost in his own world, didn't notice the internal battle raging on in Sebastian.

'I just want to help her. What if whatever she is hiding is serious? What if she is in trouble and she is hesitant to ask for help? I just want her safe and happy.'

He could feel Caleb pause, his indignation replaced by worry.

'Mate is in danger?'

'I am not sure, but I have a feeling something is up with her. Something that we need to know.'

'No one can hurt our mate!' Caleb growled out, his alpha aura blasting out powerfully without Sebastian's conscious decision, and even Devin snapped out of his thoughts as he felt the alpha power slamming into him. He paused, his gaze full of confusion as he looked at Sebastian, who pointed to his head. Realising the culprit behind the power blast, Devin rolled his eyes. That silly wolf was up at it again.

Hearing incessant growling in his head, Sebastian tried to pacify his wolf, who was throwing a tantrum.

'Relax, buddy. We will always look out for our mate. We will find out if she has any problems and we will help her with them. Don't you think we are competent enough to do that?'

Caleb stopped growling and let out an indignant huff.

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'I don't know about you, human! But I am certainly competent enough to look after my mate. I am an alpha wolf, for crying out loud!'

Sebastian just bit his lips at hearing the childish retort. Hearing no response from his human counterpart, Caleb whined.

'Let's help our mate!'

'We will, buddy. We will,' Sebastian promised, and felt Caleb settle down, his mind cooking up plans to destroy whoever touched his mate. Sebastian left him to his devices and looked up to see that they had already reached in front of Eunice's room.

Sebastian exchanged a glance with Devin, who took a deep breath, as if to gather his courage.

"Here goes nothing," Devin muttered to himself before touching the door when it sprang open suddenly, startling the mighty alpha.

Claire, who had finished talking to Eunice, had just stepped out of the room after promising to visit again when she bumped into the two alphas. All of them stared at each other in surprise for a moment before Claire smiled at them. Her smile brightened up Sebastian's mood, making him smile even before he made a conscious decision to do so. Devin, on the other hand, was staring at Claire with a confused look as if she was a puzzle he was trying to solve. Seeing his look, Claire raised her brows.

"I thought you came to see a certain lady who was waiting for you?" She said, and Devin perked up.

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"She is waiting for me?"

"Of course. You pummeled her assaulter and avenged her. She is waiting for her knight in shining fur to comfort her," Claire teased Devin, but he was practically vibrating with glee to mind her teasing. Seeing his excitement, Claire bit her lips to keep from commenting that he looked like an overgrown puppy.

But then Devin suddenly frowned, his anxiousness returning.

"How is she?" He asked hesitantly and Claire sighed.

"I would be lying if I say she is better now. But don't worry because she will reach there. Eunice is stronger than she looks. She has a mean fighting spirit, and this incident will not faze her. Just be there for her and she will be alright before you know it." Claire smiled, remembering the times when Eunice had cheered her up in her last life even when she had lost all hope in her life. Such a positive and energetic girl!

Devin smiled at her in response.

"Thank you. I will go see her now," he said, and Claire smiled.

"Good luck, lover boy."

Devin rolled his eyes in response, but he had a smile on his face as he walked into the room.

Claire turned to see Sebastian staring at her with a strange expression and raised her brows.

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"What's going on in that head of yours?"

Sebastian shook off his thoughts and smiled at her.

"Nothing. Are you going back to your room?"

Claire nodded at him in response.

"Alright. I will walk you to your room," Sebastian said.

"Okay."

They started walking towards her room, and Sebastian looked at Claire. She had just spoken so passionately about Eunice, making it clear that she cared for Eunice. His curiosity grew the longer he thought of what transpired when Diana attacked Eunice and what happened in front of the room now. So why did she act as if Eunice getting hurt didn't faze her? Unable to help himself, he turned to Claire.

"Are you facing any troubles?" Sebastian blurted out, making Claire freeze.

"Why would you think so?" Claire asked once she got over the initial shock.

"Just my instincts. I just feel that you are trying to hide something. Take today, for example. I know for sure that you care about Eunice. But when that girl attacked her, you didn't show any reaction. You even promised that you will punish Eunice. That didn't seem like you to me," Sebastian said, and Claire bit her lips.

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"If you are ready, you can tell me what's the matter. You know I will help you whatever it takes to do it, don't you?" Sebastian asked and Claire nodded but stayed silent as Sebastian stood there waiting for her answer.

She couldn't explain the reasons for her contradicting actions. She would have tolerated all the pain she suffered from trying to speak about her rebirth if she could actually speak, but no, whatever force was stopping her actually rendered her mute when she tried to speak. So she could only wait and hope everything will go right this time around. That he will still trust her even when she gave him no reason to...

"I can't tell you anything yet," she began and watched as his face fell, disappointment flashing in his eyes. But then the familiar poker face was back on and he nodded in understanding. He just nodded at her calmly.

"Alright. If that's your wish, I wouldn't push it."

Claire sighed and looked up at him, her eyes full of earnestness.

"I know I am asking too much. But will you please believe when I say I don't mean any harm? I have my reasons for what I do but I can't tell anything about it yet. Will you trust me?" Claire asked.

She stared at Sebastian with hope and fear warring inside her as she waited for his answer.

Sebastian looked at Claire's beseeching eyes and felt his heart warm at her look. Even if she was not her mate, Sebastian would have

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trusted her. He always had keen instincts, and from the moment he met her, he knew she had a kind and loving soul. He knew she would never hurt her friends, no matter what happened. She must have a reason for her actions and he will not question her.

"I will always trust you," Sebastian said, and Claire smiled, making his breath hitch. It felt as if the sun was shining after a cloudy day, the warmth of her smile refreshing his soul.

Claire felt her determination flaring up, feeling stronger than ever as she stared at Sebastian. Her mate and her friend trusted her, despite her keeping secrets from them. Having their support made her feel invincible, and she felt ready to conquer the world. But she knew it wasn't that easy.

If she wanted to take revenge, the first thing to do was to strengthen herself. She couldn't stay as the helpless maiden she was in her last life. She had to get strong to protect herself and her friends.

Even if her father had trained her and she had good fighting skills, it had been a while since she had trained seriously. Her father had wanted her to be the best warrior the pack had ever seen. But she had been stupidly in love with Liam and just wanted to stay beside him as a loving luna. She had lost interest in fighting and ended up slacking and growing rusty. With lack of practice, she wasn't as powerful as she could have been had she given it her best. If only she had listened to her father...

However, Claire fully intended to change her situation. She will train hard and become the best fighter the pack had ever seen, just like her father wanted. No one could ever trample over her or her beloved

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ones because she will not be that weak little girl anymore.

With determination flaring in her eyes, she looked up at Sebastian, who was staring at her curiously.

"I want to improve my fighting skills." Claire paused for a moment before continuing. "Will you become my trainer?"

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