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“Well, I see you got right down to business Titus.” Weston winked looking at the girl’s neck.

“Treat her well, Titus.” Dex said gruffly and then placed a hand on Rhea’s shoulder. “I’ll see to Rhea tonight so you can enjoy your evening with my sister.”

Weston gasped loudly and then looked at Rhea. “So, when you were talking about marking your mate you mean to mark Leviathan! You are so brazen. Wow... such bold tenacity right there.” Weston whistled and rubbed the back of his head. This girl was in a league of her own.

Rhea smiled and looked up to meet eyes with the blonde-haired beauty beside Titus. She wasn’t sure if she should say something to her. If she should reassure her that her relationship with Titus wasn’t anything. Then she also had this part of her that wanted to tell her to treat Titus well. She felt protective over all the hurt he had been through and she didn’t know this girl. Only that she was Dex’s sister.

“Titus is a good guy...I... please be good to each other.” Rhea said quietly. Not sure if she was out of line or not.

Lila giggled and looked up to Titus. “Aww she is protective of you.” Titus looked at Rhea and smiled. She was being like a big sister now even though she was the younger one.

“I promise... I’ll take good care of him.” Lila met with Rhea’s gaze and nodded her head. Lila was not a jealous girl. Actually, she was the opposite of Rhea in many ways. She was quiet and wasn’t big on violence. She was not a fighter but instead was a great diplomat. She would be the perfect compliment to Titus’ aggressive nature.

“So how do you think it is best to continue on with this... how do I denounce a mate to take on a new one?” Titus chuckled a bit but was not sure how to do it without Rhea getting put too much in the limelight.

“Why don’t you just ask Leviathan.” Weston said jokingly.

Rhea looked up to Titus and then shrugged. “Maybe we should? He is probably going insane right now thinking you are about to touch his mark.” Rhea scrunched her nose up and Titus chuckled.

“Wait... you really can summon him instantly? That’s real?” Weston raised his eyes in shock. He thought she was just teasing over that part.

Rhea took a few steps back and away from the others. She very rarely called for Lee. She never wanted to interrupt him. She closed her eyes and spoke into the quiet of her mind. Lee... Instantly, before she could even finish, he was there.

He showed up at her side and looked up in minor shock at the audience in front of him. He then looked back to Rhea. She was biting her bottom lip and looking adorable as hell. She had called him. Something had to be wrong. She never called for him. He didn't care who was there. His mate called him. He wrapped his arms around her and lowered his head into his mark. To his relief it was still untainted. It still smelled like him. He was going crazy. He was pacing back and forth unable to settle down. His beast wanted to let loose on the world and rampage in anger.

"Are you okay?" He quietly asked and glanced up to their audience.

"Mmmhmmm... did I bother you? Were you busy?" Rhea asked hoping she didn't interrupt anything important.

Lee chuckled quietly. "I was just thinking of all the ways I planned to kill, and torture Titus was all. Nothing major."

"Wow you're vindictive." Titus grinned and Lee flickered his attention to the back of the room. He took in the situation of Titus holding the girl in his arms. A girl who had a fresh brand on her neck.

"So, the baby boy finally found his mate." Lee smiled understanding the situation. "This is a very good thing. I was afraid I was going to have to kill the only brother I ever had." Lee joked again though the others in the room were a bit tense not understanding he was joking.

"It is a good thing because I was afraid that after getting a taste of me, she would never go back to you." Titus teased back the friendly banter picking up between the two of them.

"Alright boys... enough." Rhea tilted her head back into Lee. "We had to let a few more people in on our little secret. Hope that is okay..."

Lee looked at her and smiled. "Baby, I told you. Whatever you decide to do is alright with me. Say the word and I will go along with you."

"Except if I say I want to go and visit the Merrow..." Rhea teased quietly, and he let out a low growl letting her know that is out of the question.

She reached her hand up and flicked him in the forehead. "Don't growl at me already. Or I will really give you something to growl about." Rhea grinned up at him.

His eyes flickered at her in amusement before he let out a small chuckle. She was the only person who could ever get away with treating him like that. Instead of being angry, like he would with anyone else, he enjoyed it. He loved how comfortable she was with him. And she should be. She was his mate, his world and his life.

“It looks like the fairy princess has quite the way with men.” Ruby smiled and leaned back into Grayson. She could feel the connection between the two. She could finally relax. Her angel was not being mistreated. How could she not see it before? Right now it was so incredibly obvious.

Lee smiled at Rhea and kissed her forehead. She met with his eyes and shrugged. “So how should we proceed next? I was thinking about just saying that I wasn’t ready to say who my mate is for now. But we were not sure of the best way for Titus to proceed.”

Lee straightened up and looked at Titus. “In this situation... less is more.”

“I was thinking. I hope this isn’t out of line. And if Lila doesn’t mind. Couldn’t Titus say he marked her but then his true mate showed up and he decided to take her instead?” Dex said thoughtfully trying to add to the solutions.

“No.” Lee answered immediately. “That doesn’t look good on Titus. A future leader can not afford to appear wishy washy. It is best to go with the plan that he only said it to keep her protected. This would be understandable and actually make him appear like a kind king.” Lee had raised Titus up. He wouldn’t allow his name to be tarnished. Especially over protecting his mate.

“I guess that makes sense.” Dex said and nodded his head. “I mean I could always claim her as my mate but like Rhea mentioned that probably would not work anymore. There would be too much suspicion.”

Lee smiled and looked at Dex directly. “Also, I appreciate it. But it wouldn’t work for another reason. I was barely able to tolerate Titus acting as her mate. And I watched him grow up. He is like a brother to me. I wouldn’t be able to tolerate it with anyone else.”

Dex nodded his head. “I understand that. Rhea is your mate. I have nothing but respect for her. I look at her in the position she is in. She is my superior. I want you to know that I accept her as your mate. I accept her as being above me.”

“That’s right... she now is above all of us.” Weston sat his chin in his hands as he thought about it.

“That’s where the backlash would come in when word gets out she is his mate. We can handle the other dragons though. As long as we all respect her position the majority will follow suit. Then we will have to get rid of the few bad weeds.” Grayson said in a low threat. There would be dragons they would need to eliminate.

Lee nodded. He already knew that in order to keep peace there would be dragons that would need to be taken care of. It would mean culling some of their own if they wouldn’t accept it. She was his mate no matter what and her position was absolute. She was someone who could command the dragons if she ever chose to.

“You two look right together. It feels... it just feels like it makes sense. You guys can feel it too right? It is like a missing piece was suddenly put together.” Ruby was fascinated with how acceptable it felt. Seeing their deity with Rhea it almost felt like it was a piece of destiny that was always meant to be. She understood their draw to Rhea. She was their deities mate. Even not knowing that their instincts were directing them to protect her.

“Well let’s hope the deities feel the same way.” Titus said with a thin smile. That was the barrier they were still waiting to bust down.

“Lila... I know you aren’t the type... but... how do you feel about all of this? You are getting dragged into this too.” Dex looked back at his sister. He wanted to make sure she was okay and understood everything.

Lila smiled back at her brother. “I’m fine. Titus explained everything and I understand the situation well.” Lila then giggled and looked at Lee and Rhea. “Besides, I think if our deity over there was able to control himself over his mate being touched then I should at least have as much restraint as him.”

Rhea leaned into Lee and smiled. She was happy for Titus. She felt like she couldn’t be completely happy until she knew he had someone too. Once her and Lee were clear then all that was left was getting rid of the demons.

She frowned slightly. It had been a little too quiet on that end. She hadn’t heard anything from any of her family in those regards. Did Freya make it there okay? Has Abaddon attacked the Diamond Pack? What was her father and mother planning to do? She knew they had a plan up their sleeve as well. When didn’t her mother have a plan? At least she felt like her mother and father were at least coming up with something. They were both thinkers. They have fought before and have experience. Her father almost killed Abaddon the last time they clashed against each other.

Rhea suddenly stiffened. Oh no... She felt her chest tighten and her chest squeeze at the sudden realization. Calm down Rhea... Calm down... you don’t know anything. But she was almost certain of it now. Shit Rhea...

“Rhea what is wrong?” Lee rubbed her arms gently. He felt her body begin to shiver. “Rhea.”

She shook her head as she tried to think. What was it exactly? She had to be sure... she needed to check. She felt immediately flustered and she raised her hand to her head trying to think.

Cody. Kelsie. Meet me at the back of the castle. Her voice was urgent as she reached out to them

On our way! The two voices echoed back into her mind.

“Rhea!” Lee finally growled and gripped onto her arm tighter.

She spun and looked at him. “I think I messed up.” She took in a deep breath. “I need to check something.” She took off running out of the old part of the castle.

“Rhea, Wait!” Lee called after her and grabbed onto her arm outside of the castle. “Stop! Talk to me.” He watched a small tear slip down her cheek.

“Gosh Lee. I wasn’t thinking. I wasn’t paying attention. I’m screwing up.” She was having a hard time breathing now. If only she had her wolf... she would have known. Damn it...

“Rhea. Calm down and look at me.” Lee laid his hands on her shoulders and she quickly brushed them away.

“You can’t Lee.” He couldn’t touch her out here. It was too risky. The others ran up to them.

“What is going on?” Titus asked noticing how distressed Rhea seemed.

“Rhea!” Cody yelled out as he ran down the hill with Kelsie at his side.

Kelsie... I need a ride. Quick! Rhea glanced at Lee before she turned away and ran up to Kelsie. The moment Kelsie turned into her horse Rhea hopped onto her. Go Kels.

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Kelsie took off in the direction Rhea told her. Cody had also transformed and was running at Kelsie’s heels. The landscape blurred by in the darkness as they raced away at incredible speed. Though no one but Rhea knew what they were racing towards.

Rhea what is going on? Cody asked her. He was completely confused. He noticed the dragons flying above them in the sky. It looked like no one knew what was going on.

Kelsie rode into the flower garden and Rhea hopped off of her. She watched as Kelsie and Cody went back into their human form. Followed by the dragons who landed turning into their human form.

Lee looked furious and he stomped towards Rhea who had walked to the far end of the garden. She was knelt down. Her hands were trembling now. He didn’t care who was looking. She was distressed and needed him. He knelt down beside her and wrapped his arms around her. “Baby... what’s wrong?”

“Lee...” She glanced upwards and the tears trickled down her face. “It would be a few hours old but tell me what you smell.”

Lee took a moment and tried to focus on the different scents around him.

“Do you smell... licorice?” Rhea watched as he nodded his head to her. She closed her eyes shut. “We have a problem...”

“Shit...” Cody growled as he listened to the conversation. “How long-ago Rhea?!”

“A couple hours. I’m sorry I didn’t know. I wasn’t paying attention.” She began to quietly sob. “I just now put it together. It just suddenly clicked. And if I could smell it...it had to have been close.”

Cody roared loudly. He was the only one who understood this situation. “I’m looking around.”

“Cody don’t.” Rhea jumped up and grabbed onto his arm.

“What in the world is going on?! I want answers now.” Lee growled. There was panic going on and he had no idea what was being panicked over.

Cody turned and looked at Lee. “Rhea is in danger here. That is what is going on. And I keep leaving her side. I’m done leaving your side Rhea. I can’t risk it.”

Lee’s eyes grew dark. “What do you mean she is in danger here?”

Cody walked over and lifted Rhea up into his chest. “Cody put me down. You're overreacting right now.”

“No. I’m taking you inside. You said the upstairs is imbued with magic right? Meaning no one can enter unless you allow them, right?” Cody turned and asked Lee who nodded his head. “Good. We will talk about this there then.”

“Cody-” Rhea protested.

He turned to her and growled. “NO RHEA!” He was angry. That bloodthirsty demon had gotten close to his sister. Too close if she was able to recognize his scent.

Lee squeezed his fists angrily. He did not know what the hell was going on but for Cody to act like that towards Rhea it wasn’t good.

He stomped over to Titus. “Do you smell the faint scent of licorice?”

“Yes, what about it?” Titus asked looking around confused.

“Track it down. I want to know where the scent came from and who it belongs to. Kill it if you find it then meet me back at my place.” Lee ordered and Titus immediately complied. If Lee was demanding something it was urgent. So even though he had no idea what he was looking for, he went searching for the scent and the owner of it.

Kelsie followed at Cody’s heels up the unending stairs. When they reached the top Lee was already standing there waiting for them. He moved swiftly and snatched Rhea out of her protective guardian’s arms. Cody growled slightly feeling extra protective over Rhea.

Lee tilted his head towards Cody with a wry smile. “Easy. She might be your sister but she is my mate. Now...” He looked at Rhea in his arms. She looked anxious and upset. Whatever was going on had her shaken. “What is going on?” He lowered her feet to the floor but kept her body flush against his.

Rhea leaned her head into Lee. “I messed up Lee. I just wasn’t paying attention like I should have. I did not even realize what I was smelling until just now. My mother told me that the demon Abaddon had come after her several times. She knew it was him by his scent... he carried the scent of black licorice.”

Cody growled angrily. “How in the hell did that demon get into the dragon kingdom? I thought it was protected? I thought demons couldn’t enter here?” Cody snarled as he paced about angrily. Kelsie reached her hand out on his arm to calm him down. She finally learned what was going on and understood why he was so upset.

“Let’s see what Titus finds out. I sent him after the scent. Maybe a child was just eating candy near there?” Lee rubbed onto Rhea’s arm. “Rhea... you didn’t mess up. Okay? And hell woman. The next time you tell me exactly everything that is going on before you race across the countryside. Otherwise, I am snatching you up and putting you up in a tower that has no way down.”

“That’s not a bad idea... got a tower like that around?” Cody smirked and Lee chuckled. With some one like Rhea, it would be easier to lock her up to keep her out of trouble.

“I’m sorry. I just felt so flustered. I couldn’t believe I missed that. I was just preoccupied about today and wasn’t thinking fully.” Rhea looked up to Lee with sad eyes. She felt like she really messed up.

“Baby... it’s okay. You were understandably preoccupied. Trust me... I was too.” Lee cupped her cheeks in his hands and leaned forward pressing himself into her lips. Her lips felt cold, but his heat instantly warmed them. He felt a small shiver run over her. He wasn’t sure if it was from being cold, scared, or the effect he was having on her. He pulled away and wrapped her body tightly into his. “I’m not going to let anything happen to you.” He looked up at Cody as he said this. His eyes were promising that as well. Let anyone try to touch what is his.

A shadow hovered over the large opening and a sizable dragon flew inside. As his feet landed, he seamlessly shifted into his human form.

Titus walked up to Lee and sighed with his hands out. "I couldn't follow the scent. It vanished. It came up the far cliff side and also disappeared into that direction. But the scent vanished where our border reaches. It was like the scent only existed on the border of the kingdom. What is going on?"

Lee furrowed his brows down. This wasn't good news. This meant that somehow the demon found a way to enter into the West Dragon kingdom. He couldn't have done this alone. There was magic involved here as well. He looked up to Titus.

"We have a big problem going on here." Lee sighed and explained to Titus about Abaddon and his scent. "How could he have gotten through the barrier though..."

Titus was livid. He was beyond outraged. A foul demon dared to come into his kingdom and it was after Rhea. His eyes twitched in anger and he scowled in agitation. "How indeed... even with someone on the inside helping him he couldn't get through the barrier. And then for his scent to disappear after leaving our kingdom.... Wait a minute." Titus looked up to Lee. "What if he didn't walk through the barrier. What if he transported inside of it. That would explain why his scent wasn't past the barrier because he didn't walk out to the other side. He transported to another location."

Lee nodded his head. This seemed very plausible.

"We should be able to adjust the barrier accordingly. I will speak with gramps and have him work on it. This shouldn't be able to happen again." Titus shook his head and frowned. "Rhea... are you okay?" She was in his kingdom under his protection. She shouldn't have to be worrying.

"I'm okay. Just upset with myself for not catching it earlier." Rhea couldn't believe she let it slide. She should have been paying better attention. Maybe if she had her wolf and her heightened senses it wouldn't have happened. She only had her regular human smelling. He must have been close. She was angry. She could have ended this with him then if she would have just realized it. She wasn't afraid of him being there. She was upset and angry with herself. To the point of tears. This was all her fault... that Abaddon was still waltzing around instead of buried eight feet under. To hell with burying him. She would have burned his existence away.

"Rhea. You shouldn't have had to catch it earlier. It shouldn't have ever happened. Somehow he found a loophole. It won't happen again. I don't want you to be worried." Titus looked into Rhea's sapphire eyes trying to reassure her he was surprised by the loud scoff she let out.

They all thought she was afraid? She was trembling with anger. She wasn't afraid of Abaddon. Was he sick and creepy? Sure. But she didn't fear him. "I'm not worried." Rhea took a step away from Lee and looked up at him. "I'm not afraid." She looked at Cody. "I'm angry." Kelsie smirked as she watched Rhea. She was proud of her. She was a kick ass girl. She wasn't the girl waiting to be rescued.

Rhea was tough. It wasn't that she was impervious to fear... it was just that she also had a strong sense of protecting. "I can't believe I missed my chance. He was so close. I could have ended this today had I been paying attention. I messed up and I am angry."

Lee shot a hand out and wrapped it around Rhea's wrist. "It sounds like you are saying you would have fought the demon right then had you noticed..." Lee growled not amused with what he was hearing.

"That's exactly what I am saying." Rhea snapped up at him.

"See?! Trouble. Trouble trouble trouble. Damn it Rhea. Lock her up Levi." Cody snarled and shook his head angrily. His sister was going to get herself killed.

"That is a problem for me Rhea. A real problem. I won't have you putting yourself at risk. What am I supposed to do with you? Do I really need to lock you up?" Lee's voice was crisp and low. A deadly tone seeping into his voice.

"It's okay for everyone else though? It is okay for everyone else to put themselves at risk but me... Why? That way of thinking isn't fair." She shot out glaring an angry look towards Cody as well.

"Rhea..." Titus' said very calmly. "I have no doubt that you are tough. I am sure you would be a tough opponent. The thing is... your it. There is only you. If something happens to you then the fairies are left without an heir."

"What if something happens to you?" Rhea spat back bitterly.

Titus smiled. "Then I have family who would be next in line to take over. Reese would take over if something happened before I could produce an heir. Who would take over for you, Rhea?" Titus looked at her pointedly as he watched her tense slightly. Honestly, it really didn't matter if there were others to replace her position because no one could replace her. She was important to him... she was important to all of them. Book 2

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Rhea stood quietly. The answer was no one. There was no one who could take over in her place. Maybe if something happened to her, they would let her brother lead? Possibly? She didn't know. There wasn't a precedence for it. "That doesn't mean that any of you are any less important to me though. I would be the one having to live with the guilt if something happened."

“And us? If we weren’t there to help you? If we weren’t there to protect you? How do you think we would feel?” Cody asked quietly.

Okay... he was right. If she had suspected Abaddon instead of just rushing into the fight, she should at least let Cody and Kelsie know. She should let those who are close to her know. She should make sure Lee knew. She didn’t have to be scared. She also didn’t have to let her own pride cloud her judgement. She was so stuck on the idea of whether she could defeat Abaddon on her own that she didn’t take the time to reflect that she didn’t have to.

Ugh, she hated that she was wrong. Still, she wouldn’t sit idly by and let everyone else fight her battles. “I won’t be locked in a tower to watch the battle unfold, but I promise I won’t leave you out. Sorry. I am just frustrated.” Rhea sighed playing with her fingers.

“That’s my kick ass girl.” Kelsie said as she wrapped her arms around Rhea. “It’s okay to stand up for yourself and fight. It is also okay to lean on the support you have created around you. We are all here because we want to be part of your life. We want to be involved in your fights too. So, don’t leave us out. You know how salty I would be if I didn’t get to kick some demon ass?” Kelsie leaned her head into Rhea and the two exchanged a warm smile.

“So... do you have to go back down there to be marked by Titus?” Cody asked not knowing about Lila yet.

“Actually.... Titus has found his mate.” Rhea smiled and looked up at Titus.

“Ha! Talk about providence... well in a sense. Now what is the game plan?” Cody turned and looked at Lee and Rhea.

“We are just going to try to keep things on the downlow for now. Titus is just going to claim that he was protecting me and leave it at that.” Rhea watched Cody nod his head in understanding.

“What about Titus’ mate? Is she understanding over all of this? Because I don’t care who she is, if she gives you a hard time, I’ll crack her skull.” Kelsie’s dark eyes shot up to Titus and glared at him with promise.

Titus chuckled and shook his head. “Lila isn’t like that. Besides... I wouldn’t allow even my mate to mistreat Rhea. Not to mention Rhea is above her. Rhea is Levi’s mate, and she knows it. To mistreat Rhea would mean to mistreat Levi. There are not many, who knowing that, will engage her with ill intent.”

“So, Rhea is in a sense the queen bee around here?” Kelsie took a step back and leaned back into Cody’s side. This was reassuring to hear.

“She’s on equal status with Levi. Well... she will be once everyone knows. But for those of us who do know... well Levi here has never been a lenient fellow.” Titus chuckled and shrugged. “I do need to get back. I need to settle this mate issue and then officially do the acceptance kiss... with my actual mate.” Titus said, feeling a bit giddy thinking about his new mate.

Lee walked up behind Rhea and leaned his body into hers. "I'm happy for you Titus. Lila has always been a kind girl. She will be a good mate for you."

"Thank you, Levi. I feel relieved knowing it is her. Okay well I am heading back down." He looked up to Lee. "You'll be down there right? To give your blessing and such... plus..." Plus Levi was his family. It was a moment he wanted to share with him. He had to have his big brother there.

Levi smiled already knowing what Titus was thinking. "Of course, I'll be there. You're marking your own mate. Now THAT I wouldn't miss for the world."

Titus chuckled and nodded his head. "When the time comes... The four kingdoms will also give you our blessing publicly. We all decided that you will need to still go through the mate acceptance kiss Rhea. Just with the proper mate." Titus winked at Lee and then turned and jumped from the large opening. He turned into his dragon and gracefully flew in the sky.

"Man, werewolves and werebears are really behind the times. Were we the only ones who didn't get to keep their clothes when we shifted? Thank goodness for troll nail clippings." Cody grinned sheepishly and chuckled. "It is so much more convenient this way."

"Yeah... I'm glad that won't be an issue when Rhea starts shifting. I don't need anyone getting a glimpse of what they shouldn't." Lee smiled and rested his arms around Rhea. He still needed to have a talk with his kitten over everything. He wanted it known that she is never ever to just run off like that. He wanted to be sure she understood it. It was her and him.

"Rhea-" Cody started.

"Nope. Don't ask. I'm going down there too. I'm going to witness this event as well. After all..." She tilted her head up to Lee and smiled. "This should be an event that Leviathan's mate is at, right?"

Lee chuckled lowly and bent down and kissed her nose. He was also going to ask her to stay up here but how could he now? Such a clever little kitten. She knew what she was doing right there. And hearing her saying Leviathan's mate made him have childlike happiness. "Yes, my mate should be present." He looked up to Cody and Kelsie. "I'll have her seated at the head table. Dex has offered to look after her and he is a trustworthy guy. Not that I'll let him pretend to be your mate." He grinned. "But he has always been honorable, and she will be safe at his side. The dragon kings are not ones to be messed with. She is safer there than she will be with you." He could see Cody wanting to protest. It wasn't that Cody wouldn't protect her with his life, he knew he would. But that no one would dare touch his princess wedged safely between the royals of the surrounding kingdoms.

"I don't feel comfortable..." Cody said quietly. His eyes flashed over to Rhea with a small frown. He felt like he was slacking on his duties even if she was safer with others over him. Maybe it was something he just needed to adjust to. The fact that there were other people helping him look after his precious sister, the fairy princess.

“I’m not going anywhere either. I’ll have one eye on her at all times. If it makes you feel better, you two can patrol the grounds and see if you can catch his scent. But... I suggest you continue your evening together.” Lee looked down at Rhea with a sad serious face. “You might as well enjoy the moment while you can. Things will not always be quiet.”

Cody understood what he was saying. It was just too close of a call for him. His instincts were to protect his sister... to protect the fairy princess. He felt like he hadn’t been doing a good job. Tristan never would have left his mother’s side. That part stung a bit. Knowing Tristan wouldn’t have ever left Rhea alone if she was his charge.

“Cody... don’t.” Rhea said quietly and smiled at him. “Quit beating yourself up over nothing. Lee is right. I am safe. You think something will happen to me under Lee’s nose?” She leaned into her gentle protectors’ arms. Well... he was gentle with her.

Cody sighed. “Kelsie and I will do a round around the premises and then after that we will rejoin the party. I want to keep my eye on you just in case.” He looked at Rhea with a small frown. She was always trying to make sure he was happy. She wanted him to be her normal brother. Not the brother who was her guardian. He appreciated it, he really did. But he was her guardian. He would do his best to balance his life and enjoy the moments he could. Especially since Levi would be there tonight he could later enjoy the evening with Kelsie. But before that, he wouldn’t feel better until he did a perimeter check.

“Come on Cody. We might as well get started checking the grounds. We don’t want to miss the big event either.” Kelsie tugged Cody back down the stairs. She was giving Rhea a moment alone with Levi since she wouldn’t be able to touch him for the evening.

As soon as they left Lee spun Rhea around in his arms. He tilted her chin up to him and planted his lips against hers. Her plump lips were delicious. And what he planned to be just a short kiss started to become more. He dominated her mouth and forced his tongue entrance to dance with her own. He held her head captively and began to needily suck her tongue. Her soft moans continued to encourage him as his free hand wandered down her body. He was claiming her body as his possession. It was beginning to be too much for him to control. He was going to have to mate with her soon. He needed her. To hell with all this waiting.

“Mmmm, Rhea.” His husky voice called into her lips. “Baby, this is starting to get hard to deny.”

She sagged against him panting back into his lips. His touches drove her crazy. She couldn’t imagine ever feeling something this intense with anyone else. He had to be her mate too, right? There is no way this is just this intense without him also being her mate.

“I’m sorry for calling you earlier. I try not to bother you when you are away.”

Lee smiled against her lips. “Bother me? Call me whenever you want me, whenever you need me. You rarely ever call for me. I was a bit worried at first. I was shocked to see the audience around you too.” He chuckled and bit at her bottom lip lightly. “I’m glad you told them about us

though. It helps put me at ease just a bit. Knowing that they know who you belong to means they also know your place.”

“My place?” Rhea asked out and flicked her tongue onto his lips. Still caught up in the sensual moment.

“Yes, Rhea. Your place. You are not their equal. You are their superior.”

“All because I am with you? I feel that really doesn’t make sense.”

“Because it is ME it makes perfect sense.” Lee brushed his nose into his mark on her neck letting his hot breath melt her skin.

“I don’t want to be treated with reverence or anything. I just want to be a friend.” Rhea tilted her head to the side allowing him access to her neck.

“Hmmm.... Maybe. Your position is a delicate one. Friendship can also be viewed as favoritism.” He gently nipped at his mark on her neck and tugged on her skin gently.

“Mmmm Lee.” Rhea bit her bottom lip and he retreated from her. They had to stop the game before there was no stopping it. Rhea smirked up to Lee. “You know... you say that but clearly Titus is your favorite. And don’t you dare deny it.”

Lee smiled. “I won’t deny it. He is. But I can still be objective with him. And because I am closer with him I am also tougher on him over things too because I expect better.”

“See. We can be their friends Lee. We can be all of their friends and continue to be objective.” She leaned on her tiptoes and kissed his lips gently. “You isolate yourself and keep yourself at a distance. I understand why but it is okay to let some people in.”

Lee chuckled lowly and tightened his arms around her. “You’re the only one I need to let in Rhea. I only need you.” He leaned his forehead on hers and then sighed.

“Time to go huh?” Rhea watched him nod and she smiled. “Okay, but I want extra snuggles tonight.”

“Like you need to even say that.” He prodded her nose lovingly and led her down the stairs. Snuggling tonight wasn’t going to be a problem. The problem was going to be the same one he had to struggle with every night. And that was making sure he kept his fairy pure. At least for just a little bit longer. He wanted the moment to be special. More than that though. He wanted it to be the celebration of their relationship. To celebrate being able to announce it to the world. To not have to hide what he could not hide afterwards.

His fairy didn’t realize it. But every night she played with fire. He smiled to himself as he opened the stairway door escorting her through. He couldn’t wait until he could finally burn her.

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Rhea walked on ahead of Lee and into the great room. Lee had told her that Titus had sent Dex there to wait for her. She saw him waiting in the room leaning against a pillar. His eyes lit up when he saw her, and he flashed her a bright smile. He didn't miss the promising glare of the deity in the background as he walked up and took her arm.

"Titus is about to make the announcement soon. You'll stay close to me. I was going to say I'll protect you but I may need you to protect me from your mate later. Make sure you put in a good word for me." Dex chuckled and walked her slowly back out to the party.

"He knows you are a good man. Otherwise, he wouldn't allow you to watch over me." Rhea smiled and watched Dex look at her.

"Really? He thinks I'm a good guy?" Dex said happily.

Rhea giggled. "What you don't think you are?"

Dex laughed. "It isn't that. I just... never thought he noticed me."

"Well... he does." Rhea grinned up to Dex who smiled softly.

"What is he like? I mean...I don't really know him, you know? He is always just quietly observing. He talks with the Great Sage and Titus frequently but for the most part doesn't engage with everyone else."

"He's... he's everything. He is fun, kind, endearing, possessive, strict, protective, gentle... he is a bit of everything." Rhea scrunched her nose up knowing she sounded like a lovesick girl.

"Good." He smiled at Rhea. "I'm glad he makes you happy. It is obvious that you really care about him."

"I do... I love him." Rhea said shyly.

"So, is he your mate too then?" Dex asked casually.

"I don't know... but it doesn't matter. I am choosing Lee. Honestly, I feel like he has to be my mate because of how strongly I feel about him. But regardless he is my person. I... I need him."

Rhea looked ahead as they approached the tented area. The white tent had the covers drawn to the sides and you could see inside. She could see everyone sitting at the head table where Dex was leading her back to.

“Titus filled us in on what is going on. You are safe with me. The Great Sage is already working on the barrier to make sure something like that won’t happen again.” Dex watched her nod slowly as she continued to look at the table they were approaching.

“Is it still okay for me to sit here? I mean because it is supposed to be for the royal kingdoms...” Rhea asked quietly.

Dex laughed. “Yes. For one, you belong at this table just as much as any of us especially given your mate. And two, you are my date for the evening and as such you are to sit at my side.”

“Oh? I’m your date? Let me go tell Lee that.” Rhea teased.

“Unofficial date.” Dex coughed out quickly and then grinned at Rhea. “You are the person who I will be protecting tonight so it will be easier to have you as my fake date.”

Rhea giggled. “Don’t get so tense. You act like he will slaughter you instantly.”

“Rhea... us dragons aren’t that tame. And that deity of yours... well he has the scariest temper out of us all. His temper isn’t the only scary thing about him though. He has the skills to back it up. He is only tame around you.” He lowered his voice quietly as they approached the table.

Rhea smiled and shook her head. Lee had to be like that because of his position but it wasn’t who he was. He was someone he liked to have fun too. She was determined to help transition him in some. He could have friends and still be their deity. She wanted them to see just how great Lee was without constantly fearing him.

“Rhea... you look much better now.” Ruby said as Rhea scooted into her seat. She was now seated between Weston and Dex. Beside Dex were two empty seats where another one had been placed for Lila.

“Perfect timing. Titus is about to make his announcement and then he will lead off with the acceptance kiss.” Grayson nodded in the direction where Titus had just walked up from.

Curious eyes were on him as he walked to the front with Lila laced in his arms. Lee took his position in the front of the area near the far front of the tent. He was present but out of the way.

“I know there is some confusion here. There is a reason for my actions is all that you need to know. I claimed the fairy princess as my mate in order to keep her safe. However, tonight...” He turned his head and smiled down at Lila. “Tonight I have met my real mate. I am here to formally introduce her to you and accept her in front of you all to witness.” Titus turned to Lila and smiled. This wouldn’t be tastefully done. It didn’t have to be. She was his and he was going to indulge himself with her.

Weston chuckled as he watched Titus partake of his mate. “What’s the matter Dex? You not watching the show?”

“No thanks.” Dex said as he had his eyes averted in the other direction.

Rhea folded her arms and sighed. “Silliness. Pure silliness. This is really a ridiculous tradition you have going on here. You are just letting the men make a spectacle of their new mate.” Rhea clicked her tongue in agitation.

“Yeah, but you plan to mark your mate too so you’ll be making a spectacle of him as well, right?” Weston grinned and flashed his eyes to her.

“It is important though Rhea. Yeah, there might be a bit of fun involved, but it is an important part of the acceptance. Though... when it comes to my sister it is not one I wish to watch.” Dex said with a small frown. “How about you? You going to watch Grayson here feast on Ruby?”

Weston frowned. “Thanks for souring the mood Dex.”

“Anytime champ.” Dex flashed a wide grin at him.

“Well... showtime.” Grayson said as he helped Ruby to her feet.

“Weston... just so you know... Grayson is helping himself to Ruby just as enthusiastically as Titus did with Lila.” Rhea smirked knowing this would give him the mental image in his head.

“Rhea, you are evil. Just evil.” Weston closed his eyes and rubbed his forehead.

Rhea...

Rhea turned her head as she searched around for the voice. Her eyes landed in the distance away from the tents.

Cody... what did you find? She could tell by his posture that he seemed anxious. Where is Kelsie?

Kelsie is fine. I sent her to deliver a message to our parents.

When Rhea heard this, she stood up from her seat. Whatever Cody had found it warranted him sending Kelsie away. Dex stood up beside her. “I need to speak with my brother.”

“What a coincidence... I do too.” Dex smirked and tilted his head down to her.

“Yeah, me too.” Weston said as he stood up from the table.

They were not about to let her out of their sight. They walked with her out of the tented area. Lee was in the front with Titus and Grayson. He was getting ready to publicly approve of the mates.

His side eye was watching Rhea leave with Weston and Dex. He clenched his jaw and took in a deep breath. He then turned and continued on with his blessing.

“Cody... what is it?” Rhea walked up and took her brother's hands.

“Rhea... I’m not sure what we should do. I don’t feel like you are safe here.” His voice was hushed as his eyes glanced up to Dex and Weston.

“Of course, she is safe. We would never let anything happen to her.” Weston snorted out insulted.

Cody ignored him and looked into Rhea’s eyes. “Kelsie and I traveled outside of the borders. We went lower towards the bottom. The scent of licorice is covered over the area. The stench of rotting wolves is also there. However... the scent of dragons was there too. I could only pick up the general dragon scent and couldn’t pinpoint it to anyone in particular. The scent of wind and smoke was all I could make out. The generic dragon scent. How many dragons here are on the side of the demons?”

Rhea listened to him and nodded her head. They had already suspected there were dragons aiding Abaddon especially since the idiot already implied it. She smiled and looked into Cody’s eyes.

“Do you think I am the kind to run away Cody?” She tilted her head down and looked up at him.

“Ugh, Rhea.” Cody growled and furrowed his brows at her.

“Cody... This is my home now. I’m not being driven from my home again. The demons already did that to me once. I’ll be damned if they do it again.” It was the demon's fault she had to leave the Diamond pack. She finally had a home again and it was with the man she loved. She wasn’t going to lose what she had just gained. “Besides... you haven’t gotten to stretch those muscles of yours in a while. I bet you are just aching to crack some skulls.”

Cody sighed and leaned his head into Rhea’s. “The day is going to come when we would face them anyways huh? Might as well start taking chunks of them down before the big showdown.” Cody smirked as Rhea’s eyes lit up happily. “But I mean it Rhea. You stay close and no wandering off on your own.”

“Deal!” Rhea jumped up and kissed Cody on the cheek. He wasn’t going to make her leave. He was agreeing to stay and fight if they had to. She was sure Lee and Titus wouldn’t allow her to fight but at least Cody wasn’t making her leave.

Dex and Weston stood by smiling at the two. It was obvious that they were very close with each other. What touched them was that they could tell that Rhea wanted her brother’s approval. She wanted him to tell her it was okay to stay. Even though she was independent she still didn’t want to cause problems for her brother.

“Just so you guys know... we know we have a few dragons that have betrayed us. We are working on figuring out who all is involved. We are keeping a watchful eye out.” Weston said looking at Cody.

“We are all working to make sure your sister is safe.” Dex smiled and nodded to Cody. It was no longer just Titus and Leviathan watching out for his sister.

“Thank you, she is a bit of a troublemaker, but I’ve grown attached to her.” Cody squeezed Rhea’s shoulders and grinned down at her.

“Troublemaker... I prefer the term spirited.” Rhea smiled and looked up to Cody as he shook his head with a crooked smile.

“Man did I choose the short end of the stick. I should have chosen Wyatt and then I’d be living the cushy life and let Jason chase after you.” Cody teased and poked at Rhea’s side.

“Who are you kidding? You know you love that I am keeping your life interesting.” Rhea stuck her tongue out at him, and he shook his head and chuckled.

“Like I said. As much as I love a paper cut.”

The sound of footsteps approaching made them turn their heads. Titus, Grayson and Lee were walking towards them.

“Is everything okay?” Titus asked. Lee remained focused on Rhea but kept his distance in the public eye.

Cody sighed and filled them in on what he had found. “Honestly, I wanted to take Rhea back to Elysium.” He looked down at her. “But she reminded me that this is her home now. We already had to leave our home once because of demons. So, we aren’t going to let that happen again.”

“Cody could you show the area to Reese? I’d like him to look the area over as well.” Titus looked at Cody and watched his eyes flicker nervously down to his sister. “She will be glued to Dex’s side. Even if he has to follow her in the ladies room.” Titus teased and heard a low grumble escape Lee’s lips.

“I would never. Lila or Ruby would follow her in there.” Dex held up his hands and looked at Lee shaking his head.

“I’ll have my eyes on her at all times tonight.” Lee was staring directly at Rhea as he spoke to Cody. “So, go ahead and show Reese the area.”

“Okay.” Cody nodded and looked at Rhea. “Behave.” He pointed at her in the face.

“I don’t know why people say that to me so much.” Rhea looked around as all the eyes looked at her in disbelief. Then the sound of guys chuckling sounded around her. She furrowed her brows and folded her arms.

She shot them a smile and then shrugged her shoulder. “What I mean is... I don’t know why it is said to me so much... it is not like I heed it anyways.” She tilted her head to Cody and stuck her tongue out at him. Then she walked away from him. As she walked past Lee, she winked at him and gave him a crooked smile. These men could tell the water to flow in a different direction, but it is not like it would listen. Just a waste of breath.

“It’s a good thing she is Levi’s mate. I think it is going to take a deity to keep her safe.” Titus laughed and rubbed the back of his neck. The other men chuckled and nodded. Lee smiled and watched her as she walked back to the party. Even the littlest things she did had a way of making him burn for her. Book 2

Chapter 73 Dragon’s Pet

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She heard the gentle trotting of feet approach her side. “Where do you think you are traipsing off to without your escort?”

She tilted her head to the side to see Dex grinning at her. “So is this the new thing now? Since Titus has a mate you got stuck on patrol with me?”

“Haha who got stuck with what now? I volunteered. I get to spend time with an interesting young lady. Besides... I look at it as getting to spend time with a new friend. Maybe get on her good side for future gain...” He smirked at her from the side and she giggled.

Rhea and Dex walked over to the punch table. The other men had returned back to the tents as well. Lee took his place standing in the front of the tent off to the side. Titus and Grayson were both leading their mates out on the dance floor to kick start the celebration. And Weston was approaching Dex and Rhea.

“Is three a company?” Weston asked as he walked up to them. A small frown resting on his face as he gave them puppy dog eyes.

“Well I guess if you don’t have any other friends.” Dex sighed and shrugged, playfully rolling his eyes at Weston.

“Come on Rhea. You can tell that I am more fun to be with. I am arguably the most fun out of all the kings.” Weston said smugly.

“Which is exactly why she shouldn’t be in your care.” Dex said pointedly. No telling what trouble the two of them would get in.

Rhea felt Dex’s arm slide around her waist as he drew her between him and Weston. She glanced up to him, but he continued talking to Weston. It wasn’t until she caught a glimpse of purple that she realized why he had moved her.

“My lords... how is your evening going tonight?” Melvin asked while his eyes flickered over to Rhea.

Dex looked at him with little interest. “The accommodations are good, the food is good, and it has been relatively peaceful. So far, the evening has also been well. My sister found her mate and is happy.”

“Yes, speaking about her finding her mate. Who exactly IS your mate, princess?” Melvin asked looking pointedly at Rhea.

Rhea scoffed. “This again? Look I can see you have a fascination with purple. That’s fine. But your fascination with my life is old hat. Please find someone else to bother.” Rhea rolled her eyes and could see the temper rising in him.

“What does it matter to you anyways?” Weston looked at Melvin and spoke in mild irritation.

Rhea looked at the man in front of her. Really... what was his deal with purple? Did he own any other color of clothing? She watched as his eye began to slowly twitch. He was obviously angry and couldn’t express it in front of the present company. Wow was he pathetic.

“I’d like to know what kingdom the dragon is from the one who marked her.” Melvin said as he struggled with his composure.

Dex chuckled. “I don’t see where any of this is any of your business. Who are you that you need to know this information? No one. You are nobody.”

“Dragons do not take non-dragon mates. It is as simple as that. None do. Someone did something they shouldn’t have. I can’t believe all the lords are fine with this?! It is an outrage.” Melvin’s voice hissed with bitterness as his eyes flickered towards Rhea.

Weston was the one who lost his cool. It was like it went off the hinge. He reached his hand out and snatched Melvin by the throat. “Look at her like that again and I will eviscerate you right here.” He snarled and his dragon fangs began to sink out. He glared at Melvin’s face and watched as he paled.

Rhea was hoping Dex would step in here before there was a problem but he only chuckled. He chuckled!

“You see? This is what happens when you stick your nose in where it doesn’t belong. Do you really care what is going on here? Does it really matter? How much do you value your neck?” Dex smirked at Melvin and Weston slowly released his grip from his neck. The outline of fingerprints remained over Melvin's neck.

“You’re the one who doesn’t seem to get it. You must be pretty dumb not to. Look at the girl. She is surrounded by the dragon kings and the first prince. She has a dragon mark on her skin. She’s been owned. But who says she is owned by one dragon?” Dex smirked and Weston immediately engaged.

“She is ours. We have taken the princess as our own. Do you wish to mess with our possession?” Weston’s eyes flickered black.

Suddenly it clicked for Melvin. She was their toy. She was being claimed as their concubine. Their mistress. If she was a mistress to the kings, she was untouchable. No one could claim or touch her. She was being claimed by the four kingdoms. He could offer push back against Titus. But not against all of them. If the four kings have united in claiming the girl then this was a real problem. It was a problem on an even deeper scale.

“Forgive me... I will not pry into your affairs anymore.” Melvin bowed backwards and slunk away. This was a very big problem. One that he never could have anticipated.

“That’ll keep him away.” Weston turned and grinned at Dex. “That was brilliant on your part too.”

“I surprise myself sometimes.” Dex chuckled and Rhea looked up to the two men.

She was just claimed to be the possession of the dragon kings. It was mildly irritating, but she understood that it solved a problem. She just didn’t like the idea of being considered their pet. They were supposed to be her pets. She didn’t like being portrayed as the weak female who just couldn’t help but to be claimed by these men. It was a temporary fix at least. Soon everyone would know who she really belonged to. She could put up with the temporary tarnished name for now.

“So am I on a rotation or something so I know who I should be going to bed with that night?” Rhea decided to roll with it.

Weston looked at her shocked and then turned his face up to the tent ceiling. “Please don’t say things like that princess... I don’t want to be killed.”

Rhea giggled. “So over dramatic.”

“I’m hoping I don’t get murdered for the suggestion I just made.” Dex pulled his shirt collar nervously and Rhea busted out laughing.

“You guys are too much sometimes.” Rhea smiled up at the two men. “So how long do you think it will take for this information to reach the masses?”

“It already did.” Weston smiled and sipped his drink.

Rhea shifted her gaze outwards and looked at the whispering and glances across everyone. There were even some guys elbowing the others and sharing some mental male comradery living vicariously through their kings. Ugh... this felt embarrassing.

“The conversation was overheard huh?” Rhea said dryly.

“Yep...” Dex said with a nervous undertone. “I was hoping to explain this first.” He glanced up to the stormy eyes of the deity in the front. “I wonder if I’ll get a reprieve.”

Rhea elbowed Dex. “Don’t be so silly. He won’t like it, but he knows what you did was for my protection.” Her voice was quiet so as not to be overheard.

“I’ll miss you Dex.” Weston poked at him playfully and beamed widely.

“I don’t know what you two are even teasing about. You boys won’t be touched. I’ll be the one he will be taking his frustration out on...” Rhea added quietly. Inside she was smiling. The only frustration he might take out on her is sexual and that... she didn’t mind.

Weston frowned. “If it was Titus, we could do something about that...” He looked at the ground guiltily since there wasn’t anything he could do about Lee.

“I can try to explain the situation well. I’m sorry... I never thought that this would turn into a problem for you.” Dex was apologetic as he spoke. He felt like an ass.

Rhea turned and looked at the two men incredulously. “Just what kind of monster do you think he is?” She began to giggle and shook her head. “The only frustrations he takes out on me are the ones that you guys really don’t need to hear about.”

“Don’t mess with our head like that.” Weston snorted and folded his arms. He was really feeling bad for her.

“You really like to play with emotions don’t you, Rhea.” Dex smiled and shook his head.

“I would say you all should know better... but it’s not your fault since he keeps his distance. Something I plan to rectify in the future.” Rhea’s voice quieted as she looked off in the distance. Lee had to have been so lonely before Titus. Always keeping to himself.

“You’ll be good for him.... You are good for each other.” Dex said warmly.

She shot him a stunning smile and nodded her head. “I think so too. And we are all going to be great friends together. So be sure to visit often and we will do the same.”

Weston smiled and looked up at Dex. She really was a warm soul. Her beauty wasn't just on the outside. She was the complete package. All joking aside, he could look at her how he should. Though maybe a bit dearer. She had that gift to draw you in and captivate you. And before you knew it you needed her in your life.

"So are we going to stand near the punch bowls all night or are one of you going to ask me to dance?" Rhea turned and looked at the two uncomfortable men.

Titus laughed as he walked up behind them. He grabbed onto Rhea's hand. "Come on, I'll dance with you." He winked at the two guys.

Lila smiled. "Come on Dex. Come and dance with me."

Titus twirled Rhea around on the dance floor and she giggled. "So the buzz is that you belong to all the kings..." Titus smirked and Rhea rolled her eyes.

"The information spread to you already? Geez... dragons are blabber mouths." Rhea shook her head as Titus swayed with her to the music.

"I think someone else heard the news and is pretty grumpy about it." Titus smiled as he watched Rhea's face.

"The others seem pretty scared of him. I told them they are over thinking his temper." Rhea watched as Titus frowned a bit.

"They aren't Rhea. The guy you know and the one they know aren't the same." He smiled and watched her eyes look at him curiously. "You've tamed him down more than you know."

"I hear you Titus. But still. He wouldn't kill them over something like that and you know it." Rhea smiled and he nodded his head to her.

"No... but this whole situation is taking great restraint on his part. Our animals are very primal. The more dominant we are the worse it is. Not being able to keep what is yours close... well..." Titus' eyes looked over at Lila who was dancing with Dex. "Let's just say that I'm not sure how he does it. I guess that is a big difference in our stature. The restraint he has is amazing."

Rhea looked at Titus and then glanced at his hand holding hers. "Something is going to happen soon isn't it? I can sense it. There is a build up happening out of sight."

Titus studied her quietly with a bit of curiosity in his eyes. There was a warm buzzing feeling in their hands again. "Do you feel that..." He said in a hushed voice.

Rhea nodded. The warm energy in their hands was tingling her body. It was like something was trying to join together or being united together... The energy was hard to explain. It was as if their souls recognized the impending danger and were calling out to the other. She squeezed onto his hand as her chest burned.

There was no escaping the destiny that was coming. There was no denying her soul recognized Titus either. Book 2

Chapter 74 Odd

Chapter 156 - Dr.Luna

Rhea looked up to Titus full of questions. What was this energy between them? She felt protective over Titus during that moment. Like she needed to protect him from something. An almost vulnerable feeling swept over her like the two of them needed to disappear from the world's eyes. She felt like she knew him and there was no doubt that she was connected to him. Her body recognized Titus and his energy but why? Why did she recognize him? Why was she feeling like this with Titus? The hanging twinkling lights danced around over her blue irises as the two of them gently swayed to the music.

Titus was also feeling the same way. There was a sense of urgency to protect her. Why was this desire to protect her so strong? What was the bond he could feel between them? He could recognize her soul as one that he knew but wasn't sure why.

"Maybe we are like superheroes and our combined powers turns us into a giant robot or something." Rhea finally jested to lighten the solemn mood.

Titus chuckled. "I hope your wolf is able to tell us what she knows... because this is a bit odd to say the least."

"A twenty-year-old werewolf without her wolf is odd too." Rhea gave him a crooked smile.

"Look if we get superpowers, I want to have invisibility." Titus said thoughtfully.

"Eeewwww no way pervert. Like you could be trusted with a skill like that." Rhea chastised his suggestion.

"Pervert?" Titus coughed out. "I'm insulted. I might be a flirt, but I am not a pervert. I'd only use it on behalf of justice... worldly and personal." He added with a wink.

"Let me guess... your personal justice lays on the lines of no boner left behind." Rhea watched as Titus choked on his spit.

He shook his head and grinned down at her. "Always surprising me."

“I don’t know anything about Lila but let me know if she mistreats you. I’ll have a talk with her. You know, as her superior and all. It may not be protocol to have favorites, but I was never one to follow protocol.” Rhea watched him pull his lips up revealing a wide smile.

“Are you getting all protective over me or something? Worried I can’t handle myself?” Titus chuckled and looked at her.

“I know you are a good guy Titus. You can hide behind your rough exterior all you want. But I know deep down you are actually a softy.” She met with his eyes and a small smile now rested on his lips.

“She’s a good one. She has been for as long as I’ve known her. It is probably her you should be worried about.” Titus winked and spun Rhea around again as he pulled her up to him he had a strange smirk on his face.

“What?”

“I knew you would eventually look at this place as home.” He said with a haughty attitude.

“Well for now it is. My home is with Lee. Wherever he is that is where home is.”

“If Levi heard that you’d be making him blush for sure. He is a lucky guy to have you so devoted to him.”

Rhea looked at him for a moment. Her eyes glanced at Lee for only a second and then back to Titus. “I wonder what life has been like for him.”

Titus frowned. “I used to think about that often and worry about him when I am no longer around. It doesn’t do us any good to think like that though. We should just concentrate on filling him with the best memories we can during our lifetime. So that he will always have them to hold onto. Of course,” Titus grinned. “You can give him the gift that keeps on giving by having a bunch of little whelps for him to look after for generations to come.”

“Even if I live over a thousand years what is that in the aspect of eternity... I don’t want to ever leave him Titus. I...” Rhea bit her bottom lip. It was something that had been bothering her more and more as she thought about his immortality. “I worry about him. He is immortal, not invulnerable. I worry he may do things to purposely end his immortality.”

Titus tilted his head and looked down at her with a small smile. “And? If he decides to do that would he not have earned that decision?”

Rhea looked up at him with surprised eyes. She then glanced down to the floor feeling a bit embarrassed. If the situation was reversed wouldn’t she think about the same thing? Throw caution to the wind. “I’m being silly huh?”

“Yes. You have a lifetime with him. Don’t overthink it, Rhea. Life is never a guarantee so we should enjoy the dance.” Titus grinned at her as he swayed with her to the music.

“I guess sometimes you might know a thing or two of what you are talking about.” The music stopped and Titus linked her arm in his tenderly reaching his hand over and patting her hand..

“Ha. I always know what I am talking about.” Titus grinned and led her over to the side of the tent.

“You’re always so modest Titus.” Rhea teased and the two of them chuckled together. “Thanks for the dance. You should get back to your new mate now though.”

Dex and Lila walked over to the side meeting up with them. “I guess this is where I leave you in Dex’s hands again.” Titus reached his arm around Lila and led her towards the many different tables. He was wanting to introduce her to everyone on more of an intimate basis.

“So now what?” Dex asked as he looked down at Rhea. Rhea’s eyes scanned the area and then widened.

“Kelsie is back!” Rhea quickly walked out from the tent and headed in the direction of her friend. Dex followed right behind her. “Kelsie you are back quicker then I thought.”

“I didn’t go to the Diamond Pack. Your parents are planning to travel there. I let them know about what was going on though. Your dad wanted to come here though.” Kelsie laughed. “You should have heard him cussing out Abaddon. Honestly, I never heard your father speak like that before. It seems like he has a deep hatred for the half demon. It was your mother though who disagreed. She said that they were needed by Wyatt’s side right now and that you had plenty of support at your side. Your mother is amazing by the way. She already knew that I was your guardian... how did she know that? She told me to take good care of you and Cody.” Then a small tear trickled from Kelsie’s eyes. “She said she was glad that I was joining the family as Cody’s mate.”

“Aww Kelsie. Of course, she is glad to have you in our family. I’m sure she was able to sense her power in you. Since it is the fairy queen who bestows power into the guardians.... I wonder what is going on with Wyatt. I hope everything is okay. I wonder if he needs me. Maybe we should go to him.” Rhea frowned as she thought about her brother. Her parents were visiting him for a reason... she hoped it wasn’t anything serious.

Kelsie let out a dry laugh. “I don’t think so. I promised you would be safe here. There is no way we are traveling away from the protection you have here. Your parents will take care of Wyatt and Jason. And when all this is over we will go and visit him.”

Rhea gave her friend a crooked smile. “Look at you sounding all responsible now.”

“I figured now that I am your guardian, I need to step it up some.” Kelsie grinned.

“Okay... just don’t turn into Cody on me.” Rhea teased.

“I heard that.” Cody snorted as he walked up from the side.

“Ooops.” Rhea grinned and turned her head to look at him.

Cody walked up to Kelsie and took her gently in his arms. “Was the trip okay?”

“I can instantly travel through water. The trip was easy. Your parents are well. They are going to visit with Wyatt and Jason. They are leaving Rhea to us and to come and get them if we need assistance.”

Cody frowned. He was also worried about Wyatt and Jason now. He pulled Kelsie’s body into his deeper and tenderly rubbed her arms. Sending Kelsie away from him, even though she can easily transport somewhere with water, was hard for him to do. His first instinct as a mate is to keep her close. But his instinct as a guardian is to protect Rhea and Kelsie is the most efficient way to deliver messages. As strong as his relationship is with Kelsie... nothing can ever come in between the guardian pull. Rhea was someone who would always come first. And now with Kelsie also being a guardian she could feel that too. It had to be this way. It was the natural preservation of the fairy power instilled in them. Rhea could never be replaced not until she at least produced an heir.

“What did you and Reese find out?” Dex finally spoke up. He had been the quiet bystander for the last few moments.

“Reese is speaking with Titus now. He thinks the dragons should increase the patrol and widen its berth around the mountain. He thinks doing that alone will make the demons pause or at least double think coming closer to their territory. He said it isn’t just a princess issue this is a dragon territory issue. They can’t afford to show any leniency when it comes to their territory.” Cody watched as Dex nodded along with him.

“Dragons are very territorial. If they think their territory is being invaded on, they will be more willing to scout the area and will patrol viciously. Reese has always been incredibly smart when it comes to military decisions.” Dex glanced out to the darkness in the distance. He didn’t like how brazen the demons were that they would come close to the West Dragon kingdom. Who was all working in the shadows that they would feel comfortable doing this? Who was protecting the demons and their agenda?

“Why don’t you two enjoy the rest of your evening?” Rhea looked at Cody and Kelsie. “I am going to go back and shower. Maybe watch a movie or something. But I want you two to enjoy what is left of the evening.”

Before they could object Rhea added. “I’m sure Lee will join me.” She smiled and nodded at them to go.

Luckily for Rhea, Kelsie could read between the lines. She wanted to spend some alone time with Lee and the two of them would hinder that. “Okay Rhea. Call us if you need us... but I doubt you will.” She winked at Rhea and smiled up at Cody. “Are you going to ask me for a dance, or do I need to ask you?”

Cody playfully pawed at her nose. He smiled at Rhea in appreciation for also being considerate of him and then he led Kelsie away.

“So you kicking me to the curb?” Dex grinned.

Rhea giggled. “I think I should get to spend some of my evening with my mate... don’t you?”

He nodded. “I’ll walk you to your door then. How should I inform Lee?”

Rhea smiled and looked towards Lee. “There’s no need. He will find me.”

“I would rather know for sure he is with you...” Dex said with a frown.

Rhea smiled and tilted her head up to Dex. “He is someone that I can link to since he is my summon. I can tell him what I am doing.”

“Well then do that first and I’ll walk you to your door.” Dex crossed his arms unwilling to budge. He couldn’t just leave her alone after everything.

Lee... Rhea focused on the light blue energy inside of her head. It was different than mind linking. Mind linking she only had to think of Cody and she spoke with him effortlessly. With this summon link she had to concentrate and connect with the light inside of her.

She watched his eyes twitch towards her direction and she gave him a small smile. I’m going back upstairs. If you aren’t busy maybe I’ll see you up there. She watched his lips curl upwards as he looked ahead of him to the crowd. His stiff demeanor seemed much more happy in that moment.

I’ll be up there waiting, princess.

Rhea looked up to Dex and smiled. “Done.”

“Okay... then shall we?” He extended his arm to her and she took it happily. The party was nice and all, but she wanted to be with Lee. She felt more excited to leave the party. She was going to get to spend some rare alone time with the man she loved. Book 2

Chapter 75 Freed

Chapter 157 - Dr.Luna

Dex had left Rhea at the door to the stairs. She was slowly making the long journey upwards. She glanced towards the top where she knew Lee would be waiting for her. Her mind drifted towards Wyatt and Jason. The Diamond pack was a strong pack. And with her parents going there too they would be in good hands. Still, she was concerned that it was more than just a visit. She was worried that there might be a problem with the demons there as well.

She pushed the top door open and stepped up the stairs. She was a bit surprised to see that she was still alone. She spun and looked around but didn't see Lee there. He had said he would be waiting for her. She walked over to the kitchen to prepare some snacks. She was hoping they could maybe watch a movie or two and snuggle for the next several hours. Being in his arms was the best feeling in the world.

Rhea felt a strange warmth suddenly. She looked up to see that the room was beginning to glow in a strange radiating light.

“Rhea.” A soothing voice called to her.

She looked up as the energy began to come into focus. Standing in front of her was a beautiful woman with long flowing blonde hair. The woman smiled at her. “I am Selene, the Moon Goddess. Deep inside you know me well. All of my werewolves know me.”

Rhea stood there looking at Selene in shock. The Moon Goddess just showed herself to her... in person (or in deity form?) but here she was. Rhea looked at her. She looked young just like Lee did. Her pale white skin glowed lightly. She had a gentle face, and she had a familiar feeling to her. Which made sense since she is, in a sense, the mother to all werewolves.

Selene smiled. “I know you are confused. You don't understand why I have kept Lumi from you. There is a deep reason for this. And you will know the answers tomorrow. I wanted to keep Lumi locked up longer, but I am afraid there is no more time available. Things are moving quickly with the demons. We cannot wait any longer.”

“So I am finally going to get my wolf?” Rhea asked in quiet excitement. She couldn't wait to be reunited with Lumi again.

“Yes, I am releasing Lumi. Rhea... understand that the moment I do everything is going to happen fast. The future will begin to unfold rapidly. You can not hesitate. You must be decisive. You will know what must be done.” Selene spoke in a gentle commanding tone. “Not everything will be as predicted...but I know what your future has in store for you. Trust in yourself. Trust in Lumi. She is a very special wolf with a unique power. Together the two of you can change the future. And you will.”

“I have so many questions.” Rhea's soft voice spoke out.

Selene shook her head. “No. Sweet Rhea, the journey is what is important, not just the answers... Lumi... come forward.”

Rhea felt an instant gush inside of her. A white blinding light flowed around her as she closed her eyes. She watched as a large wolf came running forward. She was standing in a misty field under the brilliance of a full moon. She was finally complete. She felt like she was finally whole. She reached out and hugged Lumi. It was such a sweet moment. The other part of her conscious had been awakened.

Rhea... now we can speak together whenever we like. Lumi said happily as she wagged her tail in Rhea’s mind.

I’m so happy we are finally together, Lumi. Rhea opened her eyes to see Selene vanishing.

“Wait...” Rhea reached her hand up, but Selene only smiled and disappeared. Damn... still no answers.

The light around the room completely vanished. The moment it did Lee appeared in the room.

“Rhea what happened? Why couldn’t I get in here? Are you okay?” Lee looked at Rhea. She raised her hand up to cover her mouth. Tears began to stream down her face as she bit her bottom lip. Lee was immediately concerned. What had happened to her? He knew that light was from Selene the meddling goddess. Always making her appearance whenever she pleased. He walked up to her and placed his hands on her shoulders.

“Rhea... baby? What happened?” Lee asked gently as he wiped a tear from her face.

Rhea’s body began to tremble. A force inside of her even stronger than she imagined had also woken up. She looked into the light blue eyes in front of her and listened to the voice of her wolf.

MATE. Lumi said in an authoritative voice. He is our mate.

Thank goodness. I’m so overwhelmed right now. The feeling of the mate pull was even stronger than she imagined. Her intense feelings for Lee were shallow in comparison to the smothering pressure she was feeling now. It was almost overbearing, and her knees began to shake slightly. The mark on her neck began to burn as her body recognized the mark of its mate. Lumi was also pulling in his mark.

It is time Rhea. It is time to seal the mating bond. Lumi said in a matter-of-fact tone. Like she was talking casually about the weather. Rhea felt her face heat up. We have to wait Lumi. Because of the other deities.

To hell with the other deities. He is our damn mate, and we need to be connected to him. We have to seal our bond. Lumi growled lightly in Rhea’s mind wanting to claim her mate. Lumi was not a wolf that was born to stand down. She was an Alpha wolf. A rarity when it came to females. And as an Alpha wolf she was incredibly possessive over what belonged to her.

We can't mark him yet though, Lumi. We can't leave a physical mark on him yet. Rhea felt her body trembling under Lee's touch. The force was just too strong. She had never heard of it being this strong before. Why is my whole body trembling...

Our mate is powerful. You have been marked but haven't completed the bond. Now that I have awakened the bond is being recognized. The energy is trying to connect. We must link the bond and unite our energies together. We can hold off marking him... for now. But we can't hold off with mating with him. Completing the bond will only make us stronger.

Rhea laughed dryly in her head. You are embarrassing me with how casually you talk about 'mating' with Lee.

There's nothing embarrassing about it. Mating is natural. A healthy part of life. Lumi shrugged it off. What was embarrassing about it?

"Rhea?" Lee asked again quietly. She had been just quietly staring at him for so long. She wasn't talking. She was only trembling and crying. What had happened?

Well since I am not going to be marking him, I'll let you handle the formalities from here. Just seal the deal. Lumi said and retreated deeper in Rhea's consciousness.

Rhea snorted at her wolf in her head. Freaking bossy as hell. Rhea took in a breath and refocused on Lee. She was overwhelmed and now incredibly embarrassed. There was something else growing inside of her though. The mate pull was creating an intense want for her mate. Makes sense... she thought wryly to herself. She understood why they called it the mate pull now. It was the intense urge and desire to mate with your partner. Then she had another thought in her head. Lee had been fighting this urge off since she was sixteen?! She was barely handling five minutes of knowing he was her mate. She wanted to jump on him and wrap her legs around him. Her body was literally trembling for him. Which according to Lumi was because she needed to seal the bond. Because she was marked, the pull was more intense. In either case... Lumi was right. She could feel it deep within her body. There was no more waiting. Thank goodness.

She glanced towards the bedroom door. She didn't want to start something and have someone walk in on them. So without saying anything she held onto Lee's hand and slowly led him to his room. He had no idea what was coming. She smiled to herself on the inside. She was the one who was the lamb, but she felt like she was actually leading the lamb to the slaughter. He had no idea what she was planning. Hell... she didn't even know what she was planning. All she knew is she had to first get them behind locked doors. Then she was hoping there was enough self-control inside of her to be able to communicate before attacking him.

Damn it Rhea get a hold of yourself. Lee did this for years. You can control yourself for a few minutes. She scolded herself inwardly. She was pretty sure she could hear the faint sound of laughter coming from Lumi in the recesses of her mind. Well at least technically she wouldn't ever just be talking to herself anymore.

She brought Lee into the room and turned and closed the door. She leaned her head on the door as she took in slow deep breaths as she cleared her head. She needed to at least let him know the important things. He needed answers before she demanded him to complete the mating bond. Though would it really be a demand? She was pretty sure he was more than willing.

She turned around to look into his light blue pools. They were looking at her with concern. She could see the worry in his eyes. If he only knew the lust in mine, Rhea thought wryly. As she looked at him, she smiled. Everything made sense. Lee being her mate... she always hoped he was her mate. From the moment she found out that she was his mate she internally begged that he was also hers. She knew she would never leave him, but she never wanted to experience the pit of rejecting her mate. Now she wouldn't have to. He was right here in front of her. Lovingly looking after her these past few years. Ignoring his animal and pushing aside the urge to claim her. He did it all for her.

She felt another tear trickle down her cheek. He had suffered so much for her. He wanted her to be ready. He didn't want to force himself on her. How was he able to control himself for so long? This was her mate. He had put her above his own needs and desires. It was more than her being his mate. In order for him to control himself like that... it was love. There was no denying it. In order to fight against this strong of a desire was something you could only do for the one you loved. How did she deserve someone like Lee?

She took a few small steps towards him and gently wrapped her arms around his body. She finally was able to fully understand what he had been through. She understood better what Titus had meant about how hard this was on him. She couldn't imagine allowing another woman to touch him and pretend to claim him. Her poor Lee.

Lee gently wrapped his arms around her. He quietly waited for her to explain what had made her so upset. He watched as she smiled up at him. He felt confused. Wasn't she just upset?

"Rhea... is everything okay?" He gently rubbed her back in a light soothing circle. He could feel the minor tremors from her body and felt a bit worried over what had happened. He looked into her blue pools that were shining up at him.

He watched her as she nodded. "I was just overwhelmed. Everything is okay... no... everything is perfect."

Book 2

Chapter 76 Sealed

Chapter 158 - Dr.Luna

Rhea reached up and gently stroked his cheek. “My Lee...” She said softly. She could see him watching her trying to figure out what was going on. She had kept him in suspense long enough.

“Selene visited me.” Rhea said quietly. She watched him nod his head. She could see that he had already figured out it was Selene.

“She said that I am going to find out why Lumi was sealed tomorrow... and she released the seal.” Rhea placed both of her hands on Lee’s shoulders. She stood up on her tiptoes and pressed her lips gently against his. Damn. Even his kisses were sweeter than normal. She felt her core immediately begin to heat up against his mere kisses. She lowered herself back down. Her head was swirling. The pull was so intense and strong. Her desire for him was growing wildly. Her body continued to radiate with tremors from needing her mate.

“Lee...” Rhea smiled staring into his beautiful pools. “You are my mate.” She watched his eyes widen and a big smile spread over his face. He lifted her in his arms and twirled her around.

“I’m so relieved, Rhea.” He crashed his lips against hers roughly and excitedly. They were mutual mates. A huge burden had been moved from his chest. He pulled back and looked at her enthusiastically. “Selene took her good old time. I wanted to talk to her about this a long time ago, but I can’t with Selene. With her being the goddess with precognition and premonition we aren’t allowed. One of the rules about keeping balance. Selene is off limits to us unless she visits us herself. And even then, questions and answers are at a minimum.” Lee squeezed his arms around Rhea and lifted her up into the air. He swirled her around for a second time before setting her down and flashing her the biggest smile.

He then lowered his head down to meet hers. He pushed himself into her lips and dipped his tongue into her mouth. His emotions were on a euphoric high and the mate sparks between them dragged him deeper. He felt her responding to his kiss. The mate pull was drawing her in deeper too. She did not have the experience to stop the strong desire. He gently pulled away from her and listened to her quiet whimper. “I don’t think we are going to be able to manage to share the same room now.” Lee teased. He watched as Rhea bit her lip and a red hue stained her cheeks. His eyes danced in amusement as he watched her become embarrassed.

“Baby... don’t get embarrassed in front of me. I’m your mate.” Lee said with a new confident air. Damn straight she was not only his mate but he was hers.

“Umm... the thing is...” Rhea barely whispered out as she averted her eyes away from him. Ugh... how in the world does she say this? She was hoping she wouldn’t have to and just let it naturally progress. Damn Lee and his ungodly tolerance.

“We... ummm...” Rhea scrunched up her face and eyes. She could feel the evil crimson heat rising on her face. She felt warm arms wrap around her.

“Baby what are you having a hard time saying to me?” Lee asked gently. She looked so adorable. Whatever she had on her mind she was having a difficult time getting it out. And her face was colored in her embarrassment.

Like a band aid Rhea... Like a band aid... "The thing is..." Rhea's quiet voice squeaked out. "The thing of it is... that umm..." For crying out loud this is hard. I need you to make a mess out of me Lee. I need you to fill me with your seed. I need you to take me to pound town. I need you to seal the deal. Time to pop the cherry. Wow... so lame Rhea. You are so incredibly lame. You say any of those things and you have no chance of getting laid.

Yeah, and I wouldn't blame him either. Need me to come back out and give you a hand. Lumi teased. Rhea growled inwardly. You've been around for five minutes and already are ticking me off. I've got it. Go make yourself scarce. Rhea listened as Lumi's chuckle faded away showing that she had retreated deep in her mind. Her body began to tremble harder from the influx of energy in her body.

"Baby, are you okay?" Lee braced his arms around the trembling girl. He could feel her shuddering under his fingertips. He didn't understand, was it because of her wolf?

Rhea leaned her forehead into him. She raised her hand and rested it on his chest, digging her fingers in his shirt lightly. She took in a gentle smell. She could really smell him... the scent of her mate. The heavenly scent she couldn't pick up without her wolf senses. It was like the scent of fresh spring... well at least that is how she could describe it in her mind. "Lee..." She whispered out. "Lee, I need you."

"What do you need, baby?" Lee asked gently.

Rhea felt a bit irritated. That was the end of that sentence. Just I need you. Man, she was really going to have to spell this out for him. He had a thing with embarrassing her. "Lee... um... when you marked me... it didn't-"

"It didn't what? It didn't work?" Lee couldn't understand what she was trying to tell him. He needed to mark her again?

Rhea let out an airy chuckle. "Will you just listen to me?" She looked up at him and smiled. "Yes, it worked. But, as you know we didn't complete the bond." She bit her lip and watched him nod staring at her intently.

Rhea took a deep breath, and her cheeks were seized with mortification for what she has to ask. She looked up at him with her big blue eyes. "My body... there is an influx of energy that can't settle down until we are fully bonded. We can't wait anymore, Lee. I need you... to..." Rhea watched as his eyes started to darken. He was finally understanding what she was wanting.

"Rhea..." He lifted her chin upwards as he called out her name in an airy breath.

"Is that alright, Lee? I know you said that waiting would be best..."

Lee leaned in and took her lips gently. She could feel a slight tremble from his fingers on her face. He began to slowly deepen his kiss. No more words were needed. He knew what she was trying to ask him in her own adorable way. Once he figured it out, it made everything just that

much more intense. She was asking for him to mate with her. She. Was. Asking. HIM. That was always his deal breaker. Then knowing that her body was being affected by not completing the bond... that was it. No more words were needed. Not now. Now he had to control himself. Not to get carried away from the years of waiting for her. He had been waiting for his precious fairy for so long and now... HE suddenly felt nervous. It was completely not like him to be nervous, but he was with her. She was so precious to him.

He effortlessly hoisted her body in his arms as he carried her towards the bed. He pulled away from her lips and gently lowered her to her feet. His predatory eyes were staring at his mate with lust and need. He took his shoes and shirt off and then gazed at the entre in front of him. He watched her eyes trail over his stomach and then back up to his eyes. He felt encouraged seeing that she also wanted him. He reached his hand behind her and gently unzipped her dress. Allowing the silky material to fall down to the floor. His breath caught as he greedily took the sight of her in. She was perfect. She was his.

He discarded his bottoms, completely undressing himself. He immediately pressed himself into Rhea and began to burn her lips with his heat.

She felt her legs begin to buckle as his body came on top of hers on the bed. He lifted up from her for a moment to rid her of her remaining undergarments. Then his body was being pressed down upon hers. His skin singed against her skin as his foreign heat invaded her body. She gripped onto his shoulders and he leaned his head down capturing her lips. The roaring electricity surged inside of her as she felt him slowly thrust into her just part of the way. He felt her tense at first and as she began to relax and pushed his hips forward more, filling her up completely with him. She softly moaned as pleasure and pain began to ripple through her body. His lips then expertly moved to her neck. Searing her marking spot again, sending jolting pleasure through her body. She could feel the warmth building up inside of her as their bond connected. She was now completely his. Her body was wanting more, naturally knowing what it needed.

With great effort he made sure to control himself with her. Not wanting to overwhelm her. He wanted this moment to be about her. Her hips lightly bucked into his showing him she was ready for more. This was her first time so he wanted to be as gentle as possible even though it took great difficulty to control himself. He trailed his wet hot kisses back up to her lips. He dipped his tongue into her mouth as he matched their rhythms together slowly. He slowly began to move his hips into hers as she move with him. The two finding a rhythm together at first it was slow and sweet. Then as their needs rose so did their pace.

Her soft moans brought him closer and encouraged him. Being with her was like nothing he had ever experienced. It was more intense and pleasurable. His own moan escaped from his throat. His sweet fairy was too damn intoxicating. He gripped his hand into the bed as he steady his animal from devouring her. As the pleasure between them grew he felt her getting close. He suckled on her bottom lip and soon their tongues with intertwined again. He felt her fingers tightened on his shoulders and he listened to her beautiful moans. He nuzzled his face into her neck and latched onto her mark sending her over the edge. He timed his release with hers, riding

out their highs together. For a moment he rested on top of her while the two of them panted. Then he rolled to the side, pulling her into him. A strange energy was forming between them.

“Like I mentioned before... no foreplay this time.” Lee chuckled lightly as he continued to pant. “Are you okay baby? I know it was your first time.”

Rhea smiled and leaned into him. “Mmmhmm.” She couldn’t wait until she was able to also mark him. She wanted to claim him even more now that she had her wolf.

Rhea leaned onto her elbow and leaned towards Lee’s neck. She gently licked it and smiled as she felt him shudder. “When we don’t have to hide our relationship Lee, I am claiming you as mine. And...” He let out a low sound at the mention of her marking him. He was on board with that idea. She leaned up and looked into his eyes. “Is it okay to ask you to be the fairy king? Can it work like that since you have to watch over the dragons?”

Lee blinked at her for a moment. He never thought about it. Being with her would mean being the fairy king, provided he accepted it. He smiled at her and pulled her back down into him. “Yes, baby. I will stay by your side during your rein as your fairy king.”

“Then the day I mark you I will accept you as the fairy prince.” Rhea smiled and leaned into his chest. Everything felt so perfect. She could feel her connection with Lee. Their energy was connected together. A new power was forming between the two. She would have made him the fairy prince now if it wasn’t for it affecting his powers. The deities would surely recognize the fairy power bestowed upon him. She could feel a new connection forming inside of her. She recognized it immediately.

Lee, we can mind link now?!

Lee chuckled. “Are you surprised about that?”

“Well yeah, I figured if we weren’t able to after you marked me then it wasn’t going to work.”

“No baby, we just needed to complete the bond first.” Lee leaned his head into the nape of her neck. Planting gentle kisses on her sensitive skin. Watching her squirm under the sparks he was igniting. Now that her animal was out, everything was intensified. Now that they were mated... it was only going to improve.

“I love you Lee.” Rhea purred under his kisses. “I hope I didn’t make things even more difficult for you.”

Lee chuckled. “One part of the beast gets tamed down while another gets more feral. I’ll manage it.”

“I don’t know how you did before.” Rhea turned her head and looked at him. She didn’t even make it an hour.

Lee let out a dark chuckle and sighed. “It wasn’t easy... at all. The only thing that kept me in control was you. Thinking about you and what was best for you. I love you Rhea. My love for you was the strength that I leaned on. “

He reached his arm over her and leaned half on top of her. A smile spreading over his face. “Now...” Lee said in a low husky voice. “Now that we just took the edge off... let’s try this again. I promise... it will be even better then the first time.” This time... this time he was going to take his time with her.

Rhea couldn’t imagine better. That was pretty good already. She felt his lips come back down onto hers purging her with his heat. She wrapped her arms around his neck and welcomed his passionate demands.

The two stayed in their room together for the rest of the night. And to Rhea’s surprise... it did continue to get better. With every passionate encounter... it was only getting better.

Book 2

Chapter 77 The Connection

Chapter 159 - Dr.Luna

After a very blissful night of very little sleep, it was afternoon before Rhea began to stir. She let out a soft yawn and tilted her head to the side, seeing Lee smiling at her. She was wrapped up in his arms and was being cradled in a warm cocoon.

“Good Morning.” Rhea smiled as she settled on her side to gaze at him.

Lee chuckled. “Good afternoon.” He watched Rhea’s eyes widen.

“It’s the afternoon? You probably needed to leave hours ago?” Rhea bit her bottom lip feeling a bit guilty.

“Not today. Today I am staying with you. Selene said you were going to find out answers today, so I am not leaving you for a second. Not that I want to leave you anyways. If anything, after last night I am way more possessive over you.” Lee let out a deep throaty sound and inhaled her scent. Her scent had changed after last night. Her scent was now mimicking his. Something he was not anticipating. If someone gets close enough to her... they will recognize his scent on her. “You smell like me now Rhea.”

“Well, no wonder after last night.” Rhea giggled and then looked into his serious face.

He smiled a bit. “Not from that. No, it is your actual scent that has changed. I mean I like it, but it presents another problem.”

Rhea leaned her head down and inhaled gently. She understood what he meant. She did smell like him. Maybe because he was a deity his scent completely consumed her own? She leaned up and looked at him.

“So, you don’t only get to mark me on my neck but you turned me into your scent.” Rhea gave him a crooked smile. “So now what should we do? I could wear your shirts? Then they might just think they are smelling your shirt.”

“And why would you be wearing my shirts?” Lee raised his eyes and watched a sultry smile spread across her lips.

“Obviously, as the mistress to the dragon kings you get dibs on that too.” Rhea watched as he let out a low growl and furrowed his brows down.

“I hate that rumor. It has you being passed around. I know what he was thinking but I don’t like it at all. I don’t like you being put in a light of being played with.” Lee growled as he possessively held her in his arms.

Rhea giggled. “He was afraid you might kill him over it. I told him you wouldn’t. Not my sweet water dragon.” Rhea watched his eyes warm up as a smile spread up over his lips.

“You have more faith in me than I do.” He smirked.

“Hmmm... You wouldn’t do anything to hurt them. They are our friends. We are all going to be good friends, I’ve already decided.” Rhea trailed her hand up over his stomach. She felt the small vibrations from his silent chuckle.

“You really are going to keep my life interesting, aren’t you?” Lee was grinning happily. She probably will never know how much happiness she brought into his life. She gave his life meaning. He woke up every morning just to see her face. He never knew what the day would bring. She brought excitement into his life, she brought love into his life.

Rhea scooted up and smiled. “I’m going to go get a shower. You probably shouldn’t join me though. You know, it’s not a good idea since you wouldn’t be able to keep your hands to yourself.” She rolled out of bed and giggled as she watched his eyes roam over her nudity.

He chuckled lightly. “The thing is, my sweet fairy, that you are now and for always my possession. From now on... you are mine to touch.” He swung his legs out of the bed. Rhea squealed and ran off to the bathroom. He laughed and ran after her. “There is no escaping me princess. Not now... not ever.” He slid his arms around her from behind and the two of them laughed together. He kissed the side of her cheek tenderly and whispered lowly in her ear. “We will start with the shower and see where it goes from there.”

After a very hot and steamy shower the two of them had gotten dressed. Rhea put on a pair of her shorts and one of Lee's shirts. He walked up to her and bent his head down to her hair kissing the top of her hair gently. "Ready?"

Rhea smiled and wrapped her arm around his waist. "Ready."

The two walked out of the bedroom door together side by side. Cody and Kelsie were sitting on the couch. They were looking at the two with a small smile on their face. It would seem pretty obvious that there was a reason for their late day.

The two of them stood up as Rhea came closer. Cody's smile suddenly faded and he looked at her with a small frown. "Rhea... you... you don't smell like you anymore."

"You smell like Levi! Ugh Dragon musk." Kelsie snorted and pinched her nose. She still wasn't a huge fan of the dragon stench.

"Gee thanks Kels." Rhea giggled as Lee walked up to her side. He nuzzled his head down into hers and looked up smiling.

"Rhea is completely mine now." Lee said proudly as a small heat rose in Rhea's cheeks.

Rhea leaned into Lee's side and smiled widely. "I got my wolf. Lee is my mate."

"Ray Ray! You got your wolf?! That's awesome. I can't wait to see her. I'm happy for you. I know this is what you wanted." Cody felt relieved for his sister.

"Now we can race together and see who is faster, my horse or your wolf. I really am happy for you too Rhea. I know you have been crushing on Lee for a long time now and I am glad everything worked out." Kelsie leaned into Cody and his arm rested around her. They could be happy if she was happy.

"You talked about me before?" Lee said with an arrogant air.

"Like I said it was obvious to everyone but you I guess." Rhea swatted at him playfully. He snatched her hand and brought it up to his lips.

"Looks like my kitten is still a bit wild. I need to tame her down some." He gently kissed her fingers causing her to giggle.

Kitten? That's cute. We will have to show him what your animal is really like. Lumi said as she wagged her tail in Rhea's head.

Lumi. See I was able to seal the deal.

Took you long enough. Lumi snorted with a laugh.

Sorry I might be part animal, but I am not all animal. Getting mated isn't my number one priority. Rhea shot back at Lumi.

Don't you feel better now though? See I know what I am talking about. Not only with our new strength and powers but a night of divine exhaustion is just what your body needed. Nothing like getting a release. Lumi panted happily in Rhea's head knowing she was making her blush again. Such an innocent girl. Well... not as innocent as she was yesterday.

Rhea was getting ready to say something back when she felt Lumi tense up. She began to softly whimper and pace around. Lumi what is it? Rhea asked feeling her jitters.

Something feels weird. The moment Lumi said it Rhea began to feel it too. An odd feeling of nostalgia swept over her body. With this feeling came an intense feeling of fear and dread. Her body began to tremble as a hidden memory stirred. Something that was buried deep was waking inside of her.

"Rhea? Baby what's wrong?" Lee turned her to face him. He looked over her contorted face as he held her body. He watched her face wince from an invisible pain. She let out a soft cry as her legs began to buckle.

"Levi. Hand her to me. Kelsie, I want you to stay back. You only just starting to be a guardian." Cody gave Kelsie a look and she quickly nodded and then he reached his arms out towards the protective embrace Lee had her in. At first, he glared at Cody. Unwilling to part with her, but his face soon softened as he controlled himself. He could see she was in pain. He looked up and nodded to Cody. He was hoping he would be able to help her.

The moment Cody wrapped his arms around Rhea he instantly felt like he had been stabbed in the gut. The intense flowing pain cut through his body. He winced and tightened his grip onto Rhea. He was taking some of her pain into him. He wasn't able to take all of it. It was too intense. His forehead began to glisten with wet beads from the pain. He gritted his teeth as his arms began to shake. What was going on with Rhea? What was this pain?

The severe pain kept surging over Rhea's body. It wasn't just physical pain though. There was an overwhelming feeling of sorrow inside of her. Her chest tightened and her lungs were being robbed of precious air. Images and sounds began popping into her head. Lumi's sorrowful howls sounded in Rhea's mind as the visions became more clear.

Rhea watched a story unfold in front of her as if she was there. A young woman was leaning into the side of a young man. He had his arm around the girls shoulders. The two were happily gazing out into the field. She watched as the young man shifted into a dragon and took to the sky. The young woman chased below him as a beautiful white wolf.

Wet thick crystals began to stream from Rhea's eyes as the story unraveled. The two people were soul mates... no... they were soul twins. Their souls were the Gemini twins. The man and woman were not lovers but were soul siblings. A rare blessing that was gifted to them. The two souls instantly recognized each other and reunited as the family they were. The two souls when

together had the ability to unite. They did not only have the uniting and commanding ability (which allowed them to form strong alliances who would follow them). The two of them together were immune to magic and impervious to fire.

She watched as rogue groups of werewolves and rogue dragons met in secret. The relationship between the dragon and wolf was misunderstood. They both decided that the inter species was an abomination. Not caring whether they were together or not intimately. It didn't matter. The two of them together were a threat to all those who wouldn't follow them. The two species planned their moment when the souls would be apart and be at their weakest. Then the dragons killed the offending dragon, and the wolves killed the wolf. The unsuspecting Gemini twins never even had a chance to fight back. They were caught completely off guard.

Yes Rhea. You are understanding this correctly. You and Titus are the Gemini souls. I scooped your souls up and saved them from oblivion that day. I delivered Titus to be reborn as the future king of the West Dragon kingdom. While you were still in your mother's womb Titus felt connected to you instantly. His instant connection was not towards your mother but towards you. This is when I knew I had to keep Lumi sealed. By locking up a part of your soul the two of you wouldn't be drawn to each other immediately. Still, when you did meet, I underestimated the powerful bond of your souls. They called to each other so strongly that Lumi almost broke free. And then your souls still continued to reach for the other. Selene's strong voice echoed in Rhea's mind.

I don't understand. Why seal Lumi? What was wrong with Titus and I knowing before? Rhea did not understand the reason behind this. Her mind was feeling overloaded. This did not make sense. If anything, it seemed cruel. Her eyes were closed as she waited in the depths of her mind to hear Selene's answer. Book 2

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Rhea. The war will need the Gemini Twins in order to succeed. I had to keep you two protected and secret for as long as possible. With Lumi out your souls will both have awakened. Your powers will now be released. When the two of you are together you will be a powerful force. Your ability to unite and command will be imperative with the interspecies war that is coming. But like before, they will try to take you both out. They will try to kill you when you are separated. I wanted to wait even longer, but the demons are moving quickly.

So, Titus is my soul brother? That was the connection we have been feeling... It's kind of weird. Rhea giggled a bit thinking how a dragon was her soul brother. Though... Cody was her brother too and he was a werebear. Maybe it wasn't that weird.

It is very smart. Creating a bonded relationship among the species. And in this case among three species.

You planned this? In order to protect the fairies. Rhea came to that realization that this was all part of her plan. The Moon Goddess had the power of premonition too. This was planned.

Not just the fairies... but also my wolves. They will be just as caught up in this battle. I know the past memories are painful. Painful but necessary.

I feel like there is more, isn't there? There is more about the Gemini Twins that you are not telling me. Rhea had this weird feeling that there was more to her and Titus. There was more to them than what she was saying. She could be wrong but it was a hunch.

You know what is important to know right now Rhea. And that is what your connection is to each other. You were given the memories of the past which are a gift so that you are more cautious this time around. Now you know. Now you both know.

Wait, Titus knows now too? Selene never responded to Rhea but drifted from her mind. She really did not answer a lot of questions. And she's gone again...Lumi... you still here too?

Yes... It's a bit overwhelming. I feel like more of us is waking up. Lumi laid down in Rhea's head. It was a lot for her to take in too. The pain of her past life stabbed at her heart. She wouldn't make those same mistakes this time. She was too trusting. If she had to she would protect Rhea. Rhea was too nice and still fairly trusting.

Rhea felt herself drifting back from her consciousness. She first became aware of the big burly arms of her brother around her. She could feel the dampness from her eyes still dripping down her face. She opened her eyes and slowly breathed in. She smelled the fresh scent of her mate. She could feel her insides calming down just from his scent alone. The mate bond was a wonderful thing.

"Rhea." Lee sighed out a breath of relief seeing her no longer in pain.

Cody slowly let down his arms. Rhea turned and looked at him. He was dripping with sweat and looked exhausted. "Cody, are you okay?"

He slumped down into the couch and Kelsie went to his side. He was slowly panting as he nodded. "As long as you are alright. What was that?" He put his arm around Kelsie and rubbed her arm to reassure her. He knew she was worried about him. He was fine. Just a bit exhausted now but he was okay.

Rhea felt Lee's warm arms wrap around her and she leaned into his comforting chest. Her life was finally all being pieced together. She now knew her connection to both Lee and Titus. One was her mate and the other her twin soul.

She listened as the sound of the door opened. She looked up to see Titus quickly popping up from the stairs. His eyes darted around the room until he settled onto Rhea. His gentle topaz eyes smiled at her as he closed the distance between them.

Rhea stepped away from Lee and towards him. He wrapped her into his arms and leaned his head on her forehead. "I guess we have our answer." Titus said quietly. An intense energy grew around them as their souls reunited. There was a gentle pulsing energy flowing inside the both of them as their souls reconnected, finally fully together. A warm light resonated lightly over their skin before it began flowing between them internally. "So, I am kind of like a superhero?" Titus chuckled.

"Hold the invisibility though." Rhea giggled and looked up at him. Out of the corner of her eye she could see a minorly distressed Lee. He had no clue what was going on still. Rhea reached her hand out to Lee and took his hand in hers. She then pulled him in towards her and Titus. She let out a dry laugh. "Well... you said that I would keep your life interesting." He looked down at her with confusion as his eyes flickered between her and Titus.

Titus took a small step away from Rhea and Lee took the moment to wrap his arms around her again. "Speaking of interesting. I haven't seen the two of you for a whole night and half a day now. And Rhea.... You smell completely like Levi here."

"Shouldn't you have been busy tending to your mate too?" Lee asked with a small smirk.

Titus was about to answer and then his eyes bulged. "All this time?! All this time? You have been... you know all this time? Man, I don't have the stamina." Titus shrugged and then grinned seeing Rhea's deep red face. "Why do you smell like him though?"

"La la la la not hearing this la la la la" Cody said loudly shooting Titus an annoyed glare.

"I'm not sure I guess after...well afterward... it changed the way I smelled." Rhea answered in a quieted voice.

Lee grinned down at his bashful mate. "Anyways... are you two going to explain what just happened?" He cleared his throat trying to escape the topic of his night for Rhea's sake. He had nothing to be embarrassed about. If anything, he was quite proud of it. He wouldn't mind broadcasting his night to everyone but the timing still wasn't quite right for that.

"Did you feel that pain too?" Rhea asked. She watched as Titus nodded.

"Sure did. Man.. that really hurt." Titus looked up from Rhea and then into Lee's eyes. "I'm sorry to say that I am very connected to your mate." Titus said, trying to mess with Levi's head. "We are really close."

Rhea shook her head and smiled. "I don't think you can mess with his head anymore. Not after the evening we spent together. My wolf has said he is our mate."

It then clicked for Titus. “So that’s what happened…” Titus smirked and looked at the two of them. “I guess your wolf wanted to seal the deal more than Levi’s beast.” He heard Levi let out a low chuckle as he continued to poke at him.

“Get back on topic, young whelp.” Lee gently stroked his hands over Rhea’s arms as he held her close. He was no longer worried about Titus being her mate, but he did want to know how they were connected.

“Rhea and I are connected by our souls…” Titus filled them in while Rhea added in with the story.

A small frown had been resting on Lee’s face after they finished explaining. He knew about the Gemini Twins and knew of their first fate. He felt very concerned and protective. The two people he was closest to would have a big target on their back. At the same time, they would be incredibly strong together. Lee was in deep thought over everything. The fates had their hands in this. It was not a coincidence for him to have someone like a brother to him and the other his mate who are the Gemini twins. He was in their lives to protect them. He wasn’t the only deity watching over these souls. They would have several that back them. Maybe this would be enough to get the other deities to accept his relationship. Since he was mated to one of the Gemini twins.

“So, when the two of you are near each other you are immune to magic and fire resistant?” Cody had intently listened to the story that was pertaining to his sister. “In a sense you are Rhea’s brother as well?”

Titus smiled and nodded. “She always seemed like a sister to me. I guess that's why.”

“Well then I guess you are my brother too.” Cody hopped up and patted Titus on the back.

Titus’ eyes widened and he jumped back a bit shocked.

“What?” Cody asked looking around.

“Didn’t touching me burn you?” Titus looked at Cody incredulously.

“Tiiittuuuussss. I’m a Guardian.” Cody chuckled. “You really didn’t think that your pathetic dragon skin could burn ME, did you?”

“Wait! I’m a Guardian too. Let me see.” Kelsie walked up and touched Titus; she then removed her hand and wiped it on her pants. “It didn’t burn but it’s just a bit gross. I hope this smell comes off.” She raised her hand up and grimaced at the scent still remaining. Dragon musk was gross.

Titus stood there staring in awe. Inwardly, he could barely contain his happiness. These were people who would be staying in his kingdom that all could touch him. For someone who started out so alone he felt like a family was growing around him. Even Kelsie was becoming like an

annoying little sister to him. He had his mate, his brother, his soul twin and now the two guardians. He was having a houseful. He would never feel lonely again.

Titus reached his hand out to Cody and clasped hands with him. He then leaned in with his other hand and patted him on the back. "I told you we would end up as great friends."

Cody chuckled and nodded. "I never would have imagined it before."

Rhea leaned into Lee and smiled. This felt like such a good moment. She didn't want it to end. She didn't want the future to come. Couldn't the demons just disappear? She tilted her head up to look at Lee. His eyes were gazing back down to her. He lowered himself and then gently kissed her nose. She enjoyed the tiny sparks she felt from the contact. The sparks and electricity had gotten stronger since she got her wolf. Oh... her wolf. She finally had her wolf. She wanted to shift.

About damn time you thought of me. I need to stretch my legs. You know I've only been stuck in a bubble forever. Lumi teased but was also enjoying the moment with Rhea. It had a very uniting feel to it. One that Lumi craved as well.

Sorry. You are right. I am ready for my first shift. Rhea turned and looked at Lee. "Any chance a girl who just got her wolf can shift and go on my first run?"

He smiled down at her. "Yes, but I want to be there with you. I want to be with you while you shift." He nuzzled his nose into her hair taking in their joined scents.

"Let's go to the far end of the woods. It will give us plenty of privacy. I want to see her shift too. Lila is busy today anyways." Titus said with a small pout.

"I'm so excited! I can't wait to see your beautiful wolf." Kelsie was bouncing around in excitement. She was so happy for her dear friend.

"Rhea... I can help you with your shift. Like how Jason helped Wyatt. The first shift can be painful. But let your wolf guide you and I can help alleviate the pain as well." Cody could use his gift as a guardian to draw the pain into himself when she shifted. Just like how he had taken the pain away from her earlier.

"You can help guide me, but I don't want you taking the pain, Cody. This is mine. And it will get better after the first shift. Lumi is pretty ready so I don't think my first shift will be too hard." Rhea smiled as she felt Lumi bouncing around her head in excitement.

The group stood under a canopy of shaded trees. All excited to be part of Rhea's first shift.

"Okay Rhea. Connect with your wolf. Feel for her and let yourself drift back as she comes forward." Cody watched Rhea nod to him. He wanted to help her with the pain, but she was insistent on doing this part herself.

Okay Lumi are you ready?

Is that a joke? Just relax Rhea and let our energy flow together. Let it flow freely and don't fight it. Fighting it is what causes the pain. Which is why the more wolves shift the less it hurts because they learn how to shift properly. We can do this together. We can do this painlessly. Just let go and hand the reins over to me. Book 2