

## Chapter 82 - Dr.Luna

The hot sun warmed Rhea's face as she laid down near the lake. The bright light flickered over her eyelids. She slowly sat up and looked out in the distance. This was her home now... here in Elysium, but she was missing Wyatt and Jason. Rhea was twenty years old... so was her twin brother Wyatt. Wyatt had transitioned into the Alpha position a year ago. Then just six months ago she moved to the fairy kingdom with her brother Cody (who was also her guardian) and with her parents Tyler and Lilly Locke (The king and queen of Elysium). Leaving Wyatt and Jason (Cody's twin brother and Wyatt's guardian) in the Diamond pack. It was where she grew up. Her Uncle Tristan came to Elysium too (he was her mother Lilly's guardian).

A guardian is a werebear who was given special powers by the fairy queen. They are in charge of protecting the royal fairy family and Elysium. Cody was her own special guardian. His main responsibility was to protect her. She was always being protected. Imagine growing up with three overprotective brothers, an overprotective uncle, overprotective friends, and an overprotective father. It was safe to say it... her love life was non-existent.

How was Cody and Jason her brothers if they were werebears? They were her adoptive brothers. Her parents took them in when they were toddlers. They knew they were their children's guardians. They were raised as her brothers though. From the day she was born they were always her brothers. Though Jason and Wyatt always paired up and Cody paired up with her. Guardians were very protective of their charges. She felt sad thinking about the Diamond pack and her loved ones there.

Kade (who was her father's Beta) and his mate Rosa were planning to move to Elysium too. They wanted to wait until their children were a bit older before they made the move. They had two children a boy and a girl. Sam and Susan. Sam was Wyatt's Beta. She missed them terribly they were very close friends of hers. Same with Cedric and his mate Merida. They were also staying behind for their child, they had a daughter, Renee. She missed her too. Renee was such a sweet and quiet friend. Kade, Cedric and their mates were close friends of her parents and were practically family so that meant their kids were the same way. Thinking about them made her home sick... which she probably shouldn't be getting since this is her home now.

Her father's cousin Avery (her cousin too) and her mate Caleb were back home too. They would be staying in the Diamond pack along with their two boys, Adam and Winston. Winston and Adam were the Gamma and Delta in charge. They were a couple of goof balls and she loved them dearly. She missed her family.

She sighed and stood up. Her long hair swayed in the breeze as she looked out over the lake. Her hair was a very unique color. It was like a light silver, but not like an old lady grey. It shined in

the sun. Her eyes were a deep blue and her body... well she knew she was put together nicely. She wasn't the tallest girl around, but she wasn't a midget either. She could thank her mother and father for her good looks. Though it didn't do her any good. No one could even look at her without risking instant death from her family.

Her father Tyler was the best daddy a girl could ask for. Sure, he was overprotective, but she was his little princess, and she knew she had him wrapped around her finger. He was hopelessly devoted to her mother though. Her mother only had to barely frown, and he was there taking care of her. They had a special bond. They were soul mates and could feel each other's pain and hear their thoughts. It was special. She hoped she had a love that was even half of what they have together. If any man would ever risk approaching her.

Her mother... well she was amazing... she was not only a fairy queen but she was a doctor. She was also the previous Luna of the Diamond pack. She was strong, beautiful and brilliant... her wolf was amazing too. She was a black enormous wolf! As far as she could tell, her mother was perfect.

Wyatt got his wolf at 15. His was a large gray wolf... so magnificent. His wolf was even larger than her fathers! Then there was Rhea. She was twenty years old... the daughter of the previous Luna and Alpha of the Diamond pack and she still didn't have her wolf. She knew she was there, but it was like she couldn't break through. She could not connect to her. She didn't have any of her werewolf senses. Yep, that's right. No werewolf senses so no way to find her mate. If she had a mate out there...

"Rhea!" Cody called running up to her. "I told you not to leave without me."

Rhea looked back over her shoulder. Cody was resting his hands on his knees while catching his breath. He was tall and muscular. He was like a muscle builder large... most werebears were. He had dark hair and dark brown eyes. He was a very attractive guy only four years older than her. He was her very overprotective brother. He was always following her around never letting her out of his sight for very long. If he had his way, he would be sleeping with her... not in that sense though. There were no romantic feelings between them... they were siblings, remember?

"You were taking too long Cody. Besides... I waited for you. I didn't go for a walk without you." Rhea winked at him as she heard him snort in protest. "Cody... do you miss our pack?" The truth was... Rhea was a bit bitter over leaving the Diamond pack. She wasn't ready to move to Elysium, but she knew why they did. Her parents tried to keep things secretive, but she knew they brought her here to keep her safe from a couple demons named Abaddon and Leoric. It wasn't fair. She wasn't ready to be closed off from everyone. She didn't want to leave her family. Now she was in a cage... a cage called Elysium.

"Like you give me time to miss it." Cody grinned widely then frowned a bit seeing her serious face. "I miss Wyatt and Jason. It is tough not seeing them all the time. I also miss Kade, Caleb and Cedric... I miss my friends. Just a bit though. It isn't unbearable. I have you Rhea. You're my home."

“You’ll never leave me? Like...ever ever?” Rhea raised an eye and smiled at him.

“Sorry sis, you are stuck with me forever. I’m just like Tristan with momma. Stuck to you forever.” Cody grinned widely.

“Great so she has to put up with your overprotective ass for eternity.” A voice hissed out by the lake.

“Kelsie, I was waiting for you.” Rhea giggled as she watched her friend walk out of the water. Kelsie was a kelpie she shifted from a water horse to a person. Her father was Rowan a kelpie who was good friends with her parents. Naturally the two girls became fast friends too. She often visited her in the Diamond pack since she can teleport to any body of water she chose. Kelsie was beautiful. She had long black hair with light green eyes. She had a large chest and a tiny waist with a big butt. She was sort of the ideal temptress.

“Man, Kelsie is coming too.” Cody whined shooting daggers at the girl.

Rhea giggled. Those two were always bickering. Though secretly she thought they had a thing for each other though neither would admit it. They were both jealous and possessive over her. Neither liked to share her with... well anyone. It was the way both werebears and kelpies were... selfish...possessive and with hot tempers.

There Cody and Kelsie were. Inches from each other’s faces. Yelling and arguing about who knows what now. First it was who could protect Rhea better. Then it was about how dark fairies can’t be trusted. Last thing Rhea made out was how werebears tempers were too dangerous. Talk about the pot calling the kettle black there. At this rate they might as well pitch a tent because they would never leave this spot. Rhea grinned evilly and whipped her wrist over towards the two of them drenching them in water.

“Rhea!” They both whined looking at her annoyed.

“Enough already!” Rhea tapped her foot towards them. Rhea was a water elemental. She also had the coolest summon ever and he often visited her. Honestly... he was a constant in her life too. He was also incredibly attractive. He had rich dark brown hair, light blue eyes and his body...ugh... it was sculpted like a god... well he was a deity. He was a class one deity. He was a water dragon... Leviathan. Though she just called him Lee or Levi. He always managed to cheer her up and she was glad he chose her to be his summoner.

Rhea? Where are you at? You are supposed to join us for training... remember?

Shit... Rhea heard her mother’s voice mind link in her head. She forgot that she had plans today. Rhea could only mind link with a few people... well it was more of a fairy mind link since she couldn't use her wolf ...yet.

I’m coming mom. Be there soon.

“I have to go. I forgot I have training with mom and dad today.” Rhea sighed.

“I guess that mean Uncle Tristan and I have practice today too.” Cody grinned getting excited to fight with his uncle. They always got their practice in too during her training sessions.

“Sorry Kelsie... I guess we will catch up tomorrow... don’t forget our plans.” Rhea gave her a quick wink.

“I remember. I’ll see you there Rhea.”

Rhea and Cody raced up to the large field where her parents and Tristan were waiting. Even though Rhea never got her wolf their parents insisted on her training just like any werewolf warrior would. They knew there was still a lot of dangers out there and a large battle that they were still destined to face.

“Rhea...” Tyler looked down at her in irritation his massive arms were folded across his chest with a small frown on his lips.

“Sorry daddy. I forgot.” Rhea gave her daddy her deep blue puppy dog eyes. She knew he couldn’t stay mad at her. She walked up to him and smiled as he wrapped an arm around her. Daddy was the easy one.

“It is important not to miss training Rhea. This will help keep you sharp and hopefully help you gain your wolf.” Her mother scolded.

“I’m sorry.” Rhea pouted in her daddy’s arms. She felt his comforting arm on her as she heard her mother sigh. There was nothing she could do against her mother. No puppy dog eyes... nothing. Her mother never fell for the sympathy card.

“Come on Cody. Let’s leave these pups alone and see what you’ve got.” Tristan walked over to the far side of the field with Cody where they both shifted in their werebear forms.

“Alright, let’s not waste any more time.” Lilly shook her head smiling. Tyler was asking her to let it go and to be easy on Rhea. Honestly, what was she going to do with the both of them.

Rhea would be lying if she said she didn’t feel a bit jealous. She wanted to be able to shift into her animal as well. How was it that she still hadn’t gotten her wolf? The constant training was to help her draw her wolf out but it never helped. Her mother could probably release her wolf for her and offered to try but Rhea refused. She wanted to do it herself. So instead, she had landed herself into vigorous training sessions...yippee.

“Alright Rhea, today we are going to fine tune those elemental skills. Remember you go all out against me. I can heal and I can heal you if you get hurt.” Lilly’s healing powers had come a long way over the years. She could now heal others which was a good thing since Rhea couldn’t heal without her wolf and she hadn’t learned to with her fairy powers. Book 2

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“Rhea, pay attention.” Lilly scolded her daughter. “You barely dodged that last attack.”

“I was paying attention. I wasn’t expecting you to shoot that many flames at once.” Rhea spat back. She steadied herself and launched a swirling pool of water back towards her mother who effortlessly blocked it.

The two began a powerful dance between their elemental powers. Each colliding with the other both managing to dodge or block the other attack. Her mother launched a large flame towards her at the same moment she lost her footing and slipped. She braced herself, closing her eyes and raising her hands to block the burning flames that would soon envelope her. Rhea sat there for a moment, but the flames never reached her. She peaked above her arms to see why. There standing in front of her was Lee, her summon. He had appeared blocking the flames and was now looking back at her.

“Are you okay?” Lee asked as he reached down and helped her up.

“Yeah, I just slipped.” Rhea admitted feeling a bit embarrassed. He smiled at her warmly and then pulled her into his arms. She blushed. She knew she shouldn’t find him so attractive, but she couldn’t help it. He was the only man who wasn’t family that was allowed to embrace her. He wasn’t someone she could have though... even though she wanted him. He was a deity and was there to protect her and help fight with her. Who knows how old he really is...even though he had the body of a twenty year old. Well, however old he was he invaded her mind with impure thoughts. She was practically drooling as she felt his hard muscles under her hands. Then all too quickly his warmth was gone as he gently pulled back away from her.

“Try to be more careful Rhea.” Lee smiled at her and then turned to face her parents who had walked over.

“Thank you for showing up when you did. I would have been so upset to have burned her.” Lilly sighed thankfully towards the deity.

“Just doing my job. You could have healed her anyways, but I thought it would be best to avoid the injury all together.” Lee grinned and looked back towards Rhea. She was biting her bottom lip looking a bit embarrassed over the whole situation.

“I think that is enough training for today.” Tyler said as he ran his hand through his hair. His baby girl was almost hurt. That was all his heart could take for one day.

“Well, my job is done here. I’ll be around.” Lee said and flashed Rhea a dazzling smile and a wink before he vanished.

Damn he was hot. What deity wasn’t attractive though? She needed to find her mate soon before Lee becomes a victim of her loneliness. Her thoughts were already taking advantage of him... Rhea took her hands and rubbed her face. Out of the gutter Rhea.

“Come on Rhea, let’s go meet your grandparents for dinner they should be home from their trip now.” Tyler said pulling her into his side. He held Rhea on one side and Lilly on the other. “Tristan! Cody! We are going to back for grub, let’s go!”

The two bears shifted and threw a pair of shorts on that they had brought.

“Coming dad!” Cody yelled. “Come on Uncle Tristan I will race you. Let’s see if those old legs of yours can still move.”

“Pfft. Whose legs are you calling old?” Tristan smirked and fully sprinted. He laughed as he passed Cody up and stopped just ahead of Tyler. “Awe the young cub just isn’t fast enough.”

“You got a head start. Such a cheater.” Cody pouted following in step next to Lilly.

“You should know better. Tristan and your daddy always find a way to try to get the upper hand.” Lilly smiled with a shrug.

“My dear... it sounds like you are insinuating that we are cheaters?” Tyler raised his eyes and looked down towards his wife.

Lilly smiled and looked up to him. “Well look who isn’t all brawns today?” Lilly then swirled out of his arms and took off running.

“You better run faster then that if you want to escape me.” Tyler yelled and took off after her.

“What are we going to do with them...such kids.” Tristan smirked looking at Cody and Rhea. They watched Tyler catch up to Lilly and swirl her body in the air. He held her bridal style as he took off running with her back to the castle. Lilly was squealing with happiness the whole way. They always acted like this. Like they were newly in love. The truth is that was how strong their love was. It was always like new love. They burned brightly together. The two of them were a very powerful couple who were strongly bonded together.

I want that too... Someday... I really hope I have something like that. Hell... I’d be happy if it was even half of what they have together. Rhea smiled as she watched her parents disappear from her sight.

“Ray Ray you want to come fishing with me and Uncle Tristan tomorrow?” Cody asked as they approached the castle.

“I have plans with Kelsie tomorrow remember?” Rhea watched him roll his eyes and grumble under his breath.

“She always ends up getting you in trouble... maybe I should go with you. I don’t like it when you two are left alone together. Yeah, I am coming with you. I feel uneasy all of the sudden.” Cody frowned and shook his head. He didn’t like the idea of leaving Rhea alone with Kelsie.

“Cody will you relax. Go and fish with Uncle Tristan. We can be apart for a couple hours. I promise you’ll live through it.” Rhea teased and heard Tristan chuckle.

“You are so much like your mother, Rhea.” Tristan smiled at her. She was so much like Lilly. Which was a good and a bad thing. Lilly always managed to get herself in trouble at Rhea’s age.

As they walked into the dining hall they saw her parents standing next to Ethan and Alice who were standing there waving excitedly towards Cody and Rhea. “Come here kiddos.” Alice called out.

“Uh oh Pap and Grandma are up to something.” Cody smiled down at Rhea before the two quickly skipped over to them like little kids about to get a prize.

Ethan grabbed Cody in a head lock and playfully jabbed at his side, while Alice put a gentle arm around Rhea. They both watched the rough affectionate exchange.

“We got you something special. For both of you. Rhea you can’t use yours yet, but I am sure it will come into use soon.” Alice held out two small black pearl looking things. “Swallow them.”

“Say what? Umm Pap... I think Grams is losing it.” Cody leaned into Ethan and got a hard pat on the back.

“Do as she says. We were only able to get a small amount of these. We already gave some to Wyatt and Jason too.” Ethan said smiling widely.

“We gave some to your parents and have one for Tristan too.” Alice beamed proudly.

“What are they?” Rhea held the black thing up that she was supposed to just swallow.

“Here Tristan, take yours and do as you are told. Swallow it.” Alice placed one in Tristan’s hand. He examined it for a second, looked up to Tyler and then shrugged. He tossed the black pearl in his mouth and swallowed it. Rhea and Cody did the same after that.

“What was that?” Cody grimaced and shook his head.

“They were a gift we received from the cave troll. They were his fingernail clippings.” Ethan smirked looking at the green faces on Rhea and Cody.

“You both are senile... making us swallow troll fingernails...” Cody was starting to feel sick thinking about it.

“Why did I swallow a troll’s fingernail?” Tristan asked looking at Alice and Ethan.

“Because now when you shift back into your human form you will do so with clothes on.” Alice clapped excitedly.

“No shit, really?” Cody asked excitedly.

“Cody!” Alice hissed.

“I mean... no way.” Cody gave her a wide cheesy grin. Grandma was the only one who really protested about language. It was common knowledge to watch your tongue around her.

Rhea was smiling though inwardly she was sad. It wasn’t something she could use right now and was another bitter reminder that she couldn’t shift into her wolf. She tried not to do that to herself. She wasn’t this overly jealous type of person. Really... she beat up on herself. There was something wrong with her. Why couldn’t she do what every other normal shifter could?

“So, is there anything else to eat besides troll fingernails?” Cody grinned hoping there was more for dinner. He was a growing boy after all. Book 2

## Chapter 3 Homesick

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Rhea stayed up and talked with everyone until late in the evening before she finally excused herself for bed. She walked into her room and shut the door. She sighed heavily. Her lips curled down as a few tears trickled down her cheek. Today was a tough day for her. She couldn’t help it. She really missed Wyatt and Jason. They visited last month but it wasn’t the same. And she had the feeling that something was bothering Wyatt but he didn’t say anything. If only she was there too. She was used to seeing them daily. She was used to being surrounded by her fun filled family. The isolation was getting to her. Then on top of all of that she still can’t reach her wolf. Maybe if she had her wolf to talk things over with it would be different? She would have someone that knew her mind and she could confide in. It was so hard to have people you were so close with but couldn’t talk to daily. They couldn’t use cell phones at all here. There was no way she could even video chat with them.

She walked up and peered out the window. The sky was lit up in the brilliance of the bright moon. A few more tears streamed down and onto the ground. She hated that she was being sealed away. Why shouldn’t she get to live her life where she chooses? Why does her whole life



have to change because of demons? She always tried to keep up a brave front in front of everyone. She didn't want her parents to feel bad. She knew they hated separating their family and that they both were struggling leaving Jason and Wyatt behind. Even though they could travel to visit them they stayed closed to her since she couldn't. She knew she was being a bit pitiful right now, but this was just her emotional dam finally overflowing. And since there was no one around to see her she let the liquid crystals fall.

A warm hand wrapped around her and gently spun her around. She jumped, startled, and her eyes widened from the unexpected visitor. She looked up and then relaxed seeing who it was.

“Why are you crying?” Lee asked as he reached up and wiped her tears from her face.

Rhea smiled and shook her head. “Silly stuff I guess.” So much for being alone. Though she did not mind having his presence near her. He was a comfort to her.

“If it is bothering you then it isn't silly. Why don't you talk to me about it?” Lee withdrew his hand from her and looked at her expectantly.

“I miss my family. I want to go back to the Diamond pack. I hate that I am being kept in the dark and locked away. I hate that everything had to change for me because my parents were worried about some demons that I have never met.” Rhea bit her bottom lip to stop it from quivering. She wasn't afraid of these demons. If they were after her then let them come. She would fight. Though, she did not want anyone to be injured fighting on her behalf. She knew this was the best way to keep everyone safe. She was just feeling a bit lonely and selfish. She could admit that to herself.

“It's safer for you here. Those demons can't come in here and take you. If the opportunity arrives, they will... they will take you. That's why you are here. It is to keep you safe. The land is in unrest. Something is approaching. The demons are restless. Something is going to happen. You need to stay in Elysium where it is safe.” Lee stared into her deep sapphire eyes. This was something that couldn't be helped. The world was growing more and more dangerous. She was precious. She had to be kept safe.

“I have you to protect me though.” Rhea scrunched up her nose with a smile.

Lee chuckled. “I will protect you the best I can. As strong as I am, I can't protect you against the army that is forming. This is one of the safest places for you.”

Rhea smiled at him weakly. Of course. How can he understand? He can come and go as he pleases. How can anyone else possibly understand? She's the one who is a damn canary forced to live in a cage. She should just sing and be happy. She better not dare try to fly with those wings. Just sit tight and enjoy her safe cage.

“Don't think that I don't care, Rhea.” Lee's voice came out a bit agitated. He reached his hand out and tipped her chin up, forcing her to look into his eyes.

“Yeah. I get it. This is where I am safe. I need to be happy and accept it.” Rhea looked away and out the window staring back at the moon. She was pulled backwards and soon felt her back being held against his chest. “You would probably feel differently if you were trapped.” Rhea whispered out.

“I would change it if I could. I only want you to be happy Rhea. Safe and happy. You know I care. I’m sorry I can’t do anything about this. I’m sorry you are stuck here. It isn’t forever though. It is just for now.” Lee leaned his head down and spoke lowly in Rhea’s ear. He was trying to soothe her. She was distressed and it made him sad that he couldn’t give her what she wanted.

Rhea felt his hot breath against her skin and couldn’t stop the shiver that rippled over her body. His hot chest seared her back. She could feel his muscular body... feel his chest rising and falling. Her heart rate quickened. Something so simple was sending tingles through her body. She leaned her head back onto his chest. Taking in his scent. Her senses were going wild. Everything was pulling her to turn herself around into his arms.

“Rhea?” Lee called out quietly, gently spinning her body around to look at her face.

Rhea felt her cheeks heat up staring at him. He got her worked up too easily.

“Everything is going to be okay? You’ll see. This is only a minor inconvenience. A small part of the big picture you will be involved in.” Lee smiled at her and patted her head.

Ugh. She was taking her mind straight to the gutter and he was patting her on the head like a little sister. Dang she needed to find her mate. Once she found her mate her attraction to him would go away. Your mate consumes your thoughts and even those who thought they were in love forget. Their thoughts are only about their mate. She really needed hers because Lee was too attractive. She imagined that was how women felt when they were around Cedric before. Since Cedric was a fairy who could attract women to him. Maybe Lee had some sort of attractant too...that or she was just a lovesick girl who was unmated.

“It was just a bad day. I’ll be better tomorrow.” Rhea smiled up at him. Letting her eyes wander over his delicious face...sculpted shoulders...intoxicating smile...his sweet scent.

“Rhea, are you feeling okay? You look a little flushed?” Lee asked as he rested his hand on her forehead checking for a temperature. Then moving his hand to either side of her cheeks.

“I feel fine.” Rhea was inwardly screaming though. I’m fine. Just blushing away as my eyes devour your incredible body. Don’t mind this insignificant lifeforce here. Can’t blame some lowly peasant like me for being attracted to a god. I mean... they are a god. And that is a body of a god...mmmmm...Rhea! Gutter! Get out of the Gutter! He is looking right at you! Focus woman! Rhea shook her head and smiled. “It’s been a long day. I guess I am tired.” He flashed a wide smile at her. Yep, he is melting me.

“Get some sleep princess. I hate it when you are stressed out. I feel like I’m not doing my job.” Lee patted her head once again smiling down at her.

I know a way you can unstress me out...if you are offering... “I’m going to grab a shower and then get to bed. I promise I’ll be back to normal tomorrow.” Rhea knew she would be taking a cold shower.

“Sweet dreams princess. If you need me call me.” Lee smiled and kissed her on the forehead before he vanished.

If you need me call me... I wonder how far that really goes... what needs does that all include. Rhea smiled coquettishly as she walked into her bathroom. She needed a nice cool shower to regulate her raging hormones. He had no idea the affect his body had on her... well if he did then he was one sick deity to get her worked up like that. To be fair she knew this was all her. He was just... well a god. He had the body of a perfect man. Everything about him was perfect. That was how god bodies were. Which was horrible for a young hormonal girl who was mate deprived. Book 2

Chapter 4 Kelsie’s Place

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Rhea came out to the breakfast table and sat across from Cody. Cody was scarfing a plate of eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, biscuits, and orange juice. He could really eat.

“Here sis, I made you a plate too.” Cody grinned as he shoved a mile-high stacked plate over towards her.

“Umm... I can’t eat all of that. I haven’t gotten my wolf yet or I am sure I could.” Rhea looked up as Uncle Tristan walked in. “Here Tristan, take my plate. I don’t even need half of what is on here.” She giggled as his eyes lit up.

“Thanks Rhea!” Tristan sat down and began scarfing his food just like Cody.

Rhea put some eggs and bacon on her plate along with a slice of toast. This was about all she could handle. Now don’t get her wrong. She loved food. She loved to eat. She just couldn’t shovel it in like the rest of them. Her mother could really eat too. Rhea was certain that when she got her wolf, she would also be able to overindulge more.

Her mother and father sat down next to her. They both had well stacked plates. It has to be an animal shifter thing.

“What are everyone’s plans for today.” Lilly asked looking up from her food.

“Uncle Tristan and I are going fishing. You guys want to come?” Cody asked as he stuffed another bite of food in his mouth.

“That sounds like fun. We’re in.” Tyler winked at Lilly.

Lilly smiled and shook her head. This would be turning into a competition. Somethings never change. “What about you Rhea?”

“Kelsie and I are hanging out today.” Rhea stuffed a bite of eggs into her mouth.

“You girls don’t want to come fishing too?” Lilly asked with a frown. She liked spending time with Rhea. She might be tough on her at times, but she always tried to spend as much fun time as she could with her. Something she missed out on, so she made sure that Rhea didn’t.

“Not this time. I promise I will go the next time.” Rhea smiled up at her mother who nodded back to her in return.

“I still don’t like you going off with Kelsie.” Cody grumbled as he stuffed a biscuit in his mouth.

“Cody... Kelsie is her friend. Cool your overprotective jets.” Lilly grinned at her overprotective son. He was just like his Uncle Tristan.

“Remind you of someone?” Tyler chuckled and rubbed Lilly’s back.

“I’m afraid you’ll just have to learn to live with it Rhea. All guardians are like that. Even now, Dylan is still like that with your grandma.” Lilly gave her daughter a knowing sympathetic smile.

Rhea giggled. “I know mom. We just can’t help it. We are so loveable.” The two girls giggled as they listened to Tristan and Cody snort objectively.

“We know troublemakers when we see them.” Cody snorted while Rhea rolled her eyes at him.

Rhea got up, gave her daddy a peck on the cheek and then walked over doing the same with her mom. “Love you. I’ll see you guys when you get back. Don’t miss me too much Cody.” Rhea stuck her tongue out at him and then giggled as she walked out of the room.

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“Kelsie!” Rhea yelled waving her arm as she approached the lake.

“Ready to go for a ride?” Kelsie asked as she walked over to her.

“I can’t wait!” Rhea answered excitedly. Kelsie transformed into her horse. Her horse was beautiful just like her fathers. All black with a long flowing mane and tail. Rhea climbed up onto her back and squealed as she took off running.

The dark horse raced along the lake side allowing the freshwater breeze to flow over Rhea. Rhea’s long hair was flowing behind her, she closed her eyes feeling the air on her face. And for a small moment... she felt free. Not contained and locked away. Not the precious princess who needed protect. She was just a girl being a free spirit. It felt... liberating.

Rhea stayed quiet with her eyes closed just absorbing in the moment. She opened her eyes and then blinked. Where were they? She turned and looked behind her. She could see the pine forest wall behind them... they had left Elysium. “Kelsie?! You know I’m not allowed to leave.” Rhea gasped in shock. If her parents found out she was toast.

Rhea looked ahead. They were approaching a river. This is where Kelsie stopped, and Rhea hopped off. Kelsie quickly shifted back to her human form.

“I wanted to show you this place Rhea. It is one of my favorite places to visit.” Kelsie turned and showed her the glistening river.

The river was beautiful. The white rapids glistened in the sun. The river was fast paced but stunning. On the other side was a towering mountain. At the very top was where the dragons lived. It was breathtaking. She could see what Kelsie liked it.

“It is lovely Kelsie... but you shouldn’t have taken me out of Elysium. You know how much trouble I will get in if anyone finds out?! I’ll be locked away in the dungeons.” Rhea frowned knowing how angry her parents would get.

“Sorry... are you mad at me?” Kelsie stuck her bottom lip out and pouted. “Please don’t be mad....”

“I’m not mad. Thank you for sharing your spot with me Kels.” Rhea did appreciate what she was trying to do. She wanted to cheer her up. “Let’s go back though before I am discovered...” Just as Rhea went to turn around, she heard a child’s muffled cries. She looked out horrified. In the raging river was a child being tossed about mercilessly. She didn’t think... there was no time to think. She ran and dove into the water as the child was being washed by.

Rhea struggled in the violent water. She used her elemental powers to help propel her to the child just as he was beginning to go under. She grabbed onto him and held on tightly. The water beat her body against the rocks she did her best to use herself as a shield for the child. The current was dangerously strong. She was being carried far downstream. She tried to push herself while controlling the water, but it was hard to do while holding onto the child. The rapids were so strong she was afraid to only hold him with one hand. She was afraid if she did, he would be ripped from her arms and she wouldn’t be able to retrieve him again. She could see Kelsie trying to get to her in the distance the water was so fast and powerful that it was taking her awhile to reach them.

Rhea felt herself being funneled in the water. The river shot up in the air, cradling her and the child. She felt the water lower her onto the shore. She sighed in relief the moment she touched the solid ground. She looked at the child that was laying down in front of her. He looked okay, but had fallen unconscious.

“What the hell Rhea!?!” A voice growled and pulled his arms around her.

Rhea tilted her head back and was met with the angry eyes of Lee. She leaned into his arms, panting as she tried to catch her breath. So that is how she got out of the water. A few moment later Kelsie was in front of her.

“I’m sorry Rhea! I couldn’t get to you. I was trying. Are you okay?” Kelsie was crying.

“I’m okay Kelsie. Thanks to Lee.” Rhea sighed as she felt the arms tighten around her.

“What the hell is going on? Why aren’t you in Elysium? And what the hell were you doing in the river?!” Lee’s voice was dark and angry. As he spoke a small rumble sound was heard in the air.

“I only left for a minute. I was going right back and then I heard a child yelling for help. I had to help him... The water was stronger than I thought.” Rhea had never heard Lee angry. And this was a level above angry. To be perfectly honest... he was scaring her.

“There is no reason for you to leave Elysium! No reason! We just talked about this last night, Rhea! Damnit. And then you go and jump into the river to help a child you don’t even know. I am...geez Rhea!” Lee’s eyes were dark and were sizzling as he looked down at Rhea. “Why would you jump into the water?! You could have just used your skills and pushed the kid to shore.”

Rhea blushed in embarrassment and scrunched her nose up. “I could have huh?” She wasn’t thinking. Had she thought about it she could have fully used her water elemental powers instead of jumping into the water.

Kelsie busted out laughing. The embarrassed look on her face even brought a small smirk to Lee’s lips. He wrapped his arms around her and sighed. “You scared me Rhea.” He finally admitted quietly.

“I’m sorry... I scared me too.” She gave him a cheesy smile. She was embarrassed over her actions.

Lee took in a breath calming himself down. He pulled Rhea up to her feet and looked her over. She had some bruising and some small scraps on her body making him frown. “Why are you out of Elysium’s borders?” He asked more calmly.

“That’s my fault. I wanted to show her the rapids. Please don’t be mad at her. This was all my fault.” Kelsie didn’t want Rhea getting yelled at because of something she did. “What are we going to do about the whelp?”

“He’s a dragon whelp?” Rhea asked with wide eyes.

“Yes, he belongs up there. I don’t know how he ended up all the way down here though.” Lee looked up to the top of the mountain.

“I guess we are taking him back then.” Rhea sighed as she stared up over the mountain side. It was not going to be an easy trip.

“We? Nope. I’ll meet you at the top but I am not climbing that death mountain.” Kelsie folded her arms and shook her head.

Kelpies... they were so selfish.

“Lee, you’ll come with me, won’t you?” Rhea asked looking up at the deity.

Lee smiled at her and reached his hand out, brushing her face. “I wish I could. I really want you to just go straight home, but I know you won’t.” He gave her a crooked smile and then continued. “My presence might draw unwanted guests. I will be keeping an eye on you though... You know if you go back home someone there can bring the child back, right?” Lee felt conflicted. He wanted to stay by her side since she wasn’t in her protected barrier, but he was afraid that his presence would bring demon attention. Especially now because they have been very active. A couple demons wouldn’t be a problem for him, but there was an army gathering. He didn’t want to risk drawing them closer to Rhea.

“Well, I still have a chance of not getting caught if I deliver him myself. I have to risk it. I’d rather risk climbing this mountain than facing my parents.” Rhea gave a nervous chuckle while both Kelsie and Lee nodded in understanding.

“I’ll be with you Rhea. Call out for me and I will be there instantly.” Lee let out a puff of air as he looked at her seriously.

“Even if I don’t call out for you, you’ll be there the moment I need you. You always are.” Rhea met with his eyes. Her heart trumpeting loudly as she gawked at the handsome face in front of her.

Lee chuckled and patted her head. “I try princess.” He leaned in and kissed her forehead and then he vanished.

Kelsie grinned at Rhea and gave her a couple eye raises. “Still crushing on your deity?”

“Kelsie! Shush.” Rhea made an eye gesture to her head. He was probably watching over her right now. She didn’t need him hearing about how she drools over his looks. He might never come back. Kelsie smiled and nodded.

“Kelsie help me hoist him onto my back.” Rhea looked back to see her friends disgusted face.

“Eww... you want me to touch it?! We have no idea where it has been.” Kelsie stuck her tongue out in utter disgust.

“Kelsie! It is a child. You don’t want to see me struggling do you? Now give me a hand!” Rhea shook her head. Kelpies... so high and mighty. They were too good for everything. The child was maybe seven or eight years old? He was just a little kid.

Kelsie helped the boy onto Rhea’s back. She kept groaning and protesting. “Eww ewww eww. YUCK! I’m going to be sick it’s breath hit my skin. This is repulsive. There he’s on.” Kelsie shuddered and shook off. She raised her hands and shook them violently. “I smell... Eeewww... I need to wash off! See you at the top Rhea. There is a small pond up there that I’ll be waiting for you at.” Kelsie turned and jumped into the river vanishing the moment she did.

Rhea looked up the steep mountainside. This was going to be tough.

Book 2

Chapter 5 Dragon Kingdom

## Chapter 86 - Dr.Luna

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The boy started to stir as she climbed up the mountainside. Her hands had small scraps and were getting sore. She found a small ledge halfway up and decided to catch her breath. She also wanted to talk to the child to make sure he was okay. She didn't want him to wake up scared being carried by some stranger.

“Hey sweetie are you waking up?” Rhea’s gentle voice called out. She could feel his body move a bit as he began to come to.

The small boy moaned, and she felt his body shift again. She decided to set him down. She wanted to talk with him and make sure he was feeling okay. Who knows what was injured on him after being in the river? She sat the boy down and knelt down in front of him. She watched his eyes open up and he looked at her in confusion. Surprisingly though he did not seem to be afraid of her.



“How are you feeling? You really shouldn’t swim in water that moves that quick.” Rhea grinned at the boy. “I’m Rhea.”

“You... you saved me?” The boy asked with wide eyes. Rhea nodded at him smiling gently. “Thank you... my name is Todd. And just so you know I didn’t plan to swim in the river.”

“How did you end up in the river?” Rhea asked him quietly.

“I was trying to force my shift. I thought the best way would be to jump from a high hill.... I never shifted though.” Todd said dejectedly.

Rhea bit her bottom lip. She understood trying to force your body to shift all too well. “Sweetie, you will shift when you are ready. You are a little young, aren’t you?” Rhea didn’t know at what age dragons shifted but werewolves were usually teenagers.

“Our king shifted when he turned seven! He was the youngest shifter ever. I’m eight so it could happen.” Todd beamed happily as he talked about his king.

Rhea remembered her mother talking about the dragon prince who was now king. “Your king is Titus, right?” Rhea watched his eyes bulge wide.

“How did you know that?! No one calls him Titus... that’s his personal name.” Todd was shocked how this complete stranger knew his king’s name.

Rhea winked at the boy. “I know a thing or two... How do you feel? Are you hurt anywhere?”

The boy blinked at her and then wiggled his body around. He winced as he moved his leg. “Ouch... my leg hurts.” Todd frowned and reached down to it.

Rhea bent down and looked over the boy’s leg. There was a big cut and deep dark bruising on it, but it at least didn’t look broken. “Looks like it will be okay but will probably be sore for a few days. At least climbing will be better since you can help hold on.”

“You’re going to carry me the whole way?!” Todd asked shocked.

“Well how do you think you’ve gotten this far?” Rhea giggled as she saw him look down the mountainside. “Come on Todd... let’s get you home.” Rhea bent down and helped the boy onto her back. “Hold on tight.”

By the time Rhea reached the top she was thoroughly cut up. The sharp rocks from the mountain left little nicks and scrapes over her skin. She was breathing heavy trying to catch her breath.

“Are you okay?” Todd asked with a bit of a whimper.

“Of course, I am okay. I’ve trained harder than this before.” Rhea straightened up so the boy wouldn’t worry.

“Rhea you finally made it.” Kelsie walked over from the tree line at the top of the mountain.

“Yeah, finally.... We all can’t teleport where we want.” Rhea rolled her eyes at Kelsie.

“Eeeww it’s awake!” Kelsie took a step backwards from her friend looking at the small child.

“Kelsie that is enough. You damn horses need to learn some respect for others. You are not the only species that exists in the world. This is Todd. Todd this is Kelsie... she is a kelpie.” Rhea was afraid the little boy feels would be hurt but surprisingly they weren’t.

Todd stared at the kelpie with indifference. “Oh...a kelpie... hmmm. I think I should be the one grossed out.”

Dragons... very similar to kelpies...they both were arrogant and were too good for everyone else. “Okay you two. You both should have respect for others. And you little man. It wasn’t a dragon that pulled you out of that river. Something you should try to remember in the future.”

“I like you. You are really nice...whatever you are.” Todd shrugged and smiled.

“What is going on over there?” Rhea began walking carrying the boy in the direction of music.

“That’s the adult party.” Todd said uninterestedly.

“Well then that’s where we are going... we need to get you back to your parents.” Rhea said as she confidently picked up the pace.

“I’m going to get in so much trouble.” Todd whimpered and ducked his head behind Rhea’s.

“I know the feeling.” Rhea let out an airy laugh. She knew that if her parents found out she left Elysium that she would be in for it for sure.

They approached an outside area that had a large dance area set up and hundreds of circle tables on the other side. There were people everywhere. Laughing, dancing, talking and eating. Of course,... all these people were dragons. Rhea always had in her head that most dragons weren’t shifters... but it looked like all dragons were shifters. She walked up to a set of short stairs that led down into the party area. She cleared her throat but was going unnoticed.

“I’ve got this.” Kelsie said annoyed. She let out an ear piercing whinny that had the whole party silent. Even the music quit playing. “Floors yours princess.”

Ugh... thank you Kels... Rhea swallowed and looked around at the many set of eyes on her. Her... an outsider... an intruder.

“I have someone here that I think belongs to one of you?” Rhea said as she shifted herself around to show the small boy on her back. She heard a woman gasp and came running up to her.

“Careful... his leg is pretty banged up.” Rhea shifted the boy into the worried woman’s arms.

“What happened?!” The woman asked in shock.

“I tried to shift and ended up in the river. She saved me.” Todd explained as the woman’s face paled considerably.

“Thank you so much. Come on Todd let’s get that leg looked at.” The woman hurried away carrying the boy who was waving goodbye to Rhea.

Rhea noticed that she was still being stared at by the dragons.

“How did you manage to get up here?” A deep voice asked.

Rhea turned her head to see a man standing there. His eyes were a beautiful topaz color, and his hair was dark brown... almost black. His body was chiseled and his face...swoon! Hot damn, guess whose hormones just realized that other males existed. This dragon was gorgeous. Him and Lee could be on the sexiest most wanted list.

“I climbed up.” Rhea managed to shake herself from her lustful thoughts. She held her arms out showing her various cuts with a crooked smile. “Not the best entrance for visitors.” She giggled but stopped as she stared back into a set of intense eyes staring at her. His gaze was deep and penetrating. She felt a slight heat rise to her face from being under his unwavering glare.

“Rhea? Is that you dear girl?” Rhea looked up to look at the voice beside the male hotness in front of her.

“Grandpa Sage!” Rhea squealed and jumped into the old man’s arms thankful to see someone she knows. The crowd gasped at what she did. She bit her bottom lip and pulled back. “Are hugs not allowed? Or is it because I called you Grandpa sage?”

The old man laughed. “Dear girl, you are allowed to hug me, and I told you to call me Grandpa Sage. You are one of the few who are allowed. My my my look at you?! You are stunning. You have grown up beautifully.”

“Aww thanks grandpa Sage.” Rhea smiled and kissed the older man on the cheek.

“Rhea.... So, you’re the fairy princess.” The gorgeous man near her said with a slight smile raising to his lips.

Rhea stepped back from grandpa sage and turned back to the man. Her eyes widen and she pointed at him. “Oh, my goodness you’re Titus, aren’t you?” Another gasp was heard from the nearby crowds. The man looked angrily to the crowd of people. He must have mind linked them or something because soon the music started back up and they all went about what they were doing before.

The man looked at Rhea and an arrogant smile unfolded from his lips. “Yes, that would be me... So... you’ve heard about me?”

Rhea smiled brightly at him. “Yes! My mother mentioned to me about meeting the cutest little boy who ended up being the prince of the west dragon kingdom. She said you were also the only other person beside my father who proposed to her.” Rhea giggled and Titus flashed a big toothy smile at her.

“She was my first crush, but I sadly struck out... Maybe I’ll have better luck with the second fairy princess that I’ve met.” Titus winked at her and looked her up and down openly.

Rhea giggled and extended her hand to him. “Nice to meet you.”

Titus looked at her hand and then frowned. “I’m sorry. I don’t want to hurt you.”

“Hurt me?” Rhea looked at her hand and then back to him.

“I have a strong aura. My touch burns people... it even burns other dragons who are not at least a tier one dragon. Your mother was the only other one who I didn’t burn.” Titus smiled at her weakly. He didn’t want to injure her and knew it was likely that her would. Only upper tiered dragons were able to touch him. He had gotten used to this... having been this way since birth.

“Rhea...” Kelsie said in a warning tone. She knew her friend too well.

Rhea smiled, looked at her hand and then looked back at Titus. Well, if her mother could touch him then maybe she could too. All it takes is one second of courage... besides what is the worst that could happen? She just gets a bit burned, right? She took in a deep breath and stepped closer to Titus. She noticed his eyes widen a bit as she reached her hand out to him.

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Chapter 6 Titus

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Rhea reached her hand out and placed it on Titus's chest. Her fingers felt his gentle warmth and a slight tingle at her fingertips. It was soothing though, nothing hurt her. She smiled up at Titus. “I guess you don’t burn me either.”

Titus's eyes flickered down at her with an unreadable emotion. Swiftly he reached his arms around her and pulled her into his embrace. She felt him lower his head down to her neck and breath in her scent. His arms felt like she was in a warm blanket. Her body was tingling from his touch. She didn’t intend to, but she relaxed into his arms. It was such a calming and gentle

feeling, she felt comfortable with him. She heard him chuckle lightly near her ear as he slowly pulled away from her.

“You’re just full of surprises, aren’t you?” Titus winked at her and then cleared his throat a bit. “So, that didn’t hurt you at all? How did the hug feel?”

Okay, he was just testing to see my tolerance to him. Rhea thought to herself with minor disappointment. “It felt like being wrapped in a warm blanket.” Rhea giggled as Kelsie came up and tugged on her arm.

“Rhea, we need to go.” Kelsie glared at Titus and pulled back on Rhea’s arm.

Rhea looked at Kelsie and nodded. “She’s right. I have to get back before my parents discover I am gone.” She grinned a bit sheepishly at the last part.

Titus stared at her for a moment. His smile had faded, and he seemed to be in deep thought. Rhea noticed that both him and Grandpa Sage had a slight glaze over their eyes, and it seemed they were communicating. Titus then refocused on Rhea.

“No... I don’t think you’ll be leaving, Rhea.” Titus reached his arm out and grabbed onto her hand. Firmly, but gently.

Kelsie tugged back on Rhea’s arm and shot an icy glare towards Titus. “I’m taking her back home. And if you know what’s good for you, you’ll let her leave.”

Titus chuckled darkly and glared at Kelsie. In an effortless tug and pulled Rhea away from Kelsie and into his side. “Easy there...” He took in a few quick sniffs and raised his eyes at Kelsie. “Little water pony... you are the one who needs to be careful.” He looked down at Rhea and into her confused eyes. “I’m sorry Rhea. It is best if you stay here. You know... all of the dragon kingdoms will be gathering here over the next month. This will be a great time for you to bridge the divide with our kind.”

He was right. When else would she have an opportunity like this? She knew that with the impending war they would need the dragons as allies. Though she felt like there was more to it for keeping her there but she couldn’t refute the logic in what he said.

“You’re right... this will be a good opportunity to hopefully work on relations.” Rhea looked at Titus and frowned. “My parents are not going to like this though. I’m not sure how they will react to this news.” Rhea could already hear her daddy. He would be furious. Honestly, she did not think there was anyway he would sit idly by and allow her to stay in the dragon kingdom.

“I’ll handle them.” Titus said tersely with a small half smile on his lips.

Rhea sighed. “If you say so... Kelsie... could you please inform my parents where I am and have some things brought to me... Knowing Cody he will be coming to stay with me...” Rhea looked up to Titus. “I hope that is okay, but my guardian will also be with me...”

“And me!” Kelsie snorted out angrily. She wasn’t about to leave her friend around all these grotesque serpents.

Titus smiled and nodded to Rhea. “That’s not a problem. As long as you give me your word that you will never leave without seeking permission first.”

Rhea looked at him with wide eyes. He was making this sound indefinitely.

“For safety reasons of course. It is very dangerous out there right now Rhea. Demons are scouring the land in numbers we have never seen.” Titus noticed her shocked eyes and quickly tried to alleviate her worries. Though letting her go back is the farthest thing from his mind. He noticed something very interesting about Rhea. He couldn’t allow her to leave. He needed to keep her longer. Long enough for her to one day willingly choose to stay.

“Rhea... I don’t want to leave you here by yourself.” Kelsie frowned looked over at her friend. She was being held in the arms of a stranger. This whole situation was her fault. She couldn't help the murderous feeling that was growing inside of her. She knew she hated dragons for a reason.

“Kelsie. I’m not by myself. Go ahead and go.” Rhea reminded her that she wasn’t alone. Lee was just a quick shout away.

Kelsie snorted at this thought. Lizards of a feather flock together. Leviathan was a dragon even if he was a deity. Where does his loyalties really lie? Who would he choose? Rhea or the dragons? She frowned defeated. “I’ll be back as soon as I can.” Kelsie squinted her eyes shut and with a deep breath ran towards to nearby pond. It was going to be hell when Rhea’s parents found out. They would come for her. Especially when she tells them he wouldn’t let Rhea leave.

Titus kept Rhea tucked under his arm. “Come on Rhea... you hungry? Let’s get you something to eat and maybe we can get to know each other better?”

Rhea looked up to Titus. There was a vulnerability in his eyes. Despite the situation he didn’t seem like a bad guy. He let her feel like she chose to stay her on her own when she knew that wasn’t the case. It was either choose to be here willingly or stay here as a captive. She just chose the easier route. It was a good opportunity to get to know dragons. All the kingdoms would be there so if she could get on their good side maybe they would ally themselves with the fairies. She knew she would never get a chance like this again. For her people, she decided to stay. She was a willing captive. If that is what she had to be in order to help her people, then so be it. This was the first time she had really acted like a future leader for the fairies.

Surprisingly, she wasn’t afraid. She felt comfortable around Titus and she trusted Grandpa Sage. She might as well try to enjoy this experience and see where the ride takes her. Though it was funny... she went from being in one cage to getting locked into another. At least it was a change of scenery. She had heard before that time flowed differently in the dragon kingdom. But she wasn't exactly sure how it worked or how time was different. The rumors were time could flow

faster or slower. Because of that it was easy to lose track of time because you never knew how much time had actually gone by.

Rhea and Titus were sitting at a table towards the back of the party area. It was a bit more secluded, so it gave them a bit more privacy for talking. Though Rhea didn't miss the cold glares she got from various people. She could understand it though. After all she was being very casual with their royalty. Grandpa Sage was also giving her a lot of attention. She had the feeling she was being envied hard right about now.

Titus looked up behind Rhea and a smirk rested on his face. She turned to look to see who he was looking at. There was Lee walking towards them and was shooting a deadly glare back to Titus.

"Lee!" Rhea jumped up and leaped into his arms. She normally wasn't so forward with him, but her safety net had finally arrived. She was surprised he didn't show up sooner. If she ever really wanted to leave, he was her trump card for getting out of here.

"Rhea." Lee scooped his arms around her and smoothed her hair back with his hand. "Are you okay?" He looked over her gently, watching her nod with a smile on her face. Then he looked up at Titus and returned his icy glare.

"What game are you playing?" Lee growled out lowly to Titus.

Titus smiled widely. "Levi... so you finally decided to grace us with your presence. You know you are supposed to be present during this event since it is a big deal."

Rhea noted the exchange. The men knew each other. Titus also called him Levi which meant they were close. He told her that she could call him Levi, but she adopted the nickname Lee which he permitted as well. It was her endearing name for him. It felt more personal and intimate.

"Titus..." Lee growled again. Rhea noticed the tension in his arm as his fists balled up. It looked like he was trying to show some restraint and control his anger.

"I thought it would be nice to keep such a beautiful fairy around. I think if anyone can sway the hearts of our kind it is her." Titus winked at Rhea and then stood up. He walked up to Lee who still had an arm around Rhea. "Also..." He reached out and pulled Rhea from Lee. He rested an arm around her shoulders and smiled. "Look Levi. I can hold her, and it doesn't bother her."

Lee looked at Titus arm around Rhea and his eyes grew dark. "Careful." His voice was quiet and dripped with a lethal warning.

The atmosphere became very intense. Rhea felt Titus hand tighten on her shoulder as the two dragons pinned their eyes against the other. Their eyes were glazed over as they silently communicated with one another. You could feel the anger rising. Titus's joking demeanor was soon gone as his lips formed a snarl back towards Lee.

“Come, come my dear. You come with me. Don’t worry about these two they are always like this. You know what they say... the closer you are the more you fight.” Grandpa Sage walked up and plucked Rhea away from Titus’s side.

Rhea’s head was pounding. The pressure from being between the two of them was stirring a deep power inside of her. She could almost feel it trying to claw its way out. It was not able to set itself free... it only managed to make her head throb.

She walked away with Grandpa Sage. The situation felt weird. She didn’t know that Lee was so close with the dragons. It made sense... they were his kind. She always imagined him just watching over them from a distance. Titus made it sound like he actually visited there... if not lived there as well. Grandpa sage said they were really close, so they had to of seen each other often.

“Who is this lovely girl that seems to have captivated the lords?” A man with tan sun kissed skin, blue eyes and blonde hair walked up in front of her and Grandpa Sage.

“Rhea, I would like for you to meet Reese. Reece is captain of the guards and also Titus’s cousin. Reese... this is Rhea. She is the princess of the fairies.” Grandpa Sage introduced the two people to one another.

“Oh? The lords are smitten over a fairy princess? Not that I can blame them. You are a beauty.” Reese winked at Rhea.

“I don’t think they are smitten with me.” Rhea smiled back politely. It felt like they were fighting over a toy then over a lover.

“I don’t know about that. I noticed that Titus touch doesn’t harm you. That is very... curious. Want to dance pretty lady?” Reese extended his hand to Rhea and flashed a wide grin to her.

Rhea smiled. Why not? She was getting more male attention then she ever got. Remember, she was surrounded by an overprotective power force. It was nice to finally get asked to dance without being afraid of her family.

“Are you sure you want to? I’m not exactly dressed to impress.” Rhea giggled looking herself over.

“And you are still one of the prettiest ladies here.” He winked and motioned for her hand with his fingers.

Rhea giggled and reached out and took his hand. She smiled back to Grandpa Sage and allowed the gentleman to lead her out to the dance floor. She might as well enjoy herself.

Book 2

Chapter 7 Daddy



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Rhea and Reese were exchanging small chat between them. She could see the resemblance to Titus even though his hair was blonde. They had similar facial features. He was a good-looking guy, though Titus had him beat out in that department. They were just starting the second song and she felt a hand wrap around her waist. She looked over her shoulder to see Titus holding on to her.

“You’ve danced with her for one dance too many.” Titus looked at Reese and raised his eyes slightly. It looked innocent but Reese immediately dropped his arms from Rhea and bowed his head lightly.

“My lord.” Reese raised his head.

“This one is already taken so you need to find a new dance partner.” Titus tugged on Rhea’s waist leading her away.

“Already taken?” Rhea looked up to Titus with her eyes raised. She wasn’t taken. No one owns her. No one has claimed her. Her neck was bare and unmarked.

Titus grinned down at her. “Oh, you are... you just don’t know it yet.” He chuckled lightly.

Rhea shook her head and laughed at his joke. So much for not having possessive family around her. “Where is Lee?” Rhea looked around noticing his absence.

Titus grinned almost smirking. “He’s around. He is probably blowing off some steam somewhere.”

I guess that means he didn't get his way. “So how do you two know each other?” Rhea asked curiously.

“Hahaha. You know typically it should be me asking you that, but I already know. Levi was always around. I grew up with him. He is like my older brother. You see, Levi takes turns living and watching over the dragon kingdoms. During my reign he will be in the west dragon kingdom. To me he is family.” Titus smiled as he talked about Lee. They were obviously close. “Most of the dragons give him a wide berth because of who he is, but I was lucky enough to get to really know him on a personal level. Of course, that doesn’t stop us from disagreeing and fighting.”

“What were you guys fighting over?” Rhea bit her bottom lip. She knew it had something to do with her... at least she felt like it did.

Titus looked down at Rhea and shrugged with a small smile on his face. “He doesn’t like the idea of me keeping you here. But... I think it is the best decision. He doesn’t like it when he doesn’t get his way.”

“So... if I asked him to take me, home, would he?” Rhea asked innocently but felt the tension in Titus arm.

“He better not. He might be our deity, but we have an agreement. He doesn’t interfere with the royalty’s decisions. He might get involved and question things, but we are free to rule as we please. After all, you noticed he hasn’t commanded us to protect the fairies. Don’t you think he would have if his intention were to override us?” Titus looked at Rhea thoughtfully for a second. “Are you wanting to leave here already?” A small frown rested on his lips.

“No. I agree with you that I think this is a good opportunity to form friendships and hopefully change views. I don’t know why you are really keeping me here though. That is an issue we will having to meet at a later date.” Rhea met with his eyes confidently. She wanted him to know that she wasn’t a naïve girl who didn’t know better. She was just using the opportunity to help her kind.

“I hope one day... I hope you’ll want to stay here. I’d hate to lock you up.” Titus winked at her as she rolled her eyes.

“I don’t think you are the type of person to lock me up Titus.” Rhea smiled at him as she watched him shrug.

“I don’t know. I might be. It just depends.”

Rhea smiled and shook her head. She could feel it deep within. He wasn’t a bad guy. She trusted her senses. He was hiding something from her but for now she could let it go.

A thunderous roar was heard in the distance. Rhea jumped deep into Titus’s arms. And scrunched her eyes shut. “That would be daddy.” Rhea looked up to see Titus’s smiling face.

Titus chuckled. “Don’t worry Rhea. I’ll protect you.” He winked at her and grinned. “Guess I better meet your parents. It’s the least I can do... I have to take responsibility for their daughter.”

“Yeah... you might not want to say it like that around my daddy.” Rhea bit her bottom lip as another raging roar was heard.

Titus kept his arm around her and tugged her along. “You worry too much.”

They walked out of the party area and towards a tree line. Just on the other side was another clearing that met with a big stone castle. And at the front were two guards who were standing in front of a very angry Tyler. Lilly stood there calmly with Kelsie while Cody and Tristan were flexing their muscles near Tyler. Rhea tightened her grip on Titus which caused him to look down and grin at her again. As they got closer, they caught sight of Rhea.

“Rhea!” Tyler called out to her. She went to go to him, but Titus held onto her firmly.

“Not yet princess.” Titus pursed his lips together as he met with the gaze of a very angry father.

Tyler narrowed his eyes to Titus. His eyes flicker from his arm around his daughter back to his eyes. “Are we going to have a problem here?” He growled out. Tristan grabbed onto Cody’s arm stopping him from charging towards the dragon.

Lilly walked up and rested her arm on Tyler’s to calm him down. She glanced up and examined the man holding onto her daughter. “Don’t tell me you’re the cute little boy who asked me to marry him?” Lilly grinned recognizing his scent. It was indeed Titus.

“You have hardly aged a bit.” Titus said shocked. “You look like how I remembered you.”

Lilly giggled. “Werewolf and fairies don’t age like humans. When we reach maturity, our aging slows significantly. Much like how dragons do too... So, are we still friends now that you’re all grown up?”

Titus laughed. “Of course.”

“Good. Then why is my friend holding onto my daughter like that?” Lilly’s green emeralds met with the topaz ones. She watched as a smile spread across his face.

“I figured that you already had a mate when I met you... but since your daughter doesn’t, I thought I was in luck.” Titus grinned as he heard the rippling growls from Tyler and the two guardians.

“I think we can go and discuss this situation rationally.” Grandpa Sage walked up and patted his hand on Titus shoulder. “Quit provoking them.” There was a mild fatherly scold in his voice. Titus gave him a crooked grin and shrugged.

“Grandpa Sage, it’s very good to see you again.” Lilly smiled while she held onto Tyler to stop him from rampaging. She could feel he was about to snap.

“Let’s go inside and chat.” Grandpa Sage looked up to Titus and nodded.

Titus looked at Rhea and smiled, loosening his grip on her. He let his arm drop from his protective hold. “Would you two please follow us. Rhea... you can wait here with your... people.” Titus looked up to Tyler and Lilly who agreed to follow him.

Rhea watched as her parents followed Titus and Grandpa Sage into the castle. She was then blindsided by a crashing force from the side. Cody held her tightly and then pulled away from her with angry eyes.

“I knew it! I knew you going out with Kelsie was trouble-”

“Hey! Don’t get started on me.” Kelsie snapped back.

“Cool it you two! We don’t need a continuation from earlier now do we.” Tristan growled as he walked up to Rhea. Cody was livid with Kelsie when he heard what happened. The two were in each others facing yelling at the top of their lungs. Thankfully, Lilly managed to calm them both down.

“Are you okay princess?” Tristan looked her over and pulled her from Cody and into his arms.

“I’m fine Uncle Tristan.” Rhea hugged him back and smiled.

“Are they really not planning on letting you leave?” Cody asked bitterly.

“Yeah... but I can work on relations and see if I can get them to become our allies.” Rhea tried to smooth it over.

“Okay, so say you are able to do that then what? Will you be allowed to return then?” Kelsie asked in a snotty voice. She was not a fan of dragons... well kelpies weren’t fans of anything really.

“I don’t know... I’m not sure what the plan it... How did you guys get here so fast?” Rhea tried to change to subject.

“We took the hippogryph’s... much easier then climbing up the mountainside.” Cody frowned as he looked at the small cuts and bruises over her body.

“Tyler won’t let them keep you for nothing. They better have a good reason, or he is going to blow a fuse.” Tristan looked out towards the castle. He wanted to be with Tyler and Lilly.

“There is no good reason.” Cody folded his arms and sighed. She wasn’t theirs to keep. She was the fairy princess. She was his sister. Damn snakes need to step back.

“How was fishing?” Rhea asked sheepishly. She was trying to deescalate the tempers. She didn’t mind staying here for a little bit... but she didn’t want to stay here permanently. She would just take it one step at a time.

“Fishing? Seriously Rhea?” Cody rolled his eyes at her pathetic attempt to change the topic.

“Where is your summon at?” Kelsie spat out with her brows furrowed. “Why hasn’t he whisked you away from here.”

“He is here somewhere... from my understanding he doesn’t interfere with how things are running in the kingdom. So, I don’t think he can take me away from here... even if I asked him. As long as I am safe then he will leave it alone.” Rhea looked around. She hadn’t seen Lee since the argument earlier. She was hoping he was okay.

“I knew it... he is a dragon too so he can't be trusted.” Kelsie crossed her arms and sighed.

“Don't worry. I'm sure my parents will work something out.” Rhea smiled. She trusted her parents. Surely, they could do something about this situation. “In either case... I will be staying here for a little bit. So where is my stuff?”

“I forgot... I can go back and pack you up your things.” Kelsie was too caught up in the moment and fighting with Cody. She completely forgot to pack up Rhea's stuff.

“I can bring it to you. If you are staying here, then I am too so I will need to go back and pack up some of my stuff too.” Cody sighed. He didn't really fancy staying there but there was no way he would let Rhea stay there alone.

“Me too, I'll stay with you too.” Kelsie looked at Rhea and nodded. She hated the idea of sleeping there though... disgusting.

Rhea laughed. “Kelsie. You don't have to stay here too. It is so easy for you to pop in and visit with your ability. You might as well be comfy in your own place.” Rhea saw her friend's shoulders slunk in relief.

“Okay, but I will be here every day then to see you.” Kelsie wouldn't arguing sleeping at her own place. She knew it was selfish but that was just how she was.

The group had finally found a comfortable place to sit while they waited. It had been a couple hours and the light was beginning to fade. Finally, they could see them coming back through the castle. They stood up and walked over to Tyler and Lilly. They all wanted to know what had been decided. Book 2

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Titus walked out and waited back by the castle entrance. He leaned up against the wall and his gazed drifted to Rhea. His eyes were focused on her as a small smile rested over his lips. He continued to watch her while Tyler and Lilly walked up to their companions.

“Rhea... come take a walk with us.” Lilly reached her hand out and wrapped it around her daughter. She squeezed her tightly and smiled down at her beautiful girl. It seemed liked yesterday she was running around and fighting with her brothers. She was no longer that littler girl, she was all grown up. She led her away from everyone, with Tyler walking on the other side of Rhea, until she felt like they had some privacy.

“Rhea. Tell me what you think about this situation.” Lilly turned her daughter to look up to her.

“I think that this is a good chance for us. It is an opportunity that we will never get presented with again. If I can make friends among the dragons then maybe, we can gain them as allies.” Rhea watched her mother smiled down at her proudly. Her father looked a bit grumpy over the situation. “Honestly, I don’t mind staying here for awhile... I don’t really want to live here forever though. I don’t know how long they planned on keeping me here.”

Lilly nodded. “Life has a way of changing things and changing our views. You may feel differently one day. However, if there is ever a time when you wish to leave and they won’t let you then-”

“Then you let us know immediately. I don’t care if they are dragons or demons. No one keeps my family against their will. If I have to murder them all then that is what I will do.” Tyler scowled angrily.

“Now Tyler... this has already been discussed.” Lilly rested her hand on his arm and smiled at him. “We have discussed with Titus that you are still the fairy princess. There is no way he can keep you here forever. However, we also agree that this is the safest place for you. No demon will risk starting a war with the dragons. If they did, we would be gaining an ally easily and they wouldn’t want that. So, for now... we have agreed... albeit begrudgingly... to leave you in their care for now.”

Rhea smiled and nodded with her mother. She knew this was hard for them and she could tell her father was struggling with the idea. “Daddy...” Rhea walked up and hugged Tyler. “I’m going to be just fine. You don’t have to worry so much.”

“It’s my job to worry about you. You’re my little princess.” Tyler wrapped his arms around Rhea, hugging her tightly. He looked up to Lilly and frowned. How could he leave his baby girl here? He wanted to rage a war over it... if it wasn’t for Lilly and her cool head he probably would have. Lilly reminded him that this was something he had to face. Rhea was not a child and at the same time it was a chance for the fairy kingdom. So, while he didn’t like it... he understood it. There were aspects of the conversation that he couldn’t refute. So, he agreed that as long as it was what Rhea wanted then he would back down. Still, leaving his baby girl here was a bitter pill to swallow. His eyes were meeting with Lilly’s as a small mist began to enter his eyes. She would know how he was feeling. He could feel she was feeling the same way. It felt like a

Chapter was ending in their lives. All their children were no longer with them.

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“I love you daddy.” Rhea squeezed Tyler tight and then pulled away with a smile. She then turned and embraced her mother. She didn’t cry in front of them. She could see they were struggling with that too.

“We can still visit you baby girl. We won’t be able to come as often as we like, but it is doable with the hippogryph’s.” Lilly leaned in and kissed Rhea on the cheek. “Send Cody or Kelsie for us if you need us and we will be here. We love you so much.”

“I know mom. I’ll be fine. I’ll have Cody here too, so you don’t have to worry so much.” Rhea felt conflicted. This would be the first time she would be away from her parents. At the same time... she was also excited. This would be the first time she was on her own. She was doing something big that could impact her kingdom forever.

“Let’s go and inform everyone of what is taking place.” Lilly tugged Rhea along in her arm while Tyler wrapped his around them both. She was about Rhea’s age when she left her home. At first it seemed like a terrible idea... but it turned out to be the best thing that could have ever happened to her. She hoped this would be the same for Rhea. As a mother she couldn’t help but to worry. She would believe in her daughter. And she would trust the dragon king with her daughter’s safety.

“Rhea will be staying here for the unforeseeable future. However...” Lilly looked at Titus. “If she ever wishes to come home... we will be bringing her home. No matter how we have to go about doing it.” Her gaze was fierce as she stared at Titus.

Titus chuckled at the threat and nodded. “I think the woman who gave me my first kiss is threatening me.”

Lilly smiled and shook her head. “We are friends, remember? I’d like for us to stay as friends. But just as a reminder to you, I am not a pacifist. So, take care of my daughter well.” The strength and fierceness in Lilly’s commanding voice was evident. They were not push overs. That is not why Rhea is staying there. They had no problem going to battle if the need arises.

“I already told you... I promise she will be safe and protected here. I guess we will just have to wait and see how the future plays out. You are welcome to come and visit her as often as you can.” Titus’s grin never left his face. However, he was not going to agree to allow Rhea to leave... that was not in his plans.

Lilly gripped onto Tyler’s hand and squeezed it. They were both upset about leaving their daughter. Lilly could see the strength and determination in Rhea’s eyes. She was up for this. They would depend on her to convince the dragons to join with the fairies. This was too big to walk away from.

“I’ll go back and get my things.” Cody grumbled with irritation.

“It’s already late Cody. Gather everything tonight and then come back in the morning. It doesn’t make sense for you to travel at night... especially with your sense of direction.” Rhea giggled. She watched as Cody began to object leaving her there for a night, but Lilly spoke up.

“I think that is a good idea. This way I can have everything prepared for the both of you.” Lilly smiled at Cody who she knew was fighting inwardly with that decision. “It’s just one-night Cody. She will be fine.”

“You guys should get back before it gets dark too.” Rhea looked up to the fading light. It was never a good idea to travel at night. Especially with the demons everywhere.

Lilly walked up and squeezed Rhea into one last tight hug. “I love you, be safe.” She pulled back and watched as Tyler scooped Rhea up in his arms. His face was scrunched up as he held her tightly. She could feel how torn he was leaving her. He finally pulled away and then grabbed onto Lilly’s hand. With a chest full of emotions, they turned to walk to their hippogryphs followed by the others. They were leaving their beloved daughter. They went from having a houseful of children to now having an empty nest with Cody leaving too. This would take some time to adjust to.

Titus walked up and placed his arm around Rhea as she watched her family leave. Rhea glanced up to him for a second and then looked back out to her disappearing family.

“Are you sure you don’t want me to stay with you?” Kelsie frowned looking at Rhea. She knew she was being selfish and for once felt a bit guilty over it.

“No, go on home. Come see me tomorrow.” Rhea reassured Kelsie who nodded in appreciation.

“I’ll see you tomorrow Rhea!” Kelsie then also left. Leaving Rhea alone in the dragon kingdom. Well practically alone. Lee was there somewhere.

“Are you okay?” Titus asked in a gentle voice.

Rhea nodded. “Yes... It’s a weird feeling. I have never been away from my family. I have never not had Cody near me. So, it feels a bit... different.” It felt lonely. It was only for a night then Cody would be there. She would try to get familiar with her surroundings and the people there.

“It’ll get better. This will feel like home soon.” Titus didn’t want her to be sad. He hoped she would be able to adjust there and come to call this place home. “How about I show you around? That is a good start.”

“Yes, I think that is a good idea.” Rhea put a smile on her face. She wasn’t going to be depressed. She would enjoy this experience and learn as much as she could.

“So how did you convince my parents?” Rhea tilted her head to look up to Titus with her eyes raised and a small smile. “It’s just... I know my parents and just because you are a dragon wouldn’t scare them off.”



Titus grinned. “Well technically I didn’t scare them off. Your parents were adamant that you would have to agree or else they would take you back by whatever means necessary. Scary folks...”

“You were in there talking for hours...” Rhea looked at him curiously. There was a lot more talking going on during that time. “And where is Grandpa Sage?”

“We had a lot to talk about and discuss. Gramps is always busy he had to leave right after our talk was finished. It took a good bit of talking in order to convince your parents and he had other matters to attend to. All that matters is you’ll be staying here for now.” Titus winked at Rhea and led her inside the deep castle. “Try to pay attention... it’s a big place.”

Rhea sighed. He wasn’t going to tell her anything and her parents chose to leave those details out as well. She guessed it wasn’t important and figured that she would find out soon enough. Time to learn about her home away from home. Book 2