Stay away Rose P.O.V In the morning, I did my morning routine and went downstairs. I saw my mom had already left for her work. She is a job worker. I took a bus and left for my university. When I reached there I sent a message to Alice. When I went to my locker to get my books I saw Arvan was coming there. I was very nervous. But he didn't give me a single glance. He almost passed my side when I called him, "Arvan." He turned to me, gritted his teeth, and growled, "ALPHA ARVAN" I startled and said, "I-I'm sorry, Alpha Arvan." He rosed an eyebrow and asked, "Do I know You?" "Y-you called my mom yesterday and asked about me." I said nervously. He was looking into my eyes and said, "First of all I'm the head Alpha of this pack so I don't need to explain anything to anyone." "But it was my i-infor-" He stopped me before I completed. "Shut the fuck up! First, learn how to talk properly. And one more thing, stay away from me, I don't have time for strangers like you." He said and tighten his jaw. I was so shocked I couldn't even speak more. He glanced at my head to toe, he looked disgusted with my looks. I lower my head when he left. Mom told me not to offend him. It was all my fault. I didn't know why I came to talk with him. I just didn't know why. Did I look bad? Why did he tell me to stay away from him? Mom told me that too. "Rossy, what are you doing?" Alice came closer and asked. "Nothing let's go to our class." I replied. "I saw you with Alpha. What happened?" She asked suspiciously. "Nothing Alice. I'll tell you after our classes." I said. "Ok." She said. During our break time, we went to the cafeteria. We sat in our usual sit and started to eat. I was looking around when my eyes fall on the table where Arvan sat. His friends were handsome too. But he was extraordinary. I stopped watching him. When I was about to turn I saw a girl with a pretty face. She wore a black mini dress with smoky makeup. She looked hot but kinda slutty for this place. She walked to the table of boys. Sat beside Alpha Arvan like they knew each other for years. "She is Lina, the queenka of our university. She and Alpha Arvan are very close. Lina was the Blue moon pack's head Alpha's mate." Alice said. "Was?" I was confused. "Yes, she rejected him last year for Arvan. She is an Alpha woman. Everyone here knows that she is Alpha's mate. But why doesn't he mark her? Does he already found his fated mate? Because without rejection it's not possible to mark another and rejecting Luna is forbidden in our pack, so he can't reject his mate also." She said. "But how could Lina reject her mate? Isn't it prohibited?" I asked. "That's only in our pack, darling. Because we have a history about that. Our pack is the strongest pack in werewolves' history." She replied. "Oh, I see." I said "Would you like to know about the history?" She asked. "Why would I like to know? It's not like I'll become the Luna someday." I laughed jokingly. It was sounded funny too. After University, I went home. As usual, my day had passed like other days. I promised myself, "I will stay away from him. Because he and my mom both want that." "What about us? What we want doesn't matter at all?" My wolf asked. "Please stop talking about him, we will soon find our mate. Beta or Theta maybe Delta, he will love us. We should wait for him right?" I said. " Of course. Now let's go for a run, it's been a long time." She requested. "Ok, let's go." I said and went for a run to let my wolf free. Its been two weeks, For two weeks, I had been feeling strange. I always felt Alpha Arvan's smell. My eyes always followed him whenever he was around. He never looked at me. He was always busy with his girlfriend. Yes, girlfriend. Lina was now Arvan's girlfriend and our soon-to-be Luna. I always thought that my mate will be my lover, my protector and the love of my life. But I never thought about falling for anyone else who can't be my mate, not even in my imagination. 'YES, I FALL FOR THE ALPHA, ARVAN BLACK.' Very soon It was the weekend, I woke up when I heard a ringtone on my phone. "Hello, Alice. What happened?" I yawned and said. "Rossy, wake up, let's have fun tonight. I got a call from my friend. He told me, today Liam is throwing a party." Alice said. "Who is Liam?" I asked. "You are kidding me, Rossy. It's been a year since you came back but you don't know our new beta??" She asked shockingly. "Oh get it now. I knew his face but didn't know his name." I said. " Ok, so we are going today?" She asked. "Wait a minute. Where is the party? And why would we go? What's the reason for his sudden party?" I asked nonchalantly. "Relax my girl. First, it's Liam and his mate's first anniversary. And second, he invited us all." She said happily. "I never talked with him. It's kind of awkward." I said. "Oh please, nobody is gonna talk with him there, everyone will be having fun with their companions. So you are coming with me. And don't worry about Auntie. You know I'm her little princess, right? I have already persuaded her for the party." She said. "Ok fine. It's not like if I say no you will listen to me." I teased her. "Yes, you are right." She laughed. I hung up the call. Then went to my dreamland again. In the afternoon mom came to my room and said, " What's wrong with you? Are you sick? Why don't you wake up yet? It's so late, you didn't have your breakfast, not even your lunch. Now you have to wake up and eat." "Mom, 5 minutes, please. It's the weekend I couldn't get this peaceful sleep in the whole week." I said without opening my eyes. "Rose, you will go to a party today. Come on wake up, have your lunch " she said. I opened my eyes suddenly, "Oh, I forgot about today's party." I did my routine, had lunch, and watched some series on Netflix when I got a call, "Rossy I am outside of your house. Come on hurry up." Alice said. "But I'm not ready yet," I shouted. "I come to pick you up. We'll go to my house, will get ready and go to the party. Now please hurry up." She said. "Ok, I'm coming," I replied. I told my mom that I was leaving. "Don't forget to come back early. Don't be too late. And stay away from unmated Alphas." My mom said. "Ok, mom. Bye." I replied. Alice and I went to her home. She has a bunch of fancy clothes. She is rich I must say. She is a party person. "Come on girl let me choose clothes for us." She told me and took out two dresses. One is hot red and another one is dark black. She gave me the black one. "I know black is your favorite color. Now let's get ready," she said. "But I think it's too revealing. People can almost see my cleavage." I told her. " When you go to the party you will see how gentle your clothing is. I'm telling you it's a nice dress now go get ready." She pushed me to the bathroom to change. I wore the dress, it looked good on me. But I can see my curves in the mirror. It's not a short dress, it's layer stopped under my knee. I tried to do simple make-up because I didn't want to get the attention of unmated Alphas. Alice looked hot that's for sure. She told me I looked hot. I laughed at her compliment. When Alice and I reached the party I saw it was a club. So Liam was throwing the party at the club? I wanted to ask but didn't spoil the mood. We went inside. Music was here and there. People were eating each other's faces. We went to the bar counter. We ordered soft drinks, then a good-looking boy came to us. "Alice, finally you come." He said. "Of course, you know how much I love parties. I had to come." She said while sipping " Yes, I know that." He said and looked at me. "This is Rose. My only best friend I always talk about. And Rose this is Victor, my friend, and our Alpha's theta." She introduced us. Our Alpha's theta? From Alpha, I suddenly remembered that Liam is Arvan's beta so he would be here for sure. "Hi, Rose. Feel free to enjoy." Vector said. "Hello, Vector. thank you. I replied Vector went to his friends that's when I noticed a man in black clothing, our Alpha Arvan. He was looking hot. Showing half tattoo on his hand and perfect muscled body, he looked hot. "Rossy that's Rita, Liam's mate. She is an alpha female. Very strong and energetic. I bet our beta, Liam didn't even imagine in his life that he would get an Alpha female as his mate." She said while looking at a girl who wore a black & white dress. She looked beautiful and strong. I agreed with Alice. When we were talking, I saw someone hugging Arvan. I looked there and saw Lina was hugging him. She was very close with all the members of the group. Of course, she was soon to be Luna of everyone. So it was natural for them to be so close to her. Suddenly, Vector came to us and said, "Come on girls, we will play some games. You have to participate." "What game? I wanted to dance with Rossy but you want to play games?" Alice said. "Come on Alice. You know me, it will be fun. Rose let's go, she will come when you will have fun and she will get bored alone" He smirked. "Shut up I'm coming." She said and I laughed. We went to a private room where everyone was sitting down on the floor. Arvan was there with his girlfriend Lina sitting beside him. When Vector started talking, Arvan looked at me, his eyebrows raised as if he didn't expect me to be here with them. He tightened his jaw and looked angry. 'Why does he always get angry whenever he sees me?' I thought. " Everyone, this is my friend Alice and her friend Rose. They were getting bored so I told them to join us." Vector said. "Happy Anniversary." I wished Liam and Rita. "Thanks, Rose. Nice to have you here." Liam said awkwardly. I didn't know why he look uncomfortable while talking with me. "Yeah, thanks. Come on join us." Rita said happily. Alice also wished them and they thanked her. Then Alice sat in the middle of me and Vector. Unfortunately, I had to sit beside Arvan. Unfortunately because after I sat beside him he didn't look comfortable. He behaved strangely. Sometimes he was smelling something, sometimes he was taking deep breaths. I stopped noticing his behavior and focused on the game. The game was Truth & Dare. Liam chose to dare and kissed Rita in front of us. It created a steamy situation there. Then everyone cheered the couple and started to play again. When the bottle stopped in front of Arvan. He chose truth. "Let me ask him, When will you mark Lina?" Rose suddenly asked. Hearing the question everyone was excited except Liam. He looked worried. "Very Soon." With a deep voice, Arvan replied. "Baby I love you." Lina kissed his cheeks and almost sat on his lap. She wore a white sexy dress showing her cleavage. Everyone started to congratulate Lina. Rita hugged Lina like best friends. Maybe they were best friends. Alice looked satisfied with his answer. But I felt heartbroken. I didn't feel good about this. I felt anxious and lost. Suddenly, Vector said, "It's your turn, Rose. Truth or dare?" I was lost in my thoughts. When I heard Vector, I saw, the bottle stop in front of me. "Truth," I replied. "Do you found your mate? If not then what about your birthday?" Liam asked. I was shocked because I never had a conversation with Liam before. And here he was asking me about mates. "No, I haven't found my mate yet. And my birthday is next week so he'll be with me -Very Soon." I replied. I said 'very soon' just like the way Arvan said. I saw Arvan tighten his fists. Then Suddenly he growled. He got up from there and left without saying anything. Everyone was shocked except Liam. I was confused and thought, "WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU, ARVAN? WHY ARE YOU CONFUSING ME?" Mate? "What's wrong with him?" Rita asked "I'll talk to him, don't worry. " Liam said and left. I didn't know what was happening. Why did he leave after hearing about my mate? Did I offend him again? But I didn't do anything. I was worrying about Arvan when Vector said, "Don't worry Rose. He'll be fine. Maybe something came up and he had to go." "Yeah maybe," I replied. "No, I know him, he would never do that unless someone offends him. Did you do something unusual Rose? "Lina asked while looking sharp at me. "No, I didn't do anything," I replied immediately. Lina rolled her eyes and started to talk with Rita. "Don't worry, maybe he is disturbed by something." Alice said I nodded. A few minutes later I said, "I need to go to the washroom, excuse me." "Washroom is outside the left corner," Rita said. "Thank you." I smiled at her and said. Alice looked at me and asked, "Do you want me to come with you?" "No, I'll be back soon," I replied and left. I was searching for the washroom. Rita said left corner so I went there. When I reached the corner I heard murmuring, someone was talking. Then I saw Liam & Arvan standing beside the gents' washroom. Arvan was smoking and Liam was saying something to him. Right opposite them was the lady's washroom. I stopped there and couldn't go far. "Arvan relax. She came because Vector told her to come. It's not her fault." Liam said. "That girl! How dare she come? So what if Vector told her, that doesn't mean she had to come. She could deny him easily. Does anybody want her there? The answer is no, a big NO." Arvan replied. "Please buddy calm down. She looks like a good girl." Liam said. "What did you say? Good girl? You know how much I dislike her right? She is such a weakling. Whenever she is around I feel disgusted." He said angrily. I was shocked. He was disgusted by me? Why? We only had one conversation. After that day I didn't even try to talk with him. Why he is feeling disgusted? Am I too weak? Is it that bad to be an omega? I was feeling numb. I felt heartbroken. A tear rolled up from my eyes to my cheeks then I realized I was crying. Then I did what I always do, run. I ran from there as fast as I could before they watched me. I was crying, I didn't know how could I go home with my current situation. I was afraid mom would see me like that. But I had to go home. I didn't want to stay here anymore. I sent a message to Alice that I was leaving. She called me and asked me what was happened but I didn't tell her anything. When I went home it was already night. When I entered I saw mom was sleeping on the couch. I felt bad for her. "Mom, wake up I'm back," I said. "Rose you are back? Why do you come late? Are you okay? What happens to your eyes?" She said. "I'm okay mom. I'm just feeling sleepy. Please go to your room and sleep peacefully." I hugged her and said. She looked confused but didn't say anything more. I went to my room and lay down on the bed without changing my clothes. I felt awful. I didn't know why he was hating me? Disgust was a very heavy statement that I couldn't take it. I thought about what my mom told me. I should stay away from him. I contacted my Wolf with our mind links. "Next week we will find our mate. I hope he will accept us without being disgusted, Rosalie." I said sadly. "Don't cry, Rose. He will never feel disgusted. He is born to be us. We will be happy after finding our mate." My wolf. I silently cried and didn't know when I fell asleep. Time flew so fast. Tomorrow is my birthday. After the club incident, I always ignored Arvan. I didn't cross his path again. I stayed away from him. But the feelings inside my heart for him had been growing deeper. Why did I feel like this for him? He is a stranger to me, he insulted me twice. How many times he insulted me behind my back in front of his friends I didn't even know. But I still think about him. I was not like that, I was better than that. But one thing was strange, my wolf also liked him, attracted to him. I was just hoping that everything will be fine soon. Maybe tomorrow my life will be changed. I will be happy in my life forever and forget about him. "Rose come downstairs." My mom yelled. "Coming, mom." I said. When I went downstairs mom said, "Alpha Michael just called me." "Alpha Micheal? The former head Alpha? Why mom?" I was surprised. "He wants us to go to the pack house and celebrate your birthday." She said happily. "What? Celebrate my birthday? But why did he wants to celebrate my birthday? I remember I met him once. We are not that close with his family." I asked my mom. "What are you saying, Rose? Your dad was very close to him. It's just after your dad died I didn't want to go to the pack house and meet with everyone because it will remind me of your dad. I was sad and broken. But how long? And he told me that your dad died by saving him so he doesn't want you to feel lonely on your 20th birthday, it's the day when you will find your mate after all " she said. "Mom I don't feel good about it. I don't want to celebrate either. And what if my mate is not from this pack?" I said. "It's ok, you can wait but you have to celebrate honey, it's your day. I couldn't deny the former Alpha, he is a very respectful person. He already told everyone to come." She said. "But mom- " Before I completed mom told me, "Now get ready its already dark. We'll leave soon, we'll celebrate your birthday at midnight. Call Alice to come. Now go hurry." She said I went to my room. I felt uncomfortable about all of this. What if Arvan thought I was impudent. But what should I do? His father invited us by himself so it was not my fault anyway. Then I got ready. I wear a cute white long dress. My mom bought it for me to wear on my birthday. Three weeks before, I was very excited about my birthday and my mate. But now I wasn't feeling happy because I know I couldn't get whom I want. I went downstairs and meet mom. "My Princess is looking so good. If your father was alive, he would be very happy to see you." She got emotional. I controlled my tears and hugged her, "It's okay mom. I believe that he is happy by watching us happy from far away." I said to her and stroked her hair. "Yeah, let's go now. Don't want the birthday girl to be late." She smiled. Mom and I got in the car sent by the former Alpha to receive us. When we went to the pack house I was surprised. It was still the same. I came here with my dad when I was little. But after so many years it felt the same. We went inside and saw it was simply decorated. Did they decorate this for me? There were some people I didn't know and some I knew. Alice came and hugged me. "It's your birthday my girl. Happy birthday." She screamed. "There is still time for that, Alice," I said and everyone laughed. "Hey, birthday girl," Vector said. "Hello." I said. I saw Rita and Lina. Then nodded to me and I nodded back. "Rose Lee. You are a big girl now, I couldn't even recognize you." Former Luna, Rivana said when she and Alpha Michael came to us. "Thank you." I thanked her. "Your daughter is beautiful just like you, Selena" She told my mother. "Yes, you are right, Rivana." Alpha Michael said. "It's been a long time since we met I'm grateful that both of you arranged the party for my daughter." My mom said. "What are you saying? Your husband was my best friend, I can't forget how he fought to save me, my life is indebted to him" He said sadly. I was impressed by them. They were humble. Because in every war so many beta and gamma died by saving their Alpha but nobody took it as a debt. "It's time to cut your cake," Alice said. "But without our head Alpha how can we start the celebration?" Lina asked. "And the Alpha's beta is not here too." Rita sad. "It's okay, I'm still here so no need to wait for them to start the celebration. Maybe they got some work. They will come back soon don't worry." Alpha Michael said. I nodded to him and cut the cake. Everybody was clapping and cheering for me. I was happy. I fed a piece of cake to my mom and Alice and hugged them. Everyone was wishing me, cheering me. But suddenly I smelled a very strong scent. My heartbeat was so fast that I had to take deep breaths. The Scent of Rain & Dark Chocolate was driving me crazy. I started to walk and follow the scent. I knew whose scent was that. But why was the scent pulling me and I couldn't breathe. When I went outside of the pack house. I saw Liam was coming to me, "Happy Birthday to you Rose, sorry I'm late." Liam said and smiled. "It's okay. Thanks, Liam." I said while looking for the one whose scent was making me insane. "I'm going inside, are you coming? Liam asked. " I'll come back soon I just want to get some fresh air." I said. "Okay, be careful." Liam said. He was looking very nervous. I nodded and he left. I felt someone approaching me and the smell got closer and closer. I couldn't think straight. My wolf started to roar. When I felt someone behind me I turned around and saw him. He was so close to me! I looked into his eyes. His eyes were glowing dark red. "Mate." My wolf said and started to howl happily. I was so shocked and happy. But how was that possible? I whispered while looking into his eyes,

"MATE?"