

## Chapter 24

Draco's POV

She is still not awake, it's been two days. I haven't once le her side. Her sister, Malia, the werewolf/vampire said she is healing nicely and that she will wake up soon.

I haven't really spoken to anyone, but I've learned a lot about my mate and her family.

Everyone except Ace, the brother who was holding her on the battlefield, has been here to see her.

"You really need a shower, you stink" I look up seeing her dad. "I can smell you from down the hall." I discreetly sni myself "Go outside for a while, clear your head, and please take a shower I'm starting to think the smell of you knocked her out again"

I look up at him angrily. He wants me to just leave her? I know I stink, but I can't just leave her.

"You don't want her to meet jou for the first time while you look like a mess and smell like that" he says gently.

I kiss her forehead before I go outside.

I take a deep breath. Fresh air. I've never been indoors that long. It feels good to smell something other than hospital.

"I heard you need a shower, come on I'll show you the way." I look up when I hear a voice that I'm starting to get familiar with, Malia.

We walk in silence when I suddenly hear a gasp before I'm pulled into a hug.

"Ouch, you still burn, fire boy" I hear a familiar voice, one I haven't heard in decades.

I look at her face as she pulls away from the hug.

"Valcyrie?" I whisper shocked. She is the last person I ever thought I'd see again and this is the last place I ever expected to see her.

"Hello fire boy" she says taking in my appearance. "I haven't seen you in years. So you were our little savior the other day?"

I give her a little nod.

"Still so quiet" she whispers. "I missed you" she says looking me in the eyes.

For the first time in a long time I have a genuine smile looking at my old friend, my sister "I missed you two Valcy."

Valcyrie is a born vampire. They are very rare. She is also the daughter of the vampiers that took me in as a teenager and raised me.

We stayed in contact for a few years a er I le to look for other dragons, but Valcyrie was in a bad place in her life, she is older than me and she wasn't as lucky as me, she had to go to the war, she had to fight, so a er a while we lost contact and I haven't seen her since.

"Wow" a voice next to me startles me a bit, Malia. "I haven't seen either of you smile or talk this much... Ever"

I just ignore her, looking at my big sister "you look good" I say gently "mom and dad?" but I suspect I already know they answer.

My suspicions is confirmed when she shakes her head sideways.

"You stink" she says a er a while breaking the awkward silence and causing me to laugh.

Wow, I didn't even know I still knew how to laugh.

"Yeah I know. Well catch up another time" I say starting to walk away again "It's good seeing you again" I say over my shoulder.

Malia took me to her parents' house to shower. And before long, I'm back at the hospital, this time a dog named Ellie with me.

She sits at the end of the bed looking at my beautiful mate, like if she stares long enough, she will magically wake up.

And it must have worked, because I look down when I feel someone squeezing my hand.

I look at her face and see her slowly opening her eyes. I grab the glass of water on the counter putting the straw in her mouth so she can

have a sip.

"Disgusting" she groans "did someone drink all my juice again?" she asks irritated.

Juice?

I look around for juice not seeing any.

What do I do now?

"My chest hurts" she whispers and I instantly look down at her and freeze.

This is the first time we have properly looked each other in the eyes. Her beautiful purple eyes. It is mind blowing. I can feel her wolf recognizing me as her mate.

My heart warms when she smiles and say "mate" then she starts to laugh, but it quickly turns into painful groan "don't make me laugh, it hurts"

"I'm sorry my beautiful Lilac, why are you laughing?" I whisper, wiping a stray hair out of her face.

"I have a mate, what is your name?" she says with a big smile like it is the funniest thing on earth.

I give her a little smile "you do" I confirm "I'm Draco" I say before asking "why is it so funny that you have a mate?" I don't like any conversation, but I can listen to her talk all day.

"Because I didn't know I had a mate. I know everything, but I didn't know I had a mate. I didn't even know you exist. I am going to need a long conversation with the moon goddess, she was holding out on me. I mean look at those pretty blue eyes." she says still looking into my eyes.

"Liley?" a voice at the door breaks our special moment, causing smoke to come out of my nose. I know it is a bad habit but it happens when I'm irritated or mad, but I am instantly happy again when it causes her to laugh so ly while squeezing my hand again.

I turn to see her family at the door they all come into her room giving her hugs and telling her how happy they are that she is awake.

It warms my heart when makes sure to tell everyone that she has a mate when they pull away from the hug, even when it is obvious and they already told her they know, it doesn't stop her from telling them again.

She looks around the room inspecting everyone closely like she is looking for their hidden secrets before asking "where is Ace and Daisy?"

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For those of you who forgot, Valcyrie is one of the vampires that was traveling with Seth. (She is introduced in Chapter 13)

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