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《Aurora's pov 》

Everything had gone, silent.

It was strange.

I browsed around the room noting how relaxed everyone seemed, in fact, they looked as though they were in some kind of trance or the very least.....high.

The gold particles that resembled something like dust glowed then suddenly vanishes.

I looked down at my arms. There was no more gold dust coming from them.

And as I lift my gaze up to scan around the room in panic, I'm left with a heavy feeling in my gut as everyone's eyes are on me, including Xavier's.

They were all confused as to what had happened. But somehow they still seemed, relaxed.

Including Xavier who had removed his hold around Beta Samuel's neck, turning to me in the slightest of confusion.

"What have you done?" The question came from his Beta with an accusing tongue that was meant to lash out but the words came out.....normal.



Not even the glare on his face had remained, and neither did the tight lines of anger on his forehead.

"I- I don't-" I stammered, fearing that I did do something. The wolves were acting strange....well not acting since they were all seated and were just....seated without shifting much. They were so calm.

Absolutely calm.

What had I truly, done?

Suddenly I am not famished anymore. The sudden tickling of nervousness surely ate up my earlier hunger.

"Go back into your room Lily. "

"Christopher would you stop trying to keep me in my room for Goddess sake! And stop being so close to me it's quite nerv-

Lily's voice fades as she appears through the doorway of the dining room. On her tail is Chris who looks rather annoyed that she wasn't listening to him.

But Lily pays him no mind, her eyes quickly scanning around for something amiss as she notes the surprising quietness of the entire room.

Surprise and confusion flick her features. "Why is everyone so calm and look like they are on the verge of taking a nap? Is it something in the tea this morning?" She joked walking in further, clearly not taking the state of her pack seriously. 1



"Well this doesn't seem like I am in the crimson moon pack, was I kidnapped and brought to another pack? Surely there would be words thrown at each other and a bunch of food battling to land on someone's face?" Her eyes had flicked down to the children of the pack while she said those words.

Chris looked around, his confused eyes set on his Alpha and Beta.

"What happened here?" He asked, his words directed at his alpha.

That must've grasped Lily's attention because she suddenly turned to her brother and glared, completely ignoring Beta Samuel. "You were a brute last night and I am this close to tearing you a new one for I'm sure you terrified poor Aurora last night. But since our new Luna seems quite happy-

She stops when her gaze sweep over to me and noticed my unflickering stare of nervousness and worry. "Okay, what the hell is going on? Why does everyone seem so....calm?" Her nose scrunched up as if she couldn't believe her pack was the least bit calm.

"I- I'm not sure-

"Aurora do not say anymore," Xavier demanded. His tone wasn't rough or somewhat stern, it was gentle.

" Am I the only one who's worried about what she has actually done to us?" Beta Samuel asked with a hint of annoyance but even that wasn't much. He still spoke too calmly.

Xavier's head shifted to face him, he perhaps meant to glare but his

eyes didn't flicker to show the emotion. " She hasn't done anything-

"She poisoned you, so I believe she has done something alpha. Or maybe you're too blind by this mate bond to realize what a true monster your mate actually is." Samuel said, again his voice gentle and I was sure he didn't want it to sound like that at all.

Xavier ignored him and walks over to me slowly, his amber gaze roaming over me, at least what little bit he could see given the fact that the table covered most.

"Are you okay Rora?" He asked softly when he is beside me, staring down at me calmly. I'd imagine he wasn't actually calm, I could tell he didn't want to be 'calm'.

But whatever this gold dust was, it calmed the wolves, just like I wanted them to be. Calm and not fighting over what I had done to their Alpha.

I nodded, because truly I was okay. The better question was if he was okay.

I opened my mouth to ask about my worries but he shakes his head, telling me with his eyes 'not here'. I press my lips together and sweep my gaze around.

The wolves around were still quiet, their gazes not once shifting into anger.

Eli had turned to face me too, his gaze rather untroubled too. In fact he looked like he felt drowsy.

"I will have a word with my mate in private. The butter biscuits are delicious, you all should taste them." Xavier exclaimed, his voice not at all rough or loud. 1

But given that the wolves can hear the slightest of whispers, I knew they picked it up

It was clear he didn't want anyone to question about what just happened.

Xavier reaches out his hand for me to take, which I do quickly as he helps me rise to my feet.

I shyly flick my gaze around. The entire room was too calm and truthfully it was strange. But I knew it was the gold particles, seeming to be like dust that caused this.

"Are you just going to sweep this under the rug alpha? Do you not think your people deserve an explanation?" Again Beta Samuel spoke, his hand going behind his head I suppose to rub the blow he received there just moments ago.

If that gold dust hadn't happened I was sure he'd not have a mouth to speak anymore. I knew he shouldn't be grateful to it because not even I knew what else it could've done. But at least he should wait until we have an explanation before bombarding us with questions.

"Pack your bags and leave," Xavier said calmly, he squeezes my hand in reassurance as we make our way out of the dining room.

"What?" Beta Samuel said behind us.

Xavier doesn't turn around when he replies with the same calm tone. "I want you off my territory before mid-day."

"I am the Beta-

"Not anymore. I am sure Eli would be happy to fill that role." Xavier says, dragging me along with him.

"I will?" Eli questioned in a very drowsy calm voice as he trails behind us. Perhaps since he was closer to me, the gold dust affected him more. He sound like he was on the verge of falling asleep.

"I should hope so," Xavier stated, holding my hand tighter.

I felt bad for Samuel and knew it was my fault Xavier was letting him go. But I knew I held no chance of making my mate change his mind. He was stubborn and that was something I came to realize.

"Can someone tell me what is going on here?" Lily nearly screeched but thankfully refrained from bursting everyone's eardrums.

Her footsteps are quick as she catches up to us easily.

"I would like to know as well. Our people are acting rather strange." Chris said in confusion.

"No shit," Lily said sarcastically.

"Gold dust. Aurora." Eli murmurs tiredly.

"Did you drink Eli? You look drunk." Chris snorted.

Xavier is rather quiet as he leads me upstairs and into his study.

The others follow, Lily mumbling something about needing an explanation and Eli mumbling about his thoughts on getting the Beta role. And Chris well, was Chris....who followed Lily like he was her bodyguard.

When the door is closed, Xavier drops my hand, walks around the desk, plastered his hand on the desk, takes a deep breath then looks at me. "What the hell was that?"

His voice was still so calm.

Everyone stayed quiet.

"I don't know, I-

I swallowed. This was the perfect time to tell him everything.

"Is there anything you need to tell me Rora? Because clearly, you hadn't told me about that gold dust that somehow made everyone calm down." Xavier lifted a perfect angled brow.

"Wait, so Eli wasn't joking about the gold dust thing?" Lily asked in confusion.

Xavier shook his head, looking at me like I was the hardest puzzle he'd ever have to try to piece together. It didn't help that I knew nothing about myself.

"I- it just happened. I just wanted you to stop. I didn't want anyone to get hurt because of me and then it just happened." I said truthfully in a whisper.

I hadn't felt a tingle or anything, it honestly felt, natural to me.

Xavier rakes a hand through his hair in frustration. "It's maddening that we don't know anything about you Aurora. Or what else you can do. It's fucking maddening that I don't know my own mate."

I felt awful that he thought he didn't know me. But I also didn't really know my own self. It was not like I was keeping the secret of creating gold dust to myself.

"Rodrick. That old doctor must know something. He's the one who told us about Aurora's blood and that it can cure me." Lily hums, her index finger on her chin as she looks to be thinking. "Perhaps the old doc knows more."

Xavier's eyes snap to his sister, but her words had shocked yet completely caught me off guard. My blood can cure her?

"He knows about her blood?" Xavier asked.

Lily nods. "Who do you think told us her blood makes wolfsbane brother? I know you've just come out of a near death experience but surely you are not that dumb." Her eyes roll.

"He also mentioned that Aurora's a pixie. He knows her kind, well read about them I think. Anyway, you're missing the point entirely. If he knows what she is and what she can create, perhaps he knows about the gold dust. Or should I say pixie dust?" She snorted out a little giggle at the end.

"I don't see why you think this is amusing sister. We do not know if

the dust has an after effect. I mean look at Eli for Goddess sake!" Xavier pointed at Eli who leaned against the closed door, his eyes nearly closing as he yawns.

"Hey don't mind me, I just need to take a nap," Eli yawns again and shrugs. 1

Chris shook his head while Lily rolled her eyes.

Xavier's eyes turn foggy, showing that he was mind linking someone.

After a few seconds, his eyes turn their original color of amber. They peer into mine. "Rodrick is on his way. Rora if you need to tell me something, now is the time. I don't want to hear it from someone else."
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Rora.

Rora.

Cassandra.

I fisted my hands to my side tightly, fighting the internal battle. I still feared of his rejection even though he claimed me. I still fear he'd not look at me the same.

But keeping secrets was what got me in this mess and it was about time I tell him about my past. I will accept whatever comes after this.

"I uhmm..." I looked around nervously. Lily had an encouraging look in her eyes, Chris looked at me in confusion and Eli, well Eli was slowly about to topple to the floor. He looked half way asleep.

Bringing my eyes back to my mate, I said shakily. "Samuel was right. I never told you where I came from or how I got here. And yes you never asked but I should've told you the moment I knew you were my mate. I uh-

I sucked in a shaky breath and tore my eyes away from him to look at his hand on the desk. "I came from the Crystal River pack-"

"What?!" This time Xavier wasn't calm anymore and perhaps he had managed to break whatever trance the dust had done because his voice had gone rough in disbelief and anger.

It was already too late to take back the words, they were now out in the open.

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