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《Aurora's pov》

"I've managed to close up the wound. We now have to leave it to his wolf to heal him and if we're lucky he'll be good in a few hours. "

Rodrick sighs and I can literally feel the relief washing out of him and tangling in the air.

My heart felt lighter upon hearing his words. Our Beta will survive, this was great news. The best news.

Rodrick's hand is stained with blood as he removes it from Eli's wound. My stomach turns at the sight of it. So much blood.

"I'll give him a dose of sleeping medication so he can rest and not shift much to reopen the wound. " He utters while discarding the bloody needle on the small metal table beside the bed.

He turns around perhaps to clean his hand off the blood, or perhaps to take the sleeping medication but before he could, Xavier's voice cracks through the air.

" What about Lily Rodrick? Will she be okay?" There's a visible tinge of worry in his voice that made me feel the emotion myself.

Rodrick turns around slightly to look over his shoulder, his eyes dropping to Lily. "She will be alpha. As soon as I make that cure. But for now, she needs to be on medication to keep her heart steady and to slow the poison. She's stable right now. If you've noticed the purple liquid trailing down the sides of her mouth. The dose of



foxglove I've given her is helping her heart and slowing the process of the poison. I will give her another dose in a few hours again."

"For now I can't do much more for her. But thanks to Luna I'll be able to create a cure that will help her. All I need is a few days-

"We might not have a few days Rodrick." Xavier cuts in. His words had completely caught my attention. There was something lurking in his voice. Worry. Anger. Frustration.

And it wasn't directed at Rodrick's words. It was something else entirely. Something that had shaken his composure and thoughts. Something that frustrated him to no bounds.

Rodrick must've sensed it too because he turns around fully, regarding his alpha with a confused look. "Something is wrong."

It wasn't a question it was a statement that spoke truth with no falsity.

Xavier grows stiff beside me and him being so made me get nervous. Whatever has frustrated him, really did shake up his cool and calm collected manner. Imagine what it would do to me.

"Samuel has notified the council about Aurora. They will come for her. " He said tightly through clenched teeth. "We might not have a few days Rodrick. We need everyone at the top of their health when they do come." 1

His words made me feel queasy but I rooted my feet to the floor and bit my tongue to help me feel anything other than fear.

The fear would've crumbled me to the floor but the pain of biting my tongue keeps me up, reassuring me that I'm still standing and breathing. That I am no longer the person I was before I met Xavier. That I didn't have to be weak anymore.

Rodrick looks unsettled by the news, his eyes turning a shade of worry. "If what you say is true alpha, Xavier. You know what that means don't you?"

Xavier answered unemotionally. " They will come for war. They will think she's the enemy no matter how much we prove her innocence. We do not know everything Samuel has said to them but surely it wasn't anything good. The pack needs to be on high alert. Not only are we threatened by wolfsbane, but the council will also wage war. We need to be prepared and we don't have a few days."

"Facing them will not be easy if Eli is down and the threat of someone poisoning our people is still hanging over our heads. We still don't know who's the culprit yet. Samuel has also killed many of the pack doctors, Rodrick alone cannot handle another wave of dead bodies if it comes to be." Chris pointed out.

"Then training must start as soon as possible," Xavier replied in a single breath. " As for other doctors, we'll find wolves that are in the medical field. No matter their age. "

I clenched my fists at my sides. The more I thought about it, the more it was pushed into my face that all the problems the pack is facing now had everything to do with me.

The killings, the threat and now a war would wage upon us. All of this

was solely wrapped around me.

I had to do everything in my power to stop it before it happens. This was something I had to do. I couldn't stay there and let the pack suffer because of me.

I knew what I had to do. It would be risky but I was now their Luna and it was my duty to protect my people.

"What if I talk to the council personally and try to make them see I've not done any harm. Would they listen?" I voiced out, looking among the wolves.

I knew my words had unsettled them. I can see it in their eyes. See it in Xavier's eyes and I already knew the answer before he replied. "Not going to happen. The council isn't a place that is safe Aurora. Not for someone like you."

I flinched slightly at his words even though I knew he meant no harm in them. Still, it was a bit disheartening that they will still see me differently. And I should expect that. I was different than them after all.

"But they'll wage war-

Xavier shook his head, jaw clenching. "I will handle it Aurora. You are not stepping foot in that awful place. If you've heard rumors about what I've done already then you must know the council's punishment is far worst. They will not understand you, not when you bleed our enemy."

My eyes lowered, saddened by his words even though I knew they

were true. He was just trying to protect me. But I also wanted to protect him.

"You must understand love, I'm only trying to keep you safe. You do not know what our people can truly do. Especially those who are superior. The council has been strict for years, that will not change." He sighed, reaching out to me.

I pull away not wanting to be comforted at this time, not when the entire pack's life is on the line.

Xavier sighs heavily but doesn't try to reach out for me again. He must've sensed that I needed space.

"Alpha is right Luna. The council is very strict and have been down Alpha Xavier's throat for playing with the rules already. In their eyes, they finally got the missing piece to actually take him down. They will not listen to you. Nor him. " Rodrick pointed out.

I knew they were right. They knew their council more than I did. I had no right to think that they were lying just to protect me.

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"You're mad," Xavier says behind me after the door shuts behind him.

I crossed the room and then started pacing in front of him.

"Aurora you must know I'm trying to-

"Protect me. I know. But have you ever thought for one second that maybe, just maybe it was time I fought my own battles? How am I supposed to rule beside you if I can't do anything for the pack

Xavier?!" I snapped, stopping my pacing to face him.

His body was still bloody and he was still naked since we had only just come from the infirmary.

" I can't stay back and have you fight all the battles including mine. I don't want to feel useless anymore," My vision blurs, my throat tightens and I stifle.

"Eli is still not yet fully healed and even though Rodrick is working on that cure for Lily, who says he'll manage to finish it soon? We're losing people Xavier, and I just want it to stop. I just want to help to make it stop. Let me just talk to them, maybe they'll not wage war. Maybe they will listen." A tear slipped out of my eyes to trail down my cheeks.

Xavier looks like he had swallowed a bitter pill as he pulls me in his arms, not caring that he was painting blood onto me.

"I know you want to help baby, but this one is too dangerous. You must understand that my wolf will not allow you to endanger our pup or your life. Please let me take care of everything. Please." He pleaded, kissing the top of my head.

I sobbed, wrapping my arms around his torso as I press my face closer to his chest where I felt the beat of his heart under my cheek.

"Promise me you'll at least make sure you'll be safe in whatever you plan to do. I can't lose you Xavier not when I just found you." I whispered, tearing up again. I had come to terms that it was what the women call pregnancy hormones that had me acting so emotional.

Kissing the top of my head before breathing in my scent, Xavier chest rumbles as he growls. The sound sounded somewhat possessive as his arms wrapped around me more securely.

"I promise Rora. And I also promise to keep you safe. No one, not a single soul will harm you. You may not have had others to protect you before Rora but now I'm here and I'm taking over that role. I'm your mate and you're my woman. I'll protect you with my life and die by doing so if I have to. " His voice is filled with honesty and love, one that made my knees grow weak.

He must've felt that I could no longer hold my weight because Xavier scoops me in his arms and starts walking.

"Where are you taking me?" I whispered in a cracked tone.

"I'm going to shower with you, then I'm going to show you how much I love you. How much you mean to me. And how much I need you here. " He answers, kicking open the bathroom door.

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The crimson that had been on his skin is now swimming in the water and going down the drain.

I watch it as Xavier massages his fingers through my hair. The crimson soon turns a light pink in the water then everything gets clear. There was no longer blood clinging to his skin.

"I'm sorry about Samuel," I whispered.

His fingers freeze in my hair but then a second later he resumes

massaging my scalp. "There's not a thing you should be sorry for. Especially anything to do with him. He was a traitor."

"But he was also your Beta. He was close to you. And I'm sorry it had been because of me you lost a good man." I murmured.

Xavier moves his fingers out of my hair and then a finger lifts my chin so our eyes would connect. When they did I held my breath. There was heated love in his eyes. One that showed me how deeply our souls are entwined.

"Listen to me baby, there isn't a single person living I'd not kill if they ever thought to cause harm to you. Samuel may have been a good man before but what he had become today was a far cry from the wolf I had fought alongside with for years. Today he turned to scum. There's nothing to feel bad about, it had to happen. There was no going back for him."

His words eased me a little but I still felt guilt.

Xavier must've seen the war in my eyes because he sighs and dips his head until our noses brushed. My eyes fluttered shut under the sprinkle of the water dancing over our heads.

"You think too much love." He grumbles and before I could answer him his lips connect with mine softly.

But a few brushes and the kiss became urgent. "Aurora," Xavier growls, hands now digging into my waist.

I moan, and perhaps that sound had pushed him to his limit because I was now in his arms, my legs wrapped around his waist and my



back now on the coldness of the tile.

I pulled away, sucking in a huge amount of air into my lungs as I looked at his face. His eyes peeled open and I moan while staring at eyes of amber that had flecks of crimson red.

"I love you," Xavier whispered before pushing into me.

I gasp, gripping his shoulders as he pushed deeper into me. My thighs shook as he pushed until he was fully inside me.

He pulls out a little only to slam back in. "Do you see how much I love you Rora?" He pants, moaning when I clenched around him.

I nodded moaning softly. "Yes."

Xavier buries his head in the crook of my neck as he pumps into me slowly, taking his time so I can feel every inch of him fill me up to the brim. "Ahh Rora." He moaned as I continued to suck around him using the walls of my pussy.



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