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Avan's POV

"Is everything ready?" Dad asked. I nodded and drove the car towards the familiar gate. Like before the gate was not crowded yet it looks more peaceful. Since the event was already over dad suggested visiting the mysterious person who's called Beau. I don't know if our trip will be satisfying or not but all I could do was hope. Hope to get something to achieve my goal.

"Dad, do you really think that it will work? I mean you have just heard some outdoor rumours about that person and have never encountered him personally. Is he really reliable?" I couldn't help but frown. Though I want it to work, I still have doubts in my heart.

"There's no loss in giving it a try. We will never know if we don't even try this. Besides, do you have any other option?" Dad retorted.

I stayed silent because, in my hand there's no other option at all. How did Savannah find another mate? How come she had the fate of two mates? How come she was so lucky to be able to avoid any calamity? All these things are messing my mind but I couldn't find any answers.

"We are here" dad's voice had brought me back to reality. I parked the car near the closed gate. There was no one at the entrance. Before we had the chance to knock on the door, it suddenly opened revealing a man wearing monk attire.

"How may I help you?" He asked politely.

"This gentleman, we are here to meet Beau" dad replied.

"Oh, you are here to meet Monk Beau? For what reasons? He does not meet anyone without any proper reason" the monk said again.

"Eh, we have been facing some problems for the past few years and have been suffering one after calamity. We didn't have any choice but to seek for monk Beau, when we heard about him. If this gentleman is a little generous and helps us to cure our problems, we will be glad" dad said to him. Well, it was not false either. We are already facing so many problems in our life that it's now becoming hard to survive.

The monk looked at us with narrowed eyes. After inspecting for few more minutes, he finally nodded his head "since this is the case, I need to inform monk Beau first to let him now about you"

"Of course, we are ready to wait," dad smiled. I smiled as I let out a sigh of relief inwardly. At least we finally got the chance to meet that person.

The monk left showing us the sitting area. Tiwan Forest is a silent place, with all green surroundings. Since the event is already over, all the tents have been cleared already and the ground looks even more expanded than before.

“Don’t hesitate to ask anything when you meet him. Remember it’s your only chance and for a person like him, I don’t think we will get another chance after this” dad said with a serious face.

I nodded “I understand dad. They have been keeping the identity of this person deeply and were not intended to let us meet him. Looks like this person called Beau is really a rare figure for Tiwan Forest”

“There are many mysteries that we don’t know. But when we get a chance, we should not leave it no matter what. We need to grasp it as much as we can”

I nodded my head again. What he said is right. It’s not like we will get another chance like this. Soon the monk walked back and informed us about Beau and said we can meet him now. He led us towards the small hut which was built a little far from the other house of the forest. There were two lanterns hanging outside and the monk pushed the door before looking at us.

“You can go inside, he is waiting for you” he said before leaving silently.

Dad and I looked at each other before stepping inside the hut. The space was small but there were few lanterns that lit up. There was a small table and a white crystal globe placed on the table. An old looking man, covered in wrinkles, looked at us.

“Come, have a seat” he pointed towards the two chairs placed before the table.

“Monk Beau, we are -” dad started but was cut in the middle.

“I know why you two are here. You don’t need to explain it” monk Beau replied.

“Please give us some solution” dad pleaded.

Monk Beau looked at the crystal globe then his eyes landed on us “solution? there’s none” he shook his head.

I was startled when I heard that. There’s no solution?

“But how could that be? Monk Beau, there must be something. There must be some way” I shook my head not wanting to believe.

“You can’t change heaven’s wish child. You have got your chance but it was ruined by yourself. Now you want to find solutions?” He laughed.

“Monk Beau, it was all our fault that we let the diamond slip by without knowing its importance. But now it’s not only about us, but about our whole pack. We need to find solutions for all the people living in our pack, you have to help us” dad said with a concerned voice.

Hearing this Monk Beau looked at the crystal globe again. He chanted something then looked at us “there’s something, what you want has been grabbed by another one. A woman fated to have two destiny is rare, since you lost the chance, the other one grabbed it, took a firm hold with a determination to never let it go”

“Why did someone have two fortunes?” Dad asked.

“It’s not a choice made by us people, but it was a choice made by heaven. You can’t change it, it’s just you were blind to see the truth. That woman was born in a fortunate moment. That’s why she has good luck. But she is now where she belongs to”

I clenched my fist. No, Savannah is mine, and I can’t let her become someone else’s. She has to be mine.

“Is there no way?” I asked him.

“There is” Monk Beau nodded but his face was serious “the only way to turn your fate is to end the other destiny but...”

“But what?” I frowned.

“But...it seems it’s also impossible,” he laughed out loud. His laughing is like a mocking arrow piercing my heart.

So the only way is to kill Hardwick. I have faced him and he seems stronger than me. But everyone has their own weakness and once I get it, I can finally turn over my own fate and bring Savannah back to Bright Shine pack.

We left Tiwan Forest after that. Though meeting Beau didn’t give us advantages as we thought, it’s good that we got to know some things. Now I need to find a way to bring that Alpha on his knees.

“I know what you are thinking but I suggest you think rationally rather than rushing things” dad said as I parked the car in front of the pack house.

“Don’t worry dad. I won’t rush things this time”

“Good, now think about how to deal with Reese. She has caused great trouble for us already. And if it goes like this then...” He turned to give me a look “you know what I mean”

“Yes” I nodded.

We walked inside and saw mom rushing towards us. She looked anxious and worried.

“What happened?” Dad frowned.

“Alpha, Avan” mom called out “something happened”

“Mom, what happened?” I asked her.

She looked at me and said something that almost flipped the ground beneath me.

“Reese is pregnant”

Savannah’s POV

It’s finally the day when I have to say goodbye to my family. It felt like I was leaving them forever. In the morning mom cooked for me, all my favourite dishes. Just after breakfast Hardwick arrived looking all handsome and charming.

“You really don’t need all these bags,” he said as he glanced at the bags.

“Why can’t I bring my own clothes? Do you want me to walk around naked?” I glared at him.

He smirked “it’s a good idea though. I really don’t mind it at all but it’s only limited to me”

I rolled my eyes “you are too much”

“I have been waiting for this moment. To bring you back where you actually belong”

I looked at him “you are that desperate?” I raised my eyebrows at him.

“Why not? Who would wait for so long to bring back his mate to his pack?”

I looked down “you have seen and know about me. But I have no idea about your pack and also about you. I am nervous that your pack won’t like me at the end”

He got up from bed and walked towards me “you are wrong” he shook his head “you are my mate and my Luna, the mistress of Dark Forest, who would dare to disobey you?”

I shook my head “it’s not about disobeying. I know they won’t do anything because of you. But what I want is for them to accept me from their own heart, not because of fear or other things”

Hardwick smiled “they will, you don’t have to worry about it. Once you get there and mixed with them, they will know how sincere and good you are”

I smiled hearing him. This man never failed to encourage me. He just knows how to boost my emotions with just a few mere words.

“Okay” I nodded.

“I still think you shouldn’t tag all these bags. It’s unnecessary” he frowned, gazing at those bags near my bed.

I rolled my eyes “why?”

“Because I have already asked Luina to arrange everything back in the pack. All you need will be there so what’s the point of taking this stuff with you?”

“Hardwick there are so many things that a girl need”

He pulled me towards him “you don’t have to be worried about that darling. Luina will take care of everything”

Is he serious about it? I looked at him closely. This man. Just then a knock on the door was heard followed by a cough. I turned only to see Tanea standing there with a smile.

“Everyone is waiting outside”

I nodded and sighed. Finally it’s time.

We went outside hand in hand. Dad, mom, and Dev are already waiting for us. Mom smiled when she saw us.

“Is everything done my dear?”

I nodded.

She turned to look at Hardwick “please take care of her Hardwick”

“I can assure you. I will keep her happy and won’t let you hear any complain” he replied.

Mom smiled then turned to me and pulled me for a hug “I will miss you darling, so much”

My eyes brimming with tears and I hugged back “I will miss you mom” I sobbed.

“Remember your promise” I heard dad say to Hardwick. “If anything happens to her then I will take her back and never let you see her again”

"I will never let that happen," Hardwick replied calmly.

Dad nodded and turned to me with a smile "will miss you princess. No matter what happens just remember that your dad is still here"

"Thanks dad" I hugged him and sobbed. I can't stop myself from crying. It's really painful to leave them behind.

"You are really going?" Dev walked forward. His face was pale and sullen.

I nodded weakly.

He let out a sigh before glaring at Hardwick "you better keep your promise or I will hunt you down if you make her cry. I won't even care if you are an alpha or not"

"You can be assured on this point" Hardwick replied calmly.

"Call me if you need anything okay" Dev said, focusing his attention on me and clearly ignoring Hardwick. "You know that I will always be there for you right?"

"I know you will" I hugged him. My brother, he is Possessive and arrogant but he is still that charming and loving bro I could ever ask for.

"Let me hug her too. You can't take all the attention leaving me here" Tanea said pushing Dev away.

"I will miss you Sav. So much that it hurts" Tanea almost cried. We have been like best friends and spend a lot of time together. Teamed up to tease Dev and have so much fun. Once I leave, will I be able to make such memories again?

"Okay, there's lots of crying now. She is going to build her own world and we should encourage her with a happy face" mom said, breaking our crying moment.

"Yeah, right" Tanea broke the hug and wiped the corner of her eyes. We walked outside and Hardwick pulled the bags with him and dropped it inside his car before looking back at me.

"He is waiting for you dear. I can see the excitement in his eyes" mom smiled at me "as I said, we will always be there for you whenever you need us. All you have to do is remember this words" she cupped my face lovingly "go, your future is waiting for you"

"Thanks mom" I whispered, then I swapped my eyes over those people who had been my family and my loved ones. And today I have to leave them to live with my mate. But that does not mean our bond will weaken. Distance does not make bonds weak but with each passing time it gets stronger. I blew kisses to them before turning around.

Once I settled inside the car, I turned to look at my family again. I smiled and waved at them. They stood there watching me with a smile yet moistened eyes. Even though I made up my mind and was determined to keep it strong, I couldn't hold back my tears. Hardwick started the engine and I heard his faint voice.

"This is the last time I am letting you cry like this"

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Reese's POV

I felt a headache as I opened my eyes. What happened? I looked around and found myself in my room. The earlier incident flashed in my mind. Dad said Avan is not here. Where did he go? I tried to sit but my body ached and I hissed.

"Don't move" mom walked in all smiling.

"Mom, what happened? Why am I feeling aching all over my body?"

"The pain will go away, don't worry. You just have to take good care of you"

I frowned at her "what are you saying mom? You sound so weird today?"

Mom smiled brightly "do you know what happened Reese. We can finally get hold on Avan stronger than before"

"How?"

She held my hand "because doctors confirmed that you are pregnant"

My eyes widened in shock. Pregnant? Am I pregnant? Oh my god, I really can't believe it at all. Finally after a hard work I can achieve my goal and bind Avan with me using this unbreakable bond. My eyes get watery as I think of a scenario Avan holding our baby and playing in the garden.

"Mom, is it true?" I asked to confirm again.

Mom nodded again "I have double checked everything and it was confirmed by the pack doctor himself so there's no wrong in there"

I smiled "is Avan back mom?"

"I don't know, I have not gone outside other than calling the doctor"

My smile faded. He is not back yet? What's taking him so long to get back here? I couldn't possibly wait for him to know about our baby. My heart fluttered with happiness

again. It's our baby, Avan's baby. Now that the symbol of love has bloomed in my womb, we can finally have our happily ever after.

"Now that the baby is on the way, Avan couldn't avoid you like he is doing all these years"

"But mom, will he do as we think?" I asked.

She frowned "why not? It's his child anyway. Besides, he became Alpha two years ago yet still doesn't have Luna by his side. It will be shameful for an Alpha to rule alone without any mate or Luna. And in this situation you are giving him off spring and allowing him to grow more stronger. How could an intelligent person like him won't understand such a fact? Don't worry, this time your pregnancy is the biggest taboo and even if he wanted to avoid it he couldn't. And there's still his father"

I nodded "I am just hoping that this situation will go smoothly. In the event I still felt that Avan is trying to reconcile with that bitch"

"Don't think about that slut now. All you have to do is take care of you and nourish the child inside you. Even if you are not his mate he won't have any choice but to accept you"

"Our baby will make him stay with me forever" I smiled and rubbed my flat belly.

"You both are made for eachother. Just don't let this opportunity slip by. This is our last chance and you have to be cautious about it. Do you understand?"

"Yes" I looked at my stomach and said grinning "I will do everything to keep him with this baby. I have waited for so many years and now I don't want to wait anymore. After all these waiting period it finally time to take decision"

Mom was about to say when the door burst opened and a pissed looking Avan walked in. The mess in the room was long cleared up but seeing him looking at me my heart jumped suddenly.

He is here.

"I will leave you two to talk" mom said before withdrawing from the room.

"What's this?" Avan asked as soon as the door closed.

"What are you talking about Avan? You didn't come to meet me at all" I frowned.

"Just answer my questions," he said using a cold tone.

"Avan what happened to you?"

Avan rolled his eyes annoyed “fuck, how did you get pregnant all of a sudden?”

My eyes widened “what do you mean by that Avan? Are you questioning it? It’s your child? Your own blood and flesh. How could you ask me that?”

“Your timing is too accurate Reese, tell me how did you get pregnant suddenly?” Avan laughed. But that was not something humorous but a pissed one.

I gulped down my saliva in fear but my mind was already determined “Avan what kind of question was that? We have been together for many years and we had sex so much. And we have been doing it recently, making love most of the time. How can you ask such questions to me?”

Avan narrowed his eyes “is not it you who was always trying to seduce me? You have become clingy these days....it’s ..” he paused “it was your plan isn’t it?”

My heart beat raced suddenly. I know he is smart and will find out but no, I won’t let him think of me in such a way.

“Are you accusing me now?” I cried out “is that only me who was doing that. You are also in it. Remember it Avan I can’t have sex myself and get pregnant at the end. These days you have been trying to vent all your anger and frustration on me using my body. I didn’t say anything because I love you so much and want to relieve your pain to help you. Is it my fault that during this I got pregnant? Is it possible for me to get pregnant alone?” I yelled at him.

Avan clenched his fist tightly. His eyes were red as he glared down at me. I know, what I have said to him was true and no matter what he just couldn’t deny this fact. Seeing him staying silent I took the chance to continue.

“What was my fault that you are accusing me like this?” I cried, tears were flowing down but I didn’t stop. “I have been waiting for you all these years and have done everything that you said. Just because I love you so much that I am willing to sacrifice everything I have so that I can be with you. Is it my fault? I knew that I was not your real mate so our bond won’t be as strong as Savannah’s. But I am still willing to take risks and stay by your side. I have waited all these years without any questions just for you. But now that there is a baby in my womb you are accusing me like this? Avan this is your child, your own blood and flesh. One day when it grows up and questions you, will you be able to answer? I have given all of myself to you yet you still refuse to trust me a bit and even try to accuse me of planning to have a baby?” I covered my face and sobbed loudly.

“Fuck” I heard him curse then a breaking sound followed. When I looked up I saw him walking away and kicked the door open before leaving me behind. I couldn’t help but look at his way.

He is angry right now but he is still refusing to trust me with this baby? I clenched my fist and gritted my teeth in anger. I have even rejected my own mate just for him yet he is accusing me like this? This time I wouldn't let him do what he wants. He has to accept that this is his child no matter what. And for that I will take every risk.

Savannah's POV

"Welcome home darling" Hardwick whispered as he helped me out of the car. I stood there beside him watching the huge castle type pack mansion. There were four guards at the entrance gate when he drove the car inside. The surrounding scenario is too beautiful and I couldn't help but look around in awe.

"This is so beautiful" I mumbled.

"Glad you like it," he smiled.

"This is where you live?" I asked. Though I had been inside once when he kidnapped me, I was reluctant to look around because of anger and rush to leave the place. But now looking at this, I couldn't help but admire it.

"Wrong, this is where we are going to live"

I held back my smile as it threatened to come out. This man clearly knows how to flatter my heart with his words. Such a sweet-tongued guy.

"Come on, let's go inside. There's more you can see" he grabbed my hand and led me towards the mansion. The outdoor design of the mansion was built with glass but it was not transparent at all. The glass wall looked shiny and mirrored the views of outside capturing it making it look like there was another background inside the mirror.

The large glass door opened revealing a huge hall. A crystal chandelier hung above all glittering and there were fish tanks on each side of the door. Like they are placed to welcome guests with their beautiful colours.

"Wow" I was amazed. The tiled floor was something, you can see your reflections if you look closely. "You really know how to decorate huh"

He chuckled "it's not me but my designer. But I should thank you anyway"

"It must have cost a fortune just to build this hall" I frowned.

He suddenly laughed out "you don't have to be worried about it love. This mansion is unique and has been built since our generation has started. It's just the descendants redecorate it if they want"

"Redecorate? You did too?" I asked him with surprise.

“Not much. I am not interested in these” he smiled.

“So you didn’t do anything?” I tilted my head.

“I did”

“Really? What did you do?”

“So excited to know?” He raised his eyebrows.

I rolled my eyes “you are no fun. What will it take for you just to reply directly?”

“Everything needs to be paid , darling. And I think you know this well” he smirked.

“You want money?” I frowned. “But you already have fortune”

He grinned “who needs money baby? What I need is something only you can afford to give”

“What do you want?” I felt like there’s something wrong.

“This” before I could understand I felt myself hanging in the air. I squealed loudly.

“Hardwick, what are you doing?” I was startled. My god, this man. Does he take me as a sack of potatoes?

“Quiet” he whispered.

“No, put me down” I punched his back. How could he just throw me over his shoulder. Don’t I have any weight in my body?

“I said quiet” he slapped my but.

“Hardwick” I gasped but he only chuckled.

“Are you out of your mind? What if others see us like this? What will they think?”

“Taming you”

I rolled my eyes “you have answers for every question?” I crossed my arms feeling annoyed. He walked towards the stairs as I was still hanging on his shoulder. This man is too insane. No one will be able to predict what he will do next.

“It has been a long time,” he suddenly said.

“Long for what?” I frowned. What’s he talking about now?

“To have your sweet taste” he replied huskily.

My heart jumped hearing his tone. God, I almost forgot this man is the god of perverts. Now that we are here in his place.... I mentally face palmed myself. Wow, I have given myself to the lion who is now dragging me inside his den.

~ you are already in the den ~ Red laughed.

~ shut up, who’s side are you on? ~ I barked in my head.

~ yours of course ~

I rolled my eyes ~ yeah, I can see it clearly ~

“Talking to your wolf is not good when your mate is still here darling” there comes his voice.

“You really know well about me. It’s my own wolf, what does it have to do with you?”

“You both are mine” he replied as he walked towards the door.

The room was dark when we got inside, but when he switched on the light I was surprised. The room was not too manly or too womanly. It was adjusted between the two levels. Starting from the colour to the set of furniture or to say even the chosen of the curtains and other small decorations that were done.

“This..”

“Our room” Hardwick replied even before I could ask.

“Our room” I mumbled as I looked around. The lime coloured wall with black master bed in the middle. Violet curtain hung down covering the sunlight.

“Did you like it?” He asked.

“It’s good” I smiled and forgot the fact that I am still hanging on his shoulder.

“Are you letting me down or you are planning to keep me this way?” I sighed. I can never win against this man. I started to feel stomach pain now.

He didn’t reply but gently placed me on bed before smiling down at me.

“What?” I frowned as I supported my body placing my hands on each side.

“Later Luina will come and show you about your arrangements”

“Later? Why not now?”

“Because right now, I want you all to myself” he smirked.

I raised my eyebrows “am I not already here?”

“Of course you are, that’s why I want to devour you”

My eyes wide “you...” I pushed him away “what are you thinking? What would your pack member say if they saw this? They will think I am too clingy”

The corner of his lips raised “oh, believe me. I want you to be clingy all the time”

“You ...you ...” I pointed my index finger at him “you are such a pervert”

“Oh darling it’s only for you”

With one push I fell back on bed and he quickly hovered over me. He smiled as he leaned down “I missed you so much”

I wanted to reply but this pervert didn’t let me have that chance as I felt his lips already devouring me. All the strangeness suddenly faded away and I felt home, with him, in his arms.

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Savannah’s POV

“Hardwick” I moaned, closing my eyes. His mouth latched on my neck as he sucked hard causing my body to burn with desire. I don’t know how but this man always makes me submit to him. His touches cause waves of havoc making me so helpless, until I lose all my sanity.

“Your heartbeat is racing, sweetheart” he said and I felt him smirking against my skin.

“But this is what I want you to feel”

“Oh...please stop...”

“There’s no stopping baby” he refused “I have been waiting for this and since you are already here, how can I stop myself from having you?”

“Oh god...” I moaned again as he kneaded my soft breasts with his hand.

“So soft” he whispered against my skin again “and all mine”

"I can't endure this torture" I said breathlessly. It's hard to stay normal when he is playing with my body like this.

He chuckled "oh, there's more to come sweetheart. You can't just expect this will be the end"

I opened my eyes and looked at him "what do you mean?"

He smirked "we still need to complete our mating darling"

My eyes widened. There's still a mating ceremony. I almost forgot about it. Though I know about it, now it's my time to face this personally. What am I going to do now? Unintentionally my eyes landed on his down part. I have seen it already and it was huge that it almost choked me to death. Will it fit me?

"Done checking out?" He asked, raising his eyebrows.

I blushed hard. Hell he caught me staring at his member. I want to die with embarrassment.

"I was not checking out"

"Oh" he raised his eyebrows.

"Yes, you were thinking too much" I pursed my lips turning my head to the side.

He leaned down and kissed my cheek "you know I am all yours. You don't have to feel embarrassed thinking about it. Besides....you are going to see it often from now on. So better shove your shyness away"

I gasped "how could you say that so casually?"

"Oh, why can't I? You are my mate so your heart, your mind and your body is all mine"

I felt blush crawling on my cheeks again. Damn this man and his sweet tongue. No matter how much I try I could not win over words with him.

"You are so big and it is my first time. How can you just talk so normally?" I lowered my gaze.

He held my chin and tilted my head so that our eyes could meet. "I know it's your first time, I can tell it with your smell, so pure and innocent. And I am so glad to have you. You are made for me as I am made for you" he lowered his head and whispered in my ear "don't worry, I will take care of you. Once I am done with you, you will be begging me for more" he bit my ear causing me to startle.

“You...” He didn’t let me finish as I felt him sliding his hand inside my dress reaching for my panties. I gasped as his cold hand cupped my warm spot.

“Fuck, you are so wet baby. It’s making my cock so hard” he said then slipped his two digit in my wet folds.

“Hardwick” I moaned loudly.

“Feel baby” he whispered as he slid out then sliding in again. “You need to get used to it darling, think of my fingers as my cock, ravishing your sweet cunt mercilessly.

Oh god, damn his dirty mouth. He ignited my desire even more as I coated his fingers with my juices.

“You like dirty talk darling, you are milking my fingers . So fucking sweet” he chuckled and increased his thrust. It was forceful and made my body jump.

“Oh... My god....” I fisted the bed cover tightly.

“Come on baby, cum for me. I want you to milk my fingers like a good girl” he whispered and latched his mouth on my neck again. His fingers are pushing hard enough and with a loud moan I released myself. A sudden wave of relief washed over me. Lying on the bed I tried to catch my breath.

“Um....so good” I looked up only to find him licking his fingers. His eyes were fixed on me as his tongue licked his finger in slow manner. I gulped down hard looking at his action. I felt my core clenching again.

He smirked, “you want more baby?”

Biting my lips I turned my head to the other side “you are over thinking” damn. Around him I can’t even control my hormones. This man is ruining me totally, he is even able to mess with my inner self.

“You know, all you have to do is say yes and I will give you what you want”

I turned and threw a glare.

He chuckled “looks like you want it too. Hm..”

“You...” I was about to push him away but he caged me in his arms.

“You will meet the pack tomorrow. For now, let’s sleep”

“Tomorrow?” I frowned. Why does it have to be this fast?

“They are excited about you, love. You will know it once you meet them” he replied.

I felt nervous “will they like me?” Thinking about it, my last memories flashed in my mind. In the Bright Shine pack, there was no one who ever showed me an ounce of respect. Rather it was mocking and ridiculing. Will this new pack be the same?

“Don’t worry, I have already announced about you”

“You did?” I was surprised. He pre-announced it already? I actually never expected him to do so.

“Why not? They need to know about you. It’s better for them to have some idea about your existence rather than getting surprised to death”

I rolled my eyes. He still has the heart to joke about it.

“Are you making fun of me?”

“Of course not, I don’t dare to make fun of you”

“Yeah, of course” I shook my head.

“Let’s sleep. You are tired and need some rest”

“It was all your fault” I accused him.

He chuckled “you can’t say that way darling. It was something we both enjoyed, mostly you. Isn’t it?”

My eyes widened as I blushed again. This man, he has the nerve to tease me like this. I gritted my teeth.

“You ... shut up”

“Sleep, baby”

Next morning came so fast even before I knew it. The first thing I saw when I woke up was Luina, standing there near the bed looking at me with a smile.

“Good morning mistress” she greeted.

“Morning...” I looked around. It was not the same room I stayed last time but it was a different one. I was all alone in bed while there’s not a sign of him. He left me alone in bed again.

“Where’s Hardwick?” I frowned.

“Master went away early. He left the message that he has some important work to handle and ordered me to wait in the room for you till you wake up”

“He did?” Suddenly a smile formed on my lips. He really knows how to coax a woman. Doing such things, my heart fluttered instantly and all the disappointment I felt flew away through the window itself. How come I stop myself from falling for such a man?

“When will he be back?”

“That I don’t know my mistress. Master said he will accompany you later and in the meantime you should get ready” Luina replied.

I sighed. I almost forgot that he said I will be meeting his pack members. Though I am still nervous inside but since he will be there with me, I am glad about it. Besides, I really need to work on myself not to dwell on the past event again. The past was not the present. It’s different with a heaven and earth difference in between.

“Everything is different” I mumbled inwardly. Too different. Hardwick is not Avan, Dark Forest is not Bright Shine and I am also not the past myself. I have changed and along with me everything has changed too.

“Mistress” Luina’s voice pulled me out of the trance. She was looking at me frowning.

“Sorry, I was thinking something else” I held my head and massaged my temple.

“Are you feeling fine? Should I call the pack doctor to check on you?”

“Huh? Oh...no...no .. I am fine” I rushed.

“Okay, would you like to take a bath?”

“Yeah please” I nodded. It will help me release my tension and relax my body.

“I will get the water ready” she said before walking towards the side door.

I sighed as I saw her disappear inside. It has been two years but still those memories are hunting me around. Even though I have told myself for thousands of times it was just a past and I need to move on but whenever something happens the past would rush to me to hunt me down and pull me back to those nightmare days. I couldn’t possibly think clearly if I keep going through the past. I need to live in the present with what I have, not with memories of what I had. Luina called me again saying the water is ready. I sighed and got up from bed. I am glad he didn’t remove my dress or I would be really embarrassed in front of Luina. Slowly I walked towards the door where Luina went in.

A gasp escaped from my lips when I saw the bathroom. The white tiled wall and floor looks bright. I felt like I had just entered inside clouds. All the while from ceiling to floor. There was a sink system with a circled mirror at the side. Beside it there was a wall cabinet where the sets of towels were arranged beautifully. In the middle it was partitioned by a glass sliding door. On the left there was white curtain hanging. The curtain pushed back and the door slid to the side before Luina's face peeked out from inside.

"Mistress, water is ready. Do you need me to help you in bathing?"

"Uh, no thanks for asking but I can do it myself. I want to bath alone"

She nodded "then I will go and arrange your clothing"

"Yes, please thank you" I smiled.

She nodded before heading out. She was treating me like some royalty. I sighed, I really wonder how Hardwick trains these people. So mannered in everything. Shaking my head I walk towards the door. I pushed the curtain and saw a huge ceramic jacuzzi bathtub where 4 people can bath together comfortably. The tub was filled with bubbles. I grinned and removed my clothes before getting inside. My body immediately relaxed when the warm water touched my body. It felt so good that I almost didn't want to go out. I took my time bathing. Shampooing my hair and scrubbing my body slowly. I don't know how much time has passed but I walked out once I was fully satisfied with the bath. When I got out of the tub, I saw a white silk robe hanging on the cloth stand near the cabinet. Maybe Luina arranged it. I wore it and walked out of the bathroom.

"Mistress you are done?" Luina smiled "I have arranged your clothing. Would you like to choose what you want to wear today?"

"Um...where's the cloth I brought?" I asked.

"I have placed it in your wardrobe"

I nodded "okay, where is the wardrobe?"

"It's there" she pointed towards the door near the other side of the bed.

"There?" I frowned.

"Let me show you," Luina nodded and led me towards the door. Once the door opened my jaw immediately touched the floor. Is it for real? I couldn't just believe it. How could they call it wardrobe when it's a fucking huge walk-in closet? Are they kidding me? It's like I have entered another completely different world. It was filled with different designer clothes with accessories and types of shoes. All these are so expensive.

“This...?” I gasped.

Luina turned and smiled “this is your closet mistress. Before you arrived, the Master had ordered this maid to arrange your daily needs. What you need are all stored in here”

“These all are for me?” I asked her, totally surprised.

She nodded “yes, master wanted you to feel comfortable and have no tension about anything. I have just accomplished what master ordered for”

I covered my mouth with my palm. I still couldn't believe it. Hardwick had done so many things that I could never dream for. I still remember, back in the ex pack, Avan and I had a date. When we were roaming outside, I saw an earring with a purple gem on it. I liked it so much that I nearly begged Avan to buy it but he refused saying it was cheap and won't look good on me. He bought a pink dress for me instead. I felt disappointed but did not say anything to him thinking he might not like it. But I never imagined to see the same earring on Reese after a week. When I asked her about it she said she bought it herself. But now thinking about that event, it was Avan who bought it for her and he refused me at first because he was determined to give it to Reese. I was such a fool to believe in him. And now seeing those expensive collections I could not help but feel myself too lucky. It's not about the clothes or other things, but it's because Hardwick took such efforts for me just to make me happy.

“What do you want to wear, mistress?” Luina asked.

“I want to go for some simple dress. Help me choose it”

She nodded then searched on the clothing racks. After a few minutes she pulled out a cream colored long dress. It was off shoulder but had small flower patterns on the silk. It was simple but looked beautiful. The silk material was the finest one.

“How about this Mistress?” She showed me the dress.

“It's good, thank you” I nodded.

I was even more surprised when there's also a huge collection of lingeries. Luina really put efforts on these, she even filled the cabinet with monthly needed stuff. I really wonder how much it would have cost to prepare all these?

Once I was done getting ready I looked at myself in the mirror. Luina styled my hair on one side and used a small pearl hairpin to bind it together. The style totally matched my dress, making me satisfied with the result.

“It's really a good fit,” I mumbled. “How did you know about my size?” I frowned.

“Master told me”

I turned to look at her in surprise. Hardwick did? But how come he got to know about my size? This dress and the lingerie are perfectly fitting for me. How come in such a short time he measured it in order to arrange all of these? This thought shocked me.

“You look so beautiful, mistress,” Luina smiled brightly.

“Thank you” I smiled then headed out of the closet. Just as I opened the door I saw Hardwick turn around and look at me. He smirked when he saw me.

“As expected, you look truly ravishing love”

I blushed but asked with a stern voice “you left me alone again?”

He chuckled “sorry for that but I had too. Before you met the pack, I needed to do some preparations”

I sighed and walked towards him “is everything done?”

He smiled “don’t worry, they are all waiting for you”

I took a deep breath. It’s time now.

“You don’t have to be nervous. I am here with you” he assured.

I nodded.

He extended his hand “ready?”

I placed my hand on his then smiled “yes”

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Savannah’s POV

We walked outside the pack mansion together. He led me towards the narrow path on the left. There are many flower pots on each side of the path. When we reached the end of the path there was a door. I heaved a sigh. Hardwick turned towards me and smiled.

“You are still so nervous?”

“I can’t help it,” I whispered back.

He held my hand tightly. “I told you, you don’t have to think about it that much. You are pressuring yourself to no end”

"I am trying, it's just..." my voice paused. What can I say to him? It's also coming from my old experience that I could not open myself up and motivate myself to adapt to the new situation.

"You don't have to worry, nothing is the same as before" his words had me looking at him in surprise. What does that mean? Does he know about my fear? But how did he find out?

He smiled "they are waiting. We should not let them wait for long you know"

I smiled and nodded. We walked past the door and saw it was an open field. Two times larger than Snow Moon's training field. I gasped when I saw a huge crowd standing in front of us.

"Today here, I wanted to personally introduce you to a special person of mine" Hardwick's voice echoed loudly. I can clear the the curious stares of the pack members.

"As I have announced it before, today I am going to introduce the person. Here..." Hardwick pushed me little forward and held my shoulder "meet my mate, Savannah Lang, the princess of Snow Moon Pack and your Luna of the Dark Forest"

All the members suddenly fell on their knee and shouted loudly "Welcome to the pack Mistress"

I stood there silly, stunned. Though I have thought because of Hardwick they won't disrespect me but I never expected them to do such a thing. Welcoming me like this is something so surprising. It felt like they were welcoming some queen.

"I hope everyone will be obeisance towards your Luna forever. Think about your actions before taking it into consideration, going against her means going against me. And I won't tolerate any criticism against it. Did I make myself clear?" Hardwick's hard voice fell like a rumble. I looked at him, he was almost threatening his own pack members. There was not a trace of softness in his eyes, and all his emotions were covered by the thick fog of coldness.

"Yes Master" all of them replied without any objection. I don't know about Dark Forest's customs but looking at the scene in front I can guess that it was definitely different from other packs.

After the introduction he led me towards a beautiful gazebo which was built at the side. The members of the pack were training in the field. I looked at the huge crowd before turning my head to look at my mate.

"You know, you shouldn't have threaten like that"

"That's nothing darling, this is how I talk to them"

“Isn’t it a little rude?” I frowned.

“Rude?” He laughed “there is no such thing baby. This is how dark forest works. Besides, do you think with a simple and emotional mind, Dark Forest can win all these years without any weakness?”

He is right. Dad also said that Dark Forest is built with strict rules but this was the reason they are staying on top. It was a hard thing to hold the position for years after years. The members of the pack must work hard enough to stay in such a position. I was thinking when I heard a snapping sound. Hardwick snapped his fingers trying to catch my attention.

“What happened? I was talking to you yet you are lost in somewhere else”

I shook my head “it’s nothing, I was just thinking about something else”

“Thinking about what?” He raised an eyebrow.

I sighed “about your pack”

“You are still pressuring yourself thinking about it?” He chuckled “you don’t have to feel pity or something. This is how a strong pack works darling. If anyone wants to get on top, they need to be hard on themselves and follow the same rules with the pack too. If the challenge is to stay on top then the ruler and members need to be hard on themselves”

“Fine, I am not going into your formalities. Keep them for yourselves” I rolled my eyes. It’s better to focus on my things than thinking about his way of ruling.

“Sure,” he smirked, clearly enjoying my annoyance.

“What are you laughing at?” I asked, getting irritated.

“You were so nervous earlier. How are you feeling now?”

“I...” He was still concerned about that? “I am fine”

“Good, I told you already not to pressure yourself so much,” he nodded.

Actually I didn’t expect that the introduction would go this smoothly. The members didn’t show any kind of disrespect, not from their behaviour nor from their gestures. And I am glad about it. They are strangers for me and it will take time for them and for me to accept it. But I am more glad about Hardwick’s words which helped me a lot. I wonder if Avan saw such things then would he not go crazy? Funny one.

“Did you like your new wardrobe?” He asked.

That reminded me again.

“What were you thinking when you were thinking about arranging clothes?”

He frowned “what happened? You don’t like it. I will ask Luina to rearrange everything”

I rolled my eyes. Is he serious? Rearrange everything means changing every fucking thing. How can he just say this so casually? I have checked those things, they are hell expensive. And he is talking about rearranging it?

“I liked it, you don’t have to bother that poor girl”

“Why did you say that?”

“Are you serious Hardwick? I was asking what you were thinking when you ordered such a huge closet? I mean I couldn’t possibly finish wearing all of them” I threw my arms in the air shaking my head lightly.

“That’s too small” he replied “you have rest of your life to wear every piece of it”

“You are seriously insane, do you know that?” I shook my head. Who can win from this man in an argument? Come out and I will reward you.

“My sanity had gone away the moment I held you in my arms that night darling”

I blushed “that night?”

He nodded, “You are transforming, aren’t you?”

“What? Was that you?” I almost pointed my finger at him.

“Surprised!” He smirked.

I still remember that night. I got my birthmark after that but was so weak and I realised someone held me and said something too but I couldn’t remember it properly. So it was him after all?

“I had no idea about that” I shook my head. What a coincidence!

“You looked so beautiful that night, totally like ready to fuck”

I covered his mouth “shut up, what are you saying?”

He held my hand then smirked “I was stating the truth, my love. If the situation was right, I would have-”

I covered his mouth tightly. Does this man have any shame? How can he just talk like this? That too in this open yard?

“What are you doing?” I glared at him.

He removed my hand and was about to say something when someone interrupted “wow, am I dreaming?”

I turned to look at the side and found a young man, at Hardwick’s age. He looked handsome and was smirking looking at us. Who’s this now? I frowned.

“Wow, wow, the cold hearted man finally got his mate huh” that man walked forward with amazement playing in his eyes.

Hardwick removed my hand “you just came now?”

“Was it my fault? It was obviously you, who gave me so much task” the man replied, making an annoyed face.

I was surprised to see him behaving like this. Earlier all the members did not dare to look into Hardwick’s eyes. But this man is clearly arguing with him in a careless manner while Hardwick didn’t seem to mind at all.

“It was your duty,” Hardwick replied.

“Forget it, talking to you is worse” that man turned to me and flashed a charming smile. “It’s better to talk to your mate. I must say purple is really attractive” he smirked.

“Look at her in a funny way and your eyeballs will be in your hands” Hardwick threatens.

“Fuck you, why are you messing with my impression?” That man cursed.

I turned my head to the other side, pressing my lips together tightly. What are they? 5?

“Oh, do you still have any impression left on you?” Hardwick asked.

I coughed lightly trying not to laugh out. Seriously. Who is this man? They are arguing and the next moment teasing each other?

“You don’t know girls would die for it” that man waved his hand.

“That’s because those girls are jumping clones looking for surficial charm” Hardwick teased.

“You are worse” that man barked before saying again “hello Luna, I am Ryan, the charming one in the pack”

Ryan? I turned to look at him in surprise. Isn't he the one Hardwick was talking about? The beta of the pack? I turned to look at Hardwick who nodded his head like he understood my unasked question.

"Ryan?" I smiled.

"Yes, one and only" he winked playfully.

"You forgot to add the word 'playboy' too. And it looks like your eyes can't control themselves. Should I do the honour of digging it out?" Hardwick raised his eyebrow with a serious face.

"What has gotten in you?" Ryan frowned "why are you after my eyes today?"

"I was just suggesting to control it since it's going out of your control" he replied.

"Hell" Ruan cursed and looked at me again "I will see you later Luna or this man will have eyes to play with. See you soon" he ran away waving his hand without glancing back.

"What's that?" I asked Hardwick.

He smirked "what! A scared monkey running away?"

I rolled my eyes "you really know how to piss anyone off"

"He was winking at you" he stated.

"So you will dig his eyes out?"

"That was just a warning for him. He knows his limits"

"You said Ryan is a playboy?" I frowned.

"Yes"

"Why is that? I mean what would his mate think if he sleeps around like that?"

"That's the point darling"

"What point?" I am confused now.

Hardwick smiled "Ryan is still single. He has not found his mate yet"

"What? He has not found his mate?" I gasped. Hardwick pulled me towards him.

“He is still single and trying to locate his real mate. But still he couldn’t so he is releasing his frustration on other woman”

“But is it right to do so?”

“Don’t worry, he is not a bad guy and knows what he is doing. Though he got laid often but he does not broke anyone’s heart till now”

Now I really feel bad for Ryan. It’s almost over age but he is still unable to find his mate, I really wonder who will be his mate? But more importantly what will she say when she gets to know about him sleeping around.

“What are you thinking?” Hardwick knocked on my forehead.

“Why did you do that?” I frowned.

“You were not paying attention to me”

“I was just thinking something” I reached out and rubbed my forehead.

“Thinking what?” Hardwick frowned.

“Nothing” I shook my head.

“You are not allowed to think of something else other than me when I am with you darling”

I looked at him, “Is it a threat?”

He smiled “I don’t dare to threaten you”

“Wow, and I got to know that today?” I forced a smile.

He chuckled “pissed?”

I turned my head to the other side, not looking at him. This man is a devil who loves to tease others until they become mad. Right now I am so pissed that I want to curse him.

“You know, you look fucking beautiful when you are angry” he cooed in my ear.

I pushed him away from me “sweet tongue, I know you well”

“Since you know me so well” there’s something flashed in his eyes and my senses immediately alerted me. Oh no danger.

“Can you read my mind?” He smirked.

I moved my body backward as I narrowed my eyes at him “what are you talking about? Don’t you dare doing anything funny here” I warned him. But this warning did not affect him at all. Worse, it made him smile more widely.

“Are you challenging darling?” He looked excited.

“Who has free time to challenge you?”

He tugged my wrist and pulled me in his embrace “fuck, you look fucking adorable right now”

I bit my lips shaking my head. He really knows how to make me blush even in this situation. On the field his pack members are training so hard and look at their Alpha who is flirting with me.

“You should focus on your members training so hard for you”

“They need to be strong to stay in the pack, that’s why they train themselves. How does their training have anything to do with me?” He put on an innocent face as he asked. But in reality he is anything but innocent.

“You are not even concerned about your members” I rolled my eyes.

“That’s another thing. Now your focus should only be me, not them”

“What do you want?” I frowned.

“I want you” he leaned down. I wanted to move but couldn’t. He was already caging me in his arms, giving me disadvantage.

He was about to kiss when someone cleared throat “master, lunch is ready”

I almost laughed out loud when I saw his face. It was really funny to see him pissed. Afterall he made me so pissed so whenever he gets annoyed I will be happy and enjoy his pain.

“You really know the timing, Luina” he growled. The poor maid only lowered her head and didn’t look up.

“What’s her fault? ” I frowned “she was just doing her work. You don’t have to scold her”

He turned to me “protecting darling?”

I rolled my eyes “I was just stating truth”

“We will see that later” saying this he let me go. I sighed inwardly and thanked Luina for coming and rescuing me from this man or he would have planned to embarrass me in front of his whole pack members. I guess I am lucky today.

He got up and pulled me with him “let’s enjoy the meal first then we will talk about it later”

“There’s still to talk about?” I frowned.

“You think it’s over?” He raised his eyebrow.

“Isn’t it?”

He threw his killer smirk “you enjoy your lunch darling then...” He lowered his head and whispered in my ear.

“I will enjoy my dessert”

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Avan’s POV

“What’s all these Avan?” Dad shouted as he threw a hard glare towards me. “I thought you are capable enough to handle the situation but you really shamed me with your action”

“Dad, I don’t know how this happened?” I replied to him..

“You don’t know?” He growled “is this what you are going to give me as a reason? You don’t know?”

I couldn’t answer him back. I don’t even know when Reese played me for a fool and became pregnant all of a sudden. She really did play dirty tricks with me all the way, seducing and wearing revealing clothes to lure me in. Thinking about it I clenched my fist tightly.

“She has already become pregnant and it’s your child isn’t it?” Dad asked again.

“Yes” even if I really want to deny, how could I? I know it’s my child but thinking about Reese getting pregnant didn’t make me feel happy. Rather it felt like I am carrying a huge burden on my shoulder.

“How could you Avan?” Dad roared “you know what kind of situation we are in yet you still went for getting laid with her and impregnating her?”

I shook my head “no it’s not dad, I did not have any idea how she got pregnant. Though I accept that we did had sex frequently but I was careful enough. I will never let her pregnant knowingly dad. You know me”

Dad narrowed his eyes at me before turning away and sighing “what do you think? In this kind of situation, if she bears the child then it will only lead the whole pack on the way of destruction. She is not your mate and now that she is pregnant, knowing the personality of Salina, she will definitely try to take the opportunity to force you accept Reese and take the responsibility of the child”

“Dad, do you think they..”

“It doesn’t matter. Even if they pre-planned it, they have already succeeded, haven’t they? It’s not a time to think about how it happened, rather we should try to find how to deal with it” dad said and his gaze turned cold. “You are now the Alpha and sometimes for the goodwill of the pack you need to take hard decision”

“What are you trying to say dad?” I asked as I couldn’t understand his words.

Dad looked at me for sometime then said “Avan I know you have your own mind to make decisions. But I am your father and would always think about your goodwill. I have lived my life for too long and have more experience than you, whether it’s about ruling the pack or making decisions of life. I have seen many things that you have yet to see. Being an Alpha is not an easy task. Sometimes you need to make your heart stone and decide for a future which might be related to your personal life too. And since you have taken the title and post, it’s better if you understand it now”

“Dad, you don’t have to worry about it. Since I have inherited the position my first priority is to protect my pack and nothing else. And if I had to make a hard decision for it then I am willing to do it no matter what” I replied showing my determination.

He narrowed his eyes at me “at the cost of your own child?”

“Yes, at the cost of my own-” I stopped in the middle when I understood the sentence I was about to say.

At the cost of my child? I looked at dad stunned. Does he want me to...?

“Dad?”

“Avan I know you are in a hard situation right now but you need to clear your mind and heart to make decisions. I can understand your feelings and as your father I am not willing to see you sad or in despair. So I will leave this choice to you. Think about it clearly then choose wisely” dad said then walked out of the study.

I stood there silly, stunned. I know being an Alpha is not an easy task to handle. I have seen dad how he ruled the pack all his life. There's also sometimes when he was muddled to make decisions and I had seen him having a serious face and took his decision even if it was against his will. And now the same situation is happening with me. I couldn't help but sigh.

I knew Reese was trying to seduce me but I thought it was because she felt bored or because I have not paid much attention to her but never did I think that she would be doing that to have me impregnate her. It was her plan so she could force me down to marry him and give the Luna title. If it was before I would not have thought about it much but now there's no time to think. But what dad said made me startled. At the cost of my own child? Can I do that? Even if I don't feel happy about this child, it's still my own flood and flesh. How could I just abandon it?

If Savannah was here then it wouldn't be a problem at all. She was my mate and she would have enjoyed the benefits as my mate without any problem, all she had to do was accept me and stay behind. I wouldn't have abandoned her no matter what. If she was here, I sighed at the thought. I am already having too many problems to handle and now that Reese is pregnant, she is already giving me more. I really need to talk to her. Thinking this I walked towards Reese's room.

When I entered inside I saw her drinking porridge silently. She looked up when she heard my footsteps.

"You came?" She asked and placed the bowl on the table. The porridge was still half in the bowl.

"You should eat more in this situation" I said as I walked towards her.

"Do you really care for me?" Reese asked, looking at me. Her face was laced with pain.

"How are you feeling?" I ignored her question and sat down on the bed.

"Why are you pretending so much when you don't even care about me?"

I sighed "you don't know anything about the situation I am in"

"Avan I have never interfered in your business and always minded mine. But this time it's different. You are raising questions against this child and I could never accept that" She almost yelled.

My temper flared instantly. I was trying to be gentle to her yet she was just trying to make me angry. I got up from bed and looked at her angrily.

“What do you want me to do? All you know is how to use seduction yet you couldn’t rack your brain and try to understand the situation I am in? I thought you are smart but you are worse than idiot”

She gasped “how could you say that Avan? All these years I have been obeying what you said but now that I got pregnant you are accusing me for not understanding you?”

“Isn’t it?” a bitter smile appeared on my face “don’t tell me everything happened is just an accident. You did planned it beforehand so that you can get an opportunity to use against me”

Her body stiffened and my anger bubbled inside. I was right. I was right that these all were her plan to drag me to the altar. How could I just give into some seduction of a bitch? I thought she was smart enough to handle the situation yet she is the dumbest woman I have ever met in my life.

“Avan, you can’t just accuse me like that” suddenly she sobbed “I have loved you for so many years and was patiently waiting for you. I know I am not your mate but still willing to stay by your side, all because I love you so much. I have done all the things you asked without any hesitation. And this time after Savannah ran away, you have become indifferent and started to neglect me. I was scared that you would leave me behind and my heart would bleed everytime I think of that scene in my mind” her sobs become louder “and that...”

“Do you think using a child will give you an advantage?” I gritted my teeth. Even if I felt bad for her, thinking of her planning behind my back just makes me want to curse her down.

“No, don’t say like that” she shook her head “you know I would never do that”

“You have already done that. What’s the point of denying it now?”

“Avan please, I was just scared and I didn’t want to lose you” Reese sobbed again. If it was before I would have felt pity seeing her crying like this but now what I felt inside me was anger. If she was a little thoughtful then she wouldn’t have done such a foolish thing.

“Don’t use your drama everytime you feel guilty” I said through gritted teeth “I have tolerated all your tantrums thinking you are just a little disturbed facing the situation but you have gone beyond my imagination and planned all these behind my back. I used to think you are a smart woman who can deal with things with maturity but I was wrong. With such an act , how could you even place yourself in Luna’s position? You will just disgrace the title. It was such a mistake for me to think you are eligible to be my Luna but thanks to you, you have opened my eyes in time” I turned around not wanting to spend any moment with her.

“Avan, what are you saying? Please don’t leave” Reese begged from behind. Her voice filled with anxiety but I didn’t turn back.

“You better rest well in your room and behave yourself. After what you have done, the only thing that connects me to you is the child in your womb. If something happens to it, you will take the responsibility of our breaking up” I warned before leaving the room. I could still hear her screaming my name.

But who cares about her when she was the reason who pushed me in such a difficult situation?

Savannah’s POV

“I am fine mom” I chuckled “you have been asking the same question for the third time”. I shook my head in disbelief. My mother is always like this.

“I can’t help it” mom sounded from the other line. “You have been away and it felt like it has become ages”

“Mom” I bit my lips. I don’t know what to say. Leaving them was the hardest thing I ever faced. But this time I know it’s not about regret or pain but about being too emotional and losing control. The last time I left the pack was in anger but this time it was filled with so much emotion and memories that it burned my eyes and made it wet all over again.

“I am fine, I am fine” mom chuckled. “Your dad has been scolding me for being too emotional. Though he looked strong and calm from the surface, I know he is also missing you a lot. After all this time, it’s not like some vacation or other things”

“Tell dad that I am missing him too. It’s really hard to leave but I have no other choice”

“I know darling, you don’t have to worry. It’s just a matter of few days then we will eventually get adjusted with the situation”

“How’s everything going in there?” I wiped the corner of my eyes.

“It’s good. Though it’s a little sad moment but other than that everything is fine here. Is Hardwick treating you well?”

“Of course mom” I smiled thinking about my mate. “He did not let me complain about anything. You know mom, he even arranged a walk-in closet” I chuckled.

“He did?” Mom gasped “that’s good darling. I know he is a hard working guy and very understanding. He really do out you in the first priority”

“I guess so...” I blushed.

“Did I heard walk-in closet?” I heard Tanea’s voice in the background.

“Mom let me talk to Sav. I want to ask her about it” she insisted.

“What’s there to talk about this?” Mom scolded her “you girls are really crazy about clothing. No matter how much you have in hand it’s always not enough”

“Mom, you can’t accuse me like that,” Tanea replied.

“I am not putting myself here to argue with you. Fine take this” mom sighed then I heard some noises before finally Tanea’s voice fell on the other line.

“Yo~ how are you doing?”

“I am good”

“Did you just say Hardwick got you a new closet?”

“Um...yeah...”

“Oh my fucking goodness” Tanea screamed loudly.

“Stop it. Are you trying to make me deaf?” I scolded her.

“Come one, who could stay calm in such a situation. I mean your mate got you fucking walk in closet?”

“Why do I feel like you are finding it hard to believe?” I frowned, “wait let me give you some evidence” I said and immediately sent her some photos I clicked earlier.

“Oh my god” Tanea yelled “this is so pretty. I fell in love with it”

“What did you say?” Suddenly I heard my brother’s voice.

“With whom you fell in love?” He asked again.

Tanea let out a groan “do you always have you to butt in our conversation?”

“First answer me” Dev demanded.

I laughed loudly. Oh god, looks like Tanea is in trouble now.

“You got it to yourself” I chuckled.

“Forget about him” Tanea whispered but the next second I heard her squeal loudly. I pushed the phone away from my ear. Hell this woman really knows how to injure others ears with her scream. But thinking about the scenery there I couldn’t help but laugh.

“What are you laughing at?” I jumped when a voice fell in my ear.

“Do you always have to scare me like that?” I glared at him.

“What happened? You seemed to be too happy while talking on phone that you didn’t realized my arrival”

“I was talking to Tanea”

He raised his eyebrows.

“What?” I put on an innocent face.

“What were you two talking about that made you laugh like this?”

“Oh, that...she got amazed by the walk-in closet you arranged”

“Is it that popular?” Hardwick frowned.

I laughed “kind of. Girls fancy clothing stuff more” just like Reese, she used to show off her dresses and talk about her closet. I wonder if she sees my new clothing collection, would she not die with anger? I really wonder if Avan is rich enough to arrange such a big closet.

“Oh, then shouldn’t you give some reward to the hard work darling?”

“What?” I looked at him frowning.

He smirked “reward for arranging such closet for you”

“Isn’t it Luina who did the hard work?” I smiled then got up from the couch “you are right I really should reward her” I was about to walk when suddenly I felt myself hanging in the air.

“Oh no darling, I was the one who ordered and paid for everything so the reward should only belong to me” he started to walk towards the bed.

“Hardwick, what are you doing in the broad daylight?” My eyes widened but my heart was racing erotically.

“Collecting my rewards darling”

