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Chapter 26 Twenty-six

Cyrus'sPOV

"She's the one! She killed my daughter, she killed the girls, she's the murderer! " A woman in black cried in tears as she pointed towards Freya, and my smile suddenly fell.

"Why are you holding her hands? Why are you with her? She killed my daughter! " The woman yelled at the top of her lungs as tears streamed down her eyes.

"What do you mean?" I queried with fierce eyes as I stared at the crying woman, and my eyes turned to look at Freya, who was dumbstruck, then back at the woman on the floor.

"Your highness, I saw her and she took my daughter away before killing her. I saw her, she took my precious daughter away, and there was nothing I could do, I tried my best, but I couldn't save my daughter, "she cried as the whole kingdom started showing sympathy towards her while Freya was still dumbstruck.

"I'm confused. What's going on and what's she talking about? " Freya asked me as she turned to look at me with her brows furrowed in confusion. I was also confused.

"Don't pretend, you evil doer; you took my daughter away from me!"

The woman yelled again and almost ran towards where we were, but the guards stopped her.

"My King, I swear I don't know what she's talking about," Freya said as she clenched her hands on my arm, but I had untucked my arms from hers.

I don't know if the woman was sure of what she was saying because I couldn't deny the fact that Freya wasn't a demon since I could perceive her smell and Emelia claimed she was a demon. She didn't possess the powers of a demon, and it was confusing to trust her.

Nonetheless, this woman claims that Freya was always the one who killed the girls.

"Woman, she is new to the kingdom, so I doubt your allegations," I replied to the woman who was still wailing on the ground and swearing at Freya.

"Brother, what do you mean? You brought a demon into this kingdom and still defend her even though a witness is speaking?" On hearing that Freya was a demon, the whole crowd gasped, and the elders weren't left behind as they all came to the centre of the ballroom.

"You brought a demon into the kingdom, Cyrus?" One of the elders said, and on hearing them call my name without any respect, my head churned.

"She's not a demon." I tried to defend Freya as I turned to look at her and she was almost in tears, but at the same time confused.

"She's different," I added.

"Oh great! Your king brought a demon to your kingdom to kill and destroy your daughters one after another, "one of the elders raised his voice, and another uproar left the crowds as they murmured, whispered all sorts of words, and gasped.

"I swear I'm not a demon and I didn't kill anyone," Freya swore as tears pooled in her eyes while I stood in the room confused and lost.

"If you're not a demon, then prove it to us. Change into your wolf form, "an elder said. Are they being serious? Female wolves aren't shifters, and only special ones can change.

"I can't change into my wolf form," she answered, and the elders mockingly laughed.

"Fine, then go ahead and drink from the Hali well," another elder said. The Hali well was known as the well of truth or lies, and whoever lied and drank from it would instantly vomit for minutes, but if they were innocent, then they would have no effect.

There should be nothing wrong with Freya consuming the water. I trusted her and I knew she wasn't the one who had killed the girls, but for the satisfaction of the elders and people of the kingdom, I'll let her drink the water in their presence.

She said, "I'll do it." I'll prove to you that I'm innocent." She turned to look at me. She was not a single bit concerned about the people of the kingdom but me.

Only If I could show her that I trusted her and would only agree to this because of the pressure from the elders.

"Go fetch water from the Hali well," I told a guard, and he dashed off to the well. It wasn't far, so he should be here sooner rather than later. In no time, he returned with the water while one of the elders handed it over to Freya, who confidently held it.

"I, Freya, claim to be innocent of the killings of the young girls," she said and gulped all of the water in the cup.

After she finished drinking it, nothing happened. Minutes passed with the whole kingdom watching her, but no reaction came from her.

At this point, I was already filled with joy and wanted to proceed with the wedding, but not before I punished the woman for false accusations and disrupting my wedding.

Just as I was about to make the announcement of claiming Freya innocent, her body expression suddenly changed as her eyes started to turn red and her hands covered her mouth.

Was she going to vomit? This couldn't be.

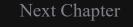
Before I could comprehend anything, she purged out the water as she continued to vomit all of the food she had eaten until some drops of blood were included in her vomit.

"She's the killer! She's the demon! " The whole crowd started to chant as I stood dumbstruck.

How are all of these happening? I found out about her scheme as a demon but had pity on her, yet she went ahead to deceive me even more, to the point where I was nothing but a fool.

I would have claimed the water was manipulated, but even the most powerful witch couldn't alter the effect of the water.

"How could you?" I asked with a broken voice as I couldn't form a straight sentence.



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