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Tyler looked around the room and in the bathroom. Lilly was nowhere to be found. He walked up and turned off the television. Where did she go? He felt a breeze swirl and his eyes fell on the far window. It was opened. He rushed to the window and looked out, but she was not there. Damn. With a loud roar he jumped out of the window, shifting while in the air. What the hell is she thinking? She doesn't get to just leave; she belongs to him.

Mine... Mine... Mine... Tyler's wolf Jax sounded in his head. Quiet! Tyler yelled.

This is your fault you know! I told you to stay away from that slut. I have been whining to be by our mate's side since the moment we met her. I told you to mark her. She is MINE. Quit feeling guilty about what happ--

Jax, shut the hell up! I'm running the show here. I don't care what form we are in. Let's just find her. Tyler quieted Jax down and his wolf ran at a commanding speed. He held his nose high in the air as he followed her scent. She was not far.

Kira was running towards the border. Lilly was going to take this opportunity to make a break for it. She was tired of being hurt and was going to get out of there. Sorry Kira, I know you liked your other half, Jax. Kira didn't reply because she could sense a presence in front of her. She slowed down and came to a stop. She whipped her head up and down as she tried to pick up the scent of whatever was in front of her.

A beautiful light, almost blonde colored wolf walked into the moonlight. His fur shined in the light. She knew this wolf's scent. It was Cedric. He walked out in the front and blocked her path. He was not going to let her leave.

She could not communicate telepathically since she was not marked and linked to the pack. She tried to walk to the side, and he blocked her again. She was losing her window of time. She lowered her head and growled at him, warning him to back off. His wolf was not necessarily small but compared to Kira's size he was nothing.

Cedric's wolf whimpered at being growled at, but he did not alter his position. He could not allow her to leave. It was not safe. As much as he was angry with his Alpha, this was the safest place for her right now.

Kira scowled and began pacing back and forth. She was angry and was using that anger as the push she needed. Leaving your mate is hard enough to even attempt one time. The hard pounding of feet was heard behind Kira. In a magnificent leap in the air Tyler's wolf, Jax, was now just a few feet away from her.

Good job, Cedric. Tyler thanked him for keeping Lilly from escaping any further.

Hmph, I did this for her sake. It isn't safe out there. I swear though, if you keep treating her like-

A growl ripped through Jax's throat and shut up Cedric from finishing his sentence. Leave. Tyler commanded Cedric to leave, so while he wanted to stay, he reluctantly followed his Alpha's order. Kira watched as the blonde wolf vanished out of sight and then her eyes fixed on her mate.

Jax turned and looked at Kira. He knew there was a misunderstanding between them, and he was frustrated he could not explain it to her right there. He was afraid if he shifted back, she would make a run for it. He took a step towards her to start driving her back to the house.

Kira turned vicious on her mate. She hunched back with her ears flat against her head. She bared her teeth and let out a very low growl. When Jax took another step closer she snapped in his direction.

Jax did not want to fight with her. His concern was getting her back. You know, since you are having problems closing the deal you should just allow me to do it with my half. Jax smirked as he stared at his beautiful mate. The magnificent, powerful, ebony wolf had him drooling. Even as she growled at him, she was captivating him.

Try it and I'll never let you out again. I'll lock you up in the back of my consciousness. Tyler reminded his wolf who was really in charge. As much as Jax was the Alpha wolf, Tyler was his partner but had authority over him. It was a weird relationship for a human to understand.

What should we do Lilly? Kira was waiting to hear how Lilly wanted to proceed especially since she personally did not want to attack Jax.

Try your best to muscle through him. Be threatening, but let's not wound him. I don't want to hurt him. Lilly wanted to make one more last-ditch effort to flee.

The moon shined on her dark fur that blended in with the night. A cool breeze swirled gently tossing Kira's fur around in the darkness. Kira kicked dirt up in Jax's face and then tried to leap away, but Jax was on top of her every move. She felt the ground under her feet and dug her claws into it. She was going to rush him and try to take him off guard.

She lunged forward and snapped at Jax's face. This gesture took him off guard and his Alpha blood could not bear the insult. With lightning speed, he dove into her and pinned her to the ground. Kira was no match for his wolf. He was bigger, stronger, and faster than her.

She laid beneath him and glared at him angrily waiting for his next move. Jax leaned his head down and began to lick at her head and nuzzled his muzzle into her neck. Kira responded by leaning her head back into him. This fight wasn't between them.

Lilly sighed. Kira had lost to her mate... and, in a sense, she lost Kira to her mate in that moment. She could feel that Kira appreciated the way he was with her. He never growled at her once. He only used his strength to control the situation.

A small rumble sound was heard in the distance. Kira flicked her ears as she heard the incoming storm. Since we aren't leaving let's get back. I'd like to get situated before this storm comes in. Lilly gave up. She would not be going anywhere tonight. At the sound of the thunder in the distance she felt a tingle go down her spine. This would be her first storm without Aaron. How could she seek comfort in Tyler's arms? Not after he just slept with Jessica. Not after what he did to her that evening.

Kira turned and ran back towards the pack house with Jax by her side. The two were playing with each other as they ran side by side. Their tongues were hanging out and if they were humans they would be laughing. They were enjoying running together.

The moment they got back to the pack house she shifted. Lilly did not pause for a second. The instant her feet were human she ran into the pack house.

"Whoaaaaa." Kade turned his head away as Lilly ran inside in all her glory. He wanted to ask her what the heck she was doing but she did not linger even for a second. She had sprinted up the stairs and was in her room. Next Tyler came inside, sporting his nudeness openly. Kade looked at him and then smirked. Tyler's eyes were dark as he looked at Kade. He knew he had seen his mate naked and was not pleased about it.

"She's back in her room already. Man, you are striking out tonight huh?" Kade teased.

Tyler then smirked at him. "The night's not over yet." He then walked up the stairs and headed down the hall. He paused by Lilly's door for a brief second before continuing to his room to put on some clothes.

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"I need to put a mini fridge in my room. Too many things happen around here at night." Kade grumbled to himself as he took his sandwich back to his bedroom.

Lilly locked the door as she went into her room. She then scurried to grab her phone and earbuds. She needed to get into a position she could bunker down for the storm.

She looked around and then found the perfect place. She threw some clothes on and wrapped a light blanket around herself. She curled herself up as she sat down.

Lilly's phone lit up and she looked down to see Aaron calling her.

"Hello."

"Lilly, are you okay? A massive storm just went through here, and it is heading your way. I'm worried about you." Aaron's voice was quiet. It was the middle of the night and he was trying to not wake Cadence.

"I'm okay. I'll be okay. How have you been? I've missed you." Lilly's bottom lip quivered as she talked to her brother. She wasn't homesick, but she was missing him.

"It's been pretty busy. I am taking over as Alpha, it is earlier than expected, but dad said I had to take over now. How about you?"

"That's awesome, you will be a great Alpha, Aaron. I'm... doing fine. Now, quit worrying about me and go back to bed. You know if you wake her up, she is going to be a grouch." Lilly knew that the primadonna next to him hated to be woken up.

Aaron chuckled quietly. "Okay Lillibug. If you need me call me. I will talk with you through the storm."

"I will. Love you!"

"Love you too."

Lilly sat the phone down. She began to cry. She usually wasn't this emotional. Of course, her werewolf hormones were out of control. She did not want to tell him what had been going on here. She did not want him to worry. She reached up and rubbed her neck. She still felt violated and extremely ticked off. And to top it off, her mate slept with another girl. This was the second worse day of her life.

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Tyler smiled as he felt the locked door. Like that was going to keep him from coming in. He unlocked the door and looked around the room. Was she hiding from him? He quickly checked the windows, but they were all locked. He let out a breath. He did not think about the possibility of her making a break for it again and was relieved to see that she didn't. As he scanned over the room his eyes landed on the walk-in closet door. It was the only place he had left to check. He opened the door and looked inside the dark room. He pushed the door open further and his ears picked up on a muffled noise. He stepped in more towards the sound. On the floor in the corner of the closet was Lilly curled up in a ball with ear buds in her ears. He was hearing the muffled sound of her

music. He stared at her closed eyes. They were damp and liquid streaks ran down her face.

He knelt down beside her and his heart squeezed at the sight of her. She was hurting. His poor mate looked so pained. He cursed himself for causing her anguish. This was all his fault. He plucked an earbud out of her ear and her eyes flickered open.

“Baby, what are you doing in the closet?” Tyler reached out and smoothed her hair back from her face.

“There is a storm heading this way, Aaron called me and said it was pretty bad. I thought if I put on headphones before it started storming then I would be okay. I wouldn’t be able to see any lightning in the closet, so it seemed like the best place to go.” Lilly reached her hand up and wiped her face. He saw the tears that she did not want him to see. She did not want him to know how bad she was hurting.

Hearing this broke his heart. She was going to weather the storm on her own. It was time to fix everything, hopefully.

“Lilly, do not ever and I mean ever try to leave again. I will always find you. No matter where you go, I will find you. You are mine... Avery told me what Jessica implied. I have never ever slept with her and certainly didn’t tonight. She asked if she could sleep downstairs on the couch and I said she could. That was it. I do not want Jessica. I want you. I need you. You are my mate.” Tyler sat down in front of Lilly. He then reached his hand out in front of him and cupped her cheek. “Let’s talk everything out, okay?”

Lilly stared at him, biting her bottom lip nervously and nodded. He didn’t sleep with Jessica. There was an instant relief in her chest. At least that is one issue that was gone. She should have hit the bitch even harder.

“I’m sorry for the way I have been today. I was angry with the way you looked and was upset because I knew other men would be looking at you. I let my temper get out of control from that point on.” Tyler apologized as he stared at the glistening green eyes in front of her. “Honestly... I let my jealousy get the best of me. I hurt you and I am so so sorry. I know that isn’t enough bu-”

“You didn’t even tell me that I looked nice.” Lilly pouted and shot her eyes away from his face. It was one of the things that started her bad mood.

Tyler chuckled and then reached out to pull her into his arms. She felt a bit reluctant, but she finally relented. “You looked more than nice. You looked too amazing. I had the most beautiful lady in the room as my mate and couldn’t have her by my side. I was extremely frustrated. The thought of you being another man’s date, and not just any man, one of the well-known Alpha twins would be my mate’s date for the evening. I snapped. And then you refused me as your Alpha, and it broke my heart Lilly. I was jealous and hurt and I could not have acted more poorly. Please forgive me Lills.”

“I’m sorry. I was wrong. I was angry, but I should not have said that. I guess I can be a little childish sometimes.” Lilly looked back up at him. Denying him as her Alpha would be painful to him, since it would be like denying him as her mate. “However, you could have had me as your date tonight. So that is on you.”

“I’m sorry... and I’m sorry for the situation you were put in too.” He reached up and brushed her neck tenderly. “That was my fault. Those men only got that idea because I openly shunned you and had the pack do the same. If I hadn’t acted poorly you never would have had to deal with that situation. So, I am very sorry. I know my apology isn’t enough, but let me start from there.” Tyler watched as the tears poured from the emerald pools in front of him.

“If I wouldn’t have dressed that way or wore my hair that way... I did it to tease you. It wasn’t for other men.” Lilly sobbed through the words. He was blaming himself and she was blaming herself. Even though it was none of their faults that those wolves were disgusting people. Lilly was not one to not admit when she had wrong doings. It was not in her nature.

Tyler’s heart skipped a beat. She had dressed up like that for him. She was flirting with him. She was being his own personal tease and he reacted so poorly over it. He really was a moron. He took his thumbs and wiped the tears away from her face.

“This was not your fault, Lilly. Don’t you dare think that.” Tyler pulled her into his chest and rubbed her back soothingly. “I am very thankful that Tristan and James got there so fast. Those two really are wrecking balls.” He began to trace her neck gently with his fingertips. “I cannot imagine how much that must have upset you.” Tyler’s eyes were pained as he stared at Lilly.

Lilly shut her eyes and nodded. “I keep feeling his breath on my skin. He was so close to my neck. I feel so violated.” Lilly whimpered softly.

Tyler leaned forward close to her neck. “Then let’s erase that feeling.” He let his hot breath sting at her neck. He then kissed her forehead and let his fingers trace along her neckline and marking spot.

The jolting sparks of electricity rippled through her body from his touch. She stretched out her neck unconsciously, allowing him more access to it. His fingers gently ran up and down her neck, slowly tracing over her sensitive marking spot. His touch was healing, removing the sickening feeling of someone else’s sticky breath and replacing it with little pricks of pleasure. She wanted him, she wanted him to place his mark on her. Despite everything, this had always been what she wanted. She wanted to belong to a pack and have a family. She could feel him beginning to give her gentle kisses on her neck. He was making his move to mark her. She was allowing him more access to her neck. Subconsciously, her body was demanding he mark her too. She suddenly woke up from her trance-like state and quickly pulled away. She was getting ahead of herself. She still needed to talk to him.

She looked at the hurt that reflected in his eyes. "It's not that I don't want you to Tyler. I do want you to mark me. I just need to say something first and to tell you something. I want to be honest with you and not trap you."

Tyler chuckled. "Baby, you are a prize. There is nothing about you that is a trap."

"My pack didn't want me, but they didn't have a choice since I was born into it. This time, there will be a choice involved." Lilly was not going to be the obligated burden. Not this time.

Tyler looked at her with amusement. She was adorable. She actually thinks there is something she could say that would make him refuse her. He'd refuse his pack before refusing her. He leaned back against the closet wall. "The stage is yours."

"Okay, first. You are sure you don't want Jessica at all? I know she was your fiancé, and you broke it off, but it just seems that you are being so tolerable of her." Lilly gazed into Tyler's eyes. She was searching for the truth.

"No, I don't want Jessica. I never should have gotten engaged to her in the first place... I don't love Jessica, never did. It is a long story but for another day." Tyler rubbed the back of his neck and then looked for Lilly to continue.

"I know you were jealous and hurt... but Tyler, I swear if you ever order the pack to ignore me again-" Lilly always had a forgiving nature. She was new to relationships but it was time she set some boundaries. She wasn't a stepping stone. She would be respected, or she couldn't be with him. He was being childish and this time she would forgive his mistake.

"I won't. It will never happen again. I-I don't even know what I was thinking. I snapped. That doesn't justify it, I was wrong, and I hope you can forgive me." Tyler had really wronged her there. Sorry doesn't take it away, but it was at least a starting point.

"I want this to work, Tyler, but there isn't an unbreakable force that keeps me here. Don't mistake my kindness for weakness. I've been quiet up until now, but I am a fighter."

"I'm not saying I'm not going to mess up again. I know I need to work on myself and my temper. Thank you for giving me a chance. I know I don't deserve it or you... When I lost my parents, I was thrown into the Alpha position. I was young and I led with my emotions... I haven't learned to lead properly. Honestly, I'm still angry after losing them. I lost my best friend too... none of that is an excuse. I need your help to do better. When I make mistakes, only you can help me, my mate." Tyler looked into her eyes and watched as she nodded her head.

It was time for the next topic of discussion. Lilly reached down and lifted the necklace that hung from her neck. "Remember how I said that my magic was suppressed?" Lilly

watched Tyler nod his head and then continued. "This necklace suppresses my magic. My pack only allowed me to stay as long as I never took this necklace off. It is linked to my magic, so that it absorbs it from me. Which is why I can't heal like a werewolf should. The thing is... I am not all werewolf. I am a half breed. My mother was magical. My father never got into it much, but I know she was not a werewolf. I guess she was a witch. That is one of the reasons Kira is so large. My pack was afraid of me, I guess to them I was an abomination."

Tyler looked at her quietly. He stared at her green pools waiting for her to continue, but that looked to be the end of her story.

"The Silver moon pack has always been what other packs consider purists or snobs. They are the rarity. Most packs have several members that are mixed. Half human, half witch, half something... it is normal. You can't help who your mates are. The Silver moon pack has always disowned their pack members who found a non-werewolf mate. Obviously, you can't disown the Alpha when he does though." Tyler looked at Lilly with very serious eyes. "They were wrong how they treated you. There is nothing wrong with you. They made you think that you were weird and inferior. Now, let's take that damn necklace off." Tyler reached towards her and ripped the chain off of her neck. He used his wolf strength to crumble it away, disgusted with it. How dare they make her wear something like that!

Lilly was stunned. He had ripped the necklace off of her so fast before she could even object to it. On top of that, her big secret really wasn't that big. She had been holding it deep inside. It had plagued her every day. She was made to feel like an outcast. And now she is being told that it was just the way her pack was and that it was her pack that wasn't normal.

She was told before that it would take a day for her powers to come to light after the necklace was gone. So, she was not surprised that she did not feel any different. Except that her neck felt weird in its absence. She reached up and touched her bare neck.

Tyler watched her feeling her neck. She was not used to not having anything there. His eyes wandered down her neck. It was bare now and completely unmarked... but not for long.

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Lilly was not sure how to feel. Tyler made the issue, that was heavy on her heart for so long, seem like nothing. Her biggest burden was really her pack's issue, not hers. Then the next realization hit her. He was going to accept her. She had been internally preparing for the rejection for so long. She felt her chest squeeze as she looked hopefully at her mate, meeting her eyes with his. She could see the hunger in his gaze as he lingered it over her.



“It’s okay for me to want you?” Lilly bit onto her lower lip as she looked at Tyler. She had been afraid to feel like it was okay to desire him up to this point. She had been fighting it and here she was torturing herself and him for no reason. They had a lot of misunderstandings and jealousy reactions happen between the two of them. Recognizing them was one step, in the future they could continue to work on having a healthier relationship.

Tyler let out a low chuckle. “Baby, it’s more than okay.” He looked over the delicious peach in front of him. The way she was biting her bottom lip drew his focus to her lips and his desires were rising to the surface. Anticipation was building up between them and their breathing became heavier.

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A loud bang of thunder shook the house causing Lilly to yelp. She immediately covered her ears with her hands and clenched her eyes shut. Warm arms tightly wrapped around her and then she was suddenly weightlessly being carried. She opened her eyes to see Tyler carrying her. He walked out of her bedroom and then proceeded to enter the room next to hers.

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A sharp loud cra.ck shook the place again. Lilly buried her head into Tyler’s chest. Normally at this moment, she would be experiencing horrible flashbacks but being in Tyler’s arms kept that from happening. She still trembled slightly, but she was no longer sure if it was from the storm or from being in his arms. The lightning was flashing angrily, and she turned her head back to look in the room. Through the flashes, she was able to see herself being carried towards a bed. She had never been in this room, Tyler’s room.

“Why are we in here?” She asked and then jumped a bit at the rumbling that came after the flashes.

“Because...” He kissed her head and then her temple. “From now on, this is your room too. I am not going to reject you. You have already made me wait for too long. Tonight, I am making you, my Luna.” Tyler’s voice was low, and it sent shivers throughout her body. “I think the best way to desensitize you to storms is to give you a better memory of them. And that is what I am going to do.” The seductive threat made her heart race as she felt him lowering her onto his bed.

The bed smelled of his scent and only his scent, which was a relief. Jessica had not been in his room. His smell made her head feel cloudy as he scooted in beside her. He reached out his arms and pulled her close to him.

The low rolling sound of thunder continued to growl, but Lilly could no longer hear it. She could only see and hear her mate. He leaned into her gently kissing her face before he stopped at her lips.

He looked at her luscious tender lips that have never been touched. He took his finger and slowly traced over them. He grinned as he saw her shudder from his touch. He could see she was wanting his lips and he was not going to deny them of her. He lowered himself closer to her and took them in. He was gentle on her lips at first, nipping at them gently and pulling them into his mouth. He then bit on her bottom lip which made her gasp in response. He took this opportunity to thrust his tongue inside of her mouth to meet with hers in a passionate dance.

The lightning flashed over her closed eyelids, but she was no longer noticing the storm or its effects. She was being consumed by sparks of her own as they washed over her with the demands he was making. He let out a low growl and ripped her shirt off of her. The growl was sensual as he removed his lips from her mouth to begin to trail down towards her neck. Her heart was beating a mile a minute and was thumping so hard she was sure he could feel it too. He rolled, positioning himself on top of her. He began suckling and trailing kisses down her neck. When he reached her marking spot, he licked it. She shuddered heavily from the sensual action. She leaned her chest up and threw her head back, allowing him full access to her neck. This was what she wanted. It was what he had been waiting for since the moment he saw her.

Tyler let out a low rumble in his chest as he began to suck on her marking spot. He felt her fingers dig into his back as the anticipation was building up between them. He grinded his hips into her. "You are mine. Say it Lilly, whose are you?" He growled in her neck.

"I'm yours." Lilly answered breathlessly.

"Whose are you?" He growled again.

"I'm yours, Tyler." She shuddered at the vibrations of his growl. She was melding herself into him. Wanting more, demanding more. She arched her head back again and whimpered.

He smiled at her eagerness. She wanted him just as much as he wanted her. With another growl he pulled his canines out and licked at her spot once again. They were breathing heavy and their hearts were both beating wildly. This was the moment every wolf waits for. The moment they would mark or be marked.

Lilly's head was swirling as she felt his canines sink into her neck and she dug her fingers into his back. At first, she felt the stabbing pain from them penetrating, but soon a warmth waved over her neck. The pain had vanished as quickly as it came, and now, currents of pleasure were waving throughout her body. He dug his canines in deep into her neck, making sure that he fully marked her. The moment was so erotic and intense

for Lilly. He slowly pulled them out and she moaned as pleasure surged throughout her again. He licked at her fresh wound on her neck, cleaning up his marking spot.

Lilly felt the shift and immediate disconnect from her old pack. A new world flooded open to her and she was now linked to his pack. The marking of a Luna transferred a new power through both her and Tyler. A marked Luna and Alpha were stronger. A mated marked Luna and Alpha were at their strongest. Tyler kissed her neck and slowly lifted up and looked down at his mark, pleased with it, before returning to Lilly's lips.

"Now, I am going to make the rest of you mine." Tyler breathed lowly and then crashed into her lips. The thunder continued to ripple as the lightning flashes lit up the room. The storm was no longer an issue. The two continued to explore each other with passion, completing the mating bond. They were now bonded, for life. She was officially, the Diamond pack's Luna, Tyler Locke's mate.

The sunlight flickered through the window and danced over Lilly's eye lids. She opened them and looked around the unfamiliar room. As she began to become more alert, she remembered where she was at and what had happened last night. She looked up and looked over at Tyler whose eyes were still closed. She took in his muscular torso and his sculpted arms. She could not believe that he was hers.

"You keep staring at me like that and you are going to make me blush." A smirk played upon Tyler's lips and he opened his eyes to look at Lilly.

She reached her hand up and brushed it through his hair. "I can't believe you are mine."

"That's my line." Tyler leaned down and kissed her forehead. He looked over her delicate face and his grin widened as it fell on her neck. "You should take a look at yourself in the mirror."

Lilly furrowed her eyes in confusion. She sat up and looked around the unfamiliar room before she caught her eye on the open bathroom door. She rolled out of his arms and walked over to the bathroom sporting her birthday suit. She flipped on the light and gasped as she looked at her neck. It was not only covered in love bites, but there it was, Tyler's mark. The love bites would soon be healed up, but the mark would never go away. It would always be there so everyone would know she was taken. She smiled as she admired it. She never thought she would ever have a mate so she never thought how it would be like to be marked.

She walked out of the bathroom and twirled around. "How do I look?" She was referring to her newly marked neck.

Tyler chuckled. "You look like we won't be leaving this room today if I have to keep staring at you naked any longer."

Lilly giggled. The thought was on her mind, but she felt energized and renewed today. She wanted to go out and greet her new pack.

Tyler crawled out of bed and tossed her a shirt to put on. "Use this and then go get changed. We will move your stuff in here later." He walked over and kissed her on the neck and listened to her purr in response. "You better get going before I change my mind." Tyler eyed her up and down and his eyes flickered dark.

Lilly pulled the shirt over and tiptoed up and kissed his jawline. "Stop by my room. I'm going to get a quick shower first. And no, you are not joining me this time, I don't want to stay locked up all day." She giggled and then scurried out of his room.

Maybe it was being newly mated or being mated to a powerful Alpha, but she felt different. She felt confident, energized, and strong... and something else... a tug sensation in the back of her mind.

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Tyler walked into Lilly's room and the moment he saw Lilly the corners of his mouth curved up. Lilly was wearing shorts and a tank top, but she had her hair pulled up in a high ponytail revealing her well-marked up neck. He could not help but feel pride for how she wasn't being shy about it. She was going to show it off proudly and his heart was bursting with... love. She was not just his mate, he realized that he very much loved her. He would tell her that soon.

"I figured to make up for showing my bare neck off yesterday I would make sure to show off my marked one today. It's like having my first tattoo." Lilly leaned out her neck showing it off proudly.

"You are the perfect mate." Tyler reached out and pulled her into him. He leaned his head down and kissed her mark. "Simply perfect." Overnight, literally, their relationship came leaps and bounds. This happened because they were fully mated and bonded. What takes humans months even years to feel, a marked and mated pair of werewolves can feel instantly.

Lilly spun around and traced her fingers through his dark hair, trailing her finger down his neck as she did. She had not placed her mark upon him yet. She thought she would have felt drawn to do it last night, but she wasn't quite ready to yet. Some females didn't mark their mate, but Lilly would. She would want everyone to know that he was taken. Her eyes sparkled at him as she stood on her tiptoes and gently brushed his lips. Tonight, she would mark him as well.

"Ready, Luna?" Tyler was beaming down at her, his heart full of affection. She was perfect and she was finally his.

Lilly wrapped her arm around his and the two walked out together. The moment they descended the stairs, the pack members had their eyes on them. She didn't squirm or feel uncomfortable under their gaze, not this time, this time she walked confidently next to Tyler.

Kade looked at Lilly's neck and smirked. "Interesting night, huh?"

Lilly giggled and flashed her neck around proudly. "Sorry for the show last night."

A blush crept over Kade's cheeks, he actually blushed when he thought about the sight of Lilly running inside naked. Tyler gurgled lightly in his throat knowing what he was thinking about.

"Well, for the sake of keeping my place in this pack that should definitely happen at a minimum." Kade winked at Lilly and then turned back to his breakfast he was eating.

"Lilly, you are glowing. Like seriously you seem more radiant today." Avery beamed as she saw her. She was afraid that she would have left after last night, but clearly the two were able to work out their issues.

Lilly smiled at Avery warmly, but when she went to respond, the doors opened to the house. Cedric walked in and Lilly gasped when she saw him.

He looked at how Lilly was looking at him and he hung his head down. "Are you angry with me over last night?"

"No! Cedric, you look so pretty!" Lilly exclaimed as she looked at his sparkling body.

Tyler growled and Lilly giggled. She turned around and cupped Tyler's face in her hands. "I said pretty, not devastatingly handsome, my jealous Alpha." Lilly stood on her tippy toes and pulled his head down to peck his lips. The answer must have satisfied him because he chuckled happily.

"Don't you guys think so?" Lilly walked up to Cedric and then poked at his skin. She turned to look at everyone giving her a very confused look.

"They can't see it Lilly." Cedric smiled as she turned to face him.

"Why can't they?" Lilly was confused.

"Wait, can't see what?" Tyler walked up beside Lilly and stared at Cedric. He then squinted to see what he was missing.

"I see you took that inhibiting necklace off." Cedric smiled. Not only was the necklace off but she was now marked.

“Actually, Tyler did... then he crushed it. You knew what that necklace did too?” Lilly watched as he nodded.

“So, are you going to tell me why I can see the golden dust all over you, but they can’t?” Lilly looked over Cedric’s skin. It was as plain as day to her.

“It’s because only fairies can see it.” Cedric said simply. He smiled as her eyes grew big and then she looked up at Tyler.

“Are you saying she is a fairy?” Tyler asked and then glanced down at Lilly.

“Yes, she is. Half fairy, just like me.” Cedric grinned. She could finally see him.

“I did not realize you were half fairy. Do we have any other half fairies in the pack?” To Tyler, mixes were just a part of life. This was nothing major to him, but he was still curious.

“No, just the Luna and me.” Cedric looked over at Lilly who seemed to be studying him closely.

“Is this light around you your powers or is it the glow from your dust?” Lilly asked as she motioned around him.

Cedric’s eyes grew wide. “You can see that?”

“Am I not supposed to?” Lilly bit her bottom lip nervously. She did not know anything about fairies.

“You are beginning to wake up.” Cedric’s voice was quiet and he looked at her seriously furrowing his eyes.

“Wake up? I’m not awake?” Lilly was confused by his statement. What did he mean by waking up? Her fairy powers had to wake up?

Tyler studied Cedric’s face as waves of concern washed over it. “Is that a bad thing? Can you elaborate?” Tyler did not like guessing games. Especially when it pertained to something about his mate.

Cedric sighed. Fairies were secretive by nature. It was why he never revealed that he was part fairy, though this was something they would have to know.

“Soon. Not yet. I don’t want Lilly to be in pain. She needs to awaken naturally, or she will be in a lot of pain. We need a guardian here to wake her up without hurting her. I know it’s confusing and it is even more difficult to explain.” Cedric rubbed his head with his fingers. Things are going to start getting complicated real soon.

“Tyler, for now what you need to know is that Lilly is in danger. She needs to be kept close at all times and can’t leave the pack borders.” Cedric watched as Tyler began to curl his lips up angrily.

“How is she in danger? Who wants to hurt her? Our pack is one of the strongest around, who would dare attack us?!” Tyler snarled and his eyes flickered with control of his wolf. Jax was scowling as he thought about someone wanting to injure his mate.

Lilly felt her head beginning to spin. And then the pulling began to happen.

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“My mother was a fairy? Why didn’t she fight back? Why did she just stand there and-“

Lilly felt the pull in her head again and she raised her hand up to hold it. Something was trying to break free.

“Lilly don’t. Don’t think about it. Relax Lilly.” Cedric looked over at her worriedly. He did not want her to break through the barrier, not yet.

Tyler wrapped his arms around her, pulling her up to his chest. “I won’t let anything happen to you Lilly.” He kissed her head and rubbed her back soothingly as he felt her body ease into his.

“It’s okay it’s gone now. Well, I guess I don’t mind being holed up as long as it’s with Tyler.” She grinned up at him trying to make the best of the situation. She only had generic knowledge over the situation, but she was not going to worry and dwell on it. She was newly mated and was going to enjoy her happiness. Tyler was right. Who would dare attack the Diamond pack?

Lilly looked at Cedric and then again at the swirling light around him. “Hey! Why don’t I have a swirling light? Will I have a light of my own once I fully awaken?” Lilly looked over her body and then furrowed her eyes at Cedric’s light.

Cedric chuckled. “All fairies are different. There are many different kinds of fairies. We come in all shapes and sizes. We all have different abilities, which we usually keep secret among ourselves.”

Lilly read him loud and clear. He did not want to disclose his abilities or what kind of fairy he was.

“Can I touch it?” Lilly looked at the light curiously. The light glowed a faint pink aura and sparkled as it flowed around him.

“I don’t know... no one has ever tried to before.” Cedric was not sure what would happen if she touched his light. She had been swarmed with it before, but now she can see it.

Lilly took a step out of Tyler’s protective embrace and reached her fingers out to touch the light. She could feel it, but it did not bother her. It was warm and swirled around her fingers. As she felt the light, she was able to sense it and understand it, though she did not understand how she was. Her eyes grew wide as she understood his light and what it did. She stepped away from it and then smiled in understanding.

“I know your light and it’s ability.” Lilly smiled as she looked at Cedric. “Don’t worry, your secret is safe with me.”

Cedric looked at her doubtfully. All she did was touch it; she could not possibly know his abilities from that.

What is my ability then, Lilly. Cedric mind linked her privately, which he could do now that she was officially a pack member.

I don’t know exactly what to call it. I guess you would call it an attractant. It draws females specifically, making them willing to do anything and everything you would ever ask them too. Close enough? Lilly raised her eyebrow at him with a smirk on her lips.

Cedric stared at her in awe. She was not even fully awakened, and she had more power than he ever imagined. She was right. He wasn’t a cupid who drew couples together, but he was a fairy who drew single or unhappy women to him. It was a power to seduce. If people knew about his power, he would probably be cast out.

“Okay, you are dangerous Lilly.” Cedric chuckled out in amusement.

“What is it?” Tyler asked and Lilly giggled up at him.

“Nope, it’s a secret.” Lilly giggled. “And it is so nice to be able to mind link with everyone now.”

Tyler smiled at her and pulled her gently into his arms. He gently planted a kiss on her forehead and then again on her temple. “I’m glad you are finally able to mind link with everyone now too, especially because of the reason why you can.” She was now the Luna of his pack, his most anticipated and treasured mate. He was unnerved hearing that Lilly was in danger. As he stared at her smiling up at him, he grinned back down at her. He would protect her. He would double the patrols for now, until Cedric told him exactly what is going on. She would also have an escort at all times, though he planned on that being mainly him. The pack was strong. He was stronger now too; he could feel it. They would keep her safe from anyone who would threaten her. Unlike her old pack, his pack would fight for her.



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Lilly felt like she knew a bit more about herself now, knowing she was half fairy. She had always thought that her mother was a witch. Boy was she wrong! She wondered why her father had never told her about her mother. Was her mother a full fairy or was she part fairy too? She had to have been part fairy. Why else was she in the Ashen pack before she met Lilly's father?

"Ready for the official ceremony? We are having a party tonight to celebrate you becoming our fully fledged Luna." Tyler's voice snapped Lilly's attention on him. They had been sitting at the kitchen bar and chatting with Kade, Cedric, Avery and Caleb.

"Ceremony? It's casual right?" Lilly asked not wanting to have to get dressed up again.

"Eh, semi formal." Tyler wrapped his arm around her as he noticed her pouting lips. "You better tuck that lip back in." Tyler spoke lowly he was now staring at her lips, greedily imagining how he had them last night.

She sighed and took in a deep breath of air through her nose. Then she tilted her head to the side and began taking light whiffs in. She smelled... different. She smelled like Tyler, taking on his scent as her mate, but she also smelled of something else. She never had that scent before so where was it coming from?

Tyler chuckled. "What are you doing?"

"I smell funny." Lilly sniffed at herself again trying to learn her new combined scent.

"You smell like me." Tyler beamed proudly.

"I don't smell anything other than Tyler on you." Avery said as she turned her nose in disgust of her cousins' scent.

"Really? You don't smell something... else? Almost... like honey?" Lilly asked with her head tilted.

Cedric raised his nose up for a minute and frowned. He could smell it. Things were going to start getting interesting.

"Yipe." Lilly spun around. She felt a soft tug on her foot. She looked down to see four small fuzzy creatures looking at her. They looked like tiny balls of fluff about the size of a mouse.

"What is it Lilly? What are you looking at?" Tyler glanced down under the table but could not see anything.

Cedric groaned and rubbed his head. This was going to get annoying for a while. He thought as he glanced under the table.

“They are attracted to your scent.” Cedric answered in a minor irritation at the little invaders.

Lilly got off of her chair and sat on the ground. She held out her hand and they immediately crawled into it, rubbing on her fingers.

“They can smell it too? What are they?” Lilly giggled as the one crawled up her arm.

Cedric growled and walked over to Lilly, swatting the disrespectful creature off of her shoulder. “They are a pain. That’s what they are. They are called Brownies. They are little fairies, and they are here investigating your smell. Only other fairies can smell it.” Cedric sighed and rubbed his forehead. “Others will be coming too, now that your scent has arrived. This is going to get complicated.”

Lilly reached out and picked up the little fairy that Cedric had swatted. “Why is it going to get complicated?” She smiled as she reunited the fairy with the other three.

“Because some fairies are a pain in the ass. Some are mischievous and pests. And I don’t trust them with you.” Cedric growled again and the four little brownies, sensing danger, ran away and through the door.

“Will they hurt her?” Tyler reached down and pulled Lilly up to him. He couldn’t see what they were seeing but would not tolerate anything that could be harmful to her.

“99% of them won’t. But like all species, there are a few bad eggs. Don’t worry about them though. They won’t be able to get anywhere near her. I’d kill any of them the instant I sensed them.” Cedric’s face was serious and showed determination. He was not going to let anything happen to Lilly.

“Fairies must be pretty weak then, I mean you are considered middle range in our pack as far as strength goes.” Caleb felt at ease hearing this. Fairies were nothing to be concerned about, not if someone as weak as Cedric could take care of them.

Cedric laughed at his ridiculous statement. “Not the case at all I’m afraid. Strengths come in a wide range. My werewolf strength is different than my fairy strength. However, there are a few fairies that would take the strength of the pack to take down and it wouldn’t be without casualties. Plus, there are more species involved than just fairies.”

“What about the danger you mentioned earlier? Can you elaborate more on it? Is it something you can handle?” Tyler asked the question that had been burning on his mind. He wanted to know more about this threat he had spoken of.

Cedric's face grew serious and taut. "I am not a match for it. Few are. This is something we will talk about soon."

Tyler was not happy with his bland answer, but he figured it had to do with Lilly and her awakening. "So, what about the other fairies? The ones that are not dangerous?"

"The other fairies... they will just be a headache. They tend to get into trouble, whether accidental or intentional. Little pests. Yeah, I think I'm going to get a barrier set up for now to keep out the annoying low levels."

"Aww they were cute." Lilly frowned. She wanted to see more fairies. She was curious about them and wanted to learn more.

"Trust me, it is for the best. It'll only last for a few days, but that will give us the time we need." Cedric started walking towards the door.

"The time we need for what?" Lilly asked curiously. The time they would need to adjust? Cedric had a way of never explaining himself, which was quite annoying.

Cedric turned and grinned. "It will give us time for a guardian to show up. A guardian has a natural aura about him that keeps the lesser nuisance fairies away unless invited. This also makes higher ranking fairies think twice before coming close. A guardian is nothing to mess with. He is a whole other kind of beast."

Tyler looked at Cedric and growled. "Is it dangerous to my pack?" The beast sounded dangerous and he did not want his pack to be exposed to it if that were the case.

Cedric showed Tyler a big toothy grin. "Not really, only if they are a danger to your luna or provoked. We need a guardian here. Lilly is about to awaken. You don't want her waking without the help of a guardian. Cedric then turned and left to go and put up a barrier, a fairy barrier.

If it was for Lilly's benefit, then he would allow for the guardian to come. This would be extra protection for his Luna, though he could not help but feel wary. The guardian was so powerful that it kept other fairies away. There was so much he did not know. He did not know much about fairies, other than they existed. Now he was married to one, well half fairy, who did not know anything about her kind either. This was going to be a learning experience.

"Lilly, you are so amazing! I want to see magical fairy creatures too." Avery crossed her arms and fake pouted. Their Luna really was better than all the other Luna's, she was part fairy. They knew crosses existed, but never knew of one. Here, Cedric was part fairy and they never even knew. It was either rare or kept secret since it seems that fairies like their secrets.

“She certainly is.” Tyler beamed and pulled Lilly into his side, as he walked them to the stairs to get ready for the ceremony. He gently caressed her back and couldn't help letting his eyes drift over her. He didn't deserve someone like her. She was incredibly kind and forgiving, but was also strong and capable. Having her by his side made him a better person, though he was incredibly possessive over her and his jealousy was worse than it had ever been.

“Well, I'm just creeped out. I never knew that fairies could be invisible. I can just imagine all the little perverts watching me as I change. I feel violated.” Kade held his arms over his chest teasingly.

“Who would look at you unless they wanted a laugh.” Caleb chuckled as he stood up to go out on patrol. His main job was pack borders and now it looked like he was going to be extra busy. Tyler had mind linked him about doubling the patrols for the time being. If there was a threat out there, they would know the instant it crossed into their territory.

As Caleb went to open the door, he stopped as a mind link was sent to the top three: Alpha, Beta, and Gamma. There was an accident during pack training. One of the warriors is having trouble healing... It's the new pack member...

“Never a dull moment.” Tyler sighed. “Stay here baby, I need to check on one of my warriors.”

“What's wrong?” Lilly looked up at him with worry.

“It's nothing. Just a training accident.” Tyler kissed her forehead and as he turned to leave, she grabbed his hand.

“Let me grab my bag, give me one second.” Lilly race away and returned with her doctor bag.

Tyler nodded at her and grinned. Of course, she would want to come, she was a doctor. “Okay, let's go.”

Tyler led them to a large open field where men had gathered in a circle. The men were all wearing just a pair of loose shorts, suitable for sparring. Lilly could see a body laying on the ground and immediately ran to the crowd. When she arrived, she could see the contorted look on the young man's face. He was in a lot of pain. Lilly knelt down beside him and placed her hand on his shoulder to let him know she was there.

She reached her hand up and felt around. She watched as the man grimaced in pain. His shoulder was dislocated so it was a good thing he didn't force a heal without proper placement, but why wasn't he healing. Something was off.

She pulled out her ophthalmoscope from her bag and looked at his eyes. Something was definitely off, and she had a suspicion as to what exactly it was. She felt a flame

ignite within her as she continued to check the wolf's vital signs. There were sweat beads forming on his forehead and body. It seemed like everything was in agony. Now, she just had to determine what exactly had happened and how he had gotten into the situation he was in.

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“Why is there wolfsbane in his system?” Lilly’s voice was terse as she glanced up at the men gathered around.

“It wasn’t supposed to be that much... it was just supposed to burn a bit. It’s just part of the hazing we do to new members. We have always done it. I don’t know why his body is being so different about it.” One of the pack warriors spoke up, he looked to be the one who was in charge of leading the warriors during their exercises.

“You gave him wolfsbane... on purpose?” Lilly wanted to make sure she heard him correctly. The man nodded and Lilly clenched her jaw.

“It’s poison! Why would you intentionally give this? Are you kidding me? A part of hazing? What is this a college fraternity?” Lilly was fuming. As a doctor she could not condone such reckless behavior.

“Easy Lilly. We have always done it. It is just a bit of sport.” Tyler shrugged. It was a game they always played with the new members and new warriors.

“You not only condone this but encourage this?” Lilly could feel a blood vessel ready to pop.

“Usually no one gets injured, so it isn’t a problem them not being able to heal for a bit. It just burns a bit, and we all have a good laugh.” Tyler leaned back on his heels and looked at Lilly with amusement. She was angry. Man was she attractive when she was angry.

“I can see how this is funny.” Lilly pointed to the man lying on the ground writhing in pain. “I can barely contain my laughter.”

“Lilly, calm down.” Tyler thought her reaction was cute. The man would be fine, it was just a bit of hazing, simple werewolf fun.

Lilly looked down at the young man’s face. His eyes were clenched shut and his face had squinted tight in pain. How is this situation funny? They have always done this? So, because it happened to them, they want it to happen to someone else. It was their rite of passage. It was childish and pathetic.

Lilly took her hand and gently rubbed the young man’s forehead. He looked to be around her age and was an attractive young man, though he had seen better days. He

seemed to relax under her touch and Lilly leaned down to talk to him. "It's going to be okay. Try to relax the best you can, I'm going to take care of you, you will be just fine." Lilly's light voice was calming, and she kept her hand on his forehead to continue to soothe him.

Tyler could not help the jealousy that was now rising inside of him. He did not like her touching a stranger like that and felt irritated at her trying to soothe him. He did not say anything, but his dark glare was not unnoticed by his pack, who began to get uncomfortable. They could sense the rising anger in their Alpha and their wolves were antsy because of it.

"We need to get him back. You do have an infirmary here, right? Let's get him there so I can reposition his arm. Then I will work on speeding up getting the wolfsbane out of his system. Also, no more of these hazing practices until after your Alpha and I have time to discuss it." Lilly's meaning was clear and there were a few interesting looks among the pack. If they were allowed to continue to haze, they would know that their Alpha won the argument. However, if not, they would know that their Luna had won. Tyler's eyes flickered as he stood silently watching Lilly.

Kade pointed at a few men to help carry the injured one to the infirmary. The man grunted as he was lifted and carried, his face pale with pain. Lilly followed closely, making sure he was not being mishandled. They finally reached a small building that looked like it had seen better days. It was a bit neglected and needed a fresh coat of paint. Lilly followed the men inside where an older woman was sitting at a desk.

The older woman was Dottie. She was the mid-wife and in charge of inoculations for the pack. Her eyes widened at the sight of them entering the infirmary. Clearly, no one injured ever came there. She got up and went and opened the door to a room that had a bed inside.

The men eased the man down and then left, except for Kade. Tyler had slowly made his way inside; his agitation was growing as he watched Lilly with the young man. Lilly got down to business. She walked up to the man and felt around his arm so she could feel what she needed to do.

"Kade, please hold him steady for me. I am going to reset his arm now. What is his name?" Lilly asked as she walked up near the man's head.

"It is Lonnie."

"Lonnie, I have to reposition your arm. This is going to hurt, but it will only take a moment. Please bear with me." Lilly saw his slight nod and then looked at Kade to make sure he was ready as well. She brought forth her wolf strength and with a quick jerk, it was done. Lonnie yelled out in pain and Kade held him down firmly.

“There, that’s the worst part. You’re going to be okay.” Lilly soothed his forehead gently. How was this all in good fun? This was a childish inappropriate game to play. She turned around and began to dig through one of the cabinets. This place was a poor excuse for an infirmary.

“This place needs restocked. It is practically bare.” Lilly found the vial she was looking for and clicked her tongue.

“Make a list of what is needed, and I’ll make sure it is restocked.” Tyler said quietly.

Lilly looked at him peculiarly for a second before redirecting her attention to Lonnie. Tyler’s demeanor was off. What did he have to be mad over? She administered a shot and then leaned close to Lonnie’s face.

“That will reverse the effects soon. You should be able to heal in about half an hour. Please just stay here and rest until then.” The man nodded and Lilly directed her gaze to Dottie. “He shouldn’t need anything, but if you could just keep an eye on him and call me if you need me, I would appreciate it.”

“Yes, of course, Luna.” Dottie pulled up a chair so that she could sit near his side. Normally, Lilly would have stayed with him, but she knew she still had to get ready for the ceremony.

The walk back to the pack house was quiet. Tyler was trying to control his irritation and was quietly brooding to himself. He was like a jealous lovesick puppy and he was annoyed at his lack of control over his emotions. Kade was hoping to remain invisible in hopes to avoid any backlash. Lilly, on the other hand was quietly listening. Something was calling to her. It was like the time after she had fought with the rogues. A quiet jingle was heard on the breeze. No, it wasn’t just a jingle.

Lilly stopped and turned. It was singing. A song blew in on the breeze and embraced Lilly. Her chest felt warm. Her fingers began to tingle. Then suddenly it stopped. Everything became quiet. It was like a window had been shut.

“Lilly?” Kade turned to see she was no longer following them. Tyler also paused and turned to look at her.

She exhaled the breath she had been holding. She had felt like something was starting to happen. Something was building up inside of her and she felt like her shell was barely containing whatever wanted to come out. She turned and looked at Kade and smiled. “I’m coming.” Whatever it was, it was gone, so no need to mention anything. She skipped past the two men and entered into the pack house.

Lilly entered her room to find an appropriate outfit to wear for the ceremony. She pulled out a flowered sundress that came to just above the knees. It would be perfect to wear.

Tyler was leaning in the doorway watching her as she picked out her dress. He was still brooding and thinking about earlier. He knew she was a doctor, but he had issue with how intimate her touches were. Fixing his shoulder was one thing, but rubbing his forehead was another. He did not want her touching anyone but him. His jealousy was surging through him again. He finally decided he couldn't just let it go and walked up to her as she spun around.

He leaned in and kissed her deeply. He needed to feel her lips on his again. He was like a child who had to share his mother with another kid. He wanted to soothe himself in her touch, a touch that was meant only for him.

Lilly pulled back from his wonderful intoxicating lips. There was something she wanted to talk about.

"We need to talk about the hazing... it is really stupid. Someone could end up seriously hurt. I am surprised no one has yet, not one of the smartest games to play." Lilly did not realize it, but she just poked the bear. She thought this was the logical conclusion, however, she watched as his eyes grew dark when she talked about it.

"Lilly, we are werewolves, not humans, not witches, or delicate fairies." Tyler really didn't care about the hazing issue, but his jealousy made him more combative.

Oh no he didn't! Lilly fumed as his voice mocked the word fairies.

"We fight, we spar, we are rough and what we do for fun reflects that. We break bones and fight among each other. This is who we are. So, we play a prank on new warriors? It's a rough prank because that is what we are! We are rough! I don't hold my warrior's hands; they are not children. We have the reputation of being a tough pack for a reason!" Tyler's condescending voice pierced at Lilly. What had she done to deserve this attitude? All because she thought it a dangerous and immature prank that shouldn't be practiced?

Lilly stared at him with her eyes raised in irritation. She was his mate, not just another pack member for him to talk down to. She was also the daughter of an Alpha and his blood ran through her veins. This gave her a more dominant attitude that helped her rise to the occasion. How dare he mock fairies! He knew nothing about them (neither did she) but Cedric had made it clear that some fairies were more than a force to be reckoned with.

How could he talk to her like this after the night they had just spent together? She had no idea where this attitude was coming from, all because of the hazing issue? Maybe with him being an Alpha and her Alpha blood they would always end up fighting, Two dominant personalities colliding together. In either case, she was not one who would just roll over because her Alpha... her mate commanded it. If he was going to swing his sword she was going to swing back.



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Lilly narrowed her eyes at Tyler, preparing for her attack when there was a knock on the door.

“Tyler, we have a bit of a situation that you need to deal with.” Kade walked in looking slightly stressed. “Cedric had to increase the barrier and because he did it is messing with mind linking and the pack is freaking out because they don’t know what is going on. Do we tell them about the barrier? You need to address the pack before there is panic and, unfortunately, you can’t just mind link them to do it.”

Tyler growled. “Perfect... just perfect. What a mess.” He looked at Lilly for a moment, he didn’t want to leave things unsettled between them. He really didn’t want to fight. He was so frustrated he always ended up acting like a child around her. He sighed disappointed at himself before he stormed out of the room following Kade, leaving Lilly there ready to pop with anger.

Lilly never got the chance to have her rebuttal and her anger was at a boiling point. This was usually the time that Kira would try to claw to the surface. She was surprised to see that wasn’t the case. Kira had remained a silent presence, which was normal for all other werewolves, but had never been for Lilly. Maybe it was because she was no longer wearing the necklace or maybe because she was now mated... a combination of both? In either case, she was not having a dominance issue with Kira anymore and it was nice.

She decided to go ahead and get ready for this evening. While she was putting her anger aside, for now, it was not forgotten. She pulled out a flowered sundress that had a halter top and came just above the knees. She put it on and then applied her make-up before finally fixing her hair. She continued to keep her hair up, showing off her new mark. The love bites were already gone from her accelerated healing. She spun around in the mirror before she nodded, pleased with her overall appearance.

She went downstairs and saw Cedric sitting at the bar with Avery and bounded up to them.

“Toots, you look adorable. I could not think of a more perfect dress for you to wear. You are stunning.” Avery gushed over the look of her new Luna; she was the perfect package. She was sweet and fiery. She was beautiful, but not vain. Most of all she was genuine.

“Aww, thanks, Avery. You look beautiful too.” Lilly loved the cute blue sundress that Avery was wearing as well, and Avery wore it well. “Cedric... I heard... I heard singing earlier and then it disappeared.” Lilly was hoping it was a fairy thing and she was not going crazy.

“Yeah, I heard them. Bunch of rude inconsiderate nuisances. They couldn’t come to see you, so they were calling to you. That’s why I had to increase the barrier. I wanted to make sure their sound was also blocked out too. I don’t need them waking you up right now.” Cedric grumbled as he talked about the pests.

“I’m glad I wasn’t hearing things.” Lilly giggled as she closed an eye, looking up at Avery.

“Tyler looked extra frustrated. I guess he isn’t happy about the interruption with mind linking.” Avery rolled her eyes a bit. She took in Lilly’s expression showing there was more to it than that. “Or is there trouble in paradise again?”

Lilly snorted and crossed her arms. “Is he always like this? He was angry at me. I guess because I didn’t want the pack using wolfsbane to haze anymore. He was rude and... he even was mocking. He has strong werewolf warriors not a bunch of delicate fairies in his pack...”

Cedric scoffed loudly. “This is why fairies stay secretive. Always the misconception about them. Wolves run in a pack, but for the most part, fairies are fairly isolated. They keep to themselves and do their own thing. There are many different wolf packs, but only one fairy kingdom, where all fairies are welcome, provided they aren’t malicious. A single guardian could take out five warriors easily. They can definitely overtake a single alpha one-on-one. The werewolves are strong only because of the numbers in their pack. If fairies banded together and all united in a fight... it would not be good. All the werewolf packs would have to unite to be able to fight on par. But fairies are the delicate ones... smh.”

“Wow, I never realized any of that. To be honest, I thought that fairies were rare.” Avery did not know anything about fairies either, did anyone? In her eyes they were smart. They knew about everyone else, but no one knew about them.

“So can all fairies make a barrier or is it something only you can do?” Lilly was curious about fairies and their abilities. So far, she had not discovered hers, but she guessed it was because she had not awakened.

“It isn’t exclusive to me, but only a few fairies have the ability to make barriers. I can make different types of barriers, depending on the type depends on how large I can make them, and for how long. That’s a fairy secret though.” Cedric looked up at Avery who motioned the locked lips and threw away the key.

Avery looked over at Lilly and could see that she was a bit upset over Tyler. “Don’t let him bother you toots. He has always been moody and can be childish. But things got worse, a few years ago... there was a major fight with our pack and another.” Lilly nodded to her as she remembered hearing about it. “Well, he lost his parents then and some members of our pack... some that were very close to him.” Avery paused for a moment in thought. “Since then, he has made sure he keeps his pack extra tough and

fit for fighting. We have always been a formidable pack, but we have grown even stronger under his guidance. I am not making excuses for how he is, because you are wonderful and deserve to be respected and well-loved, but just some insight to why he acts the way he does sometimes. Having said that, give him hell when he deserves it. He needs someone like you by his side to help keep him in check.” Avery winked at Lilly, who nodded to her in appreciation.

Lilly could understand all of that. As his Luna, he needed to respect her and see where she was coming from. Taking away wolfbane from hazing was not going to make his pack weaker. Him getting angry over it made her feel like she did not have a say, even as his mate and their Luna. It was frustrating and his reaction was hurtful. She was not about to lay in bed and cry about how he had reacted though. She was not, nor had she ever been, the little girl who had hidden in a corner and cried waiting for her white knight to come and save her. She may get hurt and brought to her knees every now and then, but where she is different is that she will rise up again, even if no one is there to help her up, she will rise on her own.

There was a strength inside of Lilly. She had always had that strength. She was traumatized as a child from her mother’s death, but she still went on and became a doctor at a young age. She was a leader and a fighter. She could feel her strength bubbling inside of her. She was still new to this pack and new to Tyler. There would be some adjustments and fighting in order to establish their positions. Lilly was not going to lose who she was in the shadow of the Alpha, even if he was her mate.

“I can smell the pig roasting and it is making my mouth water. Let’s see if we can steal a few snacks from the buffet spread they have out back.” Cedric looked hopefully at the two girls for some partners in crime. He would find no objection from them; they were all in for it.

“Do we really need to sneak though? I mean, who is going to tell the Luna... no?” Avery giggled as they walked around to the back of the house.

There were tables among tables set up in the back that were all covered with food. Behind that was a large pavilion with tables and chairs to accommodate the whole pack. And in the middle of it all were two large roasters, smoking whole pigs. The pavilion was decorated with Lilly flowers and had small strands of lights running throughout the inside. No one had ever thrown this large of a party for Lilly, but this party was not just for her. It was a party for the pack finding their Luna, and their Alpha finding his mate. Still, it felt welcoming to see all the efforts being made.

“Okay, the goal is to steal a few shish kabobs from that tray over there.” Cedric pointed to the far table located near the wood line.

“Can’t we just walk up and take some? Do we really need to sneak?” Lilly was secretly excited feeling like a little kid about to get into mischief.

“Focus Lilly. You go and draw the attention to yourself and Avery will grab the food. I’ll be the look out.” Cedric laid out his plan and watched as they began to execute it.

Avery rolled her eyes and giggled but was happy to play along. She watched as Lilly walked out towards the pavilion. The staff was curiously watching her seeking her approval. While they were not paying attention, Avery acquired the target food and escaped into the woods.

Cedric and Lilly soon joined up with Avery and the victors split the spoils. Cedric bit into the food and closed his eyes in appreciation. The meat was tender and cooked to perfection.

“Hey, Cedric, what exactly are guardians? Are they like a monster fairy?” Lilly was curious. He has mentioned guardians and their strength but as usual, had been very vague.

Cedric finished his kabob and then looked at Lilly before glancing over at Avery. It was clear he did not want to talk about it in front of her.

“These are things that are usually only discussed among fairies.” Cedric frowned a bit trying to decide what to say.

“Well, doesn’t it change things since I am also part werewolf? Do we not have an obligation to our pack? Where do your loyalties lie?” Lilly could sense that Cedric did not necessarily hold his loyalties with his pack.

Cedric smirked and then shrugged. “I wonder... some things will have to come into light though, especially since you are mated with the Alpha of this pack. You are an anomaly, Lilly.”

“My mother was with an Alpha too.” Lilly wondered how she was an anomaly.

“She was also very different, but you are the first. You are the first Alpha and fairy born. You are more special than you know. Soon, you are going to realize how special you are.” Cedric smiled at her and then shrugged. “Since you are asking, I will tell you just a few things. Guardians are not fairies. In fact, out of their species, only three are elected to be guardians. They must undergo serious training. They are colossal in every way, unmatched in strength. Their species are tied to the fairies in an unbreakable bond. The guardians... well that’s enough information on that topic for now.” Cedric looked up as the pack members began filling in the pavilion in the distance. “We should probably join the party.”

Lilly smiled as she walked between Avery and Cedric. She felt like she had formed a type of kinship with the two of them. She trusted them and that was an important step for Lilly. Lilly stopped moving as she heard Kira growl in her head. She already knew what she was growling at. Standing at the edge of the pack house was Jessica. She

wore an extremely short black dress that belonged in a club setting instead of an outdoor barbeque.

“Ugh, I wish Tyler would just banish her already... did he even talk to her about what she did?” Avery looked at Lilly who shook her head.

“I don’t think so, he has been with me until just a few moments ago.” Lilly knew she was waiting for Tyler. Though after last night she did not think she had to worry about Jessica anymore. After all, she was the one baring Tyler’s mark, not her. She walked through the pavilion nodding to her new pack members with Avery and Cedric by her side.

She talked with her new pack and was able to see Lonnie, who was now fully recovered and looking much better. He thanked her for all of her help and was quite smitten with his new Luna, a fact that Cedric and Avery didn’t miss. He more than once eyed her over and was flirting with her.

The sounds of numerous whispers of pack members gossiping were heard behind Lilly and she turned to see what they were talking about.

Oh, HELL NO.

## **Chapter 28 - Dr.Luna |**

Tyler and Jessica were standing by the pack house talking. Jessica was giving him the fake pouting lips and was talking to him about something. She reached up and sat her hand on his arm and she was surprised to see him glare at the hand angrily. She could see his demeanor was tense, but he didn’t knock her hand off either. Was he trying to piss her off? Because he succeeded. Was he still feeling bad for Jessica? Because the sympathy ship has long set sail. Did he not want to embarrass her in front of the pack? Okay, she admitted she was jealous, it was obvious Tyler was not appreciating her touch. He looked irritated listening to her, more than that... he actually looked disgusted with her. She watched as he moved his hand away from Jessica and Lilly inwardly sighed with relief. This time the problem wasn’t Tyler... Lilly had a problem with Jessica. She was not just wanting to remain friends with Tyler. Lilly turned and looked in the opposite direction, she needed to hop off the jealousy train before she did something stupid. 'Instead of punching Jessica last night, I should have snapped her neck'. Yeah, doing something stupid like that.

Then the sound of Jessica’s shrill scream was heard, and Lilly whipped her head back around to see what was going on. Cedric had made a barrier, but it only stopped the lesser fairies from entering. It did nothing to those that were already inside of the barrier, like the brownies from earlier today. Lilly looked on as they began to scratch at Jessica’s lower legs, causing small burns and scrapes on the exposed skin. Jessica then jumped into Tyler’s arms and motioned to her injured legs. One step forward and

two step backs. It was a shame the brownies couldn't do more damage than just a few bloody scrapes.

Lilly turned to Cedric. "I like them, let them stay."

"Ooooh what happened?" Avery crept up closer to Lilly trying to figure out what she couldn't see. Lilly whispered briefly in Avery's ear to explain. "Now that the situation in front of us has become this noticeable, the pack will be looking to see how you respond."

Depending on the pack, especially between a Luna and Alpha, it would not be uncalled for to see Lilly attack Jessica. The problem here lies with Tyler. The Alpha can allow whatever he wanted. Usually, they always adhered to their Luna's wishes, but this was not the case with Tyler. He had shown on more than one occasion to still be protective over Jessica.

Lilly thought about how she wanted to handle the situation. This would show the pack how she would respond and, in a sense, could be seen as a test. Lilly might have hopped onto the jealousy wagon, but she had a benevolent nature... most of the time.

"It seems there are some unwanted creatures in our pack territory." Tyler's voice boomed out as he carried Jessica to a seat in the pavilion. He had no issues with the fairies, but if they were going to attack his pack, then that was a problem.

Unwanted creatures? Lilly turned and faced him. She met his eyes confidently. It was true that Cedric did call the lesser fairies pests, but she felt protective over the little fairies who were trying to help her.

"What creatures, Alpha?" One of the pack warriors asked as he looked around.

"It seems to be the work of fairies." Tyler's eyes met with Lilly's as he spoke the words.

"Are fairies unwanted creatures in this pack?" Lilly's voice was commanding and one of a Luna's.

"They are if they harm my pack." Tyler shifted and straightened himself up as he met with Lilly's gaze.

"Harm your pack? Hmmm." Lilly leaned to her side and looked over at Jessica and then straightened back up. "It looks to me like they were just trying to take out the trash."

Several whispers and snickers were heard throughout the pack while they all were waiting intently for their Alpha's response. Tyler's eyes flickered towards Lilly in amusement as he waited for her to continue.

"I don't see how delicate fairies could harm this pack, they are strong werewolves, are they not? The pack fights in wars and are rough. They break bones while they spar together. They play pranks that are rough and dangerous. This is a tough pack who are not intimidated of unwanted guests who have done no more than leave a few scratches on someone of no significance." Lilly smirked at Tyler as she heard the pack acknowledging what she said. Little did they know, she was mocking Tyler from earlier.

A low dark chuckle came threateningly out of Tyler's mouth. "Since I have such a strong pack, then I should just let weak bugs bother us? I should not care if weaker packs growl at us because my pack is strong enough to defend itself? No. Strong packs stay strong because they do not let any threat, no matter how big or small, grow to become something more. We are not disrespected or wounded without lashing back. Because we are a powerful pack, we make sure to keep it that way. We demand respect, from all." The pack affirmations were heard throughout his members. He had made a valid point and they were now backing their Alpha in full support.

Lilly was not done. He was laying down the grounds for war against fairies. This was a seed he had just planted, knowingly or not, and she was not going to let it sprout. She was used to being an outsider, so why worry about that changing now?

"So, what if an outsider attacks a pack member in defense of a pack member? Or what if they do it in self-defense? Are your conditions situational? Or do you proclaim a one pack domination and do not care for the outsider's reasons?" Lilly felt Cedric and Avery's presence near her. They were outwardly showing the pack that they were supporting her. It wasn't just them though. Kade had also made his way to his Luna's side. He was going to show his support for Lilly as well.

"Of course, situations play a role. When my pack members are wrong, then they are punished for it. If someone is protecting one of my members from another, that is also considered. We are not out just for blood." The atmosphere was tense as the two stood off from one another. What was supposed to be a moment of celebration was turning into a showdown.

"I see... so what is your problem with the fairies exactly then?" Lilly folded her arms and glared at Tyler angrily.

Tyler let out an airy laugh and pointed over to Jessica's leg. "They injured a pack member. It is uncalled for."

"Correction. They attacked a member of your pack in defense of your Luna. They did not like her so close to you with her hands on you, since you belong to me, so they clawed at her. It's a shame they weren't any bigger... maybe they could have done some actual damage." Lilly looked over at the pack as they began to murmur among themselves. "If you are wondering why they would do this, it is because I am also part fairy." And it was out, though Lilly did not care. Fairies may have liked to keep their secret, but Lilly didn't think like them. She was not raised as a fairy. And if this would

help the pack view fairies differently, then she was willing to expose herself. "A fairy isn't welcomed if they injure a member of your pack... so what about the punch I landed on Jessica last night?" Lilly smirked as she eyed Jessica's embarrassed face. Some more light snickers were heard throughout the pack. Apparently, there were not a lot of Jessica fans.

Cedric sighed and looked around the pack. He was prepared to flee with her if he had to. Their pack had always welcomed others, but this was the first time they knew about having a fairy among their pack. He watched the pack members interestingly, they all seemed to be waiting to hear from Tyler.

Lilly just threw Tyler in an awkward situation. She just announced that she was a fairy. This was something he was hoping to discuss in a pack meeting in an open discussion. He was wanting to include his pack and would need to now hold a meeting. Their pack was strong because the trust was strong. While he could make any decision he wanted to, he always liked involving the pack in it. Not choosing Lilly was never an option, but he needed the pack to understand what their options were. He wanted to know how they really felt. What started out as anger because of his jealousy had turned into a bigger issue. Inwardly, he couldn't be bursting with more pride and love for Lilly. She presented herself with confidence and authority... she was everything an Alpha could ask for in a Luna. She stood up to him beautifully and presented a valid argument. He had to hold back his own snicker when she mentioned the fairies taking out the trash.

He looked over the pack, he had wanted to talk with them before this came into light. He did not want them to feel like he was hiding anything from them. He wanted to hear from his pack, and he needed to do it without Lilly there so that they felt they could talk freely. He would address any concerns that they might have. If the pack wouldn't accept Lilly, then they didn't accept him. He was not going to lose her, and he wouldn't force her to live where she was unwelcomed. Her pack did that to her once, he would never subject her to that again. If it came down to it, he would leave with her. She was that important to him.

"Since everyone is here, we need to have a pack meeting. Lilly, will you please leave us for a bit." Tyler's eyes softened as he looked over at her. He wanted to mind link her and explain, but the barrier was making that difficult. He could only explain to her later why he was asking her to leave. He wanted his pack to feel that they could speak the truth and was afraid they wouldn't in her presence.

Lilly's breath caught in her chest. She thought she was a member of the pack. Was she not their Luna? Wow, this place was not far off from her own pack. The Alpha's daughter was never included, so why should the Alpha's Luna be included. At the end of the day, she was still Lilly, the half-breed. She walked away from everyone without a word. She walked towards the pack house and around to the front, but she did not enter it. She continued to walk away and into the woods. The fairies did not seem to mind that she was a half-breed. They accepted Cedric and her willingly. She felt a resentment creep into her towards her werewolf kind.



It was her pack of werewolves that had kept her in isolation and treated her like she was the plague. It was werewolves that continued to make her feel like she was not welcome. Kira whimpered in her head, feeling dejected over Lilly's thoughts. 'Kira, you have been mistreated by werewolves too. It looks like the fairies accept both of us, without having to hold a meeting first.' Lilly rolled her eyes mentally at the last part. Tyler should have just said she is my mate and I accept her, so you should too. He did not even say that he accepted her. She told him she was magical before, she did not know she was a fairy though, and he didn't care. If it was such a big deal, then he should have said something. Then again, why should he care now? He sealed the mating bond and marked her. He got what he wanted. Now he can continue to play around with his mistress. Lilly's gut was wrenching as her thoughts spiraled into unpleasant feelings. Of course, you know how the mind works; it likes to play games and trick you into thinking up the worst scenarios.

Before she knew it, she had mindlessly walked deep into the forest. The barrier Cedric had set up was in front of her and she could see several different creatures waiting on the outside of the border. They had been waiting for her.

## **Chapter 29 - Dr.Luna |**

Tyler stood in front of his pack. "As you have heard, Lilly is part fairy. She had not kept this a secret from me, but it was something I found out after I already made her my Luna. I have always been fair to our pack. And would like to hear if anyone has any valid objections to keeping her as your Luna." The pack looked at him quietly and glanced among themselves.

"I do. I don't see why she is more fit to be the Luna of this pack than I am. I am a member of this pack and am all werewolf. I think since I know this pack better, I would make a better Luna." Jessica spoke up loudly.

Tyler glared at her angrily. He was tolerating her behavior so far because he felt he owed it to her, for more reasons than just her being his ex-fiancé. However, she was now openly opposing his mate and he tightened his fists trying to suppress his anger.

"Well I don't! Lilly is my Luna. I will not accept another Luna besides her. I will go where she goes." Cedric's voice boomed loudly in anger. "This is my one and only stance. It will not change. As such, I will now go to be by her side, regardless of the decision this pack makes." Cedric announced his loyalties to Lilly. If the pack voted against her, he would also be leaving. He walked off towards the pack house. He did not have any more to say. He was going to find Lilly and stay by her side, no matter what.

"I agree with Cedric. Lilly is my Luna and I also will not accept another Luna. I was born in this pack and Tyler is my cousin. I love my cousin and Alpha, but I will not accept any Luna but Lilly. Lilly is kind, generous, loving, and confident. She is the kind of Luna that other packs would love to have. I will not abandon her. If Lilly goes, I will also go." Avery's word sent a rippling event of hush tones through the pack. If Avery leaves,

Caleb would leave. They would lose their Gamma, third in command. The fact that Avery so boldly backs her, being a blood tie to Tyler, helped give the pack confidence in Lilly.

“The Alpha is my best friend. As such, I am compelled to say this. There can be no other Luna but Lilly. This would be a devastating blow towards our Alpha and to our pack. We need Lilly. She is our chosen Luna. Who here wishes to deny the will of the moon goddess? She chose them as mates, and for her to be our Luna. I will continue to stay by Tyler’s side no matter what, but I will not acknowledge any Luna but Lilly.” Kade smiled as he looked at Tyler. These strong stances were not against Tyler, but for Tyler. He would be devastated if the pack voted Lilly out.

Tyler was smiling inwardly. It was appropriate to take such a strong stance, to show the pack they could have faith in Lilly because the higher ranks had faith in her.

“If Lilly is not welcomed in this pack, then I will follow my mate. My place is with her.” Tyler finally voiced his position and then waited to hear from the rest of the pack.

“I choose Lilly as our Luna.” Lonnie spoke proudly. His voice started the rippling effect of the pack unanimously choosing for Lilly to be their Luna.

“Jessica, I do not accept you as my Luna, nor will I ever. Because of my loyalties to your brother, I have overindulged you... even felt guilty towards you. I have felt guilty to you for your brother’s death... I do not love you. You can either accept Lilly as your Luna or leave the pack. I cannot continue to feel remorse towards you anymore or allow you to act inappropriately. I am no longer your fiancé, but your Alpha who already has his mate.” Tyler watched as Jessica’s face paled. It was not the outcome she was hoping for. She turned and took off running. Tyler needed to make their relationship clear to the pack. He did not want them to be confused on his loyalties. He was loyal to Lilly.

He had felt guilty towards Jessica ever since the big war they were in years ago. Her brother, Cody, was killed protecting him. He was a good friend of his and while he was dying, he promised him that he would look out for his sister in his stead. Cody would still be alive if he hadn’t pushed him out of the way of danger. He had felt so guilty towards him and as a result he tried to look after Jessica in his stead. So that is what he did. Then, when he didn’t find his mate, he knew Jessica had fallen for him, so he decided to marry her. He made a lot of bad decisions because of his remorse and even ended up hurting his mate because of it. He could not feel responsible anymore. He could not continue to hurt his mate. Jessica was not a child and he could no longer look out for her. He had Lilly now.

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Lilly walked through the barrier to see the creatures waiting for her. The moment she walked out they began to gather excitedly around her. They all seemed excited to see

her and were bouncing around her. Most of them were very small, like the brownies she had seen earlier. There were a few larger ones in the distance though.

The loud thudding of hooves was heard, and Lilly glanced up to see a half-man, half-horse creature approach her; it was a centaur. Lilly did not even know that centaurs existed. She watched as he slowed down and came to a slow halt a few feet away from her. She was surprised that she didn't feel afraid. Instead, she looked at him curiously and marveled at him in awe. He was magnificent. His was so big. He had the back half of a full-sized horse, but then the chest, arms, and head of a man.

"What are you doing out here by yourself?" The centaur asked, looking around the wooded area.

\ Eeeek, he talks too. This is amazing.\ Lilly thought to herself, trying to not act like a fan girl at a rock concert. "I wanted to see the fairies that had come to greet me. "What are you doing out here all alone?"

The centaur looked at her before bursting out laughing. "There is a big difference between you and me wandering around alone." His face grew serious and then he looked at her intently. "Where is the guardian at?"

"He hasn't arrived yet... So how are you connected with the fairies?" He was not a fairy but was clearly in league with them.

"There are many different creatures that are allies with fairies. Some are more than allies but are protectors. Centaurs have a kinship with fairies." The wind blew and a cold chill swirled in the air. "It is not safe for you here. Let me take you back with me."

"This is my pack territory. I'm okay." Lilly motioned behind her and heard the slight scoff from the centaur.

"They aren't doing a good job taking care of you if you are out here all alone. I insist you come with me until the guardian arrives." The Centaur reached out his hand to Lilly.

Lilly stared at his hand and then back away from him. She may be mad at Tyler, but she had no plans on leaving, especially with a centaur who she had just met. How did she know he was someone to be trusted? Plus, she could take care of herself and there was safety with her pack. She couldn't just leave them; she was their Luna.

"You are correct in being cautious young fairy." He reached his hand down and a few fairies hopped onto his hand. "Do you not trust your kind? They know I am trustworthy. Please come with me."

"You may be on my side, but I still can't leave. I belong here with my mate and pack." Lilly tried to make it sound like she was an important member even though she felt otherwise. Even still, she could not just leave. This centaur was underestimating her

ability to protect herself. Inside of her, she had a vicious wolf who could fight and hold her ground.

The centaur turned his head and looked off in the distance. "I'm sorry, please forgive me."

He reached his hand towards her and then her world went black. The centaur caught her unconscious body and held it closely in his arms before riding away. He ran with intense speed taking her further and further away from the area. He jumped into a creek and rode into it, hiding his tracks so that no one could follow. He continued to ride away from her pack and away from a growing danger.

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Cedric had searched through the pack house and when he saw that she was not in there he ventured out into the woods. He was not sure where she went. He was having a hard time finding her scent. He trailed her to the edge of his barrier and just to the other side. Then her tracks vanished. Her scent vanished. He looked around on the ground for any sign of her. His eyes fell upon hoof prints embedded in the dirt and he sighed angrily. He ripped his barrier down and quickly mind linked with Tyler.

\ We have a problem. Lilly has been taken.\ Cedric winced as he heard the loud roar inside of the pack territory.

\Who took her? We are taking her back immediately. I am going to destroy whoever took my mate.\ Tyler's voice was dark and icy.

\That's not going to be happening. We won't be able to get her back without the guardian. Wait for me at the pack house. I am on my way and will explain.\ Cedric shifted into his wolf and raced back to the pack house. He needed to get in touch with the guardian. The centaurs would not hand Lilly over without a fight unless it was to a guardian. The centaurs would not harm her, but they would try to keep her.

## **Chapter 30 - Dr.Luna |**

Lilly's head was throbbing as she began to move around. She slowly opened her eyes, wincing from the pain she was feeling. She looked up to a tall wooden ceiling with windows streaming in the daylight, it was a small one room building. This was not familiar to her. She tried to remember what happened. She was in the woods, was with fairies, had met a centaur and... Lilly sat up and looked around. She had been taken.

"Calm down. You are alright. The grogginess will wear off soon, it was just a sleeping drug." The familiar centaur gently spoke to her.

"Who are you? Who do you think you are to just take me? Wait... you drugged me? I demand to go home!" Lilly furrowed her eyes and spat fire at the centaur.

The centaur chuckled. "You sure are a feisty one. My name is Drake and what is your name?"

Lilly looked less than amused at having introductions. "It's Lilly. A bit late for that though isn't it? What do you want with me?"

Drake looked at her with amusement. "All we want is to keep you safe. You will stay with us, until a guardian comes for you."

"Well, how exactly is a guardian going to find me here... wherever here is." Lilly looked around the room and threw her hands up.

"If a guardian is looking for you, he will find you." Drake replied simply.

"You can't just keep me here. I don't need you to keep me safe. I am fine on my own. I want to return back to my pack." Lilly stood up from the bed and crossed her arms. She had no intentions of just waiting around. She did not ask for their protection and she did not want it. She was going to leave.

"You have no idea what is out there waiting for you, looking for you. We can not possibly let you leave." Drake shrugged Lilly off at the laughable idea.

"I was not asking." Lilly walked past him and opened the door. She saw several wooden buildings in the wooded area in front of her. When she looked beyond that, her eyes widened in awe. The area was surrounded by large rocky boulders. There were beautiful tall pine trees that layered the outside of the stone wall of rocks. To her side was a cascading waterfall that fell into a small pond. It would have been lovely if not for her circumstances. She took a few steps further out so that she could further analyze the area. There were centaurs everywhere. It was a village of centaurs. She had a small moment of fan girl excitement that she had to quickly reel back in. \\\'Remember Lilly you have been abducted. This is not the time to get excited... But they are centaurs! I know and I was taken by a centaur. True. True. So we are mad... in all senses... yes we are mad.\\\ Lilly had an inner dialog with herself as she stared at the village.

"I'm sorry, but we cannot allow you to leave. I know it is hard for you to understand, but it is for your own good." Drake came up beside her and looked down at her.

"What if I refuse and try to leave anyway? How do you plan to stop me?" Lilly was thinking about shifting into Kira. The centaurs were quick but so was Kira. The problem was, she did not know where to run to. She had no idea where she was.

"Now don't be difficult. You can try to leave all you want, but you will find that you will not be able to leave, no matter what form you are in." Drake smirked at her, seemingly reading her mind. "What we did was for your own good. We had our clan witch bind you. You will not be able to leave our village. You are free to roam about as you please."

A desperate feeling rose inside of Lilly when she heard him talk. Could she really not leave? Then, suddenly, an idea came to her. She tried to mind link to Tyler, but there was nothing. She could not reach him. Was she too far away? Or maybe it was because of Cedric's barrier... Cedric! Cedric was also part wolf and part fairy! Maybe she could reach Cedric?

It was no use. She could not connect to him either. She looked around at the mighty centaurs. Would her pack come for her? If they did it, would be a gruesome battle. What if they didn't come? What if the guardian never came? Was she to stay here forever?

"What if a guardian never shows up?" Lilly asked quietly. She was not submitting, but she was curious what they had in store.

"When we feel it is safe enough, we will take you to Elysium." Drake looked at her confused expression and continued to elaborate. "It is the realm of the fairies where the fairy kingdom is located. You really do not know anything about your kind and about yourself?" Drake looked at her sadly.

"I know about werewolves, which are also my kind." Lilly did not like how he kept dismissing that part about her. She may not know about fairies, but she could learn. It was only half of who she was.

"Hmph, werewolves are such a divisive species. They fight among themselves and have a Luna and Alpha for every pack they have. They have too many human characteristics." Drake's tone was bitter; he was not a fan of werewolves.

"I'm half werewolf. So why don't you feel like that about me?" Lilly was getting annoyed with his dislike for werewolves, even if she also had a dislike for her kind as well.

Drake's eyes were gentle as he met with hers. "You are so much more than that. You are one of a kind, we have all been waiting for you. You have no idea how rare and special you are, do you?" He looked at her confused expression and sighed. "How many packs of werewolves are there? How many Luna's and Alphas are there in the world? In the fairy kingdom, there is but one in the world. In the whole world, there are maybe one hundred high fairies. Then there is you, the only high fairy that is also mixed with the blood of an Alpha. You are special and important to the fairy world. You have yet to awaken, but soon you will understand."

Lilly really did not want to hear about how important and special she was. For someone so important, she had felt alone most of her life. Lilly quietly gazed over the village she was brought to. Children centaurs were running and playing together, adults were talking and laughing amongst themselves. All she had ever wanted was to feel like she belonged, like they did. She had her few precious people, but she never belonged in the Silver moon pack. She had felt like she had finally found her place with the Diamond pack, but had she? They had held a pack meeting over her acceptance in the pack when she left. What had they decided? Then there was the issue with Tyler and

Jessica... did she really want to go back to that? She felt her chest tighten at the thought of not being with Tyler. To leave him would be like depriving her body of oxygen. He was that important to her, but how important was she to him? Would he even come for her?

A warm breeze swirled around Lilly as the sun flickered upon her. It was like it was reminding her that life was still happening around her. She was not going to worry about what she did not know right then. She was going to learn about this tribe of centaurs. Maybe she could be the bridge between them and werewolves? She did not know centaurs existed before today, so she was going to take this time and learn about them. She would take a day or two and learn about her surroundings. She needed to form a plan. She would not worry if someone would come for her. She would rescue herself when the time came.

"I'd like to meet your village." Lilly's voice was quiet as she looked over the other centaurs. She was determined to make the most of her situation.

Drake smiled and nodded. "I hoped you would."

He led her down into their village center. There was a small fountain that was surrounded by tall log houses. The centaurs began to gather and were watching Lilly curiously. They were looking at her with looks of awe in their eyes, like she was a rare, precious gem. Lilly was curious about them too; they were the mythical creatures that didn't exist until today.

"This is Lilly; you all know who she is. She will be staying with us for a bit. She has not fully awakened so I trust that no one will do anything to provoke her awakening. For now, treat her like the honored guest that she is." The centaurs all listened intently to Drake. It was clear that he had a position of leadership among the clan.

In the distance, a commotion was heard. There was yelling and frantic voices coming towards them. Lilly glanced up to see a group of male centaurs approaching them. They were aiding one in the middle.

"What happened?" Drake went to the approaching group and was looking over the man in the middle.

"It was one of the rogue werewolves. He got the jump on him. He took him down, but he has been severely wounded. Where is the doctor at?" One of the centaurs helping hold the injured one up asked.

"Get him into the medical building. We will have to see if we can reach him. He left this morning for more supplies from town. He is supposed to be gone a couple of days." Drake was worried as he looked over the injuries. He was not sure if he would make it until the doctor came back.

“Get him to your medical building. I know nothing about centaur anatomy, but a wound is a wound. I’ll do the best I can.” Lilly walked up and looked at the injuries. They were mainly on the top half which was a human body. “I am a doctor.”

Drake turned and looked at her, then nodded for the centaurs to lead the way. “I’ll show you to the supplies.”

Lilly followed Drake into a tall building. There were four large examination tables that were custom made. Drake motioned to a large walk in closet. Inside was everything that Lilly would need. She would need to get the bleeding under control and give him something for the pain. She got out what she would need for stitches as well. She held the supplies in her hand and walked over to the examination table.

The wounds on the centaur were deep. It looked to be from canines sinking in and claw marks down his back. Rogue werewolves were always a problem, for everyone. They were unpredictable and often held a chip on their shoulder. She could tell from the injuries that this rogue had meant to kill. The centaur’s life depended on her now. It was the first time since medical school that she had been presented with a life or death situation. She had studied and prepared for a moment like this. With a deep breath, she confidently proceeded. She was going to give medical aid to a centaur.