

Not my Luna

Dean's POV

Every day that goes by and I do not find my mate makes me angrier. My parents tried to talk to me, but I didn't want to talk to them now. I do not wish to speak to them about Maureen or her family. The only one in her family I'm still talking to is Martin. I am sitting in my office when my father knocks at the door. The door is open, so I show him to come in. I know I cannot avoid everybody. I will have to talk about what happened that night when Maureen was supposed to become a mate. My father looks at me as he walks into the office.

"You have become very quiet. Your mother and I hardly see you. Maureen cries daily because you don't want to talk to her. We all know what happened and that Tamara is your mate. Maureen thinks you blame her for not having a wolf. You know, you cannot ignore her for the rest of her life here. We'll have to go and talk to her. Her mother and father are also driving me crazy. They want to know when you will become mates, and they do not understand why she does not have a wolf," Mike Smith, my father, says.

"I know it is not Maureen's fault that she has no wolf, but I cannot have a Luna without a wolf. I don't think I love Maureen, and I believe I was just in love with the idea of her being the strongest of all the women in the Pack. If I loved her, I would not have cared about her, not having a wolf. I do not feel like talking right now. I have turned down Tamara for Maureen and should not have done that. Tamara is much stronger than we thought, and you know she has an Alpha wolf. I cannot believe I have traded her for someone like Maureen. Father, I am not in the mood to talk. Zeron is not very happy. He is sulking about Tamara. I have looked for Tamara everywhere, but I cannot find her. I think she may have gone to the city. I hope not because we all know the vampires are all over the city, and I do not want her in trouble. Although she is an Alpha wolf, she is only a female wolf alone in this world," I say. 1

"You know you cannot ignore Maureen for the rest of your life. You will have to talk to her sometime. The sooner, the better. You must make her understand that you do not want her as a mate. She still hopes you will come to your senses and return to her. She is also hoping that she will get her wolf soon. Maybe she will have a strong wolf. Perhaps you will consider her a mate if she receives a strong wolf. But maybe Zeron

will accept her once she gets her wolf," My father says.

I know he is right and that I will have to go and see Maureen and her parents and make them understand that I cannot be with Maureen until she maybe gets a wolf, but that my heart belongs to Tamara, and I have realized that I love her. We are not like humans. We fall in love differently, and we fall in love the day the Moon Goddess gives us our mate. We connect with our mate from that day on, but I have broken that connection. It is called the mate bond. We are not supposed to reject our mate unless we have a perfect excuse. I thought I had one and believed Tamara was too weak to be my mate. I made the biggest mistake of my life, and now I am paying for it, as I miss her when I lay in my bed at night and cannot sleep. I wonder if Tamara even thinks about me. Does she hate me for what I have done? Does she think I am not worthy of being her mate anymore? I will not blame her if she does. 1

"I will go and see him later today, Father. They also have to answer a few questions for me, and I also want to ask you a few questions. What happened that day when Borris and Bianca got killed? Do you remember? Borris was one of our strongest warriors. Why would he go to an opening with the Rogues

waiting for him? Why would he go alone? Why would they only take Bianca with him? I know Borris was strong, but I also know he was clever and would not take on a whole pack of Rogues with only his mate by his side, knowing he had a small child waiting for him at home. Besides, he loved Bianca more than anything in this life. So why would he put his mate's life in danger? I do not understand what happened that day. Father, can you please explain to me what you know?" I ask my father.

"I don't know what happened that day. I know when we got there, it was too late. We ran after the Rogues, and I killed them all. Borris was my friend, and I think Borris and Bianca were ambushed. I don't know how the Rogues did it unless someone in our Pack worked with them. Many believe Morris and Doreen have something to do with this, and I could not prove it. I had no choice but to make Morris my beta. He was the brother of Borris. Tamara was still too young to be the and take her father's place. You know the history from there on. Martin is now your beta, although I believe it should have been Tamara. But if she becomes your Luna, she will be as powerful as you are and help you lead this Pack to a better future," My father says.

"Well, at least I know you did not have anything to do

with the deaths of Borris and Bianca, Father. I will go and talk to Maureen and her parents now," I say. I get up, walk out the door, and walk to the Brown's house. Martin answers the door as soon as I knock. He shows me that we must first talk outside before I go inside. We walk around the house into the woods. We find an opening and sit down, looking at the river. We are called the Red River Pack because of this river that flows through our grounds. Early in the morning, the river shines red when the sun starts to show its head. That is why we call the river the Red River. 1

"Sorry, I had to drag you away from my house. Alpha, but I needed to talk to you before you go inside. My mother and my sister are in a foul mood. I do not know what is wrong with them, but they fought last night and didn't want to talk to each other. My sister has been crying, and her eyes are red from all the crying. She does not even want to speak to me. I do not know if she will want to talk to you. So that is why I wanted to talk to you first and tell you not to expect anything from her. I also asked my father about my uncle and s aunt's deaths, but he did not want to discuss it. I have a feeling that he is feeling guilty about something, and he does not want to talk to me about it. I want to know if my father has anything to do with my uncle's and aunt's deaths. He should be punished if we find out he has anything to do with it.

I will also stay back as the beta because I do not deserve this position," Martin says. ①

"No, my friend, you have nothing to do with your father and his actions. You will stay my beta and help me find my Luna. Martin, please do not call me Alpha when we are alone. We are friends and always have been. Call me by my name when we are alone. Now let's go and talk to your parents and your sister and see what they know. I want to know what is going on, and I want to know why Maureen does not have a wolf. Because if she does not get a wolf, she will have to leave the Pack. We don't have any space for wolfless creatures like her in our Pack. You know how I feel about weaklings in my Pack. I cannot tolerate it. I can make no exception for your sister. It will not be fair towards the wolves that I have chased away. I do not want her to go, but if she is not going to get a wolf, she will have to leave. We cannot look after humans in our Pack. She is nothing but a human if she does not get a wolf," I say as I get up to walk back to the house where my friend is staying. As we walk in, Maureen throws herself into my arms. I try to push it away because I am not happy with her. It also feels wrong. It feels like I am cheating on my mate. I cannot hold another woman in my arms. My wolf feels furious at Maureen, and I know if I let go of him now, he will kill her. ②

"Get off of me, Maureen! We are not a couple anymore. I am looking for my true mate and will find her again. I should have never rejected her for the likes of you. Why don't you have a wolf? Can you please explain that to me?" I ask. Maureen starts crying. I never realized that she was not beautiful at all. Now that I have seen Tamara's beauty, no one comes close to her.

"How can you even talk about another mate in my presence? We have come a long way and have been dating for years. You have promised me that you will take me as your mate the day at eighteen," Maureen cries.

"How can I take a human as my mate? I have asked you a question. Answer me, Maureen," I say.

"I do not know why I don't have a wolf. I have talked to my parents, but my mother cries and walks away. And sometimes, she screams at me, but she does not want to talk about the day I was born. What is going to happen to us now?" Maureen asks me, and I do not feel sorry for her for what she is now. She was a snobbish wolf, and now she has no wolf. I wonder if I am doing the right thing by chasing away the pathetic wolves. Why does it feel that nothing is going my way since I have chosen to chase away the wolves that are

not strong enough to fight? Has the Moon Goddess turned against me? Is that why I am so unhappy? Is she showing me that I am also being snobbish? Does she not know I must do this to protect my Pack? I cannot have a weak Pack with the vampires on our doorstep. I have heard that the originals are in this area. I cannot prove it, but there is usually a fire where there is smoke. Maybe that is why all the vampires have suddenly appeared around our area and in the city near our Pack. This makes me worry even more about Tamara. If the original vampires are around here, they will come after us. They do not like werewolves. They will try to take our grounds from us and rule this area. Why would the original vampires come here? What is here that they want? ²

"There is no more us, Maureen. We are done. It would be best if you told your parents that I want to see them in my office tomorrow. If they are not there, I will come and fetch them. And they do not want me to come and fetch them. I have a lot to discuss with them. As for you, I think it is best that you leave the Pack until you get a wolf. I cannot have humans in my Pack. You are useless to the Red River pack. I will give you a few days to say goodbye to all your friends and pack your stuff. You need to understand I cannot have a wolfless Luna," I say as I turn around and walk away. I see Maureen as a close chapter in my life. Even

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if she gets a wolf, there is no way I will take her as my Luna. I have only one Luna and will find her, no matter where she is. Even if I have to beg on my knees for her to come back, I will. 1

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