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I could tell what Henry was thinking at a glance.

He had specially held a banquet while Jackson was in town, knowing his friend would come. There was no way he wasn't trying to mate his sister off to the Alpha of the Sterling pack. Henry might not be the Alpha of the Wilton pack yet, but he was certainly thinking like it.

However, he hadn't expected Jackson to bring a female companion. Naturally, he wasn't pleased by my presence, and it showed on his face before he could rein his wolf in.

However, as a well-educated man, he had shown me respect, so I responded in kind.

I shook his hand and smiled. "Hello. It's a pleasure to meet you, Mr. Wilton."

Only then did Henry let go of my hand and look at Jackson as if I wasn't there. "It's been a long time. Let's go have a drink. and catch up."

It appeared that Jackson was worried to go anywhere without me when he looked over and said, "Come in with me."

I glanced at Henry, who looked unhappy that Jackson had invited me along, so I tactfully refused. "I'm a little hungry. I'd love to eat something first."

Before Jackson could say anything, Henry stopped a servant. "Take Ms. Palmer to eat something. Don't neglect her."

The maid quickly nodded and said to me, "Ms. Palmer, please come with me."

Jackson looked back and forth between Henry and me, then said, "Don't walk around. Wait for me to come back."

I nodded and followed the maid to the dining area.

A dazzling array of food was placed on rows of long tables.

I couldn't digest anything very well anymore, and I struggled to eat anything at all, but I managed to have a bit of tomato. soup served in small drinking bowls.

While standing quietly in the dining area with my soup and looking out the window, I saw several luxury cars arrive.

A chauffeur got out of the car first, opened the door, and held it open for whomever was in the back seat.

Under warm evening light, a man in a tailored black suit got out and stood before the car door with his hands in his

His face was chiseled, his jaw strong, his features...perfection.

He looked at people indifferently.

And as soon as he walked into the manor, everyone who was anyone rushed over to him.

Even Ray Wilton, the old Alpha of the Wilton pack, who had not shown up for a long time, rushed over in a hurry.

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He looked around casually. When he didn’t see what he was looking for, he frowned slightly.

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Before he could walk out of the hall, he was stopped by Preston. "Sterling."

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Preston didn't question Jackson directly about the relationship between him and Taya because Taya was Griffon's woman, so he had to give her some respect.

But he didn't want to let go of Jackson, who hadn't kept his promise, so he could only take it out on Miss Wilton.

Jackson was not angry at Preston's baiting, but his eyes were apathetic. "My father made the decision privately without my permission. I never thought of mating your sister."

His words made Preston's face pale, and his face instantly darkened. "Do you mean to break off the mating engagement?"

Jackson smiled faintly. "We've never been engaged. How can I break off something that's never happened?"

They had just discussed the possibility of a mating, but it was never confirmed.

Moreover, the pack elders didn't even have the consent of the two wolves involved. How could they force a mating ceremony?

Jackson's words were a slap in the face to the Knight pack.

Preston was used to fooling around with others, wasn't used to people going against him.

He wanted to give Jackson a gentle lesson, one to put him in his place and remind him who he was dealing with, but before Preston could say anything, he felt a hand on his arm.

"Preston, stop," Griffon said, using his Alpha voice to compel Preston to obey him.

Everyone standing near them was taken aback by his voice. Alpha Knight was powerful, so powerful that his Alpha command had an effect on the wolves of everyone who heard.

Griffon looked at Jackson, his expression cool. His voice, devoid of any warmth, echoed in the hall.

"Alpha Sterling, your father came to our pack to beg for an alliance mating. If you'd like to go back on that, you'll have to employ the same tactic as your father."

The word "beg" brought everyone back to reality.

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Eyes widened as onlookers watched and listened to what was happening.

turned out that the Sterling pack wanted to mate into the Knight pack to form an alliance between the two powerhouses.

And the only male in the Sterling pack who would be able to accomplish that was Jackson.

Jackson calmly accepted Griffon's proposal.

"Absolutely, Alpha Knight. I'll have my father deal with this matter immediately."

After that, Jackson went straight out to look for Taya.

Looking at Jackson's back, Preston was so angry that his face turned blue. "It's good to break off the engagement. Can't my sister find a better mate?"

Alpha Wilton, who had seen and listened to everything, quickly echoed, "Yes, yes, yes? Mr. Preston Knight's sister is outstanding. It's a pity that Alpha Sterling has rejected her."

Preston glanced at him coldly. "What does it have to do with you?"

Alpha Wilton thought, "Forget it. He is so rude. Jackson is the best choice."

Griffon saw Jackson walking to the dining area in the distance as if he was looking for someone.

After walking around for a bit, Jackson answered the phone and went into the bathroom.

Griffon frowned, interrupted Alpha Wilton's rambling, and walked away.

While Taya was playing with her phone in the bathroom, a gentle-looking girl came in angrily.

When she saw Taya, Lena's expression changed. "It's you?"

When Lena stood on the balcony on the second floor, she saw Jackson leading Taya into the manor.

The two looked dazzling and well-matched, which almost made Lena angry.

Fortunately, Lena's brother had sent Taya away and allowed her to be alone with Jackson.

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"What are you doing here?" the she-wolf asked grumpily.

I guessed that she must be Henry's younger sister, so I wasn't surprised that Lena was arrogant.

"It's the bathroom. Of course, I went to the toilet," I replied indifferently.

I didn't bother to check my tone. I didn't want to tolerate people who disrespected me anymore.

Between Tara and Margaret, I was done.

Of course, my tone and words pissed Lena off even more.

"Humph, I think you're playing hard to get. You're deliberately hiding so that Jackson will be worried about you. Don't think that just because you're Jackson's female companion, you'll be able to climb the social ladder and become a Cinderella!

"Jackson will be mine!"

Lena's warning made me frown slightly.

I was hiding here to avoid Griffon. What did it have to do with Jackson playing hard to get?

I didn't bother to find an excuse to explain it to Lena, who stood in front of me with her hands on her hips and her face red.

She didn't look like she made a very attractive wolf...

"Miss Wilton, you'll never be Alpha Sterling's mate. You don't have to look for attention in front of me."

Jackson was going to mate Edith. Lena's status was far inferior to Edith's.

Let's face it, it was better for her not to be delusional.

However, Miss Wilton did not think so.

She slapped me hard in the face.

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"Who do you think you are?"

That slap was beyond my expectations.

I didn't expect the Wilton pack's gentle and weak-looking young lady would slap me.

I wanted to fight back, but even though this she-wolf looked puny, my frail human body was no match for her..

After being slapped, I was in a daze.

Lena must have thought I was afraid, and she became even more arrogant.

"I'm warning you, you'd better stay away from Jackson. Otherwise, it won't just be a slap!"

After saying that, Lena left the bathroom.

While I was watching her back as she walked away, my vision blurred, and it was though everything was split into a thousand pieces.

Before I fell down, I vaguely saw a man rushing in and catching me before I fainted.

When I caught my breath, I realized that the person who had caught me was Griffon.

"Alpha Knight..."

He was hard to read, but his slightly furrowed brows made him look annoyed and uneasy.

"What's wrong?"

After calming myself down, I said in a low voice, "I was slapped by Miss Wilton just now and almost fainted."

Fortunately, I only fainted for a few seconds this time and could use this as an excuse to cover it up.

Griffon looked at me with an expression that was both wonder and contempt. “Are you so desperate for his attention that you’ll lower yourself to being slapped to get a bit of pity from Jackson?”

I forced myself to ignore the demeaning tone in his voice and tilted my chin up defiantly. “If it causes Alpha Sterling to have a lower opinion of her, it was worth it.”

Swallowing down my fear, I looked Griffon right in the eyes.

“Besides, a little slap from the likes of her is nothing compared to what you’ve put me through.”

Griffon didn’t expect that response. I watched the tension and anger fill his body, start to change his features. His hand tightened around my waist, and I swore I could feel his claws start to poke into the the fabric of my clothes.

“I only wish I would have put you through more.”

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Griffon abruptly let go of me, pushing me away. I stumbled a bit.

“Didn’t I warn you to stay away from Jackson?”

When I saw Griffon, I thought he was here for the gathering. But now I wondered if he had come here for me... Was he trying to do something to get even with me?

It had only been a day, but somehow he already knew what Jackson and I were doing.

At least, what he thought we were doing.

But no way was I taking the blame for this. If it weren’t for Tara, I would have been home and waiting to die a long time ago. I never would have accompanied Jackson to such an event, and I never would have seen Griffon here or met the woman who wanted to mate Jackson.

I didn’t intend to protect Tara, either. “I was going to stay away from him, but Tara insisted that I entertain him. She made it very clear that there would be repercussions if I didn’t agree. My only choice was to go against your warning and see him again.”

I wanted to make it clear that HIS Tara was the reason I was here.

A scowl marred Griffon's attractive face. "If you hadn't climbed into Jackson's bed, would Tara have asked you to accompany him?"

Of course. I should have known. No matter what Tara did, Griffon would place no blame on his future Luna.

Nothing I said would matter, and I probably shouldn't provoke the Alpha more, so I clamped my mouth shut. At this point, anything else would be a waste of my breath...and I didn't have too many of those left.

Griffon took a step closer and pushed me against the wall, pinching my chin between his fingers and forcing me to look at him.

"Jackson just canceled his mating agreement with the Knight pack in front of everyone. Did you ask him to do so?"

My eyes widened before I could keep my face from showing my thoughts.

What did I have to do with Jackson breaking off his engagement?

I remained silent.

Griffon moved even closer. He was so close—too close.

I didn't have any room to move, and I tried to twist away from him.

He held me tighter, stepped closer to give me no room to move, his body pressed against mine.

And I could feel just how aroused he was for me...

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I was shocked, and my face shot up to look at him, my lips brushing across his.

A zap of electricity sparked between us, and Griffon's body stiffened.

He stepped back, and the expression on his face was almost pained.

The panic I'd been feeling melted into embarrassment. "...I'm sorry. I...I didn't mean to do that."

I saw the muscles in Griffon's jaw tighten, and his Adam's apple bobbed as he swallowed roughly.

"Is this how you seduce men?"

I stopped breathing for a second, and my embarrassment gave way to...defeat? Humiliation? Powerlessness?

There were too many feelings competing right now for me to settle on just one.

After a long silence, I managed to respond. "Alpha Knight, you don't have to worry. You aren't on my list of men to seduce."

Griffon's expression darkened, and his eyes shifted to that of his wolf's as he stared into my eyes. His eyebrows furrowed as he examined my face, as if he was trying to tell what I was thinking and couldn't figure out how to take what I'd said.

I hoped like hell all he could see in my eyes was indifference.

He remained silent for a moment longer, and the muscle in his jaw ticked again—the way it did when he was annoyed. His eyebrows straightened, the look in his eyes shifting back from wolf to human, his expression returning to his typical one of coldness.

"That'd better be the case. If I find out that you have feelings for me..." His voice was a low growl as he spoke, devoid of emotion.

"I haven't had feelings for you for years, let alone since we've separated from our...arrangement."

Something that resembled cruel rage swept over Griffon's face, and his body tensed and shifted as he leaned closer to me, pinning me with his stare.

Looking at him like this, I was actually a little scared. I lowered my chin, not wanting to meet his gaze and wishing I could just sink into the floor to get away

We fell into a long, strained silence.

It was as if whoever spoke first would be defeated.

After a long while, Jackson and Lena's voices came from outside the door.

Only then did Griffon straighten his back and take a step back.

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Before leaving, Griffon issued a warning.

“Just because Jackson broke off the mating agreement doesn’t mean that the Sterling pack will allow him to do so. He’ll be my brother-in-law sooner or later. Don’t even think about getting him to fight against the whole pack for you.”

After saying that, Griffon turned around and walked to the door.

Once he was gone and the door was closed behind him, I heaved a deep sigh of relief.

Every time I faced him, my body filled with an indescribable pressure.

I wasn’t sure if I was afraid of him or if I was fearful that I wouldn’t be able to control my feelings for him.

Fortunately, my impulse had been to lie to him regarding any desire I had for him.

Otherwise, who knew how he would have reacted. It could have been anything from disgust to laughter.

I collected myself and walked to the sink, turning on the water but only staring down at the stream before turning it off and walking out of the bathroom.

As soon as I stepped out, Jackson was there, pushing Lena away and walking over to me.

“Ms. Palmer, let’s go back.”

I nodded and shot a glance at Lena. Her eyes were narrowed with warning, her wolf flashing for a second. Likely, she was afraid I would say something to Jackson about her slapping me.

Which was quite funny when you stopped to think about it. She had the gall to slap me, but she didn’t want anyone to know about it.

How utterly ridiculous.

I desperately wanted to slap Lena right now. Or tell Jackson, or say something to her. Anything to burn off everything I was feeling toward her, but this was the Wilton pack’s territory.

Not only was I a guest in her pack home, I was a human.

That was already two strikes against me, and the last thing I needed was a third.

Plus, I didn’t want to be the center of attention, nor did I want to be hated by the Wilton pack after the fight, or have it cause problems for Jackson. Anything that might come back on me negatively would likely affect my deal with Tara.

I suppressed my anger and decided to find a chance to beat her next time.

“Yes, let’s go.” I walked down the stairs, and Jackson politely took my hand to assist me down them.

When we reached the bottom, he looked over at me as if to confirm that I’d made it down the stairs okay and that it was safe for him to let go of my hand.

But rather than let go, his face darkened and his hand tightened around mine.

“Who did this to you?” he growled out, and I could hear his wolf rising to the surface.

He raised his other hand to touch my slightly swollen face, and something that looked like pain crossed over his face.

I was slightly stunned when I saw the look on Jackson’s face. I wouldn’t have expected him to feel sorry for me.

I hesitated, not saying anything.

There was no way he was going to stick up for me against his good friend’s sister. Stand up for a human over a wolf.

Taya’s silence made Lena heave a sigh of relief.

Jackson had always been good at observing people’s expressions and body language. As soon as he saw Lena’s sigh, he immediately understood what had happened—was happening.

No wonder Lena wouldn’t let him go when he went to look for Taya, why she had clung to him and come along with him.

She was the one who had hit his woman.

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Jackson gazed over at Lena.

His voice was deadly calm as he spoke, a hint of his Alpha voice coming out.

“Miss Wilton, I brought my companion to your house as a guest, and you put your hands on her. Is this how you were brought up in your pack? Does the Wilton pack condone actions such as these?”

Seeing that Jackson had found out so quickly that she had hit Taya, Lena’s heart skipped a beat. But her anger quickly dispelled it.

He hadn't even bothered to ask what had happened and was already defending Taya. This was too much!

Lena couldn't hold back her temper anymore, and her wolf's hot-headedness rushed to the surface. "You didn't even ask who hit her before blaming me. Is the Sterling pack always so quick to rush to judgments?"

Jackson's expression turned darker. "Are you saying that you did not put your hands on my woman?"

"Even if I did, you didn't ask me why I would do so. Why would your assumption be that she didn't deserve it?"

Jackson snorted. "I know Ms. Palmer very well. And there is nothing in her character that would warrant someone putting their hands on her."

Lena hadn't expected Jackson to defend his companion like that, to defend a human so readily over another wolf shifter. She was so angry that her face turned pale. "Jackson, how can you do this to me?"

Jackson wasn't interested in Lena's act.

He promptly cut her off. "Apologize to Ms. Palmer!"

Although Henry was his good friend, Lena meant nothing to him. They had only met a few times, and there wasn't any history between them to make it necessary for him to treat Lena with the respect it was clear she believed she deserved.

She might be a wolf and technically outrank Taya, but compared to Jackson, Lena was nothing. The Wilton pack might be wealthy, but they had no power. And they certainly didn't wield the power the Sterling pack did. Frankly, they were lucky he had even come to this event.

Seeing that Jackson wouldn't let her go until she apologized,

Lena was so angry that she burst into tears. "Jackson, you're bullying me!"

The she-wolf's cry soon attracted the attention of the crowd.

Most were holding glasses of wine laced with wolfsbane and standing aside to watch the show.

No one came forward to help Lena.

She quickly pointed at Taya. “She was the one who insulted me in my own home. And she’s a human! I was so angry that I lost my mind and slapped her. I wouldn’t have done this if it weren’t for her stirring up trouble. I didn’t do anything wrong!”