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My heart began to pound when I met Griffon's eyes.

The amber color of his wolf's eyes had taken over, and they swirled with anger and desire. A look I was very familiar with.

I subconsciously looked away, down at the ground, only to see his hand wrapped around my waist.

He must have grabbed my waist to lift me up from lying down on the sofa.

Now I was half-lying and half-sitting up, one of his hands around my waist and the other behind my back as he held me up. He was leaning over me, his huge body an almost suffocating presence even though he wasn't touching me other than where his hands held me.

I lifted one hand and tried to push him away, but as soon as my fingertips touched his chest, he growled, "Don't touch me!"

Frightened, I froze, and I dared not make more contact with him.

I obediently withdrew my hand, but I was also a little puzzled. I looked down at the hand that was still holding my waist.

If he didn't want me to touch him, why was he holding me like this?

I didn't dare look at his face, look him in the eye. Not when his wolf was at the surface like it was. I could only keep my head down and ask in a low voice, "Alpha Knight, what can I do for you?"

My voice was slightly trembling, and I didn't know if it was because I was afraid of Griffon or if it was weakness from my advancing illness.

Abruptly, Griffon let me go and I fell back against the sofa. He jerked the men's jacket off of me and stood up, stalking to the other side of the room.

When I saw him throw it into the trash can, I furrowed my brow, even more confused.

"You came to me just to throw away Alpha Sterling's coat?"

I hadn't even realized that Jackson's coat had been placed over me, presumably by him before he left me to go back to the bidding auditorium.

Griffon had gone too far in throwing it away. There was no need for that, and I had no idea why he would even do such a thing.

He had to be crazy.

Why did he return to me if he didn't like me? Why did he continue to bully me like this?

I was frustrated, and I needed to get the hell away from him.

I struggled to get up from the sofa and tried to walk out of the lounge, but Griffon's big hand wrapped around my arm, yanking me back.

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I was forcibly pulled back into Griffon's arms, and my body hitting his chest felt like I had hit a wall. I was in so much pain from his rough manhandling that I was about to cry.

Already, I was no match for his strength, and what he deemed "normal" in terms of handling was far too much for any human, let alone a dying one.

Tears blurred my eyes as I looked at the man who had locked me in his arms.

"What are you trying to do?"

Anger still shined in his amber wolf eyes, and the hint of fangs poked out from under his lip.

"Why did you lie to me?"

After he asked this question, his eyes gradually turned scarlet around the edges as he looked at me, a snarl on his face.

I was more than confused. "What am I lying to you about?"

Griffon fisted my hair in his hand and grabbed the back of my head roughly, yanking my head backward so I was forced to look up at him.

He pulled my body tightly to him, lowered his head, and stared into my eyes, his gaze searing practically to my very soul.

“You’ve known Jackson for many years but said you’ve just met him.”

I clenched my jaw. “You’ve lied to me repeatedly. Is it fun being lied to?”

His eyes were burning with rage, and I could tell he was furious.

A furious Griffon was a dangerous Griffon.

I was terrified of him when he was like this, and I wanted to say something to calm him down, but I didn’t know how to explain the whole Jackson thing to him.

I’d lied and said that I had just met Jackson because I was afraid of revealing the past between Jackson and me.

I never expected Griffon to find out the truth so quickly, nor did I expect him to question me. I thought he wouldn’t pay too much attention to anything related to me since he didn’t care about me anymore. He didn’t want to see me or have anything to do with me, so why would he have looked into anything pertaining to my history with Jackson?

However, I’d underestimated Griffon. He’d been able to uncover whether Roman Starke and I had slept together or not, so naturally, this matter could not be concealed from him.

Meanwhile, if Jackson discovered that I had leaked our past, he wouldn’t let me off so quickly.

I was in a lose–lose situation.

Compared to Jackson’s vicious methods, it was better to be misunderstood, suspected, and questioned by Griffon.

At least Griffon wouldn’t kick me in my chest and try to kill me again.

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“Say something.”

Griffon lowered his head and moved his face closer, his lips brushing against my cheek as he spoke.

I desperately wanted to dip my head down and away from his mouth, but he clasped the back of my head and stopped me from moving.

“I’ll only give you one chance to explain,” he growled out, low and menacing.

There was no denying the Alpha when he was like this—if one were a wolf shifter.

Lucky for me, I was not. And his words had no power to compel me to do his bidding, to make me speak and tell the truth.

I remained silent for a long time. Just as Griffon was about to lose patience, she replied. “I have nothing to explain. It has nothing to do with you.”

The muscles in Griffon’s jaw ticked, and his fangs dropped a bit more.

“It has nothing to do with me...”

After repeating my words flatly, he moved his head and fisted my hair tighter. His hand that was wrapped around my waist got tighter, too, his clawed fingertips starting to bite into my skin.

The moment his mouth hovered over mine, my heart skipped a beat.

It seemed as though he would kiss me at any moment, and I felt his breath caress my lips.

I didn’t know what he was going to do. I was scared and guilty...and turned on.

Just as I clenched my fist, torn between trying to push him away and grabbing onto him for dear life, Griffon suddenly spoke up.

“You lied to me because he’s Silas Johnson. You lied because you didn’t want me to know your past. Am I right?”

His words shocked me.

Taya couldn’t play any tricks on Griffon, couldn’t hide anything from him.

The Alpha’s intelligence and instincts weren’t something others could compete with—especially someone who didn’t have enhanced shifter genes.

As expected, Taya's actions confirmed his guess.

As far as he knew, the "secret" of the Sterling pack was that Jackson, who had been lost for many years, was found five years ago...

Taya sold herself five years ago, and Jackson was found five years or years ago.

What a coincidence.

There was only one possibility: Jackson was the man named Silas she had yearned for, had called out for in her sleep.

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Griffon thought she had slept with Jackson in less than a day because she wanted to take this opportunity to attach herself to the Alpha.

He hadn't imagined that they'd been lovers before now.

No wonder they'd fallen into bed so easily. They were making up for lost time, it turned out.

Realizing this, Griffon's body became rigid...

"Taya Palmer, was that the first time you sold yourself?"

He rarely called me by my full name.

I didn't dare to lie to him, so I quickly nodded and said, "Yes."

If he thought I wasn't a virgin when I'd sold myself to him, I didn't know what he would do. Alphas didn't share well, and they were very possessive.

But Griffon didn't seem to believe me. "I can't tell whether you're telling the truth."

I was almost stunned. Surely he could tell, could smell it on me if I lied. Human pheromones were very strong to wolves. Plus...

"I... You saw it that first time. The bedsheets..."

There had been blood on the white sheets, but she was too embarrassed to say that.

The first time he'd made love to me was relatively fierce, and my cheeks would still redden every time I recalled it.

When I lowered my head with a blush, he snarled at me, "Who knows. You might have had surgery, since you were so desperate to sell yourself to me."

My face turned pale. I looked up at Griffon in disbelief.

His eyes flashed with anger, and I wasn't sure there was anything I could say to make him believe me.

How could I prove to him that I'd been a virgin when he took me that first time? That Jackson...Silas...had never touched me in that way?

At the same time, I was furious.

One of the reasons Griffon had been so fierce in his lovemaking was because it had taken a lot of effort to break through my hymen. How could he think I had undergone surgery to create that scenario, that I WANTED to endure that pain?

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Seeing that Taya remained silent, Griffon's anger gradually shifted into disappointment.

This woman was really something.

He felt ridiculous and stupid thinking of what he had done. He'd searched for her, thought of her, orchestrated reasons to see her...for what?

As if he had suddenly woken up, he let go of her.

She stumbled backward, trying to regain her balance after he shoved her away.

"From now on, I won't come to you again."

After saying that, he left.

I was so shocked, I couldn't move. I just stood there and watched Griffon's back as he walked to the door.

Something deep inside, some sort of divine intuition from the goddess told me after he closed the door behind him, there was no going back, that he would keep his vow.

I don't know where my courage came from, but I rushed forward and stopped him.

My words were practically incoherent as I begged him. "I'm- I'm sorry. I didn't mean to lie to you before. Silas and me—no, Jackson. We, we—"

"It has nothing to do with me," Griffon interrupted me. "I only came to you because I can't stand being deceived. Now that know the reason, it doesn't matter anymore."

His words made me feel terrible, as though the ground had been ripped out from under my feet and I was left flailing my arms.

Nothing I could say in this moment would make a difference. I knew him well enough to know that. He'd made up his mind, and once the Alpha's mind was made up, that was that.

So I made my face as bland as I could and pretended that nothing had happened. I nodded and said quietly, resolutely, "Okay then, Alpha Knight. Take care."

As soon as I finished speaking, tears welled up in my eyes. Quickly, I turned around, not letting him see me, see how devastated I was.

The sound of the door opening and closing came from behind me.

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Once I heard the door close, I turned around to look at it. My heart seemed to have been cut open, was more empty and painful than ever before.

Even my body was weak, from more than just my illness. I couldn't support myself anymore. I braced my hands against the wall and moved over to lay down on the sofa again.

I stared up at the white ceiling, tears streaming out from the corners of my eyes.

This time, it appeared Griffon and me were truly over.

After Griffon left the lounge, he gruffly ordered Andre, who had been guarding the door, "Clear the surveillance cameras."

"Yes, Alpha Knight," Andre respectfully replied.

"Also, look into Taya and Jackson's past together. I want all the information by the end of the day tomorrow."

He had never checked on Taya after he bought her.

And never had he investigated Silas, whom she had called out for in her sleep.

He had always trusted her because she was well-behaved, quiet, beautiful—and human.

Never in a million years had he thought that a human girl would be so deceitful, so willing to lie to a shifter so much. more powerful than them.

If he discovered that Taya had been with another man before him, he'd make her life hell, would never let her go.

Andre was slightly taken aback.

Was there something going on between Ms. Palmer and Alpha Sterling?

Although he was confused, but he dared not ask any questions. He replied with a "yes" and quickly left.

In less than half a day, Andre had gone through everything he could find regarding Taya and Jackson.

He went to the Alpha's office with a stack of documents.

"Alpha, I've learned about the past between Ms. Palmer and Alpha Sterling."

After placing the documents on the desk, he relayed the information to Griffon.

"Before Jackson was found by the Sterling pack, he was an orphan at Bright Orphanage. He used the name of Silas Johnson."

“Five years ago, when Jackson’s eldest brother found him, he brought Jackson back from the orphanage. To help Jackson take over the pack business and hide the fact that he hadn’t been raised a Sterling, to prevent people from saying he wasn’t fit as the Sterling Alpha, Jackson’s eldest brother. erased his past.”

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“Ms. Palmer also grew up in the Bright Orphanage.”

“As a human?” Griffon asked.

Andre nodded. “She was dropped off at their doorstep. Since it is widely known that the Bright Orphanage is for wolf shifters, it was assumed that a wolf shifter dropped her off and she was a shifter. But, as you know, she never received the gift of her wolf from the goddess.

“Ms. Palmer and Silas were at the orphanage at the same time. It would appear that Ms. Palmer, Silas, and Ms. Palmer’s best friend—a Harper Duke—were very close. Though, upon reaching their teenage years, Ms. Palmer and Silas became a couple. They remained together up until five years ago, when Silas had a car accident. At that time, Ms. Palmer had just turned eighteen and had no money, so she had to sell herself to save him.

“Although he was saved, Silas lost his memory. He doesn’t remember Ms. Palmer, so it would appear they haven’t been in contact with each other since. I could find nothing regarding interaction between them over the past five years.”

Andre had only found a rough outline of what had happened, but the details were sparse. He didn’t know why they didn’t see each other anymore.

Griffon’s face grew darker and darker as he flipped through the documents.

When he guessed Silas was Jackson, he knew Taya had sold herself to save Silas.

However, hearing and seeing it with his eyes made it real, something he couldn’t ignore.

Her history mattered to him. The fact that Taya had been in love with someone else, that she might have given her body to someone else... He couldn’t get those things out of his head.

His wolf had always been extraordinarily possessive. What was his was ONLY HIS.

“Did you verify her virginity before you brought her to my room that night?”

Andre hadn’t expected Griffon to ask this. After a moment of shock, he shook his head.

“After I...bought Ms. Palmer, I took her to the mansion. You only told me to wash her up...”

That night, Taya had been kneeling at the door of the nightclub. It was pouring out, and as soon as Alpha Knight saw the destitute-looking girl, Andre had seen something on his face shift. He'd taken immediate notice of her, had seemed almost desperate to have her.

Andre was hurrying to get her ready for the Alpha, so he'd skipped the virginity examination. He sent someone to clean Ms. Palmer up, then sent her directly to Griffon's room.

She'd looked so innocent, so anxious and fearful at being prepared and brought to the Alpha. And certainly, a human wouldn't have lied about something so serious to a wolf...an Alpha wolf no less.

"Wouldn't the Alpha have known if it was her first time?" he thought.

Griffon seemed to have seen through what Andre was thinking, and his gaze swept over him.

When his wolf's eyes grazed Andre, Andre shivered with fear.

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"Alpha... Alpha Knight, do you suspect that Ms. Palmer tricked you?"

Alpha Knight was known for his possessiveness. Had he known or suspected that Ms. Palmer had deceived him, had been with someone else before him, he wouldn't have slept with her that first night. And he certainly wouldn't have kept sleeping with her for five years.

Since Alpha Knight asked if Andre had verified her virginity, he must have suspicions.

Andre understood his Alpha's concern and quickly showed

Griffon the timeline in the documents.

"Alpha, I went to the hospital to compare when Silas had the car accident, and when Ms. Palmer was selling herself outside of Nightshade. It was on the same night.

"That night, after Ms. Palmer sent Silas to the hospital, she went to sell herself to raise money for the operation. She didn't have time to do a hymen repair operation."

The disgust and discomfort in his heart gradually dissipated when Griffon heard this.

That night, her reactions to him made it feel like it had been her first time. Had it not been, her acting skills were unsurpassed. Every way in which she'd reacted to him and formed an obsession for her, and Griffon never would have been able to live it down internally, his wolf would never be able to get over it if it had been a lie.

She had not lied to him this time, but...

His dark gaze fell back on the documents.

Lost his memory...

Griffon remembered that Taya disagreed when he forced her to sign the lovers' agreement.

Later, when she returned from Wolverly Capital, she signed the agreement without hesitation.

She must have angrily signed the contract when she discovered Jackson had lost his memory, didn't remember her, and didn't want to be with her.

So many years, and she'd never fallen in love with him. It turned out...

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Griffon's grip on the documents tightened, his claws elongating and poking holes in the paper.

His dark expression turned into an angry scowl, his brows

furrowing and his fangs dropping. He wanted to hunt, to kill, to punish....

Jackson said that he had known Taya since childhood... meaning he had regained his memory.

The five years he had spent with Taya were nothing compared to their friendship of more than two decades.

Thinking of this, Griffon was furious.

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Seeing Griffon like this, Andre was suddenly a little worried.

His Alpha had always been good at controlling his emotions. But because of Ms. Palmer, he had already lost control several times.

"Alpha, you..."

Andre wanted to say, "Since you've already separated from Ms. Palmer, let it go. It's good for Alpha Sterling and Ms. Palmer."

But he knew he couldn't say this. It would be too cruel.

Ms. Palmer had meant something to the Alpha. Sure, Griffon was good at controlling his emotions, hiding them...but Andre had always suspected there was something more.

Griffon didn't bother with people he didn't need, who didn't serve a purpose. Let alone humans.

Griffon threw the documents back to Andre:

"Shred them."

His flat voice was devoid of emotion, as if he had returned to being the controlled, indifferent Alpha.

Andre glanced at him but still didn't say anything. He picked up the documents and ran them through the shredder.

There was a knock. Receiving Griffon's order, Andre opened the door.

"Alpha Knight."

Stephen Lawton, the pack member in charge of the Weston City project, came in.

"The bidding is over. The pack elders all voted for the Sterling pack."

"The Sterling pack?" Griffon glowered at Stephen.

Stephen had noticed that Alpha Knight seemed to have a problem with the Sterling pack, so he quickly said, "The results haven't been announced yet, and the elders have only spoken to me about their decision. I came to you to ask which group you plan to hand over the development rights to."

"Where are the bids from this afternoon's groups?"

Stephen quickly handed over the documents.

Griffon casually flipped through the stack of papers, looking at the prices, timeline, and other pertinent details.

After looking through everything, he set his jaw and sighed.

He was left with no choice.

He returned the files to Stephen. "The elders' ruling stays."

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Although he didn't like Jackson, there was no doubt that the Sterling pack's bid was the best. And with their influence and connections, they would be able to complete the work as they promised.

Griffon had never brought his personal feelings into pack business. When he'd taken over as Alpha for his father, he'd vowed to always do what was best for the pack. Right now, letting the Sterling pack have the project was what was best for the pack despite how much Griffon hated it.

Stephen nodded. "I'll go announce the results now, Alpha."

When Stephen announced that the Sterling pack had won the bid for the development rights, the other packs were disappointed.

They had thought that since Griffon had targeted Jackson so much during his presentation and asked so many questions, he wouldn't award the project to the Sterling pack.

They didn't expect Griffon to ask so many questions to know more about the strength of the Sterling pack, rather than to back him into a corner, put him on the spot, and make Alpha Sterling look bad.

After failing, everyone sighed and left, leaving only Tara in the auditorium, sitting in her seat in the front row, trembling angrily.

When Stephen had announced the winner of the bid, he had also said that the Knight pack would be handling the contracts and management directly—which meant that they wouldn't be using the Midwest Packs Corporation to be a third-party overseer.

Griffon knew how important this project was to Tara, how much she had worked to make sure the bidding happened without a hitch. To make sure all of the best packs were brought in to bid.

She'd wined and dined, and she needed this project to cement her place as the first she-wolf to ever be CEO of the MPC. To prove that she hadn't just been given the job because her father was an elder.

It was apparent that Griffon didn't take her seriously!

She clenched her fists and rushed to Griffon's office. She wanted to go in and question him but was stopped by his pack guards.

"Miss, Alpha Knight is not accepting meetings at this time."

Tara was livid. "I'm Griffon's mate, your future Luna! How dare you stop me?!"

The guard was stunned. He didn't expect that the woman in front of him would be Alpha Knight's mate.

"I'm sorry, but without Alpha Knight's permission, I cannot let you in. We were given orders to let no one in under any circumstances."