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His Resolve

ALEJANDRO

I downed the liquid , relishing the way it burned my throat before I tossed the glass onto the ground , watching it shatter into a thousand pieces before gripping the balcony rail as I glared out into the darkness . Why couldn't I fucking control myself ? I was fucking losing my shit and she stood there unbothered . Fuck , I was relying on her running away from me .

Not coming to my fucking engagement looking like a fucking goddess . The way she stood there ... poised , in control and that goddess damned aura of hers . The urge to mark and mate with her right now was taking over . I needed her gone How do I get her to leave ? ” Alejandro . ” Rafael's voice came . Well fuck , can no one leave me the fuck alone ? Clearly not . He came over and rested on the rail next to me . I clenched my jaw , glaring out ahead . ” You ok ? You seem ... restless . ” He said , his fucking concern clear in his voice . I scoffed . ” I'm not a fucking kid Raf , and more than that , don't try to act like you fucking care . ” I do care . It doesn't matter that you're thirty – four , you're still my kid brother . I'm proud of you , that you're ready to settle down ... But I don't know , you don't seem to be happy ... ” His tone was as gentle as ever . I hated it , hated that shitty concern . It reminded me of our fucking childhood when he told me it's all going to be fucking ok ... He was the only fucking one who's seen me at my fucking weakest and most vulnerable ... ” I'm fucking fine .

” ” I want to see you happy brother , but with someone you want to . Don't force yourself you don't want to . ” He said , placing a hand on my shoulder . ” A little fucking late for that . My decision's made . ” ” F ” ” You can back out if you want ... ” ” Just stay the fuck out of my business . ” I said , now moving

away from the wall as I lit another cigarette " Thank you for having Raihana and Rayhan ... Raihana doesn't even want to go home .

" " Well , she's fucking delusional then , I almost killed Rayhan a few times . You might want to keep them the fuck away IF from me . " Only Rayhan ? " Rafael said , clearly fucking emphased . " What the fuck does that mean ? " I said coldly . " You had three young girls in this house . Only Rayhan got injured , not bad at all . Considering he's an Alpha who can defend himself . Don't paint yourself worse than you are , Al . " " You're fucking stupid too .

" " Come for a visit Alejandro , you and Jasmin . I think it would be nice . " He said . His irritating tone grating at my fucking nerves . " You should ask your mate first before inviting a monster home . " I said , shoving past him .

" AL . H " Excuse me , my King , it's time for the ceremony . " Kennan , one of the council members said .

" Sure , let's get this shit over and done with . " I replied coldly , despite the fucking pain that was squeezing at my chest .

We walked back inside and I saw Jasmin was already standing on the dais talking t o one of the council members . Allen , he was one of the three top advisors alongside Kennan and then of course we had that dickhead Elijah . The youngest one of the fucking trio . I did put the fuckers in that position , but that doesn't mean I like them . " Alpha . " Jasmin said , flashing me a smile . She looked ok I guess in her gold dress , but she was completely unappealing to m e . This was what I was settling for . I'm meant to be the fucking King and I couldn't even have what I wanted . Thanks to my own fucking insecurities and fear that I'll hurt her ... As the room went silent and Allen began o n his complimentary shit , my mind was fucking fogging up . I could still back out ...

But would I hurt Kiara ? I mean , I can't even think I'd hurt her . No. I could . Just how I lost it with Dad

and killed my Mom , who got caught up in the crossfire ... What if I did the same to Kiara ? Would she even want me ? Probably not , apart from being good at fucking her , I don't think there's anything else she'd find fucking appealing and I don't really blame her ... I mean , I'm a fucking mess who has fucking issues . " ... truly an honour .

Today our King will take his chosen mate , a Queen , to reign over us . For the future of his legacy and one of our kind . Since the Lycan King , Alejandro Rossi , took his place , abuse against packs by Alphas has become almost non – existent .

The monsters that attack our packs and pups are being taken care of . Our King has ruled and formed a union of understanding within the entire kingdom . My King , Alpha Alejandro , are you ready to make Jasmin Bloom , daughter of Alpha Bill of The Quick Fang Pack , your Queen and Luna ? " a I clenched my jaw , as Jasmin gave me a smile . My heart raced as I looked out at the crowds .

My eyes were searching for just one ... She stood out , and even if she wasn't in black , I would have found her . She stood there like a fucking Queen , her confidence and aura spread around her and the urge to go to her and fucking ask her to forgive me threatened to overcome me .

Her eyes were cast down , but I wished I could look into those orbs of hers . This wouldn't break her , would it ? I mean , I hurt her enough already . She was strong , right ? Well , if she was , then why couldn't I keep her ? Look up Amore Mio , tell me you don't care ... Show me you're o k .

I looked at her but she was composed . The only thing that showed her emotions was the way her breasts rose and fell . I felt fucking weak , out of control and fucking lost , she seemed to be the only light ... What do I do ? After Kiara , there was no woman I wanted physically and even marking someone else ... the thought made my fucking stomach churn . Fuck .

My heart was hammering in my chest , ringing loudly in my ear , and I suddenly felt this place was too fucking tight.

" Alpha ." Jasmin said , now placing her hand on my arm . " Mark me . " " 1 Everyone clapped . ' Please don't . ' Darien's voice came through the link . ' You need her . ' I shut him out as I turned towards Jasmin . Mark her and get over it . I took a deep breath and bent down slightly . My eyes flickered red , the beast within me rising in anger . Kiara . Fuck , stop coming into my mind ! I looked at the neck before me , it wasn't Kiara ... I didn't want this ... Fuck I couldn't ... I just couldn't . " I can't . " I said hoarsely , stepping back . A ripple of gasps flitted through them as some began to whisper and others exchanged looks . I couldn't , I just couldn't ... My heart was racing and for a moment I felt like I was caught in the headlights . For the first time , I didn't like the fact that all eyes were on me .

" Why , my King ? " Allen asked , alarmed . Jasmin covered her mouth , her eyes filled with tears . " I ...

She's not my mate . " I muttered .

A louder gasp and a buzz of murmurs enveloped me as I closed my eyes , running my fingers through my hair . What the fuck have I just done.

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A Warning

KIARA

I closed my eyes as Alejandro made his way onto the stage . The way he walked , the confidence and swagger , and his ' I don't give a shit ' attitude made my stomach flutter crazily . Oh Goddess ... this was it ... I had to stay strong . It seemed I didn't have as much effect on him as he had on me .

Stay strong , Kia ... I tried to push away the suffocating pain that was growing in my chest . The elder wolf

– Allen – began speaking . I cast my gaze down , unable to look at the couple on stage . Count slowly ,

breathe steadily , conceal your emotions and stay confident . This will not break me .
He had already hurt me , I don't think there was anything that could make this worse . He was going to mark her , and although deep down a part of me hoped he'd back out , I knew things weren't that easy .
He had broken me , I had felt it and all I could think of was his comment ' ignore her ' before he kissed Jasmin .
' Want me to kill him ? ' Dad's voice said through the link . My heart thudded as my eyes flew open and I turned to him . Dad knew . He gave me the faintest smile , his eyes holding concern and love , before placing his hand around my waist comfortingly . ' No. It's ok . ' I replied shakily . Dad knew , Goddess ! I never expected this .

What shocked me the most was he didn't tell me to just reject him knowing who it was ... What did Dad think of him ? " Mark me . " Jasmin's voice snapped me out of my thoughts and my gaze went to the couple on stage . " I can't . " His words made me gasp as I stared at the scene before me . " Why , my King ? " The council elder asked . " I ... She's not my mate . " He muttered , stepping away as he ran his hand through his hair .
A storm of whispers rushed through the room as everyone began to question what was happening . My heart was pounding , but before I could even make sense of it , the unearthly growls of Wendigo's filled the room . The chandeliers in the ceiling shook as everyone tensed . How did they get in without being noticed ? I glanced at Alejandro , who was frowning deeply .
" Everyone make your way out calmly ! Warriors protect the women and children ! " Alejandro growled .
" I want those Alphas able to fight to prepare , those who can't should escort the vulnerable out . " But before anyone could even act on his words , I sensed deep chilling tingles rush through me before I heard a cracking sound .

The entire ceiling caved in , the lights went out as several Wendigo's jumped into the room , hissing and growling as they began attacking . Magic was at work here , I could sense it . " Kiara ! " My heart skipped a beat in shock as I realised who had shouted . I had been so lost in thought that I wasn't able to respond as a Wendigo jumped down into the room and lunged straight for me . It was at this moment that reality hit me as I sensed Mum and Dad rushing towards me . At the same time , something brushed past me , the intoxicating scent telling me exactly who it was .

He stopped in front of me , throwing the Wendigo across the room as his arm pushed me behind him protectively . The delicious jolt of sparks rushing through me . " She's Mine . " He growled venomously as the Wendigo rushed towards us , with its long limbs and saliva dripping from its jagged teeth .

Before it could even reach us , Alejandro ripped it to shreds . He turned , his blazing red eyes now illuminated in the darkness . " You need to get to safety . " He said quietly .

His hand took mine and my breath hitched as I felt the sparks that rushed through me and took breath away . my " L ... I can fight . " I said . " Yeah she can , and you have some serious explaining to do later .

The both of you .

Mom's icy voice came as she pushed a staff into my hands . I smiled .

Now that was more like it . IT " I

have nothing to answer to you . Alejandro growled . " Oh yeah ? We'll see .

" Mum growled back . " Guys ... " I said , I could sense the nearing beast .

The approaching Wendigo

made me shudder , and I took a deep breath , trying to channel my abilities . Emotion , right now that

was the only thing I knew that brought my powers to the forefront .

I pushed all the pain , anger and irritation I felt into focusing on my

powers . I felt that fire ignite within

me and I opened my blazing purple eyes . The hall that had only moments earlier been plunged into

darkness was now illuminated brightly by the purple flames that wrapped around me .

I saw the Wendigo hiss as it recoiled . " I'll manage this one . " I said , not even looking at Alejandro or

Mom . " Right ... This isn't over Alejandro . " Mom said coldly . " I'd like to see what the fuck you can do .

" Alejandro shot back .

I didn't need to look at them to know they were glaring at each other , before Mom rushed off to fight

another Wendigo . Thankfully , most of the guests were Alphas and Lunas , many of whom had shifted

and were fighting the beasts . Even then , I could smell the blood , hear the screams and hisses .

I knew that not everyone would make it out ... There were too many Wendigos . From the quick scan I

did , surely over fifteen . I knew Alejandro hadn't left but I didn't bother looking at him as I rushed

forward , my feet barely touching the ground . My heart hammered as I realised I couldn't even feel any

pain in my ankle .

I spun around and attacked the Wendigo that was recoiling from me . I plunged the staff through its neck

and pinned it to the ground . " Are you just going to stand there or are you going to tear it to shreds just

the way you love to do to everything ? " I said icily .

He stepped forward , his arm brushing mine , and in a flash he had ripped it to pieces . I looked away as

blood splattered everywhere . " You're not fucking wrong , I do love to destroy things . That's not a

fucking mystery though , is it ? " His deep , sexy voice came , his eyes now burning into mine .

My stomach was knotted and my entire body was reacting to his voice , my core aching for something

that only he could satiate . Sadly , along with all the other feeling's was a pain that had scarred me ,

tainted something that should have been pure and perfect ...

I turned away as I looked at the next Wendigo , taking a deep breath I rushed at it , using the staff to

propel me forward and straight at the beast ... Less than half an hour later , the threat had been dealt

with , but this time they had left a message .
There on the front lawn written in what looked like blood , a deep red shimmering glow making them stand out , were the words .
GIVE US THE GIRL AND NO ONE ELSE DIES ‘ I didn’t miss the way some of the Alphas whispered between themselves . Unease settled in .
The lights out here were on and I could make out some things but not perfectly . ” I think we should bargain with them . Surely , we can put an end to this madness ! It’s clear you haven’t managed this well

Do you know how dangerous it is if so many Alphas were killed ? ” A broody looking Alpha said , glaring at the message on the floor . ” True , almost as if you want us out of the picture .

” Another remarked . I felt anger blaze within me . How can they blame Alejandro for this ?! ” There’s clearly magic involved . Did you know of this ?! ” ” Just give them what they want ... ” Another spoke .

Dad growled at him , shutting him up . ” No one’s getting anyone , now get this shit cleaned up .

” Alejandro growled dangerously to no one in particular . ” As our King , I demand to know why this hasn’t been dealt with . I almost lost my Luna ! ” Another Alpha shouted . ” What about my daughter !

You said you’d marry her ! ” Alpha Bill protested . ” ENOUGH ! ”

Alejandro thundered , now glaring murderously at the Alphas .

His power exuded from him and all the Alphas lowered their heads in submission . I saw even Dad looked

away , his jaw clenched . I knew as much as he fought it , he couldn’t ignore Alejandro’s Alpha aura . The

only person unaffected was me . I saw him glance at me before he looked away . ” I am dealing with this

shit . I don’t need to justify that to anyone ... Now get the fuck out of here .

There is not going to be any engagement . ” Alejandro said coldly . ” I demand to know why ! ” Alpha Bill

said , his face going purple . I had to say , he sure was brave ... or
incredibly stupid ... Didn't he know
Alejandro's temper ? Alejandro's murderous gaze fell on him , but
before he could do anything , Jasmin
dragged her dad away .
I saw her stop and look at me , but in the dim lighting , I couldn't make
out the expression on her face . ”
How many losses ? ” Alejandro asked coldly . K ” Alpha Jake lost his Luna
and Alpha Ali was killed as well .
We have several injured ” 1 ” I'll help them .
” I said , lifting my skirt as I scanned the area , trying to find the
injured . ” You need to be careful who
you display your powers in front of . ” Alejandro said quietly . ” I don't
take orders from you . ” I said icily
. I felt his gaze on me , and although I knew he had called off his
engagement , I didn't know what was
going through his mind nor what I wanted .
' Mom , Dad , where are the injured ? ” I asked through the link , not
wanting to appear as useless as I
felt . I was only able to see the area that was illuminated . '10 o'clock
from your standing . ' Mom's '10 o
clock from your standing . ' Mom's reply came . I nodded , I always
appreciated Mom's help , she never
made a fuss . I went in that direction , the smell of blood only getting
stronger .
” I need some light ... and move back . ” I said quietly . The few wolves
who were helping moved back as I
healed those injured . There was more than I anticipated but even when
Dad came over to tell me to
stop , I refused to do so . I was almost done when Alpha Jake rushed to
my side . ” Please save Ella !
Please .
” He pleaded . In the glow of the light that someone had set up , I could
see the desperation in his eyes
as he fell to his knees , holding the mauled , bloody body of his mate .
My heart ached with guilt as I
looked at her . She was dead . ” I'm sorry Alpha Jake . I can't do anything .
I said quietly . ” ” Please try !
You're a blessed wolf ! Please ! ” He cried .
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Please Don't

ALEJANDRO

An hour had passed since everyone had been healed or taken care of .
As much as I fucking hated it ,
Kiara healed everyone without a care who saw her ability and who
didn't . I knew Elijah wasn't pleased ,
but it seemed like me , he probably didn't feel like there was anything
we could have fucking done to
stop her . Something about Kiara's aura , her strength , and the way she
oozed authority seemed to carry
itself knowingly .

As I said , she's a fucking queen . Alpha Jake was sent home after being
given the option to hold a funeral
for his mate here , but he refused . I sent men with the families of those
who had lost someone and the
injured that were now . mostly healed were given the option to stay and
rest or leave . The Alphas who
were unharmed all decided to take their leave . With these attacks , they
didn't feel comfortable leaving
their packs unwatched .

Although we all knew the target was Kiara . This new warning may have
minted at attacks on packs , one
thing I had to make sure didn't happen . Although many wanted to know
why the wedding wasn't
happening and since when did I care for a fucking mate . Not to mention
the rumours that had now
blown up about Kiara's potential . I knew those old fuckers were
planning shit and had questions they
wanted me to answer . Questions I knew I was going to have to answer
to the fucking council members
that were remaining here .

Raf and his family were also stopping . The fucking pups seemed to be
happy about that . I even saw
Rayhan and Raihana smirking about something , and from the fucking
look of things , I was sure they had
somehow fucking clicked about Kiara ... I wasn't sure if they realised I
was her mate , but then again , I
did fucking say She's mine ' like a fucking idiot . They had been close by
when I had said that ... 2 (And

here the fuck we were , Claire and Carla had made tea for everyone and we were gathered in the larger living room in my mansion , a room that I rarely used . I leaned against the wall , dressed in a pair of joggers and a t – shirt , smoking away .

Scarlett was now dressed in black and looking at me like she wanted to fucking kill me . Yeah , she probably did . Luckily for me , I wasn't the only one facing Scarlett's wrath , I saw the glares Elijah was getting . Something I actually enjoyed . He looked fucking pained to be in her bad books . Serves the fucker right ... Rayhan , Raf , Maria , Allen , Kennan , Darien , Serena , a crying Jasmin and Bill were now all here . The door opened and Kiara stepped inside . My heart skipped a fucking beat . She looked fucking gorgeous in her dress , despite the splashes of blood and the few tears mixed in it . She didn't look at me , but I didn't miss the beat of her heart speed up . Now what ? I couldn't bring myself to mark Jasmin ... I knew in that moment on stage , that the only woman I'd ever be able to mark would be Kiara . But ... that was all I knew . Would I ? Could I ? Was it too fucking late ? Was I fucking safe for her to be around ? The door shut with a soft click and I heard Scarlett tut her tongue in annoyance . Her glare now trained on her daughter . Kiara simply looked away , crossing her arms . " Alpha Alejandro , care to explain why we called Alphas from all over the country , only for you to back out ? With all due respect . " Allen said gravely . Elijah crossed his arms , since his woman wasn't letting him touch her . " I want to know too . " He added . " This is no small matter . " Kennan remarked . Jasmin rushed over to me , clasping her hands together . " Alpha ... Please ... I don't care what you do on the side . I want you . " She whispered . I did not want this shit in front of everyone . I frowned as I glared at her . " I told you from the fucking start , don't expect anything from me . " I said

icily . " Give us one good reason why you want to call this off . " Bill said , patting his sweating brow .

Clearly , he had worked himself up as he took deep breaths , trying not to panic . " Please Alpha . "

Jasmin begged , her eyes filled with tears . Tears that meant nothing to me . " I'll tell you the damn reason .

" Scarlett said , her eyes flashing silver as she stepped forward as all eyes turned to her . " Red . " Elijah

said . " No ! Why should I stay quiet ? I am so fucking pissed off ! " She snapped , her canines elongated .

" Mom . Enough . " Kiara's sexy voice came . Her mother looked at her and I knew they were mind linking

. Scarlett pushed Elijah's hands off of her and clenched her fists .

Her nostrils flared in anger and I knew for a fucking fact that she was not done ... " I'll tell you why . "

Jasmin suddenly said . I growled dangerously , my aura rolling off me in waves . I knew she fucking knew

it was because of Kiara , but I didn't want Jasmin to call her out . I don't even know what the fuck we

were . She flinched at the power that filled the room and fell silent . "

Uncle found his mate . That's why .

' Rayhan said with a shit – eating smirk that I wanted to smack right off his fucking face .

A gasp rippled through those who weren't aware of this , and I felt my brothers ' gaze burning into me . "

She isn't his mate ! " Jasmin said , glaring at him . Rafael looked at his son before frowning . " Can you all

just explain what the hell is going on ? " He said . " If you have found your mate , then why not mark her

? " Kennan asked . Allen let out a chuckle ,

his eyes suddenly widening as he looked at Kiara . Damn , the fucker was smart ... " A befitting queen !

Mark her and let the rightful queen take her place . " He said , barely able to contain his excitement .

Well . Fuck . I wasn't expecting him to say that . " No. " I said quietly . I had no idea what I wanted , what

the fuck the future held or if she could ever forgive me .

I mean , did I want her to forgive me ? My heart thudded as all eyes turned towards me . " No ? Then I

want to know why the hell you're messing with my daughter . Make up your mind about what the hell you want . And Alpha Allen , next time you talk about my daughter as if she's a prize to be claimed , I'll be castrating something of yours and taking it home as my trophy ! " Scarlett said icily .

" Red , stop it ... " Elijah murmured . But in this silent room , we all heard . Allen visible paled but his annoyance was also clear . However , he respected Elijah and was the calmest of the trio . " Do YOU think Kiara should just accept him after all this ? " Scarlett challenged , turning to Elijah . " She can decide for herself . " Elijah said firmly , his eyes flashing . " Kiara ... is his mate ? " Maria said , I didn't miss the annoyance in her tone . Well , it seemed like she had hoped for some other shit . Too bad . " So , you have a child mate ? " Bill said grumpily . " She's not a child . " I growled . " Then why didn't you accept her ? " Rafael asked softly . The room went silent , and I wished he hadn't asked the correct fucking question . I looked away , not physically able to answer that question .

" " If you can't answer that , then reject me . ! Her voice came , as beautiful as a melody yet carrying words as painful as a poisoned knife . I looked up and our eyes met , my dark ones looking into her gorgeous blue rimmed green ones . My heart fucking raced as a storm of emotions filled me . The very thought of rejecting her was so fucking painful ... " Fine . Then I'll do it . " She said , her eyes flashing purple . I saw the pain in them but even then she held strong . " Kia , don't be reckless . " Elijah said quietly . " Kiara , please . You are- "

Allen began . Kiara held her hand up , silencing him . Her eyes not leaving mine . Don't do it ... Please don't .

I was fucking begging for something . Yet at the same time ... I couldn't give her anything . Why shouldn't she reject me ? " I , Kiara Westwood of The Desert Storm Pack , rejected ' I was in front of her in a

flash , my heart fucking giving me away . My hand clamped over her mouth and I heard the soft gasp that left those plush lips of hers and I shook my head slowly . 2 Don't . Please fucking don't .

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An Angry Mother

KIARA

I hated this . The constant assumptions , decisions and looks I was getting from everyone . I don't know what I wanted Did I want him ? Yes , deep down I did , but he had also hurt me beyond anything I could ever imagine . The pain threatened to suffocate me as I took a deep breath . " I Kiara Westwood of The Desert Storm Pack , rej- " He was in front of me in the blink of an eye , his hand covering my mouth .

Sparks rushed through my very veins at his touch . A storm of emotions in those dark orbs of his . His heart raced as fast as my own was . My stomach knotted as I stared into his eyes as he shook his head slowly . His unspoken message was loud and clear . Don't do this . That's what he was saying . Then why couldn't he tell me why he didn't want me ? Rafael's question was the one I wanted an answer to . A whistle broke me out of my thoughts as Rayhan chuckled . " That should answer enough questions ... Sorry Jasmin , you're not really wanted . " He said with a wink at Jasmin , who was looking at me with such contempt that I felt a cold shiver run down my spine . I moved away from Alejandro's touch as he too stepped back . His scent still filled my nose and as much as I wanted to run into his arms , I couldn't . " Control your son , Alpha Rafael ! " Alpha Bill grumbled . Rafael looked at him apologetically . " I'm sorry , but if Jasmin had an idea that something was going on between the two , then she should have really stepped back straight away . I'm not saying Alejandro was correct though . " He said . " Well , we have got our answers .

I will handle the council ... I'll leave the witches , Wendigos and Manangal's to you Alpha Alejandro . ”

Alpha Allen said . Alejandro nodded curtly and Alpha Allen came over to me . ” It isn't my place , but you are meant for this ... Please don't make any rash decisions . ” He said seriously . ” Don't tell her what she should and shouldn't do . ” Mom snapped . I internally winced . No wonder everyone said Dad was actually the level – headed one ... ” You should leave too . ” Rayhan said , looking at Alpha Bill as if this was obvious .

” Before you do ... I'm disappointed in you , Jasmin . ” Mom said . ” In me ? For caring for my fiancé ? It's your daughter who you should be disappointed in ! She's the one who was going around kissing my fiancé ! ” Jasmin shouted . Oh , Goddess ... All eyes turned to us and my cheeks burned as I felt Dad's gaze on me . ” She didn't kiss me . ” Alejandro growled , ” Now get the fuck out ! ” His command was clear and Alpha Bill pulled Jasmin to the door . Our eyes met and I saw the unfiltered hatred in them . I had just made myself an enemy .

” Excuse us ... ” Alpha Kennan murmured as both he and Allen left , leaving just our families here . Dad massaged his temples . ” Do I even want to know what the hell that was about ? ” He asked . I didn't miss his gaze flickering to Rayhan . Oh , this was so embarrassing ... ” I do . ” Mom said , her eyes glaring at Alejandro . ” Mom ... Seriously , I'm not a kid . Secondly , can we not do this ? It's usually Dad and Liam . Now you're doing the same thing ! ” I snapped . She turned her attention away from the man who had a ‘ I don't give a fuck ‘ look on his face and looked at me with a frown .

” Obviously , since you and your father decided not to tell me . ” She said , I didn't miss the flash of hurt in her eyes . I frowned . Why did I have to answer to anyone ? ” Because there was no time ... You came and it wasn't like you gave me a chance ! You and Dad jumped each other . When did I get the chance ?

And don't blame Dad because it wasn't his thing to tell . What did you expect me to say ? I'm mated to someone who doesn't want me ? It's fine anyway . I don't have anything to prove to anyone and neither am I going to do so .

Now if we're done , I'm going to bed . It's been a long night . " I said coldly . I knew Mom was upset , but so was I. I had been through so much and even now , I had no idea what we were . Something broke within me at the sight of him and Jasmin . Just because he refused to marry her ... It didn't make all that pain go away ... " Get some rest . " Dad said quietly . I didn't reply , simply nodded , turned and left the room . ALEJANDRO Kiara left the fucking room but she left a fucking rabid wolf behind in the process .

Scarlett lunged at me , I blocked as she threw a punch , I knocked her arm aside as she followed with a kick . I growled but her eyes simply flashed . I knew I had less fucking control over her than Elijah , we always put it down to her fucking abilities .

But now I wondered if it had something to do with her bloodline I was going to leave tomorrow for the Galloway forest , and Callum would find that witch who knew more about the Asheton lineage . I needed answers , the quicker the better .

I grabbed her throat , growling , but she just fucking punched me across the jaw . Maria gasped and I

clenched my jaw , if she was not Kiara's mother . My eyes flashed .

Rafael stepped forward and I

dropped the woman . " Watch it , or I won't mind tearing you to fucking pieces ... " I said murderously to

Scarlett . " Don't threaten my mate . " Elijah growled , his anger radiating in the room .

" Then keep her on a fucking leash . " I shot back . He lunged at me and I really did want to beat the

dickhead up , but Rafael the fucking peacemaker , stepped between us . " Please boys , play nice . " He

said . " Red come on , baby . " Elijah said , tugging his crazy she – wolf into his arms as he glared daggers

at me . If looks could fucking kill ... ” I am fucking pissed off with you as well ! ” Scarlett snapped , glaring at Elijah . ” You knew they were mates before the engagement party , right ?! ” ” I had my suspicions . ”

Fucking wuss .

” So , you let my baby girl go through shit ?! ” Scarlett said . I had never seen them argue ... They were the most united fucking couple I had ever met ... and the pained look in Elijah’s eyes showed he hated them arguing . ” You’re the one who says let her be independent . ” He said firmly , cupping her face . ”

This is the time to let her decide what she wants . ” Scarlett fell silent as Elijah kissed her .

Well fuck , seems like fairy tales existed . Kiss the fucking girl and all is ok . They broke apart and she turned and looked at me . ” My daughter is a queen with or without you . You’ve mentally hurt her by taking another in front of her ... I wonder if this is karma ... I was ready to reject my mate and take Elijah for myself ... Even if he was meant for someone else ... Maybe this is Selene’s warning that we shouldn’t play with that bond It’s there for a reason . Fix the damage you’ve done and maybe , just maybe , you might be worthy of her .

” I saw the sadness in her eyes , that only a mother would have . She left the room and Elijah followed . I

was actually thinking the fucker was the one who would flip ... but he didn’t . Guess the world was full of fucking surprises . Rafael walked over to me , placing a hand on my shoulder . ” You have a mate , who is befitting for you . Win her over . Right this wrong and I’m sure she’ll forgive you .

You are capable of loving , I saw how you jumped to protect her at the engagement , the way you protected Raihana and helped her over the rubble . Don’t be stubborn so long that it becomes too late to fix it . I believe in you , I know you will never hurt her . You staying away from her is hurting her more than anything . ” He said , his warm voice irritating me like always .

The questions I always wanted to ask threatened to come out and I clenched my jaw , shrugging him off .

” Come on , Maria . ” He said , after giving me one last smile before leading his wife out . The only one that remained was Rayhan and a very fucking awkward silence fell between us . ” What ? Want to add your shit ? ” I asked coldly . I hadn’t forgiven him for what happened that night ... ” If you want to call it that .

” He said , that irritating smile on his fucking face . He became serious . ” I just want to apologise , for that night ... I never knew you cared . If I did , I wouldn’t have you know ... ” I clenched my jaw , fucking pissed . Knowing my damn nephew had slept with my mate was fucking irritating . But then again , I couldn’t stake a claim on what I refused to accept . ” Kiara was drunk that night . You hurt her repeatedly ... You can’t really blame her either . ” He said , shoving his hands into his pockets .

I didn’t reply . I knew I wouldn’t get over this shit any time soon , but this was as close to talking things out as we were going to get . I thought that ... until the fucker spoke again , stopping at the door as he looked back . ” Oh , and one more thing ... You really shouldn’t let someone that hot and good slip through your fingers ... Because I’m sure there are hundreds who would love to be in your position . ”

The clear hint of what he was insinuating was obvious in his fucking words . My eyes flashed , but he was gone before I could even reply . Fucking bastard . I punched the wall , clenching my jaw . Kiara ... She had consumed my mind ... My heart ... My fucking world . The question was , what do I do now ? Do I follow my heart or my mind ? I knew the answer to that . I had tried to follow my mind and I couldn’t . Even her parents weren’t trying to keep her fifty miles away from me . Even Raf and Rayhan were encouraging this shit . Did they really not think of me as a fucking danger ? Was there a chance that maybe I could ?

Just fucking maybe , give this a shot ? I knew it was fucking late to regret stuff and I had already pushed her far enough that she had slept with my nephew and was ready to reject me ... But was there a chance to fix this shit ? Or had I broken her beyond the point of return ?

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Midnight Baking

KIARA

Three hours had passed , and I still wasn't able to sleep . Every time I shut my eyes , I was either seeing Alejandro telling Jasmin to ignore me or him saying he couldn't mark her . I pushed the covers off , now agitated . I had blocked the mind link off because I didn't want to talk to anyone , and I was glad Mom hadn't tried to bother me . We both needed to calm down .

I had even texted Raven , filling her in on everything two hours ago , but she must be asleep now ... The forty – minute shower I had when I came up wasn't enough to relax me ... What should I do ? A sudden thought came to me and I smiled . I knew what I should do ... and it was already late , no one would be awake . Kicking off the covers , I jumped out of my bed , wincing at the pain in my ankle . I paused , remembering how it hadn't hurt when I had lunged at the Wendigo ... Did my ability have something to do with that ? I would need to trial it out another time . I didn't want to attract Wendigos . I pulled my hair into a messy bun and left my room . I used the light on my phone to see as I made my way silently downstairs . My feet padded lightly on the steps . I entered the kitchen , feeling a little chilly in my black shorts and crop top . I'm sure it will heat up once the oven was turned on . I turned it on first before I began taking the ingredients for brownies out , placing them on the island in the centre .

I always find baking therapeutic , and right now I think a glass of milk and gooey brownies were the

perfect thing to help me get a good night's sleep . I frowned , unable to find the plain chocolate bars . I closed the drawer and headed to the pantry , looking at the lined shelves of goodies . No plain chocolate , I almost gave up when my gaze caught a stack on a shelf above my head .

I smiled at the large slabs of Dairy Milk whole nut chocolate . I could use those . Why the hell were they so far up ? Tiptoeing , I grabbed two bars , turning as a shadow loomed in the door . I almost dropped the bars , gasping in alarm before the familiar intoxicating scent hit my nose .

" I don't like anyone stealing my chocolate . My heart thumped . I wasn't expecting him to come downstairs . I refused to look him in the eyes , but even that was a mistake as I was now looking at his perfect shirtless body .

His pierced nipples , refined abs and his tattoos made my core throb , a Oh , Goddess I looked away , trying to move past him , but he didn't budge . Reaching up , he grabbed a bar . I closed my eyes , trying not to inhale his intoxicating scent . His arm brushed my shoulder and I pulled back , feeling those strong tingles rush through me . I felt his eyes on me before he stepped out of the pantry .

I let out the breath I didn't know I was holding and made my way back over to my bowl . Opening the first bar of chocolate , I began to break it up , placing the nutty parts in a separate bowl . My heart was pounding , and I wished it wasn't . Leave the kitchen . Please .

My blazing purple eyes met his dark ones . He frowned as he picked up some of the chocolatey nuts that I had separated , popping them into his mouth . " Why didn't you allow me to reject you ? " I asked , mixing the chocolate chunks before I returned to the rest of my mixture , my eyes trained on him . He frowned , and for a moment the only sound I could hear was the bubbling water , the crunch of the nuts he was eating and our own hearts .

" I don't know . " He said quietly , his words stung and I really wished he had more to say than that ... A harsh reply was at the tip of my tongue when he spoke . " You smell like hazelnut chocolate . " I looked at him , surprised at the random comment . Our eyes met and I wasn't ready for the emotion in his , emotions he tried to hide and sure enough , he had his mask back on almost instantly . " Well , you smell of smoke and sweat . " I lied , I was not going to be nice . He gave me a cold smirk . " So that's the smell you fucking like ? " " Excuse me ? " I said coldly . " You like it . A mate smells good , regardless of what the fuck it is . " He said , giving a cocky look . " No , you don't . " I said . A spasm of pain went through me , I tried to push it away as I took the melted chocolate from the cooker , mixing it into the rest of the mixture before I lined a baking tray and scooped all the mixture in .

I placed it into the oven , setting the timer . With nothing to do , I realised I couldn't avoid him I scanned the kitchen , desperate to keep myself busy so gathered up the dishes and placed them in the sink . " I know I hurt you ... Your Mom fucking gave me that shit after you left the zoom But trust me , I'm a fucking monster . I didn't reject Jasmin to ... You know . Yeah , like I've said You're perfect but I'm a fucking mess I have nothing to offer you " He said quietly . My heart skipped a beat ... So , he was still fixed on that . " Wasn't that supposed to be my decision to make ? " I said quietly , soaping the dishes , my back to him . " Not when you don't know how fucked up I am . " He said . " You still didn't have that right . " I said , wishing there were more dishes to wash ... I put the stuff away before wiping the surface down , leaving the chocolate bowl and his glass which he was drinking so slowly ... His eyes met mine . " Yeah ... Well , there's more involved than you know ... " " All you had to do was tell me . " I said quietly .

Our hearts raced in sync as if setting a rhythm of their own . And I realised one thing , no matter how

much he hurt me ... I still wanted him . I could see the turmoil in his eyes too . ” Instead of ripping my heart out and crushing it . ” I added .

” I’m sorry ... I just needed you to leave ... to run . As fucking far as you could possibly go from me . ” He said . His gaze flickered to my breast before he looked away . My stomach did a flip and I looked at the broken bits of chocolate , taking a piece . ” 1 ” Well , I guess that didn’t work .

” ” Who knew you were so fucking stubborn . ” He said , in the same tone . ” Guess that’s why I was made for you . ” a I wished I didn’t just say that . Our eyes met once more and I found myself lost in his ...

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Amore Mio

KIARA

” Selene can make mistakes ” Alejandro said quietly . ” Maybe , but I’m strong . You know that . ” I turned away to check my brownies . Deep down , I knew he just needed some love ... but I also needed him to take that first step . ” You fucking are ... The smell of brownies filled the air . ” Kiara . I looked at him , as he struggled to say what he wanted to . ” What is it ? ” I asked . ” I was ” The beep of the oven made us both turn .

He looked away , picking up his glass , I wanted to know what he had wanted to say . Damn ... I walked over to the oven , grabbing the gloves and took my brownies out . Taking a knife , I took the tray to where he was sitting and cut them into pieces . I wasn’t even done , and he reached for a piece . I tapped his hand with the knife , my eyes flashing . 11 ” I didn’t say you could have any . ” ” Too bad , I don’t fucking care .

” He said , taking a square , giving me a challenging look . ” Jerk . ” I muttered . ” What were you about to say ? ” ” When ? ” ” Before the oven went off ? ” He cocked a brow , looking at me mockingly . ”

Nothing . You sure you're not fucking delusional ? " " I said , my irritation " I didn't imagine it . " growing .
He smirked , " You can't even fucking deal with my attitude for two fucking minutes , and you thought we'd ever fucking work ...
" My heart ached at that , he was broken inside . I could see that much . I could also sense his emotions .
Something I realised was becoming much more obvious since I had unlocked my abilities . I had always been able to sense random things , but now I noticed I could pinpoint them .

" If we were together , I'd have slapped you one by now . Oh wait , I did that even when we weren't together . " He clenched his jaw . " Yeah , no fucking idea how the fuck you got away with that shit ... " "
Cause I'm special . " I said with a smug smirk . " Guess that's fucking true .
" He said , taking another piece . I tried not to let his words get to me , as I poured myself some milk , topping his glass up too as he moved on to his third piece of brownie .
What was this man ? The way he was gobbling these down ... " You like chocolate a lot , huh ? " " Guess so ... I think it was the only thing I really liked in this shit hole called life .
" He said . " Was ? " " Yeah ... " He said , his eyes meeting mine . " Why the past tense ? " I asked , now taking a piece and biting into it as I leant my elbows on the counter .
Once again , he didn't reply , a deep frown on his face . " If I hadn't pulled that shit I did ... Would you have accepted us ? " He asked quietly .
" How about we play a game ? We both get to ask three questions . The other has to answer truthfully .
" I suggested , taking a slow bite of my brownie . " Fine . " He said , sounding a little uncertain . " Then do you want me to answer that one ? " I asked . I realised he was looking anywhere but at me . " Yeah . " He said , now looking me in the eyes as he took another brownie square .
" Yes . I would have . I was waiting ... Waiting for you to tell Jasmin that you'd found your mate But

you didn't . " I said , not able to hide the pain in my voice . I stared into the distance , trying to remain composed , but all I could see was him saying to her to ignore me . " My turn . Why don't you want me ? " I think I've already answered that . " " No , all you say is you're a monster , or too messed up for me . Why do you say that ? Give me one reason . " I said , taking a sip of my milk . He seemed to hesitate . " When I first shifted ... I was thirteen . I heard my dad talking about me to my mom ... he never liked me . Said I was fucking worthless ... I lost my shit and confronted him . My anger took over and I tore him apart just the way I do to every fucking thing . I don't remember anything after I lost my shit ... but I will never forget the scene of that room when I came to . " He said quietly , his face cold and emotionless , yet I knew beyond that mask of indifference was a soul tormented by many thoughts and emotions . My stomach sank , I never knew he had killed his father ... Didn't their parents die in a rogue attack ? wwtogue attack : " Then : mother ... " your " Yeah , she did nothing to me . In fact , I supposedly loved her , but I murdered her too . Now , do you get why the fuck I don't want you near me ? " My heart thumped as the realisation settled in . He was scared to hurt me ... " That was not your fault , you were not responsible . It was an accident , " I said firmly . I was not going to let him beat himself over something he had no control over ! How must he have felt ? A thirteen year – old who had just shifted . He didn't reply and I sighed . " An accident that killed her . " " So , you were scared to hurt me ? " I asked . The sad thing was , his actions hurt me more than he ever would physically . " Do you want me to write it on a fucking poster for you ? " " No thanks . " I said , rolling my eyes . " My turn Do you want to reject me ? " " Yes and no . You hurt me , I won't deny that . That moment ... The one that every girl dreams of . That we'll find our mate and it'll be a beautiful moment , the way Mom used to tell me about hers and

Dads ... but mine is just this dark ... painful ... agonising memory . My mate who's meant to love me told another woman to just ignore me and carried on making out . I will never forget that ... Yet at the same time ... I don't know ... I don't think in my heart I can reject you right now ... I nibbled at the brownie , not wanting my emotions to surface . " I fucked you up pretty bad , huh ? " He said , smirking humourlessly . He took another brownie and I looked at him . " Do you ... have any feelings for me ? " I asked . I hated the fact that my heart was pounding loudly . He looked at me and the tension felt thick i n the air . " It's late ... " He said , ignoring my question as he turned away and stood up tried not to focus on his perfect body . My eyes fell on the huge tattoo that covered his back He didn't deny it ... but wasn't able to say i t either . My heart was pounding and I could hear his too ... Was he always going t o run away ? I turned from him , gripping the worktop as I fought the tears that now filled my eyes . Don't cry , Kia . Urgh , I hated this . " If ... If I tried , do I still have a chance ? " His words were so low that I wondered if I had heard correctly . " If you tried ? " I asked , my voice shaky despite my strongest attempt . " Yeah . " His deep voice resonated within m e , and I closed my eyes . " Yes . " I said quietly . I didn't know how long it would take , but maybe if he worked hard enough ... we could fix this . He had already made that start unknowingly when he told me that his mother was the reason behind him not wanting me near him " Good to know . " He said huskily , trying t o sound as unbothered as ever , but I didn't miss the beat of his heart or the relief that I sensed coming from him . " Alejandro . " I said . He paused , waiting for me to speak . " You won't hurt me . You've had countless chances , but you haven't . Even when I slapped you , you didn't hurt me . The only time you hurt me ... is when you kept pushing me away . " I said softly .

He didn't speak , but I knew he had heard me loud and clear . His next words made my heart explode into a storm of fireworks . " Good night , Amore Mio. " My heart skipped a beat , my eyes flying open as I turned , but I was only greeted by the door closing behind him . Leaving me alone in the kitchen with my brownies , My entire body felt warm at those simple yet beautiful words that lit up the darkness that had settled within me . I looked at the half – finished tray of gooey goodness and smiled gently . A ray of light had appeared , and I wanted to keep faith in it . Come whatever .

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Two Queens

KIARA

" Amore Mio ' ... My love in Italian ... The words Alejandro had said before he left the kitchen . Words that only gave my wolf hope whilst creating uncertainty and curiosity about what the future might hold . These words filled my mind and entered my restless dreams . Dreams where he marks Jasmin , tells her to ignore me before they walk away . Dreams that hurt .

The scene constantly changed from his whispered words of sweetness to him turning his back on me . "

Rise and shine Kia . " Mom's voice made my eyes open suddenly . "

Mom , ever heard of knocking ? " I

asked , rubbing my eyes as she pulled the curtains open . She gave me a small smirk . " Yeah , I just didn't

want to . " I rolled my eyes , my eyes falling on the two mugs of hot chocolate that sat on my bedside

table . I knew she wanted to talk ... great ... She sat at the end of my bed .

Without her trademark red lipstick that she was rarely seen without , she looked years younger . I swear ,

we could pass as sisters rather than mother and daughter ... although I looked more like Dad . " How are

you feeling ? " Mom asked , picking up the mugs and passing one over to me .

I scooted up and leant against the headboard . " I'm ... " Fine . That was the automatic reply that came to my lips , but I wasn't . " It hurts . You know how I always felt about finding my mate and then this happens . " " Mom nodded .

" I know you're angry at me because I didn't tell you , but there wasn't anything to tell . " " You know I was angrier because if I knew , I wouldn't have let you stand by and watch him mock that bond and yourself as he dared to even attempt to take Jasmin as his mate . " Mom said , her aura filling the room and her eyes flashing silver .

" So , you're mad because I didn't react ? " I asked sceptically . " Yeah , you should have slapped him a few and rejected him right there on stage . I would have loved that . The idiot couldn't . even take you saying those words in private . Imagine if you did it in front of everyone . " Mom said , a cold smirk on her face . I nodded . Mom really was epic " Yeah ... Mom ... I'm not you . " I said . She sighed . " Yeah , guess not , but I'm proud of you . After sleeping on it , I handled this so maturely . It realised you actually makes me really proud of you . I know you're not a child and you can handle yourself , but as a mother , I want to give you some advice . " She took a sip of her hot chocolate and I watched her .

I loved how Mom understood me , once you got past her temper anyway . " Shoot . " I said , smiling slightly . " I know he's your mate , but what he did was wrong . Very wrong . We all make mistakes but even after I got pissed at Jasmin , I realised she's just another victim in this . He gave her hope and she believed in that .

Yes she hurt you , and I won't forgive her for that , but I also know that's a very biased opinion as a mother . The situation was messy . We all do and say things we may not mean . Yes , I disliked what Jasmin and Alejandro did , but I love how you handled this like the queen you are . No pun intended . " I

smiled at that . Taking a sip of my own drink , the warmth running down my throat was pleasant . ” And I’m not encouraging you to accept or reject Alejandro . That’s your choice ... But I will say one thing , he needs to work to redeem himself . Never settle for anything less than the very best . I know he didn’t want to reject you and your father also said he has taken care of you . ” Yeah , in more ways than Dad knows ... I kept my face emotionless as Mom continued . ” But if he wants you ... then make him atone for the pain he’s caused you . You deserved the best . In your situation , I wouldn’t have been as calm as you were . ” Mom said . ” Let him show you he can be the man you want in your life . ” ” I talked to him last night ... He told me his reason ... and although I don’t agree with him , I understand where he’s coming from . ” I said quietly . Mom looked at me with a gentle smile . ” And ? ” She urged . ” He asked that if he tried ... was there a chance ? ” I said , blushing as I remembered last night . Mom’s eyes widened with clear surprise . ” He said that ? ” I nodded . ” I said yes . ” ” Mm . ” I looked at her , awaiting her reaction nervously . She smiled and nodded after a moment . ” If that’s what you want , but make sure you are able to heal before getting into anything . ” She said softly . I nodded . I knew she was right ; I also knew I hadn’t handled things the best . I didn’t know he was my mate at the time or I would have fought for him before I just backed away and slept with Rayhan . We couldn’t change the past , but we could work on the future . ” I’m sorry things didn’t go the way you wanted , but you’re a Westwood . I guess like your father , you were bound to get a difficult mate . ” She said guiltily . I smiled softly . ” You know , I always wanted a story like yours and Dads ... ” I said . ” Our story had its own hardships ... It wasn’t perfect , but that’s what makes it special . ” Mom said quietly . Her eyes were filled with so

many emotions and I saw the pain and sadness in them . She smiled softly , playing with the necklace
Dad had proposed with . I wondered what was going through her mind .
" Well ... It's true , my story isn't a fairy tale either , but I intend to get my happy ending . Dad was your forbidden Alpha and Alejandro ... He's my cold – hearted Alpha ... One whose heart I will surely thaw ... "
" I said , gazing out at the shining sun . " You know Mom , he was good to me before this whole mate thing ... He said I was perfect the way I was and how he would do his best to stay away from me . "
" Kiara ... You two haven't ... " My heart skipped a beat as I looked at Mom , my stomach fluttering at the thought of that night . My cheeks burned as Mom gasped . " 1 " That son of a ... " " Just once ... It was a two – way thing , Mom and you can't say anything , ok ? I know * you and Dad were at it even before you found out you were mates .
" " I said warningly . Mom clenched her jaw . " He's thirty – four and he- " " Mom , consensual remember ? " Mom sighed . " I still can't believe he ... you that asshole ... " She ran her fingers through her hair .
Goddess Kia . I mean , I knew Damon and you were sneaking around , but Alejandro ? " My eyes widened in surprise . " Wait , you knew about Damon ?
" " Obviously , I'm not stupid . He wasn't a bad kid and I made sure your dad never saw him when he snuck away often enough . " Mom said giving me a wry smile . I blushed .
Wow , Mom didn't mind ... "
Well , glad you didn't tell Dad , or he'd want to destroy him too ... " I said . " I think if he knew about Alejandro , he'd be a lot more pissed ... " Mom said amused .
" You're a woman , your dad can't really say anything anyway . There is nothing wrong with owning your sexuality and enjoying sex . I hate how men can do everything and no one cares , but when it's a woman , then there's an issue . ! " Shallow minded people ? " I suggested . I really did have the coolest Momma on the planet . She nodded .

" Just make sure you know what you want . " She said as she finished her drink . Well , get dressed , there's about to be a small meeting . As the king's mate ... You should be there . Alejandro is leaving soon to follow some clues Indigo and Fred found and I think it's high time you showed everyone what you're capable of .

" I nodded , this involved me and I was not going to sit back and let more people die .

The mention of Aunty Indy and Frederick made me want to tell Mom about them ... but I couldn't , I needed to speak to Aunty Indy first and I couldn't delay that any longer . Her Cold-Hearted Alpha chapter 78

Her Ace ALEJANDRO Last night I had slipped up and said Amore Mio to her face . That was fucking messed up , especially since I was about to fucking mark someone in front of her . I needed to take a step back and see where to go from here . She had given me hope , a hope I didn't deserve , and one that I didn't know I couldn't live without . Seeing her baking those brownies ... in my house .

I wanted her here forever . I knew in that moment she was the one I wanted to wake up to every morning . The last thing I saw before I fell asleep at night . I wanted her to warm my bed , just how she was fucking warming my heart . Yeah , I knew I cared for her , but accepting her ... That part still fucked me up . She was strong and I knew she could handle me ... Not to mention I was too fucking weak to live without her . So here the fuck I was , after a long run , thinking all night and day about her ... I knew I needed her ...

But I needed to work In the shit I fucked up and to trust the fact that I wouldn't hurt her ... It was going to be a fucking nightmare , but I was ready to at least fucking try . 2 I told Claire to bring my food to my room as I handled the paperwork for some business issues I had to attend . Although I usually had some of my men handle it , there was some shit only I could deal with .

I had just finished eating and was headed to my home office . Since all the fuckers were gathered here , I guess we would just hold the meeting here . I opened the door to find Rafael and Darien already inside , both men stopped talking when they saw me . I bet the fuckers were talking about me . " Alejandro . "

Rafael said with a smile . " Excuse me , I'll be back in ten for the meeting . " Darien said , quickly excusing himself . I gave him a murderous glare as he walked past before I took out a packet of cigarettes and lit one .

" You were out most of the night . " Rafael said as I leant against the wall , taking a long drag of my cigarette . " Yeah ? And that's your fucking business why ? " " I didn't say it was . I'm just concerned about you , Al . " He said , coming over to me as he crossed his arms . " Don't be , I don't need you . " "

What did I do ? " He asked quietly . I clenched my jaw as I stared off to the side . I didn't need this shit . "

What the fuck do you think you did ? " I asked coldly . " I wish I knew . No matter how different we were

... We were there for one another . Why did you start pushing me away ? " " That's your fucking assumption .

" I said , now glaring at him . But there it was , the ever so present concern , yet no fucking anger . What happened ? Did the anger gene skip him and I got the full fucking brunt of it ? " Then why do I anger you ? I see it and sense it . This irritation you feel when I talk to you . " That's because I hate your fucking fake sympathy and concern that you have plastered on your damn face , twenty four fucking – seven . " .

" I said coldly .

My aura swirling around me . Sure , there was a time we looked out for one another and he always supported all my fucking decisions ... but that time had long passed . " It's not fake , I wish I could show you how I feel inside Al ... I love you .

You're my brother and nothing can change that . " He said quietly . " Oh yeah ? Then why is it that you never trusted me ? Tell me Raf ? Didn't you think I was behind those fucking attacks years ago before the actual fuckers came to light ? " I asked coldly . I was finally asking the question that always burned at the forefront of my mind . He frowned . " I did think maybe it was you , but what has that got to do with anything ? I wasn't locking you up , nor was I trying to get rid of you . I trusted you , I still trust you and I always will because I know that before anything else , you are my brother . " He said softly . " Please Alejandro , know I can never hurt you or betray you . " I had nothing to say to that ... I had never looked at it like that . " So , you're saying , the selfless , good hearted , Rafael Rossi didn't give a shit that people were dying and maybe his brother was the killer ? A brother he wasn't going to even lock up ? Wasn't that nagging at your fucking conscience ? " He smiled slightly . " Can't I be selfish ? I'm human ... You were family . " . " He said quietly . " I was willing to let it go . " I didn't say anything as I stood there smoking . I didn't know what the fuck to make of that ... Rafael patted my arm , a smile finding its way on his face . " So ... Kiara ... " " We're not that fucking close . " I growled . He smirked . " You know ... She calls me uncle . If you two make it work , I think we will need to 10 change that . " " Well , you are fucking old . " I said mockingly . Somehow , the anger I felt towards him had lessened ... Maybe I needed to stop making fucking assumptions and actually believe that there were a few fuckers who actually cared . " Only six years older than you brother . " He said , now smiling , " I would never have made the pairing , but when you see you two now , you look great together . When she fell into your arms at the engagement , I won't lie , I actually thought you two went well ... Who knew that even the Goddess thought the same thing ? " She had looked fucking

perfect ... A knock on the door signalled the end of our conversation so I went and took my seat .

Time to get some shit together ... Twenty minutes later , Frederick had finished explaining the odd

occurrences , tracks and vanishing auras he picked up on in the Galloway Forest . Darien , Elijah , Rafael ,

Frederick , Indigo and Carmen , although I was still fucking pissed at her , were here as well . Adding their

input on everything we had gathered .

Not to mention Kiara had said not to go there ... I wondered what the extent of her abilities were ... " I'm

heading there tonight . Darien will take charge of the pack whilst I'm gone . " I said , wanting to tell Elijah

to take care of Kiara ... If I wasn't around , she was safest with him , although I knew she was strong . I

don't think I'd be at ease if she didn't have an Alpha around . " Got it .

How long do you think you are

going to be ? " Rafael asked .

" If you want , I can leave Rayhan here to help . " " No , I rather that

fucker isn't here . " I growled . Elijah

smirked and I wondered what the fuck his problem was . " I don't see anything wrong with that . " He

said . " He's very capable , Alejandro . " Rafael added . Yeah , I knew

exactly what he was capable of and I

didn't fucking want him Alt anywhere near her .

There was a knock on the door and her intoxicating scent invaded my

senses . My stomach did a fucking

somersault as the door opened and she and Scarlett stepped inside . " This is a meeting . " I said , trying

not to look at her , but despite my best efforts , I could see her breasts

peeping out of her dark green

cowl neck top . I tried not to focus on the silk fabric tugging at her

breasts . Glaring at Scarlett instead ,

something that was a lot easier to do .

" We know . It's to do with these attacks and the obvious target , Kia . " Scarlett said . " Your point ? " I

said , trying to keep my irritation at bay . " Well , just because we don't

have dicks , does that mean we

can't be here ? " Scarlett said . Making Indigo and Carmen smile .

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" That's not the issue , Red . Alejandro was just sharing his plan . " Elijah said , looking suspicious . " Great , do share . " Kiara now said . I looked at her , the green of her top only Alf made her eyes look greener . "

It's kind of confidential . You don't need to be here .

" I said as calmly as I could . Did I have to be fucking nice ? I mean , I don't do nice ... What the fuck , was I actually considering being nice ? This shit was messed up ... " It's to do with me , so carry on . " She said challengingly .

Our eyes met and I swallowed , don't look down ... I could see her breasts peeking out from that fucking tease of a top and I knew every single pair of fucking eyes were on me . Was this the shit she expected

from me ? I'm not the type to fucking back down ...

She pouted slightly , before biting her lip and then she fucking pulled the ultimate ace to win this shit . It

was subtle , but it fucking did the job She pressed her breasts together ever so slightly with her arms

and batted those damn lashes at me . Sending a wave of pleasure down fucking south . Fuck . " Fine .

Stay . " I growled .

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Her Truth

KIARA

I almost burst out laughing at the way he struggled . I pressed my lips together to stifle the giggle but I

still had a huge smile on my face . He was actually trying ? That was cute ... Let's see how long it lasts . He

began speaking again and I ignored all the looks we were getting . More so , Alejandro was receiving .

After all , the man listened to no one . I felt a fuzzy warmth inside me .

He was trying , and in return , I wasn't going to press his buttons just to see how far he would go . We

both had a long way to go and just acting on our emotions was not going to be enough . " I want to go

with you . " I said suddenly . All eyes snapped towards me and I saw both Dad and Alejandro frown .

"Kia, it's really dangerous." Auntie Indy said, concerned. "Doesn't matter. I'm strong and Alejandro will be with me." I said, my heart hammering at the thought of going anywhere alone with him ... Shit, maybe this was a bad idea. "I don't know if that's even smart ..." Dad said frowning. "You're not going. It's dangerous." Alejandro said firmly. "I can handle myself. I'm in danger no matter where I am ... and I'd rather be away from a pack if I have a target on my back." I said quietly.

"She has a point." Mom said, crossing her arms. "We can protect you here." Auntie Indy said, concerned. Fred simply frowned, remaining silent. I had half a mind to say she couldn't even protect herself but I wasn't going to call her out like that. I looked at her, noticing she looked paler than normal. Was she ok? I focused on her, letting my aura spread towards her, feeling and sensing her emotions. Pain. She was in pain? Was it physical or emotional? "It isn't safe, Angel." Dad said, snapping me out of my thoughts. "That's an insult to the Lycan King himself, is it not Dad?" I replied, trying to focus on the present. Attempting to keep my heart steady just saying that, made me realise exactly how powerful and important Alejandro was. "Kiara ... It's going to be only the two of you. If you are attacked-
" "I can handle myself. You all seem to forget that I am not an ordinary wolf." I said, frowning. "Powers you don't really know how to deal with yet." Alejandro added. That was not fair, I was doing pretty well! "Hey, I have only let my emotions out of control twice and both of those were instigated."
I said defiantly. "Ok, how about we settle this with a vote?"
"Mom said. Rafael looked between my parents, seemingly torn as to who he'd side with if it came down to a vote. Darien and Carmen simply stayed silent, watching."
"You're ok for her to go?" Dad asked Mom.

Their eyes met and I knew they were mind linking . Dad frowned , hesitating . I looked at Alejandro . He had gone quiet , a deep frown on his face . " Alejandro can decide . " Dad said after a moment , looking displeased .

Well , seems like Mom at least got through to him somewhat . I turned towards Alejandro , who was frowning deeply . " Fine . " He said coldly . I smiled in relief , despite the crazy storm within me . Not only was I able to . contribute ... I was also going to be spending time alone with Alejandro ... Maybe we could use it to work on stuff ... I wasn't sure ... " We leave in an hour . Pack . " Alejandro said . Now looking directly at me and sending my heart racing once again . I nodded before he finished off a few smaller things . The meeting was signalled as over and we were all about to leave when Alejandro spoke . " Indigo . A word . "

I stopped along with Mom , Dad , Aunty and Fred . " Everything ok , Alpha ? " Fred asked , his eyes narrowing . " " I'm talking to Indigo , not you . " Alejandro said coldly . His dark aura swirled around him .

" She's my mate and I have a right to know why . " Fred said , as he looked away under his Alpha's aura .

" Frederick , I'm sure things are going to be fine . " Mom said concerned .

" Indigo . " Fred said , looking at his mate . I sensed the silent warning in his gaze and frowned . " Alpha Alejandro is her Alpha . Let's leave . " I said suddenly . Fred looked at me and I didn't miss the irritation rolling off him , making Aunty pale . " Kiara , please . " She said . " Get out . " Alejandro said , his eyes now flashing red and no one was able to disobey .

Mom and Dad frowned as they walked out and Fred followed . I glanced at Aunty and Alejandro , wondering what that was about . I had seen Alejandro show concern before for Aunty ... I still wanted to know what that was about ... " Kiara , stay with me . " Aunty Indy said suddenly as I stopped at the door .

I turned surprised , not missing the murderous look on Alejandro's face .

His eyes now flashed as he glared at Aunty . " Don't think her presence will stop me . " He growled . I looked back at Mom , who was down the hall . She simply nodded , so I closed the door and turned back to Aunty and Alejandro . He looked angry and I knew he was hesitating to say what he wanted . " Why did you want me here ? " I asked Aunty instead . Her eyes softened , clearly noticing my annoyance . " Kia ... " " Don't . I'm still upset . " I said quietly . She knew what I meant . She looked down , ashamed , and I shook my head , feeling a spasm of guilt . " You know you're pregnant ? " Alejandro said to Aunty . Taking us both by surprise . Aunty paled and I could feel her fear and worry . " No ... " " Thought so . Stop training and take care o f yourself and the pup . I was going to say let Kiara take a look ... She's a healer , if there's a problem with you , maybe she could fix it . Since she's here , it seems even more befitting . " He said quietly . Like always , my name rolled off his tongue sensually , sending my heart racing . Aunty Indy tensed at this , and I looked at her . " That's a good idea , I'd be happy to . " I said smiling . " No ... It's not necessary , I don't want you t o feel the pressure if something can't be fixed . " Aunty Indy mumbled . Alejandro frowned and our eyes met . " There's no harm in getting it checked . " I said , now looking back at Aunty . " Good . I'll leave you two to it . I need to check on something . " He said , his eyes lingered on me and for a moment I felt he wanted to say something , but instead he turned and left the room . " Well , shouldn't you go get packing ? " Aunty asked . " I'll do what Alejandro said first . " I said . " Mates huh ? " She said with a small smile . " Mates ... but there's a lot to work on before I can consider accepting him . He hurt me and I've messed up too ... " I said , now crouching down . She stepped back , her heart thudding . " Aunty this doesn't hurt . " " Kiara . Please , I'm fine . It's just- "

My brows furrowed ; something was wrong here . " Aunty , relax ... Is there something else bothering you ? " " No , it's just ... I'm fine , really , this isn't necessary . " She replied , looking like a cat caught in the headlights . I ignored her placing my hand on her stomach . She jumped back .

" Kiara please ! " " What is wrong with me trying to help ?! Don't you want the child ? " I asked confused . " No ... Of course I do . " She said , her eyes looked pained . " Then ... why don't you want me to check what's wrong ? " I asked . A sudden thought struck me and I looked at her seriously . My stomach sank at the very thought that now crossed my mind . " IS there anything wrong with you Aunty ?

" ... yes of course ... but- " (MENTIONS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND MISCARRIAGES AHEAD – PLEASE SKIP THE REST OF THE CHAPTER IF THIS CAN DISTRESS YOU) I remembered the bruise I had seen on her when Raven and I had visited ... A bruise that was surprisingly fresh for a day old attack . Was Fred abusing her ? " Aunty .

Are your miscarriages due to physical injuries rather than natural causes ? " I asked , my voice so calm and dangerous that it made her heart race and eyes widen . I felt my emotions growing and that fire building within me .

I closed my eyes trying to count to ten . Goddess , if I wasn't focusing on my emotions I would have snapped under that revelation but I couldn't afford to let my abilities out . " And you are allowing it ? " I asked quietly .

" Kia ... The mate bond is strong " Yes ! But not so much that he can cheat and abuse you ! You shouldn't just take that shit ! Aunty , after what Grandma has gone through , do not let history repeat itself .

Granddad raised you and Mom to become strong women ! We are not weak ! YOU are not weak ! How can you let him kill your children ?!

" I wished I hadn't say the last part , seeing the pain in Auntie's eyes as she flinched at my words . " Shit

... I'm sorry ... but you know what I mean . You are allowing this . " I said , feeling unsure if I was handling this right , but what more could I do ? How did I get through to her ? " It's only when he's drunk ! He can't help i t . " Aunty whispered . " He can't ? Fuck , he can stop drinking ! How can you not condone his actions ?! " I said , with frustration clearly laced in my tone . " Shush Kia !

Someone will hear .

" She whispered , " If Fred- " " If he touches you , I swear I'll kill him myself . " I hissed , my anger burning within me . Calm down Kia ... I took deep breaths , trying to calm myself . " Kia please don't make this into a big deal ! I am fine ! " She said , now taking my hands .

" No. Mom and Dad won't forgive you if you deal with this alone . " I said . She needed help and she needed to get this out of her system . She was not the spunky , feisty Indigo I knew ... She had become a shell of her former self and seeing that hurt . " Goddess Kia ! Can you just stop ! " She said , clearly annoyed .

A sudden thought came to my head and I felt my stomach plummet . Oh , Goddess ... " Aunty ... Does

Alejandro know he's hurting you ? " I asked , my stomach sank a t the very thought . Deep down , I felt he didn't , Alejandro stood for so much and abuse was one thing he didn't tolerate ... But I still wanted to hear it . My heart thumped erratically as I awaited her reply...

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His Responsibility

KIARA

Waiting for her reply was terrifying , I didn't want to hear that he knew " Oh Kia , no ! And don't tell him ... He was pissed off when he found out about his affairs . He's been really good and always telling me not to stand for it . You can't tell him , I can't trust that he'll let it slide . Alejandro doesn't forgive Kia . " " He shouldn't as well .

" I retorted . The relief that flooded me made my stomach flutter . I was glad It all made sense now . "

This is my decision . ” Her tone was firm but I felt torn . Was it ok to just leave it ? Wasn't she a victim who was too emotionally invested to get out ? I needed to ask someone for advice ... ” If this baby gets hurt ...

I swear I won't leave him . ” I said quietly . I placed my hands on her shoulders as I closed my eyes , feeling her pain . My eyes opened as I healed her injuries . The reason she was pale was because she was in pain ... She had several injuries and some broken bones that hadn't healed fully .

Yet here she was , trying to act like she was completely normal . ” Auntie . When he treats you like this , what do you do ? ” I asked through clenched teeth . It was so hard to contain my emotions . ” 1 ” Not much ... It'll just make him angrier . ” ” You are a goddess damned Westwood .

We bow to no one Auntie ! You are stronger than this . ” I pleaded . ” Ok Kia ! Please . Things aren't all black and white ! ” ” I know they're not ! Goddess ! I know ! I'm not a damn child ! But this is wrong ! ” I

exclaimed . ” Just stop . Please . I love him . ” Auntie Indy said , her eyes flashing . I let out a deep sigh and nodded . Fine , if that was what she wanted Turning around , I stormed out of the office . Alejandro's scent hit me and my heart skipped a beat .

Had he heard ? I looked around but he wasn't here ... I frowned . Maybe it was just the lingering scent from before ... ALEJANDRO I had been on my way back to my office to grab some files when I had heard the end of their conversation . Anger had flared within me like a poison and I saw red .

I stood for a fair rule and to make sure any wolf abusing others were dealt with accordingly , but the abuse was happening right beneath my fucking nose . My pack had an oath , one of equality , loyalty , respect and justice .

That fucker had broken each one of those fucking rules He wouldn't get away with this . HY Alongside my

anger , I felt hurt . Hurt at the fact that Kiara actually thought I'd allow that ... I guess I couldn't blame her . I acted like I didn't give a shit when she confronted me last time ... I didn't want her to take Indigo's words for it ... I wanted her to see me for who I was herself I was far from perfect . As I said , I'm a fucking monster , but I do not want anyone to get abused like that . Yes , I have lost myself in anger and attacked others . Heck , I even hurt Kia back at her pack , something I still felt fucking guilty over ... But this ... this was still wrong . Maybe I was being a hypocritical fucker ... But wasn't he meant to protect his fucking mate ? " Alejandro . " I stopped in my tracks , my heart still thumping , my eyes still red as I turned to glare at the fucker who called me . " Everything alright ? " Elijah asked , his sharp eyes watching me . " Yeah . " I growled . " Before you leave , let Kiara look at the Wendigo . With her senses , maybe she can pick up on something . " He said , not probing further . I clenched my fists , knowing my eyes were flickering from red to black , trying to control this fucking anger that had reared its head . " Fine . " " What's wrong , Alejandro ? " He asked . " Nothing the ... " I looked at him sharply . Why the fuck should I keep stuff about that fucker a secret ? I tilted my head and crossed my arms . " Theoretically speaking , if someone you love is mated to a fucker , what would you do ? " He smirked cockily . " Like you ? Not sure how the hell that happened . Kiara's too good for you . " He said . Yeah , she fucking was . Not that I was going to admit that to this dickhead . " Yeah , I know I'm fucked up , but I won't hurt her ... I give you my word on that . " I said quietly . I never imagined me having this fucking conversation with Elijah . The dickhead was my mate's father . Fuck , this was fucking awkward ... He looked as uncomfortable as I felt right now , and I smirked mockingly . Oh , I could get used to this ... If ever we worked it out ... I would taunt him oh so

very much . My anger calmed a little thanks to my sadistic sense of humour .

" Then again ... depends . I mean , if she enjoys pain ... " I smirked as his eyes flashed and I saw his teeth

elongate . " Watch it , Alejandro . If you dare to touch her- " " What's wrong ? Sucks that someone who

pisses you off , is mated to your precious princess ? " I taunted .

His eyes flashed and he glared at me . " Don't push it . " He growled . I would have really loved to push

his buttons even more , but right now I had something to deal with . " I didn't mean me , anyway I was

just saying . If someone was abusive to someone you love . What would you do ? " His eyes darkened

and this time they stayed dark cobalt . " I'd kill them .

" He said . I knew what Scarlett had been through would always remain in his mind and it only made him

more protective . I nodded . " Then tell me , do you want to do the honours and be hated ? Or shall I do

the honours for you ? " I asked , a cold smirk on my face .

He looked up at me sharply . It took him only a split second to click . " Fred ? " He asked , so silently I

barely heard . " The one and only . " I replied . I sensed their presence

before they even were heard . "

" Alpha ! " Indigo's voice now made me turn . Kiara stood there , her face pale . How could you ?

" Indigo asked , her eyes filled with pain . Clearly shocked that I had told Elijah . I didn't really care how

she felt . I was fucking pissed off that she had let this slide and kept it hidden from me . " How could I ?

This is my pack , my rules and my wolves .

If any of them fuck up , that's on me . " I growled dangerously . She flinched and looked down , my anger

surrounding me like a storm . " Please don't do anything to him ... I won't forgive you . Either of you . "

Indigo said , looking between Elijah and me .

" Well guess what ? I don't give a shit if you forgive me or not . " I said . I clenched my jaw , turned and

walked off . " Alpha Al ! Please ! " Indigo shouted after me but I was fucking done . I was not letting that

fucker get away with it . ” If you care for Kiara , you won’t do this ! ” I stopped in my tracks .

Was she for fucking real ? I heard Kiara’s heart racing at her words . ”

Aunty ... Don’t drag me into this ...

” ” Indigo . ” Elijah murmured . I turned and looked at her coldly . ” You know what . I’ll do this shit for her , because deep down your entire fucking family probably want to see you happy , and if you’re too much of a fucking wuss to take that step .

Then I’ll take that step for you . ” ” Don’t kill him . ” She sobbed , now rushing in front of me . ” Oh , I don’t intend to . ” I said coldly . She seemed relieved and I allowed her to . She was fucking pregnant and I was not going to deal more stress on her .. ” Give me your word ? ” She whispered .

I heard Elijah sigh and knew he wasn’t happy from the aura that was rolling off him . The fucker was probably feeling guilty for never picking up on it , but also too tied to Indigo’s emotional state to cope with how she would react . ” You have my word .

” I said coldly . No , I wasn’t going to kill him , but I was going to send him on a mission that he surely would not survive . One way or the other , that fucker was not going to live .