

## **Chapter 28**

Pheww!! Longest chapter I've written so far guys! I know you've all waited long. I can't thank you enough for all the support. My book has more than a hundred thousand views. Thank you, thank you. Muah Muah!! . God bless you. Have a wonderful day ahead. đ **Timothy's POV** ď⁵ "Out?" my personal servant stupidly answered. 136 That was it for my big brother. He pushed me aside with enough force to make me fall to the ground. The next second, his hand was wrapped around my servants neck. He then slowly li ed him up like he weighed nothing at all. The other red haired servant girl let out a huge gasp. Her face became so pale that the skin turned almost completely white. She shook her head frantically but no words came out of her. Phoenix brought my servant's face close to his. "What did you say to me?" "You a..asked us a q...question and I answered?" his voice sounded strangled because he was actually being strangled. ď⁴ "You trash! You touched her didn't you?! I will skin you alive in the dungeons! I'll make sure your screams are heard to the ends of every corner of the castle then I'll feed you to my beasts and I'll watch them devour you like any piece of meat." His eyes turned pitch black and I saw his dark blue veins spread all over his exposed skin. ď I wanted to go forward and explain the situation because obviously I didn't want my personal servant dead. I was just getting used to his crazy self. However, before I could move, the red head rushed to Phoenix. "NO!!! No please let him go Your Highness!! Y...you're choking h...him," she cried. "I will not give him such a quick death. I promise you that," he growled out as he tightened his hand around my servant's throat. "Don't do it brother. We..." "Shut up!! Guards!!" he threw my servant to the ground and walked to me. Very pissed. My servant coughed uncontrollably. Two guards walked in and put shackles around my servants wrists and both of them stood on either side of him. The red head wanted to rush to him but one look from Phoenix prevented her from doing so. Good thing she understood that my brother had no problem killing my silly servant but I didn't know if she stopped because of my brother's warning glare or because my servant signaled for her not to go to him. Her eyes were already starting to tear up. a I couldn't see them a er that because Phoenix stood directly in front of me no doubt expecting an explanation. Or he didn't want to hear anything and I was in big big trouble. I tried looking into his mind for an idea but that made him look even scarier. "Try that again and I'll hit you Angel." ď "Okay, okay! I'm sorry but I had to!" "You. Had. To?" "Yes it's not what it looks like! That's her brother. He just wanted to see if she's okay. If she was still alive." I hoped I look really adorable and innocent. ð Phoenix bent down so we were the same level. "How could you let him fool you, you idiot?!! He's not her brother. They don't share the same blood! How in the world could you not have sensed that?!!" I

flinched at his loud voice. Everyone did. The temperature rose up real fast. The rest of them behind us were already beginning to panic. I on the other hand was all too used to this. "Look," I said so ly. "I already know that they're not blood related. My servant explained everything to me. They used to live in one house. Five of them actually. They've lived together long enough to be family okay. So please calm down and don't punish my servant. He just wanted to see her." "Things don't work like this in the castle Angel!! And let me remind

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you that you didn't ask for my permission!! You're not allowed inside my room uninvited!"

"I know. I'm sorry. I won't repeat this again but seriously brother, don't hurt him please and....and at least think about how the servant girl would feel," I said so ly. His reaction however did not change in the slightest bit. I thought he would carry on with his sick plan but a er a few painfully slow minutes I sensed something else. 'I won't punish him' came a message. Phoenix opened his thoughts

to me. Only for a split second. He then turned around to the others in the room. The temperature became normal again.

"Bring him to the dungeons, immediately," he commanded. The guards immediately le with my servant.

Why is he so confusing??!! The red head's face turned into a look of pure horror. "N..no please, he did n...nothing wrong! Please Your Highness! He...he just wanted to see me. He meant no harm he didn't mean to break any rules," her voice sounded so broken. She looked broken. Her entire form was visible shaking. "You will watch as he gets punished," he went and stood in front of her and caressed her cheek as tears poured out of her eyes. She never once looked at my brother in the eye.

"Please. Please don't do this." She whispered sounding worn out. "I will do it. Nobody sneaks into my room and meets up with you without my permission. He actually touched you." "He's my brother!! P...punish m..me instead Your Highness. Don't hurt him I'm begging you. I'll do anything. H...he's my brother," she cried out. I could feel her pain through her mind. đ What?! She's willing to take his place?

She nodded. "Yes...yes. Just d...don't hurt him please." This brought a smirk to Phoenix's face. đ This was the plan all along? đ To get her to do whatever he wanted?! Doesn't she already have to 290 He walked out of the room a er ordering her to stay. I ran out to

follow him. "It's her isn't she?!"

"Anything?" Phoenix asked.

"Shut. Up." "I thought you were going to be nice! Why were you making her cry?!" "I will handle it and your servant will pay even if I don't punish him. He will do extra, heavy chores for an entire month." "What?!! You told me and the girl you weren't going to punish him!! He didn't do anything wrong. I brought him inside your room." "You don't understand. I wanted to kill him. Slowly and painfully. I wanted to hear him scream and beg for me to stop. I wanted his

blood. So consider this as the lightest damnation ever!" a a

"Whatever," he said casually. I guess I should be thankful he didn't kill my servant. "Hey, why did you scare her like that?"

"Not for you to know so let it be Angel. Go to sleep or something. Your servant will spend three nights in the dungeons," I let out a heavy breath.

"One more thing." "What?" I whined. "Nothing about the girl goes out. You understand me? Nothing at all. Not even to your stupid servant." "He'll figure it out if he hasn't already." "Then keep his mouth shut or I'll do it. I mean it. I'll have his tongue if I have to." "Fine," I walked away towards the direction of my room. a "Straight to bed Angel," he called out.

"Fine!! Eerrgghh!!"

What a moron.	
<u>Eve's POV</u>	å
A er they all le, I was alone again. I prayed Kyle wouldn't get hurt. How could he threaten a person like that? It was so horrific to hear. Just thinking about skinning any living creature alive, it brought goosebumps all over my skin.	a
I can't let Kyle get hurt. I can't. I sat down against the wall beside the bed. A fresh wave of tiredness washed over me. When was all this going to end? How long would we have to live like this? Is death the only way out? As I was getting lost in my thoughts, I sensed something close to me.	ส์
"Get up." I scrambled to li my weak body up. So deep into my thoughts I didn't hear him walk in. He came forward and handed me a fresh set of clothes. Cotton trousers and a big, long sleeved top. Like always, there were also fresh underclothes. The cotton trousers and top felt so so and comfortable against my skin as I held them. I've never held such fabric in all my life. I wanted to ask what they for but his next words answered me.	
"Go bathe and change into these. Now. Then you will join me for dinner," I stood there not knowing how to react or what to say. What was the meaning of all of these?	ď
"What the hell are you waiting for? Go now." Without saying anything, I hugged the clothes to my chest and ran into the bathroom. Twenty minutes later I was sitting on his lap at the oval table. He fed me as usual while his other arm was secured around my waist. Like	, đ
me trying to escape was a definite thing to happen. The shirt I was wearing was too loose for me. It was at least three sizes bigger and it kept slipping over my shoulder. I had to adjust it every few minutes. By the fourth time, he slapped my hand away and kissed my shoulder.	a
"Don't do that again." I simply kept my hands down and did nothing a er that. No point in trying to fight him. A few more mouths later, I couldn't eat anymore and he allowed it. A er attempting to push the spoon into my mouth a couple more	
times. "Wwill you eever let me out Your HHighness," my voice was barely audible and it was shaky. I didn't want to know the answer but I had to ask.	
This room and the loneliness was slowly killing me. "Not anytime soon Little Flower," he said coldly.	đ
"Wwhy?" "What happened to 'I'll do anything' Hmm?! I spare the midget's life and you do whatever the hell I want you to do!"	a a
"II already do whatever" I couldn't go on because his arms held me tightly. Like a warning. He then gripped my chin and made me face him. I stared down but I could feel his rising anger. "You will not leave this room until I allow you to. From now on, that stupid slave will pay for any disrespect that comes out of you. Do you understand me my Little Flower?" I could	ď
only nod because no words came out. I couldn't speak, tears were seconds away from falling.	ේ ස්
I laid on my side staring out the window. Dreaming what it would be like to be free. How I wish I had wings. That way I could just fly away and these vampires will never be able to catch me.	ส
The Prince le about an hour ago. A er he carried me and laid me down on the bed. He kissed my forehead and told me to go to sleep. Like he had no clue as to what he was doing.	
Sleep did not come to me that night. Too many thoughts plagued my mind.	ືສ
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<b>Prince Phoenix's POV</b> I couldn't believe that I only had a few more days le . I leave for Golden Haven in less than five days. I had a war to stop. Hopefully we win in a couple of days. It all depends on the number of trolls we have to fight. I can only wish those creatures were not too close to the Core of Life. If they already are, this war will not be easy to win. I will lead	
my army along with the Alpha King, King Silvian Hunter of White Winter's Land.	ď
I should be worried about the near future but I can't help but feel a great disappointment that I'm leaving herhere. I have to but I don't want to. I le for a bloody meeting that didn't even last for two hours and I came back to find two intruders insidemy chambers.	
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How can I think of leaving her again for a longer period of time?	
<u>Third Person's POV</u>	ໍໍ
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Prince Timothy walked down the old, creepy stairs. He knew all too well he wasn't supposed to be where he is now. He was taking the title to his name a little to high up, always telling himself that he could do anything his oldest brother could do. The moment he sneaked out of his room, he actually bumped into his	
second brother, Prince Zenas Everett. Prince Zenas knew his little brother was up to po good but allowed	ď
Prince Zenas knew his little brother was up to no good but allowed him to pass anyway. He'll have to repay the favor some day, thought the older prince as he re-entered his room quietly. As the young prince made it to the last step, he found five guards	
obviously guarding the entrance. They were bu and muscular, prepared to slice anyone's head o . Their looks however did nothing to intimidate Prince Timothy. He walked up to them casually.	
"Let me in."	

They all bowed before him and one of the guards came forward. "Your Highness, we have strict orders to not let anyone in." "Would you rather I run to my parents and tell them that an ordinary castle guard by the name of John Raymond did not heed to the commands of a Royal Pure Blood vampire prince?" he stared at the guard in the eye. ď⁴ "N..no Your Highness. It...it's just that...."

"I don't care! Open the gates!"

"Hey! Hey human wake up," Prince Timothy called out. Kyle was sleeping in a sitting position against the wall. His wrists were in shackles chained to the wall as well.

He blinked a few times before his eyes adjusted to Prince Timothy's crouching figure. "What the fuck are you doing here?" he whispered. "You can talk human. There's no one to bother us here." And he was right. Kyle was in a cell that was located in the far corner. Away from the other cells. Plus, Prince Timothy had ordered the guards not to follow him to where Kyle was.

The entire place reeked of blood, urine, wounds and puke. Some of the other unfortunate prisoners were already at the brink of their deaths. The young prince couldn't understand how his servant was still alive and breathing.

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"I can't. Look at this place! You won't last a night!"

"You need to leave Tim."

"It was my fault. I should have thought of a better idea. Now, all I've done is put everyone in harms way," he looked down. His young master didn't have to get in trouble because of him. His Eve didn't

ave to su er more than she already was.	ď
Nah, I'm sorry I couldn't fight harder for you, human. You will spend hree nights in this horrid place and extra heavy chores for a whole nonth. I know it sucks but"	
Wait, wait, wait!!! Hold on a second! You're telling me that I'm not onna be skinned alive?!!!" Kyle yelled so loudly that some prisoners	å
No! Of course not! Wait I didn't tell you that?" the young prince cratched his head. "Oh, you were already taken so I couldn't tell ou."	5
his was followed by a hearty laugh from Kyle. Oh my God, youyou saved my life?"	
I owe you a lot. I owe you my life Tim."	a <sup>3</sup>
Yeah you do and I like that nickname." Your brother must really love you, you know that? You have to tell ne. What did you tell him? He was so hell-bound on killing me. I	ซื
now he wanted to rip me apart. What did you tell him?" All laughter ied down in Kyle. The look on his face was more curious and uspicious.	
Phoenix does have anger issues but he's not thaaaaaaat bad," the oung prince looked up to find Kyle giving him the 'are you kidding ne' look.	ď
You'll have to be his brother to understand. Anyways, I just told him ou were my friend and I practically pleaded with him and to," he topped himself before continuing. "Yeah that's it." That's it?" Kyle raised his brow and looked skeptically at Prince "imothy.	
Yeap." No one said anything a er that. Soooooo, here's the thing. I'm not the smartest person around	
ere"	a a
Stop interrupting me, you child! As I was saying, I know I'm not the martest but the Dark Prince got extremely angry when he found out I couched' Eve. What was that all about?"	a⁵
I dunno. He's keeping her in his chambers and not letting her out. Obviously he doesn't want anyone near her," Prince Timothy nswered trying to seem normal. He was trying very hard not to let out the big secret. He secretly wished for his servant to figure it out so	
hey'll have more to talk about. There's something you're not telling me. Spit. It. Out! What does he	ď
vant with my little red head?!" "rince Timothy only stared back. Not saying a single word. Seconds urned into minutes and they still didn't break their eye contact. The oung prince looked down for a moment before looking back at a ery impatient Kyle.	สํ
le then looked at Kyle in the eye, and wiggled his eyebrows. mirking.	163
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Look, it's been going on for some time now and there's nothing you nd I can do!"	
But he's hurting her! You saw her state back there!! What's with you nd your smirk?!"	đ
If my brother wants something, he'll do anything to get it. Do you now how much he wanted to make you scream and beg for your wn death?!!"	
both of them were dead serious at the moment. The air around them became very uncomfortable.	
He's hurting her," Kyle said again. This time in a whisper. He cared or his red head and he couldn't see her get hurt. The young prince cooted closer to the cell gates.	
Listen to me human. My brother was hurting her, yes but he has ctually stopped. At least I know he has or he will. Trust me. She's afest with him anyway."	
He's the Dark Prince!! How do you expect me to be okay with this?!!" I don't actually but there's nothing we can do. The thing is, so much ood has come out of this. So much good for my brother. I know she nay have a hard time now, but when everything works out, they'll be kay."	ลื
Why are you talking as if this is actually going to happen? You're alking as if this is a good thing! Eve is human!! He's a hybrid!"	ă
rince Timothy just looked away. He didn't know how to explain it to is servant. Humans have been in the mercy of his kind for far too ong. They were always threatened as they are the weakest beings of II. He knew that but he also wanted his brother to pursue his	
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ake in. Eve is defenseless when it comes to do with anything egarding your brother. You must understand how all of this sounds o me. She's family. Give me time.	
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nd it's way passed your bedtime little brat." Yeah okay. Hopefully I don't run into Phoenix on the way. One more hing, this was supposed to be top secret. My brother said he'll have our tongue if you ever said anything," Kyle could only gape wide yed.	đ
How does he know I would know this?"	
Because I knew that you would have figured it out."	đ
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wo days passed ever since Prince Timothy revealed his brother's	ਕੇ ਕੇ
rom then on, the young prince always found ways to sneak in food	a a
he third night, he could not go because there was a family dinner eing held. Family meaning his siblings and the Lady Esther. The King nd Queen had other plans.	
nd Queen had other plans. Prince Phoenix on the other hand, grew restless as the days passed. He wouldn't talk to anyone much and spent a lot of time training imself physically. Preparing for the upcoming battle. He trained his rmy hard as well. All the werewolves and vampires. They needed to be strong and powerful. His opponent while training would o en be he Alpha King himself though it was more of a good training for the	ืส
verewolf than the Dark Prince.	å
When the time for the family dinner came close he stopped his raining and went into his chambers in a flash. He spotted his Little lower immediately. She was sitting in the corner of the room, beside	

his bed hugging her blue cloak. Just like the last time. She looked more solemn but her beauty never ceased to mesmerize him. He hated seeing her sad but she must be protected. Even more so, from now on. At least until he got back from the dreadful war. He had his own reasons for doing this to her now.

## I'll make it right I promise.

Better make use of this."

He went around and crouched down before her. He reached up and put some stranded hair behind her ear. She flinched at the sudden contact which annoyed him greatly. "It's almost dinner time. Go change into your uniform." At this she straightened up. "There will be a family dinner in the dinning hall. I want you to be there and serve with the others. This is the only time I'm ever letting you out Little Flower. A er tonight you'll only go out when I return from the war.

The small servant girl quickly made her way to the bathroom and got changed. She couldn't contain the excitement that was bubbling inside of her. She was finally going to be let out. Which means, she'll get to see Beth, Henri and hopefully Alex too. Maybe she could talk to him and apologize to him herself. While getting dressed she hoped Tonya and India would be there too. å Not even five minutes later she was out and waiting to leave.

"Eager aren't we?" the all too familiar voice drawled. He came up from behind her and held her waist. The Dark Prince brought his lips to her ear and whispered. "I want you to only serve me Little Flower. No one else. Remember that."

"Y....Yes Your Highness." "Good girl," he kissed her cheek then the side of her neck. Kissing and sucking as he trailed her shoulder blades. The girl shivered in fear but said nothing as he held her close. She wasn't going to risk her freedom that would only last for a couple of hours. ď

the other servants. She ran out wasting no time. Once the door was closed, Prince Phoenix gave a broken smile. Realizing that he had kept her like a prisoner in his chambers. He always messed up when it came to his flower.

With one last kiss on the top of her head he let her go to prepare with

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đ Dinner went on smoothly for the Royals and Lady Esther so far. Eve finally had a little color that brightened up her pretty face. Just an hour ago, she had had the best hugs from Beth, Tonya, India and Henri. Henri however did not stay to talk. She le saying that she still had work to do. ď The four girls were so ecstatic to see each other that some of the

other servants allowed them to their bubble of joy for a few moments longer. "Beth? Where is Alex?" Beth's face immediately contorted in anger as

she heard that name. "At the back. Preparing the drinks. He'll be out soon." Eve nodded in understanding. She'll meet him later she thought. "Oh Evie, how is everything? Do you think it's getting any..."

"Let's not talk about any of that Tonya. I'm just happy to see all of you. I won't be allowed to come out for some time a er tonight so allow me to enjoy your company."

"WHAT?!!" all three of them exclaimed.

"Hush now girls!" Ms.Odelle scolded. "Sorry ma'am."

Their all swallowed down their questions and put on fake smiles for the sake of Eve. All except for Beth. She didn't hide her disapproval, her hatred for the Prince and all the royals. She already hated the Lady Esther beyond words.

ď "This is so unfair!" Eve didn't say anything and instead crushed her in another hug before dinner started. Beth said she had to work inside the kitchen.

The servants stood in two straight lines on either side of the table. Dinner had started with the serving of drinks. And blood.

When Alex came in with the wine, Eve's heart started to beat faster.	
She had to talk to him because she didn't know when she'd be	
allowed to go out again. As he finished serving the drinks, he stepped	
back and stood up straight with some of the other servants, their eye	s
met for a brief moment. When that happened, everything else	
became blurry to Eve. All she could see was him. All she could see	
was her Alex. Her beloved Alex. So many emotions swirled in her	
eyes. Anxiousness, sadness, joy, guilt and most of all love.	đ
Alex could see how much she yearned to talk to him. The past didn't	
matter anymore. His previous doubts instantly turned to stupidity.	
The look in her eyes said it all. He didn't need anything else. They	
were stuck in this hell hole and they weren't supposed to be fighting	
among themselves. He was better than this. How could he have	
treated his Eve like that? The way she looked at him, that was enough	h
to remind him how much he loves her. She was his everything and he	
wasn't going to be an asshole anymore. She had nothing to feel guilty	/
about.	đ
He looked at her with the same amount of love and mouthed 'I'm	
sorry, I love you' to her. Eve's eyes lightened up like two gem stones.	
She smiled widely at him and controlled herself from running	
towards him for a hug.	đ
Not a single one of them noticed that the flowers in the room became	<u> </u>
ten times fresher than before.	233 C

a Dinner went on smoothly with the servants passing around dishes and filling up chalices when necessary. Somewhere in between Prince Timothy made it known to Eve that Kyle was alright. Since Eve could only serve the Dark Prince she stayed by his side. Lady Esther sat on his right with Prince Timothy on his le . Beside Timothy was Princess Esmeralda and opposite her sat Prince Zenas. "So, when is out next outing Your Highness? You do know that we're required to spend more time together right?" the Lady asked. It

sounded more like a demand to Eve's ears. "You're actually asking me that now? How dull is your mind Esther? Did it somehow rot over the years?" Prince Zenas laughed out loud at his brothers questions. The princess tried her best to control her own laughter. Lady Esther's beautiful face turned red with anger as she sneered at the Dark Prince. Eve could see that her fangs were slowly turning visible. She turned sinister in just a couple of seconds. a "Careful with that attitude Esther. You keep forgetting who I am and to answer your dumb question, it's not anytime soon. I have a war to

handle in a few days in case you forgot," the prince said in a low voice. That voice alone dropped the temperature to the point in

which made Eve and another servant boy beside her to shiver. ď⁵ "My question is not dumb. I know damn well you'll win the war my Prince. There's nothing to worry about. In my opinion, I dare say that you've already won," Lady Esther shrugged before sipping from her chalice. Eve could smell the blood from where she stood. She was glad the Dark Prince was having wine instead. a "So I'm wondering when you'd be able to make time for us." Prince Phoenix ignored her and gestured for Eve to pour more wine into his chalice. Lady Esther did the same except she asked for more blood. As Eve stepped forward and did what was asked of her, the Prince's eyes never le her. He enjoyed watching his Little Flower. đ She was one of the main reasons why he could control his mouth with Esther that night. Her scent and her existence beside him somehow calmed his dark side. Only when she stepped back and

This did not go unnoticed by Lady Esther. She had never seen such warmth in the Dark Prince's eyes in all her years. More importantly,

straightened up did he look back at his food.

she has never felt more threatened. This simple emotion that was let out by the Dark Prince made her understand something very important.

a<sup>22</sup> Prince Timothy could sense something bad when he looked at the Lady but he failed to see another pair of eyes upstairs who watched every single detail the entire time.

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