Chapter 54 Thank you so much for the support and love. God bless you guys and have a wonderful day ahead "You what?!" they said simultaneously. "You're being absurd," they said again. a⁶ "I am absurd now? You can't leave Golden Haven and you know why." The Dark Prince uttered out not believing she was actually willing to leave her homeland for him. What did he ever do to deserve her?! "And what about you, Phoenix? You're denying your birth right. You are the firstborn." Princess Aeval shot back. a "Do not turn this around, Little Flower. You are the one being with the very gi s this kingdom needs." "You are also the most powerful hybrid you know. You will make the very king your kingdom needs." a "We're not coming to a conclusion." The prince grumbled as they headed towards the castle. "We could discuss this matter you know," the princess meekly suggested while she peered up at him. "We can talk about this to our parents. They've lived long enough to know what has to be done. They can help us make a wise decision. I know we're ready to leave our kingdoms for each other but....." "You're saying we don't know what's best for us?" a "Sort of?" she dragged the words out. "Well, I have already vaguely put this idea inside my father's head." "You told him that you would deny the crown?!" "In a very subtle way," the Dark Prince muttered under his breath. "We both know you're anything but subtle," she smiled at the ground. He narrowed his eyes at her and stepped closer to her small form. "Is that so?" he asked as he brought his lips close to her ear. She felt goosebumps all over her skin at the close proximity which they found "Ye...yes," she breathe out. She recalled how they had kissed in the recent days and she expected him to kiss her again. We have more important things to discuss!!! The young princess abruptly straightened herself up and turned her head away from his dangerous lips. "What exactly did you say to your father?" Prince Phoenix did not hide his disappointment when his Little Flower turned away. He swore to himself that one day she would not be able to resist him. å "That I may not rule Red Kingdom," he said casually. He remained ď "That's it? That's all you told him? How did he react?" "He reacted better than I expected him to. Smashed a few valuable items here and there but nothing too bad," the young princess looked at him in shock while he looked back at her and smiled. "It could have gone a lot more worse, Little Flower. My mother wasn't pleased either but she was more open about the future." "What did you suggest to the pure blood king?" "Since you suggested that we talk to both our wiseparents, I'll explain it then." The princess kept quiet a er that. She wondered what the Dark Prince had said to make his father so angry. Of course he would be angry. What kind of a king wouldn't?! His firstborn son was refusing to wear the crown......for her!! a "We really have to talk to them. As soon as possible. Like really soon," she blurted out. He looked at her with a raised brow. "How about tomorrow evening? Since you're so bloody eager about it." He asked while he stroked the back or her hand. "That would be great actually. I'll inform my parents and you inform "Speaking of your parents, how did they react when you told them about leavingthis kingdom?" Princess Aeval looked at her very "You haven't told them have you?" Prince Phoenix said flatly. "I'm getting there. Besides, I will have to tell them by the end of the a **Princess Aeval Florentine's POV** They looked at each other confused and uncertain about what had been said. They thought everything was well planned out and that the future was quite secured. "When did you come up with this Aeval?" my father asked me while my mother held his hand. "Quite recently. Yesterday to be exact. You see, I realised how much I love him and I also came to an understanding that I had ignored the fate of our kingdom." I started slowly. "You got that right," the mighty fae king was quick to agree, making "It was stressful as I was torn between two important things. In order to make it bearable for me, I went to visit the Core of Life. I touched the water and let go of all my problems," I explained further. Now they both leaned in to listen carefully. Some time later, my brother walked in with Beth. I went on to explain the powerful glowing energy that spread all over Golden Haven and even outside its borders. My ama a knowing look. They definitely felt the energy "That's not all. I knew the core was trying to tell me something so I ran back and asked for a deeper understanding. I waited there a er listening to the advise of one of the pixies. I'm glad I stayed because I met grandpa." My parents gasped and looked at me strangely. Alex almost chocked while Beth just smiled. Obviously, she didn't know that my grandfather was dead. ď "You met grandpa?! Maybe you were just dreaming!" Alex was still a "I did fell into a sleep like state but I really did meet him. He explained about the strong bond him and I had with the core. He also explained how we shared a special connection because of that bond." I said looking at the four people around me. "Why are you so surprised that Aeval met your grandfather?" a a "Because the guy is no longer alive. He died way before me and my sister were born," poor Bethany paled and looked at me in fear. "Don't worry I'll explain everything to you in detail later," I smiled at "Well, this shouldn't surprise us too much right my love?" my mother said turning to look at my father. He rubbed his chin and stared ahead, processing the information. "What did he say Aeval?" papa asked me a er a while. a "A er I told him about what I was going through he told me to trust myself and my heart. He told me to never forget who I am and what I was born as. Grandpa also explained that the energy was to show me how powerful I truly am and that wherever I go in this world, I'm always connected to the core," I took a deep breath and explained everything else. All of them simply listened without any disruption. There was a long pause a er I was done explaining. They wordlessly looked at each other which made me a little anxious.

Third Person's POV

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"She received her answer," my mother muttered while staring ahead. "Yes, looks like the Core has revealed a few things," my father added while he paced in the middle of the living room. "A few things? What do your mean?" Alex questioned. "She needs to make her own choices now," my father half-heartedly answered my brother. "So you have decided to leave? You are sure about this?" my mother sat next to me and gently ran her fingers through my hair. "I was but now we're not anymore. Both of us are willing to leave. Phoenix said he would leave Red Kingdom and come here....." "Splendid!! Why don't we encourage that wonderful idea?!" my father stopped pacing and his face brightened up a er what I partially said. 54 "I can't do that to him. He's not like us. It wouldn't be fair to make him live out his days here. The thing is, he said the same thing about me living there." I looked at my father. ď "Did he now?" "Yes, papa." a "We're unable to come to a proper conclusion. That is why we decided to arrange a meeting. All of us, along with his family," I informed them hoping that they would be willing to discuss the matter. "When?" my father raised his brow and have me a serious look. "Tomorrow evening." "Tomorrow? King Caelestinus and Queen Charlotte have been informed?" "They should have been. Phoenix said he would tell them." "We will meet with the Royal Pure Bloods and the hybrid but what if our final say opposes yours?" "I...I mean we don't know what we'll do if that happens. I guess we'll have to take everything into consideration." I said thoughtfully. "What if it comes to you actually leaving? Would you really leave?" Alex asked me seriously. I knew he wanted me here. Ruling by his side. I wanted that too, for a time. å "A er learning that I am deeply connected with the Core, maybe I will leave if it proves to be a better option. Let's discuss this first Alex. That way we won't make a reckless decision." He sighed and nodded at me a er a while. "I suppose it's settled then. We'll o icially discuss this matter tomorrow evening. I'm sure we'll come up with a good solution," my mother announced, looking at my father. He have her a tight smile and stared at me. "You really like him don't you?" "I do, papa. You know I love him. I only hope that you...." "I am fine with it as long as you're truly happy with your decision. Although I haven't really warmed up to that prince, I will try to be civil with him," my father painfully uttered out the last part. I rushed to him and gave him a tight hug. a "Finally," both Alex and Beth sighed in relief. My mother just shook her head. a **Next evening** "The journey was pleasant Aurora. Really. You know how much I enjoy coming back to Golden Haven. Such a beautiful kingdom. She never fails to give me a homely feeling." Queen Charlotte and Queen Aurora conversed over some hot tea. a "I'm glad your journey wasn't too tiring. I assume that this was a last minute preparation for yourself as well?" "Sort of but my husband and I saw this coming." "Well, our dear daughter decided on telling us just last night. It was quite the surprise." "Imagine me seeing my hybrid son fall in love with a sweet fae. The Dark Prince, tamed by love. You're surprised Aurora? I have no words to describe how I feel." Queen Charlotte chuckled to herself. a "I never saw it from your perspective Charlotte," Queen Aurora admitted before taking a small sip of her tea. "How do you feel about our children together?" she asked. "They're not children anymore. Well, at least my son isn't. How do I feel? It's hard to swallow, yes but I am so happy for Phoenix. I truly am Aurora. Your daughter has brought out the best in him. The part that he successfully hid for so many years. I couldn't have wished for a better woman than Aeval Florentine. She's a miracle." ď a a ď đ a a ď a ď a ď a⁵ đ a å

"She is." Queen Charlotte noticed her friend's watery eyes. How could she ignore her thoughts on this?! She just got back her daughter a er ten long years. "I'm so sorry Aurora. I failed to consider what this means to you. I should have been mo-" "No, it's alright. Your words earlier were very true. They're not children anymore." "But Aeval and Alex are still those little kids to you." "They are," the fae queen replied solemnly. She was excited for her daughter but she didn't want her to go away again. She was happy but she felt like she was losing her. It was bittersweet. "Their love is real, Charlotte. That's what gives me the satisfaction, console and joy. They went through so much before realizing how much they care about each other. Every time I see them together, I can't help but think that they were meant to be." The vampire queen smiled proudly at her dear friend. She was glad they shared their joy for their children. "Your majesties," a messenger stood at the entrance of Queen Aurora's room. "His majesty, King Sindrion Celeste has requested an audience with all the royals gathered in this place. "Are you ready?" Queen Charlotte turned to her friend. "Ready as ever," Queen Aurora returned a smile before turning towards the messenger. "Thank you, we'll be on our way to the Great Hall." He bowed and le at once. **Princess Bethany Hope's POV** "You are refusing the crown and you, little princess are prepared to simply leave?" King Caelestinus asked with venom laced in each word that came out of his mouth. I could see my dear friend visibly wince from the king's harsh tone. The Dark Prince however, remained una ected. He even had a bored expression on his face. "I'm sure you don't have to put it like that, dear husband. We must respect one another." Queen Charlotte gently spoke while she held the king's arm. He in return, grunted and looked away from her. "You two cannot simply run away from your responsibilities!" He angrily spoke. Everyone remained quiet until the Dark Prince slammed both his fists on the heavy wooden table which we were all seated around. This made Prince Zenas and Princess Esmeralda jump a little. The Dark Prince glared at his father with his lethal orbs that only meant danger. He was sending a clear warning to everyone. His scary veins spread throughout his exposed skin as his eyes turned pitch black. The hall immediately started to become warm. He looked menacing and nothing less than deadly. I would never, ever want to get on his bad side. I knew he wouldn't hurt any of us but my grip on Alexander's hand tightened. My husband placed his other hand on mine as a comforting gesture. "My proposal to you was not completely disposable," the Dark Prince icily spoke to the king. He was so not in a good mood. Even his voice sounded sinister. We could all see the uncertainty in King Caelestinus' eyes but he didn't back down. He refused to do such a thing. "What proposal?! He's not ready! You know him better than most people, Phoenix!" He yelled at his brooding son. Now, everyone was disappointed with the king. He was technically adding more fuel to the fire by infuriating the Dark Prince. Nobody wants the hybrid angry. "Give him a fucking chance. I've been training him for some time now." His tone was low this time. He wanted his father to listen. "He was never aware of those things. He is not ready!" The pure blood king argued back angrily. He wanted no one else to wear the crown. This whole discussion created a wave of confusion to pass over the members of both the royal families. "Erhemm," King Sindrion finally broke the heated conversation by clearing his throat. "This was supposed to be a discussion. Discussion means everyone should have a say in a particular matter and to actually have a say requires all of us to fully understand this situation first. Is it just me or are we all truly lost? It seems that the two of you are aware of something that the rest of us should know about," King Sindrion spoke as he narrowed his eyes at King Caelestinus and Prince Phoenix. "I want the two of you to calm down and Phoenix, I've warned you about being destructive in my castle. I don't want a scratch on any of the walls." The Dark Prince's glare intensified as if he actually considered blowing up the entire castle. "Phoenix, please sit and tell us about your proposal," King Sindrion slowly said as if sensing his thoughts. "Yes, thank you Your Majesty! I highly appreciate your words," Prince Zenas looked gratefully at my father-in-law. I bet he was just as confused about the earlier conversation his father and brother had but somehow it made sense to me. Which is why Prince Phoenix's next words did not surprise me at all. "I want Prince Zenas Everett to wear the crown." He announced loud and clear. There was a long stretch of silence. "WHAATTT??!" Zenas exploded while he abruptly stood up from his seat. Even his sister stared ahead with wide eyes. "Alright, calm down," King Sindrion dismissed his outburst like it was nothing. "What makes you think your brother can handle the weight of the crown?" "I know my father trained me the most. Hell, he trained me for centuries. I know everything there is to know about ruling but that doesn't mean my other siblings are clueless on this matter. They were educated the same way I was but for a shorter amount of time-" "Much shorter Phoenix!! They never learnt enough! The rest of your siblings never got their hands dirty. They weren't taught enough, not as much as you were!" "What are you talking about?! I know that. I know that I know more about ruling than the rest of them but Zenas doesn't need to know everything. He doesn't need the same amount of knowledge as me to rule Red Kingdom!" "This isn't something to be taken lightly!" "Both of you calm down-" "Why are you so against him wearing the crown?!!" the Dark Prince ignored King Sindrion and continued arguing with his father. King Sindrion placed his palm on his forehead, not knowing what else to do. He couldn't stop them. I could clearly see the worry and fear in Aeval's eyes. No one could blame her for we had no idea how this meeting was going to end. "Why me?!" Prince Phoenix desperately yelled again, his need for answers intensified. "Because you are the best there is!!" the vampire king's loud outburst silenced everyone. Even Prince Phoenix looked somewhat stunned by his father's revelation. "Y..you..." the pure blood king let out a heavy sigh as he rubbed his face in exhaustion. "You've always been the most deserving." He whispered in all honesty. It was a simple sentence but his words held so much depth. I felt my heart skip a beat. His words reflected how he felt about his son. I felt the fatherly care. Prince Phoenix replied by simply letting out a sco. "Deserving? I've always been a mistake father." "You said that to yourself so many times that one day you started believing those meaningless words." King Caelestinus stated coldly. His wife stroked the back of his hand and looked at Prince Phoenix letting him know that she agreed with his father. Prince Zenas and Princess Esmeralda gave each other a look and kept quiet a er the heated argument. "Alright, I'm afraid we have to continue if we want a proper conclusion out of this." King Sindrion carefully spoke. "Shall we continue?" he asked again. Once he received a few nods he looked at the Dark Prince. "You believe Prince Zenas Everett is more than capable of handling the crown, correct?" "Yes, he has followed me to countless meetings, discussions and he is familiar with the act of leadership and the ways of our kingdom. He will face many new challenges but he's a quick learner." I looked over at the younger prince to find him staring hard at the table. "Is that why you spoke so much on our recent trips to the other kingdoms?" he suddenly asked his older brother. "Yes." "Why...I mean I am flattered but what is making you put so much faith in me? You know my style Phoenix. I'm happy go lucky. I'm not made to be....king." "You could be. You would make more than a good king if you just gave yourself a chance. You know the people more than I do. You connect with them better than I could ever. That for me, is utmost important when it comes to being king." Zenas said nothing a er that. He wanted to but he couldn't find the words. Princess Esmeralda smiled in agreement with Prince Phoenix. Queen Aurora and Aeval were quite surprised as they listened. "What are you thinking Caelestinus?" King Sindrion inquired. "I don't know." "If Zenas rules, you'll always be there to guide him. You can teach him many things just like how you taught Phoenix." "They are not the same. I don't mean that as an insult, Zenas." "I'm not insulted at all, you're right. I wouldn't know where to start or what to do!" He replied in a daze. "May I say something?" Aeval asked a er a moment's pause. Her voice had a soothing e ect. It calmed any situation and it made people listen. "Go on," King Caelestinus said. She turned to face Phoenix. "If Zenas wears the crown, where would you go? Stay in Golden Haven with fae creatures and colourful pixies? Phoenix, you can't live here. It would be cruel to ask you to stay." "That is my decision to make Princess. If it's wrong of me to stay here, where will you live if I decide to be King? With me in Red Kingdom? Our kingdoms are world's apart. You must utilize and make full use of your gi shere." "My gi s stays with me wherever I go Phoenix. They are no less powerful if I go to Red Kingdom. My bond with the core can never be "I will not ask you to come to Red Kingdom." "And I will not allow you to stay here." a⁵ Princess Esmeralda groaned at the duo. "You know, this is messed up. You're both right and it's not easy," She muttered. "It will not be right for her to be in Red Kingdom. She's a fae with powerful gi s. You on the other hand, will not be happy living in Golden Haven. It's not in your nature, Phoenix." She said in all seriousness. "My daughter is right. It wouldn't be right for you to be so far away from Golden Haven," Queen Charlotte added. "But you did it-" Queen Charlotte li ed her hand up before Aeval could finish her sentence. a "I was turned into a vampire, dear princess. I did it willingly. Plus, I was a simple fae carrying no special gi s. Leaving home for the love of my life was easy. I came from a simple family Aeval. Speaking of my family, they were supportive about me leaving and they were happy for me. You're not me Aeval. You can't be so far away from this place." My friend sighed and buried her head in her hands. "I really wish there was something in between our two kingdoms," she mumbled. I abruptly straightened myself in my seat as I could almost feel the imaginary light bulb shining brightly above my head. \not "Wait! I mean....may I speak?" I controlled my excitement before I could blurt out anything weird. "Yes, Bethany of course you can," Queen Aurora looked at me encouragingly. "There is something in between our two kingdoms!" I looked around enthusiastically. "Silver Heights! It's not super far away from Golden Haven. Far but definitely not as far as Red Kingdom. Moreover, it's not very far from Red Kingdom at all. It's almost in between. It's a fairly big kingdom with a lot of people living in it and currently they don't have a ruler. That Marcus guy is dead!" I ended feeling breathless. My husband immediately held me close and gave me an approving smile. ₫ I looked around the table and saw many pairs of eyes on me. I felt scrutinized. Did I say something wrong? Silence. So silent. "That's not a bad idea at all," Princess Esmeralda finally broke the disturbing quietness. "Yeah I know." Prince Zenas agreed. The kings and queens looked at each other for a moment, then they turned towards Phoenix and Aeval. "It is a fairly big kingdom. I mean it's not small," King Sindrion said thoughtfully. "Silver Heights consists of a large population too. Who's the leader now? No one right?" Queen Aurora turned to King Caelestinus. å "The general is doing whatever he can. That means the defense forces are in charge. They make rules here and there, waiting for the new lord to take charge." "You haven't posted anyone?" "Not yet Aurora. We have a few men qualified for the job. I was going to give the posting to one of them in two weeks time actually." "You should put that on hold." Queen Charlotte advised her husband. "If the two of you are willing to take the next step, how about Silver Heights. It's not a very rich kingdom but it is still worthy of a king and queen." Aeval shared a knowing smile with Prince Phoenix. I'm guessing this is what they wanted. Something simple to live by. "Whenever my brother messes up big time, he can always call me or better yet show up in Silver Heights," the Dark Prince said thoughtfully as he ran a hand through his hair. a "If Golden Haven is in any sort of trouble, I will be able to feel it at once as my connection with the Core will remain strong." Aeval added. "I'm....I am okay with living in Silver Heights, Phoenix. It sounds perfect. We will not be forced to choose." a "You're right, we don't have to choose," the prince agreed. "Living? You'll be ruling there," Queen Aurora chipped in. "Phewwww!! Okay now things aren't so bad! I mean you're not going to be too far away so I feel way better! I have to warn all of you here. I am going to be a shitty king." Zenas blurted out, nervousness was eating him up. **a** "You won't be," Prince Phoenix gave a serious look to his brother. "Father will guide you, just like how he guided me, right?" he turned to King Caelestinus. The king nodded at his second son, promising to be there if he ever felt lost. "Does this mean we have come to an agreement?" King Sindrion asked authoritatively. "It appears so." The vampire queen answered while she eyed her eldest son and Aeval. Her husband stood up next to her. "My second son, Prince Zenas Everett will be crowned as the new king once I give up my crown." The pure blood king announced. Zenas gulped. "My firstborn, Prince Alexander Fay Sindrion will be crowned as king. Princess Bethany Hope will rule by his side as the future queen," once my father-in-law announced it, I felt a rush of adrenaline pump throughout my body. My heartbeat spiked up and I couldn't breathe properly. Bringing my hand to my chest I tried to calm myself down. 31 Queen?!! I was just getting used to being called a princess!! I don't think I was ready to be a queen. đ Queen! The word alone brought goosebumps to my skin. "Queen?" It was just a whisper but they all heard me. "Your majesties, I don't think I'm ready for that kind of responsibility. I just became a princess and before that I was a servant. I don't think I can....I mean to be a worthy ruler....it is not going-" a "It won't be easy princess. It will be anything but. You will face many challenges as queen and wife. Some will be harder to overcome. All that doesn't mean that you aren't capable of doing it. Learn Bethany. Learn and grow to be the ruler you were called to be. Nothing is ever easy in life. Your life wasn't easy as a village girl, it became worse as a castle servant and life will not be always smooth as queen. Not many leaders are made for it but somehow you are. You're strong, feisty and you are stubborn in all the right ways. You'll make a good queen, I know you will." Queen Aurora washed away any doubts I had earlier. She spoke calmly making me understand the amount of faith she has in me. a I won't let her down. Alex squeezed my hand and kissed the side of my head. "I feel the same way about you Zenas. Stop acting like it's the end of the world," Queen Charlotte rolled her eyes at her second son. a "Just to make things clear, I'm choosing my advisers." He said adamantly, staring at his parents. á "Very well," his mother muttered. That brought a wide smile to Zenas' face. I wonder what kind of a king he was going to be. I know he'll rule wisely. Zenas has the Dark Prince to guide him as well. "Father, I think you should arrange for a lord to be in Silver Heights for some time. We can't immediately take over the kingdom." "Why not?" the Dark Prince gave the king an annoyed look. "We cannot just barge into the small kingdom as king and queen. Aeval and I aren't even married. We're not ready." ď "Then why the discussion?" the king asked confused. a "To get a clearer picture as to what will happen if we decide to take the next step into our relationship." Prince Phoenix flatly answered. His father raised a brow, his eyes traveled to and fro between Prince Phoenix and Aeval. "Why can't the two of you just get married now and take over Silver Heights? Both of you love each other right?" "Caelestinus! My daughter just turned eighteen not too long ago!" ď King Sindrion snapped. "It's about the right age," the pure blood king shrugged. Then he turned towards the couple in front of him. "Get married. Rule together. Don't worry, we're not expecting any grandchildren right away." He casually spoke. I could see Aeval's face turning red from embarrassment. She tried to cover her face with her hair but it wasn't much use. There was a ghost of a smile playing on the Dark Prince's lips but besides that, he remained expressionless. He clearly didn't want to rush her into anything yet. å "You can't just force her to get married, father." "I'm not forcing, I'm suggesting. You've been together for some time now. Living in the same castle. Why not marry before continuing to do just that?" Alright, I'll admit the pure blood king is good with his words. Aeval actually seemed to be thinking about what has been said. My husband however wasn't too pleased with the idea. "No. Evie can take her time. Let my sister to think about it. Stop trying to force everything down her throat." å "Force everything down her throat? Rough words, boy. Like I said, it was a suggestion and like you just boldly announced, why don't we let her to decide?" King Caelestinus stared down at Alex. "My son is right Caelestinus. We will allow it if and only if Aeval agrees to marry." The fae queen firmly put out her statement. "It would save us a lot of trouble right mama?" "Don't think about us Aeval. Do whatever feels right for you." I said to her. It was a good idea for them to get married but I also understand that it would be a sensitive thing for Aeval. Everyone remained quiet a er that. We patiently waited for the princess' decision. "How about a short break?" King Sindrion advised, slowly standing up. Everyone understood that he wanted his daughter to spend some a **Third Person's POV** King Caelestinus stood by the balcony, drinking some wine. He looked over the vast kingdom. This place was always relaxing to him. "Beautiful isn't it?" "Phoenix?" "I guess I will still be wearing a crown a er all." "Yes, I suppose you will." The king did not know what else to say. They never spoke much. The Dark Prince let out a heavy breath and ran his fingers through his hair. "Zenas will do well. Put more faith in him." "I do have faith in him. I just have more faith in you Phoenix. I want you to know that you were never a disappointment. No matter what happened in the past, you're were always my pride. Always. Now, I respect your decision in refusing the throne. I will be there for your brother but in return I want you to do something for me." đ "I appreciate your words. What is it that you want? I can't promise that I will blindly agree." I want you to be one of Zenas' o icial advisers. If not for me, do it for him. It's the one thing I ask." He stared at his son in the eye. They were surrounded by an awkward silence for some time. Then they both stared out the balcony. "Fine. I will do this for you. However, as adviser I will remain strict and direct. I will be a pain to him." The king genuinely smiled at his son. "Do whatever you must." a Princess Aeval finally came to a conclusion. She thought about her

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kingdom, her people and the life giving core. She thought about Phoenix and everything they've been through together. As soon as she found a connection between her mind and heart, the decision she came up with wasn't very di icult. There was no doubt or hesitation. She knew exactly what she wanted. She gathered her strength and confidence before standing up. She looked at each and every royal member before her twinkling eyes found Prince Phoenix's dark ones. "I've thought about everything that was said during our discussion. I took everything into consideration, not leaving anything out. Standing sure of myself, I'm pleased to announce that I've decided to Everyone seated around the table looked utterly contented. Even Prince Alex reluctantly nodded, respecting his sister's choice. Everyone was alright with it except the Dark Prince. He simply gazed The young princess gave him a reassuring smile but at the same time, her look indicated that she wanted to talk to him privately. He gave her a curt nod before standing up to leave. THAT'S ALL FOR NOW. TILL NEXT TIME. SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS Continue to next part

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at his Little Flower in shock.