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"Apart from changing the fireworks to wish lanterns, they also had some ideas," I said, searching the elders face's for any form of disapproval, but I found none. "Ideas like a beauty pageant, which would give youngsters who have come of age the opportunity of finding their mates, instead of having to wait till the mating ceremony," I continued. " Also, a talent show would add spice to the event."

"This is not a carnival, it's the full moon festival, and there are rules to follow!" Gamma Tony fumed, then looked at the elders for support.

After saying my piece, I sat down, leaving them to make the final decisions, at least I know I tried, it won't be my fault if they are not willing to evolve with the rest of the world.

"What do you think Alpha?" Elder Jay asked, and all eyes were on Alpha Izaak. "The elders would support whatever decision you make."

"It's something we could pull off," he said with a smile. " There's no rules about not accepting change anyways."

All the elders nodded in agreement, apart from Gamma Tony and Tiana who could not even mask their anger.

The meeting finally came to an end, and I headed to my room feeling fulfilled for the little victories. Not just about

getting everyone to agree to the idea, but also about ruining Tiana's mood.

On getting to my room, I came across Lily and Mrs. Teresa, and I remembered I was supposed to have breakfast with Lily until alpha Izaak came along.

"Lily!" I called out to her, and she ran towards me with a big smile on her face.

"Hi big sis," she whispered.

I chuckled. "Hi Lily," I said, touching the tip of her nose, making her giggle. "I'm sorry I bailed on you for breakfast," I apologized.

"Greetings Luna," Mrs. Teresa said with a bow.

"How you doing Mrs. Teresa?"

"I'm fine thank you," she replied.

"Please kindly get Cora for me," I requested.

"Sure thing Luna," she replied, and headed to go get Cora, while Lily and I went into my room.

"Lily, since I bailed on breakfast, which is entirely my fault," I said pleadingly. "Why don't you join me for dinner."

"Yeah!" She jumped excitedly.

A knock was heard at the door, and Lily ran to get it, while I went to the bathroom.

"Cora is that you?" I called out, but got no response.

"Luna Fiona, someone's at the door for you." Lily announced.

I wonder who could be at the door, if it was Cora, she would have just entered no need for all this drama.

"Give me a minute," I said.

I came out of the bathroom, and Lily's facial expression look like she was trying so hard not to smile, which got me even more curious as to who would be at the door.

As soon as I opened the door, I saw someone kneeling down, with a bunch of flowers covering their face.

As soon as I made to see who it was, the flowers moved to the left, revealing alpha Izaak smiling wildly at me.

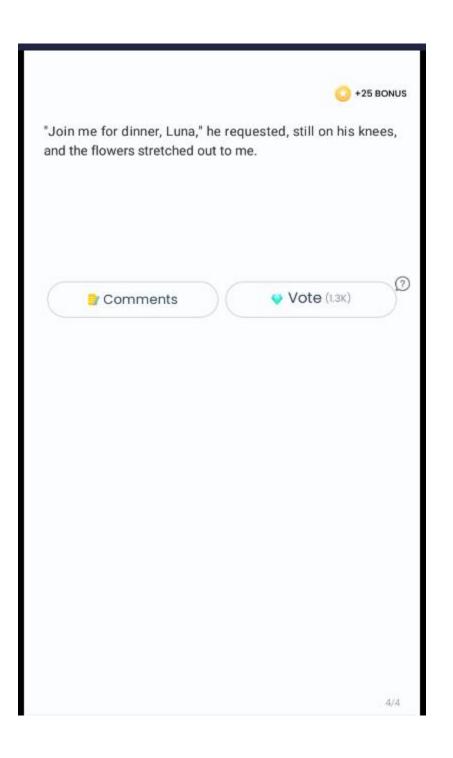
I blushed. "What's all this?"

"Just a husband that's sincerely sorry," he said with puppy dog eyes. "And trying to make it up to his wife," he said, stretching the flowers to me while on his knees.

"Is that why you are kneeling?" I asked, trying to surpress my smile, I wouldn't want to give him the impression, that I'm easily swayed.

"To prove how sorry I am," he replied.

"Awww," Cora and Mrs. Teresa said, as they walked in on the both of us, causing me to blush.



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Izaak's Pov

I knelt on one knee with the bouquet of flowers stretched towards her as I awaited her response. I know I messed up big time, and even if she decides to decline my offer I won't be angry, but I'd definitely be hurt.

Fiona just stood by her door staring down at me with a blank expression, and time seemed to freeze for a moment as I anxiously awaited her reply.

"Okay. Just give me a minute to get dressed," she said finally, after what felt like an eternity.

I pumped my fist. "Yes!" I said excitedly, and Mrs. Teresa and Cora couldn't help but laugh.

I stood up and offered her the flowers. "This is for you," I said, giving her my best smile.

"Thank you," she replied softly, with a smile tugging at the corners of her lips.

Fiona went back into her room with Cora, while Lily left with her grandmother.

As I stood outside waiting for her to get dressed some omega's passed by and greeted me, without giving me a puzzling look.

My phone vibrated in my pocket. I brought it out to see a message from Rick. It would have been okay to just mindlink me, but we are trying to evolve, besides mindlinking seems like invading one's privacy. So we just settled with texting, or calls. Unless it's a general information that's being passed, that's when I can mindlink everyone, that way they are already expecting the message.

"Hey man, Tiana is here looking for you. Where you at?" I sighed, and put my palm on my forehead. I had totally forgotten that I made dinner arrangements with Tiana a few days back.

"Shit," I mumbled under my breath. "I totally forgot, can you come up with an excuse?" I texted back, hoping he can bail me out just this once.

"I'm sorry man, I can't. You know how annoying Tiana is, when she comes looking for you, and you are nowhere to be found," he texted back.

Rick was right, Tiana is extremely clingy, and can be a literal pain in the ass, and to make things worse, she's the reason I'm in this mess.

Not really.

I'm the reason I'm in this mess, if only I didn't just let Tiana be all over me in Fiona's presence, I wouldn't be here in the first place. I was about texting Rick again, when his message popped up. "A piece of advice, mask your scent, if you are not ready to meet her." I sighed in frustration, Rick was right, Tiana is a very good tracker, and it would take a lot of masking for her not to be able to catch my scent. But no matter what, it would be easier dealing with Tiana's wrath, than having to explain my disappearance to Fiona. The thought of it alone gives me goosebumps.

I was still lost in my thoughts, when the door of Fiona's room opened. Cora came out first, then followed by Fiona, who wore a red mini gown that hugged her body in all the right places, making her look extremely breathtaking.

"You look stunning, Fiona," I complimented, trying my best not to stare so hard. Cora stood beside smiling widely, like she's the one being complimented.

"Thank you," she replied with a smile.

I offered her my arm, and she slid her hand into it, as we walked graciously together in silence.

I led her towards the garden, and her eyes lit up as we stepped into the garden. I didn't really have enough time, and didn't want to ask Rick for help because he won't stop teasing me about it. So, I made the little arrangements I could.

I had some scented candles in my drawers back in my room, and picked up some roses from Elder Freya's garden,

which I used in decorating the garden. It wasn't so fancy, but I'm glad Fiona liked it, at least that's what the look on her face says.

I led her towards the round table at the center of the garden that was filled with a variety of dishes. All this was thanks to the pack's chef.

I need to give him a raise, because apart from decorating the garden, I still needed to get food. What's a dinner date without food right? And I wouldn't have been able to pull this off without his help.

I pulled out a chair for her. "Thank you," she said, as she took her seat.

"I hope you like the setup?" I asked, searching her face for answers.

"Who wouldn't?" She said, with her eyes sparkling. "There's food, so why not," she said with a smile.

As soon as I sat down, soft music played in the background. I was equally surprised, but hid it. I looked around, and saw the chef, at the garden's entrance, with a wide smile on his face, which indicates that the music was his idea.

I can't even believe I skipped music arrangements, but thank the goddess he came through for me.

I filled out glasses with wine, and we soon began eating in silence.

"So this is how you apologize, huh?" Fiona said, breaking the silence, after taking a few bites from her food.

I was surprised by her question. "I don't really do this," I replied.

"Hmmm," she said, shaking her head lightly as she ate. " What's your relationship with Tiana?" She asked out of the blue.

"Nothing," I lied. "Can I ask you something?" I tried changing the topic, because I don't know how long I can hide my relationship with Tiana.

"Shoot."

"What made you take your sister's place, and married me?" I asked.

She pulled her plate away, and refilled her wine.

"Do you really want to know?" She asked, looking at me intently.

"Yes," I replied calmly, as I saw the hurt in her eyes.

"I found my mate," she began casually, like it was not a big deal. Which made my heart ache, does it mean she'd be leaving me for her mate.

Also, if she found him, why are they not together, the thought of this only increased my curiosity.

I had asked Rick to look into her, but he couldn't really get much.

She took a deep long breath before narrating the whole situation to me, sadness evidenced in her voice.

After she was done explaining everything, she gulped down the remaining wine in her glass in a go, and refilled it again. A tear rolled down her left cheeks, and she quickly wiped it with the back of her hands.

"Sorry," she said, her voice laced with sadness.

Seeing her so hurt and vulnerable made my blood boil, and I wanted to kill the person responsible.

"What's his name?" I asked.

"Leland," she replied casually, trying to mask her hurt. The name rang a bell, but I just could not remember where I heard the name.

"I'm sorry you had to go through all that," I said, trying to comfort her. "No one should have to go through such heartache."

She smiled weakly, but the smile didn't reach her eyes. "I'm fine," she said, trying to assure me, but I could still see her watery eyes, and how she's trying hard to hold it in.

I reached out to her hand on the table, and squeezed it gently while looking at her. "It took a lot of courage for you

