

## Chapter 33

Hearing him say that to his mother means she has a chance. Perhaps, she should bear everything and give him the time he requested.

"What?" Adaline's eyes bulge, her expression riddled with disbelief.

"I think Carmela's wolf got hurt during her time away, I'm still trying to find a cure for her. Once I do and our wolves can recognize each other —" Tatum pauses, glancing at Leila with something odd in his eyes.

"The bottom line is, I'm not leaving my pack without a Luna until then."

Leila is immediately hit with mixed feelings. On one hand, she is glad Tatum won't let her go so easily but on the other hand, she worries, when Carmela's wolf heals and she turns out to be Tatum's mate as prophesied, what happens then?

"How is that even possible, for her wolf to be so hurt, her mate cannot recognize her?"

Carmela heaves, her countenance falling, tears coating her doe eyes, her lips curving into a pout as she walks painfully slow towards Adaline with her shoulders slumped.

"My torture was endless mother, the torment agonizing.....at night they would come, douse me full of wolfsbane, beat me, spit on me, piss on me, tell me I will never become Luna, that I will never fulfill my destiny, I suffered....I really s..."

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"Oh....you poor thing, what have they done to you? Don't worry, you will be Luna, you were born to lead us into a new beginning, nothing can stop it, no one, no matter how hard they try," Adaline says, sneering at Leila at the last part of her words.

"I believe the long exposure to silver and excess consumption of wolfsbane must have sealed off some of her wolf's ability, making it impossible for a mate to sense her but I cannot be sure, there are certain herbs with such properties but I'll get to the bottom of it and heal her."

Tatum replies, his eyes flushed with pity as he looks at the woman sobbing in his mother's arm.

"Tatum, you must do all you can to find this cure, you must find it and unseal whatever is blocking her wolf, she **MUST** become our Luna."

Adaline's voice is both assertive and worried.

Carmela surprisingly shoots up from Adaline's arm, her tears going dry and her heart races.

"I don't need a cure, don't bother finding it. Mother, even if my wolf cannot sense Tatum's, I bear the mark and most importantly—" she looks down in a shy manner before glancing at Tatum and her voice goes low into a whisper.

"Most importantly, I know where my heart lies."

Leila squints in Carmela's direction. Without her wolf's hearing ability, she doesn't hear the last words Carmela said but a sadness squeezes her heart.

Tatum is trying to find a cure to undo whatever was done to Carmela's wolf so he can find her as his mate but her wolf has been gone for two years and he has never once spoken to her about finding a solution? 1

Does this man truly care for her?

Is his refusal to divorce her as Luna now because he cares for the woman who is his Luna or because he cares for what the woman does as his Luna? 2

What she would give to feel her wolf again.....

Carmela is so lucky to have Tatum trying for her and she doesn't even want it, if only she was that special to Tatum for him to consider helping her get her wolf back.

"I know, I know, but you just heard the Alpha, the sooner we get his wolf to find yours, the sooner we can be rid of this impostor."

Adaline's curt voice brings Leila's wandering mind back to the living room.

She doesn't even feel hurt by the woman's words, everything suddenly feels numb to her and she can't stop thinking about it.

Two years.....even if Tatum didn't marry her, they are friends, shouldn't he have at least tried to help her get her wolf back when he

had information about something like that?

"Mother but—"

Carmela glances at Leila, scratching her nape and looking away quickly, her hands moving with a tremble.

"I don't need the cure, I know being around Tatum will heal me, I'm sure of it."

"Enough of this talk," Tatum coldly states. "Leila, go have the omegas ready the room and Carmi, I believe we were busy, my feet still need their happy time."



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