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"So what if I am?"

Leila's harsh words slash through Tatum's heart ferociously, inflicting a gruesome pain on him. He was hoping she would deny it, that she would lie to him but she didn't.

"Why did you even banish him? What did he ever do to you?" Leila raises her voice as tears break forth from her eyes and it breaks Tatum's heart even further.

What is so special about Kelvin that she loves so much that she is not willing to let him go?

What does Kelvin have that he lacks?

What does she see in Kelvin?

"He attacked the head warrior of the pack, I can't bend the laws for anyone," Tatum replies coldly.

Even if he never planned to banish Kelvin, he cannot hold back the storm of jealousy swirling inside him. He has always hated how Kelvin suddenly replaced him in Leila's life as they grew from children into teenagers.

On the night of their high school prom, he asked Leila to be his date, regardless of the fact that Carmela had asked him first and Leila turned him down because she already promised Kelvin that she would be going with him.

It was the first time in their lives that Leila ever said no to any of his requests and it hurts him as much now as it hurt him then to see that

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when it comes to Kelvin, he will always take second place in Leila's life.

"He was defending me, something you promised to do and did not," Leila sniffs, she puts her hand to her chest and walks closer to Tatum as tears continue to fall from her eyes.

Another pang hits Tatum's heart, her reminder that he broke his promise cuts deep into him with pain. He will do anything to take that night back but it is too late now, Leila sees Kelvin as a more capable man than him.

"Nothing would have happened to you. Do you really think me that weak, not to be able to defend my own Luna?"

Leila stares into his cold eyes with raw emotions and he can see the pain in her eyes, her fear and concern for Kelvin seeps out of her pores and it only hurts him more.

How can his wife harbour this much affection for another man?

"I don't know Tatum, I don't know if you are weak but Carmela broke the law multiple times and I never saw you punish her, is she— above the law?" Leila asks with venom in her tone, her teary eyes full of pain.

"This has nothing to do with Carmela," Tatum replies curtly.

"It has everything to do with her. Everything is about Carmela. Don't think I don't know Tatum, Amanda told me everything. You banished Kelvin at Carmela's request," Leila snaps, her anger like a raging storm, enveloping the tone of her voice.

"She impersonates me as Luna even till this day and I don't see you punishing her but it's okay to banish Kelvin when she asked, it doesn't matter that he is close to me, that he is my friend, you just followed her ORDER."

An unearthly growl tears from Tatum's throat and in a flash he closes the gap between them, grabbing her arm roughly.

"I take orders from no one. Do not undermine me because of Kelvin!"

"I am not undermining you, I am only saying the truth. Kelvin didn't deserve to be banished and now his life is in danger because you couldn't stand up to Carmela."

"Stop saying that," Tatum growls.

Carmela had nothing to do with it. It is all Kelvin's fault for running away, he did not even openly make a pronouncement on Kelvin, everyone just assumed he did as Kelvin could not be found the next day and he was forced to make it official.

"Alpha, I heard screaming. Is everything alright?" Carmela's rosy voice comes from behind them.

"Get out!" Leila yells, a blistering rage filling her voice.

Never has she hated Carmela more than right now. Kelvin could lose his life, she could lose him because of Carmela's bitter hatred and jealousy.

Everything inside of her wants to grab Carmela and tear her to shreds but Tatum's grip on her is firm as he turns to Carmela and the way his voice softens stings Leila's heart with even more pain.

"Leave Carmela, I'll come see you later."

Leila scoffs and shoves Tatum away from her but he doesn't let her go and Carmela bows and leaves, a satisfactory smile on her lips.

She is happy there is trouble in paradise.

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“Tell me the truth Leila, do you love Kelvin, do you want to be with him?” Tatum asks softly and as the word leaves his lips, they leave an indelible pain in his heart, his heart thuds relentlessly, every beat riddled with fear that Leila will finally tell him the truth. [1](#)

She rarely loses her temper but for Kelvin’s sake, she is ready to go against anyone and say anything, even calling him weak and accusing him of taking orders from Carmela.

Even if she admits it to him, he will still not let her go.



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