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-DAMON- .

My father's punch landed on my face before I could even register it. I staggered a little but was able to stand my ground.

"You are ruining everything I ever worked for! How dare you attack the south without my fucking permission?!" He thundered and I sighed as I massaged my cheek.

"I don't need your permission to have my revenge" I murmured and he growled.

"Before being your father, I am the Alpha King and what you have done is unacceptable and all for what?!" He yelled and I turned to him with a glare.

"They tried to have my wife killed and my unborn child died in the fucking process and you're asking me why I did it?" I questioned and

he frowned.

"The entire south didn't attack your wife, Damon. You could have handled the lake view pack and..."

"Well your ways of handling matters aren't exactly the way I would handle matters. To me, the entire south went against me and that's why I did what I did" I murmured and he scoffed in disbelief before running his fingers through his hair.

"You don't understand the severity of your actions, Damon. Everyone already hates you and you're giving them more reasons to" He

uttered and I shrugged.

"I never wanted them to like me, I want them to fear me and it's working. They need to know that hurting people close to me is not an option. It was the only way" I muttered and he shook his head.

"It wasn't the only way and you know it. You're just looking for any fucking reason to kill" He uttered and I rolled my eyes.

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past go, are you?" I questioned.

"Of course not if you keep doing shit like this. Do you know what everyone is saying? Do you know the amount of letters I received?"

Everyone is afraid the death Viper is coming back and no one is in support of you becoming Alpha King. You should be trying to gain followers, not enemies" My father explained and I sighed.

"This is the only way I know how to handle things like this so pardon me if my ways aren't like yours. I do not regret my actions and if any of them come after Clara again, I won't just attack that region but all wolves would be held accountable" I muttered threateningly and he stared at me for a while before letting out a scoff

"Is this how you expect to become Alpha King? You're acting unstable, Damon" He pointed out.

"I am feared, Father. If you look closely, you'd see that people respect me more than they respect you and have you ever asked yourself why? Because I'm not as lenient as you are. This is my method and you're not going to tell me how I should react" I muttered while staring into his eyes intently and he frowned before shaking his head.

"You need to understand that there's a difference between hatred and fear. Yes, they might fear you but when that hatred builds up and surpasses that fear, you'll be cornered by everyone and eventually be defeated. Think of Clara when you do stupid stuff like this, don't you think you're putting her in more danger this way?" He questioned and I frowned. I never really thought of it that way.

"They should try coming for her again and I'll show her just how much of a killer Lam" I muttered and he sighed defeatedly.

"I'm not getting through to you anytime soon. As the Alpha King, what you have done is a great offense and you have to be punished for it unless I won't be just king. You'll be sent to the Abyss tomorrow and will have to stay there for a week" He ordered and my eyes widened

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"What? Fuck no, I can't leave Clara" I muttered.

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“You should have thought of that before attacking the south. You have to pay for your actions and I hope your time there will be used wisely. Reflect on your actions. Dismiss” He muttered then walked back to his seat while I glared at him with my fist clenched.

“I need to be with Clara” I reasoned but he just ignored me and waved me away.

Seeing I wasn’t getting through to him, I grunted before stomping my way out of the office.

I stomped my way angrily out of my parents mansion and saw my mother from the corner of my eye but she didn’t bother coming close to me. Probably because she could see how angry I was.

As soon as I got out of the house, I froze when I saw Clara sitting out on the stairs all alone.

“Clara, what are you doing here?” I questioned as I rushed up to her and immediately took off my suit and placed it on her shoulders.

“I was waiting for you because I was worried” She murmured and I immediately softened. I smiled at her then moved a piece of hair that had fallen over her face behind her ear

“But it’s cold outside and why are you all alone?” I questioned then slowly helped her up.

“I wasn’t alone, Aunt Amelia was here a while ago. Are you okay?” She questioned then placed her hand on my cheek and with the frown on her face, her cheek was probably still bruised from my father’s punch.

“Of course I’m okay. Let’s go home” I grabbed o

nto her hand and led her away before she could say anything.

We got to our mansion and this time, she took the lead and led me up to the room. As soon as we walked in, for some reason my heart raced because tonight was the first time we were going to spend the night together in our room. Why did they make me excited?

“You need to have your bath and while you’re doing that, you’ll tell me what all this is all about and you cannot tell me nothing” She murmured then dismissed the maids and guards before slowly unbuttoning my shirt.

“It’s really nothing, I just had to do what I had to do. Their father was the one who sent someone to kill you so I had him killed” I murmured and she paused before raising up her eyes to stare at my face.

“Really?” She murmured and I frowned.

“Don’t tell me you also support the fact that I should have not done what I did” I murmured and she sighed before moving closer.

“That man made me lose my unborn child so I do not care if he died or not but you should have given them time to mourn their father. You should have given them the privilege to have him buried. It isn’t fair to them, they did nothing wrong” She murmured and I sighed. Clara was always right

“The deed has been done, I can’t turn back time” I murmured and she sta

“I know but you

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e stared at me for a while then smiled.

can save that little tip for later? She murmured then placed a kiss on the tip of nose before she continued unbuttoning my

“You don’t fear me, you don’t hate me” I pointed out and she chuckled before shaking her head.

“Why should I? You’re my husband” She murmured and I smiled before grabbing her face and pressing my lips on hers. That was all that

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As long as she didn’t hate or fear me, I didn’t care what the rest of the world had

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to say about me or how they felt. She was all that mattered....

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After I got Damon naked, I took him to the bathroom and bathed him. I wasn't as modest as he was and couldn't stop myself from grabbing his protruding dick and shoving it into my mouth.

Even though I had bathed earlier, I had to bathe again because of how sticky I was and by the time we got out of the bathroom, it was almost midnight.

We both patted ourselves dry with the towel before going into the closet and getting dressed. As soon as we were done, we wasted no time in climbing into bed and I snuggled close to Damon. I wanted to get into his skin.

"I won't be around for a while" He suddenly said and I froze before glancing up at him with a frown.

"Again? Where are you going this time?" I questioned and he sighed.

"I have to be punished because of what I did in that south. My father is sending me away to be in solitude for a week. It will only be for a week and then I'll be back" He murmured and I shook my head.

"I'm not letting you go anywhere, you're staying here with me" I murmured and he sighed.

"Do you really want me to go against the Alpha king's orders?" He questioned and I frowned.

"You normally do it so why can't you do it this time?" I questioned and he stared at me for a while before caressing my cheek.

"In order for this relationship or marriage to work, I have to atone for my sins and is one way I can do that. When I get back I promise! won't leave you again" He uttered but I still couldn't wipe the frown off my face.

"Damon, we have been away from one another too long. I just want to spend time with you. I know I'm acting like a clingy girlfriend but this is what you get for pushing me away for so long" I murmured with a pout and he chuckled before pinching my cheek.

"Clingy wife, not girlfriend and I don't mind it. I find it cute. I'll be back before you know it, I promise" He murmured and I stared at him for a while before letting out a sigh.

"Where is this place and what exactly is this punishment?" questioned.

"It's like a dark cave where a wolf that has committed atrocious sins is taken to for isolation. It's just a means for me to reflect on my actions. Don't worry about me, I'll be okay He uttered while still caressing my cheek.

“And by isolation, you mean I can’t come visit you? No one can?” I questioned and he nodded.

“it’s the rule” He mentioned and I scoffed,

“That sounds like hell. I’m going to go talk to your father and guilt trip him into letting you go” I murmured and was about to pull away when Damon tightened his arm around my waist and placed his nose on my neck.

“Do you really want to waste the night by fighting a futile battle with my father? I’d rather spend time with you” He murmured and I couldn’t argue with his logic so I gave in.

“Fine” I muttered before settling down into his arms again. We stayed like that for a while and surprisingly, Damon fell asleep first.

I pulled away slightly to stare at his face and couldn’t help but smile. This man was perfect. How could he still look so handsome even when he was asleep?

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I raised my hand and gently traced the outline of his face as I thought back on our time with one another, Granted, our relationship with one another hasn’t been the smoothest. Heck we have spent more time apart than we have together but the feelings we had, at least the feelings I had for him were unreal. I didn’t know if I could use the L word yet and to be honest, I was afraid to use it because even though he wanted to make us official and we both wanted this marriage to work, what’s the guarantee that it will?

I knew it was already too late but I was going to try and guard my heart as much as I could.

After a while I fell asleep as well.

When I woke up the next morning, Damon’s face was the first thing I saw.

“Good morning little devil” He murmured and I smiled. I used to despise that nickname he gave me when we first met but now, I kind of liked it even though I’d wish he’d call me something more romantic.

He leaned down to place a kiss on my lips and only then did I realize that he was fully clothed and not in his nightwear but in casual wear.

“Are you going already?” I questioned softly and he sighed before nodding

“The earlier I go, the sooner I’ll be back. Luca is telling your guards what to do and how to protect you. Do not leave without Luca’s permission or without anyone knowing your whereabouts. If something is wrong, tell Luca. Always alert Luca on anything, okay?” He uttered and I frowned.

“Do you really have to go?” I questioned and he sighed.

“We went over this last night already, Clara, I didn’t want to leave without you seeing me. Why don’t you waiting for me” He uttered and I had no other choice but to comply.

see me off? The car is already

I wore a robe before following Damon downstairs and I was surprised by all the solemn looks on the maids and guards’ faces as he walked by. He was only going into isolation so why were they acting like he was going to die?

As soon as we walked out of the house, Luca ran up to us with Delilah behind him.

“You are leaving” She murmured softly and he nodded.

“I am. The both of you should take care of Clara with your life or I’ll hunt you. Male sure she’s well protected” He ordered and they both bowed their heads.

“Of course, Alpha. Good luck” Luca murmured while staring into Damon’s eyes and it was almost like a silent conversation was going on between them,

“Why are you all acting like Damon is going to war or something? It’s just isolation right?” I questioned as I narrowed my eyes suspiciously at all of them.

“Of course baby but isolation isn’t exactly fun, is it?” Damon murmured then grabbed my face and gave me a very passionate kiss which I immediately melted into. All the suspicion immediately vanished and was replaced by desire and want.

“I see you’re ready” We suddenly heard Damon’s father’s voice from behind us and I didn’t hesitate to throw a glare at him which he immediately noticed.

“Yes”

Damon uttered as he turned away from me to face him.

“Very well then, good luck. I’ll make sure to watch after Clara when you’re gone” He murmured and Damon shook his head.

"I have Luca for that" He muttered then turned to me with a smile as he grabbed onto my hand.

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"I'll be back before you know it, okay?" He murmured and I could feel the tears threatening to fall. © content.

"I'll miss you" I whispered and he grinned.

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"I'll be thinking of you" He murmured then slowly pulled away and in a matter of seconds, he was gone and the emptiness that settled down on me was making me sick.

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*You can't hate me for this, I'm doing this for my son's sake" I jumped slightly at the voice and noticed the Alpha King was standing next to

Without fear, I turned to glare at him.

"The least you could do is let us mourn our dead child together and now because of this, I'd have to mourn alone. Thank you" I muttered then turned around and walked away.

I don't know if I should be mad at the Alpha King because maybe he was really doing this for Damon's sake but I needed Damon right now.

1 stormed my way to my room and barged in only to stop in my tracks when I saw that same girl Damon had brought last night standing in my room.

The look in her eyes gave me chills not because they held anger or hatred, but because they were lifeless.

She bowed her head slightly before staring back at me again,

"Gwen at your service, Mrs Donovan"...

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Chapter 73 -CLARA- 64% We both stood there staring at each other for a while till I cleared my throat and smiled to clear the tension but the dead look in her eyes still remained. "Oh you're here" I murmured as I walked closer to her but she just took a

step backwards which made me frown. "You don't have to be afraid of me, I would never hurt you" I murmured. "I'm not afraid of you. I just abhor hate for you and your husband" She uttered honestly and I sighed. "I know what my husband did was wrong and I share my condolences to you but your father did try to kill me" I murmured and she scoffed. "He killed my mother in cold blood" She muttered through clenched teeth and I frowned, "Because of your father's ambush, I lost my child and..." "I lost my mother at a very long age! I didn't get to experience the love of a mother and my brothers had to raise me up themselves and mind you, they were still kids. We had to watch our father lose his mind and wallow in agony from losing my mother and we could do absolutely nothing about it. Don't try to justify what your husband did because he has ruined a lot of lives and if I have any say, you losing your child is just his karma" She muttered then wiped away her tears hardly while I just stared at her. I never really thought of it that way. I guess when I heard of the things Damon had done, I never really thought about the effect of his actions on others and that was very wrong of me. "I'm sorry on behalf of my husband and I. He only did what he did because of me so I'm the one you should blame for your father's death. You can hate me for as long as you want but I can guarantee you that liking me is so much better especially since I already like you. We are about the same age,

aren't we?" I questioned and she scoffed. "That doesn't change a thing. So what if we are age mates, I will never like a Donovan" She muttered and I just smiled. "You have a sharp mouth, I like you" I murmured and she rolled her eyes. After seeing she wasn't in any mood to hold a conversation with me, I let her go and got ready for the day. In order to take my mind off Damon I had to keep myself busy and that was exactly what I did. I kept myself busy by doing anything I could do around the house and pack. I even talked to some pack members who greeted me and regarded me with such high respect. They must have probably heard that Damon slaughtered an Alpha because of me. Gwen and her brothers stayed close and even though I tried making conversation with them, they answered coldly or didn't answer at all so I just left them. I was seated at the pack just enjoying the fresh hair and the sounds of children running and playing around. I couldn't help but smile even when an empty feeling settled down inside of me. "You are crying" Gwen pointed out nonchalantly and my eyes widened as I quickly wiped away my tears. "Oh I'm sorry, this place is kind of depressing. Let's leave" I muttered as I stood up from the bench and was about to walk away when a little boy ran up to me and wrapped his arms around my leg "Mama" He murmured while peering up at him and my heart immediately broke. I bent down to caress his hair. 1/3 "Are you lost, sweet child?" I questioned but he just stared at me before throwing himself into my arms. 11:55 Tue, 2 Jul Chapter 73 0:0 64% "Mama" He called again and I couldn't help but wrap my arms around his tiny little body. What was a

child like this going out here all on his own? I picked him up in my arms as I glanced around. "Don't worry baby, we're going to find your mama, okay?" I murmured but just before I could take a step forward, a woman that looked like she hadn't slept or showered for days charged towards me like a raging bull and yanked the child out of my arms roughly. "What are you trying to do? Are you trying to kidnap my child?!" She yelled so loud that everyone instantly turned to stare at us while the baby immediately

started crying, "He came up to me and "Kidnapper! You want to take my kid all because you lost yours right?" She yelled again and this time I froze as tears welled up in my eyes. I was trying my best, trying my possible best not to think about it. "Get out of here or I'll have your head chopped off Steven, who I now knew as the oldest and the most silent suddenly stood in front of me, blocking my view of the woman. "Take her back to the car now" He ordered and Nathan and Nate who were fraternal twins immediately led me back to the car with Gwen tailing behind. I stayed silent as I got into the car while trying my hardest not to let my tears spill because I felt like if I cried, I wouldn't stop and the only person that could comfort me wasn't around. Some seconds later, Steven got into the car and immediately drove off. We all sat there in silence while I clenched and unclenched my fist. I thought I was diving it but I wasn't. I needed Damon "You can cry if you want to," Gwen's soft voice suddenly sounded, breaking the silence in the car and I shook my head. "My husband is the only one that can comfort me so I can't cry till he's back" I murmured and I heard her sigh but she didn't say anything else. As soon as we got back home, I got out of the car without waiting for anyone to open the car door for me and ran up to my room as fast as could, locking the door behind me. I took several deep breaths to try and calm my nerves but it wasn't working.

"Clara, I heard what happened. Open up the door so I can talk to you" I heard Delilah's voice from the other side of the door and I instantly broke down. "Get me Damon please!" I screamed as I wailed loudly. "Clara, let me come in and talk to you" Delilah murmured but I wasn't listening. I curled up in a ball and cried harder than I've cried in days. After a while, they were able to open the door with another key and I felt someone wrap their arms around me and I was waiting for that familiar warmth that seemed to calm me down immediately but I felt nothing because it wasn't Damon, as I cried on her chest. I wasn't only crying for my dead child but "It's okay, I'm here for you" Delilah murmured as she caressed my hair as because I wanted Damon. "Can't you bring Damon to me please?" questioned softly as I stared up at her but she just sighed. "I wish I could, Clara" She murmured and I cried harder on her chest till I got tired and fell asleep...

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Chapter 74 -CLARA- Delilah had to sleep beside me that night and after that night, Gwen and her brothers' attitude changed towards me. Well not totally but their tone towards me softened but they still acted coldly. I could really focus on them though because the next day, it was like my longing for Damon grew ten times worse. Luca, Aunt Amelia and Damon's parents all heard about what happened to me yesterday and they all came to the house to see how I was doing and even though they all tried to cheer me up, I still felt empty. "Can't you just let me see him?" I questioned softly as we all had breakfast together and everyone immediately went quiet. "You can't and quite frankly, I don't think you would want to" The Alpha King uttered and I frowned. "Of course I would want to. That's all I want right now" I muttered and they all went silent again. "Dear just eat your food, it's getting cold" Damon's mother uttered and I frowned before pushing my chair backwards as I stood up. "I'm not hungry" I muttered and was about to walk away when Luca grabbed onto my hand. "You have to eat,

Clara. If Damon was here... "But he isn't and you all won't let me see him, why?" I questioned then turned to glance at his parents but his mother just bowed her head while the Alpha King sighed. "Clara... "I'm leaving" I muttered before he could complete his sentence then walked out of the dining room despite Aunt Amelia calling my name. *Clara please understand..." Luca began as he ran behind me with Delilah close beside him.

"What exactly should I understand? I just want to see him. I need him right now and you all don't even care. I need my mate" I muttered as tears slid down my cheeks involuntarily. "You have to understand that you can't see him," Delilah uttered and I scoffed. "Why? Because he's in isolation? I just want to see him once and..." "It's not because of that, Clara. You won't want to see him" Delilah murmured and I frowned. "What do you mean by that and why can't she see him?" I suddenly heard Aunt Amelia's voice as she walked out of the dining room with Damon's parents. "She just can't see him" The Alpha King uttered and she pursed her lips before turning to him. "I don't mean to offend you but it seems you all are hiding something from Clara. Can't you see her mate right now? Whatever punishment he's serving, can't she see him for thirty minutes And then he can carry on?" She questioned and everyone went silent. "For crying out loud, what is the problem is something wrong with Damon? Why are you all being so secretive?" I uttered with my voice raised and a look passed between Luca and Delilah. Luca turned to stare at the Alpha King before turning back to me. Chapter 74 "Damon is currently not in a good position for you to see him" Luca uttered and I frowned. "Why? What's wrong with my husband?" I questioned and he sighed. "He's in the abyss" He muttered and my breath hitched while I almost choked on my spit. The abyss? That wasn't just any isolated place, that was a place where a wolf that has committed the most horrendous deed is thrown into it. It's like hell for any wolf's mind because of the spell that was placed over the cave. Any wolf that goes into the abyss either comes out insane or brutally injured because the spell the witch casted on the cave drove them mad and in the process, they hurt themselves or worse, kill themselves.. "What?" I questioned softly and Luca sighed, "Clara, calm down. You..." "How can you tell me to calm down when Damon is currently harming himself?!" I yelled and he

sighed. "This isn't the first time. He..." "What?" I screeched before turning to Damon's mother. "How could you let them send him to the abyss knowing he's going to suffer?" I questioned and she frowned. "Because I'm able to admit that what he did was wrong and he has to pay for his sins. He slaughtered innocent people in cold blood, Clara. I get that he was doing it out of anger and emotions but if we keep overlooking things like this, he's never going to change" She reasoned and even if she was making sense at that point, I was too angry to realize it. "Take me to him," I muttered as I turned to Luca. "He cannot take you to him because Damon has to complete his punishment" The Alpha King uttered but I wasn't listening to him. I just kept staring at Luca and as if seeing the seriousness in my eyes, he sighed then nodded. "I'll take you to him," He muttered. "You will do no such thing when I haven't given you the permission to" The Alpha King uttered, making Luca and I turn to him. "You may be the Alpha King but my loyalty lies in my Alpha-and when he's not around, my loyalty lies in his wife and you

may punish me however you seem fit later but i have to obey her orders. Shall we leave, Clara?" He questioned and I nodded before hurriedly walking out of the house. Delilah walked out of the house with us and asked to go with us. I didn't reply because my mind was occupied with Damon but nevertheless, she got in with us and we drove all the way to where the abyss was located. It felt like a very long and tortuous journey when it only took an hour and some minutes to get there. When we got there, I wasted no time in jumping out of the car and was about to run straight into the cave when Luca held me back. "He's not in his right senses and might seriously hurt you" He muttered and I opened my mouth to say something when I heard a pain filled scream come from inside the cave. "Damon!" I screamed and pushed away Luca as hard as I could before running into the cave. The .

guards tried holding me back but it seemed Luca told them not to so they let me pass. As soon as I laid my eyes on Damon, the tears began flowing down my cheeks without end. He was waiting and screaming on the ground while holding his head. There were scratch marks all over his body which were self-inflicted and his clothes were all torn and tattered. 11:55 Tue, 2 Jul Chapter 74 "Damon, it's Clara" I screamed as loud as I could and he paused before turning to me with red wide eyes.. "Clara?" He called out as if making sure and I hurriedly nodded while trying to keep my tears at bay. 63% "Yeah it's Clara" I murmured and was about to reach out to hold him when he snarled and pulled back his claw and was about to slash me when Luca immediately pulled me out of the way and instead got a scratch on the leg "Dammit. He's not in his right senses, he can't recognize you. Maybe you should..." Before he could complete his sentence, I pushed Luca away and ran towards Damon, bent down and wrapped my arms around him as tightly as I could. "It's me Clara, your wife!" I screamed as loud as I could and his body stilled. "Clara?" He called out softly and immediately he wrapped his arms around me, I snuggled into his arms. es it's me, I'm sorry for coming late but we are leaving here together"....

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Chapter 75 -DAMON- 63% After they unlocked the chains binding me to the cave, Clara and Luca pulled me out and had me sit out on the bench for a while to clear my head and mind completely. As soon as my mind was clear, I turned to glare at Luca. "Why did you bring her here? Are you s**d?" I questioned and he bowed his head. "I'm sorry Alpha" Luca murmured. "I asked him to bring me here and we're leaving here together. I'm not letting you suffer in there" Clara muttered, turning my attention to her. "This place is f**g dangerous, Clara. I could have seriously hurt you if Luca hadn't jumped in to protect you" I muttered and she sighed. "It wasn't your fault. It's because of the spell.. "It doesn't still f**g matter, Clara, I could have hurt you, is that what you want?" I raised my voice as I stared at her. How could she be so careless? "You didn't hurt me so it doesn't matter. What matters is the fact that I'm not leaving you here. You're coming home with me" She uttered and I sighed. "Go home, Clara. I'm going to finish my punishment and then I'll be back. You didn't have to waste your time coming here" I muttered as I stood up and was about to walk back inside when she scoffed. "I came all the way here because I was worried and because I missed you but the first thing you do

is shun me away?" She questioned and I sighed. *Clara... *Save it. Die in there for all I care" She muttered then stood up and hurriedly walked away while I stared at her back till she disappeared. I let out a sigh as I turned to Luca. "Go after her and make sure she gets home safely" I muttered and was about to walk away when

Luca spoke; "Why are you angry at her? She was just worried about you" He uttered and I turned to him with a glare. "I'm not angry at her, I'm angry at you. I gave you strict instructions not to bring her here because I didn't want her seeing me this way you regarded my orders and did so anyway" I muttered through clenched teeth "Because she missed you, Damon. She has not been taking the miscarriage very well and she needed you. I'm sorry if I decided to prioritize your wife's well-being over your orders" He uttered and I frowned. "What happened?" questioned and he sighed. but "A woman accused her of trying to kidnap her child at the pack yesterday and said Clara was trying to kidnap her son because she lost hers. It triggered Clara and she couldn't stop crying last night" He told me and my eyes widened and I clenched my fist as an indescribable anger surged through me. "Did you find the woman?" I questioned and he shook his head. 1.3 63% Chapter 75 *Clara didn't want me going after her so she didn't tell me anything about the woman and her guards and personal maid won't tell me anything either" He muttered and I groaned. "Why didn't you tell me this sooner?" I questioned. "You didn't give me the chance to" He murmured and I sighed, "Stay here, I'll go talk to her" I muttered before running off in the same direction Clara did. I saw the car up ahead and immediately ran towards it and found Clara seated at the back seat crying. I let out a sigh before opening the door and climbing into the car. She wiped away her tears as she stared out the window, refusing to look at me. Belonging to .

"Look at me, Clara" I murmured softly and she shook her head. "I don't want to. Get out and leave me alone" She murmured and I sighed before grabbing her face and gently turning her to face me. "I hope you won't mind if I kiss you" I murmured as my eyes trailed down to her lips. "Why do you want to kiss me?" She questioned while I caressed her cheek. "Because I missed you so much" I murmured before slamming my lips on hers and she welcomed my kiss the same amount of hunger and f**k, she tasted so good. I pulled her close till there was no more space between our bodies as I deepened the kiss. After a while, I pulled away and rested my head on her forehead as we listened to each other's breathing "I'm sorry. I just didn't like the idea of me hurting you and that's why I reacted like that but I missed you and the thought of you was the only thing that got me going in that cave" I murmured and she smiled slightly before resting her head on chest. "Please come home with me, I need you right now" She murmured and I sighed before placing a kiss on her head. "Okay baby, let's go home" After I said that, I mind linked Luca to come and seconds later, he got into the car and drove off. are all your stuff?" Clara questioned with her head still resting on my chest. "I just carried those luggage so you won't be suspicious, Clara" I murmured and she hummed and after a while, she fell asleep. "Delilah said she didn't really..." Luca began but then he trailed off as the car came to an immediate halt, jolting Clara awake. "What the f**k is your problem?" I questioned as I glared at the back of his head. "I'm sorry but Delilah came with us. I'll call her now to see if she's still there" Luca muttered as he brought out his phone and dialed Delilah's number. After several rings, she picked up. "Where are

you?" Luca immediately uttered into the phone and I could hear Delilah telling him she had to leave immediately because of something "And you couldn't tell me?" He questioned and she sighed.

"I didn't think you'd care" That was Delilah's reply and as soon as she said that, Luca ended the call and started the car, 2/0 11:56 Tue, 2 Jul Chapter 75 M S+03 "She's fine, I'm sorry for waking you up Clara" He muttered as he drove up while Clara just glanced up at me then placed her head back on my chest. "If it's because of Delilah then it's okay. You seem to really care about her" Clara murmured and I scoffed. "Of course he does, she's my sister and ultimately his sister as well since we all grew up together" I murmured and she glanced up at me with a pout. "I wasn't talking to you though" She replied and I placed a kiss on her lips. "Yeah but if you were implying anything else by your question then diminish such thoughts. Delilah and Luca are like siblings" I uttered and she frowned. "Why are you speaking for them and dictating their relationship? Who knows, they..." "I see Delilah as a sister and nothing else, Clara so Damon is right" Luca interjected and I raised an eyebrow at her. "See? I know you're worried about how Delilah has been single since you met her and you're trying to match make her with my Beta so we can all be one happy family but don't do it. Besides, she's too young for a relationship" I uttered and she scoffed. "Too young? She's older than me by a year? If she's too young then you and I shouldn't be married" She countered and I rolled my eyes before wrapping my arms around her. "You and I are already attached at the hip, there's no separating us. Aren't you glad you bumped into me that night And threw up all over my expensive suit?" I questioned. "Shut up, it was an accident" She murmured and I grinned. "Well I think you were just trying to get my attention. You couldn't just let a handsome guy such as

myself walk right past you without trying to get my attention, could you?" I teased and I could feel her rolling her eyes. "If you keep talking, I'm going to throw up all over you"....

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-DAMON-

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"She must have been really tired" I murmured as I caressed her hair while staring down at her beautiful face.

After that, Clara fell asleep again and no matter w wasn't dead.

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“Yes, she didn’t sleep well last night. Your father isn’t going to be happy to see you,
Damon Luca uttered and I sighed.

“My wife wanted me and as of now, she’s my main priority and I’d like to make her my
Luna as soon as possible. I also wanted to again” I murmured and he glanced at me
briefly.

“Marry her again?” He questioned, probably making sure he heard me right.

“Yes. Our first marriage was based on selfishness, this time around it will be based on
emotions. I want a big wedding and I’d like to see Clara in a gown. She’ll be the most
beautiful bride ever” I

murmured then smiled as I caressed her small face.

“You love her, don’t you?” Luca uttered and my fingers paused mid air before I turned to
him.

“I do, don’t I?” I questioned and he scoffed.

“Are you asking me?” Luca questioned and I sighed before staring down at Clara.

“I’ve never been in love so I don’t know how that feels but I feel very strongly about her
if that’s what love implies” I murmured and he

smiled.

“Who knew you could ever be in love with someone? I always thought you were going
to die alone but here you are” He uttered and I rolled my eyes despite knowing he
wasn’t wrong in the slightest.

“I can’t pinpoint the day I started feeling this about her,” I murmured.

“I can and if you ask me, I’d say you were smitten with her the day you first met. No one
was able to push your buttons like she did and you couldn’t stop talking about her. I
know you tried so hard to fight the attraction you have for her but you’re mates and the
moon goddess knows why she made both of you mates. Clara is your other half” He
murmured and I smiled while staring down at her knowing Luca was probably right. He
was always right,

“And I never want to lose her and that’s why I want to make things right with her” I murmured and he hummed.

“I’m proud of you and happy for you. At least now you’re Clara’s problem and not mine” He murmured and I rolled my eyes.

“What about you? I’m starting to think you’re hiding the girl you like from me. You have never spoken about a woman nor have you ever been in a relationship. Are you gay?” questioned jokingly and he chuckled.

t my attention” H

“You and I both know I’m not gay but I’m not ready for a relationship right now and no one has really caught my a and I decided not to push any further knowing fully well that if he did have anyone he liked, he would tell me.

murmured

We got home and right

it on cue, my father came out of my house together with the rest of them as soon as we pulled up in the driveway.

“How many times do I have to tell them not to fucking be in my house when I’m not around?” I muttered through clenched teeth as the car

came to a halt.

*They all came to see how Clara was doing” Luca informed and I sighed at the same time Clara opened up her eyes.

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“Are we home?” He questioned and I nodded.

“Yes baby, we just got home. Let’s go into the house” I murmured and got out of the car.

The guards opened up the door for Clara and she climbed before hurriedly rounding the car to stand beside me.

I smiled down at her as she interlocked our arms like she was afraid I was going to leave or something.

“Let’s go?” She questioned and I nodded as she led me towards everyone.

“You are not supposed to be here. Damon” My father uttered just like I had predicted and Clara’s hold on me tightened.

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“No but my wife needed me so I’m here” I replied and I could see Aunt Amelia smiling proudly from the corner of my eye.

“Damon...”

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“Father please, I’ve reminisced on what I did and I know it’s wrong and I did want to stay in the abyss to finish my punishment sentence

but my wife needs me. You know you would do the same if roles were reversed” I murmured and he sighed.

“Just because I’ll do the same doesn’t make it right, Damon” He uttered and I opened my mouth to counter him when my mother spoke.

“That’s enough from both of you. His wife needs him now, my love. Just make an exception this time around, hmm?” My mother murmured as she glanced up at my father and he sighed.

“We can’t keep bending our rules for him, my Queen. That’s why he doesn’t change,” My father murmured.

“Sorry to say but that’s incorrect Alpha King. You and I both know Damon has changed ever since Clara came into his life and he’s more well behaved when she’s near him. When they are apart, bad things happen” Luca spoke up and my hold on Clara tightened. He was right again, anytime I was away from Clara, bad things happen.

“Please Alpha King, let me be with my husband right now. If you’re still hell bent on sending him to the abyss then I’ll go with him because I’d prefer to be there with him then to be without him here” Clara, who hadn’t said a word since, spoke and everyone went silent.

I knew damn well that if my father were to order me to return back to the abyss, I wasn’t going to let Clara go in with me because it was too dangerous but I didn’t counter her words publicly.

now, you can

"I'm not going to win in this anyway so why keep pushing it? You will still complete your punishment later on, Damon but for now, be with your wife My father uttered and I smiled before staring down at Clara who has a wide grin on her face.

"Shall we go in?" I questioned and she nodded happily as I led her inside.

"Come to my office later, I have something to discuss with you" My father uttered and I nodded without stopping.

I led Clara up to our room and her maid was inside, probably waiting for her.

"You are back, Alpha" Gwen uttered as she bowed her head.

"Why are you here?" I questioned and Clara jabbed me with her elbow.

"Be nice, Damon" She muttered through clenched teeth and I rolled my eyes.

"Why are you here, Gwen?" I questioned sarcastically sweet and I could have sworn I heard Gwen scoff.

"I didn't know ma'am Clara was going to come back with you so I was waiting here for her. I also arranged the room while you were gone and now I'll take my leave" She murmured then bowed her head and walked out of the room.

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"I'll see you later," Clara yelled after her.

"It seems you have gotten close to the help now, hmm?" I murmured as I turned to Clara and placed a kiss on her lips.

"She's not she's an Alpha's daughter and my friend so treat her like my friend, not a maid" She uttered and I rolled my eyes.

the help

"I treat everyone like a maid besides you, Clara. Now hurry your sexy ass to the bathroom so you can help me get cleaned up" I murmured and she took a sniff before playfully gagging.

"Yeah you're right, you stink" She murmured and I scoffed,

"It seems someone wants to be tickled again..."

"No!" She shrieked and was able to dodge my hold as she ran towards the bathroom while I laughed.

This felt right, this felt like love...

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Chapter 77 -DAMON- 63% I walked into the bathroom seconds later and Clara was already naked, She flashed me a seductive smile before slowly walking towards me. "Let me take your clothes off for you" She murmured then slowly began unbuttoning my already torn shirt without taking her eyes off mine.. After she was done unbuttoning my shirt, she knelt down and began taking off my pants while I pulled off the shirt. After a while, my pants fell to the floor and as soon as she took off my underwear, I let out a groan as my already hardened d**k sprung free. "I'm healed now and I no longer feel any pain in my body. Can you f**k me now?" She murmured with an innocent look in her eyes which were in contrast to the words coming out of her mouth. "Suck my d**k first" I murmured as I turned on the shower and she wasted no time grabbing my d**k and shoving it into her mouth. "Oh f**k" I moaned as I buried my fingers into her hair. "Yes baby that feels so good" I moaned loudly as she gagged on my d**k. She pulled my **k out of her mouth and began pumping me with her hand, "Put it back" I murmured then hissed when she placed my balls into her mouth instead. "Oh f**k!" I cried out as my legs suddenly started to shake. This girl was going to be the death of me. Only Clara could make b**b feel this heavenly After sucking on my balls, she placed my d**k into her mouth again and I grabbed into her head and began f**g her mouth till I came hard. Clara tried swallowing everyone as she pulled away but a little trickling down her lips but were immediately washed away by the shower. I lifted her up from the ground, spun her around and didn't wait for an invitation before slamming Belonging to .

into her. "F**k!" She screamed as she pressed her hand flat on the tiled walls. "You wanted me to f**k you right? I'm going to f*k you so hard till you beg me to stop" I murmured while slamming roughly into her. Our moans were intertwined and the slamming of flesh together was bouncing off the walls and turning me on more than it should, I placed my hand on her chest and lifted her up a little so her back was arched properly and I could fondle her breast. "So soft. Your p**y is milking me, baby" I murmured as my slams became messier, "Damon please" She begged but I had no idea what she was begging for but when she began to move her hips to match my pace, I knew what she wanted. She wanted me to go faster and that's exactly what I did. I f**d

Clara on every corner of the bathroom and she came several times than I could count and it felt nice seeing her legs shake after a good release. After several rounds, I pulled away after her breathing was getting too ragged. We bathed and walked out to put on some clothes. She suggested we wear matching pajamas which I didn't know we had till she pulled it out and showed it to me. П 1/3 11:56 Tue, 2 Jul M- Chapter 77 63% "I bought it the last time I went out with Gwen and the others. Please wear it with me" She pleaded and flashed me puppy dog eyes. How could I ever say no to that? "No" Luttered and her eyes widened while I walked away. fus. "But I bought it for both of us. Why won't you wear it?" She questioned and I sighed before turning

to her. I "For one it's still very bright outside and two, I have a reputation to uphold. Do you think anyone is going to fear me if they see me in this?" I questioned and she frowned. "Why d does that matter? If you want to make me happy then you'll wear it" She uttered. "I'm not wearing that I muttered and she frowned. "Okay then. I'll be spending the night with Aunt Amelia. You can spend the night with your reputation" She muttered as she wore the onesie and I sighed. This woman! "Give it to me" I muttered and she turned to me with a grin before handing it over to me. "Thank you baby" She murmured, then stood on her toes and placed a kiss on my lips. "We'll go out tonight to get pizza and we'll wear our offesie there" She uttered and I paused then turned to her. Was she intentionally trying to embarrass me or was this a punishment? "Clara..." "If you don't want to do it then I'll do it with someone else" She uttered and was about to drag it from my hand when I moved away and glared at her. "Stop threatening me that way, I hate it" I muttered and she placed her hand on her hip. "I'll stop when you stop being a big baby about things like this. Do I embarrass you?" She questioned and I frowned. "Of course not but..." "Then this shouldn't be embarrassing because no matter what you wear, you're still Damon Donovan, the death Viper" She uttered and my eyes widened. it's me?" questioned and she nodded. "You know about Death viper? More importantly, you know I "But don't ask me how. Hurry up and get dressed already" She murmured and I listened to her and got dressed.

As soon as I was done, she gushed and pinched my cheeks slightly. *You are so cute in this onesie. Maybe I'll buy more and..." "No" I muttered and she rolled her eyes. Just then, a knock sounded on the door followed by Luca's voice. "I'm sorry to disturb you but your father is asking for you, Alpha" Luca uttered and I sighed before turning to Clara who already had a frown on her face. ПЕ "I'll be back before you know it, I promise I murmured then placed a kiss on her forehead before walking out of the closet with her behind The door opened up and I saw Delilah standing beside Luca and she was trying to talk to him but he wasn't listening to her. 11:56 Tue, 2 Jul Chapter 77 "What's going on?" I questioned as I walked towards them. "Nothing Alpha, let's leave" Luca uttered then turned around and walked away before I could even stop him. Delilah let out a sigh before turning to me and she immediately bursted out laughing. 63%2 "Oh my goddess, you look like a child" She uttered in between laughs and I glared at her before turning to Clara who seemed to be holding back a laugh as well. "I'll deal with you later" I muttered to Clara before flicking Delilah's forehead to stop her from laughing and it worked. I left them soon after and went to my parent's mansion. Luca was waiting for me inside my father's office and I knew whatever was about to be discussed was

serious. "What is it?" questioned and my father sighed. "I'm not going to waste any time on saying this. The south has teamed up with that west and they're coming for you. They want to bring you down and they have already started with the company," My father uttered then Luca handed me a paper.

I glanced at it and was surprised by the amount of shares that had dropped, hat are you going to do?" My father questioned and I smirked. "Nothing, let them come"...

CHAPTER 78

Chapter 78 -DELILAH- "He's angry at me" I murmured as I walked into the room with Clara. 63% "Who? Luca? He was really worried about you. Where did d you run off to?" run off to?" Clara questioned and I sighed. "I was waiting for you guys outside when I got a call from a friend who got into an accident. I knew I wasn't needed there so I left. I even had to leave in my wolf form so I could get there quickly and now Luca won't speak to me. I tried to explain" I murmured and she placed her hand on my shoulder with a sigh. "He's just angry because he was worried about you and I think your words hurt him" Clara uttered and I frowned. "What did I say?" "I think you said you didn't know he cared and I think that's when his mood changed" She uttered and I scoffed. "But that's the truth though. He doesn't care. Was that all that was said?" I questioned and I noticed the way she pursed her lips. "Come on, Clara. Spill" I urged and she sighed. "Damon might have implied that he won't accept your relationship with Luca if it wasn't a sibling relationship and Luca said he only saw you as a sister" She murmured and I scoffed. "I don't care what Damon thinks, Luca is the one who cares and I know for a fact that Luca doesn't just see me as a sister. Maybe I have to make him admit it" I murmured and she nodded. "Whatever you do, I'm always behind you" Clara murmured and I smiled before hugging her tightly. "So you and my brother, are you okay now?" I questioned and I pulled away and with the way her face turned pink, things were more than okay.

"Did I tell you? He doesn't want our marriage to be based on a contract anymore. He really wants to take things seriously but I'm so scared of the probability that something else might come up and push us apart" She murmured and I could see the worry and fear in her eyes. ve gotten t "I doubt anything that happens can push you and Damon apart. You guys have too close and with the way Damon is obsessed with you, I doubt he'd ever let you go again. Besides, if anything happens, see it as a means for you guys to get closer. Haven't you noticed that anytime you two fight or stay away from each other, you get back together stronger? Don't fret, okay? You guys are soul mates" I uttered and she took a deep breath before nodding "You are right. Now let's go back to you, how do you plan on making Luca confess his feelings?" She questioned and I smirked. "I have a few tricks up my sleeves but first I have to make sure he really likes me before I make my move" At that moment, the door opened and a girl I recognized as Clara's maid walked into the room. As soon as she saw me, a scowl appeared on her face and I instantly knew I wasn't going to like this **h. "Who are you?" I questioned but she ignored me and bowed her head at Clara "I'm to ask you if you gave any specific food you'd like to eat for lunch" The girl uttered and I scoffed. "This **h!" I muttered and

was about to charge at her when Clara held my hand and pulled me back. "Don't fight please and Gwen, don't be rude to Delilah. She's Damon's sister and..." 1/3 11:57 Tue, 2 Jul Chapter 78 M "I know exactly who she is. She's a Donovan and I don't like her. She shares close blood relation to my father's murderer and I will not. associate with the likes of them" She uttered and I scoffed.. П "Since you f**g know us so well, you should also know that we Donovans don't appreciate being Belonging to .

talked down on. I don't care if you're Clara's personal maid or friend, you'll respect me because you're in my territory and if I wish to kill you, I can in a second. Know your f**g place and watch your tone" I muttered through clenched teeth and the b*h d*idn't utter another word but kept staring at me with hate in her eyes. She was p**g me off. "Please don't fight and Gwen, don't be rude to Delilah. She's my best friend and my sister. I won't be lenient if you talk down on her or my husband so please, watch your tongue" Gwen turned to Clara and her eyes instantly softened. It seemed Clara had already wormed her way into the girl's heart but then again, who didn't have a soft spot for Clara? "Yes ma'am. What would you like to eat?" She questioned and Clara smiled. "You chose, we'll eat together" She uttered and the girl nodded before walking out of the room. "I don't like her" I murmured and Clara giggled. "She just has a lot of anger in her heart because of what Damon did to her family. I haven't gotten to her totally yet" Clara murmured and I was about to say something when the door opened and Damon walked in with Luca behind me. Everyone immediately as my eyes stayed glued on Luca. How could someone be that handsome? He was perfect. As if sensing my stare, he turned to me and our eyes instantly interlocked but then he broke it and turned to Damon to see if he noticed that but Damon was too engrossed in Clara to notice. "All of you out, I want to spend time with my baby" Damon uttered and I rolled my eyes before making a gagging noise as they began to kiss. "See you later, Clara" I murmured as I waved her goodbye before walking out of the room. As soon as the door closed shut, I turned to Luca but before I could say anything, he walked away. "Why are you acting like this? I said I was sorry" I uttered as I ran after him and he suddenly stopped in his tracks. "Sorry for what exactly?" He questioned and I sighed.

"For leaving without telling you and for saying I didn't think you cared but you do and..." "You are wrong. Delilah. I'm only tolerating you because you're Damon's sister but if this your obsession with me continues, I won't hesitate to show you how I really feel about you. Stay away from me" He uttered and I gasped in shock as he walked away. He couldn't mean that. Could he? I shook my head then ran after him and stood in front of him restricting him from running away. *Take what you said, you didn't mean that I murmured, not caring how ugly I looked in front of him because I was crying. "Delilah..." "Look into my eyes and tell me you don't share any sort of feelings tau 11:57 Tue, 2 Jul Chapter 78 "Look into my eyes and say it" I urged but he didn't say anything and just stared at me with his lips pursed which made me smile.. 63% "Yes I am obsessed with you because I love you and I know you know that. The only way I'll leave you alone is if you tell me to my face that you don't have any feelings for me whatsoever but since you can't say it, then let me continue being obsessed"...

CHAPTER 79

Chapter 79 -CLARA- 63% Letting out a satisfied breath, my eyes fluttered open only to get them shut again immediately the radiating sun hit them, I turned to the darker part of the room and then let my eyes flutter open by itself. Letting my senses wash off its sleepiness, I tried to turn against the soft bed only to realize I was trapped in between Damon's thick arms. Right we had both fell asleep last night like this. I was only his and his alone and nothing on this given earth could ever try to take me away from him. I let my heart flutter at it. I slowly turned to face him. Nothing would ever beat this. my senses coming to life one by one. I let myself feel the warmth of Damon's arms around me, and the softness of his embrace, despite his thick and veiny arms. I could smell His skin and hear the sound of his breathing. I savored the moment, grateful for the simple pleasures of being close to someone I actually love. I couldn't help but smile, there was absolutely nothing good as to opening my eyes and taking in the sight of the man I love face. Even in his sleep He looked charming. I let my eyes wandered tirelessly on his closed eyes, His thick lashes surrounding his eyes and forming an umbrella under his bottom eyelids was something I wanted to draw in my head even when I am fast asleep. He looked relaxed in his sleep and it drived me into a deep contentment, pushing me into a comfort

of my own. I nestled closer to him, crazily enjoying the way his body felt on mine and I let my slender fingers run along his biceps. Damon's skin was hard but against my flesh it was like an hour glass sand. My fingers moved ever so lightly to continue touching him.. I should probably stop myself. But somehow I couldn't Damon was truly alluring I was lost in the moment there was no denying And like a child I moved closer to his heartbeat and listened to it, letting its pattern merge with mine. But I should stop. One last look at peaceful Damon, I let my smile which I didn't know has controlled all muscles in my face down. I didn't want to wake him up, I couldn't dare 1/5 63% Chapter 79 So instead I decided to try and find a way to sneakily get out of his grip. As I moved his thick and strong arms around me, I bit my bottom lips and slowly stretched my body further away from the bed and his grip. His grip was slowly loosening in on me and I hurried to be freed. But I was careless and let my body wander too further not realizing he had let his ground. Damon's hand suddenly reached for my waist and he caught me falling hallway. I would have smashed my head open if he was a light sleeper. "Th-Thanks, I shuddered. "What were you trying to do?" His voice was thick and commanding like always. "didn't want to wake you up" I was honest. He didn't: tsay much and slowly got on his feet.

no falter making me dive straight towards the concrete "Be careful," He said, it was commanding but I loved how it carried so much care in the world despite its authority. "I will be," I tried not to smile too much. The day was brigh as usual, with the scorching sun, which seemed perfect like a day to go out. I didn't want to bring it up first and my heart immediately made a halt when Damon started to speak. Like he knew what was being caged in my head. "The da day seems nice" He uttered. "Would you like to go out today" I slowly got on my feet and started to nod frantically. "That would be nice, I beamed. "Great the then," He adds. "We can go ring! hunting, or whatever do you want?" "Ring hunting sounds perfect," I nodded, hesitantly raising my fingers to match his view. "Okay then. I'll wash up first" He looked at me from his broad shoulders and

his eyes danced around my body before leaving. I gulped. He didn't know what his side glances did to me. I wouldn't change this moment for anything, Who would have thought Damon of all men would make me feel this way But he should never know he makes me feel this way. 2/3 Chapter 79 The jitters my body gets when he's near. That special arousal The Damon before would I never dare to spend an entire day with me, let alone let me freely choose or do whatever I wanted to

Now I don't think I regret ever losing my ring at all. Damon pulled up in his BMW i7 in front of the city's most promising jewelry store. It was big enough to cover an entire town, and was known as BlingsMaker. Come over to him. Stepping out of the car, I watch as my Damon slipped the key into his pocket and beckoned for me to I got close to him and he leaned down to take over my car "Stay close to me Little devil," And I never found him so assuring until now. My body shivered at his breath and I made sure to stay close to him. We both walked into the store and as expected we were treated with upmost care and was directed to where we would buy our ring. The ring counter was charming with all sort of rings that beautified the boxed and handle they laid. I gasped severally as one of the attendee behind the counter greeted and welcomed us with a big smile. Pulling out more samples for me to see. "Take your time," I heard Damon grumble and I realized I've been gasping at almost everything for a while now instead of trying to mentally pick one in my head. "For someone as lovely as you I think the Ancient Marylyn Diamond ring will be perfect on you ma'am" The attendee behind the counter chimed at me and I heard myself scoffing I know she's just trying to cajole me into buying the most expensive ring "I think I'll go for that one, I pointed and a disappointed look clouded her grin as she pulled a box that held more rings of the kind that I picked. "You can choose more from these," she beamed. "No I think I'll- "Gosh, isn't that Clara?"

halted by An airy but audible whisper caused me to halt and my words to be halted briefly. "What is she doing here? If I were her I'd be ashamed to show my face in public" another airy whisper followed. Slowly a lump started to create in my throat, one I knew won't hit anytime soon. I tried to ignore the voices behind me and focus on getting my ring. 3/5 11 Chapter Tue, Damon and I should be dwelling in such a fine day. And I shouldn't give in by what nosy people say about me. I picked "Yeah I'll get the one I picked" My voice was low as I spoke to the attendee. She nodded. 63% Clearly hating my choice. An audible snicker went behind me immediately, and a voice followed "And I thought my life was pathetic," "Exactly, who would be crazy to stay with the same man who tried to divorce you even after giving him your life?" "And then you still try to hang around him despite losing the baby you had for him?" "Losing the baby should have been a warning flag. But I guess some people are just too pathetic and naive to understand anything." Immediately My heart felt like it was shattering into a million pieces. I could feel the pain radiating from my chest, and I couldn't catch my breath. I was trying to keep it together, but it was like I was falling apart, and there was nothing I could do to

stop it, I was struggling to find the words to describe how I feeling or how to continue my ring hunting, but it was like I was in a black hole of despair. Everything around me

seemed to be disappearing, and my view started to get blurry. But no! I shouldn't do this! I couldn't let them walk away with this. I was not some pathetic woman these crazy people could ridicule. If their niches was to talk about other people, my s o b story was not theirs to fix in t their d a m n mouths. I turned around instantly and my eyes hit the woman and her friend who seemed like they were here to get matching rings Looks like my presence was more exciting than their shopping. They immediately looked away and cleared their throats like they haven't said anything. I took a heavy stride toward them, frightening them a bit. "My life's pathetic?" I scoffed. They strictly avoided my eyes because my voice was alarming everyone. "Listen here! My life isn't pathetic. The only thing pathetic about this moment is you heavy mouth breathers and your thirst for my life. I will not stand there and listen to you pathetic things talk about me and my husband." My voice was loud and authoritative and i loved it. The ladies suddenly looked ashamed when people started to gawk at them obnoxiously "Because as far as I know, Yes I do have a sad sob story. But my resilience is stronger than y Belonging to .

Chapter 79 our darn words," M I let my words linger before walking back to Damon, who was now looking at me with a look of

approval and proudness. And immediately I know I did good.

CHAPTER 80

Chapter 80 -CLARA- Damon and I walked out of the ring store after finally letting myself pick the diamond ring the employee had suggested and then got my fingers measured I was feeling a bit over the top, it was a first. I loved that I didn't let anyone's eerie thoughts about me cloud my thoughts or tried to make me feel bad about myself And I loved the fact that Damon had made me feel even better about myself. To me he was once an annoying man, but now all rock of solidarity and assurance was all I could see now. As I settled in my seat belt, I batted at the sun from the car's window before turning to Damon, who had ignited the car. I began, "There's a carnival happening in town tonight" He briefly glanced at me but his gray eyes gave me a get-go to continue speaking "Delilah mentioned it earlier and I was wondering if you'd like to go... with me," I didn't know why I was hesitant but I was. Damon let the silence between us after my question linger a bit before letting himself nod at me. "Sure" His words were brief and simple but it was enough to fill me up. Thanks," I aired. "And why would you thank me Little devil," His voice was raspy and had a bit of ornery tangled in it.. watche I shook my head and watched him drive away and into town. We both got home and He immediately got back to to work like the man he is. I knew we would have done a lot more if he wasn't so busy and if people would actually try to mind their days and not talk about me. yellow summer dress that matched with my Mary-jane Now back at the house as I changed into a more comfortable outfit. Tossing the yellow shoes.

I let my body fall on the soft bed beneath and my stupid mouth started to curve up all its own. Gwen and her brothers had hopped into my room after working behind the house, and I was sure enthusiastic about their presence We were both having multiple conversations at once when I decided to plunge into a route she never saw coming

"And Gwen. Do you have anybody you actually like?" The moment I asked, she stopped breathing and her cheeks immediately looked like they'd been stuffed with chestnuts. Hotones to be precise. "Why would you suddenly ask k that?" Her eyes were wide open like I had slapped her. "It's just a question" I pressed. 1/5 Chapter 80 She sighed, and gently watched as crimson red scattered all over her features like a child. I tried not to laugh. I glanced at Steven who passed me another look before handing it over to Gwen and urged her to speak. "Go on," Nate echoed "Let her take her time," I added and Steven chuckled. Gwen wanted to speak but she immediately shut her eyes as if to hold out any embarrassment. Shaking her head slightly to herself, she breathed out his name. Luca, "Luca?" I repeated "Yeah, is something wrong?" She looked scared now. "This is why I decided to keep it to myself" Steven and Nate's heads snapped at me for help. "Gwen I laughed. I shook my head at her. "There's absolutely nothing wrong with you liking Lucas"

*Then why did you react like that?" She looked defeated. I looked away, Luca alone, "I think it's best if you leave Luca "What?" She shrieked. "He's perfect." "I know but- "But what?" Gwen snarled. I've never seen her look so... so much. "Look I am just looking out for you but. I think Luca has a thing for Delilah" I said. Gwen rolled her eyes, almost too gently. "Are you not fazed?" She let her smile escape her lips. "I won't be, I'll never be. As long as the two liking Delilah isn't much of a threat" 2/5 63% n of them d don't have any sort of intimate relationship going on. I'll never stop liking Luca. Him 11:58 Tue, 2 Jul Chapter B AD I pawked at her. Thaven't seen such fiery determination in Gwen's eyes like this before. I knew I wasn't the only one seeing it. I knew Steven and Nate saw it too. The way her eyes had lit up even at the mention of Luca. How much did she even like him?

Now that I was aware I could suddenly see Luca written all over her face like it was crazily inscribed. Gwen continued speaking about Luca and I couldn't help but admire how she looked. As she spoke, Her hands moved in graceful gestures, emphasizing her words with loving emotion. She leaned forward unconsciously, eager to share every detail about Luca whom she loved so much. Her voice was soft and gentle, and Her eyes were filled with kindness and affection. Every word she said was full of honesty and sincerity. It was clear that she saw the world through the lens of love aiming directly at Luca If anyone loved like this. It would be impossible to retrieve them back if they get their heart shattered. Poor Gwen. "You need to get over this guy seriously," Nate began. Gwen passed him a glare. "You're way over cloud nine with him, it's dangerous" Steven warned and I agreed with him with a slight nod. He passed me a fresh smile for agreeing with him. I left my attention back at Gwen and let my sigh end the conversation. "Oh Gwen, The day has stretched further into an early evening, and part of the sky has been stained an airy orange thanks from the dusk that was drawing near. I was dressed in a blue dress that was comfortable and stylish and met Damon outside the house who was waiting for me to get dressed. He was dressed in the same black outfit he had worn from earlier but this time he had a long coat over his body, hiding those broad shoulders and magnificent torso. His big body towered mine immediately and his deep voice took over the air in front of me. "It's going to get cold, you need a jacket," He warned. "It's okay," I said, assuring.

Chapter 50 He nodded and held my gaze and immediately I started to wonder if I was in any way like Gwen. How did I look at Damon?" Do I look at him with loving eyes? Do my eyes sparkle when I slightly mention his name? Do I get flustered? Can he see me through? Yes. I love this man. But it would be strictly alarming if I exhibited too much love for him when I talk to him, just like how Gwen looked earlier. ¶ Damon and I got into town and to the carnival and like a happy kid, I was beaming with joy. While I was grinning from ear to ear Damon looked the same, cold and expressionless despite seeing the multiple colors and bright light in front of him. How could he be in an aura of excitement and still be this way. This man was impossible. "What are you doing? Let's go!" I urged and we made it past the entrance to join the sun. There were a lot of varieties you'd want to dive into. There were so many things to see There were colorful rides spinning and whirling around, the sweet smell of cotton candy in the air, and the sounds of laughter and music all around. There were game booths with prizes to win, and food vendors selling delicious treats. The carnival was deeply a feast for the senses, with something new to see around every corner, It released butterflies in me. Seeing me look all excited Damon asked. "What would you like to do first? Tonight is all ours,"

His words made me beam on the inside. "That!" I pointed at a smack a hammer to a mole booth and I slowly caught him holding back a smile at my juvenile choice. As we headed towards the booth, at light speed a loud explosion suddenly shook the ground sending debris flying through the air. People head immediately getting knocked to the ground by the force of the blast. Smoke and dust filled the air, making it hard to see, breathe and contemplate what the heck was happening. Painful screams filled the air, more people got knocked out and instantly killed on their spot. I didn't know I was with someone until I felt my body moving with Damon holding onto me, while I unconsciously watched the traumatic

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