

Belong to the Lycan Alpha by Jikanyotomare

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"Hunter, you don't love me, you only feel grateful because I saved your life." Lilac even surprised when she heard what she said, but that was what she was thinking. Grateful. He was only being grateful toward her because of her, he was still alive right now.

Sometime, gratefulness could be dangerous. It would shackle you and you didn't know what to do aside from trying to repay your debt.

Lilac knew that feeling, because she used to feel grateful toward what luna Jasmine did to her and it was hard to stand up against her. She was a mother figure that she had never had.

"Grateful?" Hunter's eyes dimmed and this made Lilac's heart lurched. "You only deemed my feeling as a gratefulness?"

Lilac felt her blood drained from her face when Hunter stared at her intensely. She lowered her head because she couldn't hold his gaze. It was the first time she saw him very serious and to be honest, it scared her a little.

For a moment, there was this deafening silent between them, until Hunter took a deep breath and touched her cheek. His voice softened this time, it seemed, he managed to overcome whatever turmoil he had.

"I am not feeling grateful toward you, Lilac. I am not a child, who is confused by their own feeling." Hunter put his finger under her chin and persuaded her to look at him. "I want you. I always thought about you ever since the day I saw you last when we were little. I thought about you every now and then after that.

But, I don't have any idea how to find you, neither I knew where to start to look for you. Only if I knew one day I will meet you again, I would have never done something so stupid as playing with other women.

This might sound as an excuse, but the way lycan saw relationship and how werewolf did, is completely different. I think, you already knew that too."

That was right, the lycan was always liberal with their feeling, they didn't have a mate bond that was gifted to them, a blessing from the moon goddess, that was why the werewolf looked down on them and saw the way they didn't save themselves for their other half as barbaric.

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But it was also true that they were the most loyal shifter once they decided to mark their other half. This fact didn't mention so often like the other negative things

about them.

"I chose you not because I felt grateful, of course, I am grateful because I am alive, but I don't need to repay something like that when you yourself didn't even remember those events until I told you about it."

That was also right. If Hunter didn't say anything, Lilac wouldn't have known there were such histories between them. He didn't need to hang over something that happened years ago, something that only him, who knew about.

"Lilac..."

Hunter called her name very gently, which made Lilac wanted to tear up, because she longed for such tenderness and sincerity.

"I know what you think." Of course, Hunter could read what was in her mind now she had spoken it up. "I am not that bastard Aiden. I am not him and I will never be him. I will not stoop so low to betray you. It has nothing to do with my gratefulness or the fact that you saved my life. I don't need that feeling to be sure that I love you."

Lilac bit her lips, she wanted to believe that so bad, but there was still this tiny doubt in her heart. Ah... she didn't know how much Aiden had hurt her until now. What he had done left a deep scar in her, which made a single provocation ruined everything that she believed.

"What should I do to prove it to you that I am not a barbaric who would sleep with another woman aside from the one, who is bearing my mark?"

Tear streamed down her face when she heard that. Lilac felt bad because she didn't believe him. Before this, she didn't have this kind of doubt, but luna Jasmine instilled it in her mind and now she was having a hard time to trust him.

In a way, luna Jasmine won. She managed to make Lilac doubted herself and this relationship.

"I am sorry." And now, Lilac felt so bad to have this feeling, but even more when she couldn't shake it off completely. "I am so sorry..."

Hunter hugged her this time and let her cried against his chest. He wanted so bad

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to hide her from the world and let her knew what was in his mind.

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"Let's do the ceremony," Hunter said. "I will

" Hunter said. "I will prepare the ceremony and you will be my luna officially. No one would be able to say otherwise."

Hunter would do anything to put Lilac's mind at ease and he wanted her to be safe with him. He knew it would take time to make Lilac believed him completely and after what that damn woman said to her, it would make thing rocky between them.

Yet, Hunter was willing to put all of the effort to win her.

Lilac simply nodded. It lifted a little bit of her worry. "Hunter, if you chose not to choose me anymore, I don't have anyone... I will be alone."

"I will always choose you, Lilac. No matter what happened, I will always choose you, little one, even if the stake was myself." Hunter hugged her. His woman was trembling in his arms and he felt how soft and small she was. She was very fragile at this moment and this ached his heart to think what she had to go through or what kind of negative thought that hunted her down.

In the end, they stayed like that for over two hours, the silent between them was very comforting, it was not awkward at all, if anything they really needed this silent.

Hunter leaned his back against the backrest of the sofa, staring at his mate, who he cradled in his arms, as she rested her body against his chest, while staring at the pine trees out there.

"You said, there is something you wanted to tell me..." Lilac finally broke the silent between them. She lifted her head and looked at Hunter. Her voice was a little bit rough and her eyes were slightly red, but she looked better after she voiced out her worry.

"Yes, there is something important I want you to know." Hunter tucked strands of hair behind her ear, his gaze was dotting, but filled with complicated feeling.

"What is it?" Lilac felt the alarm went off in her head when she saw this look on

him.

"This is about your father." Hunter wanted to postpone this conversation because of her breakdown earlier, but he didn't think that was the right decision to make. "I know that you said you will ask me if you are ready to know about him, but... will