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"I don't want to stay in the same room as you." Lilac said, she was still reeling with the thought that Hunter had mobilized his warriors to look for her, she did know how to feel and respond to that.

Even though, in Hunter's eyes, there was nothing wrong with what he had done. He didn't even think it was close to enough to make it up with Lilac for what he had done. He acknowledged how awful and misplaced his way to handle things. when he clearly could see how uncomfortable Lilac was with his touch. She had said it a few times.

However, when she reciprocated his kiss, stupidly, he acted like a jerk, thinking it would help her to regain her memories. What a fool.

"Okay." Hunter agreed without protest, which made Lilac was a little bit taken aback, because he agreed with her readily. She remembered how he was against the idea of her sleeping in different bedroom.

Lilac cleared her throat, to get some clarity. "Where should I sleep?" Because that was the alpha's bedroom, it went without question that she would be the one, who moved out of the room.

"You will stay in the bedroom. I will sleep somewhere." Hunter gave another answer that was beyond Lilac's expectation.

"What?" Lilac stopped walking and faced the alpha lycan. She didn't expect this at all, probably she just heard it wrong.

Meanwhile, there were a few warriors that came with them after their vigorous search around the forest. They also stopped walking a few steps away from the two of them, giving the privacy that was needed at this moment.

They were also confused why the alpha adored this woman so much, for as long as they knew, way he became very infatuated with this woman very quickly within a few days his visit there.

very infatu only met him in the Golden Claw pack, there was no

But then, that was what they learned, some of them went with the alpha to that

pack and some of them only heard the Tom the other warriors, but there was nothing more into it. It was as simple as that, yet, their alpha declared her as

his woman.

The other room must not ready yet for you to sleep in, you can stay in my bedroom." Hunter made it clear for Lilac that he wouldn't take a rejection for this suggestion.

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“No. What do you mean I can’t stay in another bedroom.” Lilac found this absurd. “Your unready bedroom must be better than my bedroom, I am very sure about that.”

Lilac was not wrong, the smaller bedroom in this pack house like a castle was bigger than her bedroom back in the Golden Claw pack, therefore, there was no reason for Hunter to not let her stayed there.

But then, Lilac also forgot that Hunter had told her, he would only give the best for her, which meant, she would only receive the best, nothing less than that.

“You will choose your own bedroom tomorrow and decorate it as you like, but until then, you will sleep in my bedroom.” Hunter didn’t leave any room for argumentation when he took Lilac’s hand and brought her to his bedroom. He opened the door for her. “Sleep tight.”

Lilac wanted to protest, but Hunter had nudged her inside and closed the door. He fought the urge to give her a goodnight kiss. Hell. He wanted to enter the room and sleep with her. His sleep was better when she was nearby.

“Where will you sleep?” Rye asked when he saw Hunter walked away from his bedroom.

“Your room.” Hunter’s reply made Rye widened his eyes in surprise.

“No, you will not.” Rye immediately followed Hunter, while Darren dismissed all the warriors and followed the two of them. “There are hundred of bedroom in this place, why do you choose to sleep in my room?”

“I can’t sleep in strange place.”

“So, do you think my bedroom is not strange?”

“Well, to be honest, your bedroom used to be our meeting point when we were young,” Darren chimed in and Rye glared at him unhappily.

“Thank you, but that doesn’t help at all with my situation.”

“If you don’t like it, you can sleep in another bedroom,” Hunter said dismissively. He kept walking toward the gamma’s bedroom.

“Why am I the one, who is being kicked out from my own bedroom?” Rye questioned this absurdity. “Why don’t you sleep in Darren’s bedroom?”

“Because he likes to bring random woman to sleep in his.”

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Darren almost chocked himself when he heard that. How could this alpha so

blunt with his answer? "I am not." His voice was too small for it to be convincing and no one would believe it anyway.

In the end, Rye couldn't get rid of Hunter from his bedroom and had to accept his fate that he would stay there for another night until Lilac got her own bedroom.

"It has been fifteen years, why are you still holding onto that small memory from your childhood? I don't even remember anything before I turned eight." Rye shrugged his shoulders. "Well, I remember something, but there was nothing important before that eight."

Eight years old was the eight where Rye shifted into his beast for the first time, so of course, he remembered that day vividly, because that was such important event for shifters.

"Why can't you let it go?" Rye was sitting on the rails of the balcony, while Hunter leaned his back against it and Darren was silently listening to them, staring at the night sky.

The three of them ended up gathering in Rye's bedroom, where he complained a lot until Hunter ordered a bottle of wine to shut him up.

"Why? She doesn't even remember you." Rye clicked his tongue and then sipped on his wine. He shook his head in disbelief that Hunter would go that far for a little girl from his childhood.

"Just because you are heartless, doesn't mean everyone the same like you." Darren sipped his wine.

"I don't want to get a lecture from a soulful like you. You sound like those werewolves, who believes in mate thing."

Darren rolled his eyes when he heard that, but Hunter said nothing.

He was thinking of how he would approach Lilac tomorrow. He was sure she would want to get explanation from him.

And that was what Lilac was thinking as well. She wanted an answer, not a 'later. With that thought, she couldn't sleep at all.

More so, this bedroom was too big and empty for her to sleep alone. She felt very strange to sleep in this bedroom, even though she didn't have this kind of thought when she slept next to Hunter, even when they were in the same room back then when they were in the Golden Claw pack.

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Early morning, there was a woman entered her bedroom, she was around the age of thirty or something, she had this gentle look on her face when she was surprised to see Lilac was already awake.

"You wake up very early," she said in tender voice. "I will get you a basin to wash yourself."

Lilac immediately stopped her. "You don't need to do that, I will go to the

bathroom to wash myself.”

The woman chuckled. “You don’t need to be polite with me, you are the alpha’s woman, you deserve to be treated well.”

Lilac frowned. She had been trying to figure out what was that mean. Was that title the same like mate in her pack? Since lycan didn’t have the same tradition and didn’t believe in the mate bond and anything like that.

“What the meaning of being the alpha’s woman?”

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“What the meaning of being the alpha’s woman?” Lilac asked curiously. Just because Hunter refused to give her a definite answer, it didn’t mean she couldn’t find the answer somewhere else.

“You don’t know about that?” The woman was surprised, but then she remembered where Lilac was coming from. “Forgive me for my tone.”

Lilac waved her hand to dismiss that. “Please, answer me, what the meaning of that?”

“This term must be very confusing for you, miss,” she started. “We are the only lycan pack in this realm and we are very self sufficient, so we don’t interact with other pack very much, it is understandable that you don’t familiar with our term.”

“Yes.” Lilac really wanted to tell her to get straight to the point, she didn’t want to

lecture about the difference between the werewolf and the lycan, but she held her tongue back, since she realized, she was simply being impatient.

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“In your tradition, the moon goddess will choose a mate for you, a partner for lifetime, you will be blessed with mate bond, which enhanced your feeling for each other. To keep the interest between the two of you, but if one of you died before the other, you will be blessed with a second chance mate.”

“Yes, that’s true.” It was a proof that the lycan knew better about the werewolf tradition than the werewolf to the lycan.

“But, for the lycan, it doesn’t work that way. We will choose our own partner and we will stay with them, even after the death parted us. Because we believe, we will meet with our partner in the afterlife. There is no second chance, only one chance, only one partner and that’s enough for us for lifetime.”

“And then what about being the alpha’s woman? Is that mean I will be his woman? His lifetime partner?” Lilac felt her heart was trembling with the possibility. From the way this woman explained things, this was the most possibility that might happen the reasonable answer for her question.

However, Lilac felt she was thinking too far if she concluded it without any confirmation.

“Being the alpha’s woman means, you are chosen to be his lifetime partner, but the ceremony must take in place to make it real. But, yes. The alpha chose you to be lis luna. He considers you to be his equal.”

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“What?” Lilac had guessed it, but she still couldn’t believe it. How could Hunter choose her to be his equal when they just met for a month? “That’s impossible.”

The woman smiled, she could see how confused Lilac was. She didn’t believe what the rumor said about her have seduced the alpha, it was a disgrace for the alpha. himself. How could someone like him was easily seduced?

“That’s why, everyone was very surprised when the alpha said that you are his woman. Not everyone can accept that.” The woman smiled and held her hand. “I don’t know, who you are, but I hope you will be good to our alpha.”

“This doesn’t make sense.” Lilac shook her head. “Why did he choose me?”

“If you are looking for the answer, you should ask the alpha himself for that.”

She was right, there was no one could answer this question, aside from Hunter himself, therefore, Lilac requested for Hunter to meet with her,

She waited in the bedroom and didn't touch her breakfast at all, she was too nervous to have any appetite.

"What is it? You don't like the food?" Hunter asked when his eyes fell on the food. on the table, it was clear that Lilac didn't touch it at all. "What do you like? I can ask someone to make something that you can eat."

Lilac shook her head. She didn't think she would like to eat anything at this point. "Can we talk."

"No." Hunter sat down on the chair across from her and then nodded at the food between them. "Unless you eat. There is nothing I want to talk about."

Lilac narrowed her eyes. "Why do you care about me?" she couldn't understand this. No one cared so much about whether or not she was eating or not. If she didn't eat, it would be her fault to starve herself, no one would pay close attention

to that.

"Why I can't care about you?" Hunter replied with another question, which made Lilac frustrated. "I can't touch you, I am not allowed to kiss you, and now I can't care about you too?"

"Hunter. This is not funny at all!

"I recalled you didn't eat your dinner as well."

am tired, I fell asleep." Lilac indeed tired, but she didn't fall asleep because she literally couldn't sleep.

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"Now, eat Lilac. Do yourself a favor and eat the food. It will not feel good to fall sick."

“We, shifter, don’t fall sick easily.”

“And yet, you did. I saw it twice when we were in your pack.” Hunter was right.

Tired of this wasteful argumentation, Lilac ate her food, but she put down the spoon after the third. “I am done. Let’s talk now.”

“I will say that’s barely enough.” Hunter wanted to urge her to eat more, but Lilac crossed her arms in front of her chest when she saw he was trying to do so. “Okay.”

“Why did you choose me?” Lilac finally asked. “We barely know each other. You don’t know me.”

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“I know you Lilac, trust me, I know you.

“How so?” Lilac raised her brows, challenging him to explain such absurdity. “How can you know me by only meeting for a few weeks?”

“I guess, you must have someone explained to you about what the meaning of being my woman.” Lilac’s silence confirmed that, thus Hunter continued. “We have met before this, Lilac. But you don’t remember it”

“How so? When we have ever met?” Lilac tilted her head. This was news for her. “If we happened to meet before you came to the Golden Claw pack, I must have remembered that.”

“No.” Hunter shook his head. “You don’t remember it because you don’t remember anything before you came to the Golden Claw pack, you were in the orphanage.”

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“What do you mean?” she said it herself that she didn’t have any recollection about her life before the orphanage and it was a surprise itself that Hunter still remembered that when she only spoke about it in passing.

“We have met before this Lilac. We met before.” Hunter leaned forward and grabbed her hands. “You don’t remember that, but I do.”

“How we met? When?” Lilac wreaked her brain to remember, but she didn’t recall anything, her life was very dull before she found out that Aiden was her mate. You could say there was nothing remarkable happened in her life before the one year she lived in the pack house.

“We met when we were a child. You were here before.” Hunter fixed his eyes on

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her. “You were born in this pack, Lilac. You are part of this pack.”

“How so?” Lilac retrieved her hands from Hunter’s grip. “That’s ridiculous, Hunter. If you teased me, that’s not funny at all.”

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“I never said it’s funny. I don’t mean to make it funny.” Hunter looked very serious right now and Lilac started to question the truth behind the story. “Why do think I can find you inside the secret cave?”

“You found me after hours of searching for me, right? It’s not like you right away.” Lilac retorted that and Hunter had to admit his error.

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“Well, yes. It took a long time for me to remember your habit,” Hunter said in light tone. “I should have remembered about that earlier. My apologize in that matter.”

“Don’t worry, I enjoyed my nap there.” Lilac and Hunter laughed at that, but then. she remembered they were in the middle of argumentation, so she cleared her throat to get back to the topic. “Let’s say what you told me is right, what the proof” of it? How can you say I had lived here before I lived in the orphanage in different pack.”

“I don’t. I don’t have any proof that you had lived in this pack before.”

“In that case, I don’t have any reason to believe your words.”

“It’s because you are supposed not to exist, Lilac. Your existence is a mistake.”

Lilac was taken aback. “You are so mean.”

This was the reason why Hunter didn’t want to tell her about her birth origin, because there was no way he could tell her the truth without being mean to

her.

“I don’t intend to be mean with you, Lilac. But, if you want to hear the truth, I hope you can endure this.” Hunter leaned back and crossed his arms in front of his chest. “The choice is in your hand.”

Lilac was not sure whether she wanted to hear it or not, but in the end, it was clear that she didn’t have any other choice. Her curiosity got the better of her and there was nothing more than she wanted right now, but to know her origin.

If Hunter could provide it, she would hear it what he was going to say, no matter how devastating it could be.

“I want to hear it. What happened?”

Rubby cried so hard, until she felt her stomach was churned, she tried to calm herself down, but she couldn’t.

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Two maids that were assembled for her tried to console her, but it was to no avail, she was inconsolable.

Just an hour ago, Aiden came to her, he was furious for the reason unknown. He cursed at her and the baby in her stomach, he looked like he was possessed.

All of the insult that he hurled at her was so painful, she couldn’t unhear it even when he already left. She didn’t know why he was having such an outburst, but Ruby felt like she was no longer care about that.

That man had hurt her so bad and now she had to deal with the pain, “Miss, if you are crying like this, you will hurt the baby.” One of the maids tried to warn her. They didn’t seem to care about her wellbeing, only the baby.

“What happened here?!”

Luna Jasmine’s voice entered the room and Rubby knew her life would be more difficult with her presence now,

“Luna Jasmine.” The two maids immediately stood up when they heard her voice, they had their heads hanged low, staring at their feet.

“Why she keeps crying? Don’t you know that she can harm the baby if she kept like that?!” Luna Jasmine slapped the two maids harshly, until they fell to the ground, the same thing that she did to Rubby a few days ago.

Recently, her mood had been very bad, she lashed out more often and she didn’t seem to care about the image that she had been trying so hard to build. Her emotions were all over the places, she was displeased with Rubby. She was not a fast learner like Lilac. Not even close.

Luna Jasmine grew frustrated with her because she couldn't seem to understand how things worked and more so, this woman was very sensitive, she cried over small, petty things. Her mind was not sharp enough.

How could her son find this woman interesting? Her face was not even very pretty. How she could seduce her son to sleep with her?

Shut up! Stop crying! Are you trying to hurt my grandbaby?!" Luna Jasmine couldn't slap Rubby again, because the last time, she slapped her, a healer had to be called the next day because she was bleeding and the baby was in danger.

Therefore, Luna Jasmine couldn't use her hand to harm her without harming the baby. This was one of the reasons why she became even more frustrated. A little bit

violent could help someone to learn faster.

It was proven worked with Lilac.

But, it was different case with Ruby because of her current condition.

"Stop crying! Do you want to kill my grandbaby?!" Luna Jasmine was furious because instead of stopped crying, Ruby cried even harder.

"Luna, let us to console her. It will be fine.." One of the maids tried to coax luna Jasmine, because they knew it was her presence that made Ruby cried even more, because of her harsh words

Luna Jasmine cursed under her breath and was about to leave when suddenly Ruby stood up and snapped at her.

"Why do you hate me so much?!" Ruby shouted at luna Jasmine. "If you want to get angry, you need to vent out your frustration to your son! He keeps cursing at me like you did! I am the mother of his son, the mother of your grandchild, but you don't respect me at all! I am not ashamed of what I have done! I know that's wrong of me to be with your son when he has already his own mate! But, do you really believe the fault is completely on me?!"

"You! SHUT UP!" Luna Jasmine was furious.

Before this, no one ever dare to raise their voice against her. No one ever dare to talk back to her like what Ruby did, but right now she was being humiliated in front of so many maids. How she could take it? Especially from this whor e , who had ruined her lifetime plan.

"I dare you to say it again! I dare you to say this is my son's fault!"

"This is your son's fault, as well as mine!" Ruby snarled even louder, her voice echoed in the corridors, which made all the people stopped walking and listening to this commotion. "Do you really believe he is innocent?!"

"Shut up! SHUT YOUR MOUTH!" Luna Jasmine's mind was clouded by anger. She could no longer accept what Ruby was trying to say about her son, because deep down, she knew that was true.

She was very angry at Ruby, because she used her to vent out her anger toward her own son. She blamed Ruby for everything, because she refused to admit Aiden was at fault in this matter.

Please, miss, stop this.” One of the maids tried to make Ruby stopped as well. “You

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“Ah!” Ruby screamed in pain at some point after she cried so hard when she heard how luna Jasmine humiliated her and insulted her harshly in front of the maids.

This sharp pain lasted for a few seconds, but it was enough to make luna Jasmine stopped with her hurtful words.

From the look of it, luna Jasmine didn't mean it when she wished ill upon the baby, it was her way to vent out her frustration, but the moment Ruby cried in pain, she hysterically called for the healer.

“Where is the healer?! Why she is not here yet?!” she shouted at the people around. her. “Stop crying! You are going to kill the baby! Stop crying I said! If she was not really in so much pain, Ruby wanted to laugh at luna's jasmine's face. She was very hilarious to think that she could stop the pain by telling her to stop crying when she and her son were the cause of her misery.

“Why the healer is not here yet?!” luna Jasmine didn't dare to approach Ruby, probably in her subconsciousness, she realized that she was the caused of her pain and didn't dare to come closer, just in case, she triggered Ruby even more.

“You wish the baby to die and maybe you will get what you want...” Ruby said. through her tears and pain and she felt this weird satisfaction to see the fear in luna Jasmine's eyes.

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“You must be lying to me...” Lilac said, she was in shocked after what Hunter told her, because it sounded unreal, as if it was a cheap story that people used to gossip about, instead of her own.

“Do you want to say that I still have a family here?” Lilac asked incredulously..

“A father, yes.”

“And that said father doesn't want me. He was the one, who had sent me to the Golden Claw pack?”

“Not directly.” Hunter shook his head. “The woman, who took you out of the pack, placed you in the orphanage in the Golden Claw pack.”

It means, my own father didn't care, where I ended up at." Lilac laughed derisively. "I hope I can advise myself an hour ago not to listen to this crap."

story." Because right now, Lilac didn't feel good at all. She felt like she was a crap.

She knew that she was nothing, but she didn't think that her own parent would treat her like trash.

"I have warned you," Hunter reminded Lilac.

"I know." Lilac looked very upset after she learned about the story, she felt like she wanted to cry, not out of sadness, but out of anger. How could someone very heartless to treat her like this?

Seeing how upset Lilac was, Hunter came to approach her, but he hesitated to touch the woman, this was not the situation, where he could afford to tease or annoy her.

"Do you want to get some fresh air? A walk in the garden?" Hunter tried to cheer her up.

However, Lilac had something else in her mind. "Tell me why did you try to look for me? Don't tell me it is because of the promise that you made when we were little. That's very childish. I don't even remember that at all."

"But, that's the reason," Hunter said blatantly. "That's the reason why I look for you, because I promised to make you my woman."

"Hunter, I will believe you more if you told me that you grew a second head rather than this." Lilac shook her head.

"That would be a lie then." The answer that Hunter gave to her was very casual. "Don't you know the term; love like a lycan."

Lilac didn't say anything, thus Hunter proceeded to explain that.

"We don't have mate, neither we shared mate bond, but we love deeply. No shifter will love deeper than my kind. That's why, we only have one mate for lifetime."

"What irony, because you said it yourself that my father had cheated on my mother and I am the result of their adultery." Lilac scoffed. She started to doubt Hunter's words again.

Lilac was still in denial, based on that, subconsciously, her mind tried to justify her own doubt.

Your father is a werewolf. The woman he is with right now is his destined mate, while your mother is someone that he met when he was in the other pack." Hunter didn't want to mention it because it was too cruel, but Lilac needed to hear this

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“Don’t you think it sounds familiar?”

Of course, it’s familiar. Wasn’t that what happened to her? But, the difference was; she didn’t end up with her mate. The other woman could keep her destined mate, since she had rejected him.

Hunter looked at Lilac and she felt so embarrassed. This was what she so called mate. The gift that was given by the moon goddess to her kind, but as it turned out, it was not really a blessing. Some of them might treat it as a blessing, a sacred bond, as it should be, but some of them were simply a trash.

“Who is my father?”

“Do you want to see him?”

Lilac had to think about that for a while, maybe for long, because she was not sure that she wanted to see someone, who had thrown her out of his life for the mistake that he did.

“I don’t know...” Lilac shook her head.

“Take your time.” Hunter patted her head and she cried, the emotions that she kept holding back, flowing out without her being able to control it.

“Do you want to go somewhere?” Hunter remembered that Lilac didn’t want him to touch her casually, so he pressed down his urge to hug her.

“I want you to tell me why are you so adamant to make me your woman. Your reason didn’t make sense at all.” Lilac wiped her tears.

“Because you saved my life, silly.”

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Lilac was not sure how she could his life and in what way. How could six years old her managed to save his life?

“What do you mean with that? I am sure, I am not very courageous to save someone life when I was very young.” Lilac narrowed her eyes and Hunter took her hand, this time, she didn’t protest, neither she pulled away from him.

“What did I do? Did I jump between you and a monster to save your life?”

Hunter laughed when he heard that and teased her. “You are not that bold, Lilac. You would have been the first person, who would run away if you were in that situation.”

Lilac pursed her lips when she heard that. “Thank you, for being very honest.” She followed him out of the pack house, as they walked in the garden again.

“Then, what did I do that could make you smitten like this?” She raised her brows, prompted him to answer her question.

“For the record, I am not smitten, I just keep my promise to make you my woman, that’s it.” Hunter shrugged his shoulders, but it was clear that he was teasing her again.

Lilac took a deep breath. “I feel like I have been running for miles, whenever I am talking with you. Fine. I don’t need the answer.

Lilac was very upset, she couldn’t imagine how could this man managed to put her on the edge of her patient. She determined not to speak to him again for her own sanity, more so, there were a lot of things to think about after what he revealed to her about her parents, or her father to be precise.

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It was very hard to believe that she lived in this pack, to be part of this pack early days of life. However, there was no reason for Hunter to lie to her, unless he wanted to make a joke out of it. Yet, he wouldn’t be creating a story that far, right?

Both of them walked in silence for a while, though Lilac was annoyed with Hunter, but other people, who saw them didn’t think that way. It looked like they were in a good term, as they walked quietly.

Little did they know someone had been watching them from the window of her bedroom, her eyes filled with rage.

was poisoned when I was eleven,” Hunter said. His tone changed, indicating he

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was having a serious conversation with Lilac right now. “Fourteen years ago, the pack has a dispute with Red Moon pack. And because I am the only child and the heir for the alpha, they aimed to kill me.”

Lilac turned her head, she blinked her eyes, this man always surprised her.

When she thought he wouldn’t say anything about what happened in the past, he started to tell the story.

“I was playing near the forest when someone dragged me to the side and poisoned me. The poison was not fatal, but it left me paralyzed.” Hunter smiled at Lilac, which made her frowned, not understand his smile. “The thing is, they wanted to make it look like it was an accident.”

“I don’t get it.” Lilac said in small voice, forgetting her determination not to ask anything to him again. “How can save your life? Did I fight those people? Cured you?” The latter didn’t make sense because she was not a healer and she knew nothing about herbs and anything alike.

“They drawn me in the river near the waterfall, Lilac, they left me to die,” Hunter said it lightly, as if that happened to someone else and not him. “So, it

will look like an accident.”

“That’s horrible...” Lilac grimaced, she couldn’t imagine the fear that Hunter must have gone through in that moment. “How could they do that to a child?” Hunter smiled at her, he liked the look of worry in her eyes. Those eyes, those gentle eyes had never changed, even after years had passed, she was always that sweet little girl that had saved his life.

“But, you saved me Lilac and I can live to this day is thank to you.”

“I did?”

“You did, little one.” Hunter stretched out his hand and tucked strand of her hair behind her ear, she looked adorable to stare at him with her eyes wide opened. “You pulled me from the water, you saw what happened to me from your hiding spot and wait until they left before you saved me.” Hunter smiled and it looked very genuine. “You are very smart.”

“How?” Lilac seemed to get the idea of what she might do to help him, but she wanted to know the detail of it.

“Normally, you will go to the pack house and ask for someone to come and help, but if you did that, I would have longed dead, because there is no way I will be able to hold my breath for that long.” Hunter stopped walking and without Lilac

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realized it, they went back to the waterfall. “You know that, even though you were only six years old, you know how critical time was for me. So, instead of going to the pack house, you tried to drag me out of the water.”

“Really? I am that smart?”

Hunter chuckled when he heard that, especially with the way she said it, as if she didn’t believe it was her. “Yes, you are smart Lilac. You said it yourself that you absorbed all the tutelage that luna Jasmine taught you in a year. No wonder, she is very upset of losing you as her son’s mate.” But, for Hunter, he was very grateful for what Aiden had done.

If there was one thing that Hunter wanted to thank him, it must be for how he had pushed Lilac to reject him.

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Lilac also thought the same thing. How could the six years old herself managed to lift the eleven years old Hunter out of the water. Well, she was smart enough to immediately came to his rescue after what she saw, instead of going to the pack house and waste so much time, which would kill Hunter. However, she must be too small to have enough strength to get Hunter out of the water, just look at the difference of height and size of them right now.

“You keep my head above the water,” Hunter replied. “You keep holding my head above the water until the poison worn out and I could move again.”

“I did?” Lilac was surprised. “Wow, I think I was very kind to actually do that. How long it was?”

Hunter chuckled when he heard the way she didn't believe what he said, but at the same time praised herself for doing the thing she forgot.

“You did. It took around three hours.”

“Three hours?” Lilac widened her eyes, she stopped walking and sat on the big rock near the river, where she turned her head to see the lake that was created by the waterfall. “I did that for three hours? How could I manage to do that?”

“I don't know. I want to ask you the same thing.” Hunter stood up in front of her and then pointed his finger at a certain spot. “There. I was drawn over there and you dragged me in the water to a more shallow place over there.”

He moved his finger to different spot, not too far from there. “You dragged me there so you can have a steady footing.”

Though in the water, little Lilac would be able to moved Hunter's body, but she wouldn't be able to drag him to the edge, because the rock was too sharp there, she would have killed him if she insisted to drag his body against the sharp rocks.

“I remember you kept crying because your hands were hurt.” Hunter reminisced what happened that day and there was that bitter smile on the corner of his lips. “I want to console you, but I couldn't even speak.”

Lilac blinked her eyes when she learned about that. Before this, she had been very curious about her past, but because she was well aware that she wouldn't be able to get any clue about who she was and what happened to her, she stopped such thought and tried to burry her curiosity deeply, since it would only bother her.

“What happened after that?”

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Hunter told her that she used to stay inside the secret cave behind the waterfall. In fact, she was the one, who had found that place.

After Hunter managed to move, she let him know about her secret place, the place, where she used to spend her time.

“You used to be in this forest and behind that waterfall, almost every day and later I knew it’s because your father doesn’t like you to be around him and his family very often. He sent you out of the house, because your existence upset his mate and he doesn’t want that. During that time, you will come to this place, spending your time here and only returned when it was already dark.” Lilac lowered her head. She used to think of how her parent was and what the reason why they were separated, but then now she knew the truth, she didn’t think she wanted to know more about them. She felt better about not knowing them.

“What about my mother? Why I am with him? Did my mother not want me too?” Lilac hated it, but she could hear how her voice was shaking. She wanted to appear unbothered, but it seemed what Hunter said had shaken up her entire world.

“I don’t know. Your father refused to talk about it to anyone. He pretended it never happened.” Hunter came closer to Lilac, knowing how devastated she might be right now.

“How noble he is.” Lilac lowered her head even more, something that she used to do whenever she was upset and tried to hide her emotions. “So, if I want to know about my mother, I should meet with my father first and ask him about it?”

“I am afraid, yes. You need to do that.”

There was silence from Lilac after Hunter said that and he let her to discern this information, giving her time that she needed, still playing with her hair, but she didn’t protest it this time.

“What else do you know about me?” Lilac finally spoke again after she could calm herself down and focus her mind on something else.

“Hm. I don’t know about you much, because you are quite a shy little girl.” Hunter recalled the memory of the little girl, who refused to talk with him. “I remembered you were sick for a few days after that because you were too long in the water. Oh, it was raining too.”

“Wow...” Lilac lifted her head and smiled a little. “No wonder, you can’t forget about me, I really have saved your ass.”

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Hunter laughed when he heard that. “Yeah, I think you are right. My ass apparently is better than my life.” Lilac chuckled on that too. She was trying to

hide the pain in her eyes. "I can give you a hug if you want."
Hearing that, Lilac narrowed her eyes. "Are you trying to take advantage of me now?"

"Actually, I really want to hug you, but I am afraid you will slap me and runaway again." Hunter smirked.

But, to his surprised, Lilac actually stood up and hugged him. She took the initiative. "Yes, I think I need a hug." She breathed deeply and sighed to feel the warm of his body.

"Oh, and one more thing about you. You loved that cave so much, so you would runaway there, that's how I ca

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In the past, when Lilac was little, she would hide or run into that cave, that was why, Hunter wanted to kick himself when he didn't think of this, he should have rushed back to the cave when she went missing.

It seemed, his anxiety had clouded his judgment.

In the end, they spent their time inside the cave, while Hunter told her a story about when they were little.

"One day, you just vanished. I don't know where to find you, neither I know where you lived. Stupid, yes. Why I didn't even ask about where you lived." Hunter shook his head. "We used to meet here, it's kind of a secret place for both of us."

And after that, Hunter took her to see the whole town, but of course, they would need more time if they were really going to see everything.

They returned at dinner time and had their dinner in the dining hall, where everyone's eyes were on them. They were very curious about this woman, who was with the alpha and how Hunter smiled even more often when she was with him.

In their mind, they still couldn't comprehend how the alpha chose an outsider to be the luna of the pack.

Later that night, Hunter took Lilac back to his bedroom, which she occupied, while he would go back to sleep in his gamma's bedroom.

“Thank you for today and explaining everything to me. I really appreciated it.” Lilac smiled at him and there was this awkward moment where they only stared at

each other.

Hunter cleared his throat. “If you want me to kiss you, just tell me.” He grinned. Trying to make the situation less awkward between them, but this only got an ire from Lilac. “I have given you a hug, a little kiss will not be a problem, right? We can start to be comfortable with each other, after all, you are my woman.”

“Can’t I reject that?” Lilac narrowed her eyes. She felt her heart was thumping wildly when Hunter teased her about kissing.

“You are very heartless if you rejected me. One rejection is enough, two is too much. You have rejected that thrashy man, you need to accept the second chance for good luck.” Hunter clutched his chest, to emphasize how hurt he was for her rejection, which made Lilac rolled her eyes.

“Goodnight, Hunter,” she said sweetly and then closed the door in front of his face.

“Goodnight, Lilac,” Hunter replied with a gentle tone, which would make his warriors surprised with the gentleness that he could show to other people, since he was not like this with anyone, aside from his gamma, beta and now this little

woman.

However, when Hunter turned around and was about to leave the room, the door suddenly flew opened and Lilac rushed outside, she turned Hunter’s body around and gave him a peck on the cheek, after that, she rushed back into her room again as fast as her legs could and closed the door.

Hunter was dumbstruck by what happened, he swore all of that happened in less than three seconds, as if he just blinked his eyes and everything had over.

Frowning. Hunter walked toward her closed door again and knocked. “Hey, if you really meant to kiss me, at least do it properly.”

“Go away, Hunter!” Lilac shouted from inside.

There was this helpless smile on the corner of Hunter’s lips when he heard that, but he didn’t talk about it anymore, he only said that he would come in the morning, so they would get breakfast together.

And the only answer he got was only an okay.

Meanwhile, inside the bedroom, Lilac buried her face on the pillow, feeling very embarrassed after what she had done. She was being very impulsive, but somehow, no matter how embarrassed she was, she didn’t regret what she had done.

“Gosh, that is very embarrassing, what I was thinking?” Lilac lifted her head and only then, she realized there was someone else inside the bedroom, she first

was som sensed their presence, their fierce eyes that drilled a hole on her back and when she turned around, she saw a beautiful woman, standing near the lamp with her eyes fixed on her.

She was beautiful woman with long hair and a voluptuous body, a woman that many men would love to have.

“Who are you?” Lilac asked, she straightened her back immediately, sensing there was something wrong with this woman, she could feel her strong hostility toward her.

“How dare you...” she hissed viciously. “How dare you to stay in this bedroom. How dare you to touch him.”

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“I am sorry, what do you mean?” Lilac couldn’t comprehend what she was saying, she felt like this woman was talking incoherently, but she could feel the danger that came from her.

“How can you make him want you? How can you stay with him? How can you make him smile like that?”

Lilac narrowed her eyes and after she caught some of her words, she realized who she was talking about. “Are you talking about Hunter?”

“How dare you called his name?!” the woman snarled fiercely. Her eyes widened with rage. “How dare you called him by his name?! Only me, who can call him by his name!”

“Calm down, okay. Calm down. I don’t know you. Who are you?” Lilac immediately jumped out of the bed, she was in high alert, as she glanced toward the door. It was very unfortunate for her because her position right now, didn’t allow her to reach the door without going through her first.

“You don’t know me?! I am Hunter’s woman, I am the future luna of this pack! How dare you to take my place and stay inside this room?! This room only belongs to me!”

And after saying that, the woman shifted into her beast and charged forward with the intention of killing Lilac!

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Lilac was shocked to see how that woman shifted into her beast and charged toward her, her eyes filled with rage and she was sure, her intention was to kill her, since it was pretty clear. As a shifter, you would be able to feel this kind of thing.

Unfortunately, Lilac didn’t have time to shift into her beast and dodged the attack in time, so out of instinct, she raised her arms to cover her face, which the beast bit into it and tore her flesh. Blood spurted out from her wound and this made her stomach churned with the pain that started to spread around her body.

“No! Stop!” Lilac cried out loud, as she tried to push away the beast, but her other hands was clawed.

Trying her best to get out of her predicament, Lilac kicked the beast away from her, which allowed her to shift into her beast too. But, it was rather too late, because she had been injured, more so, she was not a fighter.

All of the lesson that luna Jasmine taught her, none of them was about a self protection, because in luna Jasmine’s eyes, there was no need for that. Their mate should be the one, who protected them, more so, they were safe. They were the alpha’s family after all, who would be stupid enough to harm them. Based on that, Lilac’s best chance was to escape from this room, away from

this crazy beast.

However, blinded by rage, the other beast wouldn't let her go so easily. She rushed toward the door and assaulted the other beast, as she clawed Lilac's back and threw

her across the room.

The sound of her snarl was very eerie, it echoed throughout the walls and it sent shivers down Lilac's veins. She couldn't understand what she had done wrong and why this woman wanted to kill her, but the pain had numbed her mind, she couldn't think of anything, aside from the fact she was going to die. She didn't have any strength left to save herself and she was extremely injured, as she could only smell her own blood lingered in the air.

The other beast stalked toward her, her fangs bared and her claws were as sharp as razor, ready to tear her apart.

Here she was, thinking she would have a second chance, thinking she could finally have her happiness, but how naïve she was to think she could get that. She was very naïve indeed. Life had never been kind to her, so why would it now?

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When Lilac was about to lose her consciousness completely, someone entered the room and tackled down the beast.

The last thing Lilac watched was the two beasts fought against each other.

Would she be able to be saved? She wondered if she would be able to live and see the sun tomorrow.

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Her whole body was in so much pain, even when she breathed, the pain on her back was killing her.

Lilac whimpered, as she laid down on her stomach and was having a hard time to breath. The pain was suffocating. Her healing process was very slow, because the wounds were created by the lycan.

The wounds from the lycan was very hard to be healed and it was still questionable about why it was that way.

However, that was only the fact in this world and sometime there was no answer for that.

That was why, when you fought a lycan, you need to be very careful, since the injuries they inflicted would last longer than any injuries that you would sustain

if you fought against other werewolf. Lycan was a lethal creature for a reason after all.

“Ssh... it’s okay, it’s okay.”

It was Hunter’s voice, trying to calm her down, when Lilac started whimpering as she regained her consciousness and the pain made her wanted to cry out loud.

“Ssh... you will heal. You will heal... don’t worry...”

Hunter’s whispery tone lulled Lilac to sleep again, but actually the alpha couldn’t stand the sight of her being in pain, so he asked the healer to put her into sleep.

The way he talked with Lilac earlier was very different when he talked to his beta, Darren.

“Bring Grace to the dungeon. Keep her there.”

“Yes, alpha,” Darren said. He was being very formal with Hunter right now because he could see how p i s s e d he was with what was happening.

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No one would dare to cross her at this moment.

“I am sure, Kellan will protest sooner or later once he heard what you did to his daughter,” Rye commented.

“He could protest as much as he liked.” Hunter wouldn’t give a shi t about that.

“He should be grateful I don’t skin his daughter alive.”

Rye felt fear ran down his spine to hear how vicious Hunter was talking. The alpha then waved his hand, indicating all of them to leave the room. He wanted to have time with Lilac alone.

Rye and the healer immediately left the room, they didn’t want to p i s s their alpha more than this.

After the two of them were leaving, Hunter cradled Lilac carefully in his arms, his eyes darkened when he saw her wounded back. Even in her sleep she was still whimpering and this made his heart ached. He should have known Grace would be a crazy dog the moment she heard about Lilac.

However, Hunter didn’t think, he didn’t even imagine that she would go this far to attack Lilac with the intention to kill her.

He really had put his guard down and caused Lilac to be injured like this.

“I am sorry, Lilac... I should have protected you. You shouldn’t be in pain again now you are in my pack and I am the alpha. I am really sorry...” Hunter leaned over and kissed her forehead, as he tried to calm himself down. He

was really tempted
to shred Grace into pieces.

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Lilac felt her head was throbbing painfully, but the pain on her back and arms had decreased. It was almost bearable now, even though, she still felt uncomfortable with the bandages around her wound.

She wanted to stretch her body and turn around, but a hand stopped her from doing so.

“Your back is still wounded, you can’t lay on your back.” Hunter said in gentle voice.

Lilac was not fully awake at this time, but hearing his voice and felt his firm and big palm, she felt comfortable enough. Slowly, she opened her eyes and looked at her surroundings, yet from her position, it was hard to see Hunter’s face, she could only see lower body.

“Water... please...” Lilac said, her throat was very dry, as if she just ate sands. Her voice hoarse and heavy.

“Don’t turn your body around,” Hunter reminded her before he got off the bed and then poured a glass of water for Lilac.

Very gently, Hunter cradled her body, turned her around, but he held her on her shoulders, so her back didn’t touch the bed.

Only then, Lilac could see his expression and she was shocked to see how gloomy his face was, as if he just heard his whole family was being slaughtered, if that was the right thing to say.

“Drink slowly.” Hunter brought the glass to her lips and tipped it slightly, so she could drink the water.

The liquid glazed down her throat, moistened her parched lips and dry throat, This made Lilac feel a lot better. She could breathe easily now and had more strength.

“What happened?” Lilac asked. “You look so scary.”

Hunter stared at her. “How am I not?”

Lilac frowned.

“You are hurt Lilac. What do you expect? Do you really expect me to laugh and greet you with a ridiculous smile on my face?” Hunter sighed deeply, he knew it

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was wrong to vent out his frustration toward her, but he couldn't help it.

Not to mention that Rye had been telling him Kellan demanded a meeting with him, but of course, Hunter denied him. He didn't want to see him, because he knew what he was going to say about his daughter and Hunter didn't have enough patient to hear his rumbling.

He had a very short temper right now, which was not the right feeling to have when you have to face a confrontation, because the first thing that came to Hunter's mind was how to kill his opponent. His bloodlust would go wild.

“You are worried about me...” Lilac stated, half in disbelieve, half feeling how funny it was.

“I feel like I am going to kill someone.”

Lilac didn't take serious for that statement, as she recalled what happened to her that night. “What happened to me? There was a woman...”

“I know.” Hunter cut her statement short. He definitely knew.

“Do you know her?” Lilac saw his brows creased deeply, as if he was holding back his anger.

“Yes.”

“Your lover?”

Hunter didn't immediately answer her, but he kept silence for two second before. he blurted it out. "Had sex twice in the past, but I will not call her as a lover."

Lilac's eyes widened in shocked, as she pushed him away. "Get away from me!" she said fiercely, but then she whimpered when her back was killing her. How he could say such thing easily?!

And then what? He already deflowered another woman? How he could tell her that she was the one he wanted to be his woman when he already gave himself to different woman?

"You should be ashamed of yourself!" Lilac was very agitated, which was not good for her back.

"You need to calm down Lilac, or else, your wounds will reopen again."

"I can understand why she wanted to kill me." Lilac felt the same thing too with Ruby, she wanted to kill that woman, but she couldn't bring herself to do so.

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However, that woman really had the intention and determination to end her life, yet here Lilac was; feeling a pity for her after what Hunter had admitted to her.

"Here we go again with the difference of tradition between our kind," Hunter said in helpless and annoyed tone.

"We are too different, maybe that's why we are not meant for each other!" Lilac pushed him away and her back hit the bed, which made her shrieked. Hunter immediately turned her body around again and laid her on her stomach. She hated her condition right now, where she relied on him.

"Silly."

"I am not silly!" Lilac growled at him. "I can understand why she is angry with you, you have slept with her and now you don't even want to take responsibility of your action. Don't you understand how important it is for a

woman to keep their virtue until they found their own mate and they surrender themselves to each other?”

“Like what your ex destined mate did?” Hunter raised his brows, his tone was clearly mocking, which made Lilac bit her lip, she was angry, but she couldn’t find a way to retort to that.

“That’s why I rejected him.”

“Do you want to reject me now?”

Hunter couldn’t believe his bad luck, last night he thought their relationship could improve, but because of Grace they had this set back, very far even.

“And for the record, I didn’t deflower her, okay? Someone else did it. Not me.” Hunter saw the disbelief in Lilac’s eyes. “She had been with countless men before

she slept with my beta before me.”

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Lilac was surprised when she heard that.

“Here, us as a lycan, we didn’t save ourselves like you, werewolf, did. But, when we chose our woman, we will be loyal to our other half even when death tear us apart. That’s how things work here.” Hunter’s voice was firm, indicating he was saying the truth, how serious he was at this moment.

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Lilac had to admit that she knew nothing about the tradition or how things worked. here in the lycan pack, but it was hard to uproot what she believed her entire life, yet it would be hypocrite for her if she talked highly about her kind when Aiden had firsthand given the completely wrong example for the tradition that they valued as a werewolf, how Aiden had tainted the sacred mate bond.

Lilac became very frustrated and irritated with herself and her condition. She would only humiliate herself if she praised her kind for saving themselves

when the actuality was not like that. Well, she was the product of infidelity herself.

“So, before I was being cheated on and now I became the other woman?” Lilac felt her teeth hurt so bad, as she grinded on them. She felt the pain on her back increased, but she was very angry at the same time.

“Of course not. I will not degrade you like that.” Hunter frowned. “I chose you to be my woman.”

“Yeah, but you slept with her.” Lilac then narrowed her eyes, as she realized another thing. “How many women that you have slept with before?”

Hunter pressed his lips, if Lilac had this reaction when she learned that he slept with Grace, he couldn't imagine what kind of reaction that she would give him, if he really gave her the number.

“What is it? You can't answer that?” Lilac widened her eyes.

“You don't want to know, Lilac. Don't ask.”

Lilac glared fiercely at him, she couldn't believe she happened to fall for him. She thought he would be the one, after her unfortunate encounter with Aiden, but right now, she was not sure.

“How many?” Lilac insisted, she showed her stubborn side again.

Twenty nine if I don't miscalculate.” Hunter knew she wouldn't stop until she got the answer out of his mouth, but then he couldn't lie to her, it was not right for her to be led to.

Lilac gasped when she heard the number. “You slept with all of your pack member?”

Technically, no. I have around twenty thousand of pack member, nine thousand of them are woman, but maybe only four thousand of them that is in appropriate

age, while the other, either too young or too old. So, if you compared the four thousand to twenty nine, the answer is no. it's not even ten percent of it.”

Lilac was dumbfounded that Hunter really explained to her in such way. She didn't know, either she had to laugh or cry when she heard that, but one thing for sure, she really wanted to slap his face.

"You declared to your pack member that I am your woman!"

ve you."

"And I mean it. I didn't sleep with anyone else when I have

"But, you will."

Hunter frowned. "You are questioning my loyalty if you doubt me, little one."

"How can I not?"

"I slept with those women because the mutual agreement, it's not like I was forced myself to them, they wanted me too and I made it clear from the beginning, there is nothing more than that. Sex. That's it."

Lilac gritted her teeth and then buried her face against the pillow, she wanted to scream, but instead, she spoke weakly.

"Please, leave me alone. I want to be alone." Lilac felt so naïve, was this how the world worked? People cheated in one way or another, was it because her expectation was too high, that's why she felt very disappointed upon what happened, when those people who had done it didn't feel anything and thought it

was normal?

She was raised to think that the mate bond was sacred and once you found your mate, you would be the only one for each other, you would become each other first and last.

But, Lilac had learned it in hard way that she would definitely not be Aiden first and they wouldn't be able to keep the sacred bond between them, because of what Aiden had done.

Yet, with Hunter, she thought, she could get what she thought was 'the right thing, only to find out, he had twenty nine women before her?!

Not only one or two, but twenty nine?!

“I will leave to get your breakfast, I hope we can talk about it again later when you are already calm down enough.”

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“I don’t want to talk, I don’t want to eat!” Lilac knew how childish it sounded and Hunter wouldn’t take it seriously.

However, the alpha left her alone for almost two hours before he returned with breakfast and as angry as Lilac was, she couldn’t refuse the food, because she was famished.

Not to mention the smell was very enticing. How she could refuse that? More so, she was a lot more calmer now.

She realized how ridiculous it was for her to get angry with him, since the difference of the tradition and the value of that their kind held was very differ, she couldn’t change the way he believed and how he viewed that issue, just like how he couldn’t make her believe otherwise.

“Who is that woman?” Lilac asked, she eyed the soup and a few meats on the plates that he brought in a tray. Actually, if Lilac was not this upset, she would have grinned from ear to ear to have someone like Hunter to bring her breakfast to the bed.

She would have been praised as the most fortunate woman and if luna Jasmine knew about this, she would be reprimanded because that was not how a woman should act. It should be the other way around. Luna Jasmine always emphasized how Lilac had to be the one, who served her mate and did this kind of things.

“Grace. She is my childhood friend too, but I am not really close with her until we grew up.”

“And you slept with her?” Lilac pursed her lips when Hunter helped her to sit down.

“You sound jealous.”