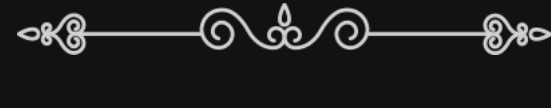


The Lycan Princess and the Temptation of Sin by Moonlight Muse

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A Lycan's Command

SKYLA.

"Are you two coming with me?" I ask the moment I hear the sound of heels behind me.

Delsanra is standing there, arms crossed, as she watches me.

"Well, we have to. No one is to move around alone," Azura says, and I glance over my shoulder at her. 2

"Exactly," Delsanra says with a grin as they both fall into step beside me.

The main thing Leo and Dad made clear is that everyone tries to make sure that Aleric remains in the main hall.

The last I saw of him as I snuck out was Dad walking over to him and Kenneth.

If he tries something, we'll be alerted, but I don't know, I'm feeling uneasy, and I shouldn't be... not with the fact that I'm

going to go meet Royce. From here on out, we'll be together.

"The blood moon..." Azura whispers as she stares out of the window.

I glance out of it, staring at the moon that now holds a red hue, one that no human eye can really see.

It's radiant, its energy simmering through me, and beside me, I can feel Azura's aura rising.

"I'm so damn uneasy," I mutter, my eyes flashing as I feel on edge. 1

A faint hiss reaches my ears and my eyes flash.

"There's something out there. I can hear it, I whisper.

Delsanra glances at me, whispering a spell as she instantly raises a barrier around us.

Her eyes are red, and she looks fine as fuck, which is a clear indication that she's shifted to her demon form.

"I can too." Azura murmurs as she spins around, raising her hands, her eyes blazing silver.

She pauses as she glances over her shoulder and turns. We all move, falling in back-to-back as we scan the area around us.

"There's a powerful dark energy approaching..." Delsanra says, and I glance back at her, but she's scanning the area.

Azura raises her hand as we try to pinpoint what direction it will come from. 1

My eyes blaze as I hone my senses, trying to pick up any sound I can.

"The left!" I say, making both women turn and Delsanra begins whispering a spell.

"Let's move faster, move!" she says, leading the way down the steps to the right.

Delsanra brings up the rear, raising a shimmering barrier of magic around us.

I hear her earpiece crackle.

"He's gone. Get to Royce immediately. I'm coming." Rayhan's voice comes.

"Fuck, Aleric's gone from the hall!" Azura curses at the same time as she bends down and breaks the bottom chains of her dress to make it easier to run. 3

"Kenneth left first in a hurry and then Aleric followed, but he just disappeared! Liam and

Leo lost him!" She continues.

Fuck.

Is he going after Royce? 1

"I need to get to Royce!"

The chilling sense of foreboding inside of me rises and I break into a run, leading the way down the steps and taking the left, running down the dark hallway...

"How is that even possible? There are barriers around the hall." Delsanra says sharply through the earpiece.

"I don't." Rayhan's voice is cut off and the earpiece crackles and she rips it from her ear, flinching.

"You, ok?" Azura asks. Delsanra nods. "Good, Leo said he just disappeared. One minute Alejandro and Liam were talking to them, the next a server falls, they turn and Aleric's gone!" 1

"He probably disappeared like the fucking serpents," I murmur. I'm ready for whatever shit is thrown our way.

"And the barriers, so they practically don't work? Meaning he can just port into anyone's fucking home?" Azura asks, as we run down the next flight of stairs

I know we had to keep Royce fucking far, but now I'm regretting how far it is.

"I don't think the barriers mean anything to him," I say, hearing the sinister whisper of darkness approaching.

I look over my shoulder, seeing the darkness engulfing the end of the hall.

'You must avoid him until the moon has passed.' 2

I freeze when the same whispery voice fills my mind.

Bastet...

'Now you return?' I ask, a little annoyed. What is going on? How do I defeat him!?' 1

'Avoid-'

The voice suddenly stops, and I glance around, it's almost as if something is blocking her.

Fuck!

The temperature rises and I frown, feeling the heat getting stronger.

'Bastet!' 1

I can sense something, but it feels too far, struggling to cross through the darkness that is growing thicker.

"What happened?" Delsanra asks sharply as she throws a ball of red fire at the darkness.

"Fuck, it was Bastet, I think! She said I need to avoid him at all costs." I say, pushing Delsanra out of the way when a tendril of darkness tries to wrap around her.

"Let's get to Royce then!" Azura says quietly, sending a powerful wave of power toward the dark shadows that seem to be an entity of their own.

It blanches, but it is doing nothing to slow it down.

'Royce.' I call through the link.

Nothing.

'Royce!'

"Is your mind link working?" I ask Azura as we run down the hall, my stomach twisting.

"No. Fuck!" she says after a moment, brushing the strands of her hair that have come loose, out of her face.

I can see the heat waves surround us as it keeps getting hotter, the soles of my heels becoming painfully hot.

My heart thuds as Azura's aura blazes around her.

"Keep moving. The quicker we get to Royce, the better our chance-" Azura's cut off when a powerful dark energy rushes around Delsanra chants a spell.

"You girls, go!" she commands.

I see the dark shadows of black and purple hue smash into her shield, trying to overpower them.

They're strong, and it's eating away at her barrier.

She whispers something, reinstating her shield, making the darkness back away.

"Dark magic can indeed fight dark magic!" Delsanra murmurs. "Go to Royce!"

The power of Delsanra's shield illuminates

the dark hall and I see the dark purple-black smoke that is seeping around the ground and lurking in the corners of the hall begin to grow once more.

She won't be able to hold it for long.

Azura and I both hesitate.

"No. I can't leave you." I say, and Azura nods.

He'll kill her.

I hear the hiss of rage from the corners of the room, feeling the darkness rush at me.

It's after me...

"I'll be fine, run!" Delsanra commands.

"Sorry, but that's now how it works." Azura says firmly. "Come on! Keep backing up, but don't stop!"

Burning pain begins to singe my back and I spin around.

What the fuck...

Flames begin to lick the edges of the walls, and it's getting harder to breathe.

Our hearts thump, knowing that we're alone in the middle of a hall.

I don't think we're on the right path... I think we should have taken the last right...

I can sense him. He's close.

"Aleric," I growl. "I know you're here!"

Avoid him until the moon is gone...

"Guys go!" Delsanra shouts You don't leave anyone behind... even if- "I SAID GO!" Delsanra shouts as she sends another wave of her power at the shadows.

"Azura, stay with her! If you can't defeat it, protect yourselves!" I command suddenly.

Azura freezes, and I realise I used my Alpha command on her... there's shock and a glimmer of hurt in her eyes.

"Sky... you can't do this." She mutters.

A Lycan's command...

I'm sorry Zu...

"You will not follow me."