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A Decision Between Two Kings

ROYCE.

'He raped me.'

I frown, trying to push those words away.

There are many things I'd thought I could be accused of but not that...

'He forcefully marked me!'

'He did this to me!'

I place my head in my hands, trying to calm the pain that claws at my chest.

How is she doing? I know he's done something to her, and what hurts the fucking most is she is having to go through this. 1

Is she conscious inside of her mind?

Is she hearing what she's saying? For her sake, I hope not, because this is just going to make her feel even worse...

Fuck, I need to save her! Instead, I'm sitting in this prison...

Are they really mates, or is he playing some sort of sick game with her?

I have never wanted to kill someone before as much as I do now, and I don't care that he's my brother. I don't care for his fucking reasonings, but what I do care about is the fucking twisted games he's fucking playing with Skyla!

If he wants to hurt me, then he should fucking target me, not her.

My aura surges, slamming against the almost invisible barrier, my powers making the barrier spells around me change from a bluey hue to orange. There are several layers of spells put on the room and around me. I just hope Aleric is secure because the fact he has Apophis on his side is worrying enough.

The temptation to fucking tear this barrier down is rising.

I don't know why I'm fucking sitting here when she needs me!

"Calm down Royce." Raihana's voice comes. as my lightning sizzles and crackles around me, bathing the dark room in white and blue.

My eyes snap up to her, blazing with burning rage as she approaches from the dark hall that leads off from this prison cell.

"Do not tell me to calm down. Leave me alone. I don't want to disrespect you, so please leave." My voice is cold as I try not to glare at the woman's distorted frame past the barriers.

She's Skyla's cousin, and I know she's trying to help.

My anger is only rising, and I am unable to keep it under control.

Calm down, Royce.

"I'm sorry Royce. I know it's hard... but we will figure out a way."

I scoff. "I can figure out a way. These spells

won't hold me. If I want to leave, I will."

"Royce, this isn't like you, I assum-' "

"Forgive me, but you don't know me. I may be a patient person, but when I reach my limits... I've never cared for rules. I do what I feel is right, and when it involves Skyla... I'm ready to raise hell. Leave."

My command swirls around me and I can see her struggling. Although she's a hybrid, I still have an effect on her but she's also a powerful witch as she stands there glaring at me defiantly, refusing to budge despite the effect it has on her.

Her being half-witch doesn't help either.

"I get hot-headedness... I have been around

Alpha males all my life, but it's complicated. Try to understand, Royce. It's complicated. What Sky said has only made matters harder

"Think what you will, I'm giving you all another twelve hours to find a solution, or I will walk out of here. There are not enough witches on this planet to keep me here." I say coldly.

I don't know how strong they are, but I am ready to put my all into breaking free if I need to. Nothing can keep me from her, and I will destroy Aleric.

"We are trying. Don't you think we want her safe too? Royce, please-"

"Raihana, please. Leave me be." I say with finality.

"Alright. I like the fucking display of Alpha male testosterone, but tone that shit down.

The entire building is fucking about to have a blackout and I don't want Aleric to use that shit to his advantage in any fucking way." Leo's voice comes before he emerges into the open. 3

He's dressed all in black and blends in well.

"Leo," Raihana seems relieved.

"Raihana, let me cross the barrier," Leo asks.

Raihana nods, and she begins whispering a spell. Her eyes glimmer as a huge wave of power swirls around her and a small opening appears in the middle, which Leo. steps through.

"Keep watch and let me know if someone approaches. Witches are fucking sneaky. Leo mutters to her quietly.

"Understood, don't take long." She says, turning her back on us.

I now glance up at him, trying to control my emotions, but it's proving difficult. The anger within me is ready to break free and I'm barely managing to keep a hold on it.

And to think I was the one who was always in control...

You make me lose control. Love.

"How is she?" I ask, glancing at my watch.

It's nine in the morning but it feels like a lot more time has passed.

"She's the same, demanding Aleric be freed and how she needs him. He's done something to her. No one is buying that bullshit and I'm here to pick your brains."

"And I appreciate it, but I'm not going to sit here and not do anything. I need to be out there figuring this out and helping." I reply, trying to calm myself.

Leo tilts his head and sighs. "Yeah, I know, and I'm afraid I did try to see if we can sneak you out... but the spell isn't, so strong that the witches would buy it. They'd detect a body double the moment they see that shit. Which leaves us only with one fucking option."

"I see." Not that I need to sneak out. I'm ready to leave with a bang if I have to.

"I'll cut to the chase. Is there anything that we can go on, or anything you think can help us with this? Any chance of Aleric and

Skyla being together at some point where they may have been caught on camera? I know she couldn't stand him but was there any proof of this?" He asks, taking out a packet of cigarettes. 9

"Right now, I have my men looking through the academy surveillance to see if there were times that they were together on academy grounds and perhaps had an unpleasant exchange. But she really fucking misses a lot of school. To prove that their relationship is not what they are portraying their relationship to be right now," Leo says as he lights a cigarette and offers me one.

I shake my head, refusing it as I frown, trying to think.

"Not really, I know he's been at her place a couple of times..." I trail off, remembering the blood I had tested. 3

Wait – what if that serum he was working on is somehow contributing to controlling her? 1

"What is it?" Leo asks, clearly having heard the change in my heartbeat.

"A while back, Skyla said she had a hot drink he gave her in his office. She felt extremely tired after, and he dropped her home. I felt something was off and I took a blood sample. I tested it and it did include traces of something that Aleric has been working on... but as far as I know, it never did anything... or nothing that I knew of and deemed it unimportant because it was a failed experiment."1

"Or so you thought.... Is it even possible to make a serum or some shit to control someone?" Leo murmurs more to himself than me.

"I don't know... but if Apophis is involved..."

"True, and Apophis is known as the master of hypnotism according to legend. Maybe Aleric did inject her with something. They were alone when you found them yesterday, after what went down, correct?" Leo asks, frowning. 2

"Correct..." I reply. A thought is clawing at my mind and I've been trying to squash it. Do you think they're really mates, or it's just an act?"

He's quiet for a second and I already have my answer before he speaks.

"I'm afraid they are. Kiara sensed they were telling the truth regarding that point," he admits quietly.

"Hmm."

"She still chose you. Stop fucking wallowing."

I give him a pointed look. "I'm not... I just..."

She did choose him first... 4

She slept with him... 2

The poisonous sliver of doubt is fucking with my head.

"So, do you want that blood sample? I still have some left." I reply.

He looks at me sharply.

"Oh yeah? That really would help a little, even if we can't figure it out, it would at least help as proof that he tried something," Leo says.

I nod. "The Westwood boys and Ahren were there the day I took the blood sample. They've seen us together, although we weren't together at the time."

"Ah yeah, the day you two were mucking about, right?" He says mockingly.

"You're finding this pretty amusing, aren't you?" I reply sarcastically before I shake my head.

"Of course, I fucking do, Mr fucking golden boy ain't so fucking innocent as he acts."

"I don't act like anything," I say pointedly.

Despite that, I feel a tad lighter.

"Can you two kings stop messing around and just hurry up, you know I'm not meant. to let anyone in there," Raihana says. 1

"Yeah, I know. We will figure this shit out... but I don't think you being here helps." Leo muses.

"Wow, really?" I remark, cocking a brow. "I wouldn't never have thought that. Thanks for enlightening me." 3

Leo smirks. "I think I prefer the pissed-off, Royce." He says.

"Good, because I'm not going to calm down until she's back to herself... Besides, I don't plan to sneak out, I'm the Solaris King, with an entire army behind me. If the witches want war, I'm ready to give it to them. But I'll be a gentleman and take them on single-handedly. Every minute wasted is a minute more that Aleric has to plot his next move." I say as our eyes meet. "I'd like to see who tries to stop me. My girl needs me, and I won't abandon her." 1

"Understood, loud and clear... You helped me when I needed it the most and now, I'll help you... and believe it or not, I don't go by rules either." Leo says with a small smirk. "I make my own."

"Good to know. I think we can continue this conversation elsewhere."

"Then that's an agreement made, Alpha to Alpha," Leo says, turning and scanning the area.

"King to King," I reply.

"I'm not the king."

"Ah yeah, the future king... still counts, congratulations," I say.

"Nothing to congratulate me about... Sounds like a fucking shitshow waiting to give me a fucking headache." Leo says, circling the small conflagrated area. 2

"Understandable."

"So, are we going all out, or are we sneaking out?" He asks with a cold smirk.

I smirk. "Well, I don't think there is a way to get out of here without being noticed, so why bother lying low?"

"Sounds fair, oh and here's Skyla's phone."

He tosses it at me, and I cock a brow. "

Maybe there's something from your brother on it. I know better than to check through her phone." 1

I look down at the phone. Skyla's phone.... I'm glad he gave it to me because there's some pretty explicit stuff on this. 2

"Smart move," I say, pocketing the device. " There was actually a time he tapped into my phone and was able to divert messages. I'll fill you in on the way out and I'll go through everything on here."

"Good. So care to break this cage?" he asks, as he takes out a small device. "I mean, I have backup if we fucking need it."

"What are you doing, Leo?" Raihana asks sharply as she now looks at both of us.

Look, Aleric's been behaving weirdly. Chris just mind-linked." She says, approaching the prison created with enchantments. What are you-"

"The right thing, even if it isn't the fucking easiest thing to do," Leo responds. "You should focus on Aleric."

Raihana sighs "Yeah, wait, I'll bring down the shield- AHHHH!"

Her sudden scream of agony startles both Leo and I as she falls to her knees hard.

"Raihana?" Leo asks, as her aura swirls around her. Her head looks up at us, and I can see her eyes are glowing orange as she lets out another earth-shattering scream.

My stomach plummets as dread envelops That was the sound of a she-wolf who... 6

"Chris. Where's Chris!" Leo shouts, slamming his fist into the barrier. " Raihana!" 4

Summoning my power, I channel it all toward the centre of the barrier where it had parted to allow Leo in. Figuring it'll be the weakest, a roar of concentration escapes me as I feel the sheer power hammering back at me before it begins to tremble.

A broken sob leaves Raihana, she's trembling as she chants a spell and opens a portal and she pulls someone from inside.

"NO!" She screams as she hugs the body just as I manage to shatter the barrier.

Leo runs to Raihana the moment the barrier is brought down.

"We'll get help! We'll..." Leo trails off as he stares at the body in her arms, 2

The blinding light from my powers fades away, and I stare at the lifeless body in her arms.

Chris.

He's dead. 39

Her voice is haunted and hollow as she slowly looks up at Leo with blazing eyes.

"He's gone," she whispers as a single tear spills from her eye. "He's left me..." 12

My stomach twists as Leo's eyes meet mine.

Aleric. I'm going to fucking kill you!

"Chris..." It's the last thing I hear before she breaks into anguished sobs as I run from the room, ready to kill. 34

A/N: *Sobbing* I'm sorry, but I had to! I mean, someone else did it! I didn't! *Runs away* 26