## Chapter-14\*Sharing Zelene\*

## Zelene Sallow:

I don't know how the night passed, as I kept drifting in and out of sleep. However, I noticed that Axel never left my side. It was strange because the brothers typically didn't care about me at all, or perhaps he was genuinely a responsible person.

In the morning, when I was discharged, he escorted me to his car without insisting that I sit in the backseat, once again contradicting his brothers' actions. They seemed to dread being seen with me.

"How are you feeling now?" he asked, causing me to turn and notice how tired he looked from staying awake by my side.

"I'm feeling much better now," I replied softly.

"May I ask what you gained from all of this?" It was a random question, and I couldn't understand if he was referring to my illness or my overall situation.

"If you could be more specific, I would be able to answer you properly,
" I sighed, expecting another difficult question.

"That night! Why did you do it?" he asked confidently, making me stare at his face. "Did you want to make us suffer, or was there another motive behind it?" he continued, questioning and confusing me.

"Hmm! Since you're already so certain that I'm an evil person, I don't see why you would give me a chance to explain myself. It's not like anything I say will be believable to you," I stated, looking away and

focusing on the road, hoping he would stop questioning me.

"What did you name your daughter?" he brought up yet another topic after a brief silence. All I wanted was to remain silent and get home soon. I missed Yuna terribly.

"Why do you want to know? She's just a monster that you and your brothers were planning to discard," the words slipped from my lips while my heart bled at the memory. It was so strange how determined they were to get rid of her.

"But we didn't do it. Even though it's quite clear that she's a weresin and her existence will change everything, we chose to keep her alive," he focused on the road, his hands gripping the steering wheel.

"Do you expect me to thank you for that?" I didn't care what they said now. I had heard their disgust towards my daughter when they were deciding her fate.

Thankfully, he finally fell silent.

I had always heard that Axel was the most challenging to converse with, but the way he engaged in small talk and made accusations was unlike him.

Upon arriving at the mansion, I noticed the guards scurrying around in a frenzy. It felt as though royal guests had arrived.

Walking behind Axel, I entered the foyer only to come face-to-face with the royal beta. I hadn't expected to see him there.

Hans Rudd was Vera's father and an essential member of the pack.

Not only was he a royal beta, but he was also like family to the

brothers. His presence could only mean one thing—Lady Jewel was

home.

"Hans!" the way Axel said his name revealed that he understood the complexity of the situation.

Hans gave me a blunt glare before turning to speak to Axel. "Lady Jewel is waiting for you two in the living room."

It wasn't a good sign. I remembered my last encounter with her, and it had been unpleasant. She was incredibly difficult to talk to. Once she made up her mind, she wouldn't change it, regardless of the evidence presented to her.

Axel nodded in response to Hans and gestured for me to follow him. Feeling extremely anxious, I complied. So far, the brothers had decided to spare my daughter's life, but the same couldn't be said for Lady Jewel. She was known to take drastic measures to protect the pack. Once she learned that I had given birth to a weresin, she wouldn't rest until she eliminated both me and my child.

With that possibility in mind, I was once again introduced to her. As I entered the living room, I could feel the tension in the air.

"So, you made it back here," she spoke with a rough voice, conveying her disappointment in her sons.

"Mom—" Axel stepped forward to greet her, but with a simple hand gesture, she halted his approach. I couldn't understand why she would give them such a hard time. Instead of becoming independent and making their own decisions, they seemed overly reliant on her.

"I don't even know what to say to my sons anymore. But I will say that I am disappointed," she paced around in her long black gown,

avoiding eye contact with anyone.

"Not only did you decide to spare the life of the child who is meant to bring an end to our kind, but you also brought her here without even thinking to inform me," her avoidance of eye contact with me created an unsettling tension in the room.

"And imagine this: I heard the news from a hospital staff that Alpha Axel carried a girl to the hospital and claimed she is his brother's mate," she said, her gaze fixed on Axel with a bitter expression. Her disappointment was evident.

Her disappointment was more directed towards Axel than anyone else. She wasn't prepared to accept that her sons had kept another woman's secret from her. Alpha Ray, Alpha Shane, and Alpha Oscar stood by the couch where she had been sitting, resembling little kids surrounding their angry mother.

"And then I come home to find my son cuddling with that monstrous child," she glared at Shane as she uttered those specific words, and my eyes followed her gaze. I saw Shane immediately avert his eyes from me and even from her.

He was cuddling with Yuna?

That news shocked me.

"It's not that we didn't think about you. You were the only one on our minds. That's why we didn't make any decisions before discussing it with you," Shane, being quite clever, stepped forward to do damage control. Since he was the one caught with Yuna in his room, I believe he felt the need to clarify why my daughter and I were being taken care of.

Lady Jewel allowed him to finish, and then she simply scoffed and shrugged in response to him. It was demeaning, but no one seemed to notice. I caught Beta Hans staring at me, his face expressing a mix of emotions.

"Anyway, you're all grown-ups now. I guess I shouldn't have expected too much. It was inevitable for a she-wolf to come into your lives and make you her slaves... I just expected you not to bow down so quickly," her words and the way she described her opinion were extremely brutal. She easily struck at their egos.

The brothers exchanged glances and then directed a disdainful glare in my direction.

"That's not—" Ray was the first to object, but his words trailed off as Lady Jewel ignored him and walked over to stand in front of me.

"I knew you wouldn't let go of this opportunity so easily. I tried to save my sons from you, but kids who don't listen to their mother usually end up in messy situations. As for you... how does it feel to give birth to a weresin?" She locked eyes with me, and I took steady breaths, aware of the warning her gaze conveyed. Now that she was here, it was up to her to decide my daughter's fate.

So I chose to fight for my daughter's life through silence.

"Anyway, since all of you wanted to keep her here because she's your child's mother, it made me think that you all lied to me about feeling the mate bond with her," she turned to face her sons, who appeared even more devastated now. Ray glanced at his brothers before looking away and shaking his head in anger.

I knew she would figure it out the moment she heard that I had given birth to a weresin. One can only give birth if she sleeps with more than two of her fated mates.

"Are you going to fix things?" something inside me urged me to raise my voice. Everyone fell silent upon hearing me speak. Alpha Ray's angry glare served as a warning not to disrespect his dear mother.

"I was thrown into prison for sleeping with my alpha king mate's brothers. But isn't it clear now that I only slept with my mates?"

Obviously, that night was still a blur and something I didn't want to remember. But since the brothers had looked into their mother's eyes and lied, she should be wondering how many other things they had lied about.

They looked upset with me for highlighting their lies, and Lady Jewel seemed challenged.

She faced me again, lifting her chin like a proud mother werewolf.

There was a brief moment of silence before she smirked.

"Even though you clearly missed that you were punished for drugging and conspiring against the alpha kings, I'll spare you this once. I'm known for my kindness and the justice I serve. So, let's settle this here. Now that you're already here and mated to all my sons," her way of calling them her sons was incredibly powerful.

"I hereby decide that you will be shared by my sons," her evil smirk and calm voice sent shivers down my spine

"I don't agree with this," I objected quickly, determined to prevent any further insults from being hurled my way. Regardless of how many times they claimed I had done all this to be with them, I knew the truth.

"You don't have the right to object, especially when you want your daughter to grow up without succumbing to darkness. Remember, she will only be allowed to live if she demonstrates light within her dark heart," her manner of discussing my daughter was deeply unsettling.

What confused me even more was the fact that she was giving my daughter a chance. It didn't sit well with me that she agreed to let my daughter live until she turned eighteen.

"But Mom—" Ray objected, and the others nodded in agreement with his objection.

"Uh-uh!" She raised her finger to the sky without even turning to look at them and continued speaking. "You wanted to give that little baby a chance. So, let's make it happen. She will grow up under the guidance of her fathers and her mother, ensuring nothing is lacking in her upbringing. I don't want any she-wolf to look me in the eye in the future and accuse me of being unfair by not giving her daughter a fair chance. With that being said, Alpha Ray will be the first one to have her in his room for four days before she moves on to her next mate's bedroom."