## Unmasked~

Screams of terror and pain filled the forest around us, piercing my

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wolf ears like a blade. Children ran past me, scrambling for cover, and as they did, the stench of wolfs bane filled my nose. Blood also filled my nose, almost to the point that I couldn't smell anything else. It was wickedly strong. I glanced around the pack lands, mortified by what I saw. Wolves

were scattered around, some belonging to our pack, some of them

rogues. My heart plummeted into my stomach at the thought of more casualties. We couldn't take anymore. We had lost enough. But this wasn't the time to focus on the added casualties, this was the time to prevent more from happening.

I gave Kailen one last look, giving him a small smile. "I love you, no matter what happens." I shouted, before shi ing into my wolf form.

throwing myself into the fighting. I noticed his wolf join in next to me, and by that point, I knew he wasn't going to leave my side. I didn't expect him to. Heck, I didn't want him to.

I heard him yell "I love you" back, but by that time I was already

Him fighting by my side made me more confident. I latched onto the neck of a rogue, tearing it out swi ly. But just as I did, I felt another one jump onto my back. I went to rip it o, but

before I could it went limp. I snapped around to see the rogues throat in Kailen's mouth, but I didn't have time to stare because we were back to fighting. We were both plowing through rogues le and right, but each time

we killed one, more appeared. It's as if they were multiplying. Though they were easy to kill, it still shocked me to see an attack of this magnitude. Our first rogue attack was nothing compared to this, while as this time there were hundreds.

And I had absolutely no clue where they were coming from, or why they were here. It was mayhem. I watched in anger as rogues began jumping on my mate, trying their

best to bring him to the ground. Though Kailen was strong, the

weight of the rogues was enough to bring him to the ground.

I had to help him.

back, all I could see was red.

I tried to jump over to clear the rogues from him, but as I did, I felt jaws latch around my leg, pulling me down. I let out a painful howl, whirling around to free myself from whatever shithead had me. I

came face to face with another red-eyed, mangy mutt, and just as it began to clamp down harder on my leg as if it was a chew toy, I swiped my claws out across its face. I watched as one of its eyes fell from its socket, and the rogue

wheeled back, howling in agony. But it didn't have long to howl,

because the next thing it knew, I was tearing it apart. I would have

taken longer to revel in its death, but I could hear my mate howling out for help. I le the mutilated rogue, and began biting and clawing wherever I could. I wasn't thinking about anything other than saving my mate from these pesky creatures. And when a rogue clamped down on his

I could feel his pain, and that only angered me further. Knowing that

my mate was hurting drove me to the brink of insanity and thanks to that, ripping through the rogues was easy. I showed no mercy as I did, feeling a sense of satisfaction as I watched them die. It sounded wrong, but those fuckers hurt my mate. The several rogues that once overtook my mate, were now scattered

around him, and I watched as my mate painfully pulled himself to his

feet. I could tell that he was hurting way more than I was, and I did

But because the alpha and the Luna were in the same spot, this

my very best to keep the rogues away from him.

attracted the rogues like magnets. They flocked to us in groups that we couldn't handle all on our own, biting us and attempting to dismember us at every angle. I thought that we were goners. But when wolves from our own pack started flocking to protect their leaders, the weight of the rogues began to feel a little more bearable.

It seemed like our pack would power through this like we always did.

And then as Zach's pack started infiltrating our pack lands, I felt a

huge weight li o of our shoulders. We had this in the bag.

more quickly, and we began to be able to spread out. We were covering more areas of the pack land, now that we didn't have to worry about protecting ourselves from the rogues. While they kept piling in by the dozen, we kept killing them by the dozen. And it seemed like we weren't taking as many casualties, but then a

gas began to fill the air. A gas that we all knew too familiarly—Wolfs

Now, it was filling the lungs of everyone... Everyone except the rogues.

And I had no clue how they weren't being a ected by the wolfs bane

in the air because my pack and I, we were all scrambling around like

None of us could see, hardly any of us could breathe normally. And

while we were distracted, the rogues began viciously attacking. I felt

bane. Though there had already been traces of Wolfs bane here

before, it was nothing like there was now.

matter what I did, more just kept adding on.

anyone was going to help, it would be her.

along with my mates.

headless chickens.

With a new surge of confidence, we began tackling our rogue problem

multiple rogues grab at me, but I couldn't see them. My eyes were burning, and though I could pick some of them o, it was nearly impossible to keep them away. I howled out in fear and pain as they toppled on top of me, biting me everywhere. I tried to free myself from them, but it seemed like no

As they did, it became extremely hard to breathe. I realized that I was

being crushed. The panic set in as I realized that this was not a way I

So I cried out, begging her for help, pleading with her to save my life

But nothing happened, no miracle came. No surprise wolf pack came

to defend us, no witches, no nothing. And I really tried to keep hoping

that something would happen, but the rogues just kept getting

wanted to die, and I internally cried out for the Moon Goddess. If

heavier, and I couldn't fight them. I prepared for myself to die, again. No matter what I did, I couldn't prepare myself for Kailen to die. I knew how terrified I was the first time, and I knew that Kailen was going to be just as afraid, if not more. So I tried my best to comfort him through the mate link.

Don't be afraid. I'll see you on the other side?ossibly. I wasn't sure if

the Moon Goddess would take me back, I wasn't sure if I did what she

asked. But what else was I supposed to do? I had already fallen in

love with Kailen, and here I was dying with him.

What more could she want from me?

spoke, my heart nearly shattered.

die with you.

sense of amusement.

turning into a wolf frying pan.

My skin was cooling down.

profusely.

Did she want me to love him more than I loved myself? Why couldn't I just love him as much as I loved myself? I mattered to me just as much as he mattered to me. So in the end, I had no clue what she wanted me to do. But at least for now, I could make Kailen's journey to the other side

more comforting. I heard him open the mate link, and when he

But the thought of me being le in the dark, on my own, made me really want to not die. I didn't want to take the risk of never being with Kailen again. And the thought of being without Kailen made me furious. In fact, I was so furious, that I began to feel hot. I wasn't hot because I was trapped under at least a dozen rogues. No,

my skin was physically hot—Burning hot. And it just kept getting

hurting anything that was touching my skin.

they were rotisserie chickens. And I had no clue why.

hotter. Though the heat didn't seem to be hurting me, it seemed to be

As I listened to the sound of skin scorching, I quickly realized that my

skin was actually burning those that were on top of me, as well as the

ones on top of those burning. I was actually cooking the rogues like

But it took me only seconds to remember that stars were very, very

hot. I had known this, but why I was frying rogues was beyond me.

You are everything that I've ever wanted in a mate. I'm not afraid to

me happy. Or maybe, this was the Moon Goddess's way of helping out. All I knew was that thankfully, the rogues were fleeing o of me,

trying to escape the extreme heat that was radiating o of my skin.

Some of the rogues weren't fortunate enough to escape me though.

And when I saw scorched rogues lying dead around me, I felt a sick

And my amusement only grew as the rogues that were once on top of

Kailen and my pack members, began to recoil away from me, trying

Maybe this was the same thing as me glowing whenever Kailen made

not to get burned alive. It made me satisfied, as sadistic as it sounded. But seeing how much power I had, just because my skin was a few degrees hotter than normal, it gave me joy. Nobody was going to hurt my pack anytime soon, thanks to my body

The heat was still projecting o of my skin, though it seemed to be

dying down by the second. Now that my extreme anger had died

down, so had whatever short lived thing that my skin had just done.

I stared at the rogues who stood far away, with widened eyes, not

mean for them to feel any of the heat, I could see them sweating

daring to come near. My pack also stood around, and though I didn't

It amazed me at what I had done—What I could do. I looked at Kailen, who was once again pulling himself to his feet. He was covered in wounds, some of which looked very deep. And unlike mine, his once again didn't seem to be healing like they should. I needed to go help him.

But as I started to walk over to him, something pierced my side. I

went to look at whatever had just happened, when a second object

pierced me. I looked down quickly, seeing two arrows sticking out of

me. I howled in pain, looking to my mate. I knew that the arrows that

had just punctured my body were silver tipped arrows. And not only

that, but by the way they burned, I knew they were wolfs bane too.

I dropped to the ground before my mate could even get to me,

needed the pain to stop, but it wasn't.

It just kept getting worse.

arrows that had hit me.

Savannah and Harrison.

him as well as I thought.

your beloved ex-alpha."

Her face flashed with anger.

"But Harrison doesn't."

towards Harrison.

Was he talking about Kailen?

and yanked my head up.

mad at the Moon Goddess!"

here, you'll have to do."

me—Permanently.

over soon.

yelling in agony.

I was confused on what had happened.

And then I saw the witches.

a er all.

Him?

Though I was hurting, I interrupted her.

"All of this killing because you're an outcast?"

Luna."

worse.

shi ing back to my human form. My howls of pain now turned to

I looked to Kailen who was already by my side, blocking my naked

body from our pack. He whined as he stood next to me, trying to pull

one of the arrows from me. But instead of helping, this only made it

screams of pain, as I felt the wolfs bane spreading through my body. I

He immediately stopped when he realized the arrow wasn't coming out. Another whine escaped his mouth, as he stood above me helplessly. I wanted to move, to walk o the pain, but the silver mixed with the wolfs bane kept me down. It kept me out of the fight. But there wasn't any fighting. Instead, everyone, including Kailen, was looking at something. I painfully turned my head to see two familiar faces standing on the

hill, surrounded by dozens of other people that I didn't recognize.

And it was then where I realized who our pack traitors were.

me o guard. I would have never expected him.

watched as Savannah smugly opened her mouth.

They all held bows in their hands, each of them loaded with the same

Though I had already suspected Savannah, it didn't make it any less

painful to see her betrayal. And Harrison, he had completely caught

Nothing about Harrison screamed "Traitor." But I guess I didn't know

"Before we get started," She paused, "I would like all of you to know

them in the trees. So if anyone makes a move, you'll end up like your

that aside from these nice arrows we have, we also have more of

I wanted to speak, but I was in so much pain. So instead, I just

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She motioned to me, using me as an example. "Now, I can see the shocked looks on your faces, wondering why I would do such a thing? Well the answer is really simple. It's because you all deserve this." "You see, you all have done your part in treating me like shit. For years, you all have excluded me, and blamed me for the deaths of

"Yes! All of this killing because I wanted to see everyone su er. You all

deserve to burn in hell. And I'm really sorry, Estrella. I actually really

liked you." She yelled, pulling something out of her pocket.

I watched as she handed a knife to Harrison, who looked at me.

A wicked grin flashed on Harrison's face, and he began to stalk

towards me. I knew that I needed to get away from him, but these

damn arrows were practically nailing me to the ground. They were preventing me from moving. I started to rip them out, but as I did, Kailen jumped in front of me. His attempt to protect me was rendered useless, as he was penetrated with arrows. He went down in front of me, howling in pain. And just as I did earlier, he ended up shi ing. He was now vulnerable

in his human form. I looked at him anxiously, before I looked back

He yelled, kicking me as hard as he could in the ribs. Though it hurt, I

wasn't surprised that it didn't break my ribs. He wasn't that strong

"Oh don't act so innocent," He snapped, "You took him from me!"

"Oh don't tell me this is because you have a little crush on my mate!"

I shouted in disbelief, hissing when he roughly grabbed me by my hair

"All of this because I slammed your head into a wall?"

"You fucking bitch," He hit me, "I was there for him! I did whatever he asked. And then you came along and ruined everything." He hit me again. But I wasn't taken back by his bitch slaps, I was taken back by what he'd just revealed. "Why are you mad at me for that?" I asked, "If anything you should be

"That bitch can go fuck herself," He replied, "But since I only have you

He raised the knife above my head, and in that second, I saw my short

life flash before my eyes. I really thought this was where it ended for

He brought the knife down and I shut my eyes tightly. It would all be

He clenched his teeth, so hard that they began to bleed.

But it never hit me. I opened my eyes to his screams, and the screams of many others. I didn't know what they were screaming about, but it seemed that everyone who had come to hurt us, was now holding their heads and

the others were all clawing at their heads like they had gone mad. It wasn't because they had actually gone mad, it was because the witches had come to help us. The witches had saved the day.

I felt relief, and I dropped my head back onto the ground. I knew that

my mate and I were safe for another day. I knew that we would have

Wooo, that was intense. And that was a long chapter (for me). Hope

you all enjoyed it. THIS IS NOT THE END OF THE STORY!!! I will see

In all of their glory, Calypso, Van, Kyla, and Esma all stood there

were le alive, began to grab at their heads as well.

chanting something in unison. The trees around us shook like crazy,

dropping every one of those archers, down to the ground. Those that

I realized that they were the reason that Harrison, and Savannah, and

another day to spend together. And for that, I was eternally grateful. I looked at Kailen, who looked at me. His grateful smile was the last thing I saw before I allowed my eyes to close—Before I allowed myself to rest.

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