## **Mother Dearest~**

are ready for this cause I have a feeling some of y'all are gonna want to hurt me...But that's okay. Enjoy, comment or whatever. Here we go.

Her voice echoed through the hollow room, sending tingles down my

We're coming up on the last few chapters of this story. I hope you all

## spine and most likely everyone else's. Her chirpy voice didn't mask

"Hello, darling."

the malicious intent that I knew she had, and I don't think she cared. She didn't need to care. It didn't matter if we knew what her true intentions were, because she was stronger than all of us combined. Three witches, and three wolves, two of them being part witch, didn't

compare to the dozens of witches whose powers she had harnessed. She could probably snap her fingers, and like that we would turn to

ash. And yet she still spoke as if she was here to make friends.

## at all, but rather the ghost of my mom who'd come back to haunt me.

The woman whom I called mother had a look that seemed puzzling to me. Though her lips formed a smile, her green eyes were vacant of any emotion whatsoever. Part of me doubted that she was a person

"Estrella, I hope you know how rude it is to just stare when someone's speaking to you," She spoke, "I would have hoped that I raised you better."

But sadly, she was real.

"Raised me better?" I muttered unsure, "You barely raised me at all. You le us." I spoke, making sure to include Ethan. Though Tessandra hadn't looked at Ethan once, I wasn't going to sit there and act like she

didn't have two of her children present. No way was she going to forget about Ethan. "Us?" She questioned, "Oh you mean your brother. Yeah, I meant to

leave Ethan. I never wanted to leave you." My heart hurt for Ethan, ever since he was a child, my mother never bothered to hide her blatant disdain towards him. She always favored me for some reason, and I guess that even though it had been almost

I saw my brother glance down out of the corner of my eye, sending a surge of anger through me. I had been sitting on the ground with Kyla, Van, Calypso, and Ethan. But now I was on my feet, glaring at my mother.

twenty years since I'd seen her, things hadn't changed.

"You're a bitch for that, do you know that?" Suddenly, I couldn't speak or move. My limbs felt frozen, just like the day I had landed here, and no matter how hard I tried to move, I couldn't. I began to panic. I knew my mother was doing this, and I was scared.

But I wasn't scared for myself. No. I was scared for everyone else in the room, especially my mate. She could easily kill him, and that would kill me as well. Both mentally and physically. I didn't want that to happen to him. I didn't want him to die.

So maybe mouthing o to my psychotic mother wasn't my brightest

idea. But oh well, I already woke up an angry bull.

She narrowed her eyes, as she stepped close to me, glancing at each and every person in the room, before looking back at me. I noticed how young she still looked. I hadn't seen her in over ten years, and she looked as if she had only aged a year or two. Her

had a youthful shine to it. Though her eyes were green, and mine were blue, it was like I was staring back at myself. It was a strange feeling. Earlier, I had said that my moms eyes were vacant. But they weren't

now. Instead, they were filled with a calm and collected anger.

Suddenly I missed the vacant look.

had died."

course.

square face was completely free of wrinkles, and her blonde hair still

about to hit me. However, she spoke instead of being violent. "I don't think you understand how long I spent looking for you. I wish you'd be a little bit nicer to me.' Nice? Fuck that. If I could speak right now, I'd have some nice words for her.

"You see, even with the best of my powers, I could not track you

down. And it took me forever to figure out that it was because you

were dead. My own daughter, the one I tried so hard to keep alive,

My mother stopped in front of me, and for a second I swear she was

"You can't understand the pain I felt when I realized that. I tried so hard to find your body so I could bring you back. I harnessed power from almost every witch that I came across, but nothing worked. And that's when I started to give up."

"Yes, I know that no mother should ever give up hope for her child.

But I did. I truly believed that you were dead. So when I found out

that somehow, you were alive, you could imagine my confusion."

a whole fucking novel, but the more she continued to speak, the

I was really hoping that this bitch wasn't going to make her point into

more I began to believe she was really gonna make me sit here and listen to this entire story. I mean, she must know it's a really boring story if she's going to have me frozen just so I'm forced to listen. While the bitch was droning on about how confused she was and blah

blah blah, I decided to talk to Kailen...Through the mate link of

How long do you think she's gonna talk?asked, wanting nothing more than to put a sock in her mouth. Probably until she feels she's garnered sympathy from us alle replied, and if I could laugh, I would have. Even though this was a

shitty situation, and there was a good chance my mom was here to

kill us all, Kailen did make me feel better.

He made me feel safe.

thank you for that Ethan."

we were all going to die.

with her.

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"...The Moon Goddess had put a cloaking spell on you." Wait a second. What did she just say? I wanted to ask her to repeat it, since I wasn't exactly listening, but I wasn't able to do so. But I made sure to listen to everything else she began to say. "She was the reason why I couldn't find you. And honestly, if it wasn't

What the fuck did she just say? "You see, I know he didn't mean to. But when I had a little friend go and seduce your brother, Ethan just couldn't help but to talk about how unnatural it was that his twin sister was back from the dead. So

All eyes snapped to Ethan, even mine, and Ethan's confused stare

turned to one of guilt and horror. He realized what he had done, and

despite it being accidental, it still felt like betrayal. Because of him,

my mother found me. And because of him, there was a chance that

for your brother then I would have never found you."

I tried my best not to glare at him, but I failed miserably. No matter how many times I tried to convince myself that he wasn't at fault, I couldn't forgive him. It was like a wall was in my way, and I couldn't move past it. When he caught my gaze, he stared at me for just a second, before his eyes looked away.

I noticed my mother smiling a bit as she reveled in the ri she had

created between my brother and I. In a matter of seconds, she had

put our trust in each other deep in the ground. And that made me

despise her more. And yet as much as I wanted to tear her throat out, I couldn't do anything. My body still acted as if it didn't belong to me. This caused me to reach out to the Moon Goddess yet again. If anyone was going to help us, it was her. I closed my eyes, drowning out whatever

horseshit my mother was saying, and began to try and communicate

Moon Goddess, we need your help. You did not hide me from my

mother just so she could find me and kill me. Do something. In my head, I was met with the sound of static. And I waited...And waited some more. And as the silence grew stronger, and the time passed on by, I began to lose hope. What if she was done helping me? A er all, ever since I had come back to life she had helped me. And now I was asking for more.

What if the Moon Goddess decided it was time to bring me back.

And as my hope hit rock bottom, as it seemed like we were as good as

dead, an idea popped into my head. It was an idea that would most

likely fail, and one that would get us all killed, but it was one that I

What if I had used up all of my wishes.

could do without moving a muscle.

Kailen. I said through the mate link.

I could glow.

mate bond.

had set my mind to.

said something else.

I became hotter.

would begin to peel.

But normally, the only way I was able to glow was through Kailen's doing, and currently I was unable to even look at my mate seeing as though he was behind me. But maybe if he talked to me, and made me happy, I could make myself glow. I decided that even though it might not even work that it was worth a shot.

What?Though earlier he had sounded calm, I could now hear the

anxiety setting in. Despite him trying to keep it together, I could feel

him growing nervous. And this only made me nervous. Thanks a lot,

I shook away the nerves as best as I could, and focused back to what I

Okay I know you're scared, but I need you to make me happy. I need you to help me glow. I didn't even know if I would be able to glow, and if I did glow, what's to say that my mothers powers would stop working? And even though I knew her powers wouldn't stop working permanently, I prayed that it would be a distraction, even for a second.

Well...I mean I can't see your face, but your ass looks great from here

I wanted to turn around and shove him over. That definitely was not

going to make me glow. As if he could sense my agitation, he quickly

Alright that one was stupid, I'm sorry. But it's kinda hard to think

My agitation only grew, and now I had to urge to throw him o of a

cli . The one time I needed my man to hype me up, he couldn't. He

But instead he was being useless. And now I was really beginning to

body. It was the same one that I had felt the day that Savannah and

George led an attack. I didn't know why I was so angry, but when I felt

get pissed o . So pissed o that I felt a familiar hot sensation in my

the heat radiating o of my body, and my mother's face began to

couldn't even call me pretty? Even with a half working brain he

could've given me the bare minimum of a compliment.

when our death is potentially minutes away.

morph into a look of confusion, I knew that the Moon Goddess was helping me by turning me into a human heater. The room began to glow red, and I watched everyone in the room sweat profusely. I prayed that this woman's power would stop soon,

before I marinated my mate and friends. However, her power held

strong, and this only caused the room to become hotter and hotter.

giving up only made me more angry. I couldn't control it.

And I wanted to stop, I really did. But the fact that my mother was not

I glanced at Ethan through the corner of my eye, and since he was the

closest to me, he appeared to be taking the brunt of it. I could see his

face turning red, and I knew that if this didn't stop soon, his face

But I ignored that, and I directed my anger towards my mother. I

could see she was trying to use her powers to stop me, but nothing

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she did was working. For some reason, her powers were being blocked. I figured it had something to do with the Moon Goddess. Her skin began to blister, and a loud shriek came from her mouth. In that moment, I felt her power slip. And I knew that that would be our

"Run!" I yelled, bolting out of the room. I didn't even bother to stop

and do something about my mom, because at the time the only two

people I could think about were Kailen and myself. As selfish as it

Kailen and I busted out of the pack house, not knowing what to

expect. But when I saw what life was like outside of the pack house, I

Bodies were scattered around, seemingly untouched. But their eyes

only chance to get the fuck away from her.

sounded, I could live without the rest of them.

realized it was the last thing I expected.

mistake cost me dearly.

What had she done to him?

I frantically looked back to my mother.

die, he wasn't allowed to die.

love with su er.

to save my mate.

sink.

in pain.

were closed. I saw Zach lying next to Calypso, and I felt my heart sink? Were they dead? Did my mother kill them? As if I had said my thoughts out loud, Zach and the members of our packs began to stir. I felt a huge wave of relief wash over me, and I let out a heavy sigh. Thank God they weren't dead.

I made the dumb mistake of letting my guard down, and that dumb

I heard Kailen gasp, and then sputter, and I snapped my head to the

side. I let out a scream of horror as I saw the blood soaking through

his shirt. And when he coughed out a stream of blood, I felt my heart

I turned around angrily, tears streaming down my face as I saw my

own mother looking at me with a twisted grin. She held out her hand,

closing it slightly. I heard Kailen spit out more blood, and then groan

I didn't even care that I would die without him. I cared about the fact

that one of the nicest alphas I had met might be meeting his end. And

I couldn't stand that. I couldn't stand watching the man that I was in

Every ounce of calmness and courage I had just went away. Now I was

She stared at me, still smirking, squeezing her hand a bit more. When

ground was painful and unforgiving as I met it, causing me to struggle

to catch my breath. I gasped a few times, forcing myself to my feet.

But now, there was twenty feet and a powerful witch between my

mouth, that the caramel colored porch was now a dark brown.

mate. I looked at my mate, who had expelled so much blood from his

This wasn't the time for me to allow myself to hurt. This was the time

"Stop! You're killing him!" Minutes ago, I was calm. I wasn't even worried about her killing me. I had already been through death once, I knew that if I died, I wouldn't remember the pain. But that was me. That wasn't Kailen. He couldn't

I heard my mate cry out in agony, and then struggle to even breathe, that's when I lost all control. I ran at my mother, which was a foolish thing to do. She sent me flying through the air, and onto the hard ground. The

frantic. Now my mother had the upper hand.

And his gray shirt that he wore, no longer looked gray. I felt my heart sink, and because of the mate bond, I could feel him dying. I felt another tear slip from my eye. themselves to their feet. They looked at me, dazed and confused,

Earth without me. Him and I were either going together, or we were staying together. That wasn't up for negotiation.

behind me. I could feel them backing me, and when Zach came up and stood by my side, and the three witches placed themselves next

I looked around at my pack, who were all struggling to pull before they looked at my mate. I saw their eyes linger on him, and suddenly life fled back into them. The sight of their alpha at the hands of death seemed to jump start something inside of them. I now felt their presence beside me, and

Ooooo we are preparing for a battle next chapter. How lovely.

to Calypso, I knew we had a fighting chance. I knew that no matter what, my mate was not going to leave this