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Rose

Everything felt as if it was moving so quickly. I was trying to keep up with it all. A rush of energy washed over me when Jax announced I was the

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Luna. I was also surprised at how everyone cheered and clapped, calling out and welcoming me as their Luna. I never thought that would ever happen.

Different voices filled my head, making me a bit

dizzy.

We had moved to the front as a member started greeting us. I was shocked when they all spoke nicely and did not look down at me. They had kind eyes as they shook my hand, telling me how happy they were to have me as their Luna and how excited they were for their Alpha to finally meet his mate.

I could see Jax's pride in his pack, which warmly welcomed me.

Jax's hand pressed against my back. He leaned down next to my ear. "How about we take a break? Get you something to eat."

Just when he said that, my stomach let out a rumble. He chuckled, and I could feel my cheeks heat up.

"Come, Twinkles." He grabbed my hand and pulled me along. He led us to an empty table and pulled a chair out for me.

"I will make you a plate." Placing a kiss on my head, he walked over to the table filled with players of different food.

Someone sat down next to me.

"Hey you, how are you holding up," Harley asked.

"Im good." I let out a small breath. I smiled as I looked over at her.

"The first group will switch out, and the next will come in. They will greet you, or you can walk around and talk with them, whichever way you feel more comfortable doing. Not all the pack members will be here tonight. But they did hear through the pack link. We have too many members to put in one area. I know this way will drag it out a bit, but I figured you would feel better meeting them in small groups."

I smiled at her. She had been thoughtful about me when she planned this, and she was truly a good person.

"Hey, I wanted to ask, How did it go with Wayne? Were you guys able to talk it out?"

She looked off to the side. I followed her line of sight. She was looking at Wayne, who was standing with Jaxs. They were talking to a few men.

"We did. I'm glad you pushed me to do it. Afterward, I felt so stupid for ever doubting him. I don't know what I was thinking."

Letting out a small laugh. "That's it, you weren't; you even turned his hair pink. That poor man."

She busted out laughing, covering her mouth with her hand. "Oh my god, im so horrible."

Both of us laughed. A throat cleared, making us look up. I tensed a bit, seeing that the girl who had

slapped me stood there next to the man who Jax had spoken to in his office.

"Luna, " he bowed his head. I wanted to welcome you to the pack. It will be a great honor to follow you and our Alpha."

"Warrior Roger, that was so nice of you," Harley told him. He gave her a small smile and a nod.

"Thank you, Beta Harley. Also, my daughter wants to say something to you, Luna." He looked over at her, nodding his head;

She glared at him, but the minute his face hardened, her eye widened a bit, but she turned to look at me,

"Luna. I want to apologize for my behavior earlier. I was wrong to strike you. And I spoke out of term. I would hope you could forget me," She dropped her eyes,

I wasnt sure, but she seemed like she didnt mean what she had said, As if she only said it because she was being forced. Her eyes didnt hold regret or truth in them, and her body was stiff. Her breathing was short and fast.

Either way, her father was lovely. You could hear his sincerity in his voice. So I would not be like her; I would be the bigger person here.

"Thank you. I want to put it behind us, as you are a

member here, and I do not want a hard feeling between us."

The look of confusion was on her face when she looked up at me. She wasn't expecting those words.

"Oh, Of course, Luna."

She glanced at her father, who nodded his head at her. They both bowed, "Luna." They turned and walked away.

"That was odd. But I wouldn't put any truth to her words." Harley said as she followed the pair, walking away.

"I don't," I told her.

A plate was placed in front of me.

"Was that Roger and Denise I just saw?" Jax asked as he took the seat on my other side. Wayne sat beside Harley, kissing her cheek and placing a plate before her.

"Yeah. she apologized to Rose," Harley spoke up, Jax raised a brow, looking at Wayne; Wayne only shrugged.

"Roger was very nice," I told him. He nodded his head.

"Yes, he is. He has always been loyal to me. He is

a great warrior. He helps with the training. He makes the trainees work hard. He is not one to give breaks. That's why I'm glad he was willing to handle his daughter's punishment."

We didnt talk about them as we sat and ate. Harley told me some of the things that I would start taking over. She felt it better to ease into the Luna duties instead of diving in head first. I did know what I was doing, so I was more than willing to follow her directions.

Several pack members came to the table to greet us as we sat there. After a while, Jaxs had us walking around, meeting more people as the groups switched out. I surprised myself again tonight with how well I handled meeting these people as we made our way around.

I was thankful for Harley and how she had planned this. If everyone were in here at once, I would lose my nerve. Meeting them in small groups was easier for me.

"Ah, Jaxson, it's wonderful to see you again." A lady came up, hugging him. He stiffened but didnt return the hug.

"Aunt Helen." Jax's voice was flat-sounding. "What are you doing here? This is for pack members only."

She swatted his arm. "Oh, you silly boy. Now, why

would I need an invitation? Am I not part of this pack?"

"No." Was all he said,

She let out a gasp, placing her hand on over her chest. "Jaxson Riely. How could you say that to

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me?"

He shrugged, "It's simple. You left this pack, so you are no longer a member. How you heard of this event, I'm not sure, but you are not welcome."

His voice made me shiver. It was dark and cold, unlike the normal sound he made when talking to me. I had never seen this side of him before, and it

scared me a little.

"How can you talk to me like that, Jaxson? Your mother would be rolling in her grave hearing how rude you are being to me,"

His whole body tensed at her words,

"I came here to congratulate you on finding your mate, and here you are, acting like a sullen teenager. I know my sister taught you better manners than that."

Oh, so she was his Aunt.

"For your information. She did teach me manners. but she also taught me to respect the ones who deserve it, and you, Anut Helen, do not deserve any from me or my mate."

Her eyes hardened as she looked at him. You could feel the tension between them.

She smacked her lips as she turned to look at me. Her eyes moved to look me up and down. There was something there I didnt like how she looked at me, taking a step closer to Jaxs.

"Fine. Since you want to be this way, I guess I can drop the formalities and tell you the truth about why I came here."

"That would be wonderful. So that way you can leave as quickly as you come."

"Your Uncle sends his his regards. He also has a proposition for you."

Jaxs held his hand up. "Stop right there." Holding a finger out.

"One. That man is not my uncle. So do not refer to him as such." He held up a second finger.

"Secondly, I already know what he wants, and the answer is NO. Not now. Not ever. Get that through your head."

She started at him. Her eyes twitched as he spoke.

"Now you can see yourself out, or I will have someone escort you out,"

She scoffed. "You will be sorry, Jaxson."

She stormed away, and Jax looked at Wayne. Who I did not even see standing there,

"Make sure she leaves my territory."



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