

## Chapter 74

### The Wedding

#### Star

Dad and I arrive at the path through the forest, a gorgeous pale green silk covers the path, wild flowers litter the edges with green, blue, orange and purple, there is so much to see, my eyes dart everywhere I'm afraid of missing anything.

Dad chuckles beside me, "You're going to hurt your neck if you keep snapping it like that," I grin, "there is just so much to see."

My gorgeous bridesmaids are waiting for me. Max takes my hand, "the boys look so handsome, are you ready to go claim them in-front of the pack?"

Squeezing her hand, I lean in, "more than ready."

The four girls' fuss with my train, then they all give me a quick hug before lining up before me, as dad moves us behind them, he strokes my hand, "thank you for this my darling, being able to see you down the aisle is an honor I never thought I would have."

At the edge of the forest, I see a tunnel made of willow branches. in the tunnel. The sunlight streams through the gaps in the willow, the light dancing like magic.

I asked the boys to choose the music. I have been a little nervous about this because they have such different tastes, but as the opening bars of Lewis Capaldi's pointless hums through the speakers, I sigh with pleasure.

I bring her coffee in the morning

She brings me inner peace

I take her out to fancy restaurants

She takes the sadness out of me

I make her cards on her birthday

She makes me a better man

I take her water when she's thirsty

She takes me as I am

I watch as the girls slowly walk out of towards the tunnel, one after the other.

I love it when her mind wanders

And she loves it when I stay at home

I know when she's lost and she knows when I feel alone

From all my airs and graces

To the little things I do

Everything is pointless without you

Of all the dreams I'm chasing

There's only one I choose

Everything is pointless without you

Dad covers my hand on his arm, "ready darling?" Nodding, we walk down the Forrest path and into the tunnel, taking my first steps towards my future.

I light the fire when it's cold out

And she lights up the room

I hope that she'll love me forever

She hopes I'll be back soon

I take her out to the movies

She takes away my pain

She is the start of everything

And I'll be there 'til the end

As we exit the tunnel, I get my first look at my perfect mates, my eyes meet theirs one at a time, the raw emotion I see from each of them grounds me, everything else ceases to exist, it's just the four of us.

I love when she laughs for no reason

And her love's the reason I'm here

She knows when I'm hurt and I know when she's feeling scared,

From all my airs and graces

To the little things I do

Everything is pointless without you

Of all the dreams I'm chasing

There's only one I choose

Everything is pointless without you

As I approach my future, I allow the lyrics of the song wash over me

I'll wait for you

I'll wait for you

You'll wait for me too

I'll wait for you

I'll wait for you

You'll wait for me too

I see such great happiness in our future, I know that there are tough times ahead, but I also know that with my loves beside me, we will always win.

From all my ams and graces

To the little things I do

Everything is pointless without you

Of all the dreams I'm chasing

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We stop in front of my wonderful men as the last line off the lyrics fades in the speakers, dad takes my hand and passes it to Lex. Ace puts his hand above mine and Ash places his under Lex's.

Ace leans forward and whispers, "you are so beautiful princess, inside and out."

The officiant clears his throat.

It is my greatest joy to welcome you all as we bind the lives of these wonderful people together.

As werewolves the mate bond calls our wolves together, linking our souls forever, but when we marry, it is our human hearts that chooses to accept the bond, to choose to love our mates, not because the goddess tells us we are meant, but because we want to.

Before we begin, I have to ask if there is anyone present, who has a valid reason why these wonderful young people should not be joined in matrimony.

No? Then we shall begin. Eldest first, I think.

Ash and Lex take a step back, leaving Ace and I alone. He takes both my hands and winks at me.

Do you, Ace Ravenwood, take Star Anderson-Danvers to be your wife? To love, honor, and cherish, through all of life's ups and downs, sharing the days in joy and comfort, from this day forward?

Ace smiles "I Do"

And do you Star Anderson-Danvers, take Ace Ravenwood to be your husband? To love, honor, and cherish, through all of life's ups and downs, sharing the days in joy and comfort, from this day forward?

"I Do"

Alexei, please take your place before your bride.

Lex and Ace change places, and Lex takes my hand, playing with my fingers. He is so nervous. I smile and squeeze his hand.

Do you, Alexei Ravenwood, take Star Anderson-Danvers to be your wife? To love, honor, and cherish, through all of life's ups and downs, sharing the days in joy and comfort, from this day forward?

His eyes are bright with unshed tears, "I Do"

And do you Star Anderson-Danvers, take Alexei Ravenwood to be your husband? To love, honor, and cherish, through all of life's ups and downs, sharing the days in joy and comfort, from this day forward?

"I Do"

And now, Ashton, please step towards your bride

Ash takes Lex's place, and he looks at me with such confidence, his love shining through.

Do you, Ashton Ravenwood, take Star Anderson-Danvers to be your wife? To love, honor, and cherish, through all of life's ups and downs, sharing the days in joy and comfort, from this day forward?

“Oh, I definitely do” there are a few giggles in the crowd.

And do you Star Anderson-Danvers take Ashton Ravenwood to be your husband? To love, honor, and cherish, through all of life’s ups and downs, sharing the days in joy and comfort, from this day forward?

“Yes, I definitely do too.”

Wonderful. Our four special people have written their own vows for today, So I ask our grooms to approach your bride one at a time and make your declarations...

Ace is the first to stand before me.

My Tinker Bell, I wish I could stand up here and promise you the world, but the world isn’t mine to give.

What I do promise is my world, and all it entails. My love, support, passion, compassion, and enthusiasm.

I wish I could promise smooth sailing, but unlike you, the winds aren’t mine to control.

What I do promise is a ship built to carry you to safely, and sails to weather any storm.

I wish I could promise you forever, but someone infinitely great than I already has.

What I do promise is every second of this time, this sliver of eternity, that I’ve been blessed with.

I wish I could promise you riches, but every vault has its end.

What I do promise you is a life of abundance—And abundance of love and support, of strength and vulnerability, of sharing and drive, of passion, and of adventure.

I wish I could promise to always be as roguishly handsome as I am today, but, well ...

On second thought, have you seen my dad? Maybe that's a promise I can keep.

There are snickers behind us at that one. Ace turns and winks at his dad, then turns back to me, serious once more.

I can't even promise I'll never hurt you, because even the best of intentions sometimes falls short.

What I do promise is to always reach for you over my pride; to hold you, to heal you, and to seek forgiveness.

He lifts my hand and kisses my wrist before stepping back to allow Lex to take his place.

Lex takes a deep breath.

Star, my beautiful Fairy-girl, I see these vows not as promises but as privileges:

I get to laugh with you and cry with you; care for you and share with you.

I get to run with you and walk with you; build with you and live with you.

I get to have you be the person I spend the rest of my life with.

I get to be there for you and support you.

I don't have to honor and cherish you—I get to.

star, you have been my best friend, mentor, playmate, confidant, and my greatest challenge.

But most importantly, you are the love of my life and you make me happier than I could ever imagine, and more loved than I ever thought possible.

You have made me a better person.

And I am truly blessed to be a part of your life, which, as of today, becomes our life together.

Just like Ace, he kisses my wrist before stepping back for the youngest brother.

Ashton grins at me.

My gorgeous, funny, compassionate and sexy Starlight,

I have been waiting my whole life to make you this promise, so finally here it is.

Star Anderson-Danvers;

I promise to respect, admire, and appreciate you for who you are, as well as for the person you wish to become.

I promise to support and protect your freedom, because although our lives are intertwined, your choices are still yours alone.

I promise to seek a deep understanding of your wishes, your desires, your fears, and your dreams.

I promise to always strive to meet your needs, not out of obligation, but because it delights me to see you happy.

I promise to be there for you when you need me, whenever you need me.

I promise to nurture your goals and ambitions; to support you through misfortune, and to celebrate your triumphs.

I promise to keep our lives exciting, adventurous, and full of passion.

I promise to persevere when times get tough, knowing that any challenges we might face, we will conquer them together.

I promise to treat you with compassion rather than fairness, because we are a team, now and for always.

I promise to show you, every day, that I know exactly how lucky I am to have you in my life.

He kisses my wrist just like his brothers.



I hold my hands out for all my boys to join me. We hold hands as before. And I nod to the officiant. Smiling, he picks up a blood red ribbon. He places it over our joined hands as I start to speak. He slowly wraps the ribbon, binding us together.

Today we have no need to exchange rings. Our lives, like our hands, are bound together.

The three of you together make me whole, each of you representing part of our joined soul.

Ace; Our leader.

Alexei; Our warrior.

Ashton; Our conscience.

We are bound in such a way that nothing or no one can break us,

The officiant lets the end of the ribbon hang from our bound hands. And I continue with my vows.

Love is a word that is much too soft and used far too often to ever describe the fierce, infinite and blazing passion that I have in my heart for each of you.

I want so badly to be able to explain all the love I have for you. Not the love of butterflies and stomach knots—but more the blurring of self and the entanglement with your souls.

Love is a word that is much too soft and used far too often to ever describe the fierce, infinite and blazing passion that I have in my heart for all of you.

You three are a million dreams and a million prayers of a little girl come true.

You are kind. You are silly. You are intelligent. Your laughs are contagious.

You all acknowledge my strengths and accept my faults.

You each make me want to be a better person every day. I take you all as you are now, tomorrow and for eternity to come, to be my husbands.

Even when the day comes that we're old and gray, I promise to always see you with the same eyes and the same heart that I see you with at this exact moment.

So today, I make this vow to each of you, that I will honor you and respect you, support you and encourage you.

I promise to dream with you, celebrate with you, and walk beside you through whatever life brings.

I vow to laugh with you and comfort you during times of joy and times of sorrow.

I promise to always pursue you, to fight for you, and to love you unconditionally and wholeheartedly for the rest of my life.

You are my best friends and I'm the luckiest person on Earth to call you mine.

Well, there is nothing more I can add, so it gives me the greatest honor to pronounce your husbands and wife, boys you may now kiss your bride.

Ace is the first to lean in and take my mouth, murmuring against my mouth, I love you.

Next, I eagerly reach for Lex's Kiss, then Ashtons.

Then I unbind our hands and we make our way back up the aisle, stopping along the way to be hugged and congratulated.

Amanda is clinging to Andrew, her face buried in his neck, he waves us on, mouthing 'she needs a minute.'

Lex whispers in my ear, "you've broken mum, she is in emotional overload, fuck she is going to cry all day."

Cam comes over and picks me up. His eyes are wet and tears are streaming down his face, "that was so beautiful guys, hell when I finally drag your dad down the aisle you four are writing our vows."

I grip my mates and mind link them. "Guys, I really need a drink." Lex barks out a laugh and throws me over his shoulder, and runs, my other two husbands following behind.

Catcalls and laughter follow behind us.