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Letting Clara go was hard in more than one sense. If it were not that I must comply with

my last assignment for the King, I would have followed her to Saint Isabella town without a doubt. If she were willing, I would have taken her with me, but Clara is a responsible leader. I know I can trust Marcus and Sophie to protect Clara, and that she can take care of herself... It is not that I do not trust her that I sent twenty guards of which she only knows due to our mate bond?

about ten. Just like she said to me in the past... I am not lying to her just letting out a little detail. Yet, my "mistake" will keep her safe. I am walking over the walls in anxiety since Dark River wolves attacked her and burning in as jealousy Mason is there waiting for her, planning on how to get her back. I cannot deny my insecurities about Mason trying to get close to Clara... They grew up together, were friends and he was his fated mate in the past... If he were not the biggest jerk in existence, I would have been the pitiful second male lead of this story, where he would enjoy of her love while I would have to love her from far.

However, Moon Goddess granted me one of her most precious treasure, Clara... She is my fated mate. Now, she looks at me and only me, as I wished for so long. She even said she loves me making my heart almost burst in happiness... but, what if Clara's feelings are just

"Do not overthink things. Just accept her love." Told me Alastair, he thinks that I should just enjoy what I have now and put my lack of self-condence aside. Alpha or not, I also

I cannot erase the smile from my lips, Clara is mine.

Annoying as hell but at least, honest.

whatever she wants.

snorted.

back down.

can get her motives.

escape from here.

King's bad side.

a drawer of his desk.

greeting to anyone of us.

more.

to give them back to her.

Paige voiced broke at some point. She is afraid.

his in general, which is understandable.

"If you excuse me..." I said.

comfort on me being here.

member.

is known."

thoughts.

cuffs.

mischievously.

incantation." I told her.

before lying in our faces.

decide to not tell the truth.

eyes.

greeting.

said.

Clara.

King.

fully trust others.

you are product of deceitfulness.

all smart about legal proceedings.

alone.

His smile was sincere.

uncomfortable.

FDL.

make it possible.

afterlife.

not have enough evidence against them.

immediately after my mating ceremony with Clara.

or further discussion after the King's words.

"Please, I would like Joshua to stay..." She plead him.

was of an order.

secret, until the one the King thinks is FLD leader is captured.

gured out with help of his own secret service and his wolf, Hades.

father's position. Always hoping that my mate was Clara, which she is.

Royal pack, but we came here. Where the King has ordered us to come.

Paige was shaking, still wearing the pink cuffs. I helped her to take a seat in front of the King's desk. I placed the petition le of Shawn for his pack and line of successors on his

Since I have already explained him by the phone about the FDL love potion and the deal she was asking from Shawn for Renata's sake. He asked me to bring it with him, so I did.

The King's secretary walked in and grabbed the le leaving the wooden box behind.

"The order of acceptance will be issued today and notied tomorrow morning." After that he left disappearing again behind the door he came from and I did not see before.

I told the King about the cuffs being enchanted to tell the truth and his warlock came to

"Who is the witch who did this? It is a remarkable work; I can even sense her power coming from the cuffs." He said. He has long silver hair and seemed to be in his twenties unlike Blanche who still looks like a teenager but has more than eighty years of life... if not

"A friend of my mate, who specically asked me return it." I explained. I promised Blanche

"Can we see a demonstration of such power?" Asked the King; however, his tone of voice

"I have already agreed to tell the truth your Majesty, I will not lie." The King did not trust her.

"I know you are the Queen's niece... but I have never met you or your parents. Furthermore, I do not owe you anything." I come to realize that he never calls the Queen as his mate, or

"I am quite aware of your feelings towards our family and even for the Luna Queen..." The King narrowed his eyes and looked at me. I think I should leave his oce and wait outside instead of hearing what they might have to tell each other about their family issues.

"You are in no position to ask anything!" He said. Gold sparks in his eyes told us that Hades probably felt disrespected. The warlock remained stoic and without changing his facial expression, while Paige whimpered. My own wolf, Alastair felt uncomfortable.

"I am not demanding your Majesty... I am humbling asking your authorization for him to stay..." The King pondered her request and agreed. For some odd reason, Paige nds

Paige explained us that as someone progresses inside of FDL, more things regarding their doings are revealed to them. Their members are recruited based on their high or low intolerance of ranks. She does not say it but in her case, her whole family is part a

Intolerance of ranks is a subtle exclusion and less manifested form of discrimination based in ranks. Intolerants also considers high ranked werewolves as superior; therefore,

Paige was about to become a full member, the rank inside FDL where they get a tattoo of eur de lis on their skin and swear allegiance to their leader. To gain the right to the ink mark and their trust, she was supposed to capture a human. A healthy and young human

"I do not want to trick humans neither sell them to vampires. Just for being weak does not mean we can do that to them. They are below our kind, but... that is not right... Human cannot even ght us, or they would lose value due to bruised skin... I was thinking how to escape from that trial when Renata called me to help her, I saved her from her own family due to my rank in the Royal pack and took her to Sunlight. Josh showed up there... the rest

FDL is really disgusting and the worst excuse of werewolves. How can they call themselves as werewolves? f**k! They take innocent humans to feed vampires! Laws

"Do they also sell omegas to the vampires?" Asked the King with anxiety. My same

"As far I know, no... and if they are starving, they would drink their blood, but werewolf blood does not appeal to the vampires. I was told FDL only tracs humans to vampire gangs in the black market. It is all illegal and... repulsive." Paige felt disgusted talking

"Therefore, the leader of FDL has a Vampire contact? Right? How can this happen? Since when? Does the Vampire King know about this?" I began to ask... I guess it is not my place

wearing the cuffs, and so far, it was. Since she has not sworn allegiance to the FDL leader,

The King used his commanding voice to conrm is she was telling us the truth still

He tried to test her again, and I volunteer to provide him a proof of the eciency of the

"My hair is blond... I am sorry... My hair is... blond.... My hair is blond! Damn! I am sorry! My

hair is.... Blond." She cannot lie even at something so simple. The King smiled

"Now, lie. Convince yourself that your hair is red. You can ght the power of the

"You did not tell me that I could decide not to tell the truth!" She yelled at me but lowered her voice under the hard gaze of the King. Paige closed her eyes and took a deep breath

"My hair is... red." She said still mad as I did not tell her that last part of the cuffs. She can

"Thank you for your cooperation Paige. I must add, your interrogation is not over... but we can leave it up to this. This is Joshua's last assignment." There is no room for arguments

I will not be present for the rest of her interrogation. So far, it was proven that she wants to

incantation; however, maybe the cuffs and the command of the King would be strong enough to break the will of those prisoners who swore allegiance to FDL's leader.

talk and that the cuffs work until the user of the cuffs realizes that can ght the

"I want to try this with another prisoner." Said the King eyeing the device without

I cleared my voice. I need to give those cuffs back to the owner, or my mate and Blanche will kick my ass. The King noticed me and for the rst time I think he smiled even with his

"Elias, can you copy the spell, or do we need the witch to come and help?" Asked the King to the warlock. It is the rst time I was ever "introduced" to Elias. I have never seen him

"Oh... I forgot... Elias, this is Joshua..." No last names. Elias and I just shook hands as a

"It is complex to achieve something like this... to play with the will of someone is quite risky. I can try to copy it but if it does not work, then I will have to ask the witch's help." He

"You have forty-eight hours to gure it out. Joshua needs to leave soon. I cannot keep him away from his mate for anytime longer." The King's order was not refuted, and the warlock

Still, those forty-eight hours added to the time travelling it is so much time away from

Three guards asked entrance to pick up Paige and take her to her cell. She tried to look composed, but her fear was evident. I can only hope she comes totally honest with the

Elias touched the cuffs admiring them. For some reason, I have the feeling to not reveal the identity of Blanch to this warlock. It is better to be extra careful, if someone gets to her, my mate will be unprotected. I think I am worse than the King about trust. I just cannot

Then, Elias noticed the wooden box over the King's desk and looked at it with interest. In

"Paige also had in her hands this box with the love potion that FDL uses... you might remember case 657 of Blood Moon, a gamma female who used the potion on the third in command to get her position. She passed the potion to her daughter, without making her a

member of FDL, which seemed odd. As you know, the potion used in Blood Moon disappeared, so I could not bring the item with me by then." I explained them.

I can understand now why Iris did not got her own daughter involved, neither raised her as FDL member. That last trial to get the FDL tattoo is revolting. It is bad enough to know that

Mason could not nd the potion he used as evidence against Clara on his stupid trial. No one was responsible for the chain of custody of such item. He is a total moron trying to be

"Elias, take that with you as well." Asked King to the warlock, and he obeyed leaving us

"By the way, congratulations nding your mate." Told me the King once we were left alone.

I understand now the impulse Shawn had when he sent me the picture of him with Angel. I also wish I can show him our picture, but he is the King. We do not have that kind of

"Thank you, your Majesty." I said a little embarrassed. I guess Paige is right, the

"You have provided me the best catch from FDL, the biggest prey until I catch their leader... nicely done Joshua. Your parents should know all you have done to help our kingdom."

"I do not deserve such words, your Majesty. Honestly, this just fell on my hands. If it were not for Shawn's situation with Renata. And then Paige's offering with the box, I would have not noticed Paige's being an FDL member." Paige family was already suspected but we did

"No. Without your help, I would have not gotten this much information. My claws are almost around their necks... I am so close that I can savor it." The King hates with passion

"I appreciate your words, your Majesty. It has been a pleasure to work all this time for you. Now, I must return to my mate and then to my pack... I must add that she wants to spend some more time at Saint Isabella town before I take over as Alpha." It was needed to add

Clara is everything I dreamed of and everything I will ever want. I want her to be happy being my mate. If she wants us to stay at Saint Isabella town one year or two. I want to

Besides, it is not like I am eager to succeed my father. Nevertheless, thanks to her I feel better prepared and encouraged to lead them. Her pack can join mine and we will nd a way to t in my territory. I can take the challenge to make a difference when ruling my

Furthermore, that time together... just for ourselves would be great to build a strong relationship beyond our mate bond erasing my insecurities about her feelings for me. I will make her fall in love with me every day, for her to choose to be my mate even in the

"Good plan. I am glad for you, young Alpha. You have a sharp mind and the heart in the right place. I am sure you will make your mate very happy." Mates are a delicate issue for

"Thank you again, your Majesty... I just would like to present one last piece of information against the one we suspect to be FDL leader. From a trusted source, on my way here, I received solid evidence against Great Alpha Romero. His hands are tainted also by blood of Moonlight descendants." Blanche send me the contact information of Mr. Simmons,

Fortunately, Mr. Simmons trusted me enough as Clara's mate to send me documented information by email against Great Alpha Romero. They had a lot of evidence. We all came

"You are humble not recognizing your achievements, Joshua. I can nally get rid of the f*****g Council of Elders. I will be able to achieve the goal of King Klaus I, avenging his mate...nally pulling out their roots from wherever they are." I could almost hear Hades's

Hades rarely made his presence known since it is very powerful. Most of us cannot handle the display of his aura. However, it is understandable, his sudden appearance. The Council of Elders are responsible of his mating at seventeen with someone who was not his fated

Queen Melina was chosen by that group of fossils of Alphas when King Gerard died suddenly of a heart attack. There is still a mystery around the late King. It is gruesome

The Council of Elders is considered as the power behind the power. Some of their members like Great Alpha Romero, are very old with a lot of connections inside

Since young Alphas ascend around twenty to twenty-ve years old and some even as soon as when they nd their mates, the former Alphas still young can retire and travel, enjoy life with their mates, but the strongest ones could become members of the Council of Elders.

It is a very political position, an honor granted to the stronger and wiser, but this group of

The King did not reveal everything to all of us, not even his full plan. We only know little pieces and receive specic orders from him. None of us share any information between

"As my name is Stefan Pretel; the Alpha King of werewolves. They shall fall..."

old Alphas were corrupted by their own ambitions and even FDL.

each other unless the King specically allow us to do that.

him. It is understandable. He was forced to take a chosen mate at seventeen.

and I called him according to her instructions.

to the same conclusion.

voice at the end.

mate. The current Luna Queen, Melina.

government departments and other packs.

how something like that happened at such a high rank.

pack, setting an example for other packs as well, as long she is with me.

that, since I prefer to avoid misunderstandings with him once I do not take over

friendly relationship. I just smiled widely remembering my Clara.

stupid smile plastered on my face can annoy anyone, even the King seemed

that moment, the King also looked at it. I have almost forgotten about it.

addressing any of us. He probably thought the same I did.

before, neither heard his name before.

asked me the key to remove the cuffs from Paige.

forbidden such thing after the World Concilium of species.

about this matter, it is hideous what they are doing.

to do that, so backed down and shut up.

she cannot ght the Alpha King's command.

"You have to say... my hair is red." I told her.

lower ranks are excluded at social and work level systematically.

that was going to be sent to the black market in the vampire's kingdom.

examine them. Also, behind another door that was not evident at plain sight.

desk, besides of the wooden box with the potion she provided us with.

met at the Alpha's Academy. Allen laughed at Paige's sudden comment.

have self-condence issues. Everyone has them, even Alphas. Alastair has been right from the start; and hearing his advices has only helped me over time. He hardly intervenes unless it is necessary or related to our mate. He is the one who said Clara was my mate and he was right. So, I will listen to my wolf once again.

But what if Mason's wolf is advising him to do something to her? I am pondering if sending another ten or twenty guards... it would not be over the top, right? Mason as Alpha is not only strong among werewolves, but even among Alphas as per his undefeated record in one-to-one ghts at the Alpha's Academy. He can overpower my guards and betas if he wants to. If things come to that, I must be the one to ght him. But I

am not there! And it is eating me alive! Clara will not be my side for some days, so I can only hope that he and his wolf are not the kind of male capable to mark by force someone else's mate. It would destroy us all... that is why it would have been so much easier to just kill him. Unfortunately, I cannot do that at the moment as I have a job to do, but above all, Clara does not want me to. I am not that blinded by my jealousy. She wants peace between us because we are relatives, cousins. Clara is an orphan, and she values blood relations and family, the same way that she appreciates the community and what they can do for their individuals. She also adores my aunt Michelle and has friends in Blood Moon. They cannot afford losing their Alpha. Maybe, I should give Mason a call or something... Despite of knowing and understanding all of that, I cannot help myself as I feel this anxiety and depression from being away from her. I have come to be possessive and territorial of her... I am werewolf, and I am trying to control these strong emotions, but I got so jealous thinking others might get to see how beautiful she looks in that summer dress that I wanted to mark her at the gas station. Nevertheless, that is not how I want it to be for us. I want to give her the world, not just f**k her in the restroom of a gas station... that crossed my mind while kissing and grinding on her against a wall, I cannot deny it.

Clara is passionate and sweet at the same time, the best gift I could ever receive. She has no idea of what each of her kisses does me, to my body... to my wolf.

Mating without marking her was the biggest challenge for my control. She wants our mating ceremony to be special and traditional in that aspect. Although, it is so hard. Yet, the reward for my patience awaits me in Saint Isabella town.

"Your face of happiness makes me sick." Long gone is the shy and almost mute female I It was all pretenses; Paige was never like that. I like better that she is herself now.

The cuffs helped her a lot. Clara said the incantation to say the truth is powerful but cannot defeat the will of someone who decides to block its power. We just did not tell that last part to Paige; she is not ghting the incantation. It seems like she is enjoying saying "What can I say? I am happy even if it makes you sick." I told her grinning stupidly. She only

Paige is not that bad; in fact, she disagrees with a lot of the things that FDL does and believes... Well, she does believe in the supremacy of werewolves and lycans, besides of the perfection of the trifecta system but disagrees on the extreme parts of their credo. Such as mating your own relatives, enslaving omegas, and something else that she has not revealed yet. Apparently, her last task to become full member of FDL disgusted her.

Fortunately, Paige decided to provide information to me and the King about FDL. I am aware that she could have denied her collaboration after Shawn's decision to choose his fated mate instead leaving her friend without the Luna position. However, Paige did not After all, Renata is going to be safe as long the King provides his protection to Sunlight pack. If the King falls, everyone protected by him will fall as well. Paige will not allow that. I However, her biggest challenge would be to face the King and convince him that she is honest without any ulterior motive. She is going to be interrogated by him, personally.

Clara and I have not discussed if I could tell the King that she is Moonlight pack leader, I can only hope he does not hold that against me in the future. If he does not ask, I am not forced to tell him. Unless it is extremely necessary, and I plan to keep who she really is as The last piece of information that Paige is going to provide to the King can help him to conrm his theory. It might be the denite evidence of something that he has already

I am the youngest and latest addition to his team, also a temporal one. I accepted the role considering I would leave to take care of my pack after I mark my Luna and take over my As we walk into Moonlight territory after hours of driving, Allen is asked to wait outside the perimeter of the building. We told everyone back at Sunlight that we were going to the There is a secret place where the King has imprisoned FDL members, underground, in Moonlight territory. This prison is like a maze making almost impossible for them to In a white room after walking a long corridor, we found the oce of the King. He is sat

down with his chair facing the wall. He turned to us and stood up from his desk looking as if Paige has irritated his eyesight. I am glad I am not her. Nobody would want to be in the The aura of the Alpha King is quite powerful, I noticed that he was holding something in his right hand that looked like a frame of a picture but kept it from our sight and store it in "I am sorry we have not met before... We have a lot to talk dear niece..." he said without a