## Chapter 214

Rûe

"What do you mean?" I asked again, seeming to be dumbstruck.

"She said that she can see into the future-" Stefan began speaking slowly as if talking to a child until Gorjon elbows him to shut up.

Stefan bows his head and utters quickly. "Sorry milady!"

"Since dying I am able to see into the future. I saw you coming here with your mate." Corlette continues and turns to Ares. "I have seen that you are immortal and later in the future you would make a choice. Do not worry, you will choose wisely and whatever you have chosen will be for the best." She told him with a smile that told us she knew more than she was willing to say.

She then turns to me, her eyes occasionally dropping down to stare at my stomach with a secretive smile etched on her face. "Rue, there is something you must know." She started gauging my reaction. I remained stock still, not giving out any emotion.

She continues. "Your mother was barren." She stopped waiting for my reaction. Of course I did not disappoint her, I reacted, just not how she expected.

full force, knocking the air out of my lungs. I giggled, it lacks emotion and the point behind it was to make her feel that her words did not affect me. It did. "You must think me stupid to even believe what you have said. How can my very own mother

For a moment I stood still, eyes not shifting away from her before everything she said just came

who gave birth to me be barren?! What are you going to tell me next? That I am not my parents' child?" I roared, angry tears already forming in my eyes. If she was not a ghost I would probably hurl a tree her way and knock the air out of her lungs. The same she has now done to me.

She shook her head. "No darling-"

"Do not call me darling!" I roared the sound of my wolf in my voice. Ares grips my shoulder, his alpha aura making my wolf submit. "Calm down love. Let her explain." He whispers, squeezing my shoulder.

"Sorry Rue, you must understand that I mean no ill intent. I just want to help you. Please listen, we are running out of time as it is." She pleaded.

Ares rubs my shoulder, soothing me. I will not admit it out loud but damn it, I love the blasted dog and the way his mere presence soothes me. "I love you too Rue.I love you like no other." He mind links shocking me.

I turn to him, eyes wide and lips parted. "Ares." I whispered when he drops his forehead to rest mine. "Shh." He whispered and my eyes flickered shut. "You do not have to say it out loud but I know you feel the same way." He murmurs. "I know you love me just as much, probably not as much as I love you but close enough." He joked at the end, kissing my nose.

I pulled away, peeled my eyes open to scowl at him. "I take that as a challenge dog, a challenge you will surely be defeated." I tsked. He laughs. "I will hold you up to that love but right now, listen to what the witch has to say."

I nodded, turning to Corlette who was smiling at Ares and I's display of affection. How bloody embarrassing. I cleared my throat and fold my arms under my breast as a way to look intimidating and to have her not talk about the affection Ares and I just displayed.

"Well go on then." I said roughly.

I let out a groan mixed with a gasp as I felt a pinch on my buttocks. "Be nice." Ares warned.

you are thinking in your head Rue and no you cannot use your magic on me."

I turn to glare at him and he pinches my bottom again, this time it hurts even more. "I know what

face. "You are free to continue Corlette, I would love to hear more." I said through cleenched teeth.

She nods. "Your mother and father wanted children of their own. Yearned for them. But as luck

would have it, Ester found out she cannot have children. But she never gave up and prayed to the

I sighed, rolled my eyes, gritted my teeth and faced Corlette who had a knowing smile on her

moon every night. And then something miraculous happened." "On a full harvest moon, when it reached its peak, the moon goddess answered her prayers. She would give her a child, but she could only ever have one. Of course yearning for a child for years,

Ester did not care that she could only have one, it would be even better to have one than none. So on that day, the moon goddess opened her womb, healed it and that very night you were created. Only that your features were unexpected. From the moment you were born into the world Rue, you were different and gifted like no other That is because you are the daughter of the moon goddess yourself. " Of course as any sane person I laughed at the ridiculousness she spitted out. "How can that be?"

that is the reason her sister trapped her here. "You must not have understood me. The moon goddess saw my sister creating havoc in the world

My voice lacked interest because I had none. I was convinced that Corlette had lost it and perhaps

she had created. Do not mind our youthful looks Rue, Mericel and I have lived centuries like I have mentioned. It was only a matter of time that the moon goddess took matters into her own hands. So she sent you down to earth, a part of her, so you could one day bestow peace among her children." Corlette continued sounding more mad as she went. She turns to Ares. "The moon goddess made Rue stumble on that flower on purpose. She needed

her to give you the gift of immortality. You see it was not a coincidence that Rue was lured there. The moon goddess needed her far away from Mericel and Zefer. She needed her to find you. You were destined to be mated, lived many lives together. Your souls are connected deeply."

"If she did not, then they would have killed you long ago and continued to do so. That was her

whispered with relief in her voice.

with." She utters.

"Why did she gift me immortality?" Ares asked.

way of making them afraid to even try. Mericel and Zefer would not have given up until you were dead. She needed you alive for Rue. You two were fated to rule together. Without one another there is nothing." She spoke fluently. She turns to me, shaking her head. "I have said too much as it is already and wasted time. As we

speak Mericel has already taken the book of spells and has done the spell work to harness its power. She is stronger than before, much stronger than you remember. We need to hurry before she unleashes her wickedness on the innocents." She murmurs quickly.

here? How am I so sure that I can defeat Mericel?" I asked with doubt. If Mericel is stronger now how am I able to surpass her? Corlette smiled. "Oh my dear Rue, you have no idea how much power you possess. You are not

"You say I am here to bestow peace among her children? How can I do that when I am stuck

part of the moon goddess for no reason." She giggles then relaxes her features. She sighs sadly. "My part is done now, I can finally reunite with Raquel."

"What do you mean?" Seems like I have been asking that question all night.

Her eyes glinted with a secretive gleam. "This was all fated. I was meant to be here for a reason. What happened in the past was for a reason to have you end up here. You needed to go through these things Rue. You needed something to fight for." Her eyes again drifts to my stomach before snapping back up. It feels as though she was speaking in code, confusing me all the more.

"You need to take the last remains of my magic to break the curse Mericel has trapped me here

"I need to do one last part and you can finally set me free from my sister's clutches." She