

"The customs from the humans in the other realm are slowly getting to us," Alice murmured behind me.

My eyes was fixated on Lyra, and all I could see was me in a beautiful gown walking down to meet Eros... My Eros.

"Yeah, my mother used to say that in her time, it was an open mating before the whole pack. Afterwards some congratulations, and advice from older couples," Nova chipped in too.

Open mating?

"They'd mate with each other in front of the pack?" My brain managed to function despite not removing my eyes from Lyra. Her minions wore pink gowns and trailed behind her.

I turned to look at Nova.

"Yes, and it must be their first intercourse together," Nova explained further.

I tilted my eyebrows "You don't say,"

Nova only nodded as Luna Belle was already shooting us glares from where she sat. We hadn't noticed that our voices were loud, and other guests were starting to get irritated by our side comments. Wolves' hearing had always been sharp.

When Lyra passed where we stood, she sent me a proud smile. I smiled back genuinely, and she huffed, before tilting her chin higher.

Lyra got to the altar, with her father; Alpha Griffin standing as a priest. He wore also a black polished suit.

Theo's eyes at intervals kept coming to me, as if gauging for my reaction. I smiled happily at him, and his crooked smirk turned sour.

I know this was supposed to be hurtful for me, but strangely I feel just fine. I feel so powerful and safe. Eros. Just remembering the feel of his lips on my neck this evening made me feel all tingly inside.

"Do you accept to take my daughter, Lyra Griffin, as your forever mate, with only death doing you both apart?" Alpha Griffin asked

"Yes, I do," Theo grumbled, earning a pat on his shoulder from Alpha

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Griffin.

Then he smiled at his daughter "My beautiful Lyra, do you accept to take Theo Redwood as your forever mate with only death doing you both apart?"

"Yes, I do," Lyra said, before turning to give me a smirk.

I chuckled. Does she think I care?

I just hope she loves Theo and isn't just using him to try to hurt me.

Because everyone call tell that one of the many reasons, Theo is marrying her, is simply to become the next Alpha.

"Wolves of the Silvermoon pack! I now present to you the newest couple; Theo Redwood, and my daughter, Lyra Griffin!" The Alpha hollered at the top of his voice, and the hall erupted in howls and shouts.

The Alpha then made the loudest howl I had ever heard and everywhere went silent.

"Now is the time to ordain my son-in-law as the new Alpha of the Silvermoon pack," He said and held Theo warmly.

The hall erupted into another round of howls. It was deafening. My friends and Olivia moved closer to comfort me.

"I am fine," I reassured them, but they wouldn't listen.

"I know you're trying to be strong, and you're doing a great job at that. But please, let us be with you,"

"Let us comfort you, we are here for you,"

"Please don't think you're alone, even for a second," they said and hugged me tightly, in case I would burst into tears but I didn't.

I was simply enjoying the ceremony.

I felt another stare at me. When I turned to see, it was my mother standing at the exit. She was looking out for me.

She had obviously sneaked from the kitchen. Her worried stares held me bound.

I smiled "I'm fine, don't worry, mom" I mouthed

"Are you sure?" She mouthed back.



I smiled reassuringly "I'm really fine," I mouthed to her. She stared intently into my eyes to be sure that I was okay...

"I love you," she whispered, brightening up a little before turning to disappear into the kitchen.

Nova and Alice still held me tightly. My gaze returned to Theo's coronation.

Alpha Griffin held Theo's hand and took him to where the elders of the werewolf committee sat.

They signaled for him to continue with the ceremony.

Alpha Griffin then clears his throat, "Say after me. I, Theo Redwood,"

"I. Theo Redwood."

"will never prioritize my desires over the members of the Silvermoon pack. I promise to remain faithful and uphold the core values of the pack," Alpha Griffin said, and Theo repeated the statement

"will never prioritize my desires over the members of the Silvermoon pack.

I promise to remain faithful and uphold the core values of this pack," Theo vowed

"So help me, great one" Alpha Griffin said,

"So help me, great one" Theo answered gleefully.

The elders nodded, feeling content, and they gestured for Alpha Griffin and Theo to meet them.

A certain elder grabbed Alpha Griffin and Theo's palms. One after the other, he sliced their palms using a sharp knife. Then he dropped their bleeding hands in the bowl.

He sang some ancient songs:

Aveyekos tumal lukecho

Tabiri Kore zua tala izzz

Omemka doll zhua kasalin...

And boom, a sudden surge of power reverberated within me. Everyone in the pack felt it.

It was a change of power, and Theo's sinister voice echoed in the pack'

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s mind link.

"I am your new Alpha,"

Slowly everyone except the old Alpha, and the werewolf committee went to their knees.

The powerful waves from Theo were hitting everyone, forcing all to succumb, slowly my friends and Olivia went on their knees... but strangely, I didn't feel intimidated.

I felt so powerful and strong, as though I could rip him; their new Alpha, into shreds. I wondered if it was something Eros did.

I stared at, Theo and his green eyes changed to red. I bet his transformed wolf didn't like defiance from his "subjects". No Alpha likes it.

He snarled loudly.

I felt a tug at my red gown "What are you doing?" Alice whispered in

"Please, kneel Eden. Everyone is looking at us," Olivia begged, and indeed, the old Alpha, his wife (Luna Belle), Lyra, and the elders of the werewolf committee were staring at me with angry eyes.

Whoops.

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