

Chapter 18

When I got home, there were boxes in the living room. Some stuff were already packed, ready for moving, but a lot of things were still where they usually are.

I was surprised that my Mom had gone this far. She just couldn't wait to leave. I was going to join her to pack and then we will sneak out in the middle of the night.

When I got into the kitchen, I was surprised to see her sitting at the table, and sipping tea. She was staring out the window absent mindedly.

I figured maybe she was missing her mate already.

"Mom?"

"Oh dear, you're back," she smiled, but it seemed forced. Something wasn't right.

"Mom, are you okay?" I asked, stand beside her.

Her smile faltered. "It's nothing to worry about, dear. Do you want some tea?" she said and got up from the chair.

I shook my head "What's wrong, Mom? please, it concerns me. I need to know."

She sighed, looking tired and drain. She made me sit on the other chair across the table. Then she wrapped her hands over her steaming mug tightly "They found out, and Alpha Theo has prohibited us from leaving. As of now, the border patrol is also aware of our position and have sent pack warriors to keep watch that we don't leave the territory,"

My eyes widened. "What?!!"

"Theo can't do that..."

"Alpha Theo," my mom corrected "he is now Alpha,"

I didn't know whether to cry or laugh. "How did he find out?"

"Mr Griffin came to see me. According to him, his wolf had been restless since the wedding. So, he came over and we got into an argument. He found out, and now we are stuck... I'm so sorry, dear" she begged with tears in her eyes

I nodded, trying not to cry. I needed to be strong for my family.

But what does Theo even want? He cannot keep me with him. I am with another.

"When Alpha Theo summoned me to his office. He told me that he was going to mark you too. He said I should bring you to him willingly within 3 days or he was going to do it without my blessings,"

"No! He made it clear he didn't want me. I am not going to be his mistress!"

Mom slowly reached out for my hands "I don't know what to say dear, but you're rightfully his."

My chest became hot when she said those words. I seethe, my vision turning red. Tiara vehemently protested at being called Theo's. My whole being was rebelling against it.

"I am not his..." I spat out in a voice that didn't sound like mine.

My mom gasped in shock. "Eden?"

A screeching sound made me to look down at a pair of hands that looked like mine. My claws were long and sharp. They just made deep scratches across the dinner table.

"Eden, your eyes..." My mom whispered in fear.

"What is happening?" I withdrew my hands from the table and ran. In a second, I was in my room.

What is happening? How did I get into my room so fast? My senses were ten times sharper than when I was in my wolf form. For a few seconds my senses were rumbling, and jamming.

I looked in the mirror and saw that my eyes had turned all black. No white.

I freaked out. Oh nooooooooo.

Even when I was changing into my wolf, my eyes usually still have some white in them. But now I was in the process of transforming. I was still on my two feet.

"Eden?" my mom knocked on my door.

"In a minute!" I called out, but it doesn't sound like my voice. My fury was long forgotten as I stared at my reflection again; my elongated,

thick, sharp claws in curiosity.

I was still growing taller and my limbs elongated. I was still changing.

"Eden, are you okay?" My mom called again, and this time the door handle turned.

I jumped out through the window.

"Where did you go?" my mom asked worriedly as soon as I waltzed into the kitchen. I knew she had been worried sick, but smell of brownies and chocolate chip cookies strongly scented through the air.

I needed some of that.

"I'm really sorry, mom. I needed to go for a run," I explained, which wasn't a lie.

I went for a run, but not in my complete wolf form. I wasn't in my human form either. It was just somewhere in between a wolf form and maybe a human form.

I knew I was running on two legs, instead of on all fours. I remember running so fast and grabbing onto trees. I was flying so fast, that the border patrols didn't even sense me up there.

I ran so fast that I think I might have crossed 10 packs borders in such a short time. It was so weird, but good. I loved it!

I felt so powerful and free like nothing could touch me.

I don't know what is happening to me, but I would keep it to myself. Because telling mom about it would probably add more to her ordeal.

"It must be the stress. It's good to have cleared your head by going for that run," she said with a genuine smile "Anyways, your friends are waiting for you,"

Huh?

"Eden!"

Whoops.

I walked to the direction of their voices. They were sitting in the living room, chewing my mom's chocolate chip cookies and brownies.

"What are you guys doing here?" I asked.

"Well, it's good to see you too!" Nova scoffed, still shoving more cookie in her mouth. I stretched my hands to pick some and Alice slapped it away.

"What?" I yelled in frustration.

"You have been avoiding us. What is going on with you?" Alice said, watching me closely.

"I'll talk, but can you pass me some cookies," I said, sitting on the arm of the worn-out chair.

"Don't give her," Nova said with her mouth full "she ignored our calls and text messages,"

"Can we go to my room?" I suggested

"Sure!" they said gleefully. It was then I stole the opportunity to grab many cookies into my palms.

"Heeeey!!!" they yelled, but I was already on my heels. I sprinted to my room and they followed.

When they entered, we all burst out laughing on my bed.

"I'm sorry, guys" I said and they stared at me warmly.

"So... what aren't you telling us?" Nova asked

"Or don't you trust us?" Alice asked, looking hurt.

"It's not that I don't trust you both. I just don't want you two to be worried. I always end up being in trouble, and dragging you both into it. Aren't you tired? Don't you just want to live a peaceful life?" I asked.

"I love the drama, Eden. I crave and yearn for it. Your dramatic life lightens my boring existence," Nova suddenly yelled.

The three of us went silent for a second, before simultaneously we burst out laughing.

I laughed so hard that I had tears in my eyes. I know that I am very glad that my friends have my back always.

So I told them everything. Well, almost everything. I told them about Luna Belle and Mr Redwood, about Mom's plan to move away, I also told them about Eros.

"You and Eros??? A Hybrid?" Alice shrieked in joy.

"Shhh." I shushed her, worried that my mom might hear us.

"So... you, and Eros, huh? A Hybrid" Nova said in disbelief.

"Wow, who would have seen that coming?" Alice was still surprised.

Are these creatures serious right now? Of all the things I told them, that was the only thing that they heard?

"But guys, what about Theo's plan to mate me too. He said he was going to do that within three days!"

"I think you should tell Eros about it," Nova advised.

"Yes, you should tell him," Alice said flatly, then her eyes widened in awe "So, you and Eros, huh? Do you know how hot and S3xy he is??" she exclaimed.

I shrugged, cockily.

"No, she doesn't Alice," Nova smirked "When we told you to get a new mate, we didn't mean a Hybrid. But, wow! You are a low-key bad girl. I really cannot wait to see how Theo is going to take this," she smiled evilly.

"I can see it now. You'll be the talk of the school soon... again. Not that they've stopped talking about you yet." she squealed.

I groaned, palming my face.



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