

The Lion and his Emancipated Mate

Book 2 in the ribbon series

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This story will follow Alpha Lucas Lyons on his journey with his mate. Evelyn Forrester is forced from her home running from the man she thought was her father for 13 years. She becomes Emmaline Richards and makes a new life for herself, while watching over her shoulder for anyone from her past. Can she learn to love and trust Lucas and their mate bond?

Prologue

Book 2 ****This is a SAMPLE of the book*****

Evelyn Forrester recently turned thirteen years old. She loved everything about her life. She had two older brothers, Dustin, who was twenty, and Ryan who was eighteen. She also had an older sister named Katie. She and Ryan were twins. Evelyn was the youngest. She was a bit of a surprise to her parents, but they were excited to have her.

She was such a daddy's little girl. She had been excited to start training on her witch powers. Her family was comprised of warlocks and witches, except her mom. She wasn't a witch. Evelyn could sense she had something about her that wasn't completely human, though. Witches started training at thirteen years old. All her siblings were powerful like their dad.

At night Evelyn's mom would always tell her stories about a fairy princess named Haley Holloran. She was a strong princess. She never needed anyone to come save her. Her mom always told Evelyn that if she ever needed to, she could call out to the princess for protection. She made Evelyn memorize the words. Evelyn always laughed because they were just stories.

She remembered the words and could recite them by heart, "I call upon the earth and sky to bring the protections of the princess of Faerie, Haley Holloran, to my side." It was such a pretty name. Evelyn always pictured Haley as this stunning, ethereal being.

Evelyn shoved the memories away and ran into the house. She went directly to the basement after school where she knew her dad would be waiting. He smiled as he saw her coming. He quickly showed her the stones they were going to use for her first lesson. He told her what to do. They went over instructions for an hour. She was bouncing up and down with excitement when her father finally handed her the stones.

She felt something inside her build up. She didn't get to say the words her father had told her, because the stones turned to water in her hand. She stared at her now soaked pants in shock. She was pretty sure that wasn't supposed to happen. She looked up at her dad and recoiled at the anger and shock on his face. He turned to leave. She yelled, "Dad... Dad I'm sorry! I'll practice harder!" Her dad slammed the basement door in her face. She started to cry and stayed down in the basement until Dustin came down to get her.

Dustin yelled, "Evie? Evie! s**t! What happened?" Emmaline cried, "Dusty... I did it wrong and daddy got so mad at me." Dustin frowned, "It was your first lesson, it's alright. I couldn't make the stones glow for an hour, Evie. Ryan and Katie took several lessons before they could." Evelyn nodded sadly, "I turned the stones to water." Dustin froze asking, "You did what?" Evelyn sighed, "I touched them and they turned to water." Dustin laughed, "Only you, little sister. It's probably because you're part sh." He laughed and Evelyn smiled.

That was true. She took to water just like a sh. Their mom had put her into competitive swimming. Evelyn was really good, she placed in every competition she entered. She just loved being in the water. Dustin got his sister cleaned up and brought her up to her room. Their mom came into Evelyn's room looking forlorn. As if her whole world came crashing down.

Evelyn questioned, "Mommy? I'm sorry I did it wrong, I'll do better next time." Her mother smiled sadly, "Oh, baby. You did nothing wrong, Daddy... daddy is just upset right now, but not with you. Ok, baby?" Evelyn nodded.

Her mother sat down and told Evelyn another story about Princess Haley. Evelyn's favorite part about hearing stories with Princess Haley was she was only three years older than Evelyn. She happily claimed, "I want to be just like her when I'm sixteen." Her mom sadly offered "I never want you to go through what she has, but I want you to be strong. Just like her baby." Evelyn laughed, "Who told you the stories of the fairy princess? Who's her prince? You've never told stories about him." Her mother smiled, "She hasn't found him yet, but she will one of these days. An old friend keeps in touch with me, and we trade stories. I tell him about you, and he tells me about Princess Haley."

Her mother proceeded to tell the new story; a lot of Princess Haley's stories were sad. Evelyn was anticipating the stories where she found her prince. Every princess needs a prince. She proclaimed, "One day I'll find someone who loves me like crazy, just like Haley's prince will love her." Her mother smiled and kissed her head, "Yes you will. I just know there's an amazing man out there for you, little Evie." She left Evelyn's room quietly.

That was the last normal night Evelyn had for a month. Her Dad wouldn't speak to her. He wouldn't even look at her. Evelyn asked him the next night if they could keep training and he glared at her mother, walked out of the house and he didn't come back.

Dustin, Katie, and Ryan came over for dinner every night. They were worried about their parents. Since her siblings were there Evelyn apologized, "I'm sorry I was such a disappointment at my lesson. Mom, I'm so sorry you and dad are ghting. It's all my fault. I'm sorry!" She started to cry and ran and locked herself in her room. All her siblings tried to get her to come back downstairs. They told her it wasn't her fault, but she didn't believe them.

After a month and half without seeing her dad, she came home from school to find him waiting. She smiled seeing at him. She ran inside to hug him, but he pushed her away. She was so hurt that he refused to hug her.

He motioned for her to sit in the chair at the table. As she sat down, she took in her mother's state. Her mother's eyes were red and puffy from crying. Her dad spoke, "Evelyn, I gave your mother an ultimatum and she chose. These are for you." He shoved an envelope at her.

Evelyn took out the papers. She stared at them in shock. They declared her emancipation. They were signed by her mother and father. Her own signature was forged onto the documents. She stared up in shock, "What... what does this mean?" Evelyn looked at her mom, but she looked away. Her dad answered, "You are no longer legally bound to us, Evelyn. You are now considered an adult. Your uncle is waiting for you outside to take you out of the state." Tears started falling down Evelyn's face.

She pleaded, "Daddy, I will get better at magic I promise! I'll practice every day please... mom I don't want to go!" Her dad snorted, "I am not your father." My mother yelled, "David!" He looked at her, "What June? She should know why this is happening."

The man she thought was her father looked at her with hatred. He spat, "The magic you performed that day was fairy magic, Evelyn. You aren't my daughter. I am being kind to your mother and letting you live. So, take this kindness and go before I can no longer stand looking at the living proof my wife had s*x with a fairy." Evelyn remained in her seat crying. Eventually, David stood and screamed, "GET OUT OF MY HOUSE! GET! GO!" Evelyn grabbed her backpack and fled from his anger. She could sense his magic was about to come out.

Her uncle was waiting in his truck. He was a police officer. He looked at Evelyn and sped off the second she got into the truck. They drove in silence to the border of California and Oregon, which was an hour from them. He stopped the truck and waved at another man waiting with a car.

He turned to his niece, "Evelyn, I am so sorry. David... He scared your mom, she... I don't know what she's thinking. My sister, your mom, loves you though, Evelyn. I don't believe that David will let you be even though he claims he will. That's my friend Craig over there. He's going to help you get a new name. He's going to bury it so no one can find the name you choose. Get as far away from here as you can." He handed Evelyn an envelope that had a lot of money in it.

He informed her "Your aunt and I want you to have this. Along with this." He handed her a burner phone. He instructed, "Let us know when you get somewhere safe. Hide Evelyn. Always remember the stories of the fairy princess, and how to call upon her for protection." Evelyn's jaw dropped, as she shouted "SHE'S REAL? HALEY HOLLORAN IS REAL?" Her uncle nodded, "She's missing at the moment, according to my sources, but she's very real. If you ever need her, call upon her. Stay safe and stay alive Evie. I am so sorry this is happening; your aunt and I would take you in if I didn't think David would find a way to kill you." She cried and threw herself into her uncle's arms.

She whispered, "You'll tell Dusty, Ry, and Katie I love them and that I'm sorry?" He nodded, "Your siblings are going to be so mad at David. This is... what he's doing is wrong, Evie. Stay true to who you are. I love you." Evelyn cried harder. They got out of the car and walked towards her uncle's friend.

Craig told him, "I've got her Walter. We will get her name changed, and I'll get her out of here safely. I swear it." Her uncle nodded and gave Evelyn a fierce hug. "We love you so much. I wish things could be different." He cried and so did Evelyn. Craig cleared his throat, "We need to get moving, Walt. You know how powerful of a warlock David is. We need to get this process started to get her somewhere safe." Her uncle pulled back, "This isn't goodbye forever, Evie. We will find you again someday, I promise." He gave Evelyn another hug. Craig pulled her into the backseat of his car and drove. She stared out the back crying as her uncle faded into the distance.