

## Chapter 106

Miranda POV

Avalynn and myself were banned together to fight the siblings together. They were floating above us wearing evil smirks of accomplishment. Like they have done something, maybe they have. After all, Brent's life was hanging in a delicate state. I was angry and because of this anger, I suppressed Seraphine's thoughts, refusing to shift into my Lycan form. I was once a witch, but now I am stronger. I knew it. I could feel the strength of my fire running rampant in my veins.

"Scared little pups is what they are." Sebastian was glaring down at us.

"Of course they are. Look at how weak they are. They think that their peasley little gifts will actually protect their kind. Ha!" Cassandra laughed and Sebastian joined in. Their cackling actually made my stomach turn. They sounded pure evil. They were pure evil and I intended to end them soon.

"Of course, we could make a deal, you know." Sebastian looked down at us both, not giving us a chance to say anything, he continued, "Save the lives that are left here and become our servants and protectors. We will see that your high-ranking Alphas and leaders are placed in their proper and rightful place. You could all make us the strongest army in the whole world. We can take over all magic beings, even the human world. We could rule it all." He smiled evilly.

I glared as Avalynn spoke out before I could have a comeback to this prick. "You think that we would give up so easily? Look at us down here! We have wolves, witches and Lycans living together peacefully! How about you join us, then we can make sure you are in your proper place!" She growled as she shifted to Charlotte, throwing the first magic at them. Her magic wrapped around Cassandra, trapping her in place, freezing her. She slammed her in the direction of the tree, but Sebastian countered her before Cassandra smashed into it.

"You f\*\*\*\*\*g mutt!" Cassandra spewed her hatred.

A huge tree was plucked out of the ground like it was a flower and hurled at Avalynn. My fire came out quickly, burning the tree to ash instantly. The siblings turned and looked at me and I smirked. Avalynn, using their distraction as our opportunity, flew at them. Her jaws snapped around Sebastian's wrist, shaking it, ripping it off of his body. He screamed as Cassandra used the electric shock and stunned Avalynn, who had a force shift back to her human form. I flung my fire at them, in the form of a lasso. The fire wrapped round their bodies. Screaming was followed by a massive amount of water extinguishing my flame. We battled back and forth as war raged around us.

I knew what needed to be done. I needed to lose control. I watched the electric pulses and a stunned Avalynn convulsed on the ground. I needed to protect her. This is how I would protect her. I would give in to my rage.

"Don't," Seraphine warned.

"Get out!" I yelled at her.

"Do not do it. Is it worth it? The price that you will pay, that we will pay for what?" Seraphine was pleading with me.

"It is worth it. It will be worth it. In the end, everything rests on this decision. The mystery woman told me. I would have to choose! I have chosen my fate, your fate, Brent's fate! Everyone's fate for the greater good. It is worth it, Seraphine. Peace is worth it."

I felt her sigh and nod, "Yes, peace is worth it. Shift. It will be a more powerful force."

With that, I shifted to Seraphine. She came out growling, rage burned hot inside of our body. I felt the force of the anger boil our blood. When the siblings turned their focus on us, Seraphine taunted them. She was spurring out small bits of magic at them. That's when magic I did not cause came across the air, over my head and struck the two with strong force. It was strong enough to knock them back and send them flying a couple hundred yards. I smirked and I knew who it was. I watched the siblings' movements, which were now slower, get back into a defensive position.

I heard Melissa, who had come up behind us shouting "Sebastian! Cassandra! Your time is over!"

"Melissa!" Cassandra said with anger, "However did you get out of that hole?" An evil smirk crossed her face.

"With Avalynn's help. This is why it is over. With our powers combined, you're both finished." Melissa yelled.

At that time, I heard a deathly growl from my left. Avalynn had recovered and had shifted back to Charlotte. I watched as she slowly began to rise in the air. I could see her magic swirling around her body. She was angry and she had every right to be. I looked back at Melissa who was chanting a spell at them. I decided now was the time to give in. If we were going in full force, this would be it.

"I am with you every step of the way." Seraphine's thoughts drifted towards me.

I was happy to have her support because without it, I feared that I would be weaker, that my magic wouldn't be at full power.

"Thank you." I told Seraphine.

"Let's go to work then." Seraphine told me.

As she said it, I felt the rage that had pent up coming to the surface. At that moment, I wondered what my sacrifice would be. I brushed that thought out of my mind, as it didn't matter anymore. I had come too far. My eyes closed as I focused on my revenge. I could feel that my feet were no longer touching the earth, my anger had lifted me into the air. I was giving into the magic, letting it do what needed to be done. My arms opened by themselves and with that, unknown to me, had pushed all innocent parties far away. I felt the heat and welcomed the warmth it brought. The siblings were laughing and chatting to one another.

"What is she doing?" Sebastian asked his sister.

"Trying to take us on alone? This should be fun!" Cassandra laughed.

The siblings shot magic towards me but the protective bubble that was around my body made it rebound and shoot off into the trees.

"Impossible!" Sebastian yelled as he shot another spell at me.

This one was stronger and cracked my bubble and that was when my magic erupted from my body. My head tilted back with a scream as my magic overwhelmed my body, erupting from me. It was like a bomb was going off inside me. Fire spread like a rapid wildfire, eating everything in its path. Trees, buildings, and the bridges that were all close to me burned. Then, huge balls of fire shot rapidly out of the destruction to the siblings. They tried their best to dodge them but they were unsuccessful when a few large balls smashed into them, knocking them out of the air. Their bodies bounced like a ball when they smashed into the ground.

My body lowered and it was time to end this mess. As they both struggled to get up, my body completely erupted once again. Fire exploded from every orifice of my body. It was the hottest I had ever felt and I even felt like I was burning myself. A scream from Cassandra was all that was heard before the crackling of the fire had consumed everything. When it was done, my magic rushed back inside of me. I felt light-headed as I looked at my surroundings. Everything was burning, I destroyed everything in my path. I didn't see any dead bodies, other than the charcoal ones of Cassandra and Sebastian. I heard my name being called and as I spun around to look in that direction, darkness crept into my vision and I collapsed.

Darkness was all I could see in my mind. I couldn't even feel Seraphine anymore. Was she gone? Was she hurt by what had happened? I felt like crying but couldn't produce any tears. Was I dead? I blinked and when I opened my eyes, everything around me was bright white. I looked down and I was dressed in a simple white cotton tea-length dress. As my hands went down to smooth it out, I noticed just how soft it was.

"Hello, again." A familiar voice came from behind me.

When I turned around, I saw the mystery woman. She didn't look as stressed as she did before. She was honestly beautiful. She made me feel at ease. Just being in her presence, I felt better. I took a deep breath and nodded my head slightly "Hello. What am I doing back here?"

She smiled sweetly at me, "Oh, my dear child. You are here because you completed what needs to be done. You did what you were intended to do."

I frowned a little, "Where is Seraphine? Was she the price that I would have to pay? Will I no longer be a Lycan?"

She shook her head, "Seraphine is fine, she is just recovering. She may be away for a long while. Which is why you are here. As long as she is down and out, you too will be out."

I watched as she moved and walked away from me. She didn't have to say anything, but I followed her. "Am I in a coma then?"

"Yes, you are. Your fire burned you badly. Your insides even began to bubble." I watched as her hands were held behind her back.

"My insides? You mean the fire was so strong it almost killed me by burning myself alive from the inside?" I was standing next to her now, my head turned to look at her and she nodded her head.

"Yes, that is exactly what happened. Your fire power is gone though. It has served its purpose." She paused and I thought she might say more.

After a moment of silence, I asked her "What else is gone?"

She turned to look at me with a sad smile. "My dear, do you mean your sacrifice?"

I nodded my head. "Yes."

She inhaled a deep breath and turned to me, "You will never be able to have children, given what has happened to you. Your Lycan, Seraphine, shielded more important organs as you began to burn. She took most of the heat on her own, to protect you."

I frowned and looked down at the floor. Even though I was still unable to cry, I could still feel the emotions of my lost future as it circled down the drain and disappeared into the darkness. I gathered myself and knew that this could have been something I was giving up. I looked back up at her. "How is Brent?"

She looked at me with sadness, "He is hurt, badly. I believe he will make it though. They're putting you both in the same room in hopes that you will both heal together, faster." She turned and looked at me. "Do not be sad, my dear. Please realize that you have brought together everyone in the Northern and Southern Kingdoms. For the first time, in a long time, wolves, witches, and Lycan will be living together in harmony. Sure there will be issues along the way, but they will work out in the end, eventually. You and Avalynn successfully completed the mission at hand. When your blast of protection sent her flying to the other side where Cassandra and Sebastian's minions were, she went psychotic. She slaughtered every single one of them. It was brilliant really. It was like watching a deadly poetic dance. You both did what was intended for you to do. You saved us." She wrapped her arms around me in a hug.

Her hug felt warm, welcoming, and soothing. I leaned into her and wrapped my arms around her and, for the first time in forever, I felt a mother's love. It then dawned on me who she was. She was our moon goddess, Selene. It made sense with her pale ivory skin and long white hair. I stood back to look at her and she smiled at me.

"Better?" She asked me.

"Yes, Selene, I am." I told her and watched her smile warmly at me.

"So you know who I am?" She asked.

"I didn't know before, but all of the legends in books I have read in the last few months, I put the pieces together." I told her.

She nodded her head. "I must leave you now. You must get your rest so you may wake up. Peace be with you." She kissed my forehead and then she was gone. When I blinked, darkness consumed me. But, with her gone now, I realized I could faintly hear the voices of people around me.

"Seraphine?" I called out in my mind in search of her. I had hoped that maybe some time had passed and she would be able to communicate with me. It was no use, she was still gone and I was left here alone with my thoughts.

