

# Mates Day

Emmaline was surprised when Lucas surfaced behind her in the water in her sanctuary. I was loving every second of him claiming me. When my phone went off for my daily alarm, I was surprised. Maybe having sex was making my internal body clock forget the time. I couldn't believe I didn't even feel tired.

I popped Lucas to our bed then popped myself to the gym locker room. I snapped myself a workout outfit then popped into the main area. All the warriors grinned at me. I couldn't figure out why.

Tessa linked me answering my unspoken question, "It's because you reek of the Alpha and sex." I blushed furiously. Tessa quickly linked, "It's normal to us, Luna Emmaline."

I decided to change the subject, "Call me Emmaline, you're here early." Tessa smiled, "I am coming to training early so I can go spend more time with my mate. We are splitting time as much as we can until I can transfer schools. He's not overly happy I haven't moved, but it's what we have right now."

Her soul felt sad, and I couldn't help the fact that I wanted to help her. I asked, "Is that why you aren't marked?" She nodded, "We won't be able to be without each other once I am. I don't know how Chelsea and Sam managed it. I want him to mark me, but I don't want him to torture himself because I can't sleep the same place as him every night."

My soul searcher side hated that they were having problems. I offered the best solution, "I'm sure between Haley and me we could work it out. We could pop you in and out. You could train with their pack some mornings, and I could pop you in for school. Or Haley could. I'm sure Lucas would agree their training is the same."

Alex yelled, "You can make that order as the Luna. Also, their training would absolutely be equivalent; actually, it's harder." Tessa's filled with tears. She asked me, "Really?" I nodded, "Yes, we can make it work, I want you to be happy. As the Luna, I'm saying your training in their pack would count as yours for the day." She gave me a quick hug, "I've moved most of my stuff into his room there anyway."

I asked, “Why are you waiting until break?” Tessa sighed, “It makes the most sense as much as I hate it.” I nodded, “All right. So, I’ll work out something with Haley.” Tessa nodded. We got separated to spar.

When class ended, I grabbed her. I asked, “Do you want me to pop you to your man?” Tessa laughed, “I was going to drive, but this will freak him out. This could be fun.” I smiled and thought of her mate. A startled snarl greeted us. Tessa teased, “Aww, Paul, it’s just me.” He grabbed her and pulled her onto the bed.

I quickly popped back to Lucas. We went to bed, and my alarm went off all too soon. My mate was so sexy. He had no idea what he did to me. He had a panty dropping smile and lickable abs. I mean he’s lucky I get out of bed in the mornings instead of keeping him here all day. I decided to do just that the rest of the day. We eventually took a shower but ended up right back in bed. We made it a weekend in bed. I was not complaining.

After school on Monday, I spoke to Lucas about letting Tessa train with Eric’s pack some mornings. He had no problem with it. So far, I’d been popping her in and out, but I hadn’t talked to Haley yet. For her part, Tessa was much happier now that she was marked. That made me happy.

Lacy and I even helped Lucas with paperwork. They had so much to do it was insane. I linked Lacy, “Do they not want Alpha’s to have a life? What is WITH this paperwork?” She grumbled, “They don’t want us to have sex ever again? Jerks!” I bit my lip to stop myself from laughing.

The week was flying by, Wednesday I walked into Lucas’ office. I was disappointed when he told me his dad was coming with me to training instead of him. Lacy linked me, “I’m coming. I’m not sitting around watching Dylan do paperwork. I want to have fun.”

We left and grabbed Dale. I popped us all to Haley’s yard. We left Dale with the guys and walked over to Haley. She smiled in greeting, “You guys are early.” Lacy groaned, “I can’t do more paperwork. Or watch Dylan do more paperwork. It’s very boring over in our territory these days.” Haley laughed, “Paperwork sucks, no if’s or but’s about it.”

She handed me a flash drive then explained, “Here’s some data to input whenever you get the chance.” I smiled at her, “Thanks! I kind of told Tessa we’d help her pop between our territories so her mate could mark her.” Haley laughed, “That’s not a problem. We can work out a schedule.”

Lacy chimed in, "Subject change! What are you and Eric coming to my wedding as? And do you already have your costumes?" Haley seriously stated, "Of course I have. Eric will be Thor." I squealed, "Are you Jane?" Haley frowned asking, "Who's Jane?"

Lacy answered, "Thor's girlfriend." Haley asked, "What are you talking about? Thor is married to Sif." I caught on, "You aren't talking about the Marvel movies, are you?" Haley frowned, "Who is Marvel?" I laughed.

Lacy explained, "Superhero movies." Haley shook her head, "No, I call Eric Thor because he reminds me of the Norse mythology Thor. Well, my version of him, not a superhero movie person." I asked, "So you are Sif? You said that's who Thor is married to in Norse mythology." Haley nodded, "Yes. I'm going as Sif."

Lacy pushed, "Why did you call him Thor in the first place?" Molly walked over intrigued, "There's a reason?" Haley looked flustered for once, "Well, yes." I squealed, "Come on! Now you have to tell us!"

Haley blushed, "Fairy's study Norse Mythology. When we covered Thor and his life, I'd just discovered that I could control the weather. I can make it rain, and Thor brings the thunder. I... Well... Thor is known as the protector of the realms; in general Thor is known to protect people." That made sense.

Haley continued, "Not much is known about his wife, Sif. Not much was known about me in Faerie. Rumors were that I was beautiful, but no one really knew much about me outside of Faerie. My mother nor uncle wanted it that way. They only allowed certain rumors to circulate. Like the fact that I was a Princess and my mother loved me." Her mom? Her mom controlled the narrative? I cut a glance at Lacy who was frowning. Molly looked mad too.

Haley waved her hand, "Anyway, there is a story where Loki cuts off Sif's hair; Thor becomes enraged. He confronts Loki, and they come to an agreement, but Loki is punished. After my hair was shaved off, I always envisioned having a protector like Thor. Someone who would avenge the things that happened to me; someone who would protect me forever. Someone who would not only avenge me but be upset about the things that happened to me. I crafted in my mind all these things that my Thor would be. Actually, I had dreams about him. He even had a wolf with him sometimes."

I was not the only one tearing up. Haley sighed, "In my head, after every bad thing that happened to me, I told myself my Thor would take care of me. He would protect me, and one day he would be real. He would make all the injustices that happened to me go away and heal my emotional wounds. When I first saw Eric's wolf, he was my

Thor. He is quite literally the man in my dreams and his wolf. Thor, the wolf is the same wolf I saw. I know that sound batshit crazy, but it's true. So, I told him I'd call him Thor. He never said anything, but sometimes I wonder if he had dreams of his own and knew I called him that. He is that man for me. He's everything I'd imagined and more; both his wolf and human half."

All of us were wiping tears away, so I snapped tissues for everyone. I told her, "That's really beautiful, Haley." I wished I'd dreamt of Lucas before I met him. On days when I was lonely, I would've loved seeing dream Lucas.

She shrugged, "It's just how I see him, it's probably silly. It was a little girl's way to escape the horrors of what was happening. I would think of my Thor and everything else would fade away." Molly disagreed, "It's not silly." I agreed, "Not at all. My mom used to tell me stories about you as a child. Even I would dream of your prince because that's all your stories needed."

Haley asked looking slightly horrified, "What stories?" I smiled reassuringly, "Stories about a strong little girl who was different than those in her kingdom. She always persevered through everything." Haley sighed in relief, "True. I am standing before you today."

Molly commented, "By the way, Eric has no idea that's why you call him that. He definitely didn't get put in your dream or we'd have been at war with the fairies sooner. I feel like Jackson would've mentioned it if Eric had his own dreams about you. I'll have to ask."

Lacy started full on crying. I asked, "Lacy, are you ok?" Lacy frowned, "She has this beautiful story and meaning to her costume. I can't even wear the costume I had planned with Dylan because now I'm too bloated and fat."

Haley quickly told her, "I can fix your costume situation, I'm sure. What were you going to be?" Lacy sniffled, "We were going to Kim Possible and Ron." Haley said, "I have no fucking clue who those people are." I didn't think the explanation would help so I stayed silent.

She thought about it for a moment, "From my research, my friend Dylan likes Mario video games. As do you." I raised an eyebrow. Her research? Lacy nodded, "Yes we both do." Haley nodded and snapped Lacy into a costume.

Haley asked, "Do you like Princess Peach?" Lacy twirled, "I love Princess Peach! You can't even see my bloat! Thank you! Thank you!" Haley smiled and snapped her

a Mario costume in a bag. She nodded to Lacy's hand, "There you go, that's for Dylan." Lacy jumped on Haley, hugging her.

I heard a low chuckle. I turned and saw Halber watching our group. I asked, "Halber?" He smiled, "You remember me." I said, "Of course I do. Next time, feel free not to speak in riddles about my guards being charmed away." Halber seemed nonplussed, "I speak how I speak, cousin." I rolled my eyes, "Naturally, I guess the heads up was nice. I might've put it all together if not for the creepy guy."

Halber smirked, "Yes, I hear Bactu is no more." I shrugged, "He messed with the wrong group of women." Halber smiled, "So it seems. I hear you join me in the elite royal water fairies who can not only drown an enemy but turn our enemy to water." I nodded, "Yes, I can do that." Halber told me "I'd like to see it myself." I sighed, "Can you bring creepy dolls to life too?" Halber laughed, "Yes, cousin. As can you." I groaned, "No, thanks."

I linked Lacy, "It's a Chucky movie waiting to happen. The fairies are going to rise to power in this realm in some type of horror movie." Lacy busted up laughing. Halber didn't pay much attention to her. He just brought creepy dolls to life. I turned them all to water much faster than the first time, when Hexxi brought the dolls to life.

Halber complimented, "You did great! Now, you can make them drown faster or if you're feeling mischievous you can make them suffer longer." My jaw dropped, "Really?" Halber frowned, "Why would I joke about that?" I sighed, "Where the heck were you last weekend?"

Halber tilted his head then answered, "In Faerie." I rolled my eyes, "I just mean that information would've been nice to know. How do I do that?" Halber smiled, "Tell your light how you wish things to go." I asked, "That's it?" He nodded.

Haley popped over, "My turn. I need to work on her telekinesis control." Halber frowned, "Wolves." He glared at the group of guys. Haley laughed, "Sorry, Halber. Lucas will eventually be back. I think you and Emmaline have a lot to learn together."

She popped us away. I asked her, "What was that?" Katie squealed and hugged me, "Hi, Evie!" I hugged her back, "Hey, Katie Cat!" Haley said, "Evidently, your soon to be father in law told Lucas that Halber over there was interested in you. Lucas called Eric, and Eric told me to get you away from him."

I frowned, "He's my cousin. We were making good progress." Haley reached over and squeezed my hand, "Don't worry, he will be around more in November. We have enough partial water fairy's now that we need two trainers." I asked, "Are Idel and

Hexxi coming to Lacy's wedding?" Haley was surprised, "Were they invited?" Lacy answered, "They were but they haven't RSVP'd."

Haley started laughing, "Where did you send their invitations to?" Lacy said, "Fairies have human addresses." Haley tilted her head, "They don't live there though. I'll tell them they are invited. I'm sure Idel will come. She's obsessed with all things werewolf and partial fairies."

I frowned, "Why isn't she here more often then?" Haley shrugged, "Hexxi took most of the teaching spots. Idel was quite upset. They argue every week about Idel being able to come. Which is silly. I've told Idel she's more than welcome." I teased, "Tell her she better watch out with her werewolf obsession. What if her mate is a werewolf?"

Haley smiled, "She would match with one quite well. Although, male fairies have developed a dislike for werewolves because wolves last through a female's fairy's full concupiscence. They would hate it if Idel's mate was a werewolf. I, myself, am a fan of that thought. Let's find her mate. I really fucking hope it's a werewolf."

I questioned, "You want the male fairies to be upset?" Haley snorted, "Full blooded male fairies? Yes, I do. It makes my whole day better when they are upset. They deserve it."

Halber's laughter reached us. I turned asking, "He's listening to us?" Haley didn't seem upset, "Probably. He finds us entertaining." Halber shouted, "Princess, you think full blood fairies hate wolves because of the concupiscence business?" Haley frowned, "They do."

Now, Katie started laughing. I realized the full-blooded male fairies must hate wolves because of Eric. They like Haley, but she never liked them. Now, she was mated to a wolf who believed in monogamy. Their shot with her was gone forever.

I joined Katie laughing; Lacy did too once she caught on. Haley frowned, "What's so fucking funny? I want to laugh too." Farrin popped over to us, "Princess, the male fairies don't hate wolves because of the concupiscence business. It certainly doesn't help the situation, but it's not the reason."

Haley made a gesture with her hands for him to continue asking, "Then why? I know you all were at war, and the werewolves won. That's petty though. Never mind, that makes perfect sense. Fairies are petty."

Farrin started laughing so hard Trixie popped over to try and explain. She was trying not to smile, "Haley, it's because of you." Haley gaped, "ME? Are you serious? What the fuck did I do? I'm not a damn werewolf, or even a partial!" Trixie admirably kept her laugh in, "No, it's because of Eric, he's your mate...."

Haley interrupted her, yelling, "They don't like wolves because my mate is a wolf? COME ON! That's absurd. To hate a whole supernatural group because he makes me happy it's absurd. Did they not make me miserable enough as a child? They now begrudge me happiness of any kind?!" Farrin had tears coming out of his eyes, "It's too good. You don't see it."

I tried, "Haley it's because they like you, and you don't like them. They hate werewolves because one took the possibility of sleeping with you from them... forever." Haley rolled her eyes, "Whatever fucking drug you are on you all need to share with the class because it's good." I bit my lip, "You do know you're stunning, right? You're kind, caring, and powerful. Of course, they desire you. They don't hate Eric because he makes you happy. It's because he took the option of you away."

Trixie agreed, "She's right. You are stunning, and they feel like they never had a chance with you. When you finally returned to your home, you had a mate. One who would kill for people looking at you sideways let alone having an affair with."

Haley blanched, "I would never have an affair. I would never be with anyone but Eric. He's the first man whose touch outside of my family didn't make me throw up. Feel free to spread it around Faerie, Farrin. They could've been nice to me as a child, but they weren't. I'm a fairy, so I'm petty. I'm a Hackura too, so loyalty runs in my blood. I would never be with someone who stood by and watched me be physically assaulted or jeered at me. I'm too proud. There are lots of beautiful fairy women they could want. They don't want me. Exfuckingcuse me." She popped to the other side of the lake and took a deep breath.

Farrin sighed, "For the record, I never saw her get hurt. They kept that away from the fire fairies." I asked, "You didn't know?" Farrin shrugged, "We heard rumors. Exsis saw her the most. He was concerned. The rumors were that she was clumsy. I hunted down who started that rumor though. It was a demon which told me it wasn't true, or a fairy would've started it. I didn't care to know much about Haley because if the rumors were true, I found her odd because she never fought back." That was really sad.

Haley popped back over and everyone went back to their lessons. Haley conjured several Tinkerbell dolls for me to use my telekinesis power on. She wanted me to

bring them from the other side of the lake to me. I worked on that for the rest of the lesson.

When we were done, we walked over the guys. Eric instantly asked, "Angel, why were you so annoyed when everyone else was laughing? Why did you pop away?" Remembering that Haley found it unfathomable that people were attracted to her set Lacy, Katie, and I off again.

Haley frowned, "They have lost their damn minds." Eric raised an eyebrow. Logan questioned, "Sister?" Haley huffed, "They seem to think full blooded male fairies don't like werewolves because of me. I said it was fucking ridiculous to dislike an entire supernatural group because my mate is werewolf and I'm happy now."

Bjourn started laughing with us. Haley glared at him, "Don't you even agree with them, Bjourn Cambridge!" Eric was biting his lip, but the rest of his brothers couldn't hold their laughter back. Eric tried, "Angel, it's not because you're happy."

Haley rolled her eyes, "Just because you like me doesn't mean other people do. They hated me. Some weren't mean; however, NO ONE FUCKING LIKED ME." Katie said, "You don't have to like someone to want to have sex with them Haley. LORD KNOWS I hated Austin Suthers, but I still fucked him." I snorted; I was laughing so hard. I told Haley between giggles, "She did hate him. So much."

Logan stopped laughing. Katie continued, "You're drop dead gorgeous, of course they wanted to have sex with you." Haley shook her head, "You all have gone fucking insane. They don't want to have sex with me. They never did. There was a reason I was raped the way I was. It involved not wanting to have sex the usual way with me because I wasn't good enough for them to accidentally get pregnant."

That brought everyone's laughter to a halt. Damn. Farrin popped over. He told her, "Not all male fairies are sadistic rapists, Princess." Haley nodded, "I know that." Farrin said, "Then... it stands to reason some of them wanted to have sex with you."

Haley yelled, "No it fucking doesn't! Fairies are forward." Farrin disagreed, "Not with someone who shied away from everyone." Haley rolled her eyes, "You guys are crazy. They don't hate werewolves because I fuck my husband and not them."

Eric growled and pulled Haley to him, "You will NEVER fuck anyone but me." Haley said, "I don't recall saying anything to the contrary. I don't want to fuck a fairy. I don't even fucking LIKE them!" Farrin said, "You just highlighted the problem, again. It's been said several times, but THAT is what people's problem with him is."



Katie reiterated, “Again, you don’t have to like someone to fuck them.” Haley pursed her lips, “I do.” Farrin glanced at Eric then wickedly said, “You don’t hate all fairies though. I seem to recall you didn’t dislike Exsis. I know Exsis liked you.”

Haley thought about it for half a second. Eric’s soul was steadily growing more and more possessive. Haley admitted, “That’s true, I do not hate Exsis.” Eric growled. Haley groaned, “Why are you growling? I’m not going to fuck him. He wasn’t mean to me. He even gave me water a few times when no one was looking. He asked questions about my treatment which I evaded. He did try to help me. He was kind. Sometimes Aiden would send him to play games with me. Everyone left me alone when he was around now that I think about it.”

Eric growled, “Who is Exsis?” Haley’s soul was completely confused when she answered, “A fire fairy, he’s nice.” Eric growled, “Pop us to our room... NOW.” Haley shrugged, “Ok. Bye, guys.” She popped out.

Jackson commanded everyone’s attention as he stared down the fairies asking, “Who is Exsis, Farrin?” Farrin smiled, “Aiden’s cousin on his father’s side. I believe people in this realm would call them fifth cousins or so.” Everyone’s souls were going to an angry place. Except Farrin, who was feeling incredibly mischievous.

I tried to de-escalate the situation, “He’s obviously staying away from Haley. None of you have met him.” Farrin smiled broader, “He’s been traveling realms. He doesn’t know the nature of Eric and Haley’s relationship. He simply knows she was married for the sake of peace.” I shot him a look. He was determined not to help me calm the wolves down.

Jackson growled. I tried again, “But... he knows she’s married. You said those words.” Farrin laughed, “Duchess, I forget you don’t know our ways. It doesn’t matter in Faerie if you are married. Many take lovers, and many... and I do mean MANY, men were delighted the Princess was married off. The earth and sky fairies didn’t believe she had a mate. Fabian’s evasions about her were well engrained in their minds. Not to mention the demons he got to actually lie about her and spread rumors. Those were all believed by sky and earth fairies because they did not care enough to track down the source of the rumor.”

This was going to a bad place. I looked around, and noticed even Dale was getting mad. Farrin gleefully continued, “ALL of them knew she’d have to have sex with Alpha Consort Connors. Children were a part of the treaty, and he’s known as a man who is good in bed. He’d never force her, but he’s clearly charming. He’s had many lovers. Most fairies hoped she’d take a lover, or several, after she bore his children.

She does look a lot like our late queen. In my opinion, she's prettier than Queen Alania."

Jackson growled, "Will Exsis be a problem?" Farrin gleefully asked, "How could I know? I don't have sight." I asked, "Does Aiden know?" Farrin smiled, "Aiden knows many male fairies who want to fuck his sister."

I raised an eyebrow, "That's not what I meant." Farrin looked over his shoulder. He turned back grinning, "Trixie wants to go home. Bye all." He popped away.

Katie looked at Logan. She rubbed his arm, "Come on, Haley can handle one fairy." Logan said, "Of course she can." Marcus pinched the bridge of his nose, "The question is can she pick up clues that he may want more than just to be nice to her? No, no she cannot. Unless he directly tells her what he wants..."

Jackson interjected, "Which he won't, since he hasn't." Bjourn sighed, "Great. There will be no arguing with her. She won't think he wants her sexually." Darrin groaned, "Eric's going to lose it." Harold added, "And Haley will think Exsis is her friend or some shit." Nathan groaned, "Please goddess let us see this fairy before Haley does."

Katie snorted, "Come on! So, he wants to have sex with her? He's not going to get what he wants. Farrin already pointed out lots of fairies want to have sex with her. She's hot. I'm sure there are other non-fairy men who want to have sex with her."

I countered, "No fairies that were nice to her." Katie said, "Seriously guys, not all of them could've been mean to her." I sighed. Katie was right. I nodded, "I agree. There had to be some that were nice to her. She would never cheat on Eric though. You guys are blowing this WAY out of proportion. I've got to get my group home. We will see you guys later."

Jackson said, "None of us think she will cheat on Eric, that's not the problem." I asked, "Then what is? She's hot and people want to have sex with her? The same could be said about Eric. Which means your problem is she's literal to a T and doesn't understand subtlety. Eric does. You do. TALK to them YOURSELVES. Based on his soul alone Eric would go all possessive Alpha wolf. I'll vouch for the fact that his soul is somewhat terrifying without her, and she was there when I sensed that; she was just unconscious. I'll just bet they listen to me when I say that is not a man whose soul you want be around when you to try to take what brings him joy."

Dale agreed, "She's right. Everyone knows not to mess with Eric." Jackson snorted, "They would see her as worth trying." I agreed, "Because she is. She's amazing, but

SHE only wants Eric. HE is her Thor.” Katie shot me a soft smile. I continued, “Besides, I’m certain I could scare them with facts about his soul.” I winked at them.

Katie gave me a hug and put a piece of paper in my hand. She whispered, “Call me later.” I nodded and popped our group back. We caught up with our mates.

I smiled linking Lacy, “You aren’t going to tell Dylan what your costumes are for the wedding?” Lacy replied, “I’m going the fairy route. You guys have fun, I want in.” I agreed “We are fun.” Lacy was cackling in our link when Lucas discussed costumes. I really wanted to see his face when he figured out who we were, but it was Dylan’s wedding day. I should give him that moment.

Dylan linked me, “I love you oh so much Queen Elsa. What is his costume?” I smiled, “You will enjoy it so much more if I don’t tell you. Trust me when I say, you will love it.” We left them in their office, and I went up to our room. I opened the note from Katie.

Gunner said that the phone is off. It was purchased at a gas station in New York. The camera didn’t get the person's face. Call me later.

I frowned and took out my phone. I called Katie. She answered asking, “Evie, did you read my note?” I responded, “I did.” Katie asked, “Did you ever live in New York?” I answered, “No, I didn’t.” Katie sighed, “Damn. I was hoping you did, and that would tell you who it was. Gunner said based on the build he assumes it’s a man, but that he knew where the cameras were. He never showed his face.”

I frowned, “This doesn’t make sense. Alpha Hammond can’t be in New York. It’s way too far from Tennessee.” Katie agreed, “I don’t think it’s Hammond, Evie.” I sighed, “Then who the hell is it? What do they want?”

Katie sighed, “I don’t know. Try to keep getting information, but you really should tell Lucas about it.” I sighed, “I will... eventually. He’d take the phone.” Katie told me, “It’s in your nightstand. Gunner put it back for me.” I gratefully told her, “Tell him I said thanks.” Katie said, “He’s going to keep an eye on it.” We talked about a few other things then hung up. I took out the phone and turned it on. There was a text waiting.

Unknown: Be ready for October 31st. He’s coming.

Me: We are already planning on being ready. We figured he was coming then. Do you have any more specifics?

Unknown: Not at the moment. Don't trust anything that day, especially people you don't know.

Me: Ok, then. Thank you for the vague warning. Why are you helping me?

Unknown: We have a common enemy. The enemy of my enemy is my friend.

Me: Alpha Hammond?

Unknown: No, but I will help where I can with him. He's not my focus.

Me: Then who is?

Unknown: I'm sure it will come to you.

Me: Sure. With all the vagueness I can't help but get a clue. What do you want?

Unknown: Revenge.

Me: For what?

I waited for an hour, but no response came. I sighed, turned the phone off, and went to sleep. I woke up, went to training, popped back, showered, then gave Lucas a kiss goodbye. I was thinking over everything as I drove us to school. I went through my day on autopilot until lunch.

Chelsea and Sam simultaneously said, "Space unheard." Drake and Peter groaned. I quickly spoke the words. Lacy squealed, "Ok, I want to know everyone's costumes. Val, what are you and Ryan going as?" Valerie smiled, "We are coming as Hermione and Ron." I nudged her, "You know Ry loves the Harry Potter movies." Valerie nodded, "Yup!"

Lacy pointed, "Chelsea, you next who are you guys?" Chelsea wiggled her eyebrows, "I'm Juno and Peter is Paulie Bleeker." I clapped, "That's amazing!" Lacy squealed, "I love it! Sam?" Sam smiled, "Mickey and Minnie." Lacy giggled, "I love my wedding." Chelsea animatedly replied, "So do we! Does anyone know what Haley's coming as?" Lacy and I teared up again. Lacy waved her hands saying, "Her and Eric are coming as Thor and Sif." We explained the background to the girls, and they all cried. Sam fanned her face, "That's so adorable." I agreed, "I know."

I made the space heard again. Peter put his arms around Chelsea, "Sugar baby momma, what's wrong?" Chelsea waved her hands, "Hormones. Haley's reasons for calling Alpha Eric Thor are adorable."

Peter nodded, "I'm sure." Drake asked, "Are you going to tell us why?" I snorted, "No." He groaned, "You guys are hell on my Beta brain." Huh? Sam explained, "Beta's like answers." I thought about Dylan and realized that made total sense.

I changed the subject, "What do you guys think about having your baby shower the weekend after Lacy's wedding?" Chelsea said, "Aww, you guys are throwing us a shower?" Lacy and I nodded. We all agreed the week after the wedding would work.

I emailed Haley to see if she had any ideas. She was really excited and offered to plan it. Lacy and I gladly let her. The weeks started to fly by. Before I knew it, it was the morning before Lacy and Dylan's wedding. I got my workout in then kissed Lucas goodbye. Lucas wanted a hint about our costume, but I wouldn't give it to him. I left for school taking my group with me.

By the time we got to lunch, I realized we'd never had a wedding rehearsal. I asked Lacy, "Who are we all walking down the aisle with tomorrow?" Peter and Drake stiffened. I studied them. They were starting to feel that same possessiveness Eric was before Haley popped them away from fairy practice.

Lacy said, "That's a popular question today. I texted Haley that this morning when she asked if Maribella and Sharon could get ready with us. Chelsea is walking with Lucas because he's the best man." Peter instantly relaxed.

I forced myself not to pout. It made sense, and it wasn't a big deal I wasn't walking with him. Lacy continued, "You are walking with Brad. Drake and Peter get those looks off your faces. Everyone in the wedding party is mated except one of Dylan's Beta friends. He's walking with Haley."

Peter spit out his pop, while Drake choked on his milk. Drake recovered first, "Are you insane?" Lacy frowned, "No, Dylan insisted... oh god..." Peter asked, "Who is it?" Lacy said, "Beta James Powell." Drake asked, "From Alpha Theo's pack? That Beta James Powell, by chance? Moon goddess please let there be another Beta James Powell in the world."

Lacy nodded, "There's not that I know of. He is Alpha Theo's Beta." Drake started laughing. Peter winced, "That's not going to go over well, Lacy." Lacy frowned, "Why?" Drake explained, "Beta James hates Alpha Eric." Lacy frowned, "They are Eric's allies though."

I asked, "Does Dylan know that?" Drake said, "Everyone knows that." Lacy sighed, "Oh, Dylan. What did you do?" I said, "It's not like Dylan would invite someone who

would hurt Haley. Are they from around here?” Peter said, “I don’t think he will hurt her. Flirt with her and drive Alpha Eric insane? Yes. They are from around here.”

I frowned, “So, they are allies then, right?” Peter winced, “Not yours.” I asked, “Why?” Drake said, “That’s complicated, but it’s why Alpha Theo isn’t coming.” I rubbed my head, “But Alpha Theo and Eric are allies?” Peter nodded, “Yes, they are friends.” Ok, but Eric’s not with his Beta? What the hell?

Lacy frowned, “This is not the kind of drama I’m ok with at my wedding. Killing Alpha Hammond, cool; great even. Eric killing Beta James over Haley... not cool Dylan. Not cool.” I tried to assure her, “It’s not a big deal. Haley would put this guy in his place.”

Lacy snorted, “She wouldn’t believe he was flirting with her.” I shrugged, “If he’s direct, she would.” Lacy sighed, “It’s going to cement it in her mind people don’t like her because this would be about Eric. As a fairy, she could sense that motive.”

I laughed, “That would be a little funny.” Lacy agreed, “True.” I could tell she wasn’t happy though. I linked her, “Just tell Dylan to tell Beta James to be on his best behavior.” Lacy sighed, “I just want everyone to remember our wedding with good memories. Not Beta James and Eric fighting.” I assured, “It won’t happen, talk to Dylan. He only does things for fun. He would never do anything that would get in the way of your dream day.” Lacy nodded.

Chelsea sighed, “I’m not looking forward to getting up early. I feel like every time I manage to get to sleep, I have to get up. I might just pull and all-nighter.” Sam sighed, “Same.” I asked, “Why don’t you guys spend the night with us at our house?” Chelsea perked up, “Yeah?” I nodded.

She turned to Peter, “Can we Peter, please? I’d get more sleep.” Peter agreed, “Whatever you want, Sugar baby momma.” The rest of the day flew by. Everyone in the pack was excited about Lacy’s and Dylan’s wedding.

After school, I grabbed Tessa since it was my turn to pop her to her mate. I popped right back and drove everyone home. I got really nervous that I’d invited people to stay without telling Lucas. It was his house. He didn’t care though and reassured me it’s my home too and I have just as much right to invite people as he did.

His soul was very testy about Grayson. You make one joke. Seriously, he was too easy. He kissed me so hard he practically set the carpet on fire. I was going to have to get him more often. The family ended up all being in the living room. Debbie was practically radiating happiness. I smiled at both her and Lacy. I looked at Lucas, and

just knew. I was ready. On my next concupiscence, I wanted to try for a baby. We'd already be married at that point, and I couldn't wait to see him as a dad. Hopefully, even though I had a crappy role model... I'd be a good mom.

I shot Haley a text asking if she would turn the Luna rooms into a spa again. She told me I should practice, and if I didn't like she'd fix it. She had absolute faith I could do it though. Chelsea, Sam, Drake, and Peter arrived, ending our family moment.

Chelsea came over to me, "We are probably going to stay with my parents tonight, but we wanted to drop Sam and Drake off." I nodded, "Sure, or you could go with my plan." Her eyes sparkled when she asked, "What's your plan?" I smiled, "I was going to put you guys in the room you mated in when you met." Chelsea squealed, "I love that idea! I'm texting my mom that we are staying here."

Dylan came over and dragged Lacy away from our group. She threw a wink our way. I popped Chelsea and Sam into their rooms. I was going to make the guys scent them and build the anticipation as Lucas and I took them to their room. Peter was excited when he realized where I was taking him. Drake was just excited to see Sam. You'd think he'd been apart from her for weeks, not literal minutes.

When we made it to our room, I brought up having kids. I searched his soul, and he was shocked. Did he not want to try so soon? He assured me that was not the case. A knot released in my chest when I felt pure happiness radiating from his soul. He made love to me whispering how much he loved me. He was going to be such a good dad.

I woke up when my alarm went off. I sighed and got ready to get my training in for the day. To my surprise, Lacy was there too. I walked over to her, "Let me guess, you couldn't sleep?" She squealed, "Nope, I'm too excited." I smiled, "I think that's normal."

Alex walked over to us, "Lacy, you'll be working with Bevin. You know we have different workouts for pregnant she wolves." Lacy groaned, "I do remember that, yes." She rolled her eyes and went over to a female warrior.

Alex turned to me, "It's swimming for you today. We can't have any bruises on you for the wedding." I frowned, "My cousin would heal me." Alex shrugged, "Still, swimming laps for you." I huffed and went to swim.

Lacy came over to get me when we were done. I popped her to her room, then popped myself into the Luna rooms. I thought of how Haley had the room for the spa day. I snapped my fingers and squealed. I'd gotten it exactly right. I popped back into my

room. Lucas was still asleep. I popped into the shower and then dried my hair. I conjured the secret phone to me and turned it on.

Unknown: Be ready. I need your help for what's to come. We can't have you getting kidnapped. I don't have time to rescue you.

Me: Good to know it's all about you.

Unknown: As long as you know.

Me: Who are you?

Unknown: It's not the time for that answer.

Me: Why would you rescue me?

Unknown: I can't get revenge without you. I've been waiting for years. I've been looking for you just as your siblings were. You have always been the key to my revenge, and I've finally found you.

I put the phone down. This person knew my siblings found me. How? I needed to tell Lucas about this. I was being hypocritical. If he was doing what I am, I'd be upset with him for not telling me. Or was it only hypocritical if I acted on something the phone person told me without tell him? UGH! Relationships need a handbook. Maybe Haley put one together that I could have to help me figure this out. I shook myself and put my situation aside. This was Lacy's day.

I popped in my room and teased Lucas. I laid the trail for him to talk to Eric and see if he knew about Haley's nickname. Molly was certain he didn't, but I knew Eric would tell Lucas. I was curious if he has his own dreams. That would be so sweet.

I also knew Lucas asking him would spark Eric's curiosity. I was certain it would mean a great deal to Eric to know Haley always saw him as her hero if he didn't already know. Even before Haley knew Eric was her mate; on an instinctual level she trusted him the moment she laid eyes on his wolf because they were her literal savior's in her dreams. I gave Lucas a kiss and told him to get ready with the guys.

I walked into the Luna rooms. Haley and Katie were already there. Lacy joined seconds after I did. Chelsea and Sam were next, Valerie was last. Haley handed Lacy a present, "BA wanted you to have this. She can't come because she's on a mission, but she gave this to me for you." Lacy smiled, "Thanks! Dylan and I agreed to open presents together unfortunately; so, I can't open it."



I linked Haley, “Isn’t Alpha Chase coming?” Haley answered, “Yes, and if she didn’t have a mission, I’d have found something for her to do. As it happens, the goddesses are on my side. For now. Lord knows I’m due for that. BA had a legit mission and couldn’t make it.”

Lacy said, “I wish we could eat with the guys, but we need to get our nails done.” Haley said, “How do you want everyone’s nails done?” Lacy answered, “French manicures.” Haley snapped her fingers, “Done. Does that give you time to do what you want?” We all looked at our nails which looked picture perfect.

Chelsea commented, “She’s so darn handy.” Lacy smiled, “I think you’re my fairy godmother now too, Haley. Let’s go eat with the guys. I already miss Dylan.” I popped into Lucas’ lap as soon as I saw him. He held me tightly to him.

When Haley and Eric’s kids popped in, I couldn’t help but think of how Lucas and my children would do the same thing. Things got crazy. EJ was mated to Peter and Chelsea’s daughter. Eric’s soul was really happy and just the slightest bit smug.

I finally observed the man who gave Dylan his popcorn. I’d seen that guy before. I think he was actually tasked to have popcorn and whiskey on hand at all times for Dylan. Lacy even grabbed some from him. I linked her, “I want a handful too.” Lacy smiled and passed out popcorn to the girls.

Lacy linked me, “I’m jealous of an unborn child. There’s no wondering if she has a crush because someone is her mate. She just knows, her whole freaking life. Do you know how many nights I cried when Dylan would go on a date? Or how many nights I cried while I was away thinking he found his mate?”

I agreed, “That would suck. This is so cool though.” Lacy panicked, “Damn! I hadn’t even thought of my pups moving away once mated. Selene, please let me have a boy.” I didn’t have a comforting word for her because now I was worried about that for my future little girls. Which began a burning in my chest. All my friends were worried their future daughters would find their mates and move away, including me. Yet my mother threw me out. I forcefully shoved that thought from my mind. This was a happy day.

I distracted myself by searching Peter’s soul. He was relieved, protective, excited, and nervous. Poor guy. I linked Lacy, “Dylan does know this is about Haley’s fairy side, not Eric’s DNA, right?” Lacy replied, “Dylan doesn’t think Eric’s life is fair, he never has. Eric is a grounded driven person. People always threw themselves at his feet. Dylan considers it his personal job to make sure Eric doesn’t turn to the dark side of being too serious. Until Haley showed up, Dylan was the only one cracking jokes

around Eric. I think he actually makes Eric feel a little normal. He knows Dylan would never blow smoke up his ass.” True.

I frowned pointing out, “As far as his life being fair, Eric waited forever to find Haley. He even gave up.” Lacy pointed out, “Yes, he gave up and what did he get? The woman he always wanted, and she was better than advertised. She’s a good person and a double princess.” I started laughing because I couldn’t help it.

I searched Dylan’s soul. He was mostly entertained with a slight bit of lingering annoyance. Beta James was equal parts entertained and jealous. I wondered if he had a mate. I had no sooner wondered that then it came to me exactly who his mate was.

Before I could say anything, Chelsea was asking Peter to give me a sonogram picture. I didn’t even know if my power worked that way. Besides, Haley was obviously certain. Peter took a sonogram picture out of his wallet and gave it to me.

I was stunned that when I looked at it, I saw EJ in my mind. Dang this thing even worked with sonograms? Dylan threw more popcorn into the air. This time I was certain it was just for fun. Lacy and Dylan were hilarious together. She was fake consoling him because she knew he wasn’t actually upset.

Sam handed me their sonogram picture. I got nothing. I had no clue who their kids’ mate was. I linked Lacy, “I didn’t know their kids’ mate, but I know who Beta James mate is.” Lacy turned to me with shocked eyes as Alpha Kyle walked in.

Lacy linked, “He’s been looking as long as Dylan was. Are you going to tell him?” I smiled, “When we get upstairs, I’m going to call his mate, and tell her to pop on by.” Lacy’s eyes were now wide as saucers.

Lucas told us to go into the living room. I think Lacy was tempted to scratch him with her claws. She linked me, “It’s a fairy? A partial fairy?” I smiled, “You’ll have to wait for it.” Lacy pouted, “That’s not fair! It’s my wedding day! Do I know his mate?” I thought about it, “I don’t think you met her, but you know her name.” Lacy tapped her fingers against each other, “Dylan is rubbing off on me, I just want to know.”

Maribella and Tucker arrived with their twins. They were so adorable. Maribella followed me inside. I cooed, taking the baby from her arms, “Who’s this little man?” Maribella smiled, “This is Blake.” I heard a pop but wasn’t paying attention.

Lucas linked drawing my attention to the room. What was happening? I turned to see Maribella’s daughter in the arms of one of Peter’s brothers. It me again, they were mates. I couldn’t stop my laugh when Peter’s other brother tried to take Brooke from

Christopher. Christopher's soul felt exactly like the older mated, possessive men. Naturally. He was feeling very protective too. Typical Alpha male right there.

Lacy linked me, "Is it find your mate day? What is HAPPENING?" I laughed, "I guess it is." When Alpha Kyle sat down Peter shot his dad a smirk. It was a smirk that practically spoke the words: See... this is how it feels.

I studied Sebastian Kyle; he was happy for his brother but jealous. Alpha Tucker was confused. When he caught on his soul was in turmoil. I had to laugh because as a wolf he would expect to get eighteen years of peace.

I linked Lacy asking, "Do she wolves not date?" Lacy snorted, "Of course they do. That's a typical dad outlook. Not a lot of us have sex, but we date." I nodded. I was loving this day so much. All the mates being found around me brought me such joy. Peter and Alpha Tucker were mumbling about possessive males. If I wasn't feeling such joy, I'd be mischievous and point out that technically EJ was being possessive of Chelsea since their little one wasn't here yet. I was certain Peter would get all worked up, and he wouldn't be able to do anything about it because EJ wasn't going to leave Chelsea's arms.

I got the girls heading back upstairs to get ready. Lacy's wish was going to come true. No matter what happened the rest of the day, the wolves would be talking about this for a long time. We all laughed when Christopher Kyle came into the Luna rooms right behind us.

Haley snapped him a comfy chair, which he very carefully sat down in with Brooke in his arms. He just watched her sleep; it was the cutest thing. Maribella smiled sweetly at him. I casually asked, "Haley, can you call Idel?"

Lacy squealed, "NO FREAKING WAY!" Haley frowned, "Of course I can. I'm pretty sure she's planning to join us at the reception." I teased, "She definitely should." Haley raised an eyebrow but dialed.

I heard Idel answer, "Hello, cousin." I took the phone explaining, "It's me, Idel. I don't have your number." Idel laughed, "We will have to correct that. What's up, little sister?" Katie frowned. I said, "I just met your mate."

Haley's jaw dropped, along with everyone else's. Idel squealed, "REALLY? OH gosh... It's a wolf... you live in a pack... There's a wedding. TELL ME IT'S A WOLF!" I laughed, "It's a wolf, he's a Beta." Haley started laughing, "That's just too damn good."

I warned, "Don't tell Eric yet." Haley shrugged, "I don't think he'd care. He said Beta James didn't like him. It doesn't make sense to me, but whatever. Typical testosterone bullshit."

Idel said, "I really can't get away until it's time for the reception. What's his name?" I said, "Beta James Powell." Idel sighed dreamily restating, "James Powell. OH, I AM SO EXCITED!" Lacy asked, "What are you coming as?"

Idel answered, "I was just coming as what human's see fairy's as... Does anyone know what Beta James is dressing up as?" Lacy clapped, "That answer will be coming to you in seconds. I'll make Dylan tell me." Her eyes were glassy then she responded, "He's dressing up as Mr. Incredible. So, you could be Mrs. Incredible." Idel squealed, "Thank you so much, Emmaline. I am so excited! I'll see you all soon."

Haley hung up and then started laughing. I asked, "What?" Haley told me, "Hexxi is going to shit herself. She's been looking for her mate for fifty years, which is a lot longer than Idel has been looking." I gasped, "How old is Hexxi?" Haley shrugged, "She's sixty-six."

My mind blanked. I stammered, "She looks like she's twenty... maybe." Haley again shrugged as if it was no big deal, "Fairy genes. We all are going to look like this for some time."

Chelsea was holding EJ as she rocked in a chair. She asked him, "What do you think of the name Elise, little man?" He cooed. She smiled, "That's your mate's name." He let out the cutest little baby wolf purr. Haley smiled, "EJ and Elise, that's cute."

We all started to get ready. Haley said, "Nobody move. Emmaline needs to practice. So, I want you guys to show her the makeup and hair you want. She will snap it done for you." I smiled, "You are always teaching." She winked at me.

I went one by one and smiled when it was Katie's turn. I told her, "I don't have to ask. I know what you and Logan are coming as." Katie told me anyway, "Harley Quinn and the Joker." I smiled, "I knew it!"

I asked her, "Am I doing your makeup and hair too?" Haley smiled, "My makeup, yes. I need to do a charm on my hair. It's going to be blond and floor length." I was astonished, "You can do that?" She nodded, "Yes, it's only temporary though. After so many hours, the natural hair returns."

Lacy laughed, "Eric's going to want you to keep the hair for tonight." Haley smiled, "It won't wear off until tomorrow." I did Haley's makeup. Once I was done, she

quickly chanted in Fealish. We all watched in awe as her all her hair literally turned blonde and grew to the floor in seconds, even her eyebrows.

Katie cleared her throat, “Can you do that for me, so my hair looks like Harley Quinn’s?” Haley nodded, “If you show me a picture so I can see who the fuck Harley Quinn is I can.” Katie laughed and showed her a picture. She did Katie’s hair as I snapped myself ready.

Lacy choked, “Lucas will DIE seeing you in that.” I asked, “Why?” Sam said, “It’s short, and you look hot.” Haley laughed, “I got that for her at our bad ass girl gang day.” Lacy teased, “They are such brave little fairies.”

A portal opened and Astrid came through. What stunned me was the woman beside her. It was clearly the queen of the Hackura. Haley asked them to babysit while the babies slept. We were too stunned to do much but wave at them. Haley quickly put her kids down for bed. She started to lead us downstairs. We were all in shock. The queen of the Hackura waved to us. What was life lately?

We paused while Maribella coaxed Christopher into putting Brooke in the bassinet she’d conjured. Haley assured her, “The babies are in capable hands. My mom and Astrid have them.” Maribella laughed, “I’m not even worried.” I noticed both Tucker and Eric looked happy about that fact.

Lucas growled and was on me in a second, “Baby girl, you are testing me.” I smiled, “Aww, but you’re such a handsome Peter Pan.” He growled, whispering, “That’s not the problem. Your costume is... enticing.” I smiled teasingly, “Do you like Tinkerbell again?”

Haley started laughing. I glanced at her realizing Beta James had moved closer to her. I linked Lacy, “Crap.” Beta James smirked at Eric and bent down to whisper something in Haley’s ear. She didn’t see him, but I was positive she knew he was there. Haley whirled around when Eric’s thunderous growl filled the room.

Jackson reached for his arm to hold him back. Haley’s eyes widened when Beta James was flung across the room by the wind. Haley spun to face Eric in shock. She quickly popped to Eric and popped them both away.

Beta James fell to the ground clearly bewildered. Dylan said, “Dude, I warned you she’d put you on the ground. Not in the dramatic fashion she pummeled me, because I’m at she’ll tackle me status. You’ll get there, don’t you worry.”

I stated, "That wasn't her. Maribella, did you do that?" Maribella frowned, "I can't call the wind." Dylan waved his hands, "Of course it was her." Lacy tried to make him see reason, "Dylan, she didn't even see him behind her." Logan started laughing, "She knew he was behind her."

Jackson groaned, "Fuck me." Haley popped back with Eric, who was much calmer. Dylan looked back and forth between them. He growled, "DO NOT tell me God Alpha Prick got a fairy power! On my wedding day? Is nothing sacred?!"

Haley answered, "Evidently, he did. We've been waiting to see what power of mine he'd get, since we're twice light bound. We were hoping it wouldn't show up like this. I am deeply sorry, Beta James." Eric growled, "I am NOT sorry, Beta James. Stay AWAY from my wife." I snorted.

Lucas linked me, "What was that?" I asked, "Can you link Eric?" Lucas cautiously answered, "Yes, why?" I said, "Then tell him Beta James' mate will be popping into the reception as Mrs. Incredible." Lucas gaped at me and then turned to Beta James in shock.

Beta James growled at Eric, "I was just going to introduce myself to her. We are walking down the aisle together." Haley put a hand on her husband's chest assuring him, "It's fine, Eric." Eric growled, "It's not."

I noticed the moment Lucas got his attention. Eric looked at me, smiled, and relaxed instantly. He casually commented, "On second thought, I think my day just got even better." Dylan grumbled "Of course it did. Did your pack just link you that someone dropped off a billion dollars for you?" Eric rolled his eyes, "No."

Dylan came over to Lacy, "You look beautiful, my perfect Princess Peach. I love my costume." Dylan kissed her then turned to me, "And thank you for letting us all be the first to see Lucas' reaction to his costume. It was everything you said it would be and more." I curtsied dramatically, "Of course."

Lucas was wrapped possessively around me. His mom cleared her throat as Eric whispered to Haley who giggled. Debbie shot a look at Eric and Lucas announcing, "We all need to get to the lovely venue. Courtesy of Haley and her cousin Bexley. She's been... vigilant about the decorations this morning."

I liked her costume. She was Wilma from the Flintstones. We all filed out with Lucas close behind me. He linked me, "I don't know how I'm going to keep my hands off you. What partial fairy is Beta James mate?" I teased, "Who said it's a partial fairy?" Lucas stopped walking so quickly Eric ran into the back of him.

Lucas quickly started walking again. He quickly asked, “Who?” I winked, “Wait for it! Anticipation is good for the soul.” He growled, “Is it really a full-blooded fairy?” I smiled, “You will know soon.” Lucas grumbled until we reached the barn. He begrudgingly left my side and stood beside Chelsea.

Eric growled something to Beta James. Haley rolled her eyes behind Eric’s back. Eric pulled Haley to him and laid a fiercely possessive kiss that screamed ‘she’s mine’ on her, then he walked into the barn. I had to laugh as the Addams family theme song began playing for us to walk down the aisle to. Lacy had decided to have her ceremony on the deck and the reception inside.

I linked Lucas as Dale cut both their wrists with a blade, “Do we do that?” Lucas answered, “Yes, we do. You could ask Haley about any Fairy traditions. If you want to have them in our ceremony, we can add them. Blood sharing is an important part of ours as wolves. Haley and Eric did it too. With some... fairy things.” I sighed, “It’s a good thing Haley can heal me then. I don’t heal like you guys.” As soon as the ceremony ended people filtered into the bar for the reception. Lacy had us all stay back.

I bit my lip as a pop sounded. EJ was back in Chelsea’s arms. Peter huffed, “Of course.” Chelsea laughed and two more pops followed. Cassie was in Eric arms and Alexander was in Haley’s. Haley snorted, “Stinkers! It’s bedtime.” They all giggled.

I smiled broadly when I heard a pop behind me. I turned, “Mrs. Incredible, don’t you look fabulous?” I heard a growl, “MINE!” Everyone turned, astonished, as Beta James rushed over to Idel, kissing her deeply. Even Eric looked surprised for a solid second.

Haley squealed, “I’m so glad you made it, Idel.” Beta James pulled back, “What’s your full name?” She smiled, “As of today it is Duchess Idel Walsh of the royal fairy water house. Cousin Aiden granted my father’s petition for all his children to be named Duchess now that Emmaline is recognized. As she is child with his mate, we had to wait until that happened. It is a pleasure to make your acquaintance mate of mine. I was already told your name is James Powell.”

Beta James was taken aback. Idel continued, “I hope you don’t mind that I matched our costumes. I was just excited when I found out my sister found my mate.” Beta James turned, “Your sister is Luna Emmaline then? The soul searcher.” Idel smiled, “Yes, she called me a while ago. I got here as fast I could.”

I smiled at her. Beta James turned to me, “Thank you, Luna Emmaline.” I waved my hand, “It’s just Emmaline. The room at the top of the stairs in our home is open, Idel.” She smirked and popped them away.

Dylan clapped, “Is it mate day? I think it’s national find your mate day. On Dylan and Lacy day. A day that will LIVE in mate immortality MUHAHAHA!” I laughed, “It’s a good day for mates.” Lucas admitted, “I did not see that one coming.” Eric snorted, “Really, Lucas? You saw the pups being mated coming? This is SUCH a good day. James has NO IDEA what he’s in for.” Dylan retorted, “That would make you happy, GAP.” Eric just smirked. We all made our way into the reception.

It was going well until Haley set down her food. She groaned, “I have a bad feeling.” Eric tensed along with his brothers. Haley picked up her food then put it down continuing, “FUCK! Dylan, who did you hire as the caterer? I’m sorry, but I’m not eating that. I’m conjuring my own food, this smells horrid. Honestly, it smells like something died.”

Dylan frowned, “It smells fine. Oh my god! Is she glowing again? We picked a caterer off the list you faxed us.” Haley tilted her head, “I am not glowing.” She turned to Eric and asked, “Eric, what the FUCK is a fax?” I gulped. “Oh no.”

Eric, Lucas, and Dylan’s eyes widened. Lacy muttered, “Great.” A few feet away from us, the most adorable baby growl came out of EJ. A gold dome surrounded Chelsea. The glass that had just been handed to her flew across the room. The waiter who had given it to her was convulsing on the ground as EJ growled at him.

What was happening? Haley yelled, “ERIC!” Eric ran over, “Buddy we need answers first. Don’t kill him.” EJ growled in response. Lucas growled along with Peter and Alpha Kyle. Lacy linked me, “I’m sorry. The PUP is doing that?” I was pretty sure he was.

Lucas then linked the whole pack, “NO ONE EAT OR DRINK THE FOOD! Women and pups get to the safe room. Lacy will direct you to where it is in this building.” Eric convinced EJ to stop doing whatever was making the waiter's ears bleed.

Haley had rounded up the rest of the wait staff. The guests were holding others by their throats. Eric spoke one word, “Haley.” Haley answered his unspoken question, “You can ask him our questions. I’ve got him, and if I didn’t you have Cassie in your arms.”

Eric growled, “Why did you just try to give Chelsea Hanes a wolfsbane and silver laced drink?” The waiter answered, “To cause a distraction. Alpha Hammond and our



group are going to attack. We wanted chaos before he did so you wouldn't notice us coming. Chelsea Hanes would also be easier to take if she was incapacitated. We were told we could collect the bounty on her."

EJ growled again and the man began to scream. We all gasped when his head literally exploded. Eric sighed; Cassie squealed. Then she growled at her brother. Lacy linked me, "Oh my god. Cassie is mad EJ got her covered in brain matter. I love her."

Haley snapped Eric and Cassie clean. Cassie curled up into Eric. Haley spoke to her son, "EJ, I need you to pop yourself, Chelsea, and Elise to Grandpa Titus. Ok? We want them to be as safe as possible. Let mommy and daddy deal with this with our friends." EJ growled at the waiters by Haley, but he popped out with Chelsea.

Logan pulled out his phone and quickly announced, "He's with dad." Five of the waiters by Haley went down screaming. Haley sighed, "Alpha males, I can't even be mad. Alexander's mad for his brother's sake. They tried to take his brother's mate from him. I'd be mad too. Fuck all you bitches! How am I supposed to parent when you all are a bunch of assholes?!" None of their heads exploded, they died a much slower death. Their brains were leaking out of their ears and nose. It was gross.

Dylan spoke first, "Umm... did God Alpha Prick's pups just... exploded people's brains? Because I have so many thoughts about that. So very many. I may need a notebook to write them all down." Haley answered, "Yes, they are pushers."

Dylan yelled, "For the LOVE OF GOD! One thing... can ONE THING in his life not be amazing? Alpha Hammond is going to attack my wedding, and his PUPS saved us. Because his son is possessive of his freaking UNBORN MATE! UGH! I have to thank GAP now. What IS THIS SHIZAH YOU GIVE ME, MOON GODDESS? He raised his hands up to the air shaking them.

Several people laughed. Dylan gleefully added, "On a separate note, I'm team let GAP's pusher pups at Alpha Hammond. Just explode his brain, he deserves it. Let's be honest, everyone was thinking he deserves it. I know, what you're when I'm right... I'm right. It's such karma. He could be killed by a pup. It's amazing."

Haley sighed, "EJ won't leave Chelsea. Alexander used a lot of his power just now. I'm not willing to test the capability of their powers right now. We can defeat Alpha Hammond without my kids." Dylan sighed, "That's an excellent point special fun sized ninja fairy."

Peter stuck his hand out to Eric, "I owe you." Peter had tears in his eyes as he continued, "I was right beside her, and I smelled nothing wrong with her drink." Eric

disagreed, “You owe me nothing. My son protected his mate. His sense of smell is heightened, and clearly the witches didn’t know that the fairies can smell wolfsbane. That has to be what’s in the food too. I don’t smell anything wrong with it either, but my wife did.”

I took a whiff of the food and wrinkled my nose. I asked incredulously, “You can’t smell that? It’s...” I gagged, “Intense.” Lucas growled, “They must not have thought Emmaline or Haley would notice.”

Idel popped back in, freshly marked with Beta James. She looked around stating, “We missed something.” While Dylan filled them in I grabbed Sam and popped her to Haley. I whispered as she grabbed Katie, “I don’t know how to pop to the Hackura realm.”

Haley smiled, “Valerie, Aubree, do jump on the fairy pregnant express out of danger.” Aubree and Valerie laughed and grabbed on. Cassie popped into Haley’s arms reluctantly and Alexander put a hand on his sister.

I quickly said, “Deb... I mean mom, you’re coming with us too.” Dale said, “YOU SEE, WOMAN! I told you. You never listen to me!” Debbie growled at him, “Don’t you dare get hurt, Dale!” Dale rolled his eyes, “I used to run this pack, I can defend it and our pups.” Debbie retorted, “This is NOT the wedding I wanted for our little girl, Dale. When I get back, you are in TROUBLE!”

We popped out, dropping the girls off with Haley’s family. Astrid came over, “I need a fight.” Haley smiled, grabbed her, and popped us back. Marcus and Bjourn had joined the group. Bjourn smiled at Astrid, “How did I know you would be coming back with my sister?” Astrid smiled, “Because you’ve known me my whole life.” Bjourn kissed her, “Don’t get hurt, or I’ll give you hell.” Astrid retorted, “Same goes for you.”

I walked over to Lucas and kissed him. He held me asking, “I can’t convince you to pop back to the Hackura realm, can I?” I smiled, “No, you really can’t. This is our pack, and we will defend it together.”

I saw a flicker of Lacy outside. I warned, “Ry, Dusty, they are going with an illusion again, how unoriginal.” I grabbed Dylan who was about to run after her, “It’s not her! No one would bring her back here. I saw the flicker, it’s an illusion. If you follow her, you’ll fall into it.”

Lucas grabbed Dylan who was growling viciously, “Let me go! We have to get her inside!” Lucas tried reason, “Dylan, feel your bond with Lacy. Is she close by?”

Dylan growled at him, “No...” Lucas said, “I know it’s not easy, but you have to stay here.”

I frowned, “Why would they think Lacy isn’t inside with us?” Haley grabbed one of the waitresses, “Were you supposed to get Lacy outside?” The waitress said, “Yes, when Chelsea Hanes was being attended to.” Dylan said, “Because I’d just LET you jerks have my bride.” The waitress said, “You would be busy. An Alpha’s mate would be in distress.” Dylan growled, “What sort of logic is that? Do I look serious enough to be a doctor to you? People just want Serious Dylan to emerge. My memos are not making headway. I couldn’t help Chelsea. Do you see this chaos? No! Nothing is chaotic here. Do you see Alpha’s in the room? This is what you get when you let a man losing his mind plan things without a Beta. We fix your plot holes.” Dylan paced as Lucas watched helplessly.

Haley conjured her swords. Eric went over kissing her deeply. He pulled back warning her, “Don’t get hurt, Angel.” Beta James said, “Idel, pop out of here.” Idel snorted, “Hell no! I’d like to see them try for me.” Beta James growled, “You do know the fairy’s lost the war with the werewolves by a LARGE ass margin.” Idel laughed, “I never came to the human realm. I never fought, nor did any royal. The earth fairies started that war. Water fairies didn’t fight any of you people.”

Beta James growled, “Don’t you dare get hurt, I just found you.” Idel snorted, “Me? You don’t get hurt. Men, honestly. I can teleport away. You do realize that? One second I’m in front of you, the next...” She popped on his back and kissed his neck, “I’m behind you.”

I laughed agreeing, “Wolves.” Idel smiled, “I’m so glad he’s a wolf. I have been OBSESSED with werewolves since the war started. Then it only grew after Consort Conners over there lasted Haley’s entire concupiscence.”

Beta James growled, “You like Alpha Eric?” Idel laughed, “I mean he’s not bad to look at, but no. I don’t like him in the way you mean. He would kill me in a heartbeat. My cousin is insane for how she teases that man so.”

Haley stuck her tongue out stating, “Eric would never hurt me.” Idel laughed, “As I am not you, I maintain he’d snap me like a twig.” Eric smiled a sinister smile at her. I even shivered. Idel was right. Eric could and would kill her.

Ry and Dustin finished chanting. Just like at the dance the light shot out around the area. Dustin announced, “The illusion is down.” I heard a growl outside, “LUCAS LYONS!” I sighed, “Great.” Alpha Hammond called, “Bring your pretty little Luna out here, Alpha Lucas! Let’s settle this.” I took Lucas’ hand assuring him, “We will

defeat him.” Lucas kissed me, “Pop away if any of them get their hands on you.” I nodded and we all walked out hand in hand.

Alpha Hammond and his forces were waiting. His eyes moved beside us. He greeted, “Ryan and Dustin Bishop, you are powerful.” Dusty said, “And you are an idiot. Now we are all caught up.” Alpha Hammond growled at Dusty.

Alpha Hammond’s soul was a mess of pain, hurt, and anger. I gently told him, “Millie wouldn’t want this, Charlie.” Dylan snorted and several witches paused at my words. Alpha Hammond growled, “DO NOT SAY HER NAME!”

A witch spoke, “She... she came to you? No one knew she called him that. You could only know if she came to you.” I nodded, “She did come to me. She wanted me to know he wasn’t always this way. She was taken by vampires and a witch in Missouri.”

Alpha Hammond growled, “FUCKING FANGERS! I’ll deal with them once I have you by my side.” Haley sounded bored when she said, “That’s already done. I killed their fucking asses.”

Alpha Hammond turned to her, “You... you killed my men and ruined my home.” Haley’s eyes narrowed, “YOU took my mate, and put MY CHILDREN in danger. Don’t test me, asshole.” Alpha Hammond laughed, “I didn’t take your pups.”

I sensed people coming up behind us. Haley looked at me and nodded. I linked Lucas, “Haley and I both sense people coming up behind us.” Lucas responded, “I know. Our warriors and Black Mountain are following them.” I leaned into Lucas’ side.

A few witches started to back off. I linked Lucas, “Some of the witches and warlocks are leaving.” Lucas nodded, “Millie showing herself to you proved to them that this isn’t what she wanted.”

Dustin spoke, “You all know what Millie showing up to Luna Emmaline Richards means. Do you intend to fight my brother and I?” Someone scoffed, “You can’t take us all.” Ry warned, “Last chance.” Several others abandoned the cause. Dusty laughed at the ten who remained, “Bad call.”

They began to battle, exchanging spells. Lucas kissed me and pushed gently to the side as he shifted. Idel and Haley popped to me. Haley conjured me a dagger. Idel had a sword. I asked, “You can use a sword?” Idel smiled, “All royal fairies can. Haley was the only one not trained to fight, and obviously that was rectified after she left Faerie.”

A pack of wolves came at us. Idel killed one, I let one get close to me and my hands turned blue. I drowned it. Haley popped beside me, "Millie told you that you will kill Hammond, right?" I nodded. Haley asked, "Do you want to kill him?"

I'd thought about it a lot, so I didn't hesitate to answer, "Yes, I do. He's after Lucas. That's his ultimate goal. I don't care that he wants to hurt me, but the end game is to kill Lucas. I find I'm offended and pissed off about that."

Haley said, "Then Idel and I will get you to him." I asked, "If I didn't want to kill him, what would you have done?" Haley shrugged, "I'd have killed his pathetic, hurting my mate, and having his men come at my children ass." Fair enough.

Haley grabbed Idel, "You and I get the witches guarding him. Emmaline if you need help, we've got you. I know you can do this." Idel happily stated, "Our wolves are going to lose their minds. Ohh that was fun to say. Our wolves. I feel like I officially joined the gang."

Haley laughed, "You'll have to join our girl gang of bad asses, Idel." Idel clapped, "I like it. Do we get t-shirts?" I scoffed, "Idel, the t-shirt is tip of the iceberg. You all missed out on Haley planned events when she was younger. They rock."

We locked our arms. Alpha Chase shifted back near us. He reached for Haley yelling, "Wait!" Haley popped us away. I studied her soul; it was as if his actions confirmed something she already knew in her soul. I wondered what it was.

Haley had us closer to the witches guarding Alpha Hammond. She muttered, "He heard us, and he was trying to stop us. Such interesting things are happening lately." I laughed, "Of course he did, he's our mate's ally." Haley shrugged, "Perhaps. Why was he close enough to hear us though?" I didn't know the answer, but it seemed like she did.

A witch yelled at us, "Bad call fairies." Idel laughed, "I do love how overconfident witches are about killing people. Fairies could eat you witches for breakfast." Haley agreed, "You know I love killing witch bitches. I can't believe they haven't heard that I put them in ditches yet. I thought that would catch on in this realm for sure."

We heard ferocious growls. Haley smirked, "They sound mad... Oops?" Lucas linked me, "What are you doing?" I replied, "Ending this." We heard a pop followed by another angry growl. Maribella smiled at us, "Taking on five witches without me? I'm offended." Idel giggled, "I'm so sad we didn't grow up around all of you. This is fascinatedly fun." We might have a different definition of the word fascinating.

Haley yelled out a war cry, calling the wind and sending it at the witches. She was such a graceful fighter. I could only gape realizing she'd already killed a witch and was trading charms versus spells with another. I threw hail at Alpha Hammond. He laughed, "I hope you've got more than that, little dove."

I smirked and started throwing basketball sized hail at him. He was trying to dodge me, but I nailed him in the gut, and he went down. He quickly got back up. I yelled at him, "Did you think because Millie died, you could take my mate from me?"

Alpha Hammond growled, "You're mine!" I heard Dominic growl. I emphatically stated, "I'm Lucas' not yours." Alpha Hammond smiled, "I have something that will change your mind." Grayson literally appeared out of thin air. I rolled my eyes, "Of course you're here... and OH MY GOSH! Your mom's name is Andie! That's why I know that name."

Andie said, "Emmaline, I know you're a sweetheart, but that MONSTER you've been living with killed Christy. She was the first person to show me love in this world, and he took her from me." Haley yelled, "Try again bitch, I killed her."

I nodded, "That's true. My cousin killed her, after she tried to have me killed. I can't say I'm a fan of hers." Grayson gasped, "YOUR COUSIN? Haley Conners is actually your cousin? You're a fairy?" I threw my hail at him, "What was your first clue? She told your cop friends I was her cousin, and she can't lie. I confirmed she was actually my cousin. Seriously, this one's on you."

Andie yelled at Haley, "I'll kill you... you bitch! You killed Christy!" She ran at Haley who laughed. Andie was run through with a sword from behind. Alpha Hammond and Grayson yelled, "NO!" Blade told her, "No hurt Princess. Is job."

Grayson ran at Blade pulling a knife. I yelled, "GRAYSON, NO! Are you insane?" He didn't listen. Haley called the wind throwing him away from Blade. A witch grabbed him and backed them up into a tree where there was a holoport waiting. They disappeared.

Haley yelled, "I fucking hate witch bitches and their annoying ass holoports!" She ran through another witch. Alpha Hammond reached for me, but I popped behind him. When he turned, I punched him in the face. He shifted.

Somehow his wolf seemed more unhinged than he was. His eyes were half red and there was saliva dripping from his mouth. I asked, "Do you have rabies? What the heck is wrong with you?" He looked like a rogue, that had survived for decades alone. He snarled and came at me. I started to pop away.

We had gotten pretty far from the group when he shifted back. He taunted, “That was easier than I thought, little dove.” I asked, “What was?” Alpha Hammond retorted, “Getting you to the holoport.” I popped behind him.

He growled at me then pulled a syringe. I rolled my eyes, “Let me guess that’s iron.” Alpha Hammond smiled evilly, “Yes.” We fought each other. I threw icicles and hail at him. He tackled me to the ground, and I broke his nose. He stuck the syringe into me, and I turned the iron to water. I whimpered because it did hurt because he stabbed me with it.

He stroked my cheek with his finger, “There now, isn’t that better?” I heard a pop. Haley snorted, “Yes, I do think this is fucking better. Your being in your human form that is, your wolf looks unhinged. Poor thing.” I brought my knee up and nailed him in the balls then headbutted him.

I popped out from under him. He yelled, “No... NO! I injected you with iron.” I smiled, “I turned it to water.” Haley nudged me, “Which is still super fucking cool.”

Alpha Hammond was grabbed from behind. I couldn’t help but smile when Blade hissed, “Is dead. Tried to hurt fairy. Princess loves fairy. Blade likes fairy. Makes princess happy. Fairy kill wolf.” I smiled, “Thank you, Blade.” Alpha Hammond tried to get out of Blade’s steel grip, but he couldn’t.

My hands glowed blue and I stepped forward. I put my hands on his chest and willed my light to drag out his drowning. I told him, “I may not like killing people because their souls tell me how much pain they are in, but I will NEVER let anyone hurt Lucas.”

Haley announced, “And we have a bad ass girl gang that has her back.” Maribella and Idel popped to us. Maribella cheered, “Heck yes she does!” I waited until we were joined by my brothers, Haley’s, and our mates.

I got close to Hammond, “You asked me how I knew at the school it was an illusion, it’s because a warlock raised me. Dusty and Ry are my brothers. One last thing, Millie appeared to me to ask me to bring your daughter to our pack so she could be raised here.” Hammond gasped for breath and then his eyes turned blue. Haley, Maribella, Idel and I popped out of the splash zone. Everyone else got wet.

Dusty turned to me yelling, “WHAT THE HELL WERE YOU THINKING?” I frowned, “Ummm... did you not notice we killed him?” Ry said, “You popped away from us all.” Lucas had his arms around me, and he growled lowly in my ear, “You are in such trouble, baby girl.”

Haley winked at me as Eric grabbed her and crashed his mouth to hers. Beta James was scenting Idel and Tucker had Maribella in his arms. Haley broke apart from Eric, “We had it under control. I even brought Blade to their territory earlier tonight.”

Blade said, “Is true. Princess said wait until fight.” Haley patted Eric’s chest, “Exactly. Now, I’ll be popping to get the other women and the babies.” Eric growled, “Don’t you...” Haley popped to me, and we popped to get the girls.

When we popped back Lucas growled in my ear, “If you pop away from me one more time, I’m going to tie you down somewhere. You know what? Fuck it.” Lucas threw me over his shoulder yelling, “Good night, everyone.” I squealed, “Lucas!”

Howls filled the air when Lucas smacked my butt. He carried me to our room and threw me onto our bed. His eyes turned dark, “Never do that again, mate.” I gulped as Dominic jumped on top of me commanding, “Conjure me rope.” I whispered, “Lucas... I mean Dominic.” He growled and turned me over and spanked me. He nuzzled my neck, “Alpha. Call me Alpha. Now, conjure me rope.” I said, “Yes, Alpha.” I conjured him rope and he smirked widely telling me, “You’re in trouble mate.” With that his lips were on mine.