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We were standing in the King's office, where Sebastian was busy staring at the desk before him. His hands were holding the edge, and I instantly noticed his white knuckles as if he was trying to control himself.

Was he angry?

The scarred-faced girl, whom he used to pay night visits, stole the soon-to-be Royal warrior's necklace.

"Kiara," I straightened when I heard the Lycan Beta's voice.

On the side of the room, a few chairs were placed where Alpha Blake was sitting along with his Luna and Beta. He was constantly shaking his foot, and I could see him tapping his fingers on the armrest. Luna Raya's eyes were on Kiara as if she wanted to hide her in a closet.

"Tell me what happened?" Beta Hunter asked her, and she released a long sigh.

"Beta Hunter. Phoenix is wearing my necklace. It's mine. She must have stol... I mean, she must have taken it from my room..."

She trailed off when I raised my hand, "I object! I

didn't steal it... she gifted it to me," I said loudly and then turned to her, "Why are you doing this to me?" I asked her in a whisper, and tears welled up in my eyes.

"Whoa!" she chuckled, "Everyone here knows that my mom gave it to me. Why would I gift you something that carries emotional value for me?"

I didn't say anything and let the tears slide down my face.

"Goddess! You are such a..." Kiara rolled her eyes with a sarcastic smirk and looked at Luna Raya helplessly.

Poor Luna Raya!

She wanted to interrupt, maybe to support her friend, but her gut feeling must have warned her against it.

Smart move, Luna!

"Umm... Y-you need to answer that, Phoenix," Beta Hunter was struggling to sound stern with me, "Why would Kiara gift it to you when she has some sort of... attachment to it?"

I gave a helpless shake to my head, "I don't know. I wasn't accepting it in the first place. She forced me because she thought it was high time that we accept each other's existence and consider each other as sisters."

Beta Hunter turned to Kiara, who seemed stunned by the confidence with which I was lying to everyone's face.

She blinked, trying to process what she had heard. For a minute, it felt like her brain had paused. Then a short, awkward laughter came out of her mouth, "Wait... what?" Her eyes were wide with shock, "Sisters!"

Poor girl was trying to decide whether to be amused or shocked.

"Yeah. Sisters," I turned to Beta Hunter and threw my hands in the air, "When she gave it to me, I wasn't aware that she could frame me for stealing. I swear. Everyone in the pack knows that we don't see each other eye to eye. Before becoming a royal warrior, she wanted me to have it."

Kiara curled her lips between her teeth and sighed loudly, "Phoenix. Everyone knows who this necklace belongs to... so please tell them the truth. What do you even want?"

In my peripheral vision, I saw Jai tiptoeing into the room and taking a seat next to his brother Beta Brian.

"I don't want anything... I..." she didn't let me speak.

"Yes. You do. Is it the head warrior position or

the royal position?" My mouth was wide open, and I looked at Sebastian, who had his fist under his chin.

He seemed...

He seemed amused.

I gulped hard and tore my gaze off him.

Later.

Right now, I need to tackle this bitch.

Beta Hunter cleared his throat, "Phoenix. When did she give you the necklace?"

I stayed quiet and started chewing my lower lip.

"He is asking you something," Kiara called out, and then we all jumped when Sebastian hit his fist on his desk.

"She can hear him!" his voice was cold when he reminded Kiara. She nodded and then bared her neck.

"Forgive me, your highness."

Beta Hunter asked me again, "Phoenix. We are all waiting for your answer."

"I..." I lowered my gaze to the floor, "I can't tell this..."

Kiara was about to throw her arms in the air, but then stopped herself in time. The Lycan king



could behead her for this kind of attitude.

"You have to, Phoenix," Beta Hunter's voice turned soft, "If you want to prove your innocence, then you need to tell us when this happened."

"Yeah. Please enlighten us," Kiara spoke again.

"You speak again out of your turn, and you will be seven deep in the library," King Sebastian growled at her.

"B...beta Hunter... I... I know... I think... I think I'll accept that I stole the necklace," I reached back and opened the hook of the chain. Holding it, I went to Kiara and offered it to her with a trembling hand, "I am sorry, Kiara. It's yours..."

Her eyes narrowed as she stepped forward to take it, the smile on her face screaming: *See! I told you.*

The moment her hand touched it, Beta Hunter's voice cut through the air, "Stop!"

Her hand froze in mid-air, and I pulled the locket back, giving a confused look to Beta Hunter.

"Phoenix," he rose to his feet, "Please tell us when she gave you the necklace. We all want to know."

I watched him as he reached us in a few strides. I gave a helpless look to Kiara.

I am sorry. I mouthed, and then my eyes traveled back to the floor.

"We are still waiting, Phoenix," Beta Hunter said in a low voice, "please don't be scared. Nobody will harm you."

"F...fourteenth April," I mumbled and was sure that everyone heard me.

"What?" The voice belonged to Luna Raya, who was sitting there with a panic-stricken face.

"Yes. She gave it to me on the night of the fourteenth of April."

Everyone present there seemed to go still. Kiara had disbelief on her face, "Wh... what do you mean?"

I wasn't surprised by her shock because 14th April was the night I was taken to that lake across the dense jungle and was left there to die.