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"What... what are you saying..." Kiara looked at me in disbelief, "I didn't..." She turned to look at Luna Raya, maybe for support.

Nobody could feel that I smiled under my mask when Luna Raya couldn't meet Kiara's gaze. Of course, she wasn't a fool to scream here before all the higher officials that she was the one who took me on a stroll that night.

Luna Tamia was fanning her face with her hand now.

"Your Highness," Beta Brian couldn't take it anymore, "I have known Kiara since childhood. She never lies," he cast a quick glance at me, "However, Ms. Phoenix joined us just two years back, so we can't trust her completely. I don't know what happened that night, but Ms. Phoenix seems to have some misunderstanding."

Jai was tugging his brother's hand, asking him silently to take back his seat.

"Phoenix," Beta Hunter interjected, "Are you trying to imply that Kiara is the one who took you to the lake?"

I kept looking at the floor and then nodded my



head, "Yes, Beta Hunter."

Now all eyes were on Kiara, who had a bewildered look on her face, "Ar... are you doing it because you want the head warrior position, Phoenix?" Her voice cracked a little.

At last, I could now see a head warrior who didn't have that wicked smirk on her face.

"I ... I didn't do anything... Kiara," I said softly, not raising my eyes, "I was always the alien of this pack. That was why I was asking you not to give me this necklace," At last my eyes met hers, "I... that night .... I trusted you..."

Kiara had gone speechless in shock. She was standing there with wide eyes, waiting, maybe for someone else to stand up for her.

"Alpha Blake!" Sebastian's heavy voice rang out through the room, "This is your pack matter, but now it's getting serious. One of your pack members tried to take another wolfless member to the forest and left her there to die."

Alpha Blake stood up and bowed, "I will look into it, Your Highness, and I swear upon Moon Goddess. Justice will be served."

Sebastian nodded and pointed to Kiara, "She can't be the Royal warrior. Who is the second best among your warriors?" he asked Alpha Blake, and everyone fell at unease with he



question, including me.

Alpha Blake took time to answer him, so Sebastian repeated his question, "This is how you treat a king, Blake? Not answering him the first time?"

"N...No... No, your Highness," he cleared his throat, "Phoenix... It's Phoenix who is... the second best right now."

*Good, Goddess. No! This was not part of the plan. I never wanted to become a Royal warrior.*

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"Fine!" Sebastian grinned widely, "Phoenix will take the oath with all the other warriors. Congratulations, Phoenix. Please come out and be on the stage within five minutes."

My jaw was touching the floor. Royal warrior!

While leaving the room, he stopped near me for a while and shook hands with me, holding my hand longer than necessary.

Beta Hunter walked out after him. However, Tina and Luna Tamia kept throwing daggers at me through their eyes before they left.

Alpha Blake," Kiara was silently crying.

"It's... It's okay, Kiara. The world doesn't end here," Alpha tried to smile, consoling her. Kiara covered her face with her hands and kept crying.





"Kiara," Luna Raya went to her and held her shoulders, "Please."

I knew she must be shit scared right now. She was safe for today. At least.

"This bitch!" Kiara suddenly stopped crying and looked at me with bloodshot eyes, "You've got what you wanted, you dirty-faced bitch!"

I gasped dramatically, batting my lashes, "Kiara. Please... I never wanted to become a royal warrior, and you know that."

"See! I told you she's a snake!" Beta Brian turned to his brother, "I told you, but you never trusted me."

Jai was sitting quietly, not even trying to say anything in my favor. He was sitting there like a criminal. Like being my friend was a crime.

"Are you even listening to what I'm saying!" Brian's voice boomed in the room, and then suddenly he reached me in a few long strides, "You scarred face, snake. See what you did to us."

Holding my shoulders, he was shaking me brutally.

"B...Beta..."

"Don't *beta* me..." he hissed, "I Am Not Your Beta!" he said through gritted teeth, "You were never a part of our pack!"





I tried to free myself, but his grip was so strong that it felt like iron. My shoulders throbbed under his fingers.

I didn't want to use force on my pack's Beta, my gaze shifted to the person who was still sitting there like I was nothing to him.

"Jai!" I whispered.

"I'm sorry, Phoenix," Raya said with finality, "Today he won't come to help you. Enough of this crap." 1

My eyes darted back to my friend, whose face looked like he might cry any moment. Didn't he tell me that he was not only a warrior but was about to become a beta before his younger brother took the position?

And now he was showing such weakness to me, like I didn't matter to him at all.

"Spare my brother, you snake," Beta Brian shook me again, "Can't you understand that a wolfless creature like you wasn't meant to stay alive?" his grip on my shoulder felt like iron. 1

"Brian! Leave her," Alpha Blake screamed from close by, but Beta Brian seemed to have turned deaf.

His bloodshot eyes were tearing my soul.

"B...Beta Brian..." I tried to speak, "I... I'll resign..."



after six months."

How to explain to him that I never wanted this. Yes, I needed to go back to that palace to take revenge on Luna Tamia and Tina.

But not as a Royal warrior.

"The king wants Ms. Phoenix on the stage. Now!" Beta Brian's grip loosened a bit when a tall Royal guard conveyed the message.

It seemed like he was standing right outside, following Sebastian's orders.

"Brian," Alpha Blake placed his hand on his Beta's shoulder, "We can talk about it later. I promise. All the packs are waiting for her in the hall... Don't create a scene..." he was trying to warn the Beta whose wolf was now surfacing in his eyes.

"Brian. My friend," Alpha Blake was panicking now, "She needs to serve as a Royal warrior for at least six months. After that, she can resign. We will ask Kiara to apply again."

I was standing there like a block of stone. I never knew that there was so much venom in Beta Brian's heart against me.

"A Royal warrior... huh?" Beta Brian's words came like a growl, "Forget about it, Phoenix... I'm sick and tired of bearing your filthy existence... I was quiet because of Jai... Not anymore," He spat the words out and started clawing my arm.





Tears of pain were gliding down my cheeks as my eyes rolled back in pain. I couldn't even scream.

Suddenly, Brian was yanked off me, his body flew across the room before crashing into the wall with a thud.

The Royal guard was simply following his king's orders, "You alright, ma'am?" His voice was thick with concern.

Without waiting for my answer, he turned and spoke with deadly calm, "How dare you defy my king's orders! Wait till I tell him what you did here."

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