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Beta Jai: 1

"As a beta and a doctor, I can't stress enough how she-wolves' health isn't something to ignore or take lightly. I've seen what happens when the care is delayed. No matter what jobs they choose. Don't forget that they need early attention, proper rest, and respect for the body... these aren't luxuries. They're necessities."

I let my gaze sweep the crowd once and gave a small nod. "They are mothers of our future Alphas, betas, and warriors. So we can't ignore their mental well-being."

When I came down from the stage, the applause followed me. I made my way through the other guests to reach my seat.

"Well done!" When I took my seat, Alpha Blake muttered under his breath.

I was so unsure when he asked me to accept the beta position.

"We need someone with experience, Jai. Our preference is for the one who has beta blood. You're the best choice for our pack."

Two years back, something happened, and life was never the same for me. I rejected the beta

position and continued to serve in the medical field.

But now my pack needed me. We were slowly losing good people. Brian died. Last night we received the news that Raya committed suicide.

Kiara left the pack with her chosen mate. She had lost her designation after what she did to Phoenix.

Yeah. I knew Phoenix lied... I mean Aurora... Aurora Stone lied.

And I couldn't blame her.

The way she suffered at the hands of these people, revenge was the only choice she was left with. If I were her, I would've hidden the truth, too. 1

I exhaled a long breath and gave a look to the people around me. The rest of the speeches were boring, but now I couldn't walk out just like that.

Now I was a pack beta, and I needed to show responsibility to my pack.

Today was the last day of this conference, and then we were supposed to go back to our pack. I did everything in my power to avoid all those circumstances, the Moon Goddess had predicted.

She challenged me that I could never change them. She was damn right.

How hard I tried! But nothing could be done.

My attention span was always longer, but today it wasn't. I was aware of why I was brought here to the Royal Palace.

Everyone around me would think that I was here because I was now a beta. No!

Moon Goddess brought me here.

Fate brought me here.

The way Aurora ran to me when she saw me as a beta. The pride in her eyes. The way she stepped forward ... to hug me, and then later she changed her mind. 1

I knew she was happy for me.

But soon.

Everything would change.

Aurora Stone, who always loved me and took me as a friend. Soon, she would start hating me. That's why I was brought here.

So that Aurora Stone would know about me and my reality.

All those secrets that I had been hiding from her were about to be exposed. The moment was

about to arrive that Moon Goddess warned me about. 1

"Jai!" I straightened when I felt Alpha Blake's hand on my arm.

I turned to him absentmindedly, "Hmm?"

"The speeches are over. Let's go to have lunch," he said, looking at the other participants, and I didn't take time to leave my seat.

Once we reached the dining hall, Sebastian King arrived for a short while and I eyed him in resentment. As always, he looked dashing.

But something was missing on his face. That usual cocky grin. That air of superiority.

"He knows," my wolf told me with a sad smile, "I think he now knows about Aurora." 1

My wolf seemed to be right. King Sebastian was barely smiling, and I wish I could go to him and tell him that he needed to take care of her.

She would need him the most in the upcoming days.

"Hey, Beta Jai!" a neighboring pack beta approached me with a smile, "It's kind of hard to digest that you are no longer a doctor now," he said good-naturedly.

I gave him a small laugh, "Some habits don't die

that easily."

"Who said he isn't a doctor anymore?" Alpha Blake joined us, slinging an arm around my shoulders, "He still goes to the hospital, but for a short while."

Beta Winston raised his brows in amusement, "Juggling both titles now? Huh?"

"Guess so," I shrugged, "Once a healer, always a healer. Being a beta doesn't erase it."

Blake chuckled and slapped my arm, "That's what makes him dangerous. He can patch you up and then knock you out again the same day." 1

Beta Winston threw back his head and laughed loudly.

Later, while eating a sandwich, Alpha leaned into me, "What do you say? Should we leave today before evening or should it be tomorrow?"

I placed the half-eaten cookie on my plate, "You go back. I need to stay here."

His brows furrowed in confusion, "What do you mean?" When I didn't respond, he tried again, "Is it about Phoenix?"

I shook my head with a tight-lipped smile, "Nah. It has nothing to do with her. I need to learn a few things from Beta Hunter. He might give me a few tips on pack management." 1

As I was a new Beta, Blake seemed to accept the excuse.

But I couldn't tell him that I wasn't staying here because I needed Beta classes from the Royal Beta. I was staying here because it was time.

Moon Goddess brought me here for a reason, and now I needed to go through something that was given to me as a responsibility. 1

To keep Aurora Stone safe.

And for that, I needed to stay close to her.

"Hey, buddy," my wolf seemed restless in my head, "You do know that saving Aurora means to earn her hatred." 1

I tried to ignore my sinking heart because my wolf was right. Once I save Aurora, all I would get in return would be her hatred.

The fate was about to start playing its game, and I was just a pawn in it.